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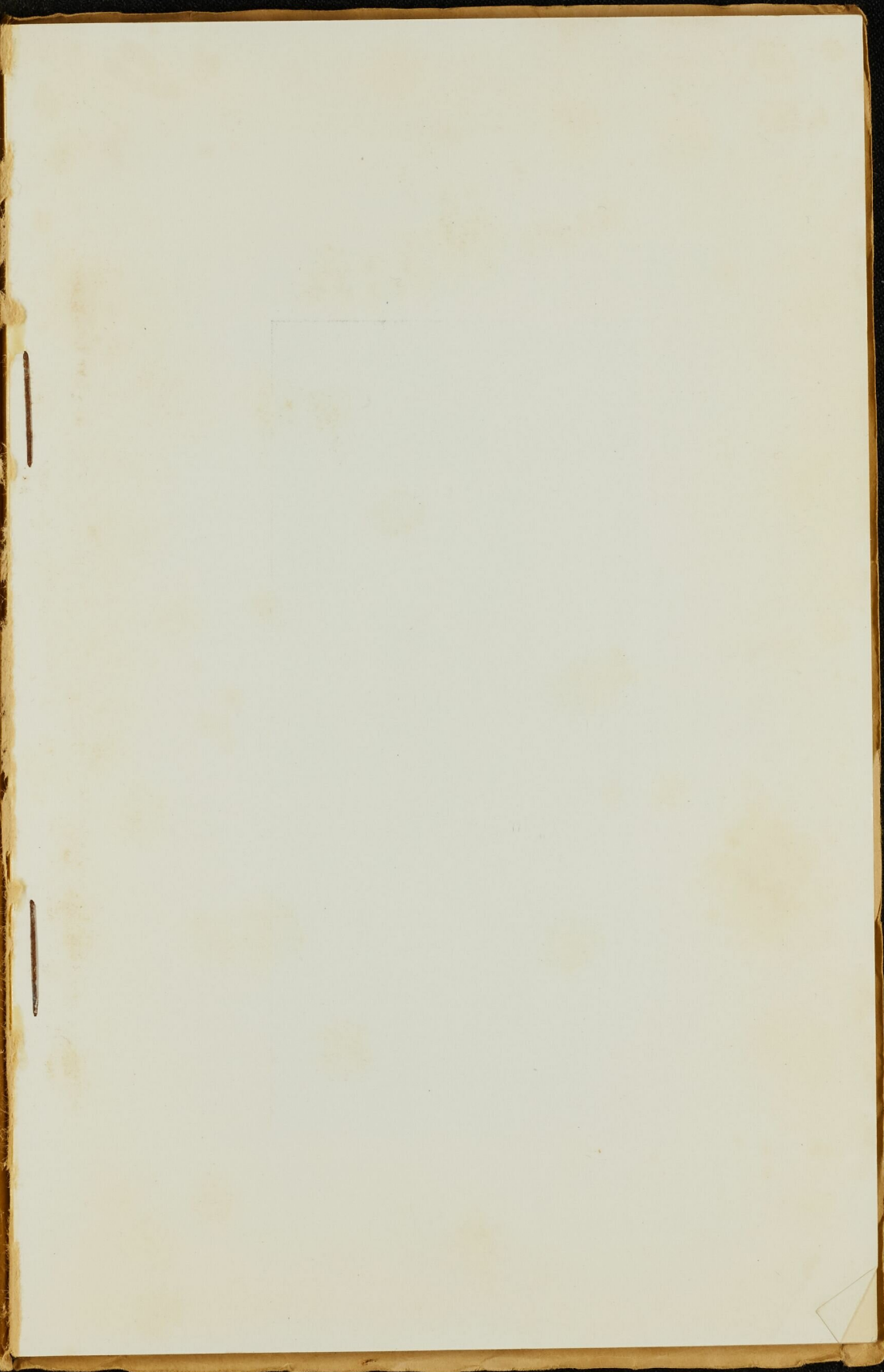


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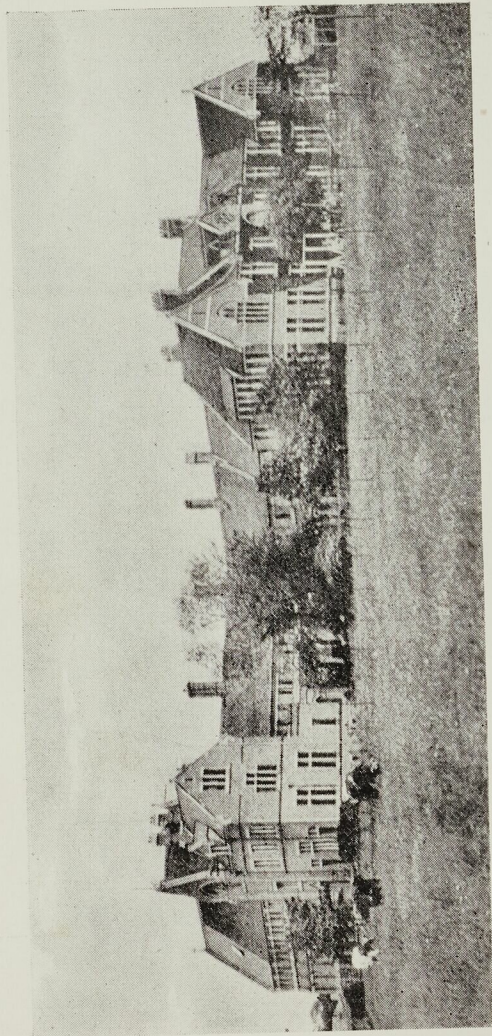


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Assumption House

THE ABBEY SCHOOL RAMSGATE

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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## EDITORIAL

It is hardly necessary for us to dwell on the matters of progress during the past year and plans for the future, as the Headmaster's report given on a later page covers most of our activities. But since Prize Day was rather early there are one or two items left out of account. Briefly then, the results of the inspection are still not yet to hand. It is not too late to say that we owe a great debt of gratitude to the three Inspectors for their courtesy and helpfulness. We got the impression that they were more anxious to commend what we are doing than to criticize it, but the criticisms that we did receive were certainly the most useful part of the inspection, and whatever the results may be, we are now quite clear about what the Ministry of Education requires of us and the immediate way ahead.

Secondly, the G.C.E. Examination results are given on a later page, and are a considerable improvement on the standard reached in previous years. They hold out hopes of a future advance in 1961 by which time we shall have started to tackle the formidable obstacles of "A" level.

We have not concealed in the past that one of our biggest problems was lack of space for extra-curricular activities in the senior part of the school. Now that we have acquired the large property of Assumption House, this problem is well on the way to being solved. The Junior School is to move to Assumption House, and The Grange, with its spacious dormitories and classrooms, will be available for the Senior boarders and fifth forms. Thus St Placid's will no longer be required as a dormitory, and we shall at last have space for games rooms, clubs and junior library.

We shall have the space and some of the equipment, but unfortunately as yet not all of it, for some of the new clubs that have been started are still lacking the basic necessities. It is surprising how long the queues sometimes become outside the Headmaster's office, usually consisting of deputations from the Sailing Club who want to build their own boat, and the Hobbies club who are contemplating a model railway, and the Radio club and all sorts of other clubs, all of whom project their various castles in the air and call for an estimate. The Headmaster has usually just got rid of the Tichborne Librarian who has been expatiating on the crying need for reference books and the Junior Librarian who wants non-reference books, and it is not to be

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wondered at if those who have come for nothing more expensive than corporal punishment are among the few who go away satisfied.

The big changes that have been undertaken are involving us in a considerable financial outlay—if they had not been absolutely essential the size of the figures might have made us pause. For the less pressing necessities that go to make life more agreeable for the boys we have to thank our benefactors, and we have been more grateful than we can say for all the help we have received up till now. The most significant indication of the relationship between our parents and ourselves is the willingness with which they contribute to the general well-being of the School. The Chapel, for example, has badly needed redecorating for many years. When we finally decided to do something about it, an anonymous benefactor came forward with a substantial gift of £150 towards it. It is difficult to say anything adequate about such generosity, but it indicates something far greater than the gift itself. It means that so many parents are interested in the School not merely from the point of view of their children's education and advantage, but as a rapidly growing Catholic institution in the perfecting of which they themselves have a part. Future generations will undoubtedly look back on this period as the decisive point in the School's history when it was moulded into its final shape, and all of us who have been privileged to have a hand in this considerable enterprise will have much to be thankful for, and much to be proud of.

We are publishing in this issue the portraits of the two members of the Community, both closely connected with the School, who have died during the past year, and hope that this will be a reminder that they may still need our prayers.

The School Staff will be largely the same for the coming year, except that Mr Murphy has left us to take up teaching in Bexhill and Captain Grisewood is taking a Teachers' Training Course at Bognor for the next two years. Our best wishes go with them both. In their place we will be welcoming Mr Linwood Sleigh, M.A., and Mr David Dewsnap who will both be with us next term.

