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MARCH—ST. JOSEPH'S.

The month of March is St. Joseph's month. Let every boy during this month strive to increase his love and devotion to St. Joseph. Most sincerely do we hope that there will be kindled in the hearts of the S.P.C. boys a loving and confiding friendship for this great Patriarch, who was so good a nursing Father to the Divine Child Jesus, and the protector of His childhood and youth.

He will not fail to succour and support those who turn to him for protection and help during their time of trial on this earth. When their time of trial is over, St. Joseph will guide them safely home to the Promised Land of everlasting joy and peace.

St. Joseph beseeches his clients never to forget that a pure heart is the greatest of treasures; a pure heart is a source of consolation and confidence in God; a pure heart is victorious over the devil, and is the special and intimate friend of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

"Go to Joseph." He will obtain for you great help and treasures of Grace.

The following words of St. Theresa should encourage us to approach St. Joseph with confidence:—"I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked St. Joseph for anything which he has not granted, and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favours which God hath given me through this blessed Saint; the dangers from which he hath delivered me, both of soul and body."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

"I wish we had a St. Patrick's Day every week." "So do I," "So do I," chimed in a dozen piping voices. These words came from a knot of school-boys in the street. They have been assisting at Mass and morning devotions, and seem now perfectly pleased at the prospect of a whole day's play. From the picture of this happy group our eyes wander in spirit from city to city. Round through the colony, through the length and breadth of this bright land, many a prayer is uttered and many a heart made glad to-day. "If this fire," said the Druid on Tara, more than fourteen centuries ago, "be not extinguished to-night it will never be extinguished in Erin." Not only has the fire not been extinguished, but a thousand sparks have

been caught up from it and fanned into flame in other lands. To-day the praises of the Saint are sounded in every city in which there are Irishmen, and in what city are there not?

Let us think of the sons of Erin who have passed to their eternal rewards, and let us, in doing honour to their noble lives, endeavour to raise up and leave behind us monuments to that glorious Faith passed on to us by the sons of St. Patrick.

Let every S.P.C. boy put his best into the preparations for the Feast of our Patron that he may pay a fitting tribute of praise and thanksgiving to the memory of our dear St. Patrick.

EXAM. RESULTS, 1936.

The results of the examinations held in 1936 were outstanding in every way. This holds not only for the Honours, but for every class down to the Sub-Intermediate. Let us begin with the Sub-Intermediate. There were 60 passes—an excellent result—and many of the passes were of outstanding merit. J. Little was fifth in Victoria in the aggregate marks; D. O'Hanlon was first in Christian Doctrine; J. Deutschmann was first in English; W. Rice was first and P. Baker second in Geography; and no less than five scored 100 per cent. in Geometry.

Coming now to the Intermediate. In the Intermediate there were 34 passes. Of outstanding merit were those of J. Collins, with eight subjects; J. Halby, eight subjects; M. Hyland, eight subjects; M. Madden, E. Long, H. Munday, E. McCullough, D. Nolan, G. Reynolds, A. A. Vavjeneski, M. Whitty and I. Neeson. This ranks

as the best Intermediate results obtained in S.P.C. for many years. Hurrah for the "Inter." boys of 1936.

In the Leaving, V. Batchelor seven subjects; J. Coffey, eight; Flanagan, six; F. Keenan, five; McDonald, six; F. McKenzie, six; McKenzie, five; P. McLoughlan, V. O'Halloran, six; L. Scullion, R. Smith, six; B. Toohey, four; Mulcahy, four. Moreover, the following boys of the Leaving were placed on the State Civil Service List: J. Coffey, R. Smith, V. O'Halloran, McDonald, P. McLoughlan and Flanagan. That is something the Leaving Class didn't do before. Moreover, J. Coffey was eighty-fifth on the Commonwealth List and P. McLoughlan one hundred and twenty-seventh. R. Smith was fifty-eighth. Here, at the Leaving Class scored well.

Coming now to the Honours, we find 53 Honours were gained, with 100 passes at the Honours stage—in 1936. W. Fogarty had three first Honours. He was first in the State Civil Service and second in the Commonwealth. J. Hayes, J. Rodgers, N. Flanagan won Free Places to the University, and W. Fogarty, got the Senior Government Scholarship. A £1,200 was, therefore, won in scholarships by the Honours Class of 1936. Moreover, B. O'Brien was sixth; Rodgers, eighth; B. Hannigan, tenth; N. Fitzpatrick, twenty-second on the State Civil Service List; Holland, W. Davey, B. Rushford, McArdle, J. Callaghan, E. Williams, Kennedy and B. McNamara were placed on the State List. On the Commonwealth List, W. Fogarty was second, and the following were

placed:—N. Flanagan, N. Fitzpatrick, Rodgers, T. Brazil, K. Riley, B. Brien, W. Davey and P. McLoughlin. These results will take a lot of beating, but we feel sure the boys of 1937 will run them very close. We offer special congratulations to A. Galvin, who got an Honours in Latin and a pass in Honours English and Honours French; also to J. McCarthy, who passed in Latin and got Honours in English and Ancient History. Both are devoting their lives to the China Mission. Congratulations also to the boys who went to the Christian Brothers' Training College, Strathfield, and to Corpus Christi Seminary, Werribee. Their example will be followed by many boys of 1937.

HONOURS NOTES.

This year sees an Honours Class smaller than last year, but, we hope, equally as industrious and intelligent. Four of last years' "old brigade" have returned to us, as well as four newcomers. The rest of the class consists of sterling young aspirants from the Leaving Pass.

Work has begun in earnest in the honours room—at least when Bro. Purton is present. Japanese seems to be the favourite subject, and the young

linguists are already busily occupied over their Katakana. Latin and English are taking a very prominent part, whilst Commercial Law is receiving more than ordinary attention.

Frank McKenzie has left S.P.C. to begin his studies for the priesthood. On the day of his departure a certain bright student in the front desk was heard to remark: "I wouldn't be surprised if Frank McKenzie went to Werribee to become a priest."

Joe Favaloro took a long time to adjust the time-table to suit his own particular needs. But now he is perfectly content, except when Brother Purton comes down to start work.

A certain new arrival caused quite a sensation in the Senior Dorm. on Sunday morning. Greg. Cassidy was immediately recalled to mind—"Silence, Please!"

Wally Moon never tires of talking about Kilmore. We all feel sorry for him, because by now he has probably convinced himself that what he says is true. The question we would like to ask him to answer is why do many of their students come to St. Patrick's?

Leo. Scullion and Jack Flanagan are doing their early studies at St. Mary's Mount, and, according to reports, are

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progressing very favourably.

The "Back Seat Society" misses the occasional visits of the well-known K. J. Walsh. His little talks were very interesting and humorous, and we were all sorry when he came into contact with Bro. Sterling. However, after three years he has passed his Maths.

"Lost in the vicinity of the Honours Room. Last seen creeping towards the door, and answers to the name of 'Erb.' Better known as 'Edmund.' Will the finder please return to the Honours Room?"

SODALITY OF OUR LADY.

The following have been elected councillors of the Sodality for 1937:— J. Kelly, J. Flanagan, V. Batchelor, C. McKenzie and E. Long.

Members and non-members of the Sodality should recall the magnificent words of the great Sodalist, St. Charles Borromeo. "If," says the Saint, "any lay person should ask me what he should do to save his soul, I could not give him a better or surer means than to beg to be admitted into the Sodality of Our Lady."

Pope Leo. XIII. speaks of the Sodality as "An excellent school of Christian sanctity, and the surest safeguard for the innocence of the young."

"O Mary, with your loving Son
Bless us, each and every one!"

CRICKET.

1st XI. DOINGS.

Cricket in St. Patrick's for 1937 received a great fillip as a result of a win against Grammar School in the first game of the series. The day dawned beautifully—a good omen, I suppose. Then Max. Gill showed ex-

cellent judgment in calling the and St. Patrick's College b through a morning of glorious shine. We had a couple of early verses, but from 1 for 4 and 2 for we went to all out 131, and Grammar failed for 50 runs on the first inn

For St. Patrick's, J. Rodgers made a valuable stand for 33. But more that was the moral effect of "there." For real solid scoring attractive batting, R. McKee (40) W. Moon (25) took the palm, or laurel, or the leather, or whatever is they take in cricket. The hands were content to notch small scores, except perhaps Frank Howard who made a bid for double figure. 'Twas rather interesting to note change of attitude of the Grammar boys towards the diminutive Frank. It would be difficult to say which prised them the more—his appearance or his scoring strokes.

As a fielding side St. Patrick's excellently in the field—certainly not let the bowlers down. Strange enough, it was the Grammar tail wagged; and the other member of Patrick's pocket edition, J. Hill, did the damage, cut off the tail, were.

Well done, St. Patrick's! And for Ballarat College.

S.P.C. v. GRAMMAR.

Scores:—

S.P.C.—First Innings.

M. Gill, b Spittle	1
J. Rodgers, c Best, b Mann .. .	0
J. O'Dea, b Spittle	7
R. McKee, c Shevlin, b Mann .. .	1
W. Moon, l.b.w., b Spittle .. .	11
E. Long, b Jelbart	131
J. Hill, run out	—

J. Connell, b Fisher	2
O'Brien, b Jelbart	0
Howard, c Mann, b Hall	7
Kelly, not out	1
Sundries	11

Total 131

Bowling: Spittle, 3 for 21; Mann, for 25; Jelbart, 2 for 18; Hall, 1 for 19; Fisher, 1 for 1; Curtis, none for 1; Cheeseman, none for 5.

GRAMMAR.—First Innings.

Heinz, b McKee	4
Jelbart, hit wicket, b O'Brien ..	2
Best, run out	3
Curtis, b Hill	11
Hall, b McKee	2
Cheeseman, b Gill	11
Howard, b Rodgers	5
Fisher, c O'Dea, b Hill	22
Shevlin, not out	10
Mann, l.b.w., b Hill	1
Spittle, c and b Gill	5
Sundries	5

Total 81

Bowling: Hill, 3 for 9; Gill, 2 for 10; McKee, 2 for 22; Rodgers, 1 for 16; O'Brien, 1 for 1; O'Dea, none for 8.

S.P.C.—Second Innings.

M. Gill, c Ward, b Jelbart	29
O'Dea, l.b.w., b Fisher	9

J. Hill, c Ward, b Jelbart	5
F. Howard, l.b.w., b Jelbart .. .	0
J. Connell, c Fisher, b Jelbart ..	1
L. O'Brien, run out	5
J. Rodgers, not out	3
E. Long, not out	0

Six wickets for 58

Bowling: Jelbart, 4 for 10; Fisher, 1 for 4; Spittle, none for 6; Mann, none for 12; Hall, none for 8; Cheeseman, none for 3.

St. Patrick's College won on the first innings by 50 runs.

BALLARAT COLLEGE v. S.P.C.

At S.P.C. Oval.

Supported by a convincing win against Grammar, the XI. quietly, but confidently, awaited the encounter with Ballarat College. We had first use of a wicket perfect on Friday, but marred by overnight showers for Saturday's play.

It must be said that Max. Gill and Jim ("Buddy") Rodgers gave us a great start. Not only did they score runs, but, what is more important, they reduced a keen attack to a mediocre standard, paving the way for the younger and less experienced members of the team. The very fine innings of Jack Connell and Frank Howard show the success of our openers in

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The score-book can show how our batsmen went, but there is no reminder of the excellence in the field. The Hammond-like catch of Vin. Batchelor in the slips; Buddy Rodgers' great catch—how can such feats be expressed on paper? Even Max. Gill's hat trick does not receive its due. He performed this enviable feat when the batsmen were determined, more than ever, to play out time. But any feeling of elation Max. may have felt in his hour of success was submerged in his desire that the team should succeed. This was very noticeable to all present, but to none more so than to his fellow team mates, who are fortunate in having such a great cricketer and captain to serve.

Charlie Morrell gave a great exhibition of fighting cricket. In his score of 61, the best of the match, were included many singles, often taken from a shot which in normal conditions would have yielded more, but he was content to keep the strike. Although cautious, he did not fail to punish the loose balls. Truly a great fighter is this cricketer!

Although both captains dominated the play, they were supported by eager teams, and the match was entered into with the right spirit. If only we can retain this spirit of team work, we can hope to see many more victories for St. Patrick's College under the leadership of Max. Gill.

S.P.C.—First Innings.

R. M. Gill, c Schinkel, b Blackwood	36
J. Rodgers, c Morrell, b Bradley ..	11
J. O'Dea, c Morrell, b Bradley ..	26
R. M. McKee, run out	23

W. J. Moon, stp. Morrell, b Garde ..	1937 has brought to us a revival of
E. Long, stp. Morrell, b Garde ..	interest in the "Shed" Cricket Com-
V. Batchelor, b. Goon	petition, which is in the capable hands
J. Connell, run out	of Br. Boland. Although the members
F. J. Howard, not out	of the various teams are somewhat
A. J. Hill, not out	diminutive in stature, they make up
J. Pekin (did not bat)	for lack of size by their enthusiasm,
Sundries	and some very good performances

Eight wickets (dec.) for
End of first day's play.

Bowling: Blackwood, 1 for
Goon, 1 for 22; Bradley, 2 for
Garde, 2 for 78; Richardson, none
15; Jelbart, none for 18; Forster,
for 3.

BALLARAT COLLEGE.

J. Schinkel, b Gill .. . . .	.. . . .
F. Richardson, b Gill .. . . .	.. . . .
A. Blackwood, c O'Dea, b Gill ..	.. . . .
D. Jelbart, run out .. . . .	.. . . .
C. F. Morrell, not out .. . . .	.. . . .
J. Garde, c Moon, b Batchelor ..	.. . . .
J. Goon, c Batchelor, b Gill .. .	.. . . .
R. Coutts, c Rodgers, b Gill .. .	.. . . .
G. Bradley, b Gill .. . . .	.. . . .
J. Keith, c Pekin, b Gill .. . . .	.. . . .
B. Forster, c Hill, b McKee .. .	.. . . .
Sundries .. . . .	.. . . .

Total

Total

Bowling: M. Gill, 7 for 24 (in
ing the hat trick); R. McKee, 1
12; V. Batchelor, 1 for 14; J. Rodg
none for 12; A. J. Hill, none for 11
Pekin, none for 2.

St. Patrick's College won by
runs.

"SHED" CRICKET.

The captains for 1937 are:
Seullion, "A" Team; B. Toohey,
Team; H. McLinden, "C" Team;
Hyland, "D" Team.

Cranage 6 for 28).

"C's," 5 for 94 (dec.) (Hayes 48),
drew with "D's," 8 for 79 (Sloane 33).

"A's," 5 for 94 (dec.) (Pekin 29),
drew with "C's," 3 for 88 (Hayes 38
not out).

"B's," 5 for 117 (dec.) (Cranage 52,
Browne 24), drew with "D's," 7 for
112 (McLoughlin 42).

"D's," 149 (Sloane 51, Collins 55,
retired), defeated "A's," 67.

"B's," 140 (five men retired, includ-
ing Holland 46), defeated "C's," 61
(Hayes 32, Cranage 4 wickets).

PARK COMPETITIONS.

The captains in the Senior Com-
petition are Con. Fanning, Bill Begg,
Frank Foster and Eddie Frith. The
first round of games has been com-
pleted, and there seems to be very
little between the four teams. Some
who have shown promise in the game
to date are L. Cullinan, C. Fanning,
T. Hannah, J. McCarthy, W. Meakes,
J. O'Shannassy and N. Byrne.

The teams in the Junior Com-
petition are being led by Noel Currie, F
Reilly, George Ryan and Jack Little.
Many of the new players are showing
steady improvement, and it looks as
though the teams will finish the
second round close up on one another.

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In both sections captains will have to have more courage and go for a first innings win, rather than being content to play for a draw. Always go for the bowling, and, even though success does not always come your way, you will be surprised at the results accomplished as the results of an aggressive policy in contrast to one of playing safe till time is up.

ST. ROCH'S CRICKET.

After several days' practice and pick-up matches, four captains—A. Ryan, J. O'Brien, K. Lunt and D. Smith—were elected. They all picked a full team and a "twelfth man" to carry on the drinks at regular periods (?).

The points for the competition to date are:—D. Smith's, 8 points; Kevin Lunt's, 6 points; Alan Ryan's, 4 points; and J. O'Brien's, 2 points.

On Sunday, 7th March, the Remove team is to play Ballarat East Christian Brothers, on the St. Roch's Oval.

OTHER MATCHES.

S.P.C. 1st XI., 3 for 118 (J. O'Dea 52, R. McKee 36 n.o.; Lynch 2 for 27), defeated Beaufort C.Y.M.S., 100 (B. Lynch 54 retired, D. Lynch 20; Gill 3 for 19, Rogers 3 for 16).

S.P.C. 1st XI., 137 (O'Dea 44, Long 29, Connell 19, Batchelor 19; Kelly 2 for 25), defeated Geelong C.Y.M.S., 100 (Cullen 22, Leary 17, Flynn 16; McKee 5 for 27, Gill 2 for 18).

S.P.C. 1st XI. v. Ringwood C.Y.M.S.—Rain affected wicket. No play.

S.P.C. Under 15, 169 (C. Fanning 35, N. Byrne 32, T. Hannah 26 n.o.; McConachie 3 wickets, Aikins 4 wickets), defeated Ballarat College Under 15, 115 (Carne 29, Wallace and

Stewart 13 each; Cranage 10 wickets some bowler!).

S.P.C. Under 15, 112 (J. Carroll D. Delahunty 18, E. Fleming 17 Gregory, Hiscock and McKenz wickets each), defeated C.E.G.S. and 7 for 59 (McKenzie, n.o., 3; Carroll 11 wickets).

S.P.C. Under 14, 9 for 79 (O'Shannessy 22 retired, Kroon 11 tired), defeated C.E.G.S., 70 (G. Lenne, S. Sinclair, D. Hunter, K. McCarthy 5 wickets).

S.P.C. Under 13, 5 for 60 (T. Allen, J. Sullivan, E. Rogers, T. Dar- 33, D. O'Meara 12), defeated Ballarat College, 17 and 39 (Scully 6 wickets Young 4 wickets, Little 4 wickets).

S.P.C. (Remove Team), 66 (Higham and D. Smith 17 each; Ford 3 wickets, Venville 4 wickets), defeated C.B.B. East, 57 (Hasting Brudenall 14; Nagel 8 wickets).

ROWING.

Rowing is still in existence and Patrick's. Results in this branch of our pleasure boats. The entire school sport have fallen well below the average, and, although prospective point to our having a really good team to represent us in this year's Head of the Lake, strict attention to details and details must be paid throughout the training to give us any chance of success.

We have been most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. O. H. and Mr. A. Wilson as coaches. These gentlemen are experienced and competent, and are throwing themselves most wholeheartedly into work. About the end of next week the members of the respective crews will be announced. In order to ensure that the best available crews are secured for our No. 1 crew, a trial

be held first.

At present it looks as though our No. 1 and No. 2 crews will be selected from the following:—K. Deacy, J. Flanagan, J. Flannery, L. Morgan, A. Jones, B. Mulcahy, H. Munday and L. Vaughan. The other crews have also a good number of aspirants, and those considered to have the best chances at present are:—G. Lenne, S. Sinclair, D. Hunter, K. Ryan, L. Delahunty, W. Coffey, W. Allen, J. Sullivan, E. Rogers, T. Dar- 33, D. O'Meara 12), defeated Ballarat College, 17 and 39 (Scully 6 wickets Young 4 wickets, Little 4 wickets).

Things are "ad" enough at the Boat House at present, but we are hoping for "better" days, and expect to have something more interesting and encouraging to chronicle in our next issue.

We must not omit to express our delight at the arrival of the new oars for our pleasure boats. The entire S.P.C. Fleet is now able to take to the "high seas." Volunteer crews are not wanting.

LEAVING PASS.

The 1937 Leaving Class is mainly remarkable for the extraordinary variety in sizes and shapes of those composing it. We range from 4 feet

to 6 feet. The smallest aspirant for matriculation is one Carroll, from Essendon—small of stature, but mighty of mind, who can hold his own, at least verbally. Next to him is Jim Delahunty, who has been here for some years, but cannot be said to have grown up before our eyes, as his height is only 4 feet 1 inch. At the end we have "Big Bill" McCarthy, the antithesis of our midgets, and his height cannot be correctly estimated, as he is progressing favourably every day. He is then closely pressed by his friends, J. Kealy and H. Munday. Of these it can be truly said that "birds of feather flock together," but they are by no means featherweights. We are always pleased to welcome our old friend, Bert Lenne, even though he does arrive a bit late of a morning when his razor is not properly set.

This year we have the distinction of having one of our number (Max. Gill) Captain of the School Eleven. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, especially as it is some years since the honour was held by a Leaving Pass student. Of course, we admit that Noel Flanagan was the best who ever held this position, and Max. will have to work hard to keep up the reputation of the College, but

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he has a capable adviser in Kevin De Lacy, who is constantly having a word with him, in season and out of season, when the opportunity offers. Ted Long and Jack O'Dea are two very capable members of the eleven, and a host of others are anxiously knocking at the door. We intend to challenge the rest of the School to a trial of strength when Br. Gore is agreeable.

Considering the class from a scholastic viewpoint, it shows promise of doing extra well, and will perhaps break all records, but the time has been too short to form a correct opinion of the capabilities of the students. Mr. O'Shea has many competent followers in this year's new recruits, such as Gerhard Jongbloed, Hugh Caffrey and Alan Waldron. We are also well represented in the rowing by Harvey Munday, "Happy" Horgan and "Toke" De Lacy. All these our teacher encourages in a very "sterling" manner. We are justly proud that we are the first to commence school each morning. There is an old proverb that "the early bird catches the worm," but we hope, by being early, to avoid catching it. We have also enlisted a very popular Honours student for Physics and

Latin, namely, Edmund, alias "H. Williams, who thinks those people are a good hour's entertainment. Sometimes our studies are disturbed by groups of individuals who cluster about the windows of the pre-room of the College, but they are promptly disbanded and dispersed. Bro. Sterling, who always likes peace and quiet, and sometimes uses forceful measures to obtain them.

INTERMEDIATE, 1937.

Intermediate Class this year at Ballarat College, has performed very well with the bat. J. Hill, with the ball, showed himself to be a "spin bowler" of some ability. F. J. Howard, the little lad with the big hat, brought rapid "changes in the weather"—the sunshine of bright, sly smiles as he walked to the crease changed to looks of sheer despair as he trounced the leather. His fielding is first class. J. Connell gave a masterly display against Ballarat College.

SUB "A."

Sub. "A" has a roll-call of 39 pupils who come from places such as Tatura, Wheeler's Hill, Walpeup, Purnim, Pimlico, Amphitheatre, Tecumwal, Ercilounie, Maroona and other unheard-of

places. Where are they? For what are they noted? We leave you to consult your geography—not the geography masters.

In the study line Science (Physics and Chemistry) arouses considerable interest among the members of our academy. One or two find they have no "spare time" for such distractions as "home exercise" or lessons. Who? Guess again.

In the sporting world we, as yet, have nothing to "write home about." Sub. "B" challenged us and defeated us. Both teams fielded "firsts" and "seconds." Our "seconds" saved us from complete disgrace. Scores:—

Sub. "B," 83 (F. Foster 29 retired, T. Hannah, 2 wks.); Sub. "A," 72 (W. Meakes 13, P. Batros 11, K. O'Conner 2 wks., C. Fanning 2 wks.).

Scores in the "Seconds" match:— Sub. "A," 69 (P. White 15); Sub. "B," 12 and 45 (Wilson 14, McMahon 24).

Sub. "A" First XI. now challenge Sub. "B" First XI. to a return match.

The "M dica" of Sub. "A" is a little lad from Amphitheatre. Kevin has been seen on two occasions returning from a cruise round the lake! It is said that Bro. O'Malley was interested in his times!—the records were almost broken.

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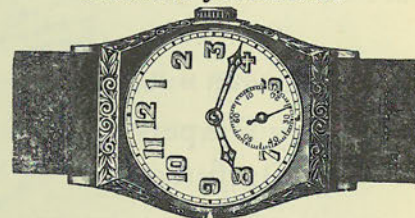
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As we go to press we have to hand the results of the second "Test" between Sub. "A" and Sub. "B." Don't ask who won. Sub. "A"? Of course! Scores:—

Sub. "A," 119 (J. O'Shannessy 35, W. Meakes 30, P. Batros 22, C. Fanning 4 wks.), defeated Sub. "B," 96 (E. Frith 49, M. Wells 30, J. O'Shannessy 4 wks.).

Well played, Sub. "A"! Prove yourself.

THE REMOVE.

In the Remove Room this year we have four pairs of brothers—Jack and Dan O'Brien, Jack and Dan O'Meara, Doug. and Howard Smith, Lake and Steve Cullinan—and, believe it or not, two Bob Blakes and two Bongiorno's. The above-mentioned Lake has aspirations of playing in the First XI; he had a trial game with them last Sunday against a visiting C.Y.M.S. team.

Now that school work has begun in earnest, it is really hard to keep boys away from their books. Rumour hath it that one or two boys have even been seen at their books after night

prayers.

Birthday greetings this month to Jack and Dan O'Meara and Rex B. Leigh.

THE JUNIORS.

Juniors who have distinguished themselves since St. Pat's re-opened are:—

John Colgan, a new boy, who is getting ready to take McCabe's place in the Australian XI.

John Dowling, whom we meet every year as a day boy.

Geoff. Higham, who is noted for his wonderful part he makes in his plays.

Kevin McGrath, another Padriani, is in the making.

John McGoldrick, one of the best performers in the class.

Athol Nicholas, a huge fellow, is at least 2 feet high.

Keith Ross, one of our much-talked students.

Frank Smythe, who does tricks with iron bars.

Allen Symes, a great favourite of Bro. Stirling and Bro. Gore. They like to hear him play his "trumpet."

Ken Treadwell, a new boy, who is a hard worker and is sure to do well.

Phil. Virgona (Who said "A splash of milk"?), and Gerard Wilson, a student of 6 feet—sorry!—6 years.

COMMUNITY SINGING.

All sections of the College heartily joined in the revival of the community singing period on Friday nights. Sadness and gloom disappear as all in spirit go for a trip "Down South for to see," "The Road to Gundagai," and, of course, "Annie Laurie." Bro. Moloney, who sacrifices his valuable time that he may enjoy a happy hour, thoroughly serves the co-operation of every singer in the College. New songs, together with music and words, will shortly be supplied, and then—"Music at brings sweet sleep!"

THE YEAR 1937.

With the commencement of a new year's work we sincerely hope that the traditions of St. Patrick's College will be maintained by the present students. We confidently expect that every student, from the youngest to the oldest, will put forward his best efforts to do everything that is expected of a boy coming from a Catholic college. We anticipate that all the members of a united school will do the right thing because it is the right thing; and by their fervent Catholic spirit and gentlemanly bearing be a fine example to their companions and all those with whom they associate.

Our record roll-call, which we celebrated with a holiday on Friday, 26th February, is practical proof of the high esteem parents have for our College. His high esteem is due, no doubt, to the splendid advertisement given by

our past pupils, who have done honour to their school colours.

To those who are at St. Pat's for their first time, we extend a hearty welcome. We feel that they will enjoy their stay, and from them we want a determined, loyal co-operation in everything that tends to increase the prestige of our College.

DEATH OF REV. BRO. H. A. HENNESSY.

It is with deep regret that, as this first edition of the 1937 "Chronicle" goes to print, we have to announce the death, which occurred on 4th March at Mt. St. Evin's private hospital, of Rev. Bro. H. A. Hennessy. Bro. Hennessy was associated with St. Patrick's College for many years, and his untimely death will be deeply regretted by his many ex-students throughout Australia. It may be of interest to recall that Bro. Hennessy was one time a most successful Sportsmaster at S.P.C. Early in 1926 he was transferred from Ballarat, but his health failing a few years ago, he returned to St. Patrick's, and was there till within two weeks of his death. Recently he went to Melbourne to seek medical advice. While there he was compelled to enter hospital. His strength gradually failed, and he passed away on Thursday last. Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, at 10 a.m. last Friday. The funeral left at 3 p.m. for the Melbourne General Cemetery. Requiescat in Pace.

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Holy Communion

Frequent, and, if possible, daily Communion, is most necessary if we wish to save our Souls.

Our Divine Lord entreats us to receive Him: "Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you." Thus does Our Loving Jesus beg us to receive Him in Holy Communion.

However, too many refuse this loving invitation of Jesus. Therefore I still further encourage us. He promises to reward us if we will receive Him—"He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last day." In other words He promises to give us the never-ending joys of Heaven if we will receive Him.

Finally, Jesus Christ, Supreme Lord and Master of Heaven and earth, when He sees that people will not listen to His invitation, and still remain away from Communion in spite of His wonderful promise, threatens us with eternal ruin,— "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you shall not have life in you."

Therefore each boy should dispose himself to receive frequently this most Holy Sacrament. A pure heart is a beautiful tabernacle in which our Divine Lord loves to dwell. "A pure heart shall have the King for his friend."

Mary's Champions

St. Louis, King of France, was accustomed on every Saturday to wash the feet of the poor in order to honour the day dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Following the example of that great servant of Mary, let us practise in her honour some works of charity or mercy, every day if we can, especially on Saturday.

St. Stanislaus Kostka daily offered a spiritual crown of flowers to Mary; that is to say, a crown composed of different acts of virtue and mortification which he practised in her honour. This devotion is likewise practised by the true servants of Mary, who well know that they cannot make her a more acceptable offering than to overcome themselves for the sake of imitating her virtues.

St. Anthony of Padua daily returned thanks to the Blessed Virgin for all the blessings he had received from her and by her. What ingratitude to pass a single day without remembering that admirable benefactress.

Let us show our gratitude to Mary by practising some devotion in her honor. Let us, especially, practise the devotion of the three Hail Marys, let us wear the Scapulars or Scapular medal, the special badge of the Children of Mary; finally something special for each Saturday—Mass and Communion in honour of the glorious Mother of God.

And then, "Fear not, for never yet was heard that Mary's child was lost."

Honours Notes

Before Easter work was somewhat lackadaisical in the Honours Class; but, refreshed by a few days holiday, they have passed an unanimous resolution to settle down to real hard work. Of course, we do not wish to insinuate that no work was being done at all, for you should have seen Pat McLaughlan and Bert Lenne learning their Latin and English every morning and, on one occasion, after 4 o'clock.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the following who represent the Honours Class in the Prefectorial ranks:—C. McKenzie, J. Flanagan, L. Scullion, J. Kelly, A. McDonald and T. Brown. We are sure that these, together with Max Gill, from the Leaving Pass, will perform their duties as well as Prefects of past years.

Jim ("Buddy") Rogers has taken his leave of S.P.C. for a State Public Service position in Melbourne. We hope that in his new position the same success will follow him, both in his daily work and on the field of sport, as at St. Pat's. Best of luck "Buddy"!

It is rumoured that Jack Holland is likely to take a Public Service position in the near future. We are all wondering who is going to do our Latin Unseens for us when he has gone.

Q.—What is a dilemma?

A.—A dilemma is an hypothetico-disjunctive syllogism—at least Bro Purton says so.

A. Jones is our representative in the first crew. As stroke we hope that he will bring his crew first past the post to a much-longed for victory.

Brother Purton would like to know who is the biggest dawdler—Joe Fav. or "Dasher." Could anyone supply an answer?

Leaving Class

During this month the Leaving Class welcomed to its ranks two seekers for knowledge, K. Gill and J. Dwyer. We hope they will be quite happy and progress as well as the rest of us. The whole class settled down to real hard work and intend to break all records. Jack Pekin seems to have got a little attack of the epidemic and his study resembles a threshing machine. The commercial law students are particularly keen, as they intend to know what they are doing when they become managers and directors of the various large concerns in the bourn. Young T Carroll is particularly anxious in this direction, as there is no end to his ambition.

W. McC. has a voice by no means proportionate to his size judging from his laboured answering in class, but the other W. McC. still bears a striking resemblance to one of Shakespeare's characters. Max Gill is congratulated on his selection as Prefect. He and Jack Kealy expressed the utmost astonishment when their teacher one day called their attention to the similarity of their work exercises; but everything was put on a satisfactory footing when it was remembered that great minds think alike. These two, however, were worthy of the greatest praise for their great display in the 'Gentlemen V. The Rest,' the latter acting the characters of the members. That match was also famous for two great catches, one by Long and the other by Des No. The ball accidentally dropping from the latter's hand.

The 11th March will always be remembered, as something extraordinary happened at 10 a.m. precisely. If you are curious to know what was asked H.M. or J.P. very quietly.

Did anyone see anything happen to J. Kearney lately as he is wearing a very distracted look, we might say a terrified one. Rumour has it that he is suffering from distractions of being attacked by giants weighing little less than 1½ cwts. However, we hope he will be alright before the next issue of the paper and we shall have great pleasure in letting all his anxious friends know as soon as possible.

Intermediate

The Intermediate had some undercurrent flowing through it lately. What was it? The answer—Easter holidays were approaching. Although it provided a break of only five days, yet it was a relaxation from the hours of school work.

The first round of exams for the term has been completed. Don Hunter, an "old friend" of the Intermediate, headed the list in trigonometry and geometry, Pat Cranage in Latin, and W. Coffey in geography.

We said "good-bye" to Des. Tooley as a Boarder but welcomed him, after Easter, amongst the ranks of the Day Boys.

Ferdinando Viganò is really a box of surprises! He created a flutter in the Inter. room on Wednesday, 24th March, as he flew home with his brother. Even Bro. O'Malley was drawn to the window as Ferdinando swung his way homewards.

Dave Flynn celebrated a "before Easter holiday" before taking the regular Easter vacation. Assuredly he knows how to enjoy himself.

Amusement for those who did not travel home for Easter was provided by an extensive handball competition.

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Prior to the Easter "break" we bade farewell, for a blissful five days, to Latin and English; but, once again we are back with, let us hope, renewed energy to combat the intricacies of Intermediate work.

Cricket

1st XI. MATCHES

School matches for the first term were concluded when S.P.C. met and defeated C.E.G.S. This was the second Grammar game and was played at S.P.C. All the contributing factors for an excellent game were certainly in combination during the Friday and Saturday—glorious weather, a true pitch, two keen teams and Max Gill's luck with the toss.

Of course St. Pat's batted first and in a very thorough manner. Max Gill's innings was very fine. He looked certain of the coveted century—and then came afternoon tea! Soon after the resumption he was out for 88. Then J. Rodgers took up the run—getting to finish his innings caught by Heinz at 91. 'Twas a sad ending; but to be feared, for Jim did not bat well—rather slowly and for a long time. His score is greater than Max Gill's, but for sheer cricket the order of merit is reversed.

J. O'Dea poked about for 22 and then went out l.b.w. Three small scores by W. Moon (4), R. McKee (0), and J. Connell followed. Whilst these

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were toppling E. Long went on his, at times, shaky way. He and Frank Howard were not out at stumps. Next day Ted, batting more freely, went to 40 (not out), while F. Howard made 19 and J. Hill a very lively 11 not out. The innings closed at 304 for 7 wickets.

146 is a record opening partnership for S.P.C. so the statisticians say.

If St. Pat's batted well they fielded and bowled like wizards. Grammar made 24 in their first innings which occupied an hour and some minutes. R. McKee took 5 for 8 in which feat he was admirably assisted by J. O'Dea who took two catches—one a miracle! The next best bowler was J. Hill, 2 wickets. Two were run out from excellent fielding.

Grammar's second innings was like to their first. They made 42. But how? Gill 4 for 14, J. Hill 3 for 5, J. Pekin 1 for 14. Again two run out—one very smart stumping by E. Long. But, the incident of the match was J. Connell's catch to dismiss Best. I don't think it is any betrayal to suggest that J.C. was "hot favourite" for "most surprised man." But, he tried it and held it.

We learn since that Grammar defeated College so the Premiership remains with St. Pat's. But we must have something to aim at. Let's be CHAMPIONS!!

S.P.C.—First Innings.

R. M. Gill, lbw., b Hall	88
J. Rodgers, c Heinz, b Jelbart	91
J. O'Dea, lbw., b Spittle	22
R. M. McKee, lbw., b Spittle	0
W. J. Moon, run out	4
E. Long, not out	40
J. Connell, lbw., b Cheeseman	5
F. J. Howard, stpd. Best, b Jelbart	19
A. J. Hill, not out	11
J. Pekin, did not bat	
V. Batchelor, did not bat	
Sundries (Byes 22; leg byes, 2)	24

Total: 7 wickets Dec. for .. 304
Bowling: Spittle 2/66; Jelbart,

2/70; Hall, 1/72; Cheeseman, Mann, 0/52; Curtis, 0/15.

C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Heinz, b R. McKee	...
Best, lbw., b R. McKee	...
Jelbart, run out	...
Curtis, c O'Dea, b R. McKee	...
Hall, c O'Dea, b R. McKee	...
Shevlin, b R. Gill	...
Fischer, b R. McKee	...
Cheeseman, c Connell, b A. Hill	...
Ward, c Connell, b A. Hill	...
Spittle, run out	...
Mann, not out	...

Total

Bowling: Gill, 1/4; McKee, Hill, 2/8; Pekin, 0/4.

C.E.G.S.—Second Innings.

Heinz, b M. Gill	...
Best, c Connell, b J. Pekin	...
Jelbart, b R. Gill	...
Curtis, run out	...
Hall, lbw., b M. Gill	...
Shevlin, run out	...
Fischer, b M. Gill	...
Cheeseman b, A. Hill	...
Ward, b A. Hill	...
Spittle, stpd. E. Long, b A. Hill	...
Mann, not out	...

Total

Bowling: Gill, 4/14; Hill, McKee, 0/8; Pekin, 0/14.

S.P.C. won by an innings and runs.

S.P.C. cannot now be deprived the cricket premiership for 1937.

ST. PAT'S V. NORTH MEL

H.A.C.B.S.

Another glorious day. Again won the toss and opened with J. gers. Fresh from their big s against Grammar, these two had to 53 and 49 respectively. Man with the total at 103, scored in 58 minutes. After the bright of the opening partnership, it strange to find the next four bats playing overcautiously. They pally put themselves out. This the day of the juveniles—a s "children's hour"—for F. How

not out and J. Hill 13, looked the best after the openers. Though E. Long and 14 to his credit, it was not really good cricket. Incidentally in getting them he nearly ran out J. Connell. Anyhow, J. Hill almost earned 2/6—professional, if you please! It was a big hit that became a catch; but the "sixer" will come; and that half-brown will be a millstone.

St. Pat's fielding was not 100 per cent. in this game. However, the bowlers stuck to their task and North were all out for 97 made in 115 minutes. St. Pat's could bat only seven batsmen for 167 in the same time—115 minutes. J. Pekin has not had a hit for S.P.C. yet.

ST. PAT'S V. JIM MUNDAY'S TEAM

This was the very last game for the first term. We had been expecting or hoping to see Victoria's Lindsay Hassett in action but he could not make the trip. Max lost the toss—a record! And it was the proper thing to do. He always does the proper thing with the toss!! The pitch was in bad form and very hard to play. However, the late start helped us for soon we had a rest for lunch and it was better after lunch. Max lost the companionship of J. Rodgers after 30 runs had been scored (Rodgers 6). Nos. 3, 4 and 5 made 3, 7 and 8 respectively; they were too stodgy. Ted Long was more himself and scored 14 quite nicely but the hit he got out on must have given him nightmares since. F. How-

ard made a stylish 20 and impressed Mr Cohen who coaches the Colts—Hope we don't lose the child. V. Batchelor's 16 included a couple of his choice leg hits, both fours, of course.

St. Pat's were back to form as a fielding side. R. McKee's catch to dismiss Mr Cohen was a "joy forever." Away in the "never never" J. Hill held a big hit from the junior Cohen.

J. O'Dea astonished No. 8 by taking a typical O'Dea catch and R. McKee figured again. These two helped J. Hill to take 3 for 10. J. Pekin bowled his best and took 2 for 2. Others: M. Gill 2 for 29; R. McKee, 1 for 15, and J. Rodgers 1 for 8.

And so St. Pat's 164 in 120 minutes defeated the visitors 98 in about 115 minutes.

LEAVING V. THE REST

On 17th of March, a very exciting match took place between "The Leaving" and "The Rest" of the School. The Leaving finally emerged victorious by a margin of 33 runs. The match was very well contested, and the players and supporters were all very eager to win. The outstanding batsmen for "The Leaving" were Kealy, 41; Gill 22 (both hit a six); Jongebloed, 17, and Long, 13.

For "The Rest," Batchelor, 23; McKee, 18; and Hayes, 10, showed out. The bowling by the Leaving was of outstanding merit.

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Scores: Leaving Pass.—Gill, 22; E. Rogers, 3; J. O'Dea, 4; E. Long, 13; Jongbloed, 17; Sloane, 12; Collins, 3; Kealy, 41; Pekin, 2; Nolan, 1; T. Carroll, n.o. 1; sundries, 6. Total, 122. Bowling: J. Carroll, 1/16; E. Rodgers, 3/33; McKee, 3/29; Hill, 2/14. "The Rest."—J. Rodgers, 9; R. McKee, 18; W. Moon, 0; J. Connell, 6; A. Hill, 6; V. Batchelor, n.o. 23; P. Cranage, 1; Hayes, 10; J. Kelly, 2; C. Fanning, 1; J. Carroll, 2; sundries, 13. Total, 89. Bowling: Pekin, 4/28; Gill, 3/16.

The "Shed" Competition

The scores of the matches in the second round were as follows:—

"A's," 82 runs (Carroll 31) d. "B's" 77 (Nolan 17, Keith Gibbons 5 wickets).

"D's" 85 (Sloane 40) d. "C's" 57 (Sloane 6 wickets).

"C's" 143 (R. Hayes 39, D. McCarthy 37) drew with "A's" 3 for 65.

"B's" 100 (Holland 28) drew with "D's" 8 for 88 (J. Carroll 5 wickets).

"D's" 158 (Cashin 42) d. "A's" 78 (J. Gibbons 51, P. Hayes 5 wickets).

"B's" 5 for 188 (Cranage 73, Fleming 37) d. "C's" 134 (R. Hayes 46, Cranage 4 wickets).

"A's" 71 (Labb 26, Cranage 4 wickets) d. "B's" 43 (O'Brien 14, K. Gibbons 5 wickets).

The points are: "D's," 22; "B's," 18; "A's," 15; "C's," 9.

Best team score: "B's," 5 for 188 runs.

Best individual score: P. Cranage, 73 runs.

Park Competitions

The Park Competitions have now entered the third round. Four games of the round are still to be played but the points at present give a good idea of the position of the teams.

Points in the "A" Grade competitions are: C. Fanning, 20; E. Frith, 14; W. Begg, 11; F. Foster, 11.

In the "B" Grade, F. Reilly's team heads the list with 18 points. G. Ryan and N. Currie come next with 14 points each, and J. Little's team

have 14 points to their credit.

The finals may be played at end of the third round. If so, team with the least number of points will drop out of the competition; the second and third teams will off for the right to play the leading team in the final. Should the leading team be defeated in the final, they have the right to a second final. All final games will be played to a finish.

RESULTS—"A" GRADE

"B's" 5 for 113 dec. (P. O'Shannessy 30, Hannah 3 wickets), drew with "A's" 0 for 31 (J. Wise 16 n.o.).

"C's" 2 for 104 dec. (C. Fanning 64 n.o.) and 0 for 10 defeated "B's" 34 and 77 (McGrath and Fanning 3 wickets each, P. Betros 26).

"C's" 131 (C. Fanning 45) d. "A's" 7 for 51 (Foster 20).

"D's" 127 (W. Begg 24, R. L. G. Ryan 23) drew with "B's" 4 wickets, O'Conner 5 wickets).

"D's" 6 for 110 (McCarthy 37) drew with "A's" 1 for 54 (Foster 38, O'Conner 5 wickets).

"B's" 24 and 7 for 89 (Frith 53 dec. (Fanning 34 n.o.).

"A's" 4 for 105 (Cullinan 51) d. "B's" 4 for 55 (Walsh 25).

"D's" 49 (Casanova 14) lost to "C's" 120 (Fanning 34, McKee 4 wickets).

"A's" 57 (Foster 23) lost to "B's" 5 for 162 (Fanning 65).