It has been suggested that our readers would be interested in the reminiscences of those who have been here in the past. We accordingly asked for those of Col R. J. Slaughter who was at school here in the nineties, and he most kindly consented to provide the article which is printed in this issue. Its appearance is somewhat tardy for a Summer Number, and for this we apologize. The reason will be apparent from our reflections on the Move.

## HEADMASTER'S REPORT

MY Lord Bishop, Rt Rev. Fr Abbot, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen, God's ways are not our ways, and lest you should think that the date of this Prize Day was chosen of set purpose, I hasten to assure you that the original date fixed for our Prize-giving was June 25th, but Providence has decreed otherwise and determined that we should meet here today. I cannot help feeling that in this respect Providence has been exceedingly kind, for not only are we honoured on this occasion by the presence of His Lordship the Bishop, who has always been such a good friend to the School, but my own task has been made considerably more simple. For the Headmaster is usually expected to be able to produce for this occasion an impressive list of examination achievements, or at least to explain their absence if they do not happen to appear. When, however, the date of Prize Day is so arranged as to fall just three days after the Common Entrance Examination ends and two weeks before the General Certificate Examination begins, it is evident that no examination successes can be proclaimed and no failures need be explained away, for no results are yet to hand. I really must try to remember this expedient for the future!

Please do not infer from these remarks that no work has been done this year, or the boys will be greatly distressed, for in fact great progress has been made. It has even been suggested in some quarters that perhaps we are working too hard. Our Common Entrance results in February were most satisfactory, four of the six candidates entered gaining over 65%. The 1959 G.C.E. examinations, which produced thirteen Certificates, did not quite come up to our highest expectations, and we have therefore increased our efforts this year by lengthening the school day to 5.15 p.m. and fitting in what I think must be regarded as the maximum number of "preps" and classes that a working day can hold. I would congratulate both staff and boys on the generous way in which they have accepted this additional work and striven to reach the high standard at which we must necessarily aim if we are to achieve parity on the scholastic plane with the many excellent State Schools that surround us.

Some parents were slightly alarmed when they received at the start of the New Year my notice informing them of the minimum results that were expected of boys who wished to hold their places in the Fifth Form or to pass on to the Sixth, but I hasten to assure them that this was not intended as an ultimatum

but simply as fair warning that there are many others coming up from the Middle School whose promotion cannot be delayed by those who do not move on at the top, and I cannot therefore promise to keep places for boys who are unable or unwilling to keep pace with the normal standards of an efficient grammar school. At sixteen years of age the average boy should be able to obtain five Ordinary Level passes, and only thus will he be able to consider going on to advanced studies.

It is our firm intention to press on to the formation of a strong Sixth Form, for only by obtaining passes at Advanced Level will the way to the Universities be opened. Some boys will never be capable of reaching this standard, and for them we shall be content with the minimum number of Ordinary Level passes necessary for entry to any professional career, but for those with greater ability we must obviously provide the opportunity to pass on to higher studies. This at first will be a costly development, and we may have to consider asking the parents of boys who stay on to the Sixth Form to help us meet the expense of these advanced studies, for it is clear that we shall never reach the higher levels without the assistance of a skilled and qualified staff. This is a burden that will have to be faced, but for the rest it is our sincere hope and intention to maintain our fees as long as we are able at the present very moderate level.

I do hope that the decision to make all new text books the personal property of the boys has not imposed too great a strain upon the parents. It certainly would have been beyond the means of the School to bring up to date in so short a time the very large number of text books that are now required, and we feel that by sharing the expense the books will be better cared for, the School will be able to keep up with the latest developments in educational practice, and the boys will have none but themselves to blame if their books are not clean and intact.

Fr Abbot has already spoken to you about the very important development that will take place in September, when our Junior School will be moved to the former Assumption Convent, leaving the Senior School the opportunity to extend into the buildings now comprising The Grange. This is truly a major step forward, and coming as it does at a time when our accommodation is pressed to the limit, will provide opportunity for the expansion that must still take place if the School is to attain its full growth in the Senior Department. It may also help to solve some of the difficulties that still beset us in our efforts to integrate the Preparatory Department of our School with the more recent Secondary development.

For it should not be forgotten that it is only two years since the former Preparatory School at Hemingford Grey was united with the Abbey Day School, and I would claim in all humility that although we may not yet have solved every difficulty that this complicated reorganization presented, we have none the less achieved already a remarkable degree of unity and co-ordination between the two streams, and we no longer have two schools but one. It would not be easy to pick out from any form those boys who came from the day or the boarding department, and we feel proud of the real integration and unity of purpose that is already apparent. Even this year one third of our boarders were new to the School, yet they are now so much part and parcel of our family that we feel they have all grown up with us. With over 220 boys in the School, nearly half of whom are boarders, our present buildings are filled to capacity and we shall welcome the acquisition of more space at The Grange.

There has been no slackening in the development of our existing School buildings during the past year, as I think you can hardly fail to notice. Once again I must thank our hard-working Procurator, Fr Eric Wheeler, for all that he has done for us in this direction. The redecoration of the former sanatorium was completed last summer, and we were able to move the overflow of boarders there in September. During the Summer holidays the School kitchen was completely reorganized and furnished with up-to-date equipment, and a good new scullery was constructed. Soon afterwards the redecoration of the entrance hall was commenced, and as soon as funds will allow we hope to do the same for the Chapel. Much expensive equipment is still needed for the laboratory, and there is a pressing need for shower baths and drying rooms to make our School buildings complete. Two new tennis courts with their surrounds were provided through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, and most of our modern teaching aids have been acquired with the generous gifts of parents.

All this material progress made us feel that it was time that we invited the Ministry of Education to inspect the School in its reorganized condition, in order that we might make quite sure that our development was proceeding along the right lines. Accordingly a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors, led by Mr L. J. Hughes, made a four-day inspection only two weeks ago, and we were greatly impressed by the quiet and friendly efficiency with which they went about their task. We thank them for all their helpful suggestions and we hope that they will give us a favourable report. It is perhaps rather optimistic to expect that we shall be granted recognition as a Secondary School before our Senior

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Department is fully developed, but at least we shall learn in due course what the Ministry think of us and what they consider still necessary in order to make our development complete. I would like to place on record the strenuous effort that was made by the Staff to prepare for this inspection, and I need hardly tell you that the boys, as always, rose magnificently to the occasion and presented their very best appearance.

I am very often asked by parents whether there is any hope at all of obtaining financial assistance from the Kent Education Authority for scholarship boys, and I can only say with regret that up to the present the Kent Authority has resolutely refused to consider the claims of Catholic parents in this respect. Nevertheless I firmly believe that you should continue to press your just claims for a Catholic education by every possible means, and we on our side will do everything in our power to ensure that the School comes up to the standards of efficiency rightly demanded by the educational authorities. It has not been easy to build up a school such as this without any financial assistance whatever from outside, but we are convinced that there is a great need and demand for a good Catholic grammar school in this area, and we are doing our best to meet that need without imposing too great a strain on the parents who make such great sacrifices in order to bring up their children in accordance with the dictates of their conscience.

I am happy to report that this most important function of education, the religious and moral training of the children entrusted to our care, is as healthy as ever, and the great majority of our boys frequent the Sacraments regularly and are devoted to their Catholic Faith. One had only to witness the inspiring Passion Play presented by the boys last term to realize that there is a far greater power behind all our activities than the mere book-learning that is the common requirement of every school. We aim at knowing more than facts, we set out to know and love a Person, the Person of Jesus Christ. If sometimes we may be compared unfavourably with the maintained schools on the score of material magnificence or abundance of technical facilities, there is no doubt whatever that on the spiritual and moral plane our boys are far better provided for than their counterparts in the State schools. If the primary purpose of education be the building of spiritual and moral standards, as we truly believe that it is, then St Augustine's stands second to none in this County and has few rivals in the country as a whole. We are proud of our traditions and we shall preserve them.

I mentioned the Passion Play that was so admirably written and produced by Mr Luff and so impressively presented by the boys. The outstanding success of this undertaking was largely due

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to the efforts of the Choir, which has been trained with great patience by Fr Stephen and Mr Walter. Encouraged by this success in the realm of part singing we hope that the Choir will go forward to still greater achievements and we look forward to the time when our own school orchestra will accompany them.

The great difficulty, of course, with all these activities, is to find a time to fit them in. We have been experimenting with the idea of making Wednesday evening a Club Night, free from "preps," in order that there may be some opportunity for the day boys to take a great part in the corporate life of the School. Our weekend debates and discussions aroused much interest during the winter, and have been fully reported in the School Magazine, but these activities have necessarily been restricted to the boarders. Some day boys have joined Mr Kenny's Radio Club, whose headquarters are in the laboratory, but whose operational posts are suspected of being as far afield as the dormitories. The Photographic Society has recently been provided with a fine new enlarger, and the Sailing Club launched out into the deep for the first time this term in the inner basin of Ramsgate harbour. These budding sailors are hoping that some day they will be enabled to build or acquire a boat of their own. We have high hopes too of reviving the Shooting Club that used to flourish in pre-war days. Under the leadership of Fr Paul and Fr Patrick the Scouts and Cubs are still very active and their business-like kitchens may be inspected in the coppice near the school lawn.

Two new sports have made their appearance in our programme. Golf was introduced for the first time this term under the auspices of the Golf Foundation and Tennis is becoming very popular now that the two new courts have been completed. The progress that has been made in Athletics under the instruction of Captain Linton will be evident on the sports field this evening and we hope before long to be able to add an annual Gymnastic Display. It is planned too to produce a School Boxing Team, for our standard in this sport is steadily rising. Cricket, unfortunately, has fallen a victim to the mumps this year, and all our fixtures have had to be cancelled, but the Rigger season was a great one and last term we proved superior to practically every team within striking distance that was prepared to face us. Congratulations to Mr Blaney, and his assistant Mr Baron, on the enthusiastic coaching which has already produced so many winning teams. Rigger colours were awarded this year to Michael Hills and Peter Baron, and both boys will be with us, we hope, for several seasons to come. Association Football is gradually giving place to Rigger, and though we shall be sad to see Soccer go we do congratulate the school team and their captain Michael

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O'Sullivan, on the excellent standard attained. This will be the last year that the House Cup is awarded for Soccer as next year senior House Teams will compete for the Rugger award.

This record of the year's activities would be incomplete without some mention of Fr Hugh's untiring work in the Tichborne Library, which has now been completely reclassified and indexed according to the Dewey Decimal System and only awaits the generous gifts of our friends to stock it with up-to-date volumes. Mr Luff's extra-mural expeditions and his creation of the School Museum were highly commended by the School Inspectors, and the two foreign expeditions that he led this year, to Lourdes and to Foy, as well as Mr Kenny's trip to Rome have provided an unforgettable experience for those who took part. All these activities are recorded at length in the School Magazine, whose editor, Fr Stephen, deserves a special word of praise for the long hours of labour he puts into this ever-expanding publication.

Finally I would thank most sincerely all those who have helped to make this school year a success. It has been a year of sound consolidation and steady growth. I thank Fr Abbot and all the monks for their continual support and encouragement, especially when things go wrong; I thank my loyal staff for their unremitting efforts to build up a standard of which we can all be proud; I thank the Matron and all her assistants for conducting the domestic and catering side so competently; this has been a black term for Matron, but adversity only serves to bring out the best that is in her. And last but not least I congratulate the boys on the efforts they have made, on the high standards they have set out to achieve, and the loyalty and ever-strengthening School spirit that they have developed. May God bless them all and bring them to the knowledge and love of all that is right, all that is true, all that is good.

## SCHOOL DIARY

*May 3rd.* The return of the boarders, after what seems to have been a surprisingly brief absence, to a term that has proved in every way historic. On the horizon loomed the inspection, several important examinations and Prize Day, for which events preparations were at once put in hand. It is unfortunate that during the term that inevitably seems one long rush from beginning to end, there are so many potholes like whole-holidays to hold things back. First of all came an unexpected one in honour of Princess Margaret's wedding, but this gave Mr Blaney a chance to get busy with the track-lanes for Prize Day . . .

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*May 7th* . . . and then came the Mumps. Vulliamy *mi* brought these back with his luggage, and we accordingly went into quarantine. Cricket fixtures were duly cancelled, but classes went on normally. The worst of this minor disease is that no one can be quite sure who is going to have it or who has already got it.

*May 20th.* At the moment the number stands at six. The Art Room next to the Sick Room has been converted into a temporary sanatorium, and there one may observe Smith *ma*, Mackay, Thiébaud and others carefully studying comics and drinking orange cocktail.

*May 28th.* The Inspectors, whose arrival has been awaited with no small excitement, have been informed about mumps and are wondering whether it would be wiser to postpone their visit. Would it not greatly prejudice our chances of being recognized as efficient by the Ministry if they returned home with mumps? But the Headmaster has written them a letter to allay their anxiety.

*May 31st.* And so they have come! The shadow of their presence broods over the School like a benison. They sit at the back of the classroom and make copious notes, while the master, wondering what on earth they can be writing down about his explanation of quadratic equations or the parts of *claudio*, gets more and more uneasy. Not so the boys, who see a golden opportunity for asking questions that have never been thought of before. We have concealed most of Warren's books in a cupboard, and bemoan the fact that the one person who knows our subject inside out is at this time ensconced with a comic in the mump-room. "They study there, you know," we say confidentially, "although they are the very ones who really don't need to. You should hear Thiébaud's history dates. Phenomenal!"

"It's a strange thing about Warren," is the reply. "What can have happened to all his books? Has he mislaid them *all*?"

*June 2nd.* The Inspectors departed to the Abbey for a conference and the clouds lifted a little. It must be admitted that they made things very easy for us, and were most helpful with suggestions and advice. The results will not be through for some months yet, but we feel that we have gained enormously from the experience.

*June 5th.* The O.A's have arrived for their cricket fixture. More local old boys are here than ever before. A day has been taken off half-term and will be added to the Summer holidays.

*June 13th.* The Common Entrance examinations start today and go on for three days.

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*June 16th.* Corpus Christi — a whole holiday. There was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the Sung Mass. Members of the community came to the School chapel to help with the singing. The procession itself was arranged by Mr Luff, who marked out the route and decorated the outside altar. The floral decoration behind the altar was so beautiful that it was kept for the following Sunday, when the parochial procession took place in the school grounds. It drew a congratulatory message from Father Abbot. The cubs, whose activities have been sadly curtailed by the mumps, went for a swim.

*June 19th.* Prize Day — fine weather — *Deo gratias!*

His Lordship the Bishop presided at the prize-giving which took place in the Westcliff Hall. We filled the hall again this year, even though The Grange had a separate prize-giving in the school.

The sports were held in the morning and in the evening.

*June 20th.* A few parents came to our Sung Mass at eight o'clock. Only thirty boys stayed for lunch. Most people seemed to regard this as a second half-term holiday, and the cricket match, Boarders' Parents v. Boys, was poorly attended. Matron, Mrs and Miss Fuller prepared a splendid picnic tea on the field. They used the new gas-boiler for the first time. The Headmaster preached in the evening; Hallisey minimus went to sleep during the sermon. He must have had a hard day.

*June 21st.* Mr Pattinson has arrived from Rome where he has been studying at the Beda College, see his letter in the Spring number of this magazine. It appears that his principal task will be assisting Mr Blaney. He will also be required for the staff cricket team. Many boys have been asking whether they should call him sir or father.

What a spate of birthdays we have had lately! The staff table in the refectory has been visited constantly by boys bearing what the Headmaster calls bribes, but which are merely political and conciliatory offerings of slices of birthday-cake. Humphriss, Vanheems, McGing, Shaw *mi*, and Gregory *mi* are among those whose anniversaries occur about this time. It is difficult to refuse kind offers of cake, and, of course, we don't.

*June 23rd.* Mr Wearing arrived this evening. He has paid us several visits this term, but this time, we hear, he intends to do some work.

*June 24th.* The Common Entrance results have come in. Mumps and the inspection do not seem to have had an adverse effect on these, as there has been almost 100% success. Only one boy is unplaced, and he can try again next term. The whole

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school was present at the speech contest held in the Assembly Hall as the weather was so indifferent. There were about sixty entries. Shakespeare was well in evidence. Mention should be made of Geddes and Hayman who had intended to conduct a dialogue on the advantages and disadvantages of grass as a food. We noticed a certain lack of facility in expression. Collyer raised a laugh when he appeared complete with skull-cap and pectoral cross to recite the Abbot's part in "King John and the Abbot of Canterbury." Paul Cox was King John and Paul Smye-Rumsby the narrator. Michael Foley won the first prize again this year. He recited an extract from a speech by Robespierre. Another good political speech was Abraham Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg, recited by George Chittenden.

*June 26th.* Parents' cricket match (day boys).

*June 30th.* G.C.E. starts today.

*July 9th.* IIA Model Contest was organized by Ian Robertson and judged by Mr Wroughton. The array of models was very impressive; aeroplanes, aircraft-carriers, warships and Henry VIII were among the subjects chosen. Modelling-kits were supplied by the Book Store. The scope of this department seems to be growing. You can obtain used tennis balls, pots of paint, scout knives, and other items which Brother Michael puts on his list when he makes a trip to the town. The paint pots and the use thereof have come under official disapproval. They were used extensively this term for the models, but most of the painters failed to confine the paint to the required places, and splashed it lavishly over desk, wall, books and anything else within range. Their hands also were often so ingrained with paint of various colours that no amount of soap and hot water could remove it.

*July 11th.* School examinations.

*July 14th.* Tea party for the leavers, organized by Mr Luff.

*July 15th.* The School photograph was again successfully taken. A notable feature this year is the inclusion of the staff.