"D's" 139 (McCarthy 38, O'Shannessy 46 n.o.).

"D's" 4 for 130 (P. Betros 47)

created "A's" 42 and 1 for 46 (W. Meakes 19).

"B's" 100 (O'Shannessy 14, Byrne 3 wickets) lost to "C's" 123 (Cassian 35).

"A's" 9 for 64 (McCarthy 13) lost to "B's" 8 for 100 (Frith 22, W. Meakes 6 wickets).

"C's" 9 for 94 (Sherry 29 n.o., McCarthy 6 wickets) drew with "D's" 128 dec. (Casanova 28, McGrath and Fanning 3 wickets each).

"B" GRADE

G. Ryan 6 for 94 dec. defeated Currie 5 for 49 (L. Wilkinson 31, J. Madden 3 for 28).

Little 83 drew with Reilly 8 for 66 (J. Walsh 28, Nihill 2 for 18).

G. Ryan 43 drew with Little 7 for 37 (White 21, Nihill 5 for 46).

Reilly 8 for 98 dec. defeated Currie 77 (Reilly 23, Credlen 2 for 10).

G. Ryan 87 drew with Reilly 2 for 19 (D. Ryan 3 for 18, J. Toohey 22).

Little 131 defeated Currie 88 (Nihill 61 not out, Murphy 4 for 28).

Currie 87 lost to G. Ryan 100 (L. Wilkinson 40, O'Neill 3 for 20).

Reilly 102 defeated Little 73 (J. Walsh 26, Nihill 3 for 28).

G. Ryan 8 for 122 dec. defeated Little 67 (Young 28, Nihill 5 for 43).

Reilly 106 defeated Currie 76 (Reilly 40, Currie 4 for 28).

Reilly 109 drew with G. Ryan 5 for 57 (D. Toohey 26, Little 5 for 29).

Currie 8 for 85 dec. defeated Little 60 (Brazil 20, Little 3 for 38).

Currie 127 defeated G. Ryan 9 for 113 (Tieney 56, L. Wilkinson 5 for 48).

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Reilly 97 defeated Little 96 (Hogan 61, Murphy 4 for 49).

St. Rock's Cricket

The progress record of points for the competition places Kevin Lunt's team first with 14 points, then Jack O'Brien's and Doug. Smith's teams with 10 points each and Alan Ryan's team fourth (but not last) with 6 points.

As the second round is just finishing the teams are entering on the final round with all enthusiasm and wondering if the "banquet" is within their grasp. Save the "ducks" for the feast!

The most improved batsmen are Doug. Smith, developing quite nice off strokes; Lewis Nagle, who at last sees the benefit of playing a straight bat; and this would not be complete without mentioning H. McGoldrick's great stand last Monday. Other improved players include P. Boyce, P. O'Meara, B. Higham and H. O'Toole.

Easter at S.P.C.

The following are the winners of the various indoor games played during the Easter vacation:—

Wednesday.—Euchre: P. Vojvodic (Broken Hill). Senior Draughts: J. Holmes. Junior Draughts: D. O'Meara, K. Ross, J. Byrne.

Thursday.—Euchre: L. Brady. Senior Draughts: D. Hogan; Junior Draughts: M. Wells.

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Tennis

After a series of interruptions tennis practice has commenced in earnest. The 1st IV. will probably be selected from M. Gill, J. Flanagan, J. Kelly, W. Moon, J. O'Dea, J. O'Connell, P. and L. McLoughlin, J. Holland and A. Jones.

Our first opponents will be Ballarat College on April 17.

St. Patrick's Day

The Feast Day of our glorious Patron was fittingly commemorated by a Missa Cantata, sung by Rev. Fr. Gleeson, the College Chaplain. He was ably assisted in the Sanctuary by C. McKenzie, Master of Ceremonies, T. Brown, J. Flanagan, V. Batchelor, L. Scullion, thurifer). Also in attendance were the six Pages of the Blessed Sacrament: P. Conway, J. Little, J. Tudor, B. McKenzie, K. Kearney.

The College Choir, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Payne, reflected credit upon Bro. Murphy by its beautiful singing of the Mass.

Sub. A.

We now enter into the month of April and find Sub. A one of the hardest working classes in the Col-

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lege. The best of our students W. Newton, G. Dwyer, M. McLinden, W. Begg, G. Little, G. Ryan and McGrath. Report hath it that Lovig is making a big effort—putting quite a lot of time into his work.

Wool-classing enables about dozen Sub. A boys to spend a enjoyable Saturday morning—windows are very attractive. only regrettable feature of this is that Bro. Williams is developing rather too keen interest in tralia's "Wool Industry"!!

In sport we excel. We have feated Sub. B at cricket, while Meakes, by his score of 50 odd his 9 wickets won for us the U 13 match against Ballarat College. G. Little, we understand, was tain.

T. Hannah, who represented A at the Ararat swimming cap and secured second place, is said to be practising the Australian "stroke" hand!

The latest discovery was that Betros plays the trumpet. We he had music in him. He is also an accomplished "fiddler."

P. White is our champion at tising the weight. He was seen tising with potatoes.

K. Dridan is seeking autographs and photos. Amphitheatre agent! He'll be looking for prints soon.

L. Neeson caused a general turbulence in Nareen by missing home-bound train at Easter.

M. McLinden made public the has ridden the winner of the Col-

Cup. We may see Merv. riding his new racehorse, Tony, in the Melbourne Cup!

Sub. B.

The 43 boys in Sub. B have settled down to good hard work. We have a great fiddling competition between Des O'Hagan and J. Credlin; but we all think Des will get the Blue Ribbon.

We have all sorts of champions, even potato diggers (M. Wells, D. Carr and K. Reynolds). Some of the boys are very keen on the pencil when Bro. Williams comes in for French and K. O'Connor seems to have a great liking for "Fabiola." Of course, if you want to know anything about "ANY-Goats" ask W. McGennissen.

Talking of outdoor life, M. Cashin gives a great display at gymnastics but does not perform so well after in the class-room. We have great weight in the room—D. Chisholm and Tom Green. And who says Tom can't play handball?

We also have two prominent coxswains, J. Wise and K. Kearney. Jim hopes to cox the First Crew to victory and Kevin thinks he will cox the Fifth Crew.

In the Park Competition, Sub. B. presents many prominent players. C. Fanning even practises with the First XI. Next time you see him playing take a look at the jockey's cap he wears. Our best bowlers are B. McGrath, J. McCarthy, C. Fanning, G. Casanova and N. Byrne;

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C. Fanning's team has forced its way to the front, with E. Frith's, F. Foster's and W. Begg's in respective order. Who will have the banquet?

The Literary Society

Patron: Rev. Bro. D. G. Purton.

Chairman: Rev. Bro. J. L. Boland.

Committee: J. W. Kelly, J. B. Flanagan, T. Brown, S. Reynolds, W. Moon, H. A. Lenne.

Secretary: B. A. Toohey.

On Sunday evening, the 7th of March, the Literary Society held its first meeting for 1937.

Br. Boland occupied the chair and introduced Mr. Joe Kelly as the first speaker. His discourse on "Dante" was an excellent one and a fitting opening for the year.

Mr. Geoff Reynolds, making his debut, gave a lecture on "The League of Nations." Following this, Mr. J. Kealy gave a very brief talk on "Pacific problems."

Mr. F. Keenan, with the assistance of the blackboard, showed us many remarkable facts about the camera. He certainly put the light and the shades in "black and white."

Mr. Wal Moon detailed to us the pros and cons of the "Unification of the Railway Gauge," but was hindered by the lack of tangible matter, as was Mr. A. Pavjeneski in his talk on "Television." In spite of this fact

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he gave a very enlightening speech.

On Sunday, the 22nd., the second meeting for the year was held and the standard of speaking was undoubtedly higher.

Mr. J. Holmes won loud applause for a good speech on Cardinal Richelieu. He had put much hard work into it and had it word perfect. He was followed by Mr. S. Reynolds, whose talk on Japan aroused much interest and reflected credit on his speaking qualities. We then learned much about the "Imperial Airways" through Mr. L. Horgon who, although a little nervous, did a good job. We were all a little disappointed in Mr. H. A. Lenne, who gave us some facts about the building of the Transcontinental Railway Line. More work next time, Bert! The surprise item of the evening was given by Mr. J. Holland, "the Cicero of the Present Day," who gave us inside information on "Red Spain." If he takes Public Service we expect to see this renowned dancer mount the soap-box on the Yarra bank for the Catholic Evidence Guild.

The Remove

This month we take the opportunity of welcoming Max Keetley from Kew; Norman Tilley, from Essendon, and two boys from Donald—Gerald Maloney and Tom Cantwell.

Who was the bright youth from North Melbourne who, in reciting "The Man from Snowy River," was so carried away with the piece that he did not give the words their full

value and rendered it thus, "When last they reached the summit of Clancy took a pill."

Nearly all have got the right spirit of application to their studies. It is only this honest effort that assures each boy success.

Apart from the scholastic side of our day, we have much pleasure recording the success of the Rem cricket team against a team from Sub A. However, they threaten to make the next game more representative. We are also pleased to chronicle our success against the larat East. The victory is due to splendid batting of Nagle, Mansie and Doug Smith. After an early lapse the score was taken to 97. We congratulate A. Redford, the captain, on his aggressive batting the second innings.

Birthday greetings to Jack B. giorno, whose birthday occurs during the month. He will have us know that it is not on the first!

John Burns and Norman figure as souvenirs after the crash at singing lesson last week. John is labelled, etc., but Norman was a carrier to remove his memento.

We extend our sympathies to Bramleigh, Steve Cullinan and O'Brien and wish them a speedy recovery.

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Allan Symes gave himself a pleasant surprise by getting most marks in class the other week.

Keith Ross keeps the newsagents from going bankrupt by getting a huge bundle of comics every week.

Bob Bobbins intends to be one of Australia's leading artists when he gets a little older.

K. McGrath has a magic music case. He has taught it how to do the disappearing trick.

We welcome John Tooley, a new boy, who hails from Murtoa. John and Murray Byrne cannot decide which one of them looks after the other on the way home.

John Dowling thinks day-boys are a cut above mere boarders.

Phil. Virgona finds that some people do not pronounce his name properly.

Des. Bourke has a big job looking after his big brother.

Sober or Not?

(By J. W. Kelly)

A recent cable message says that an eminent London doctor has prepared the following formula to decide when a person is drunk:—"One drop of alcohol in 1000 drops of blood denotes that a person is under the influence; one drop to 200 drops denotes that he is drunk; and one drop in 500 denotes that he is dead drunk."

I have made bold to amplify this formula as follows:—

A little sip of alcohol

Leaves little bits of sense;

It makes us talk like pretty Poll,

It makes us feel immense.

A bigger sip of alcohol.

Leaves smaller bits of sense;

It makes us want to lapse and loll,

It makes us—Oh! so dense.

It gives our legs the wanderlust,

It makes them want to roam

O'er the earth's unhallowed crust—

Anywhere but home.

A great big sip of alcohol

Leaves drained up all our sense;

It makes us stare just like a doll,

Quite sans intelligence.

It leaves us in a dreamless nap.

Tight in liquor's clutch;

Our better seasoned friend then

says: "Poor chap,

"He's had a drop too much!"

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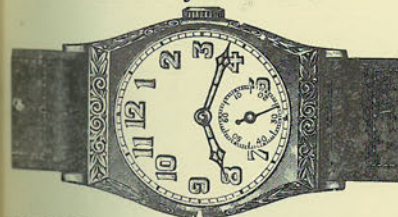
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MARY'S MONTH

"Joy of my heart! O let me pay
To thee, thine own sweet Month of
May."

The beautiful month of Mary is with us once again. Throughout the whole world loving children of our Blessed Lady will be united in offering to their glorious Queen a ceaseless tribute of praise. Let us see to it that we are not out of tune with the rest of the children of Mary. Let every S.P.C. boy strive to the utmost to honour her, bless her and praise her. Mary has given us Our Divine Lord; therefore she can give us anything. So waste not precious time. Lay hold of her picture! Bring her your candles, your resolutions! Love her with your whole being! Be at home with her! Stick on to her Rosary, the Scapulars, the Three Hail Marys in honour of her Purity! Cling to this dear, darling Mother of our Saviour!

During this month we should ponder well on the motto, "A child of Mary will never be lost." Mary is styled the Gate of Heaven. We cannot get to Heaven without Mary. There is no climbing over the fence. "How can I rightly love thy Son, Sweet Mother! If I love not thee?"

To the boy who has had a tender, practical love for our Blessed Lady during his life this august Queen will appear at the last moments of his life with these words upon her lips, "A thousand times have you blessed me, and now I come to bless you for eternity. You have constantly implored my help; here I am. I come to announce to you peace and happiness, and a crown."

"Mary, shield us from danger,
Keep our souls from sin,
Help thy exiled children,
Heaven at last to win."

JUNE—The Sacred Heart

Our loving Saviour in the hour of His greatest agony, as He was dying for love of us, cried out, "I thirst." For what did Our Lord thirst? Here is the answer:

"My child, my child, give me thy heart,

My Heart has bled for thee."

As we call to mind the closing scenes of Our Divine Lord's life and behold Him paying the Supreme Price for our redemption by shedding the very last drops of His Precious Blood may our hearts, moved by a spirit of gratitude to the loving Heart

of Jesus, turn away from sin—the cause of such heart-breaking sorrow to the Sacred Heart. If the sufferings of Jesus mean anything to us we will endeavour to bring comfort and joy to Him by a more frequent and more fervent reception of the Sacrament of His Love; our visits to His lonely altar Throne will be more numerous; and, everything we do, even our simplest actions, we will do well to further testify that we, at least, will give ourselves entirely to live for the honour and glory of the tender, loving Heart of Jesus. Let us pray, too, that all hearts may turn to Jesus and be grateful to Him for the wonderful love He has shown to the whole world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, may Thy Kingdom come.

Finally let us recall the promise of the Sacred Heart, "I will bless the home in which the image of My Heart is exposed and honoured." Let the picture of the Sacred Heart occupy a prominent position in your home. Adorn it with flowers and a lamp. Thus will you draw down a blessing; and peace and holy joy will reign over your home and all those you love so tenderly.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless us all.

DUDLEY HOLMES R.I.P.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we record the tragic death of Dudley Holmes. Dudley left St. Pat's last year after spending four years at the College as a boarder. He was a popular boy at school, bright and companionable. His last year was in the Intermediate, and there he won many friends.

He left school to take over the work of assisting his father and mother on their farm near Horsham, and he was proving himself a very useful and efficient worker. A few weeks ago his mother died unexpectedly after a very brief illness. Then on Sunday, April 25th, came the sudden and tragic death of Dudley. He was riding back home from Horsham on Sunday evening when his bicycle skidded on the road, and he was thrown in front of a motor truck. He was removed to the Horsham Hospital, but died without regaining consciousness. Father Conway was beside his bed at the end to administer the last sacraments. To his sorrowing father, his brother Kevin and his aunt, Mrs. Hennessy, we offer our deepest sympathy. R.I.P.

HONOURS NOTES

The Leaving Honours Class is making rapid headway, and it is really marvellous how Br. Purton's presence changes the whole aspect of the room—E. Williams disappears, "Dasher" and Joe F. look energetic; J. Holmes endeavours to learn just what Mithridates called himself; Bert appears from the lockers after a shave; and even Coley looks interested.

There have been some enquiries as to the truth of the statement that on one occasion between 11 and 12 o'clock Asiatic Greece wandered into Europe. Brian Mulcahy will vouch for the truth of this. Such are the troubles of the Honours Ancient History class. In spite of this we find life enjoyable and of course the redoubtable Sinclair adds bright suggestions to everything. One of his best proposals during Com-

mercial Law was that Insurable Interest is the interest a person has in anyone dear to him.

Excitement ran high, when the result of the Deputation concerning the visit of the Honours Room to the Debate was made known. There were many boys who wished to join the Honours Class just for the night. The Debate was a great success, and as we came down the corridor at about 11.30 p.m. with hot pies inside us, we felt that it is not ALL hard work being an Honours student.

It is with sorrowful hearts that in this edition of the Chronicle we bid good-bye to John Holland who has been called to help the Victorian Government to solve several important questions. John was a good student, good at sport and a worthy member of the Sodality; and we can do nothing except to wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of life. We must also take this opportunity of welcoming Jack Crowe and Pat Gill—two new recruits from Swan Hill and Casterton respectively.

It is somewhat surprising to note that although the Honours are so numerically small, the strokes of the first three crews were selected from amongst our number. They are A.

Jones, B. Mulcahy and J. Flanagan. The cox of the Old Boys' Crew is also a hard-working Honours student, L. Scullion. We congratulate all these boys on their fine showing, and somehow we feel that their crews did better because they were controlled by Honours students.

We must also congratulate the two representatives of the Honours, J. Flanagan and J. Holland in the First Tennis Four on their selection. In the victorious Seconds we had two representatives, J. Kelly and L. McLoughlan, and against Grammar, B. Toohey filled the position of fourth player.

We believe that the quartet who represented the Honours at the Boat Race Dance performed admirably. Not on one occasion did any of their partner's toes suffer as a result of inexperience. We wish to announce that contrary to some reports, Jack Flanagan is not inexperienced in the art of dancing.

T. Brown and P. Gill have managed to get sick, and we wish them a speedy recovery. "Dasher" was either not fast enough to get out of the way of the sickness, and it was too speedy and caught up with him. Nevertheless the fact remains—"Dasher" fell a victim.

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THE LEAVING CLASS

During the past month the Leaving Class has made great progress with its scholastic activities, and now we are very busy preparing for our term examinations. One student from Port Fairy is afraid that time may fly all too quickly, for he is seen constantly feeling for his watch, especially during Maths III. Our class was somewhat saddened by the loss of our great orator, Bert Lenne, who is confined to his bed unfortunately. We sincerely hope that it does not disfigure his comely countenance. One aspirant for Matriculation finds that Music is a very handy subject for it enables him to escape his English Lessons some mornings. The Leaving are becoming more dejected every day, presumably because of the holidays. Why, one of the boys will not look up from the ground as he walks along. One bright specimen while reading "As You Like It" said: "I thank the Gods I am a fowl" for "I thank the Gods I am foul." H. Caffrey has been exceedingly popular these last few days, the reason being that Br. Sterling gave him the honour of picking the Latin Prose for the Term Exams. One of our students made his debut on Boat Race night, so we wish him all the best. "Long Pat" was hoping that Br. Purton would let him make his also. Our members of the crews feverishly prepared for the big effort. We, with the whole school, congratulate them on the success of their great effort. The "Terrible Two," namely J. G. and G. J. are very hard workers—now. We were wondering why, and were informed that they were afraid of their reports. We have some very fine

orators in our room, who we hope will be adorning the soap box on Yarra Bank. In our last debate our speakers were very indignant because of persistent interjections from one of the negative speakers. Never-the-less we put up a good fight and were only defeated by a margin of 3 points. Ted Long is very lonely these days, probably because his friend, Jack O'Dea is ill. To Bert Lenne, Jack O'Dea, Pat MacNamara, and Mick Madden, we extend our wish that they will speedily recover. We are eagerly waiting for the advent of the Football, and we guarantee to beat all comers at least by 4 goals.

TENNIS

S.P.C.'s prospects in the Tennis sphere for 1937 aroused great enthusiasm among the players.

In order to select the representatives for our First and Second Tennis Fours, eight "knock-out" competitions were held. Those who were successful were (in order): 1 M. Gill. 2 J. O'Dea. 3 J. Flanagan. 4 J. Holland. 5 L. McLoughlin. 6 B. Toohey. 7 J. Connell. 8 J. Kelly. After a series of challenge matches the 1st IV was decided as follows: M. Gill, J. Flanagan, J. Holland, J. O'Dea. The 2nd IV. resolved itself into: L. McLoughlin, J. Kelly, J. Connell, L. Brown—B. Toohey failing to maintain his position. Brian Toohey later regained his place and represented S.P.C. Seconds against C.E.G.S.

As a preparation for the Public Schools' Competition, the S.P.C. players met the local Catholic Club on our courts on April 10th, and played a series of doubles and singles matches.

S.P.C. secured a victory winning six of the nine rubbers played.

M. Gill's victory over Mr. A. Kenny, an A Grade pennant player, was well-earned. Max in partnership with J. Flanagan offered a stern resistance to the two pennant players, Messrs. A. Kenny and M. Walsh. The latter proved too astute a player for J. O'Dea who, however, ran this seasoned veteran to three sets. J. Holland, matched against Fr. McNerny, secured a hard-earned victory after a long tussle. J. Flanagan, outpointed at first, fought back to secure a victory at the expense of L. Howard, a big brother of his little brother. The full results were as follows:

Doubles.

A. Kenny, M. Walsh d M. Gill, J. Flanagan 6—5, 6—5.

A. Kenny, L. Howard d M. Gill, J. Flanagan 6—3, 6—4.

L. McLoughlin, B. Toohey d B. Darcy, W. Corby 6—2, 6—2.

Singles.

M. Gill d A. Kenny 6—5, 1—6, 6—4.

M. Walsh d J. O'Dea 3—6, 6—0, 6—4.

J. Holland d Fr. McNerny 5—6, 6—3, 6—4.

J. Flanagan d L. Howard 3—6, 6—2, 6—4.

B. Toohey d B. Darcy 6—2, 6—1.

L. McLoughlin d W. Corby 6—4, 6—2.

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B.P.S. TENNIS

The weather smiled favourably on us—a good omen—on Saturday, 17th April, when we began our first struggle for the G.P.S. Tennis Premiership.

Our first player, Max Gill, a potential champion, was decidedly off form in his encounters with the representatives of the C.E.G.S. and Ballarat College. Frank Jelbart (C.E.G.S.) found him an easy victim. Jack Holland played as No. 3 against Ballarat College and as No. 2 against Grammar School. A steady left-hander, Jack possesses determination and makes his opponent earn every point. We had hopes of Jack doing well in McNeil Cup contests, but the Government needed him. Best of luck, Jack! J. Flanagan, who played No. 2 against College, does not seem able to rise to the occasion when needed. Against College and Grammar, he failed to drive home his early advantage, and allowed his opponents to take unmerited victories. Another player of the J. Holland type was J. O'Dea, a very thorough and promising member of the IV. When this Jack places more confidence in his back hand strokes he will meet with considerable success.

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We played Ballarat College on our own courts on April 17th. In the early stages of play the victory seemed to be in the balance, but after winning the first two rubbers, St. Pat's went on to win with only the loss of one rubber. The results were as follows:

- M. Gill, J. Flanagan d S. Lloyd, J. Garde, 6—4, 6—5.
 M. Gill, J. Flanagan d D. Jelbart, K. McDonald, 6—1, 6—4.
 J. Holland, J. O'Dea d D. Jelbart, K. McDonald, 6—3, 6—5.
 J. Holland, J. O'Dea d S. Lloyd, J. Garde, 6—2, 6—5.
 M. Gill d S. Lloyd, 6—3, 6—2.
 J. Flanagan lost to J. Garde, 6—3, 4—6, 3—6.

J. Holland d D. Jelbart, 6—2, 6—1.
 J. O'Dea d K. McDonald, 6—1, 6—5.
 As Grammar had defeated College by 7 rubbers to 1, the match on the 24th was looked forward to as it decided the Premiers for 1937. A great tussle seemed assured but, alas! St. Pat's went down to Grammar by 6 rubbers to 2.

The results were:

- M. Gill, J. Flanagan lost to F. Jelbart, A. McDonald, 4—6, 6—2, 5—7.
 M. Gill, J. Flanagan d M. Spittle, M. George, 3—6, 6—2, 6—3.
 J. Holland, J. O'Dea d F. Jelbart, A. McDonald, 6—3, 6—5.
 J. Holland, J. O'Dea lost to M. Spittle, M. George, 2—6, 6—0, 7—5.
 M. Gill lost to F. Jelbart, 2—6, 0—6.
 J. Holland lost to M. Spittle, 3—6, 5—6.
 J. Flanagan lost to M. George, 6—2, 2—6, 6—8.
 J. O'Dea lost to A. McDonald, 2—6, 5—6.

We congratulate Grammar School

on their first tennis premiership since 1924.

The McNeil Cup begins on May 3rd, and all St. Pat's hopes rest in Max. We are now without the services of Jack Holland and J. O'Dea. The former has accepted a position in the Public Service, while the latter is on the sick list.

THE SECONDS

PREMIERS, 1937.

Our Seconds had a better year than the Firsts; for, by winning both their matches, they became premiers for the third year in succession. We offer them our heartiest congratulations. It was unfortunate that the Firsts were unable to do likewise.

The first match was against Ballarat College at their courts. It resulted in a win for S.P.C. by the narrow margin of two games. The results were as follows:

- C. Morrell, H. Morrow (B.C.) d L. McLaughlan, J. Kelly (S.P.C.), 6—3, 6—5.
 J. Connell, L. Browne (S.P.C.) d McDonald, Hay (B.C.), 6—2, 4—6, 6—2.
 L. McLoughlan, J. Kelly (S.P.C.) d McDonald, Hay (B.C.), 6—3, 6—4.
 C. Morrell, H. Morrow (B.C.) d J. Connell, L. Browne (S.P.C.) 5—6, 6—4, 8—6.

Singles.

- H. Morrow (B.C.) d L. McLaughlan, 6—4, 6—2.
 J. Kelly (S.P.C.) d C. Morrell (B.C.), 6—5, 4—6, 8—6.
 J. Connell (S.P.C.) d Hay (B.C.), 6—2, 6—5.
 McDonald (B.C.) d L. Browne (S.P.C.) 2—6, 6—2, 6—4.

Result:—

- S.P.C., 4 rubbers, 10 sets, 100 games.
 B.C., 4 rubbers, 10 sets, 98 games.
 S.P.C. won by 2 games.

S.P.C. v. C.E.G.S.

On the following Saturday, S.P.C. went to the Grammar School to win by 8 rubbers to 0. Each individual representative had his share in the victory. J. Kelly, who played with the First Four last year, was unable to strike form, but with Len McLaughlan won his rubbers fairly easily. Len played very well against Ward, whilst Jack Connell was noticed smashing and volleying in a very enterprising manner. B. Toohey played a steady game to defeat P. Cheesman in straight sets.

The result was as follows:—

- J. Kelly, L. McLaughlan d G. Hale, A. Ward, 6—3, 6—4.
 J. Connell, B. Toohey d P. Cheesman, R. Hobson, 6—4, 6—5.
 J. Kelly, L. McLaughlan d P. Cheesman, R. Hobson, 1—6, 6—1, 6—1.
 J. Connell, B. Toohey d G. Hale, A. Ward, 6—4, 6—2.
 Singles.
 J. Kelly (S.P.C.) d G. Hale (C.E.G.S.), 6—2, 5—6, 6—3
 L. McLaughlan (S.P.C.) d A. Ward (C.E.G.S.), 6—4, 6—2.

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B. Toohey (S.P.C.) d P. Cheesman (C.E.G.S.), 6—4, 6—3.

The Seconds thoroughly deserved the glory of their great wins for they were most enthusiastic in their preparation. Well done, Seconds!

INTERMEDIATE A

As the end of the term is rapidly approaching, we are "all" looking forward to the three weeks vacation. Inters., at any rate, are determined to have a good rest.

Just now, the Term Examinations are holding most of their attention. Who is to be the Class Leader? "There are several in the running," as the saying goes. The notice-board shows Don Hunter, Jack O'Bryan and Pat Baker tying for top place in Algebra. First place in Geography went to Rob. McKee. But there is Church History, Geometry and Trigonometry, English, Latin, History, Drawing, Chemistry, Physics and Arithmetic to be decided yet.

Inter. A played an important part in College activities this term. Were not four of the First XI. members drawn from its ranks. J. Connell, that versatile young tennis player, is

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a member of the Inter. class, and as for rowing, why nearly half the crews are to be found within the precincts of this room. L. Vaughan was a member of the 2nd Crew, W. Rice, D. Hunter and F. Viganò rowed in the 3rds, while K. Ryan and J. Sullivan respectively rowed stroke and bow in the 4ths. Last but not least come D. Munday and B. Gibney, coxes respectively of the victorious 2nds and 4ths. Who could wish for a better representation in sport? Also as the football season approaches is there not plenty of talent in the Inter. that might catch the eye of the selectors, and gain for its owners places in the XVIII? Soon, we will be able to tell.

"The Month of May." The class again realises what this month signifies, and all are most anxious to reap all the Graces and Blessings Mary bestows on her devout clients during this, Her own Month of May. Many are the Visits made by the boys to Her Shrine to ask Her protection, and to gain Her blessings. All lift up their voices in praise of Her when the hymns are sung in Her honour, and throughout the entire Class a keen spirit of piety and devotion to the Holy Mother of God predominates.

INTERMEDIATE B.

There is little in the outstanding order to chronicle about our Inter. Day Boys. Almost all are working quite well. Bill Doyle finds quite hard work in filling his spare time. Happily we are able to testify that Bill's nerves are so far standing up to the strain. Bernard Hannon on a recent morning was able to vary his morning budget—he had witnessed an

accident and the taking of his evidence caused him to come late. But who'd come early after seeing an accident?

Inter. Day Boys earn our best praises on Missa Cantata mornings. They swell the numbers in the choir—and sweeten the singing, of course. Early rising for them, too, with long trips to and from and to school. All very edifying. Too many names to allow for publishing them all.

So far none of us has turned up at the Inter. Literary Society meetings on Sunday evenings. We shall see about that in the Second Term.

To Alex. Magill, whose grandfather recently passed away, and to Frank Cahill, who buried his sister since the publication of our April notes, we extend our deepest sympathy.

This is our final report for 1st term. Results of recent tests not available yet. We know that unless things be topsy turvy the results must be good !!!

We take this opportunity of wishing everybody, especially the Intermediate—and more especially ourselves—a pleasant vacation.

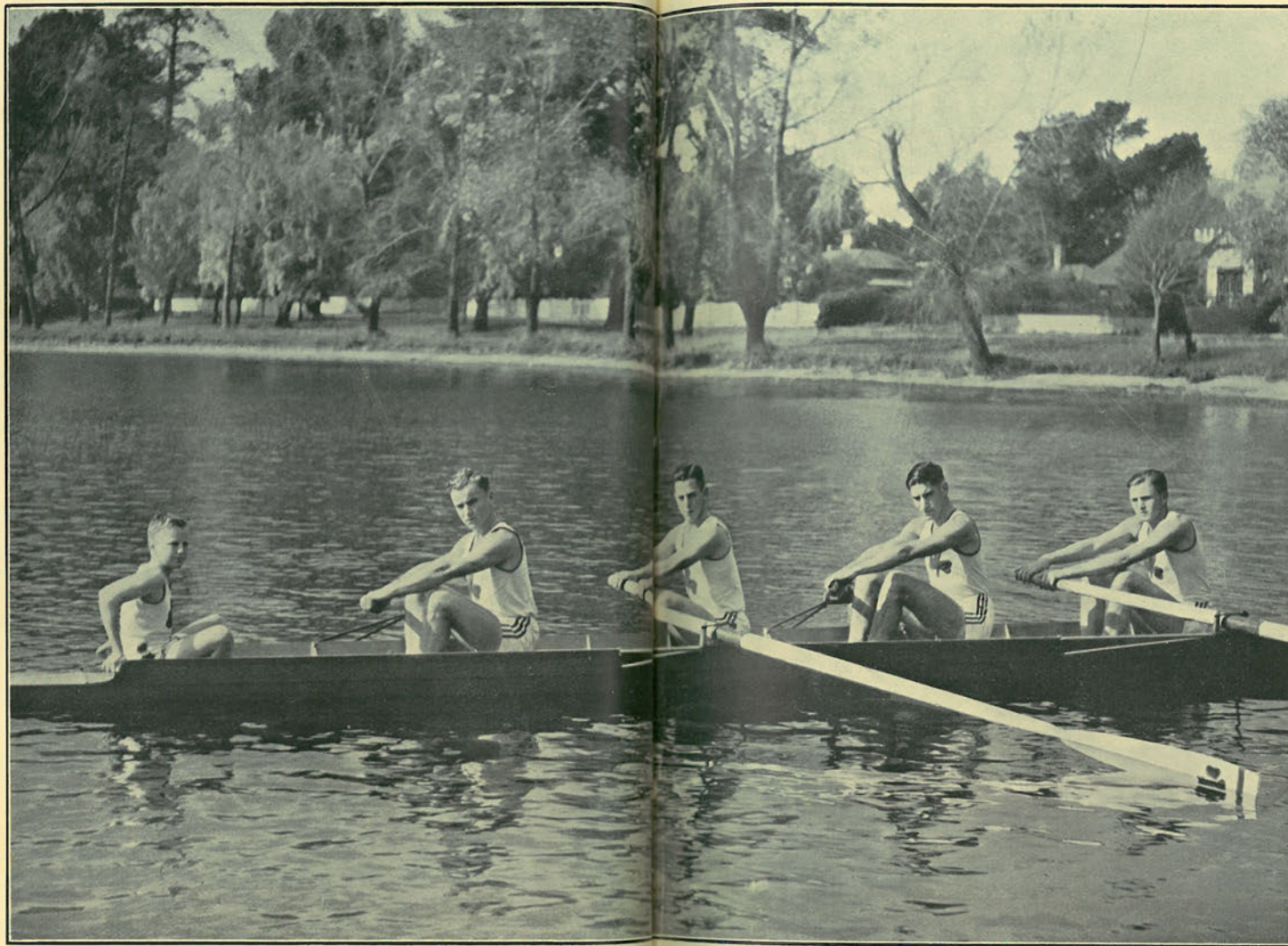
ROWING

Who won the "Head of the Lake?" St. Pat's at last. It was our first win since 1930: but it was a glorious one, because along with the victory went the establishment of a new record for the race. Grammar School's time of 5 minutes 46 seconds in 1931 was bettered by five seconds.

Our 1st Crew were: A. Jones (str.), L. Horgan (3), H. Munday (2), K. DeLacy (bow), and Jim Wise (cox). After weeks of solid and earnest preparation they entered the con-

S.P.C. Crew. Winners "Hd of the Lake" B.P.S. 1937

(This Crew established a new Rec for the Course of 5 min. 41 secs.)



J. J. WISE (Cox), A. S. JONES (Stroke), L. J. HORN (3), H. F. MUNDAY (2), K. B. de LACY (Bow).

test well and fit and proved themselves the best crew that has ever represented S.P.C. The win was a great triumph for Mr. O. Hauser, and the improvement he made in the crew reveals him as a really first-class coach. It was his first attempt to win the Head of the Lake. May all his other attempts be just as successful.

The Seconds successfully defended the title they secured last year, and won a magnificent race by three-quarters of a length. They were fortunate in having Brian Mulcahy as stroke. This is the second occasion in succession that Brian has stroked the Seconds to victory, and he is the first St. Pat's. rower to do it. The other members of the victorious crew were Joe Flannery (3), P. McLoughlan (2), L. Vaughan (bow), and Des. Munday (cox).

In the Old Boys' Race, St. Pat's. filled third place. Although we had the same crew that won last year they were not in their best form and went down to a much better crew on the day. We offer Ballarat College our congratulations on their success in this event. St. Pat's representatives were W. Blackie (str.), M. O'Leary (3), P. Harrison (2), Tim Ryan (bow), and Les. Scullion (cox).

The Thirds and Fourths races were

held on Thursday, April 29th, and both events went to St. Pat's. Kev. Ryan, of Echuca, stroked the Fourths and did so in magnificent style. His crew: S. Sinclair (3), A. Anderson (2), Jim Sullivan (bow) and Bernie Gibney (cox), won easily with about six lengths to spare.

It was Jack Flanagan, of Tocumwal, who saved the Thirds. The crew unfortunately lost through illness the services of their stroke, Bert Lenne, and it was Jack who came to the rescue and got himself ready for the important position. The race was hard fought and most exciting, and resulted in a victory for St. Pat's who reached the finishing post one foot ahead of Grammar. Great credit was given to George Dwyer on his skilful steering. The crew comprised:— J. Flanagan (str.), F. Vigano (3), W. Rice (2), D. Hunter (bow) and G. Dwyer (cox).

Mention must be made of the great work done by Mr. A. Wilson, coach of the Seconds, and Mr. A. Desnoy, who coached the Thirds and Fourths. The responsibility could not have been in better hands. Mr. Wilson has been with us for years and his reputation as a coach is known far and wide. Although Mr. Desnoy has not had long experience in coaching his

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knowledge of the sport and his capability to impart it have already brought him decided success.

We offer the three coaches—Mr. O. Hauser, Mr. A. Wilson and Mr. A. Desnoy—our heartiest congratulations and most sincere thanks. May they be with us in the Rowing for quite a big number of years to come.

St. Pat's successes in this year's B.P.S. Regatta must indeed be most heartening to Rev. Father H. Gleeson, the College Chaplain, and Rev. Br. C. A. Mogg, of Rostrevor. They both did very much to improve and foster Rowing in St. Pat's, and now we see that their efforts have not been in vain. We also offer them our most sincere thanks.

It would not be right to finish the Rowing notes without mention of Mrs. A. McDavitt, in whose boat "The McDavitt," St. Pat's crews have not yet tasted defeat on the Lake, and also of Mrs. J. O'Regan and Mrs. R. Lovig, in whose honour our new Racing Four was named "O'Regan-Lovig." We again offer these good people our gratitude for all they have done in making the St. Pat's Boat House so well equipped. We are also mindful of the kindness and generosity of Mrs. G. Dwyer, of Melbourne, who presented to the College the new set of oars with which the boys won the Head of the Lake. We offer her our deepest thanks.

In conclusion, we are grateful, too, to the many who sent good wishes for success per telegram, to our numerous supporters and barrackers who were there en masse at the Wendouree Jetty, and also to all those who sent us congratulations on our success.

The following is a summary of the results of the 1937 B.P.S. Regatta:—

HEAD OF LAKE.

St. Patrick's College, 1st.
Grammar School, 2nd.
Ballarat College, 3rd.

SECONDS.

St. Patrick's College, 1st.
Grammar School, 2nd.
Ballarat College, 3rd.

THIRDS.

St. Patrick's College, 1st.
Grammar School, 2nd.
Ballarat College, 3rd.

FOURTHS.

St. Patrick's College, 1st.
Grammar School, 2nd.
Ballarat College, 3rd.

OLD BOYS.

Ballarat College, 1st.
Grammar School, 2nd.
St. Patrick's College, 3rd.

The Boat Race Dance organised by Rev. Br. C. L. Maloney and Mr. A. Hill was a pronounced success, and as a result of the effort a new Practice Pair will be added to the St. Pat's Boat House equipment. The Pair will be a great help to the Coaches in their training of new rowers.

FOOTBALL

Football at St. Pat's! What memories does it not recall? Ask the Old Boys of the College, and see for yourselves the glorious tradition it has—a tradition unequalled in the football history of any other college in the land.

Now we are on the eve of selecting the 1st XVIII. training list for the 1937 season. The players selected are privileged to wear the coveted 1st XVIII. jersey—a privilege which ranks the highest in the sporting life at St. Pat's. Already Trials No. 1 and No. 2 have been held and quite a few

of the newcomers have already attracted the attention of Mr. A. Hill and myself. Despite the fact that some of our leading players could not take part on account of their training for the B.P.S. rowing competition, our prospects for the season look very bright indeed.

Of last year's 1st XVIII. there are eight back to keep up the old spirit. They are Coley McKenzie, a first-class ruck man; Max Gill, a most versatile and accomplished player; Brian Mulcahy, one of our best defenders; Ted Long, a star player; Jack Flanagan, a very good all-rounder; Jack O'Dea, a nippy forward; Laurie O'Brien, a very good change ruck and defender; and Eddie Rogers, a hundred per cent. good solid back man.

Ten vacancies are to be filled, and at the moment the players most likely of inclusion are Wally Moon, a first-rate full-back; Adrian Jones, a player with plenty of dash and determination; Pat. McLoughlan who showed outstanding ability as wing half-back in the Seconds last year; Jack Kealy, one of the reserves for last year's Firsts and a good left wing half-forward; Harvey Munday who is expected to be one of our leading high-fliers; Ferdinando Viganò, a good staunch ruck man; and Jack Connell and Leo

Browne who showed their worth as leading players in last year's Seconds.

The following have a very good chance of filling the remaining five or six places on the training list: Syd. Sinclair, Jack Crowe, Leo Horgan, Jack Pekin, Pat Mullins, Jack Carroll, Bill Coffey, Laurie Delahunty, Jack Collins, Bill Sloane, Lyle Reeves, Rob. McKee, Con Fanning, Gerard Jongebloed, and one or two others whose names at present do not come to mind.

The season promises to be a very good one, and already there are many applications for Sunday matches. The main attractions however are the B.P.S. matches, and the two matches against St. Kevin's. The first match against St. Kevin's takes place in Melbourne on July 17th. That day is the big day in the football term. Three teams play in Melbourne on that date—S.P.C. 1sts v. St. Kevin's 1sts; S.P.C. 2nds v. St. Kevin's 2nds, and S.P.C. Under 15 v. St. Kilda C.B.C. Under 15. We announce the matches of this important day quite early in the season in order to give every St. Pat's. player a chance of displaying his best form so that he may gain selection and keep up St. Pat's. record in these three important matches.

This concludes the first football notes for 1937 in the College "Chron-

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INTERMEDIATE LITERARY SOCIETY

Our Intermediate Literary Society has not been working long; but during the short time it has been active, quite a number of happenings have caused interruptions in the syllabus. The occasions on which the evening's programme did go through were enjoyable.

Outstanding in merit were speeches by P. Rohan on "Beethoven;" T. Brady on "Wool in Australia;" P. Conway on the "Felt Hat Industry." By the way we know now how felt hats are made even if we were told that we are supposed not to possess one!! T. Connell, too, was very eloquent. We think he comes from Albury! Anyhow, the town and district that can eclipse Albury and districts must surely have dropped out of Paradise.

An element of humour was introduced by J. D. Bryan in recounting his personal "misfortunes" during the chicken pox epidemic. And K. Gibbons keeps minutes—very exactly!!

SHED CRICKET

Playing on the Oval and the Shed at the same time, the competition speedily entered on the final round with the B's and D's struggling for the Minor Premiership, and the A's and C's for the third position. The A's were the unlucky ones, and although they put up a good fight, they had to watch the finals from outside

the fence. The B's annexed the Minor Premiership.

The D's and C's played off, and after a close finish, in which Ina Pontefract played an important part, the D's were eliminated, while the B's and C's were left to fight for the Premiership. In the final match, the Minor Premier Team and the bowling of Jack Carroll proved a little too good for the C's, and so the match was won by the B's by nine wickets. Thus we will leave them to enjoy "the Banquet to Come."

The members of the winning team were: B. Toohey (Capt.), J. Holland (Vice-Capt.), P. Cranage, J. Carroll, L. Browne, D. Nolan, P. Mullins, E. Fleming, J. O'Brien, P. Conway, F. Kroon, L. Reeves, P. McNamara.

The points at the end of the last round were: B's 28, D's 26, C's 23, A's 20.

The result of the First Semi-final: C's 77 (Hayes 33, Sloane 3 for 11), and 7 for 63 (Pontefract 25), defeated D's 86 (Sloane 23), and 53 (Walsh 5 wickets).

FINAL.

C's 25, 41 (Carroll 6 for 7 and 7 for 10).

B's 54 and 1 for 16 (Browne 15; Hayes 5 for 18, H. McLinden 3 for 12).

PARK CRICKET

A Grade Results.

Foster's, 38 and 90, lost to Fanning's, 3 for 43 dec., and 7 for 54. (McGrath, 5 wickets).

Frith's, 85, lost to Begg's, 133. (Frith, 51; McCarthy, 7 wickets; McCarthy, 62).

Foster's, 88 (Begg, 5 wickets; Casanova, 4 wickets), lost to Begg's, 9

for 99 (McCarthy, 34).

Frith's, 2 for 100 (O'Shannessy, 24; McCarthy, 46, not out), drew with Fanning's, 143 (Fanning, 53; Byrne, 51; O'Shannessy, 6 wickets).

Semi-Final.

Frith's, 122 (Lovig, 38 not out; McCarthy, 7 for 43), defeated Begg's, 76 and 22 (McCarthy, 28; Lovig, 7 for 34; O'Shannessy, 6 for 2).