*July 18th.* Preparations for departure are in full swing. Matron and her assistants have packed and dispatched the boarders' trunks. Confiscated toys, etc., are being returned. Bank money is being withdrawn by means of Brother Michael's new bank books.

*July 19th.* End of Term service in the school chapel. Day boys depart.

*July 20th.* The boarders depart. The Scouts are going to camp. Fathers Paul and Stephen go with them.

## THE MOVE

FOR the second time in two years a major upheaval has taken place during the so called Summer Holidays. This time it was a tripartite affair, for the furniture from The Grange had to go to Assumption House and that of Assumption House to go partly to The Grange, partly here and partly elsewhere. Matters were complicated by the fact that we held a Holiday Week for Catholic Boys at non-Catholic schools in the middle of August, and for various reasons it was decided to hold it at The Grange. By the time we had come to this decision, most of The Grange furniture, crockery, blankets and electric fires were stacked up and ready to go, but we soon unstacked them and were thereupon invaded by a gladsome throng, all ready to imbibe a week of Catholic atmosphere. We thoroughly enjoyed having them and they thoroughly enjoyed being here; it was with sorrow that we parted on the 24th August, and by that time The Grange was a bit of a shambles. But we rolled up our sleeves and stacked up the furniture again.

It is a curious thing about our moves that nobody seems quite sure what exactly is to be moved or where it is to be moved to. When a vast assortment of moveables has finally been got on board a bulging lorry, someone is sure to appear and enquire with an injured air "Surely you haven't included the Kilner Jars in this lot, have you? Or that lovely bronze fender which ought never to have been touched?" Oh dear, yes. We have, what a shame! Shall we wait until . . . ? Or shall we . . . ? We evacuated about ninety longish desks into the garden by way of a window and were depressed to hear that they were not really large enough, and there were ninety larger desks in another place that would be far more suitable. For some reason it is easier to get desks out of a window than into it, but by the end of the morning we achieved *status quo*.

Then there were the books. Fr Hugh was kind enough to sort them out and send them down to us, eagerly waiting at the other end. We soon recalled that the Assumption had been a Convent. The hall was soon full up and there were plenty more to come, "Advanced Science for Girls", "Advanced Maths for Girls", "Biology for Girls". One supposes that the intricacies of maths have to be expounded in a particularly delicate way that will not bring a blush to the maidenly cheek, but why must the authors make such a to-do about it in the title? We wouldn't dare issue them to Cadour. And we did not feel that we could

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put "What Katie did at School" in the Tichborne Library, but we heaved the lot upstairs in blankets and waited for the next thing.

The next thing proved to be an assortment of exotic stuffed birds in glass cases. These not only came from South America and were presented by Audrey and Josephine Grigsby and others, but had such fearsome and grotesque beaks and sombre plumage as to inspire the beholder with dread. Nor were we encouraged by a large glass vessel containing a snake preserved in what appeared to be codliver oil. These we carried upstairs leaving behind us a trail of feathers and claws, and deposited them in the laboratory, together with a medley of stuffed bats and sea monsters which all looked horribly alive.

We came to the end of it eventually and the last lorry went away empty. We went upstairs and surveyed our new acquisitions and wondered where they would all go, the handsome new science benches, the retorts and test-tubes, the cupboards full of books and the cases full of birds. At least everything could stop where it was for the time being. It was at this juncture that Fr John came forward with a most interesting speculation. Would not this unprecedented weight on the chapel ceiling cause it to give way? For books were the heaviest things there were, and he knew of many instances where books, unwisely deposited in large numbers and inadequately supported, had caused unimaginable structural havoc.

But by that time the first trunks had begun to arrive. The ones for The Grange came here. The ones for the Assumption went to The Grange. One would not be a bit surprised to hear that those that arrived at the Assumption belonged to Audrey and Josephine Grigsby — and others. By the time we had sorted this out, another school year had begun.

## THE GRANGE

ALTHOUGH one is now presenting a report for the School's last term at The Grange it is perhaps not surprising that both the staff and boys of the Abbey Junior School find their thoughts turning towards what has now come to be known as Assumption House. This name, by the way, was proposed by Fr Ambrose and appears to meet with general approval. The life-span of the Junior School at The Grange, it may be well to recall, covered a period of exactly nine years. It opened on September 20th, 1951, with a total of 19 boys and closed on

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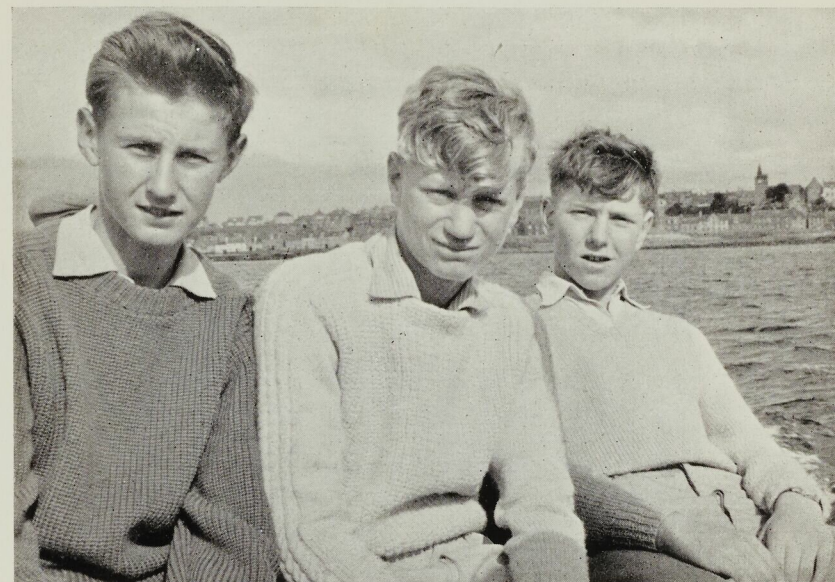
July 21st, 1960, with a school list displaying the names of over 100 boys. Assumption House, which opened its doors on September 21st, admitted no less than 125 boys, all between 7 and 11½ years of age. May we make an earnest appeal to all parents, past, present and future, not to forget us in their prayers and together with any other persons who may be interested may we ask them to continue their prayers to God on our behalf. To Father Abbot we should like to express our gratitude for securing this new home for us and to Father Ambrose we extend our congratulations and good wishes, praying to God that he will spare him to us for many years to come. The school has prospered under his care.

Now, back to The Grange. The boarders returned on May 3rd and very soon after their arrival there were rumblings and rumours of mumps having struck down the brother of one of our juniors. We like to think that our prayers and a few sensible precautions secured us the immunity we enjoyed throughout the succeeding weeks of the term. Miss Mulrennan, our faithful matron, must have breathed many a sigh of relief as the weeks passed by without a casualty. Fr Ambrose, who had been unwell during the summer holidays, also succeeded in allaying our anxieties. He was back at work when the school reopened and within a week quite himself again. Knapton and Birkett both very obligingly contracted and recovered from chicken-pox during the Easter holidays.

It was not long before the whole school was again undergoing the annual 11+ tests. These were begun on May 17th. Ten days later, on May 27th, the boys enjoyed an outing to St Margaret's Bay where they ran wild for a couple of hours. The tea, we are glad to record, met with their full approval. St Augustine's Day is, of course, always kept as a whole holiday.

The cricket this year was again interspersed with bathing parties to the beach, barely 100 yards from The Grange, the latter diversion only being indulged in when the weather and particularly the sun, invited it. Nobody was stung by jelly fish !

On Thursday, June 16th, the boys were invited to Assumption Convent for the Corpus Christi procession. Fr Thomas Rigby, for many years Chaplain to the nuns, carried the Blessed Sacrament. One need hardly add that this must have been a very moving, almost sad occasion for the Sisters. How could it be otherwise ? The boys on the other hand were eager and excited. This was about to become their new home. We hope that our Lord looked down kindly on us all that day. After the procession the Sisters provided a wonderful tea for the boys, to which, I believe, the fullest justice was done. Ices and cakes were



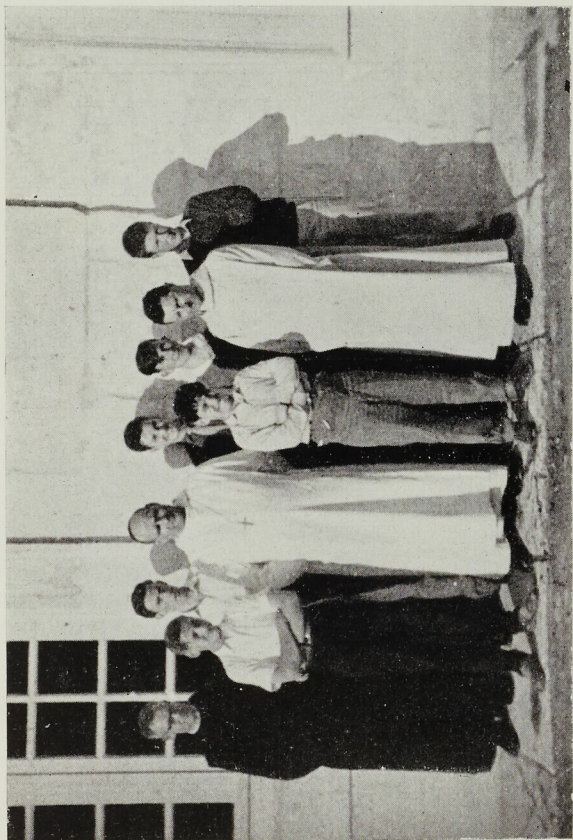
Ingham, Tumber and Cadon at May



Tumber with bird



Early Morning Mass on the May



School Group at Bec, with Father Abbot and Dom Athanase

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plentiful! The boys' behaviour, so it appears, also made a favourable impression on the Sisters. Later, when they arrived at Assumption House for the Winter Term, the nuns at Abbey Gate made the further observation that they appeared to be happy. We can assure them that this might rightly be termed an understatement! They are extremely happy.

Prize-giving took place at the Senior School on the morning of June 18th, the prizes being distributed by Father Abbot. In the afternoon the boys were allowed out with their parents and next day, Sunday, they were free to see them again from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Wright on June 19th. To Mr Wright and Stephen we should like to offer our deepest sympathy. May God rest her soul. We shall not forget them in our prayers.

Nine new boys joined the school this term. They were P. A. F. Iredale, N. A. C. China, S. B. D. Duffy, D. L. Vulliamy, N. F. D. S. Day, J. L. Grieve, D. T. H. Davis, G. W. Chew, S. P. Peterkin.

Another surprise outing was arranged by Fr Ambrose for June 29th, the feast of Ss Peter and Paul. Buses drove us to Hythe where the boys then alighted and got into the coaches of the "smallest public railway in England." They found this experience most exciting. At Dymchurch they dismounted after having enjoyed a run of about 20 minutes or so on this miniature railway. We were then met again by Mr and Mrs Benson in their car which led the way and directed the buses to their farm on the Romney Marsh. Here there was a stampede and rush across some beautiful fields to a spot set up and fenced off for sheep-shearing. Two men, old hands and experts, clipped away at great speed. The sheep, in spite of all their protests, were twisted, turned upside down, pulled this way and that, while at the same time being most efficiently shorn of their woolly covering. Mr Benson provided a running commentary on the operation, peals, even hoots of laughter sometimes accompanying the sad transformations effected by the clippers! Even the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh were reported to have been much amused by a sheep-shearing demonstration at the Royal Highlands Show on June 22nd! Mr Benson's farm of some 800-900 acres lies in beautiful surroundings. The sheep on Romney Marsh are among the finest in the world, the soil extremely rich. Even visitors and officials from far away China come to see these sheep and many of them have helped to build up the huge flocks and herds of Australia and New Zealand. Wool was selling at about 4/2d. and if I remember rightly, I think Mr Benson said that the

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average yield was about 8lbs. of wool per sheep. Mr Godfrey Bowen from N.Z. and world champion shearer, clips a sheep in just over a minute. After this interesting demonstration the boys spread themselves on the grass for tea. Sister had carefully wrapped up dozens and dozens of sandwiches, buns and so forth. These were passed around to all and sundry and were without delay or difficulty wholly and entirely consumed. Liquid refreshment of the yellow variety was gulped down with accompanying shouts for, "more please." Thus ended a most enjoyable day for which we thank Mr Benson very much.

Between July 4th and 6th the important examinations of the year were held for the last time at The Grange. For some boys this meant a move up, for a few others, a move down. The latter is not always a misfortune !

On July 16th, a few days before the end of term, Mr Morgan treated us to a very interesting lantern lecture on various aspects of life in Northern Nigeria, mostly around Kano. Some of the slides of tribesmen, chiefs and "emirs" on beautiful chargers, were very colourful. Other slides depicted lizards, reptiles and camels ! The country is flat and its people Mohammedan.

And so we come to the end of another chapter. Only one boy failed to get home on July 21st. This was Debenham. He was taken to Haine Hospital, Ramsgate, on July 20th. He made a wonderful recovery and got home very quickly.

One final word. We should like to express our appreciation to the loyal teaching, nursing and domestic staff of The Grange for the way they have helped to make our school what we believe it to be and hope it will always remain — a happy, well conducted school.

### PRIZE LIST — SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 1960

Father Abbot's Prize for RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE—Richard Moore.

Prize for ENGLISH — Paul Brady.

Prize for ARITHMETIC — Timothy Jolly.

Prize for LATIN — Paul Bowen.

Prize for FRENCH — John Gallagher.

Prize for HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY — Patrick Winchester.

Prize for ART — John Grzybowski.

Form IIIA

Form Prize — Mark Deutsch.

Diligence — Michael Knapton.

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Form IIIB

Form Prize — Thomas Borbolla.

Diligence — Ian Sienkowski.

Form IIA

Form Prize — Peter Brammall.

Diligence — Mark Everall.

Form IIB

Form Prize — James Robinson.

Diligence — Brian Murray.

Form I

Form Prize — Robert Gifford.

Diligence — Terence Morley.

## ROAD TO THE ISLES

IN the course of many wanderings about sites of primitive monasticism I came one day to the Neuk of Fife and saw May Island lying out to sea. The most effective of all credentials, enthusiasm, persuaded Willie Hughes, the boatman, to run me across. I had only time for a few minutes in St Adrian's Chapel, but it was then I formed the resolution which I have had much pride in fulfilling with the help of boys from the Abbey School. We returned to the May, a sanctuary from which Fife was evangelized in the ninth century, and where St Adrian, first bishop of St Andrew's, and his companions were martyred by the Danes, and restored in the ruined Priory the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This was four hundred years since the Scottish Reformation, when it is probable that the hermit priest maintained at the shrine was withdrawn. We were restoring the Faith while the Kirk celebrates the quarter-century of John Knox's heretical raving and invective. Ours was the greater achievement.

In fact I had taken a party there in 1957 from another school, but the boys were not Catholics, and although we prayed together in the chapel and cleared it of weeds, this only fired anew my purpose to return some day accompanied by a priest.

The May is a great basalt rock midway in the entrance to the Firth of Forth, with many outlying skerries and stacks. To the west it rises to 160 feet and the total length is about a mile and a half. The highest point is crowned by the Main Light, which casts its beam some thirty miles. Seven other lights can be seen from the tower. The lighthouse-keepers are the only permanent inhabitants, but the Low Light, an abandoned lighthouse on the east side, is made available by the Nature Con-

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servancy to ornithologists who come to "watch" the birds who either make the May their home or, literally, a  *pied à terre*  on their way elsewhere. It is one of the most important migratory stations on our coasts. That we, with no official line on birds, were graciously allowed to use these facilities, is due to the sympathetic interest taken by the authorities in the preservation and revival of the monastic traditions of the May.

Father Paul Browne, Keith Tumber, Anthony Cador, Denis Nutt, and Edward Ingham were my companions on May. Parents who wondered how on earth we would fill in our time need not have worried. The complex rock formation of May offers abundant scope for rock scrambling; a picnic on an outlying skerry would take half a day. The special attraction of these excursions was watching seals, but in staring matches they could outdo us. Pursuing a line recently investigated in *The Times*, we tried singing to them. They are alleged to appreciate this, but I convinced myself they are intrigued by any human performance and never get bored with us. But they can be irritated. There was a line in "Annie Laurie" which vexed them intensely; they turned somersaults together and submerged. Housekeeping, trying to make the precious well work, and terrific orgies in the kitchen killed a lot of time.

As our stay progressed we acquired confidence in the boys' discretion and we were all able to wander and explore at our leisure, or just bask in the sun. This is the special enjoyment of islands. It is the complete freedom from news, distractions, and responsibilities that is their true allure. Take them as they are and they give you peace, and each has its special kind of peace. The hermits and monks who chose them for their deserts were no fools. To be eligible you need only the capacity to make the great divorce. For us this was greatly facilitated by our routine of daily Mass and Compline in the ruined chapel. This was no perfunctory feature, but our prime reason for being there at all. Accordingly we had been preparing long and with great care and gave our offices all the dignity and reverence we could. The May and Providence paid us back. As Willie the boatman put it with great courtesy: "The Lord shines on the just!" He shone on our mission of justice; for a whole week we watched the dark lines of rain pouring down on Fife and Lothian, but we had only two small showers and they were no trouble.

The setting in our little ruined chapel at Mass was unforgettable, especially when the sea-breeze was not making trouble. Father Anselm had provided us with vestments, Mr Morley made a protecting canopy with his customary skill and ingenuity, Father John lent us a frontal, and Mrs Fuller made hangings. We built

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up the sill of the east window and set our altar inside its arch, with a background of blue sky. The weeds I cleared three years ago had never retaken. We dialogued our Masses in a stillness better than any organ. Three of them we sang, the "congregation" coming forward to make a little corona with the ministers. The imperfections of our performance were of no account. That simply wasn't the point.