Final.

Fanning's, 166 and 87 (Byrne, 29; O'Shannessy, 6 for 31; and 6 for 23), defeated Frith's, 142 and 95 (O'Shannessy, 37; Fanning, 7 for 62 and 6 for 46).

B Grade Results.

Riley's drew with Ryan's (L. Wilkinson, 57; D. Hogan, 3 for 29).

Currie's defeated Little's (J. Byrne, 33; Murphy, 4 for 27).

Semi-Final.

Ryan's defeated Currie's (R. Young, 34; L. Wilkinson, 7 for 40 and 6 for 35).

Final.

Riley's defeated Ryan's (D. Toohey, 50; L. Wilkinson, 7 for 53).

Sub-Intermediates v Intermediates

The Subs. gave the Inters. a great scare. The Inters. batted first and compiled 120. The Subs. followed and at one stage were 0 for 50 odd. How-

ever, time saved the Intermediates from possible defeat. Stumps were drawn with the Subs. at 6 for 82. Best performers for the Intermediate were: O'Brien, 31; H. McLinden, 20. For the Subs.: Fanning, 36; Fleming, 16; B. McGrath, 6 wickets; while Walsh with 5 for 12 and Carroll 1 for 23 were the best of the Intermediate bowlers.

OTHER MATCHES.

S.P.C. under 15, 4 for 126 (Fanning, retired 52; Cranage, 27 not out; Nolan, 27), defeated Ballarat College, 32 (Hannah, 5 for 9; Cranage, 4 for 10), and 70 (Morrow, 21; Hannah, 5 for 16). Victory by an innings and 24 runs.

S.P.C. under 15 (second match), 63 (Fleming 29; Lee, 4 for 20; Forster, 3 for 13), defeated Ballarat College, 62 (Lee, 15; Cranage, 3 for 27; J. Carroll, 3 for 12). S.P.C. won by 1 run.

S.P.C. under 13 defeated Ballarat College.

ST. ROCH'S

The cricket competition ended with Kevin Lunt's team on top. The team included such cricket personalities (scrry! "personalities") as the skipper (Kevin Lunt) who hails from Ararat; the vice (Lewis Nagle), a keen field

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who tells us more than enough of Corowa; Pat Boyce, a fast bowler of McCormick's style; Ken Hartley, who has his own theories of cricket; Harry McGoldrick, with a very quick eye; Barry Jenkins, who doesn't always use his hands to stop the ball, but nevertheless is promising; Peter Penn, who took on cricket for slimming purposes; Robert Blake, who comes from Hamilton; and such potential test heroes as Billie Failbert, Tom Colgan, Alan Symes and Des Bourke.

Doug. Smaith's team came second; Jack O'Brien's third, and Alan Ryan's fourth.

"But," says Alan, "wait until the footy. We'll knock spots out of 'em." He has started already, and some who have crashed into him have felt it was the Rock of Gibraltar. The next time we read these columns it will be full of football doings on St. Roch's—"The grandest old game of them all."

SUB. A

Finding the pressure of work just a little too great, many of our representatives decided that a rest-cure would improve them. The Infirmary accepted them! Fortunately the craving for work overcame their desire for rest and once again our ranks are well-nigh complete.

Among the elite of the class there appeared a stranger from Chillingollah! G. Wilkinson held his own with the best for the last fortnight.

J. Walsh, after a brief experiment with the above-mentioned rest-cure, has also secured a place among the class leaders. After approximately one week's effort, he is again resting with a slight attack of Flu. Jim is a good advertisement for Trentham.

J. O'Shannessy made his presence felt on the football field during the first practice match of the season. He has given evidence that he will be as prominent in the football as he has been in the cricket. Weight tells! Just wait!

Now that winter is with us, Tom Kerrins has decided to wear more bird seed—I mean apparel! We have often wondered why his voice was so sweet.

G. Dwyer, Sub. A French expert, was seen keeping the 3rd Crew of S.P.C. on a straight line during the recent inter-school rowing contests. In George, we possess quality even though quantity is lacking. We might add that the work of the cox in the G.P.S. rowing meant everything to the 3rds who won by inches.

It is reported that R. Fitzgerald has pugilistic tendencies. He was heard threatening several members of the "Blue Dorm" that he would cause their heads to float in space!

We had hoped to be able to chronicle a victory over Sub. B in tennis; but weather conditions prevented play. However, we might add that at present Sub. A has a lead of one rubber.

Our best wishes go to J. Carrucan, who has departed for Ararat, where he will become a wage-earner.

SUB. B

We have engaged in a few inter-class contests since the last issue of the "Chronicle." Aided by the Sub A, we made history by playing the Intermediate class cricket. Thanks to our splendid bowling and fielding the Inters. were all back in the grandstand for 120. Con Fanning and Eddie

Frith gave the Subs a great start. When we were 0—50 the Inter. barrackers began to appear—perhaps it should be barracker. At any rate, the "War Cry" once again had its effect for the Inters. finished the day with 6 for 82.

The whole class offers its congratulations to Jim Wise on being chosen to cox the crew for the boat race. This gave us a very special interest in the race. Hence it was no wonder that one of our number got the "War Cry" mixed up with the endings of the Latin Future Perfect: Ero . . . !!!

Des. O'Hogan turned eleven the other day. He is never going to throw stones at the ducks again. He is beginning to feel the weight of his years and is rivalling the more serious-minded among us in his devotion to work.

Stan. White from Sebastopol, but recently of Redbank, is the latest addition to our class. Don O'Neil is a noted absentee these days. We are pleased that he is making such good progress following his stay in hospital.

All are looking forward to the term holidays. This will be the first holiday from St. Pat's. for most of us, and those who can boast of a year's experience are being asked many questions about the procedure.

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Literary Society Notes

During the last few weeks this Society has been going ahead in leaps and bounds, and some born orators have been unearthed. We are all convinced that Jim Dela was born talking. Since the last Chronicle went to print the following speeches have been delivered:

W. McCarthy: "The Sixteen Inch Gun."

D. Nolan: "Australian Munitions."

V. Batchelor: "Negro Africa as an Export Market."

B. Toohey: "Mechanized Farming."

A. Jones: "The Manorial System."

J. Delahunty: "Democracy."

E. Long: "Freemasonry."

J. Flannagan: "Communist Russia."

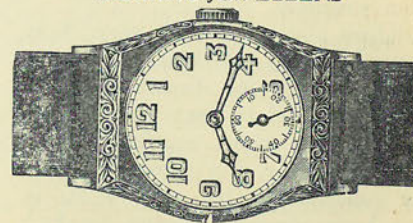
T. Brown: "Tasmania—the Holiday Resort."

C. McKenzie: "Mount Buffalo."

On the 25th April the first debate was staged. M. Whitty and A. Waldron supported "That Transport Should be a Government Monopoly," and E. Williams and W. Moon were their opponents. The decision went to the negative team by a slight margin.

At Bro. Purton's suggestion, these novelty speeches were given:

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T. Carroll gave a farewell speech to L. Horgan, who was about to leave the district on a world tour. Mr. Horgan in his response promised to bring little Tommy back a stick of candy.

K. Gilmore proposed the toast of Mr. F. Keenan at a party given to celebrate the attaining of the latter's majority. Mr. Keenan suitably responded.

J. Kearney gave a congratulatory speech to Mr. P. McNamara on his election as M.P. for the district. Mr. P. McNamara suitably responded.

It might well be mentioned that the best speech to date was given by Mr. J. Delahunty on "Democracy."

W. McCarthy's lecture on "The Sixteen Inch Gun" was probably the most interesting, but his presentation was not the best.

We hear that some of the best speakers have not yet been called on.

Remove and 6th Grade

The prospect of returning home has kept our boys in great spirit lately so that now, when the time has come, we find some even taking books with them for the holidays—No! Not school books.

The month of May has found the day boys very generous in the supply of fresh flowers for our May Altar. We take this opportunity of thanking them sincerely.

Future bi-ologists are very busy collecting frogs, crickets, mice and even snakes. One discerning youth even attempted to draw the class to see a snake, which proved to be a frog. However, Ian is not the only boy concerned. One or two others have been accused of being "snaky."

Is it true that Herbert was put to the line for talking?

Doug finds it very hard to keep the doctor's orders at times, especially when the order is not to play football. We notice he raises no objection if "early bed" is the order. Talking of football, what bright prospects are ahead for the '37 season when we have such dazzling players as "Freddy," or to give him his correct name—Randolph.

It is very pleasing to record that the sick members of our class are back again at work; they have been cured of a gripping illness—"wirelessitis." Birthday greetings are extended to Bill Clohesy and Basil Higham, whose birthdays occur this month.

Someone has tipped Norman or Max to be "Dux of the Class" for the term exams. Go carefully with that wager; we'll see!

Chronicle Competition

A prize of 1/- will be awarded monthly to the reader who submits an account of the most humorous incident occurring at S.P.C.

The prize this month goes to L. Scullion and J. Flanagan who submitted the following:

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The usual "Monday Morning fever" was hovering very thickly in a certain room. The teacher had gone to extreme pains trying to explain a theorem time and time again. Each time he asked a question, he observed the same dumb expression on the countenance of the individual concerned. Finally, driven to desperation, he ejaculated—"Trying to teach some of you is like water on a duck's back, in one ear and out the other."

Entries for the July Chronicle Competition close on June 30th.

THE JUNIORS CORNER

Little men they are! But, what workers! Their class is a class of geni.

Billy Bunting and Des. Bourke (who can whistle backwards), continue to show improvement at the "sums."

Michael Mendes is quite a star at writing English. He possesses a remarkable voice.

Kevin McGrath keeps well in the forefront of the class.

Frankie Smythe and Tom Colgan give promise of developing into outstanding footballers.

Phil. Virgona is one of the hardest workers in the class.

Allen Rice continues to improve day by day. His knowledge of Broadcasting Programmes is wonderful. Was he delighted when Carlton beat South? I should say so.

John Dowling is going to be a "silent cop" when he grows up. He is in training for it now.

Johnny McGoldrick owns the most cheerful smile in S.P.C.—and uses it.

Bob Robbins is a walking encyclopaedia on Ballarat people and affairs.

Keith Ross, another budding journalist, continues to put himself in charge of everything.

Geoff. Higham continues to be tall for a boy of 9 years.

Alan Symes is still making a hobby of collecting marks and doing neat work.



Owing to May vacation, next edition of "Chronicle" will appear in July.

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JULY: THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Salvation! What music there is in that word! What is it to be saved? Who can tell? Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard.

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." It is from the Precious Blood of Jesus alone that our salvation comes. The Eternal Father offers us an invitation to the worship of the Precious Blood. It is in the Precious Blood He has laid up His blessings, not only spiritual blessings but all blessings whatsoever.

As we behold our Crucified Redeemer pouring forth every drop of His Precious Blood to save us from an eternity of torments, let us try to realize the value of even one drop of that infinitely Precious Blood that so often cleanses our souls from the stains of sin—insults we have thrown into the face of our Loving Saviour.

As we grow in devotion to the Precious Blood the sovereignty of God will become more dear to us; our loyalty to the Church will become more and more part of our life. Our faith and joy in the Sacraments will be continually increasing and our devotion to them will be at once our shelter and our shield from the dangers which at this day threaten both the minds and hearts of the faithful. It will increase our union with Jesus and make us saints.

Such is the effect of devotion to the

Precious Blood. It is a glory and an ornament to the Church. The sweet worship of the Precious Blood bears us swiftly to our true home, our home with the Mother of Jesus and Jesus, our King.

HONOURS CLASS.

As almost six months of the year have passed, and on account of great resolutions regarding hard work arising at the culmination of the Retreat the twenty zealous students of the class worked well until a rather unfortunate protest, which almost ended in a six-hour "stay-in" strike, was lodged by a well-informed authority last Wednesday.

Speaking of classes, there are numbers of extraordinary classes in here at the moment. A very influential combine has been incorporated into the Latin Class by C. McKenzie, J. Flanagan, B. Toohey and L. Scullion.

J. Holmes, although complaining unceasingly because of lack of time, has nevertheless composed a short composition opening with: "Ho, quod the night," that would make the venerable Daun Chaucer envious.

Sid Sinclair is once more supreme in discussing knotty problems ultimately relative to Commercial Law. His explanation of "Chaos" and his lengthy oration on "Devises" are invaluable records for the members of the above-named class.

J. Kelly, whom we must truly call a man of many languages, recently asked a question which still remains unanswered; perhaps some knowing student will inform Joe: "What is the colour of peacocks' eggs?"

Pat Gill, better known as "Dave," between periods of hard work, is rapidly crawling (!) to fame by means of the novel game which he has introduced to the College; he often arranges a performance with Sid Sinclair at "off" moments.

Although Brian Toohey was temporarily indisposed with a fractured right hand, he still found time to recite with much eloquence the Latin Proses—incidentally, there is a soft humour that Brian had recourse to a razor a few days ago.

Despite his anticipated associations with many reputed and big firms in Melbourne, "Herb" does not spare himself in furthering the cause of "Stakanoff" and Russia's many strange symbols. He was unfortunately disturbed whilst engaged in "hitching his wagon to a star" some nights ago.

Remote rumours came to our ears last Saturday of an explosion—but but this explosion would only be an echo to the explosion viewed with utter askance and bewilderment when Coley Mc. and a bunsen burner were the cynosure for a privileged few in the Physics room. The party was rapidly dissolved!

Congratulations are due to J. Flanagan, B. Mulcahy, W. Moon, C. McKenzie, who have regained their places in the XVIII., and also to J.

Crowe, P. McLoughlin, A. Jones, S. Sinclair for earning the much coveted "green, white and blue" sweater. Special mention must be made of B. Mulcahy who was recently appointed captain for 1937. Brian is now in his third year at S.P.C. and played in the 1936, 1937 Cricket Teams, the 1936-37 XVIII., and is the only rower in S.P.C. to have stroked two successful 2nd Crews. Good luck in your new well-earned position, Brian—all the XVIII. and school are with you.

We are pleased to learn that Kevin Reilly has been appointed to a position in the Commonwealth Public Service. Kevin who came to the College in 1935 from Xavier, played a prominent part in the 1st XVIII. and Athletics.

ONLY A PIN

Only a pin, but it calmly lay
Serene and bright in the sun.
It was not put there with fell intent
Nor meant for any fun.

Only a boy, but he chanced to see
The pin that lay in the sun.
And in half the twinkling of an eye
The bad deed he had done.

Only a chair, but it stood in the way
Of the boy who bent the pin.
He placed it there and decided to wait
To see the fun begin.

Only a man, but he happened to sit
On the pin so neatly poised.
And instantly to the world at large
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Only a laugh, but it chanced to come
From a boy behind the door,
And very soon after the poor boy lay
Entreating on the floor.

Only a stick, but with champion speed

It forced the boy to run,
And made him wish that he had not seen

The pin that lay in the sun.

(Contributed by J. Mooney.)

LEAVING NOTES.

This is the first edition of the "Chronicle" this term: it is their first opportunity we have had of publicly welcoming back our members. We have all settled down to hard work, especially the chemistry class. As a matter of fact, one chemistry student was trying to help Australia by inventing a new high explosive. Nevertheless, when the time for the crucial test came the "explosive" worked only too well, as its inventor now knows. It had a peculiar effect of making the head almost devoid of hair. We were all concerned when Tony Vavjeneski did not put in an appearance at the beginning of the term, but two weeks ago he returned, bright and cheerful after a severe illness. We also regret that one of our most proficient

students, namely, Joe Flannery, is ill. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

We have a great many of the 1st XVIII. in our room, and we expect that such sturdy members as "Happy" Horgan, Harvey Munday, "Tek" O'Dea, Max Gill, Kevin Rogers, and Jack Mooney will help the team to victory. Not to mention our rover, Ted Long, who was the mainstay of the team against East Melbourne. We have also a great representation in the Seconds, namely, Des. McCarthy, P. McNamara, J. Pekin, M. Willis, W. Sloane, G. Jongebloed, K. Caffrey, and J. Collins, the famous ballistics expert. With such grand representatives in the football world as the aforementioned players, we boldly challenge the whole school to a match. Of course we realize that the latter are much below our standing in football, as well as in other matters, so we will give them three goals in. By the way, we must let everyone know that our old friend, Jack Mooney, is back, just in case anyone does not know. But to get on to other things. We made our retreat on the 15th June and no class made a better one. We all benefited by it, even our teacher. As the fruits of the retreat are so great we hope to have a great number at Werribee next year. About twenty-odd of our members have taken up dancing, and by report they seem to be getting on well, even though in the lockers of a Friday night they are caressing sore toes, etc. Mr. K. De Lacey is progressing very well. He seems to have a natural affinity for dancing. A very favorite saying of

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one person—no names mentioned—is “Oh, hang it all, man, what the dickens is it you’re just after doing?”

Stop Press. Congratulations to the Firsts for their splendid effort against Grammar. Congratulations especially to our men of the Leaving on the great job they did. It is pleasant to record that the chairs with loose seats have at length been repaired by Master John Kealy, and the job was so much to his taste that he intends to give his Saturday afternoons and all his study time—if he can—to carpentry in the hobby room. Speaking of hobbies reminds me to mention some of the extraordinary ones of our class. K. De Lacey’s new hobby is that of working hard at his lessons; Basil Feery’s of always being in time for school, and Jack Mooney’s of spending as little time as possible in the classroom.

S.P.C. HONOURED.

On Tuesday, 29th June, the College received a visit from the Apostolic Delegate. (Most Rev. Dr. J. Panico).

His Excellency was shown over the College buildings and grounds; and later briefly addressed the students who had been assembled in the College Hall.

At the request of His Excellency, a holiday was granted to the students to commemorate his visit.

If Jack Little was chasing Gerald Little, could you guess the time? Yes! It would be a “Little after one.”

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THE TERMINAL BANQUET.

(B. A. Toohey).

Of all the functions of the Term the one which remains near and dear to the hearts of all of us is the Terminal Banquet. It is, indeed, with joyful hearts and smiling countenances that at the conclusion of each term we enter into the Hall to receive a word of final instruction.

This Banquet, however, had something of a novelty about it, because the oars with which the victorious first crew rowed were to be presented to each member of the crew. Also various presentations were to be made to the respective coaches.

The guests of the evening included Rev. Fr. Gleeson, Drs. Podger and Greening; Mr. B. Hayden; the rowing coaches, Messrs. Hauser, Wilson and Desnoy.

Celebrations commenced with the saying of Grace by Fr. Gleeson. Then to the accompaniment of Miss McManamy’s orchestra, the boys began to show in a very practical way, their appreciation of the repast. At regular intervals popular songs were sung.

The first toast of the evening was that of the Winning Crews. It was proposed by the Head Prefect, C. McKenzie. He mentioned the enthusiasm of Fr. Gleeson and Br. O’Malley, and the good work done by the coaches. Rev. Br. O’Malley and A. Jones responded on behalf of the crews. Fr. Gleeson was then called upon to present the oars to the members of the First Crew. Amidst applause, the crew paraded down the centre of the Dining Room carrying

the oars. Immediately the three Old Boys who were present donated, between them, a set of oars to replace the ones given away.

Rev. Br. Purton then called upon A. Jones, B. Mulcahy, and J. Flanagan to make presentations on behalf of their crews to the coaches, Messrs. Hauser, Wilson and Desnoy; to thank them for their interest and help, and for the trouble they had gone to in coming down to the sheds each evening. The coaches suitably responded.

Shortly after this, B. Toohey briefly thanked the Matron and Staff for all they had done during the term, and particularly in the preparation of the Banquet. He then called on the boys to give three cheers for the Matron and Staff.

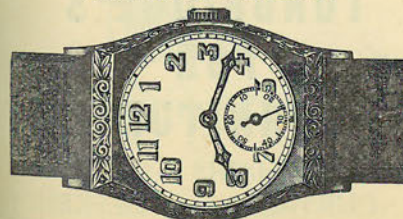
The boys then joined hands around the room and sang “Auld Lang Syne.” A most enjoyable function then concluded with the saying of Grace by Rev. Father Gleeson.

THE McNEIL CUP.

(TENNIS.)

The annual fixture to decide the champion tennis player in the Public Schools began on May 3rd. St. Pat’s had not won the McNeil Cup since 1932 when Laurie Khyat won it for the second time. We were represented by M. Gill, J. Flanagan, J. Kelly, L. McLoughlan, B. Toohey and J. Connell. All our hopes were in Max Gill who had previously suffered defeat at the hands of F. Jelbart in the interschool matches.

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On May 3rd the first and second rounds were completed, and at the conclusion of play only four S.P.C. representatives remained in. The results were:

1st Round: B. Toohey (S.P.C.) d. C. Morrell (B.C.), 6—5, 3—6, 6—4; H. Morrow (B.C.) d. J. Connell (S.P.C.), 6—2, 6—2.

2nd Round: H. Morrow (B.C.) d. B. Toohey (S.P.C.), 6—2, 6—2; J. Flanagan (S.P.C.) d. R. Hobson (G.S.), 6—1, 6—1; J. Garde (B.C.) d. A. McDonald (G.S.), 6—1, 6—4; F. Jelbart (G.S.) d. J. Kelly (S.P.C.), 6—1, 6—0; M. Gill (S.P.C.) d. A. Ward (G.S.), 6—4, 6—1; M. Spittle (G.S.) d. K. McDonald (B.C.) 6—1, 6—1; L. McLoughlan (S.P.C.) d. D. Jelbart (B.C.) 4—6, 6—4, 6—3; S. Lloyd (B.C.) d. G. Hale (G.S.) 6—1, 6—4.

Only two St. Pat’s players survived the quarter-finals. Results:—J. Flanagan (S.P.C.) defeated H. Morrow (B.C.) 1—6, 6—4, 6—2. F. Jelbart (G.S.) defeated J. Garde (B.C.) 6—3, 5—6, 6—3. M. Gill (S.P.C.) defeated M. Spittle (G.S.) 6—1, 6—3. S. Lloyd (B.C.) defeated L. McLoughlan (S.P.C.) 6—4, 6—2.

The semi-finals were played on the St. Cuthbert’s courts. St. Pat’s were confident of seeing one of its representatives in the final; but, alas! Both players were well beaten. The scores were:—S. Lloyd (B.C.) defeated M. Gill (S.P.C.) 6—2, 6—5. F. Jelbart (G.S.) defeated J. Flanagan (S.P.C.) 6—3, 6—3.

The final between F. Jelbart and S. Lloyd resulted in a win for the

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former. Thus Grammar School holds the McNeil Cup for this year. The scores in the final were:—F. Jelbart (C.E.G.S.) defeated S. Lloyd (B.C.) 6—5, 6—3.

—(J. B. Flanagan).

SENIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

This term Br. Purton has taken over the above Society, and on several Sunday evenings he has given us very illuminating talks on the news of the week.

On Sunday, 27th June, six of the members delivered speeches given to them previously by Br. Purton. At the conclusion of the speeches, Br. Purton gave some valuable hints which members would do well to keep in mind on future occasions. Then J. Flanagan moved the vote of thanks, which was seconded by T. Brown, and carried by acclamation.

The speakers and their respective subjects were:—P. McLoughlan: Some Famous Characters in Literature; H. Caffrey: Jubilee Number of the "Messenger"; H. Munday: Papal Encyclicals; J. O'Dea: Japan's relationship with Australia in Northern Waters; B. Lenne: Hume Reservoir; M. Gill: What is Fascism?

INTERMEDIATE DAY BOYS.

A very persistent Editor has succeeded in getting these notes under way. It is a blessing that our Editor is so persistent, otherwise these notes would not appear, and the vast amount of good we do in our regular day-boy fashion would be lost to the

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unheeding world. The difficulty we have in writing about ourselves is due, in no small degree, to our genuine modesty. Rare virtue, nowadays, this modesty—Cf. the headlines devoted to "Tree-sitting Champion," "Hair Lotions" and "Golf Sticks." But we have the genuine modesty in its rarest and best. Take note of our virtues normally practised unnoticed; but now, for the sake of the rest of the world, displayed—floodlighted as it were.

With very few and consistent exceptions, Cf. B. Tierney, D. Delahanty, J. Goujon, we are in attendance punctually each day at 8.25 a.m. And one day recently saw us hard at it at 4.15 p.m. Two fine virtues—punctuality and diligence!

There is a movement on foot to incorporate into the liturgy the names of B. Tierney and B. Hannon. Cathedral parishioners feel they are missing something when both are not in evidence.

J. Hill has been resting his pen lately—the ink boiled, we suppose, when the nib touched it. Anyhow, it is getting a good rest. First a broken arm—fall from a tree; then a split arm—fall from cycle. He plays cricket in season—we're watching for the hat trick.

The Second XVIII depends—note the word—on us for all its really good players.

The 1st XVIII has not bothered us for spare football talent. That's their look out. The 2nds "got in" first. It's a sort of contradiction—but there you are.

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FOOTBALL.

THE FIRST EIGHTEEN.

Results to date:

June 6th: S.P.C. lost to Ballarat C.Y.M.S., 14-12 to 4-10

June 13th: S.P.C. lost to Ballarat East, 8-19 to 5-11.

June 20th: S.P.C. defeated J. Munday's Team, Geelong, 10-9 to 6-12.

June 27th: S.P.C. lost to St. John's (East Melb.), 12-10 to 6-6.

June 30th: S.P.C. defeated C.E.G.S. 15-8 to 0-1.

July 4th: S.P.C. defeated St. Patrick's College (East Melb.), 10-24 to 3-10.

Those on the Training List:—

Brian Mulcahy (Capt.), Max Gill (Vice-Capt.), Coley McKenzie, Ted Long, Jack O'Dea, Jack Flanagan, Jack Mooney, Laurie O'Brien, Eddie



B. MULCAHY, CAPTAIN OF S.P.C.
1st XVIII. FOR 1937.

Rogers, Pat McLoughlan, Jack Kealy, Wally Moon, Harvey Munday, Adrian Jones, Ferdinando Viganò, Leo. Browne, Syd. Sinclair, Pat Mullins, Jack Crowe, Leo. Horgan, Jack Connell and Bill Rice.

Are our Firsts a good side? After the last two matches in which they showed splendid form, I'll say they are "not too bad," and are quite capable of showing themselves equal to, if not better than, the great teams of the past. Mr. A. Hill, although he does not want to be too "optimistic," thinks likewise.

Brian and Max are too good leaders, and the example set by them in their play never fails to inspire the rest of the team.

The Season is young yet. Only two important games—important from the College standpoint—have been played, and St. Pat's has been most successful. On each occasion every player rose to the occasion in the true spirit, and the team gave a display of St. Pat's football at its best. If such form is maintained, a great 1937 season is assured.

The next important fixture is against Ballarat College. This is followed the next week by the trip to Melbourne for the 1sts and 2nds' matches against St. Kevin's and the under fifteen one against C.B.C., St. Kilda. Saturday, July 17th, will be the "big day" for St. Pat's footballers, and already the rivalry and the competition to gain inclusion in the 2nds or under 15's are very keen.

Two handsome trophies have been donated for competition. For the same we tender our sincere thanks to Dr. W. A. Capell and Mr. A. Jones. They will be awarded at the end of the season.

THE SECOND XVIII.

The importance of the 2nd XVIII in the football world of S.P.C. lies in the fact that from it, more than from anywhere else, the Firsts gather their recruits. Consequently, we may say

that the Seconds have had at least a small hand in the upholding of S.P.C.'s glorious football record.

This year the XVIII is gradually taking shape, and, despite illness and injury, has fielded a good team in the two games already played.

Our first match was against Ballarat East Juniors, whom we defeated in convincing style, 8-17 to 4-8. We met St. Kevin's in our next match, but were overthrown after a thrilling and enjoyable game. The final scores were 10-5 to 8-10. Although we were slightly handicapped by the absence of J. Collins and J. Flannery, nevertheless St. Kevin's were the superior team, and we congratulate them. We are now looking forward to the trip to Melbourne next Saturday, when we hope to see a double victory for S.P.C. at Como Park.

SHED FOOTBALL.

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The points at the end of the First Round are:—Red (V. Batchelor) 12; Black (D. Hunter) 8; Purple (P. Cranage) 8; Green (J. Pekin) 8; Blue (B. Toohey) 4.



M. GILL, VICE-CAPTAIN OF S.P.C.
1st XVIII. FOR 1937.

Results of matches in Round 1:

Red 23—22 defeated Blue 15—13.
Black 9—5 defeated Purple 5—13.
Red 16—8 defeated Green 7—8.
Blue 6—10 defeated Purple 6—8.
Green 8—r defeated Black 7—7.
Purple 7—19 defeated Red 7—9.
Black 7—15 defeated Blue 5—4.
Purple 10—3 defeated Green 6—14.
Red 8—6 defeated Black 7—6.
Green 8—5 defeated Blue 8—3.

In the points for best and fairest player, J. Ratcliffe leads with 10. P. Cranage, K. Ryan, and T. Darveniza are next with 8, and B. Cantwell, L. Vaughan and F. Howard are 6.

ST. ROCH'S FOOTBALL.

Senior St. Roch's Competition is now in full swing. Early in the season Jack Tudor, Pat O'Shea, Jack McCarthy and Jim Wise were appointed captains. The games are very keenly contested—teams that were defeated in the 1st round are now turning the tables on their opponents. Pat O'Shea's team (14) leads in points, but they have played more games in the 2nd round than the other teams. The other points are Jack Tudor (10), Jim Wise (6), Jack McCarthy (6).

JUNIOR ST. ROCH'S

The Competition has now completed the second round with the Greens and Blues 6 points each, and the Golds 2 points. The Greens and Blues are captained by Doug. Smith and Lewis Nagle respectively, while Rody Delahunty leads the Golds. The most promising to date besides the captains include O'Toole, O'Hehir, O'Day, D. O'Meara, and H. Smith.

OTHER MATCHES.

S.P.C. under 15, 16-17 defeated Ballarat College. S.P.C. under 14, 4-10 defeated S.P.C. (E. Melb.) 2-6.

INTERMEDIATE.

With the Second Term well started, the Intermediates have again settled down into the even tenor of their way. Work is going ahead rapidly as the intricacies of Latin, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Arithmetic and English are revealed by their teachers.

Already tests in several different subjects have been held, and results are as follows:—

Latin:—P. Cranage, 1st, 92 per cent. V. Keogh, 2nd, 88 per cent. J. Eckel, 3rd, 87 per cent.

Algebra:—L. Delahunty, 1st, 98 per cent. D. Hunter, J. O'Bryan, 2nd, 95 per cent.

Geometry:—S. Symes, 1st, 93 per cent. J. O'Bryan, 2nd, 91 per cent. R. McKee, 3rd, 90 per cent.

Trigonometry:—J. Little, 1st, 98 per cent. J. O'Bryan, 2nd, 96 per cent. R. McKee, 3rd, 92 per cent.

Geography:—R. McKee, 1st, 80 per cent. V. Keogh, 2nd, 76 per cent. J. O'Bryan, 3rd, 71 per cent.

With football claiming most attention at present, we turn to all the successful boys from Intermediate who gained a place in the 1st XVIII—L. O'Brien, L. Browne, J. Connell, P. Mullins, W. Rice, and last, but not least, Ferdinando Viganò all wear the 1st's jersey. Against Grammar School in the first B.P.S. match, S.P.C. gained an overwhelming victory, as the scores, 15-18 to 1 point show. May their performance be off-repeated throughout the season. Now come the "Seconds," the nursery of the 1st XVIII. From this team every year,

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budding footballers supplant those leaving the Firsts, and so the good old "St. Pat's spirit" is kept up.

A short time ago the whole school was on Retreat. The boys threw themselves whole-heartedly into their three days of rest from school work, to consider the higher and more important things in life. They found a kind and sympathetic guide in Rev. Fr. Duggan, C.S.S.R., who spared himself never, in the short time he was here. As a result, an increase in piety throughout the entire school is to be seen, as the good lessons learnt during the Retreat are applied.

"Au Revoir," then to Intermediate with its joys and sorrows, characteristic of College life.

THE CRICKET DINNER.

On the evening of June 8th the usual dinner was given to the respective winning teams in the form of a banquet, efficiently and unreluctantly prepared by the matron and her staff.

Rev. Bro. Stirling represented Rev. Bro. Purton and the Brothers in charge of the four competitions. He ably executed the duties of chairman, and in congratulating the victorious teams, he told them that it was an important feature to encourage these competitions, as their members ultimately fill the ranks of the First XI. He praised the boys for their manly display at all times on the cricket field. This was an encouraging fact, as it showed that they would no doubt

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be able to surmount the many difficulties to be faced when they left the College.

C. M'Kenzie, as Head Prefect of the College, in his accustomed edifying mode, congratulated the captains and their teams. In proposing their toast he heartily wished them every success in their future cricket activities at St. Pat's.

C. M'Kenzie's oration was followed by those of the winning captains who briefly expressed their appreciation of the pleasant manner in which they had been received. Each thanked his team-mates for the spirit of co-operation they had rendered throughout the season. The speakers were: B. Toohey (Shed Comp.), C. Fanning (Senior Park), F. Riley (Junior Park), and K. Lunt (St. Roch's Oval).

A vote of thanks to the matron and her staff for the delightful banquet prepared that evening was moved by Leo Scullion. With this the festival terminated.

THE RETREAT.

(by an Honours Student).

New boys at S.P.C. look forward with curiosity to their first retreat, and also with a certain awe and dread at the rigours it might entail. As the time approaches, they hear the word "Retreat" so oft repeated that they begin to wonder at its meaning. However, it is not until the spirit of the Religious Exercises take a complete hold of them, that they learn that it is a time for retreating from the affairs of every day life and examining the recesses of one's heart

and soul, to think over the past, and to determine how to act in the future.

The Retreat is an annual event, and is conducted within the very walls of the College by a holy and learned Religious. This year, it was conducted by Rev. Fr. Duggan, C.S.S.R., who by his beautiful exhortations and his paternal kindness in the Confessional, proved himself an ideal director of youth.

Our Retreat commenced on the 15th of June, and had only one defect—common to all Retreats—it was a trifle too short. All were asked to observe silence at all times except during meals, and between 4 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday. The excellent manner in which this little act of mortification was carried out, points to the earnestness with which all made their retreat.

Fr. Duggan impressed on us all the importance of using well the short time we had, and throughout his lectures were such that even the smallest child could understand his words of wisdom. His lectures represented a vast fund of knowledge concerning the truths of our holy religion and should influence every boy to hold on to the priceless treasure of his faith when he goes out into the world to fight the great fight.

What a stereoscope does for a picture, so does a Retreat for the landscape of eternity. Before it is dull, flat and unimpressive—after it stands out in vivid reality with height, breadth and solidity. Unimpressed at first, we now hold our breath for awe. Truly, I can understand the saying, that he who meditates upon the great truths cannot commit sin.

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SUB A.

During the term examinations the members of the class were requested to write their life stories. The following are extracts: "The College he selected for me was St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, which I must say is the best school I have ever been to." (P.W.)—We quite agree. "I fell off an old draught-horse and had a few teeth knocked out, although I had a bit of sense knocked in." (G.D.)—We wonder! "This year I have had the luck to be sent to S.P.C., Ballarat, where I hope to do a great deal of study." (J.W.)—A noble aspiration. (G.W.) says, "During my school life I had a very good time under the care of myself." Self-control! "When I was about nine years of age I was very mischievous—always getting into trouble." (W.E.M.)—and now? (J.T.) says, "Fifteen years ago I came into this world. Of course, I do not remember those days. Often I have heard my mother say that I was a very good baby." We think mother was right. "Soon I started to increase my height and got a lot more sense." (M.P.) The statements need magnifying. "For several years of my life I was gradually growing up." (J.O.S.)—developing into an all-round Australian!

The Term Exam. results prostrated several members of the class. But, where there is no application to work there can be no success. G. Ryan thoroughly deserved the honour of securing 1st place in the aggregate. The following boys led in

the various subjects: C. Conroy (C. Doctrine); L. Seagrave, G. Ryan (English); G. Dwyer (Latin); M. Pascoe (French); G. Ryan, D. Ryan (Arith.); D. Toohey (Algebra); G. Dwyer, W. Newton (Physics); C. Conroy, G. Ryan (Chem.); C. Conroy (History); L. Seagrave (Geog.).

T. Kerrins has departed from amongst us. To him we offer the best of good wishes. A sincere welcome is extended to the two new members of Sub. A.—T. Mooney and R. Carr.

Our rivals—Sub. B.—will need to train strenuously if they are intent on defeating the Sub. A. football team. We feel that they have very little chance.

It is pleasing to note that many of the Sub. A. students have been enrolled as members of the Apostleship of Prayer and the Crusaders of the Blessed Sacraments.

As a final word we might mention that Sub. A. recently defeated Sub. B. in an inter-class football match.

JULY 16: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL.

On 16th July, 1251, Our Lady appeared to Blessed Simon Stock, a Carmelite, saying to him: "Receive, my dear son, the scapular of thy order, as the mark of the privilege I have obtained for thee and for thy brethren of Carmel; he who dies piously clad in this habit, shall be preserved from eternal flames. This scapular is a sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace, and special protection till the end of time."

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SUB-INTERMEDIATE B.

A new pupil for the Sub. B this term is Allan Rice, and a more loyal supporter it would be hard to find. Music has always had a prominent place at St. Pat's, and our class seems to have more than its share of talent. A few are in the Theory class—noted for its early start—and they have even been seen pouring over their problems at night study. Frank Foster is not a captain on the Shed, but he is the organiser of the St. Pat's Saturday Afternoon League. Last week end the neighbours missed the usual all-in contest, but it will not be long before they can combine garden- with pleasure again.

A TRIP TO NEW GUINEA.

(G. Dwyer).

In the month of August of the year 1934, the offer was given to me by my parents to go for a cruise to New Guinea. I must say I was overjoyed at having the chance, and I gladly accepted the offer. On Tuesday, Aug-

ust 8th, at 1 o'clock, we set sail in the Cathay, an ocean liner, for Sydney, where we were to catch another boat. There were four of us going, my father, my sister and brother, and myself. It was the first time I had ever sailed out of the "heads," and I was greatly excited.

After a short stay in Sydney, we set sail in the Macdhui, and after visiting Brisbane and Cairns made straight for Port Moresby, where I got my first glimpse of the natives of New Guinea. As you probably all know, they have fuzzy hair, but they lack the perfect white teeth for which the Fijian native is noted. The reason for the redness of their teeth is that they chew the beetle-nut, a bitter nut which has a very destructive effect on their teeth.

From Port Moresby we went to Samarai which is situated on a little peninsula. There is a beautiful path right round the town which is protected from the fury of the seas by palm trees. I think Samarai was the prettiest little town that we visited.

From Samarai, we sailed to Rabaul, the capital of British New Guinea, and the place of the recent volcanic eruptions. Rabaul is the biggest town in New Guinea. There are many good avenues, and the native drivers are very steady and careful.

After about three days in Rabaul, we sailed for Salamana, the nearest seaport to the famous New Guinea gold fields. Salamana, like Samarai, is situated on a peninsula, but the latter's peninsula is much bigger. From Salamana, we took a plane to Wau, the centre of the New Guinea gold fields. After seeing the mighty

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dredges working and all the planes taking off, we went to our own hired plane. On our trip the pilot lost his bearing, and we took an hour for a journey which should have taken only twenty minutes. The reason was that the clouds had been coming down the mountains, and I was sure that we were going to hit the side of some mountain. However, by descending and following the coast we arrived back at the Salamana airport.

From Salamana, we returned to Port Moresby, via Samarai, and from Port Moresby to Brisbane. So came to a conclusion my travels in British New Guinea. I assure you that it was a very pleasant voyage. I must not forget to mention that a friend in New Guinea gave me a spear which had been right through a white man, and a set of bow and arrows, all of which had been used in tribal warfare.

REMOVE AND SIXTH GRADE

With the commencement of the second term came new hopes, new ideals, new books and even new instruments. One boy was bringing a saxophone (we believe to charm Br. Stirling), but when he had completed the greater part of his journey, he sent it back home, as it was too heavy to carry for the remainder of the train trip. Never mind, Lang-

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ton, we won't tell who it was! Luke has also charmed us with his many medleys on the accordion, as Salvatore has with his piano. Jack Bongiorno and Alan Ryan are threatening to dislodge Fritz Kreisler as the world's best violinists. Of our many exponents of the mouth organ, none is better than Jack Nicholas, who has reached perfection—perpetual motion. He even talks in his sleep. To complete this list of celebrities comes Ken. Mansfield who can play the gramophone splendidly.

The Retreat was quite a novelty for some, yet it was most edifying to see the spirit in which all carried out the exercises and silence of the Retreat. We are sure it will remain as a guide and a very sacred memory to all who participated in it. We take this opportunity of extending our sympathy to Dan and Jack O'Brien on the death of their father, which occurred at this time. (R.I.P.).

Someone asked, "Are there any footballers in the Remove?" Well, I ask you for a full forward who will beat Roddy? And for a great full back who will beat Alan? He sure covers a large space! If you ask for rovers—well, we have plenty good at that, too.

Last, but not least, who is the boy accused of having a lovely bathroom voice? (The solution to this question p. 49).

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S.P.C. OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DANCE (Melb. Branch).

The Annual Dance of the Melbourne Branch of the Old Boys' Association was held at the New Embassy on the 9th June. The attendance was very satisfactory—about 130 being present. A fair number of Ballarat visitors, including the Principal of the College, were present. A gratifying feature of the dance was the number of young Old Boys who attended. This shows that boys are still eager to continue, after their school days, their association with the College. The general opinion was that the dance was one of the most enjoyable held by the Association.

"CHRONICLE" COMPETITION.

A prize of 1/- will be awarded monthly to the reader who submits an account of the most humorous incident occurring at S.P.C.

This month's prize is awarded to G. Reynolds who submitted the following: "The Leaving French Class was one day surprised to hear one of its star performers do a horrifying translation of the words: *Defense a Dieu d'entrer*" (God is not admitted).

His translation differed. It was: "God help anyone who enters here!"

THE JUNIORS.

From our class reporters we learn the following:—Kevin McGrath can still give passable imitations of "the Invisible Man."

Billy Bunting's example as regards "home" lessons could well be imitated by the rest of the class.

Geoff. Higham wonders when it is going to get cold.

Des. Bourke and Athol Nicholas were under the impression that the term holidays commenced on June 22nd.

Frank Smythe would like to deny a rumour that he dyes his hair. He states that he is a natural blonde.

Alan Symes, despite chilblains, can still make queer noises on his "trumpet."

Keith Ross has developed into "the human alarm-clock."

Johnny McGoldrick begins every day by doing a good deed.

Bob. Robbins is putting in early training as a garage proprietor.

Murray Byrne and John Tooley now compete with each other to see which of them can wear the most cheerful smile.

Ken. T. is an expert on the "dozens" rule.

Gerard Wilson, the "baby" of the class is by no means a baby where thinking is concerned.

Basil Dawson and Loy Hennessy uphold the reputation of the day-boys by being well in the forefront of the class as regards lessons and personal neatness.

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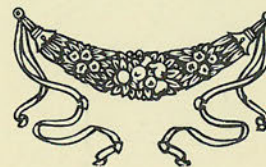
A welcome return to the fold was made by John Lennox, who has been suffering from "ammonia" (!).

The Juniors have now started French lessons. Ask any of them what "ne peut pas" means.

Phil. Virgona, Mick Mendes and Tom Colgan represent the Juniors in St. Roch's Football Competition. They are sometimes accused of "staging." I wonder why?

The student's allowance had run out, so he wrote home for more money. Feeling a bit nervous about the impression it would make, he ended his letter: "P.S.—I did not like writing to you. In fact, I ran after the postman to get this letter back."

A week later he received the following reply: "You will be glad to know I did not receive your letter."



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AUGUST—THE MOST PURE HEART OF MARY.

When we think of the Blessed Mother of God, our mind pictures to itself the figure of one to whom Jesus might have said: "Thou art all fair, my beloved, and there is no spot in thee!" Next to God, though an immeasurable distance from Him, she is the purest, the most holy being that it is possible for the mind to conceive.

O Mary! Most pure Mother, look down upon us and draw our hearts to love dearly what thou didst prize so highly!