Anthony Cador contributed specially to excavation. With me he helped to investigate the depth of a small defensive tower, and single-handed he found the floor of a semi-circular oven. He also unearthed the first base of a pottery vessel I have seen on May, although there is an abundance of fragments of glazed tile. Ted Ingham proved surprisingly knowledgeable about birds and knew the island as well as anyone—he had made two large maps. Keith Tumber became infected with this interest and rescued a young gull from under a wreck where it was pinned in rising water. It stayed with us some days, flinging sardines round the washroom like anything. Even Cador went a little birdy, judging from a touching snapshot he does not want anyone to see. Denis Nutt took life more contemplatively, according to beatnik technique. I would like to acknowledge that I have never taken a more co-operative team of boys anywhere. Father Paul's quick-changes and transformed appearances in vestments, habit, or indescribables, ought to have bewildered the lighthousemen and boatmen, but they seemed to like it and took him on as one of the lads.

We all want to thank the lighthouse-keepers and their wives, the boatman Willie Hughes, and Mr Boyter the Harbour Master, for their genial welcome and many kindnesses.

Classroom education is largely artificial. A school journey, provided it is neither top-heavy nor regimented, can be an opportunity for staff and boys to pursue a common way of life allied to healthy interests, and in this cadre I am convinced more effective education takes place, with hardly an effort, than in terms of conventional schooling. If I have enjoyed my school journeys from Ramsgate, as I have, this is the reward. It is, indeed, inadvisable to expect any other. This is what I tried to tell my income-tax officer one day; he was most incredulous. If the information is useful, there is no rebate on funds expended on school journeys.

S. G. A. Luff.

## BEC DIARY

**M**ONDAY, 25th July — all too soon after the end of term, it seemed — the party for France assembled in the school ready, eager and impatient to set out for our very modified version of the "Grand Tour". We were mostly members of Vc: Billing, Botting, Dewen, Head, Macaskie, Pearman and Thomas, but so far unbent as to extend the hand of friendship and welcome to Philip Hills from a form known as Vb and also to Anthony Fletcher, an eleventh hour fellow traveller from way down in the school somewhere or other! In addition, we were pleased to be joined by a friend of Botting, Julian Burns from the John Fisher School, Purley, who was, let it be said, a most welcome guest.

A fleet of cars most kindly provided by Mrs Dewen, Mrs Pearman, Mrs Thomas and Mr Fletcher conveyed us to Manston Airport where, after the customary ceremonial, we emplaned for Le Touquet, which was reached rapidly and safely without anybody suffering more than a momentary twinge of air sickness. Then on to Paris. But one incident remains a vivid memory. While going through the Passport Control, the leader of the party had to explain in his diffident French just who and how many we were. Immediately the cry was raised "So you CAN speak French after all"!!

Paris at last, where we had to catch our train for Le Bec. Here the one and only snag of the whole trip arose, was faced and successfully overcome . . .

One of our number decided that the heat was so oppressive that he simply had to have something to drink if he were not to faint by the wayside. So that meant a visit to the "Self-Service" near the Opéra. Fletcher then proceeded to demoralize the whole group by asking in his questioning way: "Please, Father, what does 'poison fwod' mean?" while gazing at the label of an attractive dish of congealed sardines. Back to the Gare St-Lazare to find — yes — that we had missed the only connection that could get us to Le Bec that night. As usual, the French Railways had changed their timetable in preparation for "La Sortie" which set at naught the information supplied by our agents . . .

After frantic phoning round Paris, our monastic brethren in the person of D. André Rask, an old and valued friend, arranged for us to be accommodated — on the floor — at the Abbaye Sainte-Marie in the outskirts of Paris at Auteuil. Here it is fitting to

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thank most sincerely Father Abbot and Community of Sainte-Marie for their generous and truly monastic hospitality.

The following day we reached Le Bec without incident where the immediate reaction — if over-loud remarks percolating through the door are to be believed — was "What a dump. There's nothing to do here" . . . Then most of us changed into our gay and continental casual clothes and, need it be said, they were both gay and very continental: striped Italian jeans, red shirts, yellow ties . . . a complete "young man's shop" emerged from the recesses of suitcases, bags and the peculiar kind of semi-kit bag so popular at the moment.

Despite all foreboding, the week passed quickly and happily at Le Bec. We soon explored the two villages of Le Bec and of Pont Anthou and got to know the locals so well that French TV and piano playing in the local cafés as well as exchanging pleasantries with quickly made friends filled a good deal of the day.

But for us all, the highlight of our visit was our meeting with D. Athanase, a young Belgian monk on holiday at Le Bec from the Mother House of the Congregation of Monte Oliveto. His charm and courtesy won our hearts, and Father Abbot of Bec allowed him to spend a good deal of time with us, showing us round and even taking us out for a most enjoyable day at Rouen while Julian Burns and our cicerone spent the day at Lisieux not only on pilgrimage but in enjoying the splendid hospitality of Madame l'Abbesse of the Benedictine Convent of Lisieux whose community has occupied its present site since 1049, but whose dynamic vitality and contemporary spirit must be seen and experienced to be believed . . .

A happy week finally drew to its close. Our final night was marked by a very delicate act of friendship from our young friends in the village. When they came up to say good-bye, they brought us a much appreciated parting gift.

Our last glimpse of Bec was of D. Athanase waving adieu to us from the tower and of our young French friends waving farewell from the station. Many thanks to Father Abbot and Community for their kindness. They could not easily forget us. The row of solid oak choir stalls we moved down from the top floor to the chapter house which took us nearly a whole morning to accomplish is a daily reminder of their English friends . . .

The morning we arrived in Paris the Métro tickets went up in price — although there was absolutely no connection between the two. So for an hour and a half we had to form part of a milling crowd besieging the ticket office while each individual Frenchman

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argued with the ticket clerk about the iniquity of such an increase. However, we finally made the Ecole Saint-Nicolas at Issy-les-Moulineaux where we were to stay for the next week. Brother Director and the school staff made us both welcome, comfortable and fed us magnificently! The only snag was the vin ordinaire provided the first day. Glasses were filled with anticipatory gusto; the first mouthful taken; then . . . a chorus of "but it isn't sweet. I'd rather have a coca-cola . . ."! So apart from the few discerning palates, coca-cola it was for the rest of the week.

We explored the sights of Paris dutifully if not over enthusiastically. Notre-Dame, Sacré Coeur, les Invalides, the Champs Elysées, without by any means forgetting the Eiffel Tower — not that that was at all possible — were "musts". We even toured the Louvre, for most of us it is to be feared on the day of free admission. However, Macaskie at least was so appreciative of the contents of the Louvre that he requested permission to return late for lunch so as to be able to spend more time there. Permission was duly given and he duly missed lunch, a loss he accepted with fortitude, however, for the sake of art!

On the Wednesday of our week in Paris we went to Chartres for the day. The exquisite beauty of the cathedral and the picturesqueness of the town made our visit a rewarding experience.

So much happened in France . . . but space forbids more than a mere hint of the episodes that were of daily occurrence. The day, for instance, Head was in the Bon Marché trying, in his fluent French, to persuade the assistant at the perfumery counter to reduce the price of a bottle of perfume. Suddenly addressing him in fluent English she asked him what he wanted. After his reply she said "Are you an American, sir? I find it difficult to follow your English"!

Who was it, too, who was reputed to have gained many medals for diving but refused in spite of all encouragement to give a demonstration? Billing suddenly vanished from sight on that occasion!

So finally, our holiday in France drew to its close and we returned to England. One final incident nicely rounded everything off. Having solemnly assured the customs that we had NOT bought any cameras or watches abroad, disaster immediately followed. In full view of the customs officers Billing enthusiastically returned a watch lent to him for the duration of the holiday!!! With that, our group leader fearing immediate arrest for smuggling, handed his charges back to their parents; he then tried to adjust himself to the unusual condition of no longer being responsible for anybody but himself!