A great love of holy purity is one of the fruits which a college boy ought to gather from his devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God. The virtue of purity, queen of the virtues, will make him dear to Mary, for, in her eyes, it will cause him to be like unto what Jesus was, when, as a little boy, He called her by the sweet name of Mother! The Angels will cluster round you if you be pure, because purity makes you like unto them—and makes you their brother.

Oh! strive ever to be a true and devoted son of Mary, to make your heart like her most pure heart, to be like her in your love of God, in your devotion and faithfulness to Jesus, and He will look upon you with love and satisfaction. Finally, remember ever to strive to imitate her, who is the purest of God's creatures, and you will be protected under her covering from the heat (of passion), and will rest in her glory.

THE ASSUMPTION

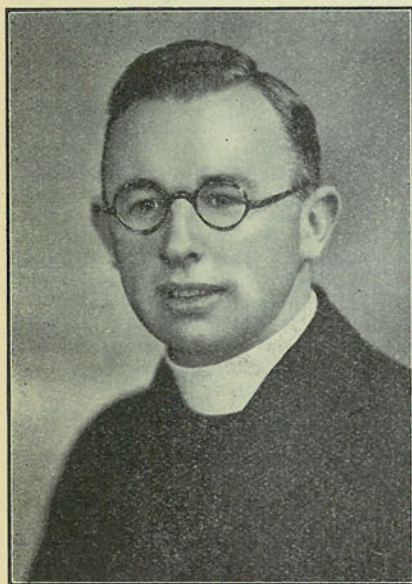
After the Ascension of Our Lord it is generally believed that the Blessed Virgin went with St. John to live at Ephesus. When the Virgin Mother had reached her seventy-second year, St. John becoming aware that death should soon separate him from that glorious Mother took her back to Jerusalem. There the Apostles, with one exception, gazed upon her beautiful face, and as they gazed a smile of heavenly joy lit up her face, the lips parted, and her bright soul had gone to meet her Son once more. Her sacred body having been embalmed was placed in one of those cave-tombs which are so common about Jerusalem.

A few days later the absent Apostle, St. Thomas, arrived. Being filled with grief because he had not seen the face of his Queen, he begged that he might be allowed to gaze upon her in death. His wish was granted; but when they had entered the tomb they found that the body was not there. The linen cloths which had wrapped it round were folded and laid together in one place, and the flowers upon which it had reposed were scarcely faded. All present bore witness to this miraculous fact; and this is the tradition which has come down to us, of the crowning event of Our Lady's life—a holy death, followed by the glorious assumption of her virginal body into Heaven.

Rejoice, therefore, with the whole Church of God upon this day when Mary was taken up into Heaven where her Divine Son crowned her as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

S.P.C. BOY ORDAINED.

Father George Sait, who was at St. Pat's 1927, '28, '29, was ordained to the Priesthood in the Bendigo Cathedral on Sunday, July 25th. Amongst the fifteen Corpus Christi students who accompanied Father Sait to Bendigo for the great occasion were W. Batchelor and M. Grady. The College was represented at the ordination by the Principal, Rev. Bro. D. G. Purton, and by Father Sait's cousin, Con. Fanning.



On Friday, July 23rd, Father Sait said Mass in the College Chapel, and afterwards visited the various classrooms where he received a very warm welcome.

HONOURS NOTES

When midnight chimes many keen students of the Honours Class may be found hard at work, or fast asleep, at their desks. However, midnight does not always find the Honours Class at

study. It was rumoured that several members of the class have been attending bridge parties—social climbing! The question debated was—did they play bridge?

We believe Metro, Fox and Paramount have made attractive offers to Edward—as a comedian or serious character we know not.

J. Favaloro is taking Sid Sinclair's place for bright suggestions. It was suggested to Joe that when reading he should read three lines ahead in order to eliminate hesitation. The redoubtable Joe did his best but finished four years ahead. J. Holmes sighed with relief when the shortest day of the year passed. Coley Mc. is reported to have found several long-lost cousins during his recent week-end sojourn in Melbourne.

During the week we were privileged to gaze at the heavenly bodies through a giant telescope. Scorning this astronomical mechanism, "Dasher" brought forth from his pocket the best Woolworth's could offer. The back-seaters, L. S. and J. F. still take a front seat at the Latin period much to their discomfort. Joe Kelly, the man of many languages, is the chief entertainer between 1.15 and 2 p.m. His version of the French play is certainly colourful.

Members of the dancing class are becoming enthusiastic endeavouring to prepare for the 1st XVIII dance.

Congratulations to J. Crowe, J. Favalora, J. Holmes and A. Jones on their election to the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

TALL STORIES.

AN ULTRA LONG RUN.

In my early days of gold-mining in America, after spending many weary years prospecting, I "struck it rich."

My thoughts went instantly to the bright lights of civilization, and it needed but little effort on the part of a financing syndicate to induce me to sell out.

I received my price—Sixty thousand dollars—in sixty one-thousand

dollar bills, and with these hidden in my clothes, I set off for the nearest railway station.

I had not proceeded very far, when I was overtaken by a car, out of which sprang two masked and armed bandits. Being unarmed myself, I was not able to make a fight in defence of my fortune, but the memory of my years of fruitless toil spurred me to effort, and I decided to give them a run for it. The bandits emptied their guns at me, and as I began to out-distance them, they made for their car. This they appeared to have difficulty in starting, which gave me a good lead.

In all my life I had never run so fast—or so far. I ran, and ran—it seemed for years—and was staggering so that I thought I must drop, when some distance ahead I SAW A CAR. Sobbing and panting for breath, I spurted in a desperate attempt to reach it, and just managed to fall on to the back of the car as it moved off. Hanging on, until I was able to breathe again, I then raised myself and looked inside. To my consternation I discovered that the occupants were the two bandits who had held me up. While they had been starting their machine, I HAD RUN RIGHT ROUND THE EARTH.

LOCAL PRIDE.

American (as Flying Scotsman dashes through station):—

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Two bearded gentlemen, one Jewish and the other Irish, became very heated in an argument as to which of their races had produced the most notable people.

To settle the argument, it was agreed that for everyone of note that either named he was to pull a hair from the beard of the other.

Pulling a hair from Paddy's whiskers, the Jew said, "Abraham."

Paddy came back and took a Jewish whisker with "St. Patrick."

This went on for some time, each losing quite half his beard, until the Jew thought to finish this painful argument. Taking a good dozen whiskers in his hand, the Jew tugged and said: "The Twelve Apostles."

The outraged Irishman looked blank for a moment. Then, grasping all the remaining whiskers of the Jew with both hands, yanked manfully on the Jewish chin and roared, "The Royal Hibernian Society. Bate that, you old divil."

JUST LIKE SCOTTY.

An Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scotchman were all mentioned in a will, the only condition being that they each place £5 in the coffin at the burial.

As the coffin was about to be lowered, the Englishman stepped forward and placed five sovereigns; next, the Irishman put down a £5 note; finally the Scotchman stepped forward with his cheque book, put down a cheque for £15, and picked up the change.

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A warden in an American prison was noted for his kindness to the prisoners, but still they were discontented.

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"Well," said a voice, "what about a cross-country run?"

AN OPPORTUNITY.

Drowning man: Help! Help! I've fallen in and can't swim.

Boy: Now's the time to learn, mister.

LEAVING CLASS

Since the last edition we have been pleased to extend a hearty welcome back to our sick friends, viz., Joe Flannery and Jack Collins. The former was very entertaining about his treatment while an invalid, and the novel methods for curing heavy slumber. The latter is quite whole and entire again.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the members of the first and second eighteens, more particularly as some of the most prominent of either team come from the Leaving. What a wonderful game we shall have when our challenge to the "rest of school" comes off. We expect to repeat our victories of the cricket and tennis fields. The dance next week is causing a great deal of excitement among some of our members. No need to

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mention names, but it will go hard with a few who are not members of the football clubs if they cannot coax the Principal to let them attend this, in their estimation, very important function.

A great spirit of study I am glad to say is evident at present. Quite a few are doing voluntary late study and showing that they are profiting from it.

It is pleasing to be able to state that over 50 per cent. of our class are now members of Our Blessed Lady's Sodality. We offer our best wishes to the new members and hope they will live up to their obligations like thorough Christians.

That some of our members are not devoid of humour is evidenced from the following. A well known member of the Intermediate class was rather noisy in the lockers, and having got orders from the Brother in charge to moderate his voice; Master G. Moonney showed some of his sparkling humour by pleading on his behalf and saying, "Don't mind him, Sir, he can't help it, as he was vaccinated with a gramophone needle." This, I think, Mr. Editor, deserves the shilling for the best joke.

VISITORS

Amongst recent visitors to the College was Mr. John Egan, a student of 1895-96. Mr. Egan had not been at the school since he left 41 years ago, and he was delighted to renew acquaintance with the scenes of his boyhood days.

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Another visitor to the College during the month was Frank Pola, a student of 1924-25. We offer hearty congratulations to Frank on his approaching marriage.

GOLF AT S.P.C.

The royal and ancient game of golf has become very popular at the College this year. Every afternoon two dozen or more may be seen making their way to the park to get in some practice. Several are regular visitors to the Alfredton and the Asylum Links. Max Gill is the best exponent of the game at the College, but all the beginners are showing progress. The Principal is among the latest devotees of the game; we are waiting to see Br. Stirling make a start too.

THE FIRST XVIII.

Results of the school games to date:

June 30: S.P.C. defeated C.E.G.S., 15—18 to 0—1.

July 4: S.P.C. defeated St. Pat's College, East Melbourne, 10—24 to 3—10.

July 7: S.P.C. defeated Ballarat Ballarat College, 15—10 to 3—7.

July 17: S.P.C. defeated St. Kevin's, Melbourne, 8—6 to 7—5.

July 28: S.P.C. defeated C.E.G.S., 18—13 to 2—3.

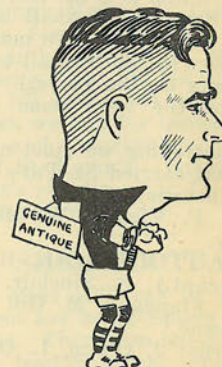
The above results show that our 1937 Eighteen are worthily upholding the best traditions of St. Pat's football. Although not so successful as usual in the Sunday matches against the Melbourne C.Y.M.S. teams, the players are doing excellently in the

games that count most, namely, the contests against other schools.

The whole College is proud of our 1937 representatives, and throughout the team from the Captain down to 19th man the right spirit reigns supreme, and every player is showing excellent form.

Our win against St. Kevin's in Melbourne is our biggest triumph to date. The scores at all times during the match were very even, not more than two goals separated the teams at any stage. At half-time St. Kevin's led by 6—1 to 4—1; but St. Pat's played a wonderful third-quarter and scored 3—3 to St. Kevin's 0—3. In the final quarter play was again very even, St. Pat's scoring 1—2, St. Kevin's 1—1.

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The players were very appreciative of the splendid time given them by St. Kevin's, and in this connection our sincere thanks are offered to the Principal (Br. Marlow) and the Sportsmaster (Br. Rahill) for their kindness and hospitality.

Only one match remains for St. Pat's in the B.P.S. competition, and this will take place on Wednesday. Our opponents are Ballarat College. It was only a brilliant last quarter that gave St. Pat's a good win in our first match against College. This time we hope St. Pat's play a more even game throughout.

Owing to the outbreak of infantile paralysis in Melbourne, the return match against St. Kevin's has been postponed. We hope, however, to have it played before the end of the term, because both teams are looking forward to it, and it is far more satisfactory to have the football honours decided by playing the two matches.

The winners of the football trophies and comments on the players will be reserved for the next issue of the "Chronicle."

Before concluding we must mention the team that carried St. Pat's to victory in Melbourne:

Full-backs: F. Vigano, W. Moon, J. Mooney.

Half-backs: P. McLoughlan, B. Mulcahy (capt.), S. Sinclair.

Centres: J. Flanagan, M. Gill (v.c.), L. Browne.

Half-forwards: J. O'Dea, L. O'Brien, E. Rogers.

Forwards: J. Kealy, P. Mullins, A. Sones.

Ruck: C. McKenzie, H. Munday, Ted Long.

19th: J. Crowe.

(A. Jones kicked 4 goals.)

Leading goalkickers: Pat. Mullins (25), Ted Long (15), Adrian Jones (12), Jack O'Dea (11), Harvey Munday (11), Laurie O'Brien (8), Eddie Rogers (6), Jack Kealy (5), Ferdinando Vigano (4).

Finally, last but not least, we all appreciate the excellent work being done for the team by Mr. A. Hill. He certainly has no "inferiority" complex re the prowess of our 1937 Eighteen.

SECOND XVIII.

On 11th July the Seconds met and defeated Geelong Junior C.Y.M.S., 9—11 to 5—6. The return match against this team will take place on 15th August. On Sunday, 8th August, St. Joseph's, Geelong, will visit S.P.C.

MELBOURNE TRIP

The visit to Melbourne to play St. Kevin's Seconds is always the most popular feature of the football season. This year the trip took place on 17th July.

It required no second call to get sleepy heads off the pillows at 5 a.m., and ready in the buses en route for Melbourne by 5.50. Song and merriment was the accompaniment to Bacchus Marsh, where we partook of Matron's hamper; but the stay was short, and we were soon on our way.

Our entry into Melbourne was historic, at least for Bill McGennissen,

who had never seen the big city before. The trams were bigger than Ballarat's, and there were more clocks on the railway station. But they nearly all showed a different time! There is one thing about Horsham clocks—they can all keep together. We drove along Alexandra Avenue, and came at last to Como Park.

The game was played on a splendid oval, but with a strong wind blowing across the ground. St. Pat's, playing



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keen, accurate football, were quickly in front. Gill and Sloane, scoring from acute angles, and Lovig with good position play, were foremost in establishing an early lead. Vin. Batchelor played a real captain's game, and was probably the most useful player. The backs defended well, and used the wind to the best advantage. Don. Hunter kicked out well, supported by T. Darveniza, and W. Rice. However, it was no individual that gained the victory, but the cohesion and the co-operation of the team. Each quarter increased St. Pat's lead, till the final bell rang. St. Pat's: 11—7; St. Kevin's: 5—7.

We then had the pleasure of seeing the Firsts victorious. Theirs was a closer and harder game. After these matches we made our way to the Royal Cafe for dinner. In the afternoon most of us went to the Collingwood-South Melbourne League match, while a few went to see where Don Bradman hit the sixers. We gathered at Parer's Cafe for tea (where there was a lift and a lift-boy), and about 8 o'clock we left for home, being farewelled and congratulated by Br. Rahill, of St. Kevin's. We were back at St. Pat's shortly after 11, having had a most enjoyable day.

SHED FOOTBALL

The Reds still lead in the competition, but are being closely pursued by Purples. This team has already beaten the leaders twice, and will not meet them again until the finals. These two teams, with two matches each to

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play, seem fairly certain of their places in the final three. Blues and Greens come next, and Blacks fifth. However, the results of the final matches may alter these positions.

At the end of the third round, second on list plays third on list for right to play first for the final. The leaders have right of challenge.

UNDER 15 FOOTBALL

The result of the game against the Christian Brothers' College, St. Kilda, was the only disappointment experienced on the trip to Melbourne. We were defeated by 16 goals 10 behinds to 6 goals 8 points. Two players were sick on the way down—the rough roads around Gordon must have been too much for them—and as a result the placing of the team was interfered with. However, all will agree that St. Kilda showed their superiority in all departments of the game, and we can only hope to give a better account of ourselves in the return match should it take place.

SENIOR ST. ROCH'S

The third round is now being played. There is a big movement in progress to keep Inter. players off St. Roch's and confine them to the gentler games in the shed competition. Provided the players survive the strenuous games ahead, the finals should start about August 9th. Premiership points at present are as follows:

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JUNIOR ST. ROCH'S

At present the Greens are 2 points in the lead, with the Blues second with 12 points. The Golds, with 4 points, bring up the third position. There is a general fault in all the teams—most players are trying to run too far with the ball. When you get the ball, shoot it on to one of your team-mates. The play will be far better. The Golds won a match when oranges were on the end of it. Why can't they repeat this every time?

INTERMEDIATE A

Are the Inter A's working? Apparently they are. Why? Because two or three have lately been seen amongst the ranks of the late study fans. In fact, some proved so eager as to draw down a word of caution on their heads.

But study will not harm them while the football season lasts. Everywhere these days one can hear the thud of leather against leather; and speaking of this fact, a certain Intermediate member of the XVIII. makes full use of all the leather he possesses, and he possesses a fair enough quantity, believe me. While still on football we must take this opportunity of congratulating the 1sts on their brilliant showing in Public Schools matches; especially in defeating St. Kevin's, C.E.G.S. twice, and B.C. once, thus winning all their Public Schools matches so far played. It shows that this 1937 XVIII. possesses the same spirit of determination characteristic

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of the teams of the past. They will prove their worth truly if they vanquish B.C. in the coming final B.P.S. game. Lately we witnessed the departure for St. Joseph's, Geelong, of Lyle Reeves. It is rumoured he has succeeded in gaining a place in the XVIII. there. Owing to sickness he did not partake in many games while here, so we wish him luck at his new school.

In the second round of exams. held this term, we see that only two boys have gained the distinction of leading the class twice. Pat. Cranage successfully defended his title of Dux in Latin with 82 per cent.; second place went to R. McKee, 72 per cent.; and third place was filled by J. Eckel, with 71 per cent. Jack Little topped the Geometry marks with 97 per cent., following on his last win with 98 per cent. in Trigonometry; J. O'Bryan and F. Kroon, second, 98 per cent.; D. Hunter, third, 93 per cent.

Of the other subjects:

Algebra: J. Connell, first, 97 per cent.; J. Little, second, 95 per cent.; and R. Hayes and P. Bohan, third, 92 per cent.

Geography: J. O'Bryan, first, 85 per cent.; P. Cranage, second, 83 per cent. and V. Keogh, third, 81 per cent.

Trigonometry: P. Vojoodich, first, 85 per cent.; D. Hunter, second, 81 per cent.; H. Selkirk, third, 80 per cent.

As a conclusion we must remark on the piety of our Inters. This bears fruit in the fact that so many have been selected to join the ranks of the Scaldists. Special cavaliers of Mary,

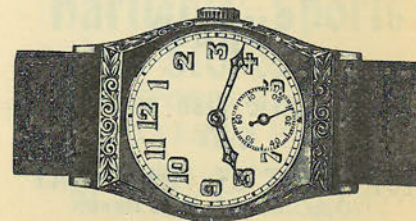
may they help to foster a tender and fervent devotion to the Immaculate Purity of the Blessed Virgin.

INTER. DAY BOYS

The term is drawing on, and the Inter. day boys are making valiant efforts to keep pace with it. They are intent on earning their holiday. At least one boy confessed to taking hours and hours for his work—Basil Irwin knows all about it, and, of course, Ed. Dobbyn; but both are reticent on the point. Some of the Ballarat parents are extra keen too. One of our number recently came to school with the frank story that his mother did not think he had been sick; hence she would give him no note explaining his absence on the previous day. Those interested can get particulars from Des. Delahunty. If Des. be busy he may send the enquirer to Bas. Tierney. No harm; Bas. knows all about it!

The recent trip to Melbourne was a great success. No doubt the Seconds' victory was aided on its way by our worthy representatives. The under 15 years' representatives say there has been enough said about the game already!! Between footballers and bar-rackers the day boys were well to the fore: J. Ratcliffe, A. Magill, B. Willis, J. Lane, F. Howard wore the S.P.C. jersey with honour and distinction; while J. Hill and J. Deutschmann bar-racked. J. Deutschmann worked so hard that he had to take a day to recuperate.

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There are no further really outstanding items to chronicle. L. Harmer has been lost for some time now. Finder please forward, etc. Ian Pontefract will tackle the Latin author with one eye shut, and J. Goujen is keener than ever!

THE SCRAPED TREE

(by J. A. Holmes).

It was while I was staying at my uncle's farm that I first met this Greek and Italian. They were the best of friends, and, indeed, had rented a few acres of land from my uncle in order that they might begin a market-garden. They occupied a small hut, situated some fifty yards from the main dwelling.

Yet, after several months when summer came on I saw that the partnership could not last for very long. The Italian was forced to do the heavy work in the garden while the Greek went around selling the goods. Antonio soon became discontented with the situation, and even suspected the Greek of keeping more than his share of the money.

Finally the partnership was broken, and it was arranged that each take the horse and cart and go on his round three times a week until all the goods had been sold. The two did not quarrel, nor did they move from the hut; but the one tolerated the other. And so it went on for some time, each keeping the money he obtained on his rounds.

But Antonio was popular with the people for he sold at a cheaper price than the Greek, and soon captured practically all the trade.

Now on the day in question, the Greek had sold very little in spite of the fact that he did not arrive home until 10 o'clock that evening.

We had tea very late that night for we had been in the town. In fact, we had just finished the meal when the Greek's cart came rocking down the drive, and made its way towards the horse-yard. I peered out through the window into the darkness and saw the glint of its wheels as the cart passed between the house and the stables. No sooner had I sat down again than we heard a scream come from the direction of the hut. My uncle seized a torch and we rushed outside. A light was burning in the hut. The whole world was quiet and dark. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary at first; but then my eyes fell upon Antonio's bunk in a shadowy corner. The Italian was lying there, a knife buried to the hilt in his chest. My uncle rushed forward and withdrew it—Antonio was dead.

Our services were of no avail. I called the Greek from the stable and we both remained there in the hut while my uncle drove into the town for a doctor and the police.

We were all questioned but could do little. Even the Greek had heard the scream, but he had thought it to be one of the children. There was no doubt that the man had been murdered. He had not stabbed himself, for his eyes were staring glassily, as

if he had suddenly awakened from a sleep to find death so near at hand.

I remained with the Greek in the hut while my uncle showed the officer about the yard and outbuildings. It was a dark night for there was no moon in the heavens. Even with the aid of a powerful torch the officer could not discover any clues. After some time they returned to the hut and again we were asked many questions. Again I told the officer how I had seen the Greek driving over to the stables when we heard the scream. The whole thing was a mystery. Nothing could be done while it was still dark. Everyone was to remain in the house, and the officer would renew his search in the early morning.

No one slept for the remainder of the night. I thought I would be the first outside as soon as it was dawn, but I found the officer already there in the yard. I could see he had not left his vigil during the night, for he was wet since it had rained continually.

Now he was walking up and down the drive searching; but there was nothing to be found. He beckoned to me, and I followed him round to the back of the house. I stood there while he went over to the stables. Now he examined the drive between the house and out-buildings. The old tree that stood beside the track seemed to draw his special attention.

Then after a minute he came over to me and I followed him over to the hut. We entered. The whole room was lit up by a fire blazing in the chimney. The Greek was sitting by

the open window resting, and he started as we came up to him.

Immediately the officer asked him if he had experienced any accident during his round on the previous day. The Greek answered in the negative. And then to my amazement the officer stepped forward and drew a pair of handcuffs from his pocket. The Greek saw them hanging there before him. He acted so quickly that we had no time to prevent him from jumping through the open window and out into the yard.

We ran outside. The whole thing was a mystery to me and yet I followed in the pursuit.

We were a good fifty yards behind the Greek, and it was only another hundred yards to the timbered flats. If once he reached there he would be safe. The ground was rough, and it was impossible to run very fast with safety. And the Greek was gaining on us.

But then fortune turned our way; when the Greek had only another thirty or forty yards to reach the trees he tripped and fell. This spurred us to greater speed. He tried to rise, but could not. Something had happened to his leg.

And as we ran on he drew something shining from his pocket. A bullet sped past my head. The Greek had found refuge behind a stump, and we saw that we would be shot down if we did not follow his example.

For some time the officer and the Greek exchanged shots, but then the latter ceased firing. I put my head out from behind the stump to see if he was escaping. At that moment he

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exposed himself in order to fire at me; but he had no time to fire that shot, for the officer fired from the other side of the stump. The Greek started up and fell a few feet from his hiding place. He was wounded. We waited for a moment, and then rushed over to him.

The officer clapped the handcuffs upon him; and it was not until then that I demanded an explanation of the whole affair.

He told me that when he examined the cart he found the axle bent, and the bark of a tree on the box of the wheel. When he went out into the drive between the house and the stable he discovered that the cart had mounted on a stump and had been thrown against the big tree. This made him suspicious. The Greek had experienced no accident and yet the cart had been badly damaged between the house and the stables. The Greek had not been on the cart when that occurred. He had left the cart, murdered the Italian, and then rejoined the horse and cart at the stables. The Greek knew something must have gone wrong when he saw the handcuffs, and made an attempt to make a getaway.

SUB. A CABLES

Nothing sensational has occurred during the past month to bring Sub. A. into the glare of public fame. The majority are making desperate efforts to master the difficulties of Sub-inter work.

A recent Geometry test brought into prominence J. Walsh, M. McLin-

den, K. McKusker, D. Ryan, G. Dwyer and W. Newton who each secured 100 per cent. Arithmetic test honours go to L. Wilkinson, R. Young and R. Fitzgerald who, respectively, secured top marks in three tests. As a Religion exam. is to be held in August we anticipate that S.P.C. will be fittingly honoured by the Sub. A. students.

One little boy (one guess only allowed), since his trip to Melbourne last Saturday fortnight is waiting for permission from home to take up a position as lift attendant.

Early rising? I should say so! Sometimes some go to bed for only one hour's sleep—their ghosts then, in fear and dread, haunt the scenes of their earlier labours. Indigestion? No! Merely a severe attack of neurasthenia.

Five of our star footballers, W. Begg, K. McCusker, J. O'Shannessy, P. Betros and J. Tudor, secured places in the Under 15 team that travelled to Melbourne; while R. Lovig represented us in the victorious 2nd XVIII team.

M. O'Conner complains that, since his next door neighbour, P. Duffy, has taken up singing and fencing very seriously there is shortage of desk-space owing to sand shoes and song sheets. He sincerely hopes Peter does not develop a craze for dancing or club-swinging.

Who was it that said Sub. A. boys have taken to writing books during their leisure hours?

However, all jokes aside, we really are a fine, hard-working class.

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ton crab experts (Geo. has V. Christie's autographed photo); while there are many Boston bun champions. Con is in fine form—he specializes in the "hit and run" punch. His sparring partner is Rob. Young. World's Champion?—Perhaps.

SUB. B

Exams. have had a prominent place during the past few weeks. Des. O'Hagan led the way in the Algebra test with 95 per cent. Jack Credlin put Charlton on the map with 89 per cent., and Eddie Frith puffed into 3rd place with 72 per cent. The first three places in the Latin exam. were Des. O'Hagan, 94 per cent.; Brian Hill, 82 per cent.; Will Brittain, 80 per cent. The best essay was handed in by Basil McGrath from Lake Marmal. Ballarat representatives—Bernie Duggan and Jim Byrne—were not far behind. The big exam. to come is Christian Doctrine on August 24th. Will another St. Pat's boy emulate Dick O'Hanlon, who secured first place in last year's exam.?

Don. Chisholm has got right down to work. Recently he terminated an afternoon of intensive study by passing into unconsciousness. No damage was done to the floor. Monty Wells is the leader of the rabbiters. The price per pair paid by Br. Purton is a big secret, but it is rumoured that the cat is eating up some of the profits. Bernie and Tom McCormick usually lead the way to school among the day boys. Dan Brazil has not

succeeded in arriving before them yet, but there are still a couple of weeks left in the term. Con. Fanning dispelled all rumours about himself by returning to St. Pat's the other day after a short absence. He now declares that as yet there are not enough heads in Charlton to provide a living for two barbers.

SPIRITUAL THRILLS

There is quite an Edgar Wallace atmosphere about many of Fr. Pro's. escapes from those who sought his death.

On one occasion he was to say Mass-at-dawn in a certain house in a district of Mexico City. On arriving he found two soldiers at the door. Let Fr. Pro himself tell us how he dodged them: "This time I am in the soup," I said to myself. To go in was a big risk. But not to, was to give way to fear; to abandon to their fate the faithful who were expecting me was, to my mind, shameful.

"I pulled myself together and went straight up to the soldiers. With an important air I took down in a notebook the number of the house. Then I opened my coat as if showing them my Secret Police badge and said with an air of conviction:

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"They gave me a military salute and let me pass, convinced that I was a Secret Police agent, and that I had really shown them the badge they wear.

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"I said, 'We could not be safer: the soldiers are outside guarding us!' But I could not convince them. They wanted me to escape by the roof. I put away my Soutane and went out as I had come in, not without receiving from the soldiers two magnificent military salutes.

On another occasion two private police agents shadowed him. On turning a street corner he perceived a Catholic lady he knew. With a wink he "put her wise," took her arm, and they sauntered off arm in arm. Ten seconds after, the police came into the street—there was certainly no priest to be seen, only a strolling couple of lovers!

Fr. Pro's Heroic Death.

Fr. Pro was finally captured and without any trial, was led out to be shot.

He was placed before a firing squad. He spent a final two minutes in prayer, then stood bolt upright, forgave those who were so unjustly putting him to death; and taking from his breast pocket the plain brass crucifix that Jesuits are given on the morning they take their religious vows he held it in his right hand, in the other the Rosary with which he had formerly prayed at Lourdes. As the five rifles were levelled at him, he opened his arms in the form of a cross. Very distinctly he said, "Hail, Christ the King!"—the battle-cry of the persecuted.

"Fire!" There was the loud report of the rifles, five bullets pierced his breast; "there was a look of agony on the face," but the arms remained in the form of a cross. His body fell. The sergeant placed the muzzle of his rifle close to the priest's head and gave him the *tiro de gracia* spattering the right side of the martyr's face with blood and gun powder.

Thus died this glorious Jesuit martyr.

REMOVE AND SIXTH GRADE

With another edition of the "Chronicle" comes the knowledge that some of our notorious members' names have not as yet appeared in this journal. Perhaps it is their modesty, but it must needs be that they now step forth into the limelight. Right! Go ahead!

John O'Meara has just completed a beautiful model of the "Lady Southern Cross," while his disciple, Ken. Hartley, is now putting the last coat of paint on to the latest 3-engined airliner.

As regards school work Basil Higham is a consistently good worker. Jim O'Dea Kevin Lunt, and a few others wish that Latin really was a "dead" language. Pat Boyce has now recovered from a temporary illness, and now he is determined to do some hard work. Jack Williams has good muscles too.

However, our hard work is not altogether perfect. David Beale has a "headache" occasionally, while John O'Meara can manage a "touch" of indigestion after tea sometimes. The "regal" full-back of our team, Rex, played a good game on Sunday. Kevin Lalor may not be a champion player, but he is a champion adviser to his team mates. The "late" Harry McGoldrick is now conveniently situated in the classroom and finds it very convenient at 8.55 a.m.

In the Sixth Grade Des. O'Hehir is very fond of home exercise, and is always craving for more. Tom Cantwell thirsts after the fountains of knowledge so much that he is even offering to spend Saturday afternoons on the job—he laps it up. Don Phillips is good at wearing goloshes.

Last, but not least, let us all congratulate Barry, Luke, Steven and Max on receiving their first Holy Communion. Dan Lawson is welcomed to the class this month.

THE EPIDIASCOPE

After being out of action for some time the Epidiascope is again in commission. Brother Purton gave an illustrated lecture on Athens on Sunday evening, August 1st. The instrument is in for a busy time again.

ASTRONOMY

Through the kindness of the committee of the Mechanics' Institute we have had the use for some time of a very fine telescope. Senior students were particularly interested in the planets. Jupiter has been well situated for observation, and budding astronomers were interested in observing his eight moons. Good views of lunar landscapes were obtained; Saturn can be seen in the morning sky and his rings can be seen distinctly.

OFF TO IRELAND

William Holmes, an ex-pupil of St. Pat's, after spending a period of three years at St. Columban's Mission House, Essendon, has departed for Ireland to continue his studies for the Priesthood in preparation for mission work in China. He was entertained by the congregation of the Sacred Heart Church, Yarrowonga, and was presented with a travelling rug and a set of brushes. Bill is a brother of J. Holmes (L. Honours), and attended S.P.C. in 1933.

With Bill Holmes went Jim Kennedy, another well-known old boy of S.P.C. We wish both the young missionaries the choicest blessings of God in their new sphere of work.

VISITOR

Father V. Ryan, now stationed at Ballarat East, visited his old school recently. We hope to see him frequently at the College. Father Ryan has the distinction of being the only Priest in Victoria to hold an air pilot's licence.

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The following have recently been enrolled: W. Begg, C. Conroy, T. Clarke, R. Carr, T. Colgan, M. Cashin, J. Credlin, V. Delahunty, K. Dridan, G. Dwyer, R. Fitzgerald, F. Foster, B. Hennessy, K. Kearney, J. Kearney, G. Little, K. McCusker, J. Nolan, W. Newton, M. O'Conner, P. Penn, K. Reynolds, G. Ryan, F. Reilly, A. Ryan, D. and J. Toohey, J. Tudor, J. Walsh, J. Wise, R. Young.

THE JUNIORS

This section of the College—the Honors Class of some distant day—is busy putting in a good finish to the term. Some of the members of the class are wondering how they will fill in the time during the next few years—they are learning so much this year!

Leadership in school work is about evenly shared by Allan Symes, Keith Ross, and Kevin McGrath among the boarders; and Johnny McGoldrick and the inseparables, Loy and "Peter," among the day students.

Dicky Cannot is "out on his own" in third class, while Murray and Gerard wage a very even struggle in second.

John Lennox is doing a great "comeback" in school work after his enforced spell through illness.

Tom Colgan worthily upholds the honor of the juniors by his good work in the class for Confirmation.

One bright student surprised everyone the other day by stating that King Wenceslas walked "through the rude wind's wild cement."



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SEPTEMBER: THE SORROWS OF MARY.

(The Feast—September 15th).

A good-natured son will never forget all that his mother has done and suffered for him. Now, besides our earthly mother, God has given us a heavenly Mother in the person of the most Blessed Virgin Mary.

But Mary has suffered excruciating pains and intense sorrow, and she has put up with all these pains simply because she is our Mother. It is our strict duty, therefore, to acknowledge these sufferings, to recall them frequently to memory and to sympathize with her who has suffered so much for us.

Mary took part in all the sufferings of her Divine Son. While Jesus was but a Child, Mary shared with Him the sorrow of exile in Egypt. But, especially while Jesus, attached to the Cross, is subjected to the insults of the Jews, and to the most agonizing pains, the sweet soul of Mary feels, in her own soul, the echo of the bitter agony and insults directed against her Son.

Love for Mary grows quickest at the foot of the Cross. We became her children there. Let us then when we kneel before the Cross think on the Sorrows of the Mother of our dying Saviour. Let us try to realize that it is our sins that have brought all this intense sorrow to the heart of Mary. A proof of our sympathy and gratitude will be the resolution never again to drive the sword of

sorrow through the heart of our loving Mother by being guilty of sin.

May the Queen of Martyrs preserve us from such black ingratitude!

SEPTEMBER 8th: MARY'S BIRTHDAY.

Men usually celebrate the birth of their children with great feasts and rejoicing. It is therefore right to celebrate with great joy the birth of Mary.

Mary was born a saint, and a great saint. Mary's soul was the most beautiful that God had ever created; it was, after the Incarnation, the greatest work that ever God did in the world.

In Mary is all hope of life and virtue. Mary is our life, our sweetness and our hope.

O beloved Mother of God, most amiable child Mary, who didst give thy whole being to the glory and love of God, I offer thee, as a Birthday gift, my whole self, and promise to devote myself to thy service, most holy and most sweet Lady!

SEPTEMBER 12th: THE HOLY NAME OF MARY.

In the year 1683 the Hungarians, having revolted against the Emperor, Leopold I., invited the Turks to come to their assistance, and help them to withstand the forces which their angry sovereign had prepared to lead against them. In answer to their appeal, the Turks marshalled against

the Empire an immense army, consisting of about 200,000 men, and after a short time actually laid siege to Vienna. Pope Innocent XI. did everything in his power to stop this terrible invasion. But after his most strenuous efforts, only 74,000 men could be gathered together under the standard of the Cross. Nevertheless, trusting wholly in God, and calling upon the powerful intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, the hero Sobieski led the Christian army against the Infidel Turks, and gained a complete victory. In thanksgiving for this wonderful event, Pope Innocent instituted the feast of the Holy Name of Mary.

Your name, O Mary, like that of Jesus, is joy to the heart, honey to the mouth, melody to the ear. The name of Mary contains within it a sweet and divine perfume.

The name of Mary, frequently repeated, will be our security before the throne of God, and our mighty weapon wherewith valiantly to fight against the world and the devil.

O hallowed Name of Mary, be thou deeply engraven on our hearts!

HONOURS NOTES.

Prior to his departure to the "Big Smoke," the colleagues of Edmund ('Erb) Williams assembled to bid him farewell and to wish him well on his journey to fortune. The gathering took the form of a morning tea-party served on the College green. Unfortunately, adverse weather conditions necessitated an adjournment to the Honours classroom, where Brother Purton, who presided in his usual capable and efficient manner, made fitting references to the character of the departing student, linking his name with others already well on the high-road to fame. In conclusion, a suitable presentation was made, which will serve to remind Edmund of his happy associations with S.P.C.

Condescending to dismount from his celestial pedestal of learning, the Professor of Languages (J. Kelly),

seeking enlightenment, - questioned the Master of Languages as to whether he should pronounce Pietranera with Spanish or Italian accent. Plain French was the blunt but informative reply.

Rumour has it that Frank Keenan is developing an explosive, which will not break-up the College, but reduce it to dust.

John Holmes informed Brother Purton that he worked all day Saturday morning, all day Saturday afternoon, and followed the same routine on Sunday; consequently he had no time to meddle about with the College Oval, let alone learn Greek and Roman History. However, Patrick Gill, surveyor (of general situations), whose intellectual powers and drawing capabilities are considerably underestimated, tells us he is sufficiently accomplished to perform the task of drawing a plan of the whole College.

Yesterday's English question to be answered to-morrow:

One of the following three statements must be true.

(1) All Shakespeare's plays were written by Bacon.

(2) Some, but not all, were written by Bacon.

(3) Some of Shakespeare's plays were not written by Bacon.

We do not know which of these statements is true but: which pair of statements may both be true but cannot both be false, and which pair of statements may both be false but cannot both be true?

As the melodious peals of Vin Batchelor's rippling laughter harshly broke the stillness of the classroom, everyone desired to know the source of his amusement. It was reading an extract from "Alice in Wonderland":—"Never imagine yourself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that what you were or might have been was not otherwise than what you had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise."

Humour was being intermingled with occasional outbursts of study. "If that is the watch of John Brown's son, is it not the son of John Brown's watch," asked clever Jack.

"Garn," scornfully drawled a voice from near the heater, "How can a watch be the son of John Brown."

The Animal Biology Class has superseded all others, including the famed Latin quartet, in "intelligence" and now enjoys a spell of unprecedented blissful ignorance! After removing the triangular square from within the head of a large bullfrog, someone told Wally to bespatter the table with the already mutilated brains of the monster tadpole.

LEAVING NOTES

There is nothing startling to report of the doings of the Leaving Class this edition except to remark that some of them are indeed working very hard, whereas others seem to be more ornamental than useful. However, the October tests will soon winnow the chaff from the wheat.

During the month we played the Honours and Intermediate at football, and were very narrowly beaten by the former, but had a very decided victory over the latter. However, we give the Honours great credit for having defeated a team like ours. In reality, the Leaving should have won for as Mr. Hill says, the Honours were given a goal for what was really a point. However, we bear no ill-will to our victors and only desire to challenge them again.

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Terms on Application

The Leaving students are all enjoying the holidays, and are rejoicing at the chance for extra study. Kev. de Lacy and Max Gill especially are frequently to be seen with a book. Whether a study book or not it is difficult to say. Max is getting in early this year, and he and Leo. Horgan are daily to be seen putting the weight. Rumour has it that Max can put it at least 40 feet. The members of the dancing class are looking forward to Miss Brennan's next visit, so that they can master the Rhumba. Joe Flannery is almost perfect at it, and we all look up to him as a master of the art. Joe tells us that he had every dance at the function down the street. He is also an expert at Golf. By the way, Bert Lenne was our outstanding player against the Inters., because he (don't faint) kicked two goals. The French class had an exam. on Thursday, and are eagerly waiting for the results, which I am sure will be excellent. During the last few days we have been disturbed by the sound of bangs, crashes and yells from the sports room. At first we were rather perturbed, but having since found out that it is simply being demolished. We were very disturbed one day when a report came that Br. Sterling was ill, but our hopes—er fears, were quickly dispersed by him arriving in the best of health at 8.30—very late for him.

We had a very nice entertainment on the last two Sundays. Br. Breen gave us a lecture on "International Complications," and Messrs. Jack

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Sheehan and Gordon Long gave us a lecture on "The Campion Society." We are much indebted to these speakers, and render them our heartiest thanks.

VICTIMS OF THE REDSKINS.

A Protestant writer has said "there is not in all missionary history a nobler story than that of the French missions in Canada."

In 1636, Father Isaac Jogues, S.J., was sent by his Superiors to the Huron country. After six years among the Hurons he was called upon to lead a flotilla down to Quebec. Supplies were failing and the hostile Iroquois had cut off communication for two years. However, Fr. Jogues successfully ran the blockade.

While in Quebec Fr. Jogues met a French doctor named Rene Goupil who, fired by Fr. Jogues' stories of his work among the redskins, accompanied him on his return to Huronia.

The canoes started back laden with supplies. Some 30 miles out from the Three Rivers they were ambushed by a large band of Iroquois. Fr. Jogues and Goupil were carried off into captivity. Their tortures commenced at once. They were beaten with clubs, their nails were torn off, and the savages chewed their mangled fingers. With their wounds untended, Fr. Jogues and his companion were flung into canoes, tightly bound, without food or protection from the weather. Goupil now expressed a wish to become a Jesuit. Fr. Jogues acceded to his request and received

his vows. In each village they came to they had to run the gauntlet between two lines of redskins armed with clubs, sticks, and knives. Then they had to submit to all the burning, beating, and wounding which the savages liked to inflict on them. On reaching the Iroquois country all that the fiendish cruelty of Indians could suggest was done for their torment. One of the Indians sawed off with a jagged shell the thumb of Fr. Jogues. Having been tortured all day, they were tied down at night, and the boys of the camp amused themselves by sticking knives in them and heaping burning coals on their naked bodies. They were on the point of being burned at the stake when the savages changed their minds and let them live.

Two months later Goupil, who had incurred the anger of the Indians by making the Sign of the Cross over a child, was stretched on the ground by the blow of a tomahawk. Two more blows, and he had passed beyond the aid of man; the first of this band of glorious band of brother martyrs to reach heaven.

Fr. Jogues after thirteen months of cruel slavery escaped and returned home. But, at the end of another year, we find him again on his missionary travels. Once again he was captured by the Iroquois, and accused of bringing ill-luck with their religion. They were beaten and their bodies slashed with knives. Some of the Indians, befriended by Fr. Jogues, were loath to kill their captives. At last, to cut matters short, one family

most bitterly hostile to the missionary and his faith, invited him to a banquet. He dared not refuse. He was conducted by a couple of savages to their wigwam. As he stooped to enter a tomahawk flashed and fell, and the heroic Isaac Jogues was welcomed by his Master to a banquet in His Kingdom.

Jean de la Lande, a companion of Fr. Jogues, was not long separated from his leader. On the following day he, too, fell a victim to the tomahawk, and his head, with that of Fr. Jogues, adorned the palisade of the Indian village.

"So died," writes a Protestant Bishop of California, "men of that glorious band that had shown greater devotion in the cause of Christianity than has ever been seen since the days of the Apostles."

"INTERMEDIATE A."

Although there is to be no holiday this term, the Inters. are taking it in the "right spirit." I think they realise it is all for the best, and so are carrying on as usual.

Well football is over for 1937. The 1st XVIII. can take it easy for a while now. They have done their duty and have added even another B.P.S. championship to St. Pat's long list of triumphs. The Inters. offer their heartiest congratulations to the team as a whole, and to their excellent sports-master (and incidentally our teacher), Br. O'Malley. Here we must not forget Mr. Hill, the coach of the 1st XVIII. With the team in his hands,

football success for St. Pat's was assured. Before we leave the subject of football, I must mention our match with the Leaving. They had previously played the Honours, and the game resulted in a two points' victory for the latter. Undaunted, they took the field, confident of an overwhelming victory over us. What a surprise they got when, when the final bell went, the scores revealed only a four point victory in their favour. The Inters. are a force to be reckoned with after all.