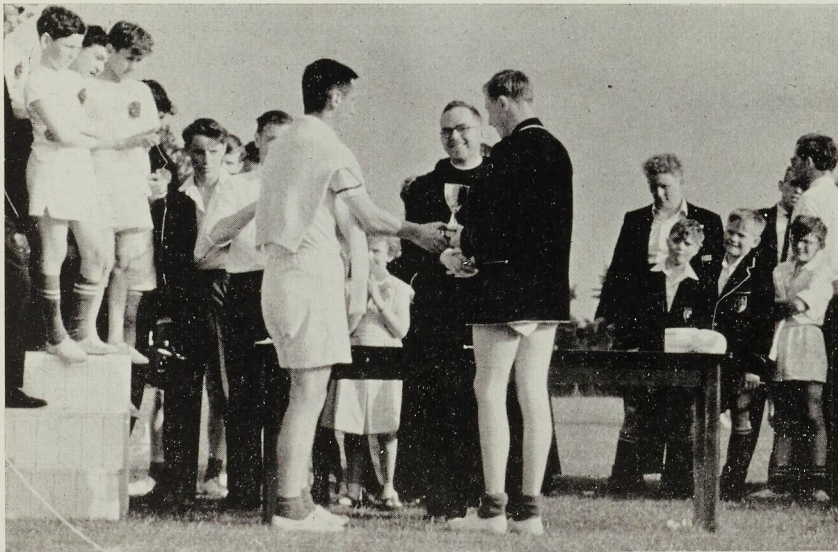
O.A. Cricket Match, 1960



Sports Day, 1960



His Lordship the Bishop at the Prize-Giving Ceremony



O'Sullivan and Doolan of Bergh receive the House Cup

## SPORTS DAY, 1960

**D**ESPITE the mumps that had been hanging onto us since the beginning of term, it was decided at last to hold the sports on the 18th June, a week earlier than at first suggested. It was a relief to have a gloriously sunny day after last year's leaden sky. Track markers had little trouble this time with the lines, constant re-marking of which kept them in such good practice last summer. Nevertheless it must not be thought that the task was a small one, and it is thanks to Mr Blaney's invaluable experience and sheer hard work that so professional a track was laid out. Mr Morley is a tireless and resourceful man in every emergency, and his readiness to assist at all times deserves our gratitude.

The competitive spirit was encouraged even more than in previous years by the introduction of House emblems, rosettes of blue, red and green, for Bergh, Alcock and Egan respectively. These were sported proudly by competitors and spectators alike, and not simply for empty display; every effort had been made to have a representative of all three Houses in each event. Enthusiasm ran high throughout the term, and on the day itself competition was at its keenest.

The gallant efforts by Alcock and Egan did not prevent Bergh from winning the laurels. Superior in nearly all the events, they gained 174 points to Egan's 86 and Alcock's 82, winning the House Cup: one more trophy to add to an already large number. Individual cup winners were Christopher Hallisey, the Victor Ludorum, with Michael O'Sullivan a close second and Mark Massie third; and O'Sullivan, to whom were awarded both the Havenith and the Bowen Cup. Two new records were set up: in the Senior Long Jump by Massie with a distance of 17ft 7ins, and by Thomas, A., in the Open Mile with a time of five minutes thirty-six seconds. Congratulations to both of them.

Our athletic repertoire was increased this year by the introduction of the Javelin and the Discus, new attractions tackled by the boys with great enthusiasm. Results, while not outstanding, were good, considering the short time there was for practice. Dominic O'Halloran won the javelin with a throw of 136ft, and Clive Botting the Discus, 110ft 1½ins.

On the whole it was most gratifying to see how much this competitive House spirit had grown since the previous year. Many of the runners show great promise, and with patience and practice there is no doubt that we shall have some very fine young athletes in the near future. Of the already outstanding

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ones, O'Sullivan, Fitzgerald, Massie, Hallisey and Thomas, A., were awarded their colours.

We are indebted to the co-operation of the following officials, assistants, and indeed to all the athletes, for their splendid efforts:

Chief Judge: Capt. Linton.	Field Judges: Mr Kenny and Mr Walter
Chief Marshal: Mr Blaney.	Timekeepers: Frs Patrick and Hugh.
Recorder: Capt. Grisewood.	Starter: Mr Baron.
Announcer: Mr Duddington.	Athletes' Enclosure: Mr Wroughton.
Track Judges: Fr Paul, Fr John and Mr Luff.	

## PRIZE LIST

The ABBOT'S PRIZE for General Proficiency and Good Conduct — Michael Foley.

The EDGAR PATER PRIZE for Religious Knowledge—Michael Flexman.

The CECIL KELLY MEMORIAL PRIZE for an Historical Essay — Michael Flexman.

The ALCOCK MEMORIAL PRIZE for an English Essay — Timothy Heron.

The MACKENZIE PRIZE for General Knowledge — Michael Flexman.

The ABBOT TAYLOR PRIZE for History — Terence MacDonnell.

The PATRICK WOOD CUP for the Outstanding Prefect of the year — Raymond Grace.

The FOWLER-WRIGHT PRIZE for Conduct — Martin Larkin.

The OLD AUGUSTINIANS' PRIZES  
for Classics — Patrick Donnell.  
for Mathematics — Max Creusot.

The QUARMBY PRIZE for Geography — Philip Hills.

The GRAHAM PRIZE for French — Patrick Doolan, Michael Taylor.

The HOWKINS PRIZE for Handwriting — James McGing.

PRIZE for SCIENCE — Philip Hills.

PRIZE for ENGLISH LITERATURE — Michael Flexman.

PRIZE for VERSE WRITING — Terence MacDonnell.

PRIZE for MUSIC — Jeremy Rawlinson.

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PRIZE for ART — Edward Ingham.

PRIZE for DRAMATICS — Martin Kent.

SPECIAL PROGRESS PRIZE — John Brennan.

HODGSON SPEECH CONTEST PRIZE WINNERS — Anthony Conway, Paul Boursot, Julian Maslinski, Rupert Mason, Dennis Nutt, Michael Foley, Clive Butler.

## FORM PRIZES

Form VA — Max Creusot.  
VB — Robert Larkins.  
VC — Martin Larkin.  
IVA — Patrick Donnell.  
IVB — Stephen Jeffreys.  
IIIA — Michael Jackson.  
IIIB — Paul Cox.  
IIA — Anthony Ward.  
IIB — Christopher Moat.  
IA — Brian Mackay.  
IB — Richard Davis.

## DILIGENCE PRIZES

Form VA — Patrick Doolan.  
VB — Philip Hills.  
VC — Robert Fletcher.  
IVA — Philip Batt.  
IVB — Anthony Donnell.  
IIIA — David Appleton.  
IIIB — Richard Chubb.  
IIA — Andrew Durcan.  
IIB — Timothy Keenan.  
IA — Olivier Thiébaud.  
IB — Robert Wallace.

## GROUP CAPTAIN CROWLEY'S PRIZES for Effort

Form VA — John Austen.  
VB — Dominic O'Halloran.  
VC — Charles Anstis.  
IVA — Peter Murtagh.  
IVB — David Thomas.  
IIIA — Mark Roney-Dougal.  
IIIB — Jairo Montilla.  
IIA — Peter Baron.  
IIB — Peter Bateman.  
IA — Leonardo Gomez.  
IB — Michael Downes.

## G.C.E. RESULTS

- DAVID ASH: Geography, Mathematics, General Science.  
JOHN AUSTEN: Mathematics, General Science.  
CLIVE BUTLER: English Language.  
VALENTINE CHUBB: General Science.  
MAX CREUSOT: English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, French, Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry.  
PATRICK DOOLAN: English Language, Bible Knowledge, Geography, French, Mathematics.  
BRIAN DOYLE: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics.  
PETER FITZGERALD: English Language, Bible Knowledge, History, French, Mathematics.  
MICHAEL FLEXMAN: English Language.  
RAYMOND GRACE: English Language.  
WILLIAM HACKMAN: Bible Knowledge, History.  
TIMOTHY HERON: English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge.  
PHILLIP HILLS: English Language.  
GERALD HOLLAWAY: English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge.  
VYVYAN KEEN: History.  
MARTIN KENT: English Literature, Bible Knowledge.  
ROBERT LARKINS: English Literature, Bible Knowledge.  
FRANK MACASKIE: English Language, History.  
TERENCE MACDONNELL: English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History.  
THOMAS O'SULLIVAN: English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, Mathematics, General Science.  
CLIVE RICHARDS: Bible Knowledge, History.  
ROBERT SQUIRRELL: English Language, English Literature.  
ROGER STROUD: English Language, Bible Knowledge, History, Geography, General Science.  
DAVID WINCH: Bible Knowledge, Mathematics.

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The following boys passed the Common Entrance Examination for Public Schools:

A. Borbolla, M. Brady, A. Donnell, D. Cameron, M. Ferraro, M. Jackson, D. Raby-Cox, F. Taylor, U. von Bertele.

## CRICKET

### HOUSE MATCHES

#### *Egan v. Alcock (Seniors)*

Egan, fielding a much stronger side, were soon among the runs and Fitzgerald batting strongly pushed the score on till, at 57, Egan were all out. A disappointing score considering the start and style of play.

Alcock made a quiet start and were much longer feeling their way. A determination to win crept into the side, and a fine 8th wicket stand caused great excitement and the score started creeping up. Martin Larkin batted brilliantly and the tail-enders, taking heart, kept sneaking the runs. It was unfortunate at this stage that poor scoring and over enthusiasm misled the batsmen, who, thinking they had won, began hitting out, and Alcock were all out, having lost by one run. Hard luck Alcock.

*Egan 5 points.*

#### *Bergh v. Alcock*

Bergh, led by Borbolla *ma*, kept a close field, while Hills *mi* sent down some accurate bowling. Wickets came fast with Hills *mi* doing some brilliant close catching. Bergh were top-dogs from the very start and gave Alcock no quarter. They were all out for 19 runs.

Bergh soon had their score moving up and some fine batting by Hallisey and Hills *mi* put Bergh ahead at a very early stage. A fine 6 by Hallisey caused great joy among his fellow players. The rest of the side batted well too, and were all out for 117 runs. Good show, Bergh!

*Bergh 5 points.*

#### *Bergh v. Egan (Seniors)*

What a disastrous morning for Bergh! A good team who were much too confident and careless. Batting in ideal conditions, the opening batsmen made an unusually quiet start and never really seemed able to do anything and were soon out. They were followed in fairly rapid succession, and Bergh were all out for

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a very poor score of 22. Egan, now much more sure of themselves, batted strongly, and though Winch and Doolan bowled well, Egan were soon ahead and won the day by 10 wickets.

*Egan 5 points.*

*Alcock v. Egan (Juniors)*

Alcock, having suffered against Bergh, made no mistakes against Egan. They kept a compact field and played throughout with a different spirit. Their batting and fielding showed a marked improvement. Egan just never produced anything worthwhile, and rather slipped up on their batting order, which produced a very poor score indeed. Alcock were easy winners.

*Alcock 5 points.*

*Bergh v. Alcock (Seniors)*

Bergh, making no mistakes this time, were kept well under control by O'Sullivan and their batting was much better. Runs came quickly with Smith and Doolan hitting the boundary often. Bergh, with four wickets in hand, declared at 74, leaving Alcock just over an hour to get the runs. Alcock never looked like getting these runs against the accurate bowling of Smith and Doolan. Winch, Bergh's fast bowler, was off with a strained back, but his place was filled very well, and Alcock were soon all out for 34 runs. A very good innings by Bergh.

*Bergh 5 points.*

*Bergh v. Egan*

This was the deciding match for the House Cup, and Bergh left no one in any doubt as to who was going to win—even though they lost Borbolla *ma*, Hills *mi* and Hallisey for a very poor score indeed. It was a good match, with two good sides playing hard and keenly. Bergh, by their better fielding and team spirit, pulled ahead and won the game. Well done, Bergh! A very good effort indeed.

*Bergh 5 points.*

<i>Result:</i> Winners	Bergh	15 points
	Egan	10 points
	Alcock	5 points

Result of Leavers match: Stayers 57 runs, Leavers 51.

*Day Boys' Fathers v. Day Boys*

On Sunday, June 26th, under a clear sky and glorious sunshine, the Fathers, led by Lt-Comdr Hynes, took the field against the Boys. Mr Pattinson's "corkscrew" bowling and some brilliant catching by Mr Keenan soon had the boys in trouble.

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Runs came slowly, but a good 10 runs by Richards put the score to 42 all out.

The Fathers made a disastrous start and Winch bowling fast and accurate soon had the first two wickets. Cmdr Hynes broke the ice with some well executed shots, and was unlucky not to reach double figures. Wickets fell quickly until Mr Pattinson made a fine stand. With the total at 39 the Fathers' XI were all out.

It was a good, keen game, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and with Matron's tea made a perfect afternoon.

Fathers' XI: Lt-Comdr Hynes, Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Winch, Mr Grace, Mr Hill, Mr Richards, Mr Murtagh, Mr Keenan, Mr Pattinson, Mr Baron, Capt Linton.

Boys: O'Sullivan, Fitzgerald, Winch, Doolan, Massie, Hills *ma*, Hill *ma*, Grace, Murtagh, Keenan, Richards.

Umpires: Fr Patrick and Mr Murphy.

## TENNIS

### STAFF v. BOYS

IT would seem that tennis is becoming more popular every day—judging by the number of racquets displayed and the rush for the Courts. It was in the nature of an experiment that a Tennis Afternoon was laid on, and on Friday, 15th July, five pairs of Masters played five pairs of Boys. Though it was raining when play started the first two pairs showed no signs of letting this dampen their spirits. Mr Wearing and Mr Baron could not settle as a pair and this gave Austen and Billing the chance they were waiting for and took the set at 6-4. Fr Bernard and Capt. Linton on the other court were "battling" hard against Stringer and Smith R. Stringer's fast and accurate serves often beat the masters but the boys could not hold out against the combined efforts of the masters and lost the set at 6-4.

The next pair of Masters lost their Sets against the boys: Mr Blaney and Mr Pattinson v. O'Sullivan and Hollaway (1-6) and Mr Walter and Mr Duddington v. Winch and Keen (1-6). Mr Pattinson, we are told, played with a severe handicap (Mr Blaney) and was rather confused by the advice given to him by his partner. Mr Walter showed great skill but his staying power is not what it used to be.

Fr Bernard and Capt. Linton then played O'Sullivan and Hollaway and won their set at 6-3, while Fr Patrick and Mr

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Baron took their set at 6-4. The boys being the overall winners by four matches to three.

The afternoon went off very well and was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is hoped that this may prove to be the start of bigger things in the future. We are grateful to Capt. Grisewood and Dibley, who umpired and controlled the games, and to the ball boys who did a fine job.

### BOYS KNOCKOUT SINGLES COMPETITION

An open competition was held, and it was most encouraging to see the number of boys who wished to play. It was impossible to include everyone in the time left to us, but it is evident that this competition must be encouraged and built up into a House Competition. In many cases the little boys held their own and beat some of the bigger boys, and the standard of play throughout was of quite a high pitch. Hollaway and Billing were the finalists, and we enjoyed two very good sets. Both boys showed great skill and keenness. Billing was a worthy winner at 6-4, 6-2. There are still one or two very good players who did not enter, so we look forward to even better results next time. We wish Sean Stringer every success in the various tournaments he has entered for, and feel sure he will do very well.

## SCOUT NOTES

At the beginning of the summer term I found myself with the prospect of taking 18 braves to summer camp of whom only five had been to camp before. Intensive cultivation was the answer. Kitchens were built in the copse, ovens were constructed from biscuit tins and rehearsals of meals were carried out. When the casualty rate decreased to normal, one knew that the cooking was successful. There was practice at tent pitching and at wood chopping. McPherson tried to cut his thumb off and nearly hit the piece of wood he was holding.

At last the day came, and as "the curfew tolled the knell of parting day a stream of scouts wound slowly o'er the lea," all except Chenail whose mountainous kit got the better of him. He has resolved not to bring the piano in future. Tents up, supper down, and a swim in the pool. Wetz *mi* tried to imitate a submarine. Just as he got to periscope level the Camp Warden dived in fully clothed, and pulled him out. We got our usual quota of rain of course, but the ingenious shelters constructed from bivvy sheets and the over hanging trees made it possible to

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go on cooking notwithstanding. Perhaps the gastronomic highlight was McPherson's pigeon stew accompanied by Dewing's cartwheel-sized damper.

Daily routine started at some unearthly hour (about 7.30) when the shivering citizens were bundled down to the washplace built into the stream where they were compelled to strip to the waist, before dipping their fingers into the water.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mr and Mrs McGing who came to our rescue when Saturday's meat failed to arrive, also Dr and Mrs McPherson, Mr and Mrs Fenwick and Mr and Mrs Horsburgh.

There was a scare-panic stations, when Wells and Chenail failed to appear at the zero hour of 7 p.m. having started out on an eight mile hike at 12 noon. When the County Police had been alerted, and search parties were being briefed the missing links arrived shortly after 10 p.m., having waited for a non-existent 6.30 bus from Chipping Norton.

Final day — much packing and camp form agreeably signed by the Camp Warden, not to mention the Camp Standards certificate awarded by the visiting D.C. (fortunately he arrived as dusk was falling ! !). This time the troop *did* catch the train without leaving lunch behind. The lasting impression was that of a smoothly functioning camp, thanks to the Patrol Leaders.

All the training and planning was worth the effort and emphasizes the folly of not training. There were a good many things we did not succeed in doing, but McPherson and Dewing built a raft, the former also passed his First Aid badge and several boys learnt to swim, instructed by the Camp Warden. As the tail end of the train disappeared from Charlbury Station I felt that (for once) I had enough courage to start another scout year.

The Scoutmaster.

## SAILING CLUB

WHEN the author came to Ramsgate he had ideas of encouraging swimming and sailing. We are after all very favourably placed so near the sea and within easy reach of what must be the safest harbour on this coastline. It was with pleasure that I was able to respond to the Headmaster's invitation to represent the school at a meeting of the Thanet Schools' Sailing Association. This is an organization set up to

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promote an interest in sailing in schools in this area. It proved to be the launching of a new activity for the school.

Shortly after Easter we began sailing in earnest with boats borrowed from Chatham House School and the Royal Temple Yacht Club. We met on Tuesday evenings in the Inner Harbour. There were plenty of thrills in those first weeks but a great deal of valuable experience was gained all round. We entered for an inter-schools competition and returned