Lately we saw the return of Bernard Gibney to his old place in the room. Bernie has no reason to complain about no holidays. That source of distraction to all and sundry, the redoubtable Snowy Flynn, will have someone else to annoy now. Pat Conway still valiantly tries to get his Algebra "finished" before Drawing of a morning. Pat remarks that it is marvellous how some problems just won't work out correctly. Des. Munday is improving rapidly at his spelling during Geography period, while John O'Bryan (familiarily known as "Natty"), faithfully records the Geog. leaders.

Now we turn to that very important item, namely our teacher's final round of exams. To mark the occasion, the results were entered in "red ink" in the Notice Case. The following list shows just what boys are leading the class in the various subjects.

Latin:—F. Kroon (1), 82 per cent.; J. Eckel (2), 80 per cent.; P. Cranage (3), 78 per cent.

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Trigonometry:—V. Keogh (1), 96 per cent.; F. Vigano (2), 93 per cent.; R. McKee (3), 90 per cent.

Geography:—P. Cranage (1), 81 per cent.; J. Donovan (2), 78 per cent.; F. Selkirk (3), 73 per cent.

It was with profound regret that we heard of the tragic death of Bryan McNamara's brother, Leo. We offer our deepest sympathy to our classmate in his recent sad bereavement.

We will ring down the curtain then on Inter. A. activities, and hope that they will find some time to recuperate during their compulsory sojourn at the College.

INTERMEDIATE DAY BOYS.

For the past fortnight our Editor has been reminding us of our class notes. Here they are; and the exam. results are worth at least a fortnight's wait.

The September holidays we are enjoying immensely. It is most unfortunate that we cannot fill the time in the approved September manner. However, things could be much worse: we could perhaps catch the topical "Infantile." Oh yes, we are resigned enough.

Inter day boys are keenly interested in the progress of the New Room. Rumour has it that we will soon have a new venue.

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Some exam. results to hand: History, two tests: Frank Ryan, 87 and 93 secured the double first. Others close up were J. Deutschman, 82 and 84; J. Lane, 81 and 79; D. Delahunty, 79 and 89; B. Tierney, 71 and 85; K. Murphy, 67 and 85. The results of three tests in Latin are also available. In the first of these the order of precedence was, F. Howard, 95; B. Irwin, 93; B. Hannon, 92; A. Magill, 91; J. Deutschman, 89; J. Ratcliffe, 84. Exam. No. 2 resulted: B. Irwin, 80; J. Lane, 79; J. Deutschman, 75; B. Hannon, 73; A. Magill and F. Ryan (equal), 70. The last of this series of tests resulted thus: B. Irwin, 85; B. Hannon, 84; J. Elliott, 75; F. Howard, 74; J. Lane, 73; B. Tierney, 71; B. Cantwell, 70; J. Deutschman and E. Dobbyn (equal), 69.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST XVIII.

Results for 1937 Season.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

S.P.C. defeated C.E.G.S. (15-18) to (0-1).

S.P.C. defeated St. Pat's, East Melb. (10-24) to (3-10).

S.P.C. defeated B.C. (15-10) to (3-7).

S.P.C. defeated St. Kevin's, Melb. (8-6) to (7-5).

S.P.C. defeated C.E.G.S. (18-13) to (2-3).

S.P.C. defeated B.C. (6-18) to (3-1).

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SUNDAY MATCHES.

S.P.C. lost to Ballarat C.Y.M.S. (14-12) to (4-10).

S.P.C. lost to Ballarat East (8-19) to (5-11).

S.P.C. defeated I. Munday's XVIII., Geelong (10-9) to (6-12).

S.P.C. lost to East Melbourne (12-10) to (6-6).

S.P.C. lost to Geelong C.Y.M.S. (8-11) to (5-9).

S.P.C. lost to Balaclava C.Y.M.S. (2-17) to (2-6).

S.P.C. defeated Ballarat Socials (7-4) to (5-7).

S.P.C. lost to Ascot Vale (6-14) to (6-10).

S.P.C. lost to Linton (13-13) to (10-6).

Trophy Winners, 1937.

Dr. W. A. Capell's Cup:—Ted. Long (Fairest and Best).

Cup:—Brian Mulcahy (Best Back).

Cup:—Jack O'Dea (Best Forward).

(There will probably be a 4th Cup. The winner's name will be disclosed later. All trophies will be presented on Speech Night).

LEADING GOALKICKERS, 1937.

Pat Mullins 27.

Ted Long 17.

Jack O'Dea 16.

Adrian Jones 14.

Laurie O'Brien 13.

Harvey Munday 12.

The Football season is now over for the 1st XVIII., and it has proved a successful one. Again we were undefeated by Ballarat Public Schools. The victories gained over College and

Grammar were quite equal to those of past years. The "right spirit" instilled by the sportsmaster, Bro. O'Malley, did much, as it has always done, to ensure success and to uphold the honour of the school.

SHED FOOTBALL.

THE "REDS" VICTORIOUS.

(The Reds here mentioned have no connection with the Communist Party.)

From the very bounce of the ball the game was contested vigorously by both sides, although for the first two quarters it looked as if victory was in the hands of Batchelor's team—the Reds. In the last half, however, the Purples began to get on their toes and gave the game a very exciting finish.

The ball was bounced and, the Reds having got the knock out, Collins opened the score for that side with a minor. The Purples, through the agency of Pat Gill, who played a brilliant game, attacked, but their attack was skilfully broken up by Mick O'Connor. After some very skilful play by the Reds, Delahunty with a snap shot raised two flags. The Purples then tried hard to score an equalizer, but that dashing player, Terry Brown, sent the ball to the other end, and Manning having secured, scored a very nice goal. Batchelor passed the ball to Delahunty who marked beautifully. However, M. Willis secured and passed to Cranage, but Gilmore, playing like

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a demon, got possession and sent to Fanning who scored a major. The Purples then attacked, and after some good passing sent the ball to the goal mouth; here Burns, the Red full back, spoilt their chances and cleared. Laurie Vaughan then raised the single flag for the Purples. Delahunty then took a brilliant mark and a point was scored. Caffrey, receiving the ball from Brown by a well directed shot, obtained a goal. Pat Gill and Frank Gebbie both had the misfortune to get winded, but soon recovered and returned to the fray. The Purples ended the quarter by scoring a minor.

Quarter-time: Reds 4 goals 4 behinds; Purples 0 goals 2 behinds.

After a brief rest, the ball was bounced and Burns saved a goal from a kick by Gill. The Reds then attacked and Collins scored a single. Tooley then, with a beautiful mark, saved a goal for the Purples. Batchelor then came through and passed to Collins who raised two flags with a well directed kick. O'Shannessy playing a good game secured possession, but unfortunately kicked the ball to Caffrey who scored a major. The was bounced and Collins kicked. The ball curved very sharply and raised both flags. The Purples then attacked with fierce determination and Bohan scored a single. The Reds then came through and Batchelor scored a point, which was soon followed by a goal from Fanning. Gilmore then secured possession and passed to Magill. O'Shannessy intercepted and cleared

to Bohan who scored a major for the Purples. A nice piece of play by Keogh enabled Brown to get the ball and via Collins, Delahunty and Batchelor a goal was scored. This was soon followed by a point from Collins. Keogh passes the ball to Batchelor, and he to Delahunty, but a nice piece of play by M. Willis cleared the goal, and P. Gill having secured possession raised one flag for the Purples. Pat Bohan then marked and secured a very nice major. This was closely followed by a goal from Selkirk and a point from Gibbons.

Half-time Scores: Reds 9 goals 7 behinds; Purples 4 goals 6 behinds.

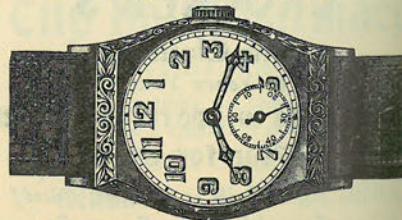
The third quarter opened with a spirited attack by the Purples, and Gill raised both flags. Keogh then retaliated by scoring a minor, and then via Batchelor and Delahunty, Fanning placed the ball between the big sticks. He then followed this up by a point. The Purples then cleared, and some nice work by Bohan got him a major. The Reds retaliated by goals from Fanning and Caffrey. Both sides then settled down and nothing further was scored.

Three-Quarter: Reds 12 goals 12 behinds; Purples 6 goals 6 behinds.

The final term commenced and both teams entered it with the utmost zeal. Howard scored a goal for the Purples, but the Reds attacked and Caffrey raised both flags. The Purples swiftly attacked, and although the Reds desperately defended, they could not

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It is wonderful what advantages persons of all ranks derive from this

holy and splendid institution. Some have obtained through it the grace of perseverance all their life in the innocence of their youth; others brought back from sin to a life of virtue; others, again, have turned their backs on the perishable goods of this life and have bound themselves by vows to the service of Christ.

Generally we find more sin in one man who does not belong to the Sodality than in twenty who do, for Mary protects her Sodalists in life as well as in death.

Reception of New Members.

Wednesday, 4th August, saw all the students of the College assembled in the Chapel to witness the impressive ceremony of the reception of twenty new members into the Sodality ranks.

The ceremony commenced with the *Veni Creator*, after which the newly-elected members with one voice expressed their desire to become Members of Our Lady's chosen band of

Knights, and promised solemnly to be true to the duties and obligations of the Sodality. The Director of the Sodality, Rev. Fr. Gleeson, then invested the Sodalists with their medals. The ceremony concluded with Benediction and the singing of "Hail Queen of Heaven."

The following are the names of the new members: J. Crowe, M. Muirhead, M. Reynolds, J. McAloon, J. Connell, V. Keogh, J. Favaloro, J. Holmes (Senior), P. Cranage, D. Munday, M. Gill, J. Little, T. Carroll, B. Hannon, R. Hayes, A. Jones, H. Caffrey, M. Hyland, D. Tooley, P. Baker.

We congratulate all the members of the Sodality who have consecrated themselves to the service of the Queen of Heaven because they are a chosen battalion of true Catholic boys, who are fervent and ready for any sacrifice with the help of the Mother of God under the protection of the Almighty Power of God.

As a final word of encouragement, let all members of the S.P.C. Sodality endeavour to the utmost of their ability to cultivate a special, lifelong devotion to the glorious and ever Blessed Mother of God. Let each feel what a privilege it is to be a Knight of Our Blessed Lady, and let him aim at more than ordinary goodness. The higher life is not necessarily the Religious life; that is reserved for those of the Sodality that bind themselves by the three vows of religion. The Sodalists' higher life, while living in the world, is the life of Christian Perfection.

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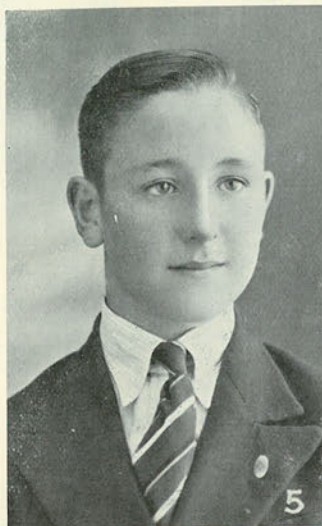
Lady Mary, at thy feet
Bows a warrior to-day:
Bless him, Lady Mary Sweet,
Set him on his striving way!
Bless his restless steed called "Life;"
Tie thy colours on his rein;
Speed him to the coming strife,
Lady, this fair kindness deign.

Pledged he is to fight for thee,
And thy Son's loved honor, too.
Lady Mary, graciously
Grant this knight the ensign due;
Smile upon him kneeling here,
Eyes bent towards the listening sod;
Bid him up, and free from fear,
Sally forth for thee and God!

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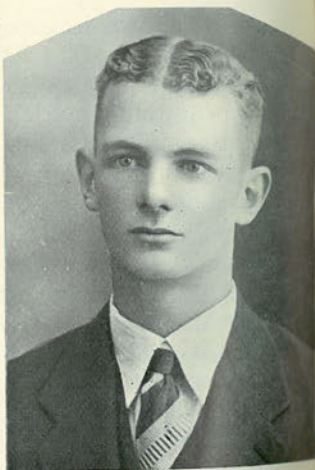


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prevent Gill and Vaughan scoring majors. The Reds, after some very hard work, succeeded in giving the ball to Delahunty who scored the maximum. Con Fanning then scored two goals in quick succession. The Purples retaliated by O'Shannessy passing to Gill, who with a very nice stab punt scored a major. This he soon followed by two more, and when Fanning added another point to the Reds, the final bell saw the scores: Reds 16 goals 13 behinds; 109 pts. Purples 13 goals 13 behinds, 91 pts. Goalkickers: Delahunty 1, Fanning 7, Caffrey 3, Collins 2, Batchelor 1, P. Gill 6, Bohan 3, Selkirk 2, Howard 1, Vaughan 1.

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P. O'SHEA'S DEFEAT THE LEADERS.

The luck of the toss saw O'Shea's with a slight assistance from the wind. Each team showed determination. The game travelled backwards and forwards till McKusker secured from the knock-out and with a long punt scored a point—the first score for the game. Scott with a long kick from the half-back line found B. McCormick who managed only 1 point. However, after a scrimmage the latter secured and passed to Fleming who made no mistake. The scores on the bell being O'Shea's 1-1, Tudors 2 points. Tudor, O'Shea, B. McCor-

mick, Madden and McKusker were most prominent.

The second quarter was even. The faulty kicking of Tudor's team was to mean a lot. O'Shea's attacked strongly and the captain, with straight-forward tactics, goaled. Tudor's rushed goalwards in a series of attacks but only points resulted. The quarter ended with O'Shea's 2-1; Tudor's 7 points. The best for the quarter were O'Shea, Gibbons, Frith.

The third quarter saw each team attacking in turn. Open play and with accurate passing, O'Shea's advanced to 6-5, with goals by Scott, Fleming, O'Shea, and an excellent acute angle goal from B. McCormick. Tudor's goal-getters were Cashin (who secured first goal for his side), Cullinan (2). Tudor's team finished the quarter with 3-7.

Tudor's team fought back and attacked strongly. Goals to Gibbons and Cullinan brought them close to O'Shea's, and when Flynn marked in front for Tudor's it looked as though they would obtain the lead. Flynn, however, attempting to run, was brought to earth, and O'Shea's back players cleared. The final bell rang with O'Shea's attacking strongly.

Final Scores: O'Shea's 6 goals 8 behinds, 44 points; Tudor's 5 goals 10 behinds, 40 points.

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P. O'SHEA'S WINS GRAND FINAL.

Premiers, 1937.

Play opened with a forward movement by Tudor's. Good back play transferred play, and McLinden forwarded to Fleming who scored 1 point. Again O'Shea's drives forward only to see Tudor's swing into the fray and, through the agency of McKusker, level the scores. B. McCormick from a free goaled for O'Shea's.

Tudor's again attacks and Cashin, a veritable will-o'-the-wisp, cleverly eludes several players and goals.

It was Tudor's quarter with Cashin, Gibbons, and McKusker very prominent. For O'Shea's, Frith turned many attacks. Durkin and B. McCormick played well. Scores: Tudors 1-3; O'Shea's 1-1.

On the bounce O'Shea's swung forward only to see a chain of beautiful passes spoilt by Fleming. From a scrum B. McCormick snaps 1 point. McGrath to B. McCormick saw the latter goal. Points from Fleming and Carr saw O'Shea's attacking hotly. A faulty kick-off by G. Little allowed McLinden to rush in and snap a goal. Again a forward movement and McLinden passes to Fleming who was only able for a point. Tudor's then drove forward, D. Ryan passing to Cashin, Frith was again in the way. Scott to Fleming and another point. Fleming, who was kicking badly, again raised one flag. Cashin to Gibbons to McCusker—but again in came O'Shea's, and Durkin dashing through goaled on the run.

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Half-time Scores: O'Sheas 4-7; Tudor's 1-3.

From this on O'Shea's team took command. B. McCormick, M. McLinden, P. O'Shea, K. Scott and a new E. Fleming, using every ounce of energy, drove play forward time and again. Glorious marks by Scott and Fleming saw O'Shea's team forging ahead. Nothing daunted, however, Tudor's team through the agency of Cashin and McKusker saw T. McCormick mark in the square and score full points.

3rd Quarter Scores: O'Shea's 6-11; Tudor's 2-3.

The final quarter witnessed a grim struggle. Tudor's team determined to recover lost ground and O'Shea's team of dreadnoughts still more determined to increase their lead.

Durkin was showing wonderful pace. Meakes caught, receives free; passes to Carr, who goals. A 60 yard's dash saw McLinden come through with vigour and score—a fine effort! Madden to Fleming and again two flags. Again Tudor's team, with McKusker to the fore, surges forward and Hynes from a free, goals. Frith to B. McCormick to Scott, and up go the flags. P. Cashin, tripped, receives a free and goals for Tudor's. McLinden again tearing through passes to Fleming, who goals. Scott again attacking finds D. Munday, who snaps 6 points. Tudor's move forward and Hynes goals from a crush. Flynn receives a free and misses from point blank range. D. Ryan played splendidly for Tudor's.

Final Scores: O'Shea's 12-11; Tudor's 5-6.

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BLUES v. GREENS.

All were on the field by 4.20. The coin was tossed (or the whistle was chosen) by Doug. Smith, and he decided to kick into the wind for the first quarter. The game was evenly contested, and usually there was only a point or two difference at any period of the game. The Greens seemed to be lacking in cohesion, that is, they did not seem to pull well together, as they did a few weeks ago. Consequently, I thought Doug. Smith tried to do too much himself.

As for the Blues, well, when they reached 9 points without having kicked a goal, I was beginning to wonder if they knew what the two long posts in the middle of the four were for. Their score at the final whistle was four goals eighteen points.

The day was a glorious one for footy, but although it was a very hard fought game, at times it was very scrappy. Little "Ginge" Smythe and Nicholas were only a few who crowded the centre instead of playing on their wings.

Lewis Nagle and his players seemed to get some of the form that led them so far ahead in the first round. Lewis handled the ball well, and kicked goals when he didn't kick points! Perhaps the most rugged and effective player yesterday, and one of the most promising in the whole competition, was Des. O'Hehir. He plays a man's game. The vice-captain, Herbert O'Toole, is a good left foot kick.

What we like about Herbie is his modesty. No matter how well he plays he never "shows off." John Williams played a good season as a pocket forward and wore nice white laces. Dan O'Brien played well as a back pocket and is to be commended for using his left foot so well. W. Taubert bagged 1 goal and 1 point yesterday. Peter Penn is a very improved player and doesn't mind the bumps. K. Lalor saved some situations by long kicks from back—keeps his position better. K. Hartley is a good trier in the winning team. Pat Boyce tried too much by himself and wandered a little—otherwise fair. Bill Clohesy is another boy who tears into the game and gives all he's got to his team—plenty of team spirit. B. Jenkin was absent, but the substitute was alright. Ken Mansfield is a nippy winger.

In all, the Blues have plenty of determined little players with the "right stuff"—courage and unselfishness. So congratulations to the captain and his men on their victory in the final.

As for the Greens, Doug. is the best and fairest player on St. Roch's. A very solid player, and if he will take a word of advice, he is just a bit selfish with the ball. Perhaps he is so determined to win. Camelo surprised with a couple of very good goals yesterday. David Beale is not so classy, but tries hard—did some good kicks. Gerald Molony was one of the very best players on the field, and if he continues to improve, he will

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do well. (He has a very graceful kick). J. Nicholas showed us how they can't play in Box Hill. J. O'Brien is a very good back player. M. Keetley also wears his footy togs nicely. B. Higham is becoming quite nippy, and as for Tom Cantwell—a good advertisement for Donald.

In conclusion, congratulations to all players on their big improvement during the season, and their concentrated effort.

NEW BUILDING.

The old Sports' Room has gone to make room for two class rooms. One class room is for the Junior classes,

The Secret in the Cellar

(B. J. De Vere Blennerhassett).

"And he was a man who never smoked nor drank," said Mrs. Bateson, the landlady, as she concluded her wandering statement to Sergeant Winters, of England Yard. "Pshaw!" said the sergeant, "you can expect anything from that kind. Milk and water, I call them. They won't do anything, and then suddenly they do: something like this one has gone and done." "He's gone all right," said Mrs. Bateson, "but what I say is, he covered himself in a garment of official efficiency, and said, 'Well, leave that to me. I'll find him for sure.'" "And I do hope you will," said Mrs. Bateson, "a real quiet, model young man, as paid up every Saturday he did, and now disappears

which are now accommodated on the stage of the Hall, and the other is for the Intermediate B. The present Intermediate B. room will then be occupied by the Remove. A new Sports' Room is being built near the western handball courts. The new class rooms will be well lighted and very comfortable. The youngsters are looking forward to the occupation of their new quarters.

THE OVAL.

Jack Holmes and Pat Gill, very competent surveyors, have planned out the new oval. Work on the improvement scheme is expected to begin at once.

where's he gone?" The question seemed to the sergeant to sound something like a challenge, so at once suddenly without a word. "Well," said the sergeant, "just go over the principal points again. A twice told tale sinks in and makes a better impression as well as a deeper, and gives a better chance for deductions." "Well," said Mrs. Bateson, "as I was saying, last Saturday he paid up, and he says, 'Mrs. Bateson, I'll send for these things'—his belongings—and he didn't send. As you see, they are here. That was strange, but when a letter came for him on Monday, and two more on Tuesday, I began to get uneasy, and I considered it my duty to the British public to ring up the Yard."

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"You did quite right," said the sergeant, "acted as a British subject should. England Yard gets a chance when the landladies of the nation recognise their duty, and follow up by doing it."

Briefly, the case was this. Kevin Kelly had been staying with Mrs. Bateson, at 63 Kent Road, Battersea, for the past nine months, and as she said paid up regularly, but on the previous Saturday had gone away, leaving all his belongings, and so far had not sent for them. It was now Thursday, so he had been gone five days. "A great deal can happen in five days," the woman in number 65 had said, and this oracle kept on recurring to Mrs. Bateson's mind, and causing her to make worrying guesses at what might have happened during that time, while so much water had flowed under London Bridge, and the sun had continued in its habit of shining in such a fashion as not to set on the British Empire.

"Was there anything at all suspicious in any little way, about anything he said or did during the last few days before he left?" asked the sergeant, after a pause. "Well, at the time I didn't think so, but now after what's happened, I'm beginning to doubt." "Doubt what?" asked the sergeant, instantly alert. "It was this way," said the landlady, "Mr. Kelly used to have very few visitors, but one was a Roman Catholic clergyman. Father Wilsden he used to call him. Mind you, I've nothing

against Roman Catholics in particular. I lived next to some of them at Golder's Green, and found them nice helpful neighbours, and I never suspected anything about this clergyman until now."

"What!" asked the sergeant, "tell me what you think suspicious. I wouldn't be surprised at anything if there is a Roman Catholic priest in it."

"Well, it was this," continued the revealing landlady, "on Friday night the clergyman called, and stayed until nearly ten o'clock. When he was going, Mr. Kelly was helping him on with his overcoat, a raw night it was, Friday. Well, I distinctly heard him say, 'And can you say black to-morrow, Father Wilsden?' and the clergyman said, 'No, not to-morrow: not until Tuesday. I'll be free then.'"

"Free!" gasped the sergeant. "Free, and saying black. What's it all about? Looks like some Roman Catholic secret society. I'm in this up to the neck." The sergeant made his farewell, and Mrs. Bateson retired into the seclusion of her kitchen. On the way back to England Yard, Sergeant Winters, like the Walrus, "thought of many things": he thought that Britons never shall be slaves, that a priest in London talked of being free on Tuesday, and most mysterious of all, had declared that he could not say "Black" until that day.

Sergeant Winters set his teeth and determined that the Vatican should

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find that Red White and Blue was the trinity of colours that should prevail over every black-hand society, and that anyone in London who wanted to do so, should say black or white, brown or brindle, no matter what happened.

(To be continued.)

SUB. A CABLES.

"For men may come and men may go, But WE go on for ever."

The cancelling of the holidays, due to the epidemic of Infantile Paralysis, was quite a blow to us; but we are standing up nobly to our work and are even prepared for more.

Latin honours, the result of tests held during the past month, have gone to G. Dwyer, G. Little, W. Newton, R. Carr, W. Begg.

During the period of one week, we missed from our ranks the illustrious T. Hannah. He says he was hurt at football, but we would still like to see the other fellow.

Keen disappointment was experienced by us all when we heard that the Christian Doctrine examination had been postponed.

This month has seen the departure of J. O'Shannessy, L. Neeson, R. Lorizans, K. Fitzgerald. Sub. A. football team, as a result, has been considerably weakened. However, the spirit of determination shown on our training nights indicates that Sub. A. will not secure the case of fruit without a tremendous effort. In fact, we do not think for one minute that they will win.

One or two of our noble squad are trying to popularize "esperanto," French verbs—je buyerai, tu buyeras, etc. I shall buy, etc.—they are ever so much simpler than the recognised forms!

We congratulate M. O'Connor, J. O'Shannessy, M. McLinden, K. Scott, M. McGrath and K. Dridan who were members of the Premier football teams.

THESE ARE THE THINGS I LOVE.

by J. A. Holmes.

Old vines clinging round the trellised arbour;
The cows mooing on the verdant hills;
Pigeons hooting in the musty hay-loft;
A little river and its rippling rills.
Ripe wheat waving in the golden cornfields;
Wild birds singing in the azure sky;
Green old orchard and the kitchen garden;
Black ducks in the reedy lake nearby.
Deep ponds shining in the silver moonlight;
Daisy fields sloping toward the brook;
Grey moss boarded, creeper covered stable;
A ringing song of the rook.
Dew sparkling in the golden sunshine;
The clear, soft call of the cooing dove;
Wind whispering in the distant meadows
These are the things I love.

SUB. B.

Every boy offers his sympathy to Tom Green on account of his mother's illness. We wish her a quick recovery. During the month all settled down to hard work, in preparation for the Christian Doctrine exam., only to find, at the last minute, that the exam. had been postponed. On the holiday in honour of Fr. Sait's ordination, some of the boys biked out to Lal Lal Falls. Jim McMahon sighted a rabbit and disposed of it in a way that would arouse the envy of some of the professional rabbit catchers about St. Pat's. The noise maker, Jim Byrne, has returned to class after giving us a few days of peace. It is rumoured that he has been changing residences, and we are sure that the neighbours at the old address are pleased. One very small boy in our class is going in for high climbing on people's shoulders. He may be a fireman one

day. Ted Frith was very amused when a mouse came into the room during the French period. Arthur Hynes surprised everyone recently by coming to school with his features slightly disfigured. No one can get him to say how the damage was caused. Everyone is sorry to see the football season coming to an end, if only because it puts an end to the duels between the McCormick brothers. We have made a good start in the tests against the Sub. A. Some were not too optimistic of our chances, but we can do other things besides getting out Factors. Pat O'Shea led his team to victory in the Senior St. Roch's Competition. He had a fight all the way, but the good old Sub. B. spirit brought him to the top.

LECTURE BY MR. G. W. LONG

On Sunday evening, August 29th, Mr. G. Long, of the Campion Society gave an inspiring address to members of the Senior Literary Society. Mr. Long is an Old Boy of St. Kevin's, and he is an active worker in the Campion Society in Melbourne. Other speakers on the occasion were Mr. J. Sheehan, a well known Old Boy of S.P.C., and Mr. S. Reynolds.

VISITORS.

Amongst recent visitors to the College were Rev. Father Bernard, O.F.M., from the Franciscan House of Studies, Box Hill, and Rev. Father McGlynn, from St. Columban's, North Essendon.

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OUR LADY OF RANSOM.

(Sept. 24th).

In the year 1189 there was born a nobleman named Peter Nolasco, whose soul was ever filled with an intense love for the poor. In the fights against Moors he witnessed the misery to which the Christians were reduced in slavery under these cruel taskmasters.

While wondering what he could do for them, Our Lady appeared to him, and gave him to understand that it would be very pleasing to her Divine Son, if an Order of Religious men were established for the redemption of captives. She also revealed herself to St. Raymond de Pennafort, Peter's confessor. These two, in unison with James I., King of Aragon, then founded an order for the redemption of Christians from the tyranny of the Moors.

Mary has a great love for all souls because they have been committed to her care by her Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed them at the price of His better Passion.

Therefore, beg her frequently to pray with you and for you, that by the grace of God your own heart may be preserved from the slavery of the devil, and the hearts of your school-fellows be made firm and loyal in the service of Jesus Christ.

REMOVE AND SIXTH GRADE

The last week has found a new period in the time table—A Serial—and as a result of this new and popular subject "The Eureka Stockade" was brought home to us as a thrilling story of the Australian pioneers headed by that big bodied and big hearted Peter Lalor. The story bore particular interest for Kevin Lalor, who is a distant relative of our hero. Something to be proud of Kevin; let's see you prove to be as great an Australian as Peter.

On Sunday began the first match of a series—City v. Country. The Country under Herbert's captaincy ran

away from the city. Yes! Sir! The Country romped home and everywhere the Country went the City followed after. However, it looks as though the City is bound to win in the total.

Tom Clarke has a penchant for wireless. Maybe he is the successor to Marconi. He is also good at looking for sandshoes. Doug. and Howard Smith have new scarves—Oh! Boy.

The terminal banquet was a popular item on last Thursday's program. No need to single out any particular boy who did justice to himself—all acquitted themselves admirably. However, Alan Ryan, Jack and Dan O'Brien for a few, had to get the buttons on their coats moved. We'll give them rolling exercises to keep the avoirdupois down. The latest about Joe Nolan is that he appeared on the pictures last week. Norman Tilley is a "new" boy these days—he's quite changed, while Jack O'Meara has been promoted to long'uns. Jim O'Dea was recently suffering from "the morning after the night before" feeling.

To get away from these personalities, let us commend all the boys on the hard work they are doing these days in school. Is there any fear of a breakdown? Not during the "serial" anyhow.

HUMOUR.

Office Boy: "A man called while you were out, sir. He said he wanted to thrash you."

Editor: "And what did you say to him?"

Office Boy: "I said I was sorry you were out, sir."

Pat: "If wan of us gets there late, and the other isn't there, how will he know if the other wan has been there and gone, or if he didn't come yet?"

Mike: "We'll easily fix that. If Oi get there furrst I'll make a chalk-mark on the side-walk, and if you get there furrst you'll rub it out."

In Dublin, a zealous policeman caught a cab driver in the act of driving recklessly. The officer stopped him and said: "What's yer name?"

"Ye'd betther try and find out," said the driver, peevishly.

"Sure. and I will," said the policeman, as he went round to the side of the cab where the name ought to have been painted, but the letters had been rubbed off.

"Aha!" cried the officer. "Now ye'll get yersel' into throuble. Yer name seems to be obliterated."

"Ye're wrong," shouted the cabby triumphantly. "'Tis O'Sullivan."

The following speech was made by a country barrister on behalf of his client, whose cow had been killed by a train:—"If the train had been run as it should have been ran, or if the bell had been rung as it should have been rang, or if the whistle had been blew as it should have been blowed, both of which they did neither, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

A keen-eyed mountaineer led his overgrown son into a country schoolhouse. "This here boy's after some learning," he announced. "What's yer bill o' fare?"

"Our curriculum, sir," corrected the schoolmaster, "embraces geography, arithmetic, trigonometry —"

"That'll do," interrupted the father. "That'll do. Load him up well with triggernometry. He's the only poor shot in the family."

A German writer tells us that when "benzoynaphthylamid is treated with nitric acid, two isomeriemonitronamidobenzonphtylamide are formed, one yielding monononamidobenzonaphthylamide, and the other, adydrobenzodiamidononcalina." All parents should impress this fact upon the minds of their children.

(N.B. The Editor warns J. Collins that the above are highly explosive.)

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QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, PRAY FOR US.

No devotion to the Blessed Virgin is more familiar to the Catholic school boy than the holy Rosary. He recites at least some portion of it each day. He carries the Rosary beads about upon his person and shows his love for them by wearing them round his neck while he sleeps.

The Rosary received its present form in the 13th century. The guiding hand of Providence then led St. Dominic to give to this beautiful devotion the form which it bears at the present day. During his life the fearful albigensian heresy spread itself over France. Those who professed this heresy admitted two Gods, attacked the Sacraments and denied the use of baptism, penance, and matrimony. Their actions were so vile, their doctrines so horrible, that they had, at last, to be stopped by force of arms. While labouring for their conversion, St. Dominic received in a vision from heaven an order to introduce among them the devotion of the Rosary. He did so, and marvellous results immediately followed. The hearts of the people were softened; they gave up their heresy, abandoned all the terrible practices into which it had led them, and purged away their guilt by humble penance.

Finally, to honour the devotion of the Rosary the Feast of the Rosary was instituted to commemorate the victory over the Turks gained at Lepanto on the 7th October, 1571.

THE ROSARY IN THE CABIN.

(The Muscular Catholic and the Sniggering Steward)

It happened on the ferry steamer between Wellington and Lyttleton (writes "The Month," N.Z.). He was a St. Patrick's College (Wellington) student. After a last "turn" round the deck he had gone down to his cabin, a two-berth one. His unknown cabin-companion was already tucked in, in the upper berth. After a short remark about "going to have a calm trip," our young friend hung up his coat, then took out his Rosary beads, and knelt down by the settee to say his prayers—a practice in which he had never failed since his mother (an Irish woman of the best type) had taught him that humble devotion.

Unaware of the absorbed interest which his cabin mate was taking in his action, he had reached the end of the first decade, when the door opened by his side and a steward appeared with a tray, intended for the passenger in the upper berth.

Almost at once there came a loud, sniggering laugh. The reciter of the Rosary looked up just in time to see the steward, with the sneer still on his lips, contemptuously pointing a finger at him. Then things moved in a flash. Dropping his beads on the settee, the man who was thus mocked sprang to his feet, and before the steward rose a vision of a tall, athletic, muscular New Zealander towering over him, with flashing eye and quivering lip.

"You low-down cur, I'll teach you to laugh at a man's religion!"

He caught the Cockney steward in a vice-like grip; he held the door open with his left foot, and, taking the mocker by the scruff of the neck, he pitched him—tray and all—into the narrow corridor. There was a heavy fall, a crash of broken glass, a moan, then silence.

The silence was broken by the passenger in the upper berth.

"I say, old chap, put it there. I am a Catholic, too, but I don't say my beads at night—and few prayers, indeed, at any time. But I admire you, old man, for what you have just done. I am proud of you."

"Well, if you are," came the unexpected rejoinder, "get down here and say your beads with me, and prove your religion."

The suggestion was adopted with a whimsical smile, and the two knelt side by side, murmuring the ages-old prayer until the end of the fifth decade. They then rose.

Soon afterwards, the door opened again, and a very polite voice was heard: "Did you ring, sir?" But it was not the voice of the steward who had made the hurried and involuntary exit.

There is in New Zealand to-day one Catholic who rejoices greatly over that exhibition of muscular Christianity; for from that Rosary, recited under such unusual circumstances—and almost under compulsion—dates his real return to the faith, and the practice, which he has broken only twice

since, of saying his Rosary every night before going to bed.

HONOURS NOTES.

This is the third term, folks, and the spirit of study prevails amongst us. In fact, so late have some been studying, that the organisers of an anti-electricity campaign advise those desirous of burning the midnight oil to bring their own candles. Just as the Honours led the school in football, so, too, are they leaders in study. They had an uninterrupted study last week when the magpies next door sought a more sheltered nest.

Following upon the decision of the V.F.L. to increase prices over the final series of games, the president of the H.L.C. announced that, owing to the decreased support of intellectual faculties, he had been compelled to eliminate the outer reserve, and increase the admission fee for ringside seats. When booking opened J. Flanagan and Leo Scullion were the first to reserve. The following imperial edict was also posted:

"Translations not admitted. Offenders destroyed on sight."

When asked if he was doing any work, a bright student—noted for his silence—indicating a pile of, as yet unperused, volumes adorning his desk, briefly and curtly replied, "One would be led to imagine that you have not been miscalculating in your observations."

While endeavouring to instil into

the mind of a would-be Commercial Law student some of the fundamental principles of a Court of Justice, a teacher sought a personal instance to more clearly define the case at hand. "If you walk down Sturt Street," he explained to the already blushing lad, "you will be charged with vagrancy as you are too simple and stupid to clearly explain your whereabouts."

After sitting on his chair at an angle of 45 degrees for nine months, Frank Keenan sees no reason why he should sit upright just to please authority.

The departure of one of our fellow-companions, one who by his upright and manly character and his jovial and kindly disposition won admiration and respect from all connected with him, is very much regretted. We refer to Patrick Gill who will in the near future take up a position in the State Public Service. Although Pat has been with us only a few months he has become one of our leading students and sportsmen. All join in wishing him the best of health and wealth in his future career.

So exalted was Joe Favalora by the grandeur of Milton's pastoral elegy, that he depicted mermaids carrying pails of milk.

Adrian Jones wants to know: What is a gavotte? What is a bucca? What is a thorpe? Did Geelong defeat Collingwood? Brian Toohey asks: Has anyone seen a dream walking? Some members of the Biology class are still chasing frogs and fish.

The frog hunters are too slow, while the fishermen, though they cast the bait admirably, are rather slow drawing in the lines.

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On August 29th the first golf tournament was held. So successful was the function that it is hoped the event will become an annual fixture, and within a short time form an integral vein in the realm of S.P.C. sporting activities.

We would like to take the opportunity of thanking those who sponsored this function, and by their generosity made the feature possible. Special mention must be made of Father Gleeson, Brother Purton, and Mr. Hill; while in no less degree are we indebted to Mrs. Hill and Sister Pola who very kindly provided an enjoyable afternoon tea.

Twenty-three golfing aspirant participated, and some highly creditable cards were returned. Max Gill, who returned the excellent figures of 88, was successful in annexing the coveted championship title, while Rod Hayes, with a score card reading 97—12, net 85, won the A grade handicap. Kevin Gilmore, the "surprise packet" of the afternoon, won the B grade division.

Results:

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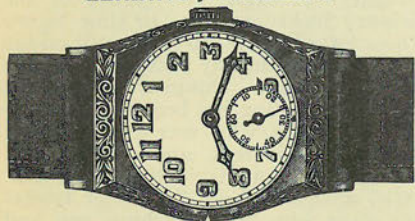
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LEAVING PASS.

The commencement of the third term brings to our minds that the end of the year is near and that the exams. must be completed before we can enjoy a relaxation which is due to students after a hard year's work. Each boy of the Leaving does not only desire to pass his exams., but is most anxious to bring renown to his Alma Mater. Thus the members of the Leaving are determined to succeed in the coming exams. On Thursday, 30th September, we arrived prepared for a hard day's work, but found the Leaving room in flood. Much confusion prevailed, while we salvaged our desks and books from the room of disaster, to take up our residence in the Library. At first it was thought that bathing togs would be needed.

Knocks and bangs which continual-ly sound overhead rouse many of the

boys from their usual slumber on Monday morning. The noise was so deafening that when a student asked Bro. Stirling to repeat the question the latter said that he could not tell him because he could not hear his own voice. In the middle of the corrections of a Latin prose Bro. Stirling was rather amazed at the ignorance of a certain boy, when his thoughts were diverted from the subject. Instead of doing Latin we imagined ourselves at elocution.

The members of the Leaving have entered wholeheartedly into the answering of the responses during Mass.

On Sunday, 26th, the members of the Literary Society assembled in the College Hall to witness the debate between St. Pat's and the Catholic Boys' Club. The subject of the debate was "Should Compulsory Military Training be Introduced?" The Leaving Class was represented by John Dwyer (No. 1 member). One member of the Society was so impressed by John's speech that during the following week he applied for a position at Duntroon Military College. St. Pat's was awarded the verdict by four points. We are also to be represented at South Street Competitions by A. Anderson. Adrian has entered for a number of items and no doubt will uphold the prestige of the Leaving. We all wish him the best of luck. Many others of the Leaving wish to appear at South Street, but to take the roll of critics, not of competitors. We congratulate Max Gill on winning the Golf Cham-

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day and the lonely watches of the night in this crowning miracle of His love as our Changeless Friend and Eucharistic King.

Let us all during our frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament renew our love and devotion to our Eucharist King. Let us renew our faith and loyalty. May the Kingdom of Christ spread throughout the world. May Christ reign in the heart of every single person, in every home, and in every society.

Hail, Jesus, King of love and my King for ever! To Thee Who alone art Blessed and Mighty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, be honour and empire everlasting. Amen.

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pionship of the College. Certainly Leaving lead the school in sport, Harvey Munday was all smiles over Geelong winning the League pennant, and as Reg. Hickey (an old St. Pat's boy) led Geelong to victory we trust that Harvey may follow in his footsteps and keep Geelong on the map.

We all look forward each Friday evening for community singing; for here the Leaving as a class is heard at its best. We, the Leaving, possess members of former South Street choirs, i.e., J. Pekin, member of the famous choir of 1932; K. Delacey, of 1934 choir; and, of course, T. Carrol, a little man with a big voice. We thank Bro. Maloney for the interest he takes in community singing. The Leaving Class is well represented in the "Specials"—Harvey Munday, Leo Horgan, Herbert Lenne, Max Gill, Mark Whitty, Jack Kealy, Jack Pekin, Pat McNamara, and W. McCarthy. We look to them to uphold the honour of the Leaving on the field of running during the coming sports meetings. Now that the building is near completion, and after the thrill of the October tests, we say farewell till next issue.

FROM CATHOLIC PAPERS.

150,000 at German Catholic Congress.

One hundred and fifty thousand—a higher number than ever before—attended the German Catholic Congress and septennial display of Catholic

relics from all parts of the world, which closed at Aachen recently.

Twenty-one thousand men took part in Sunday's procession of relics which passed through streets crowded with spectators. Hymns were sung by the processionists and onlookers. Altars were erected in front of houses on the route and in the evening these were illuminated with candles.

Pilot Dies After Disturbing Corpus Christi Procession.

AMSTERDAM.

Soon after he had disturbed a Corpus Christi procession at Freiburg, Baden, an aviator struck a hillside, crashed to the ground and was killed. The press was not allowed to refer to the accident.

The liner, obviously commissioned for the purpose, flew constantly and at a very low level over the procession. This made the people uneasy and the noise of the motor made singing virtually impossible.

Actual "News."

The following item of "news" appeared in the "Daily Express" on the same day as "Beachcomber's" skit. It was thought worthy of cabling from Los Angeles by the staff reporter:

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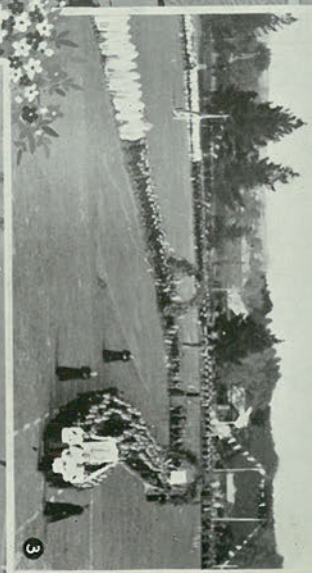
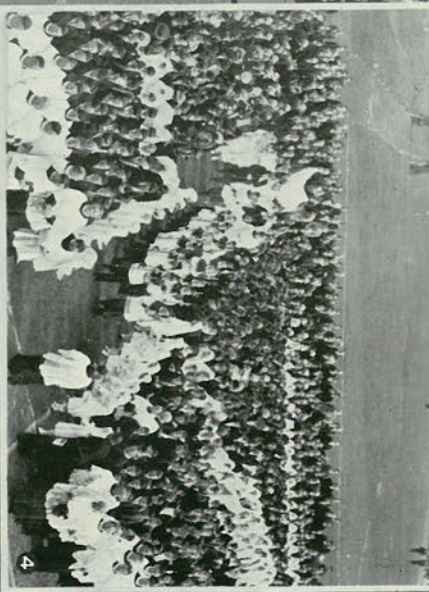
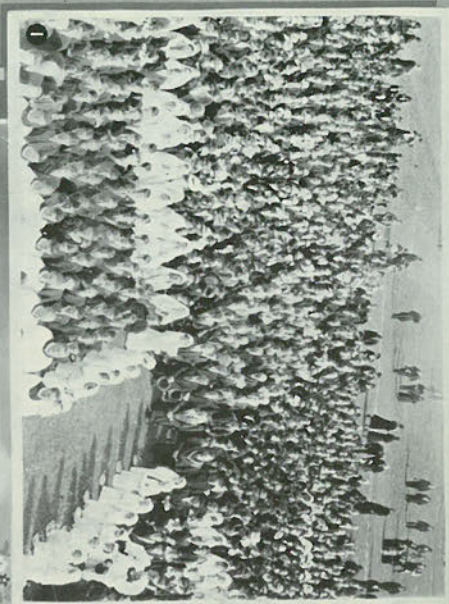
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ing, when an attack of laryngitis silenced him. But he claimed his 21-hour sermon had broken the previous record by four hours. Mr. Lee ate sandwiches, gargled, changed collars, twice retreated to the vestry for rubs down—but kept on preaching by microphone when he was not in the pulpit. The real purpose behind non-stop preaching, according to Mr. Lee, is “to attract people to church, and convert them to the faith.” A congregation of more than 100 sat through the night listening to his sermon. Record for them, too?

What a wonderful contraption is the modern flapper newspaper!

Franco Assists at Mass Every Day.

General Franco assists at Mass every morning and, with his wife and child and members of his staff, recites the Rosary every evening, says Fr. Sylvester Pancho, O.P., rector of the University of Santo Tomo, Manila, who has arrived in the United States from Spain. Three of Franco's five aides-de-camp, whom Fr. Pancho knows personally, receive Holy Communion daily. The Nationalist volunteers go into battle singing hymns and recite the Rosary every night.

Practical Faith.

A tram filled with a “peak-hour” crowd from the city turned into College Street. A young man who had

been deeply buried in the evening paper looked up, and raised his hat as the tram passed St. Mary's Basilica. . . . A young man and a young woman out walking into the cool of the evening came to a church. The door was open. The girl was not wearing a hat. She borrowed the man's handkerchief, tied it gipsy-fashion over her head and both went in to pay a ten-minutes' call on the Divine Dweller in the little Home of the Tabernacle. . . . The bus from the school carrying the precious load of small boys came down the street. As it swung round a corner opposite a church it was a beautiful sight to see all the straw hats lifted in salute to Christ in the Tabernacle. “Hail, Christ the King.”

These little acts of Catholic courtesy tell the man-in-the-street that Catholics are not afraid nor ashamed to proclaim their faith.

Arrested, Beaten and Fined for Saying Rosary.

MEXICO CITY.

Father Ortiz has been arrested and fined on a charge of having recited the Rosary in the one church of the city of Vera Cruz, despite the fact that he was not wearing a cassock or any sort of liturgical dress.

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INTERMEDIATE A

The start of the third term! What does it mean? For the Inters., it is the getting down to real, hard study. Not that they have not been doing it throughout the year, but upon this term's work, the December examinations depend a good deal—it means success or failure.

In the near future are the October tests. These are of great importance as they decide the Dux of the class for the year. Also they determine if one is fit to sit for the final exam. in December. As well as the Dux the best five other boys in the class receive a handsome prize. Several candidates are in the running as the saying goes for these honours.

As compensation for lack of holidays this term, a very enjoyable series of picnics was held. Mt. Buninyong was the scene of these outings. Each class had its own day, and did the Inters. make theirs a day? Were not we the first to view the slopes of the mount? Before we left there was considerable speculation as to how the cooking was going to turn out. However, when they were put to the test, the genius of some of our students was amazing. The excellence of the cooking was apparent from the fact that no one seemed to experience any ill-effects. Great excitement, and I may say great rivalry, prevailed between the Geography and French Classes in the various games sponsored by our teachers. Br. O'Malley strongly supported the Geography Class, while Br. Gore urged on his French Class. Personally, I think the Geography Class was superior. As a Grand Finale, a Rugby game was organised. An exceedingly hectic ten minutes resulted, after which everybody seemed to think the “tank of rain-water” to be the most enjoyable place. My! but it was thirsty work! Before concluding our note on the class picnics we would be most ungrateful and forgetful if we did not thank our worthy Chaplain (Rev. Fr. H. Gleeson) for his generosity and

kindness in making the picnics the successes they were. His prizes on the Intermediate day were contested for in great style. Laurie Larmer's accident caused Father's early return to Ballarat and he missed the big Rugby display.

Athletics are in full swing now, and several Inters. stand a good chance to gain a place in the team. Don Hunter, J. Connell, J. Donovan, L. Delahunty and W. Coffey are old hands, all being in the team last year. Amongst the newcomers this year J. Carroll from North Melbourne is a high-flier, and will most likely swell the ranks of the under sixteens. On form this year Jim Sullivan looks like doing something. Jim's whirlwind 440 the other day was an eye-opener. In the senior training competition, progress scores to date show Midvale (H. Munday) in the first position with 94 1-5 points; Olympians (H. Lenne), 2nd with 80 9-10 points; Calford (A. Jones), 3rd with 35 9-10 points; and Ionians (L. Horgan), 4th with 15 points. The following fact might also be of interest to the other classes. It will be noticed that the three leaders in the struggle for individual points are all Inters., namely, J. Sullivan, P. Mullins, and R. Hayes. This shows just what talent is to be found in our modest little band.

Owing to a certain student's tendency to break out into speech at the wrong moment, he is lately to be seen occupying a rather prominent position during study time, or else a two-foot circle near the blackboard.

Another bright specimen tried to dismantle the showers all by himself the other Thursday night. He even went so far as to souvenir some of them.

And now with the month of October comes the Inters' Living Rosary, a devotion long in practice in St. Pat's. Let us hope that this 1937 class will even better the glorious records of the past, and make this exercise offered up to Our Virgin Mother even more zealously and more fervently than any of the past.

CRICKET.

Until the advent of the warmer weather cricket will not occupy our serious thoughts. But our 1st XI. should be thinking mildly on cricket nowadays. The new practice wickets should be a big improvement on the old system. Though the old system has a pretty good record, mark you! If we can only get a bit of grass on the centre—too bad if we can't get something to cut with the new mower.

The 1st XI. should remember the enjoyable Sunday game in which Mr. Cohan, coach of the colts, played. Mr. Cohan has promised to bring up the colts' team for a Sunday match about November 20th.

There is still a G.P.S. match to play—and win?

SUB A

These notes see us well on the final lap—heading for the final examinations and a well-earned, long-looked-forward-to holiday. At present examinations occupy the limelight. Who will be Dux of Sub A for 1937? Soon the "news" will be broadcast. Following this we shall prepare to face the grand final. The coveted 1st places in the various subjects will call forth our best efforts. Hence we will not object to doing some real "solid" work between this and then. Below are results of examination "trials"(!)

At last we have found W. Meakes' strong points—Athletics. 'Tis well that gravity exercise an influence over Bill, for he is a high jumper of some class. Run? Yes, he defeated R.

Young and P. White—so, say no more.

Our picnic to Buninyong during our term vacation(?) was a pleasant day. And please note that a Sub A representative won the mountain climb. Well done, George! Chillingollah certainly was on top. W. Newton ran second, while K. Scott was 4th.

Tunnel Ball—here we bow to superior team work on the part of Sub B. We take this opportunity of congratulating Sub B on defeating us in three successive football tests. We appreciated very much their sporting gesture in allowing us to partake of some of the fruits of their great triumph.

We regret to have to announce that owing to forgetfulness we are unable to extend an invitation to the big celebrations on 5th October—the Twins' birthday. However, come next year.

By the by! K. Scott began his golf career with a good drive. Fore! No, only two. Spectators within a radius of half a mile, beware!

Exam. Results.

Geometry: (1) G. Little, G. Ryan, 93 per cent.; (2) W. Newton, 88 per cent.

French: (1) R. Carr, 79 per cent.; (2) W. Newton, 72 per cent.; (3) L. Seagrave, 71 per cent.

Latin: (1) G. Ryan, W. Newton, 79 per cent.; (2) G. Little, L. Seagrave, 69 per cent.

TENNIS:

Competitions for the Dr. Podger Cup and under age championships will be held in November.

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TENNIS LAWS!

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When your opponent is ready to serve, hit the balls to the opposite corner from where is standing. This makes him bad tempered.

When your opponent has made a bad shot, always show him the correct way and laugh at his comic efforts—this makes players more affable towards each other.

Try to annoy your opponent by continually asking him the score—try to trick him when he is doubtful.

If you are tiring, cramp suddenly in both legs—this will give you fifteen minutes' rest.

If you are losing, do not fail to impress upon your opponent that you have not practised for three months, that you are using a strange racket, that the court is too fast, that these are not the balls you are used to, that the onlookers annoy you, that the umpire is rotten—in fact, that you are not playing your usual game.

SUB INTER. B.

We all enjoyed the picnic on the top of Mt. Buninyong. The fun really started when the bus stopped at the foot of Sturt Street, and we began to look for bargains in order to augment our hampers. Father Gleeson and Father McGloin arrived as the vari-

ous cooks had their dinners well under way. We are very grateful to Father Gleeson for the wonderful boxes of sweets that he gave us. The Sub A had to admit defeat once more at our hands in the tunnel ball contest, but they made up for that defeat in the mountain climb. Monty Wells, the naturalist of the class, sought out snakes during the day, but he had to be content with a lizard. Matt. Cashin opened up a wide discussion when he declared that a horse pushes a plough rather than pulls it. Bill McGennissen thinks that the one behind the plough does most of the pushing. Basil McGrath is a great inspiration to those in his athletic team. It will not be his fault if they have not got the right spirit. Con Fanning and Kevin O'Connor are training with the "Specials." Bill Brittain and Don. Chisholm have been looking up their genealogical trees and both claim descent from ancient Scottish clans. Baron McBreton hardly thought that any of his descendants would answer to the name of Bill, and we are sure that Robert de Chisholme—Don's claim to fame—carried great weight in his day. We are looking forward to contests with the Sub A in athletics and handball. Our success in the football makes us confident of another series of victories, but the result of the mountain climb cannot be forgotten. By the time the next "Chronicle" appears the October test will be over and the class positions will be known. The next "Chronicle" will contain the results of all the tests.

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Chapter II.

(By J. de Vere Blennerhassett.)

When Sergeant Winters arrived back at England Yard, he went straight to the green room which faced to Calvert Street, for Calvert Street was a blind street into which no vehicular traffic ever entered, and Sergeant found the quietness of the room and the peace of its immediate prospect conducive to intelligent thought. In any case he would have been compelled to use the green room, for the Superintendent was in the brown study receiving a report about the great Marlton Mystery.

Sergeant Winters liked the brown study, and went into it whenever he could, but failing that the green room was a good substitute. The Sergeant sat down and smoked a cigar half through, to compose his mind, before setting himself to the work of unravelling the mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. Bateson's model lodger.

Shutting his eyes, the sleuth began to concentrate on the mystery.

Firstly, Kevin Kelly had disappeared; secondly, he had been in the company of a priest who declared that he could not say "Black" on a certain day and that he would be "free" on another day specified. A thought struck the detective: Was Father Wildsen a Jesuit? Suddenly, Sergeant Winters jumped up and grabbed a London directory. In a few minutes he had his reward, for amongst the names of the Jesuit Fathers at Farm Street Church was Rev. J. F. Wildsen, S.J., M.A., Dph. The Sergeant sat down with triumph in his eyes and began to plan how to use the knowledge which had just come to him. The cigar was finished, and the Sergeant sat back in deep thought. Another brain wave struck him, and he went to the portion of the green room library labelled "B," and was soon deep in research. He read of the "Black Hand," the

"Black Arrow," the "Black Death," the "Black Watch," all European secret societies, and he felt that in the customs of some one or other of these was the explanation of why a British subject, to wit, Rev. J. F. Wildsen, confessed his inability to say "Black" on a certain day. "Black," said the Sergeant audibly to himself, "is perhaps a password in one of these secret societies," and he began to wonder was the body of Kevin Kelly down in the slime of the Thames, because he had spoken out of his turn, and said, "Black" before he was allowed.

The Sergeant resolved to go to Farm Street, and take observations. After lunch he set out, and in a short time was amongst a crowd of people who were going in the direction of the Jesuits' Church. Sergeant Winters stood for a while near the gate and took observations. The time was ten minutes to three by the sleuth's wrist watch, and he ventured to ask a question of an old man who was making his way into the church.

"What's on?" asked the Sergeant.

"Forty Hours," replied the man.

The Sergeant felt that the mystery was deepening and thickening. He remembered the words of the tables which he had learned at the Council school:

"Twenty-four hours one day;

Seven days one week."

The words began to run through his mind. What could forty hours be? he wondered, and ventured to ask another question of a boy who was just coming through the gate. "What's forty hours for?" he said. The boy answered, "First Friday." Mystified, the detective went into the church. A great number of candles were burning, but no "service" was proceeding. The Sergeant sat down. Soon he noticed people going and coming between certain box-office looking arrangements, and he wondered what it

was all about, and then suddenly he saw the name "Father Wildsen, S.J.," printed over one of the box-offices. Taking a few notes, he left the church and went back to the Yard and to the seclusion of the green room. "First Friday," read the detective from his

notes. "To-day is Thursday," he said to himself. Forty hours for the first Friday—what's the first Friday? To-day isn't any Friday and to-morrow will be the twenty-fifth Friday this year."

(To be continued.)

ATHLETICS

Athletics are in full swing at St. Pat's and the 1937 team is going to be one of the "best yet."

About twenty-seven are training in the "Specials" and under the expert coaching of Messrs. D. Sullivan, D. Rice and E. Crimmins they are making excellent progress.

There is to be a keen contest for representation of the Green, White and Blue on October 30th. Adrian Jones, Bert Lenne, Les. Horgan, Jack Kealy, and Bill McCarthy are training hard for the 100, 220 and 440 events. Our distance runners will be selected from Jack Pekin, Max Gill, Don Hunter, Leo Scullion, Joe Kelly, and Jack Mooney. The hurdles and field games representatives will be from Harvey Munday, Pat McNamara, Terry Brown and Bill Coffey.

In the under 16, St. Pat's will be worthily represented by our unbeaten champion, Jack Connell, and also Laurie Delahunty and Jack Carroll. The under 15's will be strong also. Mark Whitty and Jim Donovan are old Inter. school representatives, and two newcomers in the persons of Con Fanning (Charlton) and Kevin O'Con-

nor (Pimpinio) are sure to do well.

In the under 14 we have an excellent performer in Bill Meakes, of Hay, N.S.W. He has the "right spirit" and looks like being one of the best since the days of Des Walls who did so well in that division. Bob Young, of Essendon, and Basil Higham (Windscr) are the next best and should prove a strong second string.

Our juniors are Jack Burns (record breaker in Melbourne last year) and Dan O'Meara. Both of these should do well.

Interest in Athletics is keener than ever at S.P.C., and the season should be a great one. The four House Captains have already been chosen—Adrian Jones (Calford House); Harvey Munday (Midvale House); Bert Lenne (Olympian House); and Leo Horgan (Ionian House).

Great disappointment was felt at the cancellation of the Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools' Sports for this year. St. Pat's are the holders of the Dr. Mannix Shield from last year, and will now not have to defend the retaining of it until 1938. The "Courier" Cup is also in our possession in the dining room and will be defended on October 30th.

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The Senior Training Competition is well advanced. The first round ends on Wednesday, and at present the House points are: Midvale, 94 1-5; Olympians, 80 9-10; Calford, 35 9-10; and Ionians, 15.

The points for Champion Boy in this competition stand at present: Jim Sullivan; Rod Hayes, 23; Pat Mullins, 21½; Jack O'Dea, 13½; Bill McCunnie, 13; Pat Gill, 13; Pat McLoughlan, 12 1-5; Brian Mulcahy, 10½; Ferdy Vigano, 9 1-5; Leo Browne 9; Bill McGenniskien, 9.

Training days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and on these days contests in the different competitions are held. The oval is in good shape this year. The Tramways' heavy roller was used for four days making the surface flat and safe. A new mower has been purchased. It is drawn by horse and is one of the Scott Bonnar specials.

The oval will be at its best for the trials for inter-school representation and good times are expected. It will occasion no surprise if some of our existing records are shattered. I know two at least who will get their names on the College Record List.

UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS ATHLETICS COMP.

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highly commendable. There are five teams, A to E, whose captains are L. Delahunty, A. Sykes, J. Connell, P. Cranage and T. Darveniza. "Specials" Delahunty and Connell took their first active part on Sunday and finished 2nd and 1st in the weight putt. To date the A's are a bit on the wrong side of the points. But they have a couple of "Specials" who will, no doubt, bring up the score when they get going properly. The order is at present C, B, D, E, A.

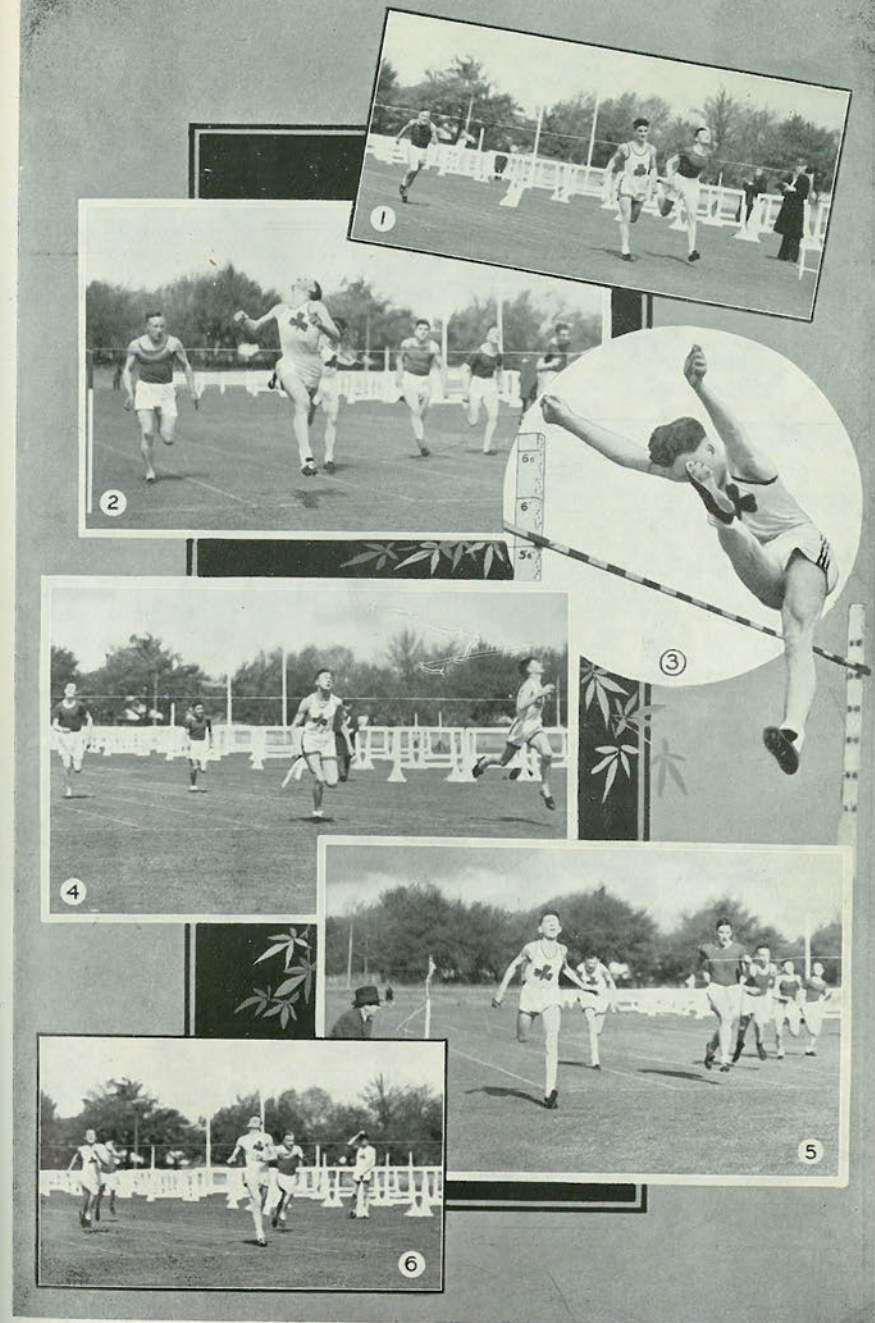
UNDER 15 ATHLETIC COMPETITION.

On Monday, 27th September, teams were selected by the following captains: Keith Gibbons, John Eckle, Basil McGrath and Rex Bramleigh. The training has been carried out most enthusiastically by the majority. Some few absentees have shown lack of interest. However, the events show the pluck and determination of many to do all they possibly can to place their team on top. As this edition is going to press, the positions of the teams and their respective points are as follows:

1. B. McGrath's, 176 points.
2. J. Eckle's, 161 points.
3. R. Bramleigh's, 142 points.
4. K. Gibbons's, 134 points.

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4. J. Connell and L. Delahunty, 1st and 2nd respectively in "220" under 15.
5. M. Whitty winning "100" under 14.
6. B. Hanigan winning "220" Open

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Trophy Winners: E. Long (Best and Fairest); B. Mulcahy (Best Back); J. O'Dea (Best Forward). Our leading goalkicker finished with 27 goals.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

Since the last edition of the "Chronicle" the Literary Society has enjoyed several illustrated lectures on "Art and Artists" given by the President (Rev. Bro. Purton). They were given in the hall and for the first time for many years the Intermediate boys were invited, and they seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the Leaving and Honours boys. We are all very grateful to Br. Purton for giving these lectures, and I feel sure that most of us could recognise the paintings of all the great artists and appreciate the beauty of them.

On Sunday, the 26th September, in the presence of a large audience a debate was held in the College Hall between sides representative of St. Pat's Literary Society and the Catholic Boys' Club. At the outset Br. Purton welcomed Rev. Fr. Ryan, a distinguished Old Boy, who had kindly consented to adjudicate. The subject was: "Should Compulsory Military Training be Introduced into Australia?" Mr. I. Pontefract commenced the attack for the Boys' Club and he was ably supported by Messrs. D. Callahan and K. Sherry. Mr. J. Dwyer led the S.P.C. team, and he had as his team-mates Messrs J. Kelly and B. Toohey. At the conclusion of these speeches Fr. Ryan gave his verdict and pointed out errors in the speeches. Br. Purton then asked Mr. J. Dwyer to move a vote of thanks and it was ably seconded by Mr. Pontefract and carried by acclamation. Fr. Ryan then

suitably responded. The verdict went to our representative by 4 points.

The speakers and their points were as follows:

Catholic Boys' Club (Affirmative): I. Pontefract, 14; D. Callahan, 12; K. Sherry, 15. Reply: I. Pontefract, 14. Total, 55 points.

S.P.C. (Negative): J. Dwyer, 16; J. Kelly, 16; B. Toohey, 15. Reply: J. Dwyer, 12. Total, 59 points.

Before concluding, thanks must be given to Br. Purton who kindly arranged the debate, and to the Head Prefect (C. McKenzie) for capably carrying out the duties of timekeeper.

FOOTBALL BANQUET.

On the 21st of September the annual football dinner was held in the refectory. It was to honour the victorious teams in their respective "House Competitions." The winning teams for 1937 were: On the Shed, Vin Batchelor's team; on Senior St. Roch's, Pat O'Shea's; on Junior St. Roch's, Louis Nagel's.

Besides the teams other honoured guests were Bro. Stirling who ably and eloquently presided; Coley McKenzie who represented the school as Head Prefect; Brian Mulcahy, the Captain of the 1st XVIII., and the remaining captains of the competitions.

Grace was said by Bro. Stirling and the banquet was in full swing. It was the "best yet"—so thought Bro. Stirling. The boys agreed with him. The chairman, considering that everyone

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was satisfied, introduced the toasting and called upon Brian Mulcahy to give the toast of the winning teams. Brian spoke well and pointed out the importance of the competition games. "It was," he said, "on these competitions that our future XVIII's will rely." He pointed out how Reg. Hickey, the leader of Geelong's premiership XVIII, was a captain on the Shed. He mentioned, too, this year's team and showed that he was proud of the whole XVIII.

The toast was then drunk, each team congratulating the other. The response was given by Vincent Batchelor. Vin. told us that "no doubt football is the king sport of St. Pat's." He, too, showed that the members of the senior team learn their football, for the most part, in the junior competitions. He said that many of the footballers present would be called upon to fill the vacancies next year. He was most confident that they would do well. He then closed by thanking Bros. Boland, Williams, Mullen, and Murphy for their untiring energy throughout the season.

Coley McKenzie was then called upon to propose a vote of thanks to the matron and staff. They had given the boys a very enjoyable dinner and were to be congratulated on it. The acclamation that ended Coley's speech was given with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Stirling, tired of being so long passive, considered it his duty to thank Matron personally for the sumptuous repast. This he did with an added amount of enthusiasm. Thinking this not sufficient he called upon Brian Toohey to thank the staff on behalf of

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the captains. This Brian did with much eloquence. He expressed the desire that the football would continue to be as good in the future as it was during the season just finished. "And so say all of us!"

FOOTBALL

As a parting farewell to the football season Sub A challenged Sub B to a series of five matches. However, as Sub B proved their superiority in the first three the complete series was not played. Scores:

1st Test: Sub B, 14—10 defeated Sub A, 7—7.

2nd Test: Sub B, 15—17, defeated Sub A, 7—8.

3rd Test: Sub B, 8—7, defeated Sub A, 4—4.

The outstanding performance was that of C. Fanning (Sub B) who kicked 20 goals.

Sub B's best players were: C. Fanning, B. Scally, B. McGrath, W. McGennissen, N. Byrne and E. Frith. Sub A were best represented by W. Newton, W. Begg, P. Betros, D. Toohey, G. Wilkinson, M. McLinden and K. Scott.

As a "Trophy" Sub B were awarded a box of choice oranges, which, in true sporting fashion, they shared with their "victims." Congratulations, Sub B!

CONFIRMATION.

On Sunday, 26th September, His Lordship Dr. Foley administered Confirmation in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The following boys from S.P.C. were

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The event was celebrated by those confirmed by a half holiday and a small entertainment.

INTER. DAY BOYS.

The third term is well on its way now and all are working at top speed. The October tests are imminent, and that does not make for easier going. However, illogically, we took a turn at making wickets last week—the break was not unwelcome.

Since our last appearance in print we have speeded Gerard Lane to Melbourne and fame in the world of men and affairs. The send-off was quiet; but we sincerely wish him every success in his new work.

Day boys all are entering keenly into the Intermediate Living Rosary. During this October month of the Rosary they will waft many a prayer to the Mercy Seat. A successful year for the whole school is a big intention.

Unfortunately, one of our number, L. Larmer, suffered a mishap on the day of our outing to Mt. Buninyong. A badly bruised leg has yielded to care, treatment, and robust health; so that Laurence is again in his accustomed place struggling "Larmerfully" with schoolboy difficulties. Welcome back! Save for this accident, the day was a magnificent success.

Our interest in the athletics is of

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the usual variety. Unfortunately, we may not lay claim to any performer of really outstanding ability. But A. Sykes has his name on the notice board rather frequently. He captains a team in the under 16 years competition, and does a real captain's part into the bargain.

OLD BOY ELECTED.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. J. M. Mullens who was elected for Footscray to the Victorian Parliament at the recent elections.

VISITORS.

Amongst recent visitors to the College were Mr. Vin. Nehill, a well-known Old Boy from Terang.

Another Old Boy visitor was Bob Potton, of Kaniva.

REMOVE AND SIXTH GRADE

Since the last edition of the "Chronicle," the most outstanding and successful event was the picnic to the Gong Gong Reservoir. It would take too long to tell of the many joys and thrills of that holiday—bargain hunting at Coles, etc., the journey to the Gong, the two-hour hike through the bush and along the shores of the lake, and then the dinner. What appetites! Camp-fires prepared the sizzling sausages, chops, potatoes, eggs and toast, which required no sauce in the open bush-scented air. Sports and prizes, more meals, drinks, lollies, songs and a very happy return home! Each boy is to be commended on his excellent conduct and manners. The day was undoubtedly the best yet. Our thanks are due to Matron for her ever-generous care and attention, particularly on that day.

Ian Mac is losing his hair. He should consult Gerald and Lewis Nagle who believe they have got to the "root" of the trouble.

Dave Madden is one of the most

improved in his class. Jim O'Dea can do "Grand Finals" well too. Rody did not lose his good spirits when Murtea was beaten in the final of the footy. Basil Higham has that "spring" feeling—4-ft. 6-in. is his best. John Burns is training seriously (?) for the sports.

Ken Hartley is, or perhaps we should say, "was" an ardent tree climber until . . . !

Salvatore and his "musical circle" intend doing some school work, now that their theory exams. are over.

Herbert O'Toole is seeing that the regulations about the new building are being strictly carried out.

THE HOBBY CLUB.

We take this opportunity to introduce the Hobby Rooms. The sloyd rooms have been re-conditioned, and provided with matting, benches, stools and wireless set. To date, several planes, mats, kites and other odds-and-ends have been "invented." The stamp section, which numbers fourteen members, meets every Monday afternoon. The rooms are open on Monday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Any boy desirous of making aeroplanes, kites, mats, table centres, fretwork, meccano, should see Br. Murphy.

JUNIOR NOTES.

In the examination given recently by the Br. Inspector, Geoff. Higham, with an average of 94 per cent., gained the honors by a slender margin from Mick Mendes and Keith Ross (both 93 per cent.), Kevin McGrath (92) and Tom Colgan (91).

Others who distinguished themselves are Allan Symes (who had an off day), 78; and Johnny McGoldrick (77). Naturally, Loy and Basil felt it their duty to get the same marks (73). Athol Nicholas also reached this high level and John Lennox took a spell from "shutting the gate" in order to get 71.

The marks in 4th B were: Ken Tr. and John Tooley (both 77), Des. Bourke, 72; Billy Bunting, 60.

Dicky Cannot had no difficulty in gaining first place in third class, while Gerard and Murray dead-heated for the laurels in second.

One bright lad informed the examiner that "Geography is all about History."

Before the recent picnic there was some talk of having lunches cut for the little boys—the idea being that they were too small to be able to cook for themselves. This suggestion was laughed to scorn by the gentlemen in question. Tut! tut! Just imagine the juniors being unable to prepare their own food in the wilderness. Again I say, Tut! tut! Dicky, Frank, Athol and Co. declared that they had had any amount of experience in such matters on the slopes of ye old plum pud.

So, away went the juniors armed with pots, pans, tins, and any amount of courage, to the Gong, and there gave an astounding demonstration of bush cooking. Never before have potatoes been cooked into so many colors—ranging from pale green to jet black. Never before have hot dogs (with bark attached) sizzled so merrily in the fire—pardon me, in the pan. And never before has food disappeared so quickly.

Bob Robbins and Loy were conspicuous for the good company they kept on the way to and from the picnic grounds.

Altogether we had a splendid day and the juniors take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Murphy for his very successful efforts to make the outing an enjoyable one.

HUMOUR.

SCOTCH?

A man was leading his horse along a street in Glasgow when the animal suddenly stopped while passing through a crowd. Despite the efforts of the owner and the bystanders the

animal refused to move and the crowd gradually melted away.

The owner, in despair, gave it another smack, and to his surprise it moved off cheerfully. Then he noticed it had one of its fore-feet firmly planted on a threepenny bit.

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SURE DEATH.

Boss of the boarding-house: "Good gracious! I found three big rats in the pantry; how in the world will I get rid of them?"

Grouchy boarder: "Close the door on them, and let them starve to death."

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A ROUGH HOUSE.

"You say your mother-in-law threw a chair at you," said the magistrate. "Yes, sir," said the applicant for a summons.

"And then your wife threw a table at you?"

"Yes, sir."

"And what made you leave the house?"

"I saw my daughter looking thoughtfully at the sideboard."

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THE LOST KITTEN."

Aunt: "What became of the kitten you had when I was here before?"

Little Tommy (in surprise): "Why, don't you know?"

Aunt: "I haven't heard a word. Was it poisoned?"

Tommy: "No, 'm."

Aunt: "Drowned?"

Tommy: "No, 'm."

Aunt: "Stolen?"

Tommy: "No, indeed."

Aunt: "Hurt in any way?"

Tommy: "No, 'm."

Aunt: "Well, I can't guess what became of her."

Tommy: "She grewed into a cat."

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YEAH!

An Englishman and an American about the wonderful inventions of their respective countries. The invention in question was fire-proof safes. Said the Englishman:

"A man in London bought a fire-proof safe the other day and wishing to test its genuineness, placed a dog inside, and lit a big fire round it. The next day, opening the safe, the dog walked out uninjured."

"Waal," drawled the Yank, "I calc'late a guy across in our sweet land had one of these safes and he also wished to test it, so he placed inside a rooster, and put tar, waste, kerosene, etc., around it, and these he lit. Next day he opened the safe and saw the rooster frozen stiff."

EXAMS.

At each year's end exams. are held,

You think you know a lot—
But when you go to write it down

You find what you know not.
Exams. are funny things, you know:

You stroll down to the hall,
You sit there for an hour or so
And then—your spirits fall.
Then when you're asked "How did you do?"

"Oh, not too bad," you say;
But in your inmost heart you feel
Naught but the black'st dismay.
And thus you've messed up every paper;

You're feeling rather blue;
Great then your joy, of from results
You find that you've got through!

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NOVEMBER— THE HOLY SOULS.

"Have pity on me, at least you my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me." (Job. xix. 21.)

Our holy faith teaches us that a soul dying without grave sin on it but which has not done complete penance for its offences against God must have these stains removed by the cleansing fires of Purgatory. There is, in the future world, a baptism of fire, a hard and weary baptism, to destroy all the marks of sin left upon the soul so that it may be fit to see and enjoy the Face of God.

As to the situation of Purgatory, most of the Saints seem to think it is beneath the earth. Some also believe that many souls, for a time at least, suffer their purgatory in those places where their sins were committed, and that they are often present at the prayers which are offered for them.

St. Augustin tells us that the pains of Purgatory are greater than the sufferings of all the martyrs; and St. Thomas teaches that the least pain in Purgatory is greater than the greatest on earth. "All the tortures that one can conceive of in this world are," says St. Cyril of Alexandria, "refreshing, compared with the least pain of Purgatory."

WE CAN HELP.

Let us listen to the longing cry of the suffering souls. Let us try to realize that the souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves. Hence they must pay off their debt by enduring the

pains which God has laid upon them.

One Mass devoutly heard will bring them great relief and consolation. The Council of Trent declares that the Holy Sacrifice is of all things the most helpful to them; while the Council of Lyons emphasises that we on earth can help and diminish their pains by Masses, by prayer and almsgiving, and other works of piety.

In the year 202 St. Perpetua saw in a dream her young brother imprisoned in a dark place, all covered with dirt, and parched with thirst. She began to offer up fervent prayers for him, and soon after he appeared again to her but this time beautiful and happy.

Prayer for the dead is of great benefit to ourselves, for it is a work of mercy. Says Marie Lataste: "Thou canst do nothing more acceptable to God or profitable to thyself than to pray for the holy souls; for they will be mindful of your favours in heaven, and will pray unceasingly for you that you may become holier in life and be freed from Purgatory soon after death." "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." (2 Mach. xii. 46.)

SPECIAL ACTS FOR THE HOLY SOULS.

1. Mass and Communions.
2. Visits to the Blessed Sacraments.
3. Prayer: "Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."
4. Small daily act of mortification.

HONOURS NOTES.

The October exams. have been concluded and very creditable were the results, which augur well for success in the finals at the close of the scholastic year. To John Holmes goes the coveted title of Dux of the School; while Walter Moon succeeded in annexing the Devine Prize for English. We offer our heartiest congratulations to these two successful students and wish them success in the Newman exams. to be held next week. In all, St. Pat's will have seven representatives contesting at these exams., striving to bring fame and glory to their Alma Mater, and Scholarships and Exhibitions to themselves. Unfortunately, owing to the paralysis epidemic these exams. will be held in Ballarat instead of Melbourne. The boys, however, need not be despondent, as they can rest assured that the Mayor of Ballarat will be just as generous as his contemporary in Melbourne has been in the past, and he will place the City of Ballarat at their disposal.

With the heavy flush of work lately the room has been practically devoid of wit and humour, but nevertheless the intellectual faculties occasionally must arise from the depth of their ponderous contemplation to give mirthful acclamation to the would-be humorists. For instance, the other night an argument arose as to the respective merits of "Up Home." "Garn," said one cynically, "all your town can boast are gas lights when you are home." Not to be outdone the other sarcastically retaliated, "Your village is a desert when you are away."

In translating the pentameter verses of Ovid, the classical linguist, depicted Romulus as snatching 40 winks in the hoary beard (or, pardon me, my mistake, for he has had a shave; it was in the stubble) of his father.

In extending our heartiest congratulations to the successful athletic team, we would like to mention those of the Honours Class who did their manly share. We would like particularly to mention Adrian Jones who has

the distinctive honour of being coupled with Charlie Jenkins and Hugh Johnson, G.S., as a record holder of the classic 100 yards event.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING ANNUAL PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Sunday, 31st October, the Feast of Christ the King, saw many thousands of people assembled at St. Patrick's College to give public testimony of their faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. Those who have seen former processions at S.P.C. have no hesitation in saying that the number of processionists was considerably greater than in past years. The college oval was looking its best; while decorated arches, with watchwords of faith very prominent, "stiff flags straining" in a strong south-easterly breeze, and the college grandstand, a wealth of golden decorations and green foliage, formed a magnificent setting for the Altar of repose where Christ reigned triumphantly. The occasional sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Regan, C.S.S.R.

The success of the day's demonstration of faith was, in no small measure, due to the indefatigable energy and zeal of the Principal of the College, Rev. Br. Purton, whose experience with former processions is such that all the details of to-day's celebrations were attended to most successfully. To Rev. Fr. Gleeson, the College Chaplain, goes also a large share of the credit for the happy issue of the day's celebrations. The Altar, beautifully draped with gold, silver and white, was the artistic production of a master-hand, Br. Murphy. The musical accompaniment to the hymns was tastefully rendered by the St. Augustine's Orphanage Band from Geelong, conducted by Mr. P. Jones.

And now we must give expression to feelings of gratitude to all those who so generously co-operated in the work of preparation and decoration. May their good work receive abun-

dantly the blessing of Christ Our King, for Whom they laboured. With the Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. D. Foley, who carried the Blessed Sacrament, we say to these: "May God bless you."

LEAVING NOTES.

This month the motto of the Leaving is "Study! Study! Study!" (copyright). If you go to the senior dormitory these morning at 5 o'clock you will hear sundry grunts and snorts as the Leaving students bestir themselves. One boy—poor chap—had a nervous breakdown and retired to Daylesford for a mineral water diet. However, he has now fully recovered and is back working as hard as ever. Ted Long has again captured first place in the class. Congratulations, Ted. Now we are trying hard to see who will carry off the "big" cup that Mr. O'Shea is offering, and the competition is very keen.

Recently our schoolroom was renovated and is now a model of neatness.

There is a tradition that a throng of heterogeneous humanity used to engage in pernicious peripatetics in the room, but Br. Sterling has stopped all that. If you had walked into the Leaving room some time ago you would have sensed quite an air of mystery. If you asked anyone what was wrong he would say, "finger-prints," and if you had looked at the freshly-painted wall you would have seen a beautiful set of finger-prints. But it's too late now. The criminal

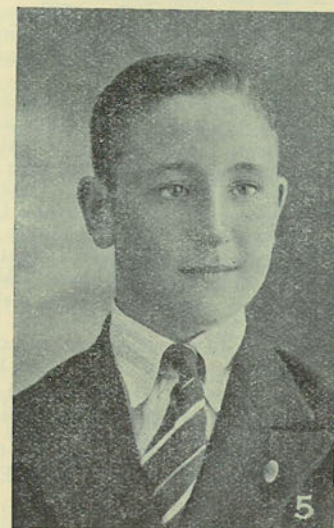
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E. LONG
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was unearthed and brought to book. Bill stoutly declares that it's a "frame-up."

We have a good representation in the aths. team in our room, namely, Harvey Munday, Leo Horgan, Jack Kealy, John James Joseph Mooney, Esq., Pat McNamara, Jack Pekin, Edwin Rogers, Mark Whitty, and Max Gill. "Verily, ye Leaving Roome doth containe ye creame of ye schoole."

Many rumours are going round as to what will win the Melbourne Cup. Our teacher informs us that the one

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that carries the most green will "bring home the mustard." Joe Flannery has a certain tip also, but our anxious enquiries bear no fruit. Joe remains unmoved.

The aths. team are all looking forward to their big night on Saturday, and the dress suits and stiff shirts are now coming to light. Patrick Elvin—er, pardon me—Elvin Patrick Collier became quite sentimental. Our teacher asked us for another name for "As You Like It" and Elvin Patrick piped out: "The way it's done." Also, Hugh Caffrey condescendingly asked Br. Sterling to prove to him that the middle point of the line was the centre. However, we all agree that this months we must go all out to pass the final tests, and we must not, and do not, let our minds wander away on frivolous subjects. However, before we end the last (Who said so?—Ed.) "Chronicle" notes for the year we must tell you some of the queer things that are in our room.

CRUSADERS.

Still a goodly number of S.P.C. boys continue to enlist in the army of those who, Sunday after Sunday and often daily, make a glorious manifestation of faith, when they leave their places in the Chapel to receive the "Bread of Life."

Let us hope that in the future the number of Crusaders will be considerably increased within the College Circles.

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give a strong reminder to others who may not yet have enlisted in this glorious band of chosen followers of Christ, our Eucharistic King.

PICTURE THEATRE.

A very welcome improvement made recently in S.P.C. was the installation of new apparatus in the Talkie Projection box.

A complete round plant was built and installed by Messrs. H. Hudson and R. Rowlands, of Hartley's Sports Stores, Bridge Street. This has greatly improved the sound of the pictures, and has cut out many of the unexpected thrills of Saturday night. A new arc lamp and mirror gives a good constant light, while a new machine and motor has cut out vibrations. A motor-driven pick-up for the records has replaced the hand-wound one.

In addition to these a new monitor speaker with control is one of the many smaller improvements that have made conditions in the box almost ideal.

We take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Hudson and Rowlands for the many week-ends they have put in at the college, and the care with which they have performed their work.

In order to cover the expenses Br. Maloney ran a Talkie Syndicate on which he raised over £75.

INTERMEDIATE A.

With the October Tests over quite a load is off the Inters' minds—in most cases. Now we face the few short weeks of real solid study in preparation for the main exam. at the end of the year.

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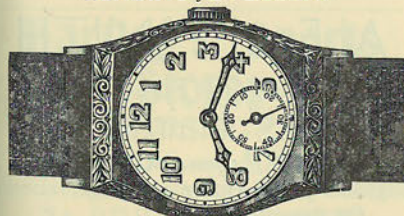
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The result-sheet for the October exams. shows good marks. Jack O'Bryan gained the coveted position of Dux of the Class with an average of 79 1-24 per cent. Next came Victor Keogh with 77 1-6 per cent. Following these came Rob. McKee with 74 1-12 per cent., and then tying with him is Don Hunter with 74 1-12 per cent. The final two places in the best six went to Jack Little with 73½ per cent. and Pat Cranage with 73¼ per cent. Now the class can settle down to further study. The 1937 class will prove their worth if they beat last year's record of 36 passes in the December exams. This was a magnificent effort, but I'm sure it will be beaten.

Not only do the Inters. specialise in school-work??? Amongst the Athletic Teams' members, familiar Inter. faces are to be seen, well to the front. Jack Carroll lived up to expectations and won the under 16 high jump, broad jump, and hurdles in great style in the recent B.P.S. Combined Sports. He was ably seconded by L. Delahunty in the hurdles. J. Connell won his 100 and 220 in great style also. It's becoming a bit of a habit with Jack now. Then also we have Don Hunter as second mile runner. Finally, there are the members of the famous relay team; three or four of its number were drawn from Inter. ranks. Before closing this little paragraph on the aths., I would just like to point out that the Inter. representatives in the team scored 74 points out of the total 195. This just shows what talent there is in our class.

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The Hobby Club seems to be prospering. At any rate two or three of our members were trying out an aeroplane on the "hill" just lately. This same aeroplane was the cause of a vigorous argument between an Honours member and a Leaving one. Incidentally, the Leaving representative won.

During October the Inters. held their Living Rosary devotion. All threw themselves wholeheartedly into this exercise and carried it out to the letter. A glorious tribute to the Blessed Virgin: all realised its bountiful graces, and performed it faithfully. Now with November comes the Month of the Holy Souls, and the Inters. can be relied upon to do their part in helping towards the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory.

A TRIP TO FISKVILLE.

On Monday afternoon, November 1, the Honours Physics Class went to Ballan to inspect the Beam Wireless Station. Allan McDonald and Laurie Vaughan were the chaffeurs. Allan drove a car and Laurie drove what had been a car many, many years ago. It was significant that Brother Purton and Mr. Hatfield trusted themselves to Allan—they wanted to be sure of arriving at their destination.

After missing the road and several other adventures the party arrived at Fiskville, where lofty steel pylons, 240 feet in height, support the miles and miles of aerials.

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station, welcomed the party and showed them over the works. Frank Keenan betrayed a lively interest in the mysteries of beam transmission.

Altogether the visit was a most instructive one. After the party had seen all that was to be seen in the power station and transmitting rooms Mr. De Dazell invited them to his residence where he and Mrs. De Dazell entertained the Principal and the boys to afternoon tea.

Mr. De Dazell is an old boy of St. Pat's—one of the many distinguished Old Boys who used to come to the College from Tasmania before St. Virgil's College was opened in Hobart. Another distinguished Tasmanian Old Boy is the Premier of the Island State, Mr. A. Ogilvie.

INTER. DAY BOYS.

Another month has sped by and the end of the year is fast approaching. The October tests caused their usual share of excitement. Apart from the judgement they pass upon our chances in the final exam., they also decide the Dux for the year. For 1937, Brian Cantwell is Dux and we extend to him our hearty congratulations. He was pretty hotly pursued by D. Delahunty and A. Magill. We also take this opportunity of felicitating John O'Bryan who topped the list amongst the boarders.

Amongst the under 14-years' runners James Lane caused a little excitement when in the trials he outshone quite unexpectedly. He represented S.P.C. on Saturday, October

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30th and won the 220 yards in very dashing style. We congratulate him. By the way, the Inter representatives in the Combined Sports did not drop a point. And if we could not all run, we were at least capable barrackers. We cheered the S.P.C. team on 30th October; we congratulate the members now.

October, the month of the Rosary, was marked by the Inter Living Rosary. November, the month of the Holy Souls, calls in its special way for intercession on behalf of the Church Suffering. We trust that our day boys will, in the spirit of the Church, pray very earnestly and frequently for the Holy Souls during November.

SOUTH STREET COMPETITIONS.

ELOCUTION SUCCESSES.

It is always a good thing to see students coming on to the public platform to take part in open competitions in the historic atmosphere of South Street. It is good for the student and good for the college also. And it is nice to win, though there being only one first prize only one competitor can obtain it; still, we can get so near it as to deserve congratulations on our effort. Bill Taubert did so in the Boys under 13. He missed the big money by one point, but he had the satisfaction of hearing the adjudicator (Mr. John Hopkins) say that he spoke well, his vowels and finals were quite good, and that, generally, he had put up a good job, which was high

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praise for it was a big field, and Bill is only 10 after all. He was full of confidence, and when the result was announced only one thing worried him—when and where he was to collect his 10/. Dan O'Brien and Geoff Higham were also starters in this event. And while we are handing out congratulations let us not forget Jim McAloon, who also scored a second prize, this time in the reading under 16.

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Incidentally (though, of course, no one is out after money), the first prize is worth twice as much as the second, but don't go into a contest merely for money prizes—that is making competition a cheap thing—nevertheless, that 10/- will come in handy; eh, Bill!

Finally, our sincere thanks are offered to Mr. J. O'Shea, our elocution master, for giving up so much of his valuable time to prepare our students for the competitions.

MUSIC SECTION.

Pat. Bohan, a pupil of Mrs. Payne, secured first place in the pianoforte duet competition. The adjudicator, Mr. Lindley Evans, in his comments on the competition, stated that the winner played with spirit, that the tempo was good and the rhythm steady.

The competition was a most interesting one, in that the competitors were given the opportunity of making their own selection. The piece chosen by the S.P.C. representative was Brahms' "Hungarian Dance."

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

During this month the college tennis competitions will take place. The grades will be: Open, for the Dr. Podger Cup; Under 16 and Under 14. Entry fee, 3d. Entries to be in not later than Saturday, 13th November.

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The Secret in the Cellar

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(Continued.)

Chapter III.

Synopsis of previous chapters—Kevin Kelly disappears from "Streaming London's central roar," and Detective Winters of England Yard is entrusted with the unravelling of the mystery. Mrs. Bateson, Kelly's landlady, testifies that one of Kevin Kelly's most frequent visitors was a Catholic priest, Father Wilsden, and she had heard him say, in answer to a question from Kelly, that he could not say "Black," on a certain day.

The detective suspects that "Black" is a password of some Catholic secret society, and goes out to the Jesuit Church at Farm Street to take observations and look for clues. At Farm Street the detective finds the "Forty Hours" in progress, and as everybody knows there are only twenty-four hours in a day, Detective Winters felt that the plot was thickening.

Deep in thought, the detective felt that it was "time for a Capstan," and as the smoke curled up to the ceiling he thought and thought again, but no inspiration came. In response to a knock on the door, Constable Gates entered to collect the report of the "Hampstead Heath Horror," which he had finished that morning. Sergeant Winters told him of the Kevin Kelly case. Constable Gates felt and looked puzzled. "I don't know," he said "about that forty hours you mention.

You can't tell what Roman Catholics will be at. You know it was one of their Popes who arranged the calendar the way we have it. Cut out eleven days, he did, and squared the whole business, what nobody could do before, and what they talk about upsetting again, these times." "That's a new one to me," was the detective's sapient comment. "And what's more," continued Constable Gates, "mark my words the calendar won't be changed: that Pope knew what he was about, and it works." "Still," continued the detective, "there's something afoot about this forty hours—should have seen the crowds going into that church."

On this the constable took his leave, but he was hardly gone when Constable Brannigan came in. Here was a chance. Brannigan was one of these mystery people called Roman Catholics. Detective Winters plunged. "Brannigan," he said, risking a sudden use of the possible password, "Can you say 'Black,' to-morrow?" "I can, to be sure, though I'd rather say 'Black and White,' not knowing a better brand," said Brannigan. Brannigan was of no use, evidently, so the detective concentrated. Reader, have you ever seen a detective concentrating? I have, and the process goes somewhat like this. The detective sits

back, puts his feet on the mantelpiece, lights a cigar, cigarette or pipe, closes his eyes, begins to smoke one of the fumigatory articles just mentioned, purses up his lips at times, removes the smoking cigar, cigarette or pipe, frowns, and eventually, like Archimedes, jumps up, slaps his thigh and cries, "Eureka!"

Detective Winters did all these things stage by stage, except, indeed, the last, for not being familiar with Greek history, or in fact with anything Greek except Greek fish shops, he unconsciously compromised by suddenly exclaiming "Gottit!"

Now, what had the detective got? Only an inspiration to make another visit to Mrs. Bateson's house. Soon he was on the way, and had one hurried question to ask on arrival: "Had Kevin Kelly left any papers, letters or books?" "Yes," said Mrs. Bateson, "there's an old box in the cellar with some torn up papers; of course they are no use." "No use!" cried the detective, his whole sleuth soul rising

within him in protest; "they may be of the greatest importance."

Mrs. Bateson led him to the cellar. The cellar was dry, well-lighted and roomy, and contained nothing besides a table, a chair and the box mentioned by the landlady. The detective got to work at once. Soon he had his reward. Here was a torn letter, but there was enough of it. "... the old man must die," it said; "you must let nothing interfere with the rich inheritance which shall be yours when the old man is conquered. Brace yourself to this task, he must die, die, die. No doubt there will be a struggle, but think of the rich reward." The rest of the paper was gone. There were seven other letters, but they were all about ordinary business, but there was one from Father Wilsden, S.J., and though only about a meeting at Farm Street, the writing was similar to that of the letter about the old man's death.

Final chapter next month. Be sure to read the final thrilling episode.

SUB INTER. A.

Well, the October Tests are over! These proved that our best all-round student and Dux for 1937 was, and is, George Ryan. Just over 100 marks behind came J. Walsh, who has so far succeeded in keeping his resolution, mentioned in a previous issue, to do some hard study. Next in order came C. Conroy, who was only three marks ahead of W. Newton; G. Little, L. Seagrave, W. Begg, G. Dwyer, G. Thompson, and P. Betros. Thus have been

filled the first ten places; P. White, J. Sherry, M. McLinden and R. Young also secured fairly good marks.

Leaders in the individual subjects were: ENGLISH: (1) W. Newton, (2) G. Dwyer; LATIN: (1) G. Ryan, (2) G. Little; FRENCH: (1) R. Carr, (2) G. Ryan; ARITHMETIC: (1) G. Ryan, (2) J. Walsh; ALGEBRA: (1) J. Walsh, (2) G. Ryan; GEOMETRY: (1) W. Newton, (2) G. Thomson; PHYSICS: (1) C. Conroy, (2) G. Ryan; CHEMISTRY: (1)

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Congratulations to all who made such splendid efforts! But we still want a further big effort for the final exams, to be held at the beginning of December. Make your holidays most enjoyable by securing a pass in these, the most important exams. of the year.

Leo Seagrave and Rob. Young, our two representatives in the Combined Sports, performed well. Bob secured 3rd place in the 100 yards under 14; while Leo secured a 2nd place in the high jump under the same age.

We find, of late, that T.H. is endeavouring to stage a "come-back" in the study line. K. Scott, a quiet but, nevertheless, "striking" youth, is creating some lasting impressions—making his presence felt. W. Meakes is an ardent supporter of all our class activities; in fact, he is "one-eyed." He and Kevin "hit it well" together. Peter, our champion fencing artist, feels that his honour and his life would be quite safe in France. A duel would not in the least perturb him.

BLESSED ANDREW BOBOLA.

Apostolate and Martyrdom. Andrew Bobola was born in 1591 of a noble Polish family, on one of the family properties near Sandomierz.

He was a pupil of the Jesuit college in that city, and, in 1611, entered the novitiate of the Jesuits at Vilna. He pronounced his first vows in 1613, and,

on March 12, 1622, was ordained.

This was the same day on which Gregory XV., at Rome, decreed the canonisation of St. Ignatius, of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Philip Neri, St. Theresa, of Jesus and St. Isidore the Labourer.

Andrew Bobola was appointed preacher and rector of the Church of St. Casimir in Vilna. He then became superior of the Jesuit residence in Bobroysk, in Lithuania, and finally devoted himself wholly to missions to the people in Poland, Lithuania, Polesia and Ukraina. He exercised himself to this ministry for twenty years with the greatest zeal and success, and ended it by martyrdom for the Catholic Faith.

The martyrdom he suffered was declared by the Congregation of Rites to have been so cruel that very rarely can its like be found. Captured by Cossacks while preaching in the city of Janow, in Polesie, he was bound to the stake, stripped and beaten, meantime being ordered to deny the Catholic Faith. He replied only by invoking the names of Jesus and Mary. His executioners then bound his head with braid of rushes so tight as almost to make the skull burst. They then tied a rope around his neck and brought him on foot behind their running horses, and presented him to their commander. His admission that he was a Jesuit, brought first a sabre blow which he parried with his arm. The blow almost severed one hand. Another executioner dug out one of his eyes with a poniard. Then he was dragged to a nearby butcher's

shop where his breast and sides were roasted. They then cut off his ears and nose, knocked out his teeth, battered his jaws, stuck sharp prongs under his finger-nails and finally rooted out his tongue. Notwithstanding such torments, he was still alive and one of the leaders finished him with a sabre blow.

Wonderful, Mysterious Vision.

The heroism of his martyrdom was recognised officially by Pope Benedict XIV. in 1755.

The beatification took place in 1853 under Pope Pius IX. In the meantime, however, there went abroad the world news of a wonderful apparition of Andrew Bobola, which for an entire century remained wrapped in mystery until facts gave it the clearest confirmation.

In 1819, Father Korzeniecki, a Dominican of the Monastery of Vilna, prayed to Venerable Andrew Bobola to have pity on his native land, at that time oppressed more cruelly than ever in its profession of the Catholic Faith. It was evening. He had prayed facing the window, had shut it, and was about to retire when, in the middle of the cell, the Martyr appeared to him and said: "Open the window again and look." The religious, astonished, re-opened the window and saw no longer the little enclosure of his convent, but an endless plain, and Venerable Andrew said to him: "These are the fields of Pinsk when I had the good fortune to suffer martyrdom for the faith of Christ: look again." The Dominican looked again once more, and with increasing wonder saw countless armies of sol-

diers—Russian, Turkish, French, English, Austrian, Prussian, and other nationalities which he did not succeed in making out.

"When the war you see will finish," the Martyr was speaking again, "the Kingdom of Poland will be re-established by the mercy of God, and I will be recognised, by the mercy of God as its principal patron." A century later the first part of the prophecy came true. It does not seem rash to hope that the second prediction, too, is on the way to fulfilment.

B.P.S. SPORTS, 1937. ST. PAT'S GLORIOUS VICTORY.

Once again St. Pat's have secured the 'Courier' Challenge Cup, the prize for the school sports. In winning this, the Aths.'s Team have showed their true worth. All its members possessing the "right spirit," I can honestly say it is the best all-round team that has upheld St. Pat's reputation for many years. Conclusive proof of this, is the fact that the final score ended up only three points behind the record aggregate score of 1918, when the team obtained 198 points. Final points:

S.P.C.	195
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First and foremost of the runners is Adrian Jones. Adrian put up a most admirable performance in equaling Jenkins' and Johnston's record of 10 1-5 secs. in the Open 100 yards.

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who in winning the 100 yards Under 12 clipped 2/5 sec. off the previous record.

Jack Carroll, although he did not break any records, won both the under 16 broad and high jumps, and also set up a time in the under 16 hurdles which will stand for some time to come. Incidentally, these hurdles were not an extra event, but took the place of the 440 yards under 16 which was not run this year. In the under 15's, Mark Whitty's 100 yards time equalled the best run by a St. Pat's



A consistently good runner for S.P.C. He won the 100 yards Under 15.

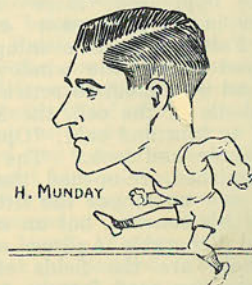
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representative of this age. This was R. Scobie who did it in 11 2-5 secs. Amongst the juniors, Jack Burns clipped 2-5ths of a second off R. Hingston's under 12 100 yards record, standing since 1927. Lastly comes the relay race team. Our worthy representatives in this section once more carried the Green, White and Blue colours in to victory. Two-fifths of a second came off last year's record of 1 min. 32 secs.

With all these runners showing such good form a successful sports day to-day (November 6th) is assured. Last year's meeting was somewhat marred by the inclement weather; but this year I think the sun is going to favour us. With the "mower" keeping the tracks in admirable condition, some fast times should be recorded. Some of the events of the extremely long programme have been already decided. These points will count in the House Competition.



who performed very well in winning the Open Hurdles, securing Seconds in High Jump and the Long Jump Open.

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UNDER 15 ATHS.

The Under 15 Competition sent Jim Lane and Brian Scully up into the specials, and we saw them bring home two first at the Combined B.P.S. Sports. The competition ended with Basil McGrath's team first, with 437½ points. Then R. Bramleigh's and J. Eckle's closely contested for second place, with the latter claiming the honours from Rex, who came third, and then followed K. Gibbon's team, fourth.

SUB B NEWS

The Dux of Sub B for 1937 is Eddie Frith. He secured the excellent aggregate of 641 marks. Others among the first ten were D. O'Hagan (596), W. Brittain (571), B. Duggan (540), J. Credlin (524), K. Kearney (496), A. Hynes (467), M. O'Keefe (442), J. Wise (442), J. McCarthy (435). The leaders in the various subjects were E. Frith, Geography (81); History, D. O'Neill (77); Chemistry, D. O'Hagan (69); Physics, D. O'Hagan (81); English, J. Wise (88); French, D. O'Hagan (89); Latin, D. O'Hagan (91); Arithmetic, E. Frith (79); Algebra, B. Duggan (100); C. Fanning (100), E. Frith (100); Geometry, J. Credlin (94).

The final exam. will commence about December 1st. All are now showing a greater interest in their work, and some applications have come in to start early-morning study. Bill Brittain is gaining fame by his sketches,

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but there are some who consider his skill to be misdirected. Jim McMahon is a fervent disciple of Isaac Walton. He catches eels, colds and mosquito bites. Bryan Scally, Con Fanning and Kevin O'Connor were our representatives in the Athletic Team. Bryan's win in the 100 under 14 was one of the best of the day. All are looking forward to the athletic contest with Sub A next week. The meeting will be conducted under the rules of the V.A.A.A. and we hope to do something to make amends for the result of the mountain climb at Buninyong in September.

THE DEVINE PRIZE.

Each year Sir Hugh Devine, the distinguished surgeon, gives a prize of Ten Pounds for the best boy in Honours English. The purpose of the prize is to stimulate interest in the study of English amongst the boys who intend to go up to the University to study Medicine or Science. The prize is decided on the October tests and the examiner for several years has been Rev. Br. Cusack, M.A., of St. Kevin's College.

The winner of the prize this year was Walter Moon. Next in order came John Holmes, Terry Brown and Vin. Batchelor. Congratulations, Walter!

PAT BOHAN'S SUCCESS.

Our organist, Pat Bohan, a pupil of Mrs. Payne, secured 90 per cent. in the recent Theory exam., Grade IV. Congratulations, Pat! It is a good start for Inter. finals.

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REMOVE AND SIXTH GRADE

The first item of news is to announce the class leaders for 1937. The Dux of the Remove is Langton Dunne; 2nd place, Bill Clohesy; 3rd, Jack O'Brien. Each of these boys is to be congratulated for the hard work and consistent attention he has paid to his lessons during the year. In the Sixth Grade Dan O'Brien was Dux, Howard Smith 2nd, and Don Phillips and Des. O'Hehir tied for 3rd place.

And not only do we aspire after scholastic honours, but we have leanings towards the Aths., too. Three boys represented our class in the Combined Sports and did excellently. Basil Higham came first in the high jump under 14, John Burns not only came 1st in his race but shattered the existing record, which was previously held by an old S.P.C. boy, Dick Hingston, by 2-5 secs. Dan O'Meara was in the same race and he made sure that "Binge" was the only boy who finished ahead of him. We feel proud of these three boys who trained very hard beforehand, and offer them our heartiest congratulations, and hope that next year they will tackle more of the existing records. Of the other members of the class we can only say they are preparing hard to bring home some prizes on Speech Night. It is very pleasing to find Wootong Vale coming to the fore in training. The only thing that worries Roddy is whether there will be any ladder in the obstacle race.

The boys are to be commended for

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the hard work they did in connection with the Eucharistic Procession last week. Amongst the willing helpers were Bill Clohesy, Howard Smith and Jim O'Dea. We take this opportunity of thanking them and all the others who helped to make it a success.

MORE PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS.

Pat Gill received an appointment in the Taxation Department, and he has departed for the Metropolis full of hope that he will one day be the State Treasurer. He will sit for the Honours Exams. and his marks, in October Test English, show that he has been working well.

His brother, Jack, received an appointment in the Education Department last week.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS. MISS McMANAMNY'S PUPILS SCORE WELL.

At the recent University Board Music Examinations (Theory) Des. O'Hagan scored 92 per cent., Grade IV. Congratulations, Des.! It was an excellent effort. Salvatore Bongiorno secured 89 per cent. in Grade IV. (Theory). This coming on top of his success in Grade II (Practical), Credit, 80 per cent., gives Salvatore a good record for music this year. Barry Jenkins secured 80 per cent. in Grade IV.

PRACTICAL RESULTS.

Grade VI., Honours, M. Quin (87).
Grade V., Pass, F. Foster.
Grade V., Pass, B. McKenzie.

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A SPORTING CHANCE.

The local sport fiend, filled with a spirit for gambling, received for the third time his bill from his tailor, together with a letter demanding immediate payment. He replied in the following way:

Dear Sir,—Each week I place all my bills together, shuffle them, and pay the top three. If I receive any more of your infernal cheek, you won't even be in the shuffle.

JUNIOR NOTES.

Since the last issue the juniors have changed their address. Anyone wishing to communicate with them should apply at the new classroom at the end of the college. It is a bright, airy room and the class has lost no time in settling down to solid work therein. We are determined to put in a great finish to the year which is now drawing to a close.

The juniors are enthusiastic about the College Sports. Everyone has entered for at least one event. There will be a great tussle for the Under 10 Championship, for which Murray and Gerard are training hard. The class boasts of a champion "miler"—one John Lennox. Someone suggested that when he starts running they should "shut the gate." Mick Mendes, another star, trades on the fact that he is "streamlined."

Believe it or not, but three of our boarders set out for a ramble the other day, and when they came back to their starting point they discovered that the college had been shifted. They simply couldn't find it. We mention no names, but their initials are G.H., A.N., and R.C.

There is a rumour that one laddie is on a diet of chalk at present. He hopes to change the color of his hair.

Another boy is so frightfully old that he has lost track of his birthday.

We welcome two new boys, Pat Manion—who hails from South Melbourne; and Ron Rosser—who brings along some of the local talent from Drummo.

FOR SUCCESS.

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of."

The Blessed Virgin, under the glorious title of Mother of Perpetual Succour, should be confidently invoked by all those students who, at the end of this month, will be sitting for examinations.

Make a Novena and a Promise—a novena to secure the help of the Mother of God and a promise of some special act of thanksgiving if a favourable answer to the Novena is obtained.

HUMOUR.

JUST IN CASE.

Towards the end of the war an American sergeant ordered a colored soldier, just arrived in France, to go into a dug-out and clean up any enemy.

The negro looked a bit scared, made for the dug-out entrance and, turning to his comrades, said: "Ef you sees three or fo' men come runnin' out ob dat hole, don' shoot de fust one!"

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EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

Donald: "Ye promised me saxpence if I was top boy at school, an' I've been top boy two weeks running."

Father (reluctantly): "Well, here's a shilling, but ye must g'e up studyin' so hard. It's no guid for ye."

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TAKING NO CHANCES.

The whistle had blown for lunch, but Bill, in charge of the steam-roller, refused to leave the huge machine.

"What's the matter," asked one of his mates. "Aren't you coming to lunch?"

Bill shook his head. "With all these 'ere blanky car thieves about, I ain't takin' any chances."

MARTYR TO PROGRESS.

A city visitor asked the oldest inhabitant of the country town if the district was nice and healthy.

"Why, sir," said the country chap, "it's so healthy up here that they had to kill a man to start a cemetery."

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THOUGHT BEFORE SPEECH.

The master, to impress on his pupils the need of thinking before speaking, told them to count 50 before saying anything important, and 100 if it was very important.

Next day he was speaking, standing with his back to the fire, when he noticed several lips moving rapidly. Suddenly, the whole class shouted: "Ninety-eight, ninety-nine, a hundred! Your coat is on fire, sir!"

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SAFETY FIRST.

In the early hours of the day the officer in charge of a British post deep in the heart of Africa received this wireless message from his superior officer: "War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district."

With commendable promptness the superior received this reply: "Have arrested seven Germans, three Belgians, two Frenchmen, two Italians, an Austrian, and an American. Please say who we're at war with."

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USEFUL KNOWLEDGE.

A Scottish countrywoman was taking her son to the school for the first time, and after impressing the schoolmaster with the necessity of the boy having a thoroughly good education she finished up by saying: "Be sure he learns Latin."

"But, my dear lady," said the schoolmaster, "Latin is a dead language."

"So much the better," replied the woman. "Ye see, he's going to be an undertaker."

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It's very wrong of people to say that the Scots are mean. What about the Scotsman who has offered £5000 in solid cash to the first white man who swims the Atlantic?

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An Irishman crossing the golf links got hit by a ball. The player hurried up, and, finding that Pat was not seriously injured, he said, sharply: "Why didn't you get out of the way?"

"An' why should I get out of the way?" said the Irishman, angrily. "I didn't know there were any murderers around here."

"But I called 'fore'," said the player, "and when I say 'fore' that's a sign you are to get out of the way."

"Oh, it is, is it?" said Pat. "Well, when I say 'foive' it's a sign you are goin' to get hit in the jaw. Foive!"

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A man left his umbrella in a rack with a card attached, reading as follows:—"The owner of this umbrella weighs over seventeen stone, and strikes a blow like a sledge hammer."

Another man took the umbrella, leaving the card, after writing on the reverse side: "The man who took this umbrella can run a mile in four minutes, and he is not coming back."

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS' HEAVY TRIBUTE TO BANDITRY.

Within the last few days in the Province of Hopei, not far from Peking, the chief of a band has carried off ten Marish Brothers, one of whom is a native of County Tyrone. Their ransom was fixed originally at 500,000 dollars.

THE MAKING OF A BANDIT.

Twenty years ago in the Province of Szechwen, on the outskirts of a village not far from the country town of Kiating, there lived a woman of birth. She was the widow of a well-known mandarin. At his death she

devoted herself to witchcraft, and the efficacy of her magic made her widely feared.

She had a son who was called Hu Tsang Ye. From the time of his birth his mother would not entrust him to any third person or even to servants.

This caused some surprise at first, but as he grew up the peasants understood that the sorceress was fashioning him after her own manner.

The young boy was even more mysterious than his mother.

FACE LIKE A MASK.

At the age of nineteen he had never been seen to smile. His face was immobile, and had not the least trace of emotion. One would have said it was a mask.

One day he disappeared. With the aid of his mother, Hu Tsang Ye had become chief of a band. One night his mother came to him in the mountains which had become his domain.

"I assure you, Hu Tsang, that these three foreigners are rich."

"They live in a very humble fashion."

"No doubt; but at Kiating their friends are very wealthy. If you succeed in carrying off this man with his wife and child, I am certain that the people of Kiating will pay a large sum for their release."

Thus was decided the kidnapping of the Rev. Mr. Jacobson and his family. In 1932, eight years later, this old Protestant missionary told a journalist of the scenes of horror through which he had lived.

ON A SUMMER'S EVE.

"It was on a summer's evening at twilight. There was nothing to warn me that a few minutes later my wife and daughter and myself were going to be unceremoniously kidnapped by Hu Tsang Ye. We were at that moment on the bank of the river, where we were taking the evening air. The evening was peaceful and the air fresh.

"In the distance we heard groups of peasants singing as they returned from the fields. Suddenly some men

sprang out from the long grass of the meadow where they had been hiding. A few minutes later, bound hand and foot, we were thrown into a sampan (native boat), where we lay for hours while the boat went upstream.

"Your friends are rich. Write to them and tell them I require 50,000 dollars before the next moon. If I have not received the money before that date, then for each day's delay I shall cut a finger off your daughter's hand and send it to them."

What was I to do? I wrote. The days passed. From Kiating not a letter, not a word. In the sky each evening the moon waxed fuller, and as it became rounder the bandit became more hostile. Angry at not receiving anything, he separated me from my wife and daughter.

FULL MOON.

"I think that to-morrow I shall be obliged to send them the first finger," he said to me, "and if your friends have not sent the money by the tenth day from now, then I shall send them her head. Write to them again and tell them that they have only a night and a day to fulfil my demand."

I lived through agonising hours, but nothing came from Kiating. When night had fallen little by little the great red orb of the moon came up from behind a hill. Soon I saw the half of it, and then the disc showed itself complete.

"Was Hu Tsang really going to carry out his threat? I hoped he would relent. I imagined good reasons why he should show clemency. But it was in vain.

"Suddenly I heard steps. Four men burst in on me. Aided by my two guards, they bound me to a tree. Soon they came back with my wife and bound her against another tree. Then others appeared, dragging my daughter, Dorothy. Hu Tsang followed.

"Standing near us as calmly as if he were ordering a chicken to be strangled, the bandit ordered one of his men to cut the index finger of my child's left hand.

"THOSE FRIGHTFUL MINUTES"

"Never shall I forget those frightful minutes. My wife had fainted. She was an inert mass, supported by the cords which bound her to the tree. In front of me my daughted twisted and screamed, seeking to free herself, but in vain.

"In her turn they placed her against a tree just in front of me, bound her face against the trunk, her hands tied behind her back. Then one of the bandits, a knife in hand, went down on one knee, and taking one of the fingers, which moved desparately, he cut it off as one might separate a fruit from its stem. Dorothy screamed fearfully.

"The following day at dawn an emissary brought 50,000 dollars. My friends at Kiating had been unable to send it any sooner."

For about a week the Marist Brothers had been awaiting in war-torn Hopei for their deliverance or possibly torture or death.

The bandits demand £3000. Will the ransom or the rescue party arrive in time?

THE BOY.**A CHARACTER TEST.**

The test of a boy is his ability to "be himself," especially after a little glory comes to him. It is an indication of character and a secret of success. The fellow who does not pretend is the fellow who actually has something. On the football field, the cricket pitch, or in whatever walk of life, he is the kind that doesn't let his head be turned, the kind that realises that if he is to get to the top he still has to take the advice of those with more experience, and to treat all his associates on a basis of mutual respect. And now for a little secret—when a fellow begins to think that he is "too good" for the rest of the crowd he is generally trying to hide some defect. The fellow who is genuine in his actions is the one to be trusted. So if you want to accomplish worth-while things and gain in popularity with your associates, remember—"be yourself."

FROM CATHOLIC PAPERS.**Priest for Trial.****REFUSED TO BREAK SEAL OF CONFESSION.**

A Trivandrum, South India, priest is to stand trial for refusing to break the seal of confession.

He is Father Paul, parish priest of St. Joseph's Church.

Jewels and documents worth a considerable sum were stolen from the house of a clerk working in the Travancore Secretariate.

The thief went to confession to Fr. Paul. He entrusted the priest with a portion of the spoils.

Fr. Paul returned them to the owner.

The priest was interviewed by the local police inspector, who told Fr. Paul that he would be required to give evidence regarding the theft.

Fr. Paul refused. "Even to escape from death the seal of confession will not be broken," he said.

His refusal to divulge the secret led to criminal proceedings by the Travancore police. He stands trial this month.

Spanish Priest goes to Execution to Save Condemned Father.

Finding himself in the same Madrid prison as the father of seven children who had been condemned to death, a priest changed places with him and died in his stead. The truth of this story is vouched for by the Apostolic Delegate in Bilbao, Archbishop Antoniutti. It was related to him by Senor Angulo, Mayor of Santander. The man's wife was already dead. The anxious father, worrying over the fate of his motherless children, sought sympathy from the priest. Secretly, the priest celebrated his last Mass. Then he disguised himself as the

father, and was led out to execution. Praising Spain and the valour of her people, Archbishop Antoniutti said that, with the example of such priests, neither religion nor the country would ever succumb to the onslaughts of the enemy.

Graphic Stories of Red Persecution.

A priest who has recently had to fly from Madrid tells how he succeeded in saying Mass so that intruding visitors saw nothing but a party of men talking over their drinks and women sewing uniforms for soldiers.

The Faith is alive in Madrid and Barcelona and secret churches in Russia minister to the needs of the persecuted Christians. In the great fight against godless Communism, which is out for the ruthless destruction of Christianity, nothing is so stirring as the battles being fought against the forces of evil on the actual front line, reminiscent as they are of the great historic persecutions of antiquity.

"I generally celebrated Mass in the diningroom of a private house. On the table was placed a bottle of wine, half empty, and as many glasses as there were people present: this was an elementary precaution in case of surprise. A water jug and a large glass, to serve as a chalice, were added. The altar breads were prepared from ordinary bread immediately before the Consecration. We had no crucifix, no ornament and absolutely no religious emblem. Thus the Mass began.

"Naturally, there was no missal. I read the Proper of the Mass from a tiny prayer book containing the Mass of the Holy Ghost. I knew the Ordinary by heart. A floorboard had been prised up so that the prayer book might be hidden in case of necessity.

"People who wished to enter knocked at the door in the ordinary way, and as soon as knocking was heard the Mass was suspended. All that was to be seen was a number of men

enjoying a drink together, while the women were busily sewing uniforms for the militiamen."

These are graphic words with which a priest who has recently left Madrid describes the vitality of the Faith in that city; they are words that take us back to the early Christians and from them through the ages, scarcely any of which have been free from the necessity of heroic priests and faithful celebrating Mass under similar conditions.

BLESSED CONRAD'S PRAYERS.

In the "Lives of the Saints," on March 14, we read of a wonderful event which happened to Blessed Conrad, whose feast is celebrated on that day.

On one occasion he went to pay a visit to the monastery of Offida. Whilst he was staying there, the religious of that house asked him if he would, in his great charity, try to correct one of the younger brothers, who was leading a very careless life, and was a great trouble, not only to the rest of the brethren, but to everyone who came in his way; and was, moreover, by his bad example, the cause of great scandal.

Conrad promised to speak to him.

Taking the erring brother aside, he spoke to him in words of burning charity, and so full of piety, that the young man, entering into himself, deplored his past irregularities, and became thenceforth a model of virtue to the whole community. He became obedient, kind, pious, full of respect for his Superiors; and, instead of giving them trouble, as he had done in the past, he became for them a subject of consolation, and the object of their affection.

Shortly after his conversion he was struck with a dangerous illness and died, regretted by all the brethren of the monastery.

Some days after his death, Blessed

Conrad was saying his prayers before the altar in the chapel. While praying, the soul of the deceased religious appeared to him, and saluted him with great respect, saying to him, "My Father."

"Who are you?" asked Blessed Conrad in surprise.

"I am the soul of that brother who died here a few days ago."

"Well, my brother, tell me how fares it with you in the unseen world? Where are you?"

"Thanks be to God," said the apparition, "I am happy. I have escaped the fire of hell, because I repented when you spoke to me while I yet lived. But I am not in Heaven yet; I am suffering most rigorous chastisement in Purgatory, in expiation of the sins I committed on earth."

"O Father," he continued, "I ask of you in your goodness, and in your charity, that as you came to my assistance when I was living, and took me out of an evil course of life, you will come again to my assistance, and take me out of this awful prison of Purgatory."

"What can I do to help you, my brother?"

"Oh, say an 'Our Father' for me! Pray, pray, my Father, for your prayers are so pleasing to God."

Blessed Conrad, still on his knees, said one "Our Father," and the prayer "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

"O my Father, what joy, what consolation you have given me by that prayer! Oh, say it again!"

The good Conrad said again the "Our Father" and the prayer "Eternal rest."

"O holy Father," cried out the departed religious, "I conjure you, say it again, and again, and again."

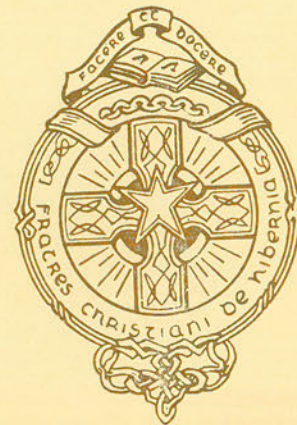
Then Conrad, seeing the consolation he was giving the poor suffering soul, said the prayers one hundred times; and when he had done this, the departed brother said to him: "In God's name, I thank you, holy Conrad, most dear Father, for the charity you have shown me. Your prayers have taken me out of Purgatory, and, behold! I am now going to the Kingdom of Heaven."

At these words the soul of the departed disappeared and went to Heaven, to be in the presence of God for ever, and to pray for him who had delivered him from the pains of Purgatory.

Lives of the Saints, March 14.



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Christmas Greetings

I beg the Lord of Christmas
To send you from His store
Four precious gifts to make you rich;
And glad for ever more—
The gems of Faith and Hope and Love
The priceless jewel of Peace
To shed this morn within your heart
A flow that ne'er shall cease.

(B. O'Higgins)



To all our Readers, all our Advertisers and all those who have aided the production of the Chronicle during the year 1937, we express our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

May the Golden Gladness of the Christmas Season remain in your hearts forever.

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December---Christmas

Though our minds are familiar with the subject of the Festival, yet, be-
ever new, let us once again dwell upon
it, that the lesson it teaches may sink
deeply into our hearts and never be
forgotten.

We gaze in spirit upon an aged,
way-worn man of humble and gentle
appearance, who is leading towards
Bethlehem his youthful bride, Mary of
Nazareth, that both may be enrolled
there.

They have come a long way; both
are weary. They arrive, at last, at
the town; but throngs of people have
gathered there. Every house is full—
there is no room. Yet shelter must be
found. Therefore, to a nearby cave
Joseph conducted the Virgin, and
there is that cold, dark and comfort-
less cavern a little Child was born at
dead of night. That Child is the In-
carnate God, Jesus Christ!

The shepherds were the first to visit
our Divine Lord; and, like the shep-
herds, every boy must go over to
Bethlehem, not simply to gaze upon
the Infant Jesus, but to receive Him
into a well-prepared heart. On the
Holy Altar the same Jesus is present,
Who lay that first Christmas night
upon a little straw in the manger. He
will enter your heart to give you joy
and peace, and to grant you strength
and courage to fight your way into
that kingdom which He came down
from heaven to throw open to you.

Therefore, take care not to forget
the Babe of Bethlehem. Do not omit
your usual visits to the Holy Sacra-

ment and to the shrine of our dear
Lady.

During the Christmas season you
must not content yourself, nor imag-
ine that Jesus will be content with
one visit made to Him upon the day
of His birth. For, during the holi-
days, you will have great need of His
assistance. You will, of course, be
free from all serious occupation and
have much idle time upon your hands.
Now, these are the days during which
the devil gathers in his harvest.
Therefore, you must be on your guard
against him and be very careful not
to lose sight of God.

Our Lord prizes very highly a pure
and spotless heart, for it is the most
fitting of earthly thrones for the God-
Man. Strive diligently to remove every
stain from your soul; and when you
have thoroughly cleansed it by a fer-
vent Confession throw yourself upon
your knees before Jesus. He will
stretch out His little hands and come
to you. He will nestle in your heart,
and you will feel that in very deed
"there is peace on earth to men of
goodwill."

IMPORTANT FEASTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

(1) Christmas Day. (2) New
Year's Day. (3) The Epiphany
(Little Christmas). (4) The Purifi-
cation (Candle Mass Day), 2nd Feb-
ruary.

Don't forget Mass and Communion
on these days.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

(December 8th.)

Oh! how great the privilege! How great the triumph of Mary! Behold the lily among thorns; behold the ark that, in the midst of universal shipwreck, sails tranquilly and securely upon the waves; in a word, behold the woman who crushed the head of the infernal dragon!

Mary has so great a horror of sin that she would willingly have renounced the Divine Maternity, if through it she would have contracted even the slightest stain. Imagine, then, how dear to her must be the privilege, her Immaculate Conception, which exempts her from original sin.

Strive to imitate the immaculate purity of Mary. Be most faithful to the beautiful practice of the Three Hail Marys.

"O Mary, by thy pure and Immaculate Conception keep our bodies pure and our souls holy."

HONOURS CLASS NOTES.

As the scholastic year draws to a close, and we wrestle with the known and unknown quantities that appear in the examination paper, we occasionally glance into the receding past and see how we spent our time. For the most part it has been a year of happy associations, a year whose course has flowed through a valley of concentrated study, where tributaries of lucid mirth and judiciously intermingled sport trickle midst the fauna of in-

telligencia, to augment the flood of human knowledge. It seems but a short time since a dozen boys wended their way collegewards to prepare for the February supplementary exams, and yet what a vast store of recollections fills that intervening past. Pleasing however as was the past, as an associate of mine has whispered, the forthcoming year holds promise of still brighter days. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the boys who excelled all expectation in the Newman College examinations, the details of which appear in another column. Unprecedented was the list of successes achieved this year, and all the more merited was the credit deserved because the candidates were not conceded previously to be distinguished savants. We are also pleased to note that the Latin Class representative was successful in retrieving his class from the depths of ironical jeers into which it had lately languished. We feel sure that these successes may be regarded as favourable omens, predicting a fruitful termination to the year's study in the finals with which we are now contesting.

Happy memories were recalled last Sunday week when "the one and only Edmund" honoured his Alma Mater by a brief visit. He gave his former colleagues useful advice as how to combat the evils of the big bad world and how to successfully run an evening newspaper. "Every minute counts" is the fundamental principle. We cannot visualise Frank Keenan therefore as the proverbial editor in waistcoat, rolled up shirt sleeves, and puffing

the ever-fuming chimney stack. "The eyes and ears of the world" who boasts, "If you want to know anything ask me," found considerable difficulty in persuading his audience of the meaning underlying Horace's Odes. P. McLaughlan, although he is a distinguished leader of smirks, modestly refrains from accepting the praise and glory of leading the infantry of revolutionary forces upon the still dormant study halls ere glorious Phoebe had bestowed her radiant beams o'er the dew-sprinkled hoar-frost (with apologies to the author). The effect of such early rising took toll of one student during the English lesson that morning. "You've been going to sleep all the session this morning," said his teacher. "No," contradicted the semi-dormant pupil, "I've been endeavouring to keep awake." Explaining that until Chesterton's time donkeys did not think, the teacher said, "Then came a mule that could think." "You've said it," chirped a usually silent one.

A suggestion has been offered that next year a fifty-fifty column be inaugurated in these pages. Subjects keenly debated recently in the Honours room are "Should munching peanuts be allowed in study?" "Is Opera music better than jazz?" "Is Deanna Durbin as popular as Shirley Temple?" To say nothing of the strife which arose when an alien or in other words a "black hawk" asserted that Milo was better for growing babies than Willie Weeties.

As this will probably be the last occasion on which we shall have the

privilege of communicating with you we bid you farewell, as it is extremely unlikely that there will be an "Honours Class" next year, as we are leaving for parts yet unknown. Adieu!

VISIT OF DR. RAIBLE.

Recently we were honoured by a visit from Most Rev. Dr. Raible, the Bishop of Kimberley in W.A. Dr. Raible was accompanied by Rev. Fr. Worms, the Superior of the Pallotine Fathers' Novitiate in Kew.

At a general assembly of the boys in the College Hall, the Principal introduced the Bishop and Father Worms. Brother Purton told the boys of the work of the Pallotine Fathers and the Sisters of St. John of God in the far North-West. The Kimberley Diocese with its centre at Broome provided young Australians with a missionary field all their own, and the Bishop was visiting the College that day to ask for recruits. The harvest was great, the labourers were few, and none of them so far was an Australian. Were Australians to leave this work to missionaries from Germany, France or Holland? Those who could not go to the wild North-West as missionaries could help in many ways, and above all by their prayers.

Dr. Raible told the boys many interesting experiences that he had had as a "bush Bishop." He appealed to the boys for helpers in what was up to the present an untilled part of the Lord's vineyard. A mission house and Novitiate had now been opened at Kew, and Father Worms, who had spent several years in the Kimberleys, was the first Superior.

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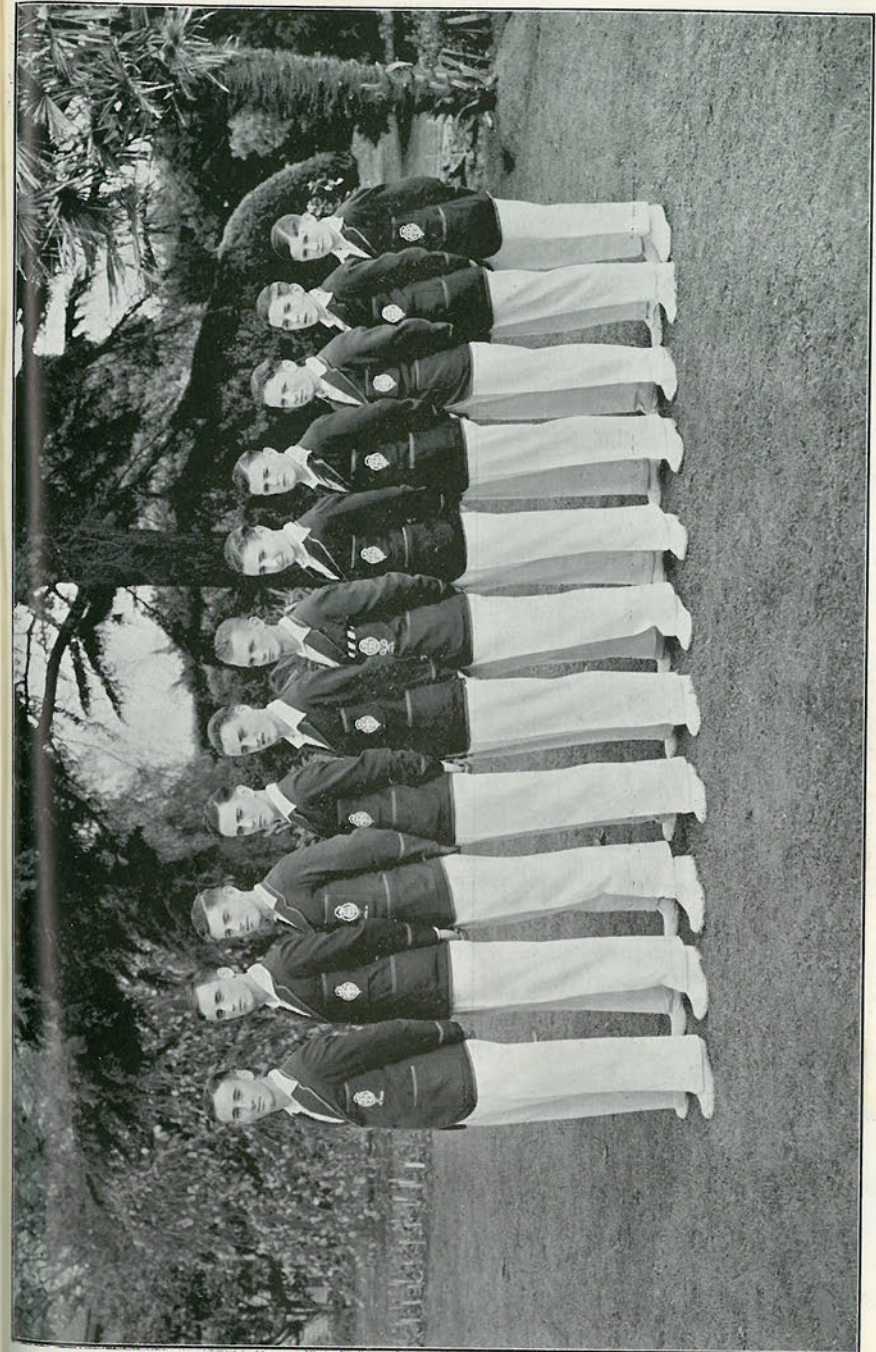
S.P.C. CHAMPIONS OF B.P.S.

Our last B.P.S. game for 1937 was played against Ballarat College at College. Friday dawned a forbidding type of day—fitful sunshine that had no warmth, then dull clouds and, through it all, the wind blew very strong, very cold, and most unpleasant. It looked as though the rain would win. However, it held off and the game got under way shortly after 3 p.m. Winning the toss took quite a time. The first stood on its edge, the second went without a call, and College won eventually. I think Max was anxious to change his call of "tails" for the third time. Anyhow, 'twas not much to lose. College batted very weakly for 17 runs in 1½ hours. A more accurate attack on our part and St. Pat's would have batted much earlier. However, the bowlers claim in their defence lack of practice, the tiny score, and the state of the ground. Long grass prevented left-hander Bob McKee from doing a bowler's job from the Junction Street end. I fancy the wind had a hand too. Max Gill took 5 wickets for 6 runs off 7 overs. It reads well. But I am sure Max would be first to admit that the figures flatter him. Bob McKee took 4 wickets for 2 runs in 4 overs. Vin. Batchelor secured the other victim.

St. Pat's batting was quite good. T. O'Dea (6), Bob McKee (3), and E. Long (3) were rather disappointing. But even such good scores as

McGill (28), F. Howard (24), T. Hill (23), J. Connell (16) were overshadowed by W. Moon's 99. Walter carried his score to 60 on Friday afternoon. It was good bright batting. On Saturday morning, in spite of a couple of stops for rain, he went on to get within touch of the century. At 99 came a change, and a change in the bowling. The first ball struck the stumps. It looked to be a wretched bowl, and it certainly kept very low. Had Wally received the same bowl on the Friday when he was about 40??—but he was 99 and it bowled him!! He almost had a presentation bat, and, of course, the great ambition achieved—another instance of the glorious uncertainty of cricket. However, if he played well at the wickets, he was every inch a cricketer in the way he took his disappointment. That is as it should be, no doubt, but it is highly commendable all the same. And now let not the near century cause us to overlook two sixers: one from Max's bat, the other from a big hit by J. Hill. All this and some extras gave us a total of 221.

In their second innings College were inclined to hit back. They scored 61 in not much over the hour. St. Pat's fielding was excellent. T. Hill secured 8 wickets for 16 runs. Bob McKee and V. Batchelor took one each. Of these E. Long very smartly stumped two; the rest were all caught: E. Long, 1; W. Moon, 2; J. Kelly, 2; J. Hill, 2 (off his own bowling) and Max Gill, 1. Quite apart from the catch-



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ing the fielding was excellent. J. Connell, J. Pekin and F. Howard were particularly good.

Averages.

The averages are published here. I suppose we must have averages, and to some extent they are an indication of ability. However, figures are by no means an infallible guide. About their only worth is to warn the individual player how he is doing. As a standard for judging the ability of player against player, averages are worthless and most misleading.

BATTING:

W. Moon, 25, 20, 4, 99; total, 148; average, 37.
M. Gill, 0, 29, 36, 88, 28; total, 181; average, 36.2.
E. Long, 5, *0, 34, *40, 3; total, 82; average, 27.3.
F. Howard, 7, 0, *20, 19, 24; total, 70; average, 17.5.
R. McKee, 40, 23, 0, 3; total, 66; average, 16.5.
J. Hill, 0, 5, *, *11, 23; total, 44; average, 14.6.
J. O'Dea, 7, 9, 26, 22, 6; total, 70; average 14.
J. Connell, 2, 1, 23, 5, 16; total, 47; average, 9.4.
J. Kelly, *1, 4; total, 5; average 5.
V. Batchelor, 8, 2; total, 10; average, 5.
J. Pekin scored *5 runs in his only innings with the team.

*Indicates not out.

BOWLING:

J. Hill, 17.7 overs, 49 runs, 16 wickets; average, 3.06.

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M. Gill, 35.1 overs, 71 runs, 19 wickets; average, 3.73.
R. McKee, 25.3 overs, 65 runs, 13 wickets; average, 5.
V. Batchelor, 10 overs, 19 runs, 3 wickets; average, 6.3.
J. Pekin, 15 overs, 35 runs, 1 wicket; average, 35.

LEAVING NOTES.

This month there is no outstanding event of any importance to record, except that the greater number seemed determined to do great work at the forthcoming exams. We wish them every success, and hope that the rewards of hard labour will be theirs.

Our congratulations go to Max Gill and his team on once more bringing the cricket premiership to S.P.C. That Max was an ideal captain is evidenced by the fact that he is second both in the batting and bowling averages, being beaten in each by a very small fraction indeed.

We were all very pleased that H. Munday annexed the senior trophy for athletics; and L. Horgan gave us a thrill by ranking second. Let us hope that they will both finish off a very good year by being successful at the Leaving.

The elocution class under Mr. J. O'Shea is drawing to a close, and the question arises who will win "The Cup?" Some favour A. Anderson, but fear he will do as he did at the South Street Competitions—begin at the wrong end. Others say J. Flannery

is a certainty, but here the difficulty arises—"Can he stand up to it?" Personally, I think B. Lenne or Elvin Patrick should succeed, because practice makes perfect, and they are easily the best talkers in the place. J. Duggan is also a competitor, but he has got strangely quiet lately, because we think that he does not fancy standing at the line.

Just as we go to press the winners of this competition have been announced. Adrian Anderson was successful. Heartiest congratulations, Adrian, and we hope you will continue to add further laurels to those already gained in this line. Bert Lenne was second, and possibly would have topped the list if he were properly dressed for the occasion. (By the way, Bert, did you shave?) Tied to him was "Wee Jimmie." Coming next in order we find G. Reynolds and H. Caffrey, both of whom gave very creditable renderings of "Silent Night." Joe Flannery winds up the list with honourable mention. The rest were not impressive. Mr. O'Shea, in his concluding remarks, said that he found the Leaving Class this year very far ahead of their predecessors last year—a sentiment which we all feel to be true in every respect. We will conclude our remarks by wishing you, Mr. Editor, a very happy Christmas.

SOME ADVICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

By your gentlemanly conduct at all times, and by your regular attendance at Mass and Holy Communion, espe-

cially Sunday Mass, see that you inspire everyone in your district with respect for the College you have attended. Don't forget that people expect a very high standard of conduct from a college boy. Be a credit to our school, and an advertisement for the training it gives. Fail to do so, and you will disgrace not only yourself, but your fellow-students as well, and you will scandalise people who have expected better from you.

Every St. Pat's boy, worthy of the name, helps to spread the fame of S.P.C. He does this in every way possible, realising that he has got far more from the College than he can ever repay. It should be the aim of every boarder to bring back at least one new boy with him after the holidays, or, if he himself has finished at St. Pat's, to obtain a new boy to take his place.

There is a type of boy who, when he goes home from College for holidays, makes himself unpleasant by assuming airs, and generally imagining himself above doing the little tasks at home he used to do before. Such a boy is full of vanity and of his own importance, and is a source of astonishment and disappointment to his parents.

There are those, too, who, though polite and thoughtful where strangers are concerned, never practise the same courtesy towards those of their own household. A boy's brothers and sisters, and particularly his parents should be first in his esteem. To them first of all should be manifest his affection and respect. His thoughtful-

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ness to them will show that he appreciates all they are doing for him. Don't forget, therefore, to keep cheerful and thoughtful and so try to make everybody at home happy.

During the holidays many opportunities arise when boys can display their School's Colours. Before going home procure a Cap and a Blazer, and show your loyalty to S.P.C. by wearing them when opportunities arise, for example (a) when taking part in cricket or tennis matches; (b) when on outings; (c) on Sundays and holidays.

During the holidays choose carefully your companions, remembering that a boy is usually not better than the companions he keeps, and that the cost of associating with bad companions is too great.

At home, as far as you can, take part in parish affairs. Don't keep away because some of the leaders are unknown to you. You will soon make friends of the right kind, and will enjoy your vacation all the more.

Don't forget to visit the Priests and the Nuns to pay them your respects soon after you arrive home. Visit them again before you return to school.

The College re-opens on Tuesday, February 8th, 1938. Boarders should arrive on Monday so as to be ready to start classes on Tuesday.

S.P.C. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

M. GILL WINS THE PODGER CUP.

The open grade for the Dr. Podger Cup produced a keen struggle. How-

ever, members of the 1st IV fought out the semi-final and final. In the semi-final J. Flanagan failed to strike form and gave victory to Max Gill, our No. 1 player. In the final Max Gill comfortably defeated J. O'Dea, the match going only two sets. Scores: M. Gill d. J. O'Dea, 6-1, 6-3.

The under 16 competition found J. Connell, a member of our undefeated 2nd IV, outstanding. He secured a comfortable win in the final against F. Howard, who, however, gave a very good account of himself and gave evidence that he will be a strong contender for the title next year. Scores: J. Connell d. F. Howard, 5-6, 6-2, 6-2.

The under 14 competition showed that our young players possess patience in great abundance. T. Cantwell and G. Moloney played a strenuous semi-final match, Gerald being the winner, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.

In the other semi-final G. Little, after losing the first set, rallied and secured a well-earned victory, 4-6, 6-5, 6-3.

The final found the Geraldts opposed and, naturally, Gerald took possession of the play; in fact, every ball that was hit during the course of the match was hit by Gerald! However, the Essendon Gerald secured the title of Champion Under 14, the scores being G. Little d. G. Moloney, 6-1, 6-2.

Next year we hope to see F. Labb, B. Toohey and F. Howard prominent in tennis circles. These players gave a good exhibition during the competitions.

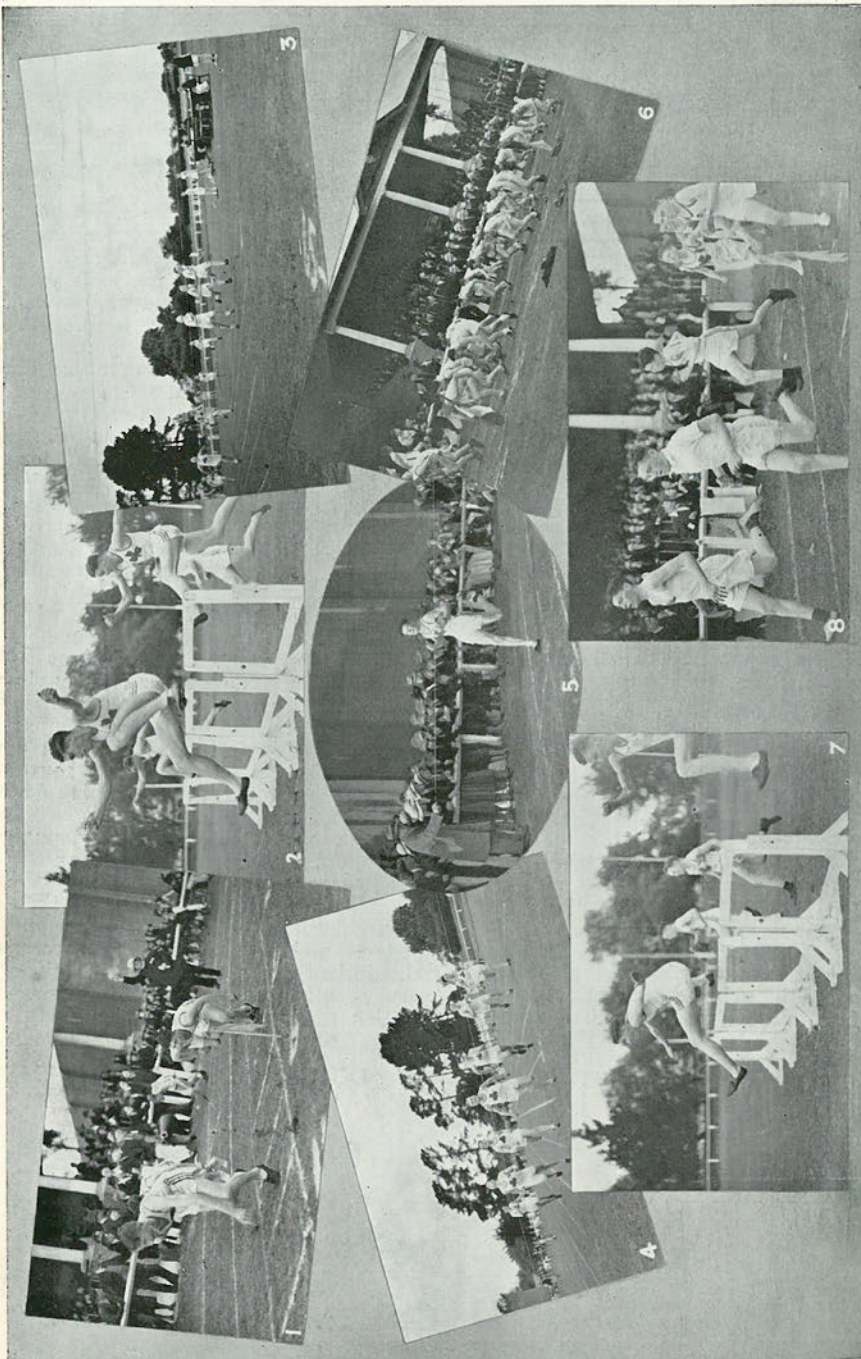
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ST. PAT'S ON TOP.

At the recent exams for Scholarships and Exhibitions at Newman College in the University of Melbourne, St. Pat's boys did very well. The first place in Latin and a Scholarship was won by Terry Brown. The Scholarship in English went to W. Moon. Exhibitions were won by F. Keenan, J. Kelly and J. Holmes. We also congratulate Steven Reynolds who was awarded an Exhibition.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESS IN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mark O'Brien, who has just completed his medical studies, has been awarded the Michael Ryan Scholarship in Surgery. This Scholarship is worth £100.

Mark was one of the best footballers the College has seen, and, in 1931, won a Senior Government Scholarship.

Ray Gurry, another St. Pat's boy, was *proxime accessit* in the Margaret Ryan Scholarship.

INTERMEDIATE "A"

Exams! Exams! Exams! Oh, boy! are they close? In fact, they have already started "for some." Imbued with the "right spirit" it's hard to find a bed that is occupied of a morning in the Inter. Dorm. now.

All realized the need for real, hard study in preparation for the culmin-

ating event of the year. The year's work will be of no avail if anyone is inclined to "ease off," as our teacher says, at this important time. So far, everyone seems to have come up to standard, and I can report good application to work. In fact, Br. Purton condescended to say the other day that we seemed to be one of the best working of the various classes. Truly, such praise speaks for itself.

During this month of December, there are held two of the greatest feast days of the Church. The first is that of St. Francis Xavier, made doubly important on account of this Saint being the Patron of Australia. We shall celebrate this feast on December 3rd. Five days later comes that of the Immaculate Conception. Inters., I know, need no incentive in their devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Considerable excitement has been caused over the annual championship handball competition. Here again the Inters. hold their own in the sporting life of the College. Has not Freddie Labb, under 16 champion of last year, played off the final with J. J. Moonney, and, by defeating him, become champion for 1937. The Inters. combine in congratulating Fred on his great victory. Following these singles championships will come the doubles, and let us hope some Inter. representatives will bring in the laurels also in this section.

Another popular branch of sport claims much attention just at present. Nine crews are training hard for St. Pat's annual Regatta. Our Chaplain (Rev. Fr. Gleeson) is to be thanked for this event. For the last few years

Fr. Gleeson has most generously donated five gold cups as a prize for the successful crew amongst the prospective rowers. Various "favorites" are already being "backed," Br. O'Malley himself giving his choice. In this also are Inter. representatives to be seen well to the fore. Well, why get excited about it all? The time for this is to-morrow, Saturday, 4th December.

As a concluding item I must mention a few of the major incidents since last issue. Des. Munday still slips now and again in his spelling. But he "HAS" improved. Terry Brady is full of importance! Why, isn't he a member of our last-minute 9th crew? Pat Conway and our smallest representative, namely, A. Neeson, he goes also by the name of "Dimples," were caught in a friendly altercation the other day. And so winds up Inter. activities for 1937. Happy hunting in the holidays, everyone.

INTERMEDIATE DAY BOYS

This is our last appearance in print for 1937. When this is going through the press we will be knitting our brows in the examination room with the year's work rapidly coming to an end for us. We wish ourselves success, just as we wish success to all St. Pat's examinees. While on the subject of examinations we offer our congratulations to St. Pat's successful candidates in the recent Newman examinations.

The Regatta promises to be a very big affair. This year the day boys have entered a crew. But don't look

here for any information. No more advance news than that the day boys' crew has put up some remarkable performances!

And, by the way, talking sport. We must congratulate two of our Inter. day boys: J. Hill and F. Howard. The former secured the 1st XI bowling figures (average 3.07), and the latter was No. 4 in the batting list. Both played excellently against Ballarat College in the final game for 1937.

And now I think we may say farewell. We trust that all at St. Pat's will have a happy Christmas and a most enjoyable vacation. To those whose school life is ending with the exams. of 1937, we sincerely wish every success in the work they take up. May they, living up to the best traditions of St. Pat's, be excellent Catholics and successful in their affairs.

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Little Johnnie came home from Sunday School with distressing news that he had lost the penny given him for the collection.

"But that is three Sundays running you have lost your penny," his mother complained.

"Well, I must win sooner or later," Johnnie replied. "Fred's luck can't last forever."

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"Oh, mummy, the ladder has fallen in the yard. We knocked it down, and —"

"Run along at once and tell daddy!" "But daddy knows. He's hanging from the upstairs window ledge."

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Chapter IV.

(Synopsis of previous chapters.)

Kevin Kelly disappears from his lodgings, and Detective Winters, of England Yard, seeks to unravel the mystery. Mrs. Bateson, Kelly's landlady, testifies that Father Wilsden was his most frequent visitor, and that on his last visit she had heard the priest say in answer to a question from Kelly, that he could not say "Black" on a certain day.

Enquiry leads the detective to the Jesuit Church at Farm Street, and later he revisits Mrs. Bateson's lodging house, and finds some letters of Kelly's: one of them makes mysterious reference to the death of the "old man," of a "struggle," and a "rich inheritance." Another letter is about a meeting at Farm Street Church, but it is signed by Father Wilsden and—the writing is identical with that which mentions the death of the "old man," the "struggle" and the "rich inheritance."

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Detective Winters was puzzled about many things in connection with the disappearance case, but since reading the letters found in the cellar there was a fresh puzzle—there was no report of any old man's death in suspicious circumstances. Otherwise the letters from the cellar seemed to point to a very valuable clue.

The detective said to the Superintendent, "I'm sure these letters hold the secret."

"What good is that if they don't give it up?" replied the Superintendent.

"They'll give it up," retorted the detective, and as he said so, he made a firm resolution to go to Farm Street and interview Father Wilsden on the evidence of the two letters. To resolve with Detective Winters was to

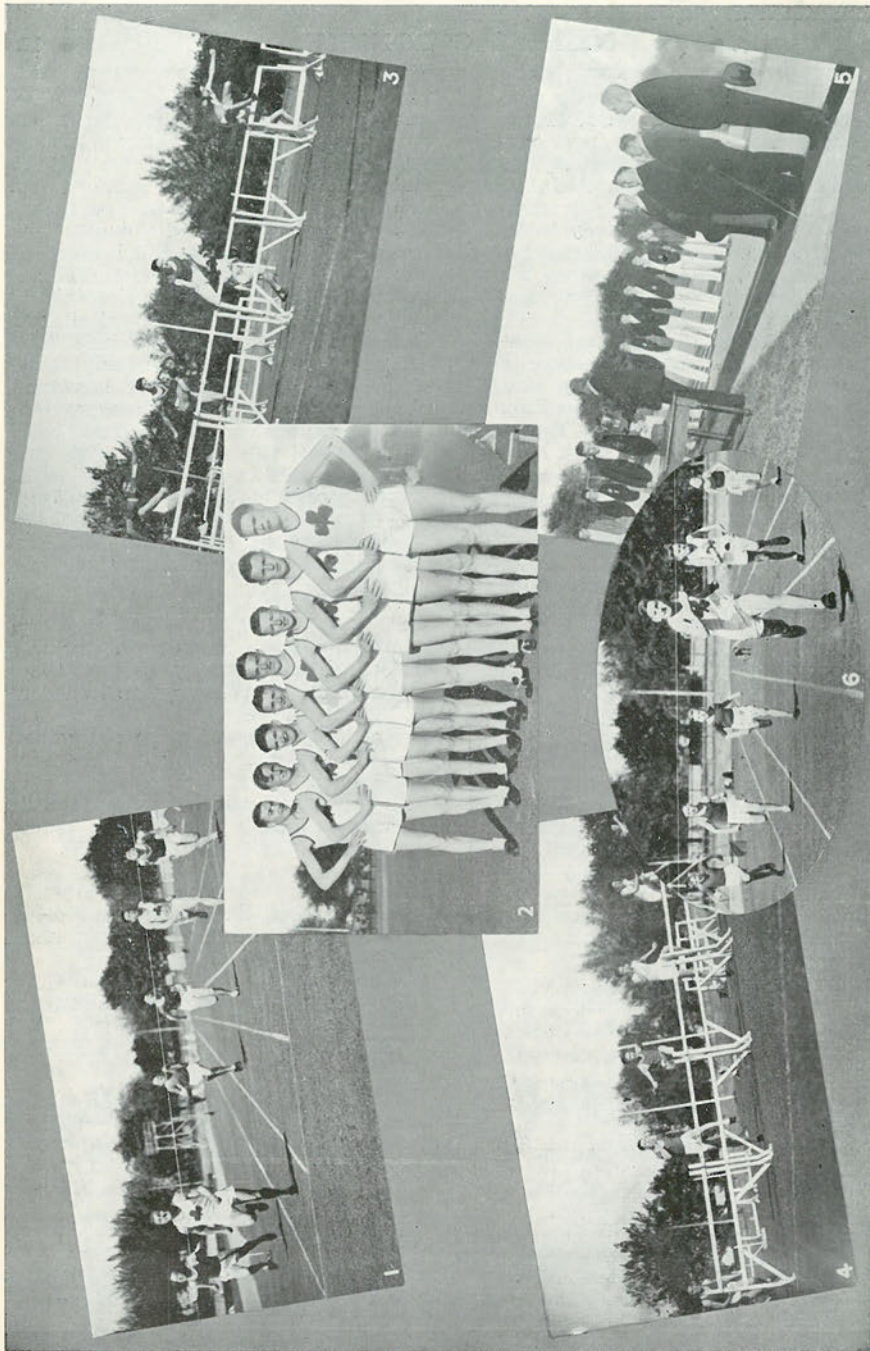
act. In a few minutes his motor cycle was speeding to Farm Street.

This time there was nobody going into the church. The sleuth saw a notice about a Novena being preached by Father Wilsden, S.J. He went into the church: it was crowded to the doors, and a priest was in the pulpit preaching. The first words which the detective heard made him listen with astonishment. He stood up and listened: he could not sit up and listen, for all the seats were taken. "Expurgate vetus"—purge out the old leaven. Yes, brethren, we must cast out the old man with all his acts. The old man must die in us, until we are new beings. "That you may be a new paste," says the Apostle." Detective Winters went out, and made his way to the vestry. In ten minutes Father Wilsden left the pulpit, and returned to the vestry. The detective felt that there must be an explanation, and he was going to have it. With confident determination the sleuth knocked at the vestry door. "Come in," said a rich, deep voice. Detective Winters came. He played his trump card at once. "Excuse me," he said, "but can you say 'Black' to-morrow? The priest's reaction to the question quite threw the detective off his balance. "Ah! my poor man," he said, "Yes, yes," and he turned on him a look of pity, such as the detective had never before seen. "Who is it, your wife, your mother? Tell me about it."

The detective had no idea what he was being asked to tell, and he honestly said so. "I'm not a Roman Catholic," he said. "Neither am I," answered Father Wilsden, "I'm just a plain unadulterated Catholic, but no Roman."

"Well, it's this way," said the detective. "I don't know what saying 'Black' means, and there's nothing wrong with my wife or my mother: I don't know how they came into it."

SNAPS FROM BALLARAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SPORTS, 1937.



"Saying 'Black,' said the priest, "is an erroneous and faulty expression which many people use when they refer to a priest celebrating Mass in black vestments—the Mass for the Dead. I naturally thought that you were approaching me for that purpose."

"Um!" said the detective, "and what's it mean about the old man having to die and all that?"

"That means," said the priest, "that we must conquer our bad habits, change our lives, become new creatures." "I see," said the detective, so that's what you meant in your letter to Kevin Kelly?" "Yes," said the priest. "I remember writing in that strain to Kevin Kelly." "Here's part of the letter," said the detective. "This was found in the cellar at Mrs. Bateson's place. Do you know anything about his disappearance?"

Father Wilsden took the letter. "Bless us," he said, "Yes, I know all

The Scotchman got into the tram with a huge parcel.

Conductor: A penny for yourself and twopence for the parcel.

Scotchman: Come out, Mackenzie—it is cheaper to sit on the seat.

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Judge: You admit you hit your husband with a chair. Why did you do so?

Wife (sighing): Because I couldn't lift the table.

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about his disappearance. He has gone to Dublin to our Novitiate, and I had quite forgotten that he left two trunks or boxes of clothes that he will not need, and which I should have had brought here weeks ago for our St. Vincent de Paul's Society."

"That explains everything," said the detective. But it didn't, for the detective was attracted by the personality of Father Wilsden, and returned to Farm Street to hear the Novena preached. Three weeks later he was received into the Church, and when Constable Brannigan was leaving the Church one Saturday after Confession, he heard Detective Winters say to Father Wilsden, "It's my father's anniversary on Tuesday, can you say 'Black' that day," and Father Wilsden said he could.

[Our sincere thanks to the author for supplying us with our Serial Story.—Ed., "The Chronicle."]

Sambo: Ah bet you was relieved when you found it wasn't a spook followin' you last night.

Rastus: Ah was so relieved. Ah slowed down to a gallop.

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"Well, Charles, how did you like your first day at school?"

"It was good sport, but there was a very old man in front of the class, and he kept spoiling the fun."

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News from Catholic Papers

Child Escorts Hunted Barcelona Priest to Safety.

A tall, bearded, imposing-looking man wearing working-man's clothes walked out of a Barcelona hospital. A little girl met him, and together they went off to market.

The little girl returned alone with the knowledge that she had helped to save a priest from execution.

The tall man was Fr. G. Casla, a Catalan priest who, after a series of remarkable escapes from the Reds, has arrived in Washington, U.S.A. Every minute during ten days he had been in danger of death.

REDS ASSAULT MONASTERY.

In July, 1936, ravening mobs of Barcelona were hunting down priests and religious and dispatching them in mass execution. A group of them descended upon his monastery in that city.

There were twenty-four religious in the house. Twenty were slain.

Fr. Casla remained behind as the Reds surged about outside. He quickly removed his habit and donned civilian clothes in the hope that he would not be recognised. The hope seemed vain, since he was very well known in Barcelona. But he chanced it.

The Reds set fire to the convent house, and, finding it impossible to remain within any longer, Fr. Casla left the building and cautiously moved forward. Within a few moments he melted into the throng.

Although safe for the moment, he maintained his manner and continued the tempo of his stride until he had traversed a good part of the city. He then hurried to the outskirts, where he was little known.

"I was determined to avoid the mistake—the fatal mistake—made by so many of my fellow-priests at that time," said Fr. Casla. "I resisted the temptation to seek protection and a

hiding-place among friends. So many religious were discovered and eventually killed because they had gone to the homes of friends, the first place to which Red searchers went."

By night he reached a hospital which he had often visited. In his disguise he was not recognised and, indeed, spent eight days there, hiding in the cellar. Occasionally he mingled with the patients as a means of getting out undetected. In time he grew a moustache and a beard.

Once he chose the operating room as his hiding-place at night. He climbed on to one of the white tables, drew a sheet over himself and slept. The few who looked into the room saw his motionless form on the table and assumed he was just another corpse.

Next day he was able to establish contact with a Consulate, which arranged for his passage to a ship bound for Italy.

He made his escape from the hospital in the disguise of a person going to market, the little girl walking at his side, a basket over her arm.

Released.

We learn by air mail, on the authority of the Peking correspondent of "The Times," the three remaining Marist Brothers, a Frenchman, a German and a Spaniard, who were kidnapped at the seminary at Heishanbo by bandits, have been released without payment of any ransom. An other attack on the seminary was made by irregulars in October, but they were dispersed by armed police.

Case Withdrawn.

In the last issue of the "Chronicle" there appeared the news that a Catholic Priest was to stand trial for refusing to give evidence, the giving of

which would have been a violation of the seal of Confession.

Criminal proceedings were started and the Priest was to stand trial. The Government of Travancore, India, however, withdrew the proceedings because the actual theft took place three years ago. The authorities declined to accept Fr. Paul's contention that the confession was privileged, on the ground that such a privilege is not in the Indian Penal Code.

LORETO CURE CERTIFIED A MIRACLE.

WOMAN IS SUDDENLY HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The sudden cure at the Holy House of Loreto of a 27-year-old woman suffering with a tuberculosis knee has been certified by a committee of three Loreto doctors as outside all natural laws, state the "Osservatore Romano."

The woman Mad. Giorgina Riccaldi, of Palma, had been seriously ill for seven years with tuberculosis, peritonitis and pleurisy. She could no longer eat and her case was considered hopeless in May last year when, following an operation, she was carried into the Holy House on a stretcher.

While a Capuchin Father was leading the invocations, she suddenly felt herself cured. She stood up and then ran up the altar steps shouting: "I can walk, I can walk. Holy Virgin, I thank you."

She was assisted from the church and an examination showed all trace

of her suffering, except for a scar, had vanished. That evening she ate her first normal meal for many months.

Mad. Riccaldi returned to Loreto this year for the cure to be certified. Her doctor in Rome who had kept her under observation for the whole year stated that her health was perfectly normal.

THE COLLEGE REGATTA.

BIGGEST SCHOOL'S DAY ON THE LAKE.

The College Regatta to be held on Saturday, 4th December, promises to be the greatest school's regatta yet seen on Lake Wendouree. No less than nine crews are competing for Father Gleeson's valuable cups. All the crews are putting in good training work under the superintendence of Brother O'Malley and the coaches.

Out of the crews now in training St. Pat's should be able to put in a very good team for next year's big Public Schools event. Meanwhile no one should miss the Regatta on Saturday, December 4th.

SUB. A. CABLES.

Five days to go before we "break up" the happy circle! The work of the year and a few of the final exams are behind us. Our imaginations call up pictures of carefree happiness as we wander, in imagination and anticipation, through the fields of our holiday pleasures. And yet, as we pack our personal "treasures" there will arise

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Third Row—D. Hunter, J. Sullivan, T. Brown, P. McNamara, P. Mullins, W. Moon, J. Kealy, B. Mulcahy.

Second Row—J. Carroll, J. Pekin, M. Gill, E. Rogers, A. Jones, H. Munday, L. Horgan, L. Delahunty, J. Connell.

In Front—J. Byrne, R. Young, B. Higham, L. Segrave, C. Fanning, D. O'Meara.

in many of our hearts a tinge of regret as we part from the friends we've made and the joys we've felt.

At this, the end of 1937, let us pull aside the partition and shake hands with our rivals, Sub. B. Let us give them one last look at Sub. A. leaders—G. Ryan, J. Walsh, C. Conroy, students of high calibre, whom we feel sure will do us credit in the final examinations; W. Meakes, R. Young, our athletes; P. Duffy, our "fencer," whom no one yet has challenged; "Scotty," our mountain climber; George Wilkinson, our "miler"; L. Seagrave, jumper; G. Little, our tennis champion; K. McCusker, J. Tudor, W. Newton, W. Begg, T. Hannah, P. Betros, M. O'Conner, J. Holmes and M. McLinden, stalwarts of the

football field; the Twins—our treasures; P. White, "big game hunter," to whom even Monty must bow; G. Dwyer, cox of the S.P.C. winning thirds; K. Dridan, the silver-lining of happiness, even when storm clouds were darkest; J. Sherry, pillar of the Cathedral Choir. So gaze once more and your wonder still will grow that one small class could hold such stars!

So keen on study were some of our noble battalion that we found them rising early. Optimists?—Well, possibly! However, the fervour of the class during the Novena, in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, for success in the exams., will, I am sure, be rewarded by success.

A recent departure from our midst was Dick Carr. Dick had had a run

of ill-health and, being rather weak after his long sojourn in the infirmary, it was thought advisable that he should not face the strain of the examinations. Dick was our outstanding language student—French being his specialty. We all wish him a quick return to good health and a most enjoyable vacation.

Is it true that Will Newton is responsible for George Dwyer's headaches? Congratulations, George, on winning the "Elocution" trophy.

And now as we draw the curtain across our year's activities, let us wish each other a most pleasant holiday. May the blessings of the Divine Child fill us with holy joy during the Christmas season.

SUB INTERMEDIATE B.

We are looking forward to the Christmas holidays in a week or so. Meanwhile, we are studying hard for our exam. and hope to do well enough to be able to reserve a place in the Intermediate room for 1938. Sub B was well represented in the handball. Frank Foster and Jack McCarthy fought out the under 16 championship and Noel Currie surprised everyone by winning his way to the under 14 final. We all hope his injured leg will mend in time to enable him to contest the final. Mal Quin, Bill McGennisken, Bill Brittain and Jim Wise are our representatives in the Regatta. There was a good deal of noise in the room a couple of weeks ago. Des O'Hagan and Brian Hill were the culprits. Des O'Hagan sat

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for the Scholarship Exam. recently. We wish him every success. Con Fanning and Bernie McCormick are the collectors for the Holy Childhood. Con has proved himself a good collector during the year and we are very grateful to him for helping us to pay our "Chronicle" debt whenever it was due. The last congratulations for 1937 go to Brian Scally for winning the under 14 cup at the Sports. In conclusion we wish all a very pleasant holiday and a holy and happy Christmas. When the examination results come out we hope to see the Sub Inters. of St. Pat's well to the fore and keeping up the high standard set by the Subs. of last year.

THE POPE'S BUSY DAY.

Pope Pius XI, for whose full restoration to health the Catholic Church is now praying, was well known as a scholar and a mountaineer when he was elected successor of St. Peter and of the 258 Bishops of Rome since then acknowledged by the Church.

A worldly Pope of the Renaissance is said to have remarked to his friends, "Since God has been pleased to grant us the Papacy, let us enjoy it." How would that Pope have faced up to the duties that Pius XI has inherited from his immediate predecessors, and himself added to?

The Pope rises at 6.30 a.m. An hour later he says Mass; and, having taken a light breakfast, descends in the lift from the third floor, his simple private apartments, to the second floor. Here, in the "Private Library," the Secretary of State, Cardinal Pa-

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celli, awaits him with the news of the world-wide Church received during the night by wire and wireless, post, and word of mouth. At last the Secretary of State leaves him with the instructions of the day; and now the Pope passes to audiences, private and public, formal and intimate.

In the earlier hours he receives, singly or in groups, the Bishops and other churchmen arriving day after day in Rome from near or distant countries to report, to advise, or to ask help. Around twelve he receives pilgrimages, sometimes several in succession, and to each he addresses an appropriate discourse, passing along the line of his visitors to give each his individual blessing, and often to ask a question or say a word. After two hours or more of pilgrims' audiences, the Pope repairs to his private apartments for the mid-day meal, eaten in solitude, often enough at three or even four o'clock. At half-past four he descends in the lift, and is driven in his car at high speed round the Vatican Gardens—a formally laid out park extending over the south half of the State. At half-past five he returns, and for another five hours he is at work in the Library receiving visitors or transacting business. Then devotions, a light meal upstairs, and withdrawal to the bedroom. The day's work of the Vicar of Christ, the Bishop of Rome, the Sovereign of the Vatican State, is ended.

CELEBRATING THE "ATHS." VICTORIES.

A very delightful evening was spent on Thursday evening, November 18th, when members of the victorious S.P.C. Athletic Team and the famous Ionians Team, which was successful in annexing the laurels of the House Competition on Sports Day, were tendered a complimentary dinner by the Principal, Rev. Br. Purton, and the Matron, Mrs. Ramstead. If the boys felt any misgivings when they learnt that their usual picture night would have to be foregone owing to the paralysis all feelings of disap-

pointment were quickly dispelled when they beheld the delightful repast to which they were invited. The College refectory, brilliantly decorated, offered a charming festive setting for the tables resplendent with all the delightful dainties, so pleasing to the youthful taste.

Certainly, Matron and her staff had spared no effort in their boundless generosity to treat the boys in an admirable manner. Rev. Bro. Stirling, officiating as chairman in his usual capable and efficient manner, aided by his clever witticism and jovial disposition, kept a watchful eye towards the pleasant functioning of the entertainment. Briefly, he took occasion to congratulate the successful athletes, elaborating to some extent upon the advisability of judiciously intermingling sport in moderation with concerted study with a view to developing the successful and ideal citizen. He then called upon C. McKenzie to propose the toast of the evening, that of the successful teams. Coley offered his congratulations to the 1937 Athletic Team, which had done its part in upholding St. Pat's on its elevated pinnacle in the realm of sport. He also made mention of the manner in which the Ionian Team had gained the honours in the House Competition. Adrian Jones and Leo Horgan, respective captains of the victorious teams, suitably responded, both paying special tribute to the generous aid given them by the Brothers and coaches during the season. In conclusion Bert Lenne, supported by Terry Brown and Max Gill, thanked Matron and her staff for a very enjoyable evening.

REMOVE AND SIXTH GRADE

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." Keeping this in mind, it has been the ambition of each Remove boy to relieve as many holy souls as possible, by Masses, Stations and aspirations.

At the present time the annual public examinations occupy our attention, and as this is going to press the Re-

move boys are sitting for their first public exams. It has been most satisfying to observe the keenness with which the class has prepared for them. Thirty-seven are sitting for the exams and let us all wish them success.

We read with interest that Peter Penn's father (and, incidentally, Peter's working well) is to begin a world tour of celebrity concerts in January. Bernard Welsh and Pat Boyce have shown marked improvement in their school work. Congratulations to our successful musicians—H. McGoldrick, B. McKenzie, S. Bongiorno, B. Jenkin, and J. Williams. Dan Lawson leaves his fiddle in convenient places—or does he?

The "Country" has recently offered its services free, gratis, and for nothing, to the "City," so that the latter will be able to negotiate the fences, when they have to field sixers hit by the "Country." Certainly Dave and Howard don't know much about them. (Singed collars, eh!)

We now welcome Kevin Harman, who hails from North Melbourne, to swell the ranks of 6th Grade. On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Dave Maddern received his first Holy Communion. Congratulations, Dave, on the "Greatest of all days."

And as the term draws to a close, let us take the opportunity of wishing all a well-earned holiday and an abundance of Christmas blessings. May this Christmas and each succeeding Birthday of Christ find us closer friends of the Infant Jesus.

JUNIOR NOTES.

Since our last issue our day boys have started their holidays. We hope they are having a good time, and take this opportunity of wishing them a happy Christmastide and New Year. We hope that every one of them will be in perfect health when the College re-opens next year.

Of those who are still on the premises they say—

That Allan Symes is one of the "noo" alarm clocks.

That Geoff. has been studying so

hard lately that he had to have a spell in bed to get over it.

That Keith will be—when he grows up—a super pilot.

That Athol has worked himself to the "bone."

That R.R. and R.R. couldn't bear to stay away from school, so they came in as boarders.

That Phil's favorite game is "Puss in the Corner."

That Des. and Dick are a couple of "snorters."

That F.X. has nothing to do with the recent fires around Ballarat.

That M.M. does not believe in Daddy Xmas.

That Billy is very proud of the part of Melbourne from which he comes.

That Murray has been making surprising progress in the "sums" lately.

That Pat is one of the quietest boys in the College.

That Cobram is one of the best towns in Victoria, and will be better still in a few weeks' time when a certain young fella gets back there.

That K.M. will be—when he grows up—a super musician.

A test in Grammar for the Upper Classes:

If cross is compared like this—

Cross: Crosser: Crossest,

What about Ross: Rosser: ———?

HANDBALL.

At present the chief sport claiming attention besides rowing is handball. Great interest is being taken in this annual event, and I think I can safely say that the standard of play this year is the highest seen in the College for many years. To-day saw the final of the singles championship. Jack Mooney, last year's open champion, and Freddie Labb, last year's under 16 champion, fought out a hard game. The "huge" crowd present was provided with thrill upon thrill as the players met guile with guile in the first fast and furious onslaught. The game went to Freddie, 21—19. After a brief rest the contestants again "took the court." Despite lusty encouragement, and solicitous attentions to J.

HUMOUR.

"How far is your house from the station?"

"Five minutes' walk if you run."

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"Hey, barber, give me a glass of water," said the customer, when the razor nicked him for the second time.

"What's wrong? Did I get a hair in your mouth?"

"No; I just want to see if my neck leaks."

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"Dad," said the country youth who had just left the village school, "I have long cherished a desire to go on the stage, and have at last decided, with your permission, to——"

"My boy," interrupted the old man, "all the world is a stage. You hitch the horses to the big red plough, and transfer the outfit to the field behind the barn, where you can enact the star role in that beautiful drama entitled 'Down on the Farm!'"

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Employer (to new boy on his first job): My lad, do you know it takes half my time to watch you?

New Boy: Sorry, sir, but it takes me all my time to watch you.

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Tommy: "Father, can you sign your name with your eyes shut?"

Father: "Of course I can."

Tommy: "Well, shut your eyes and sign my school report."

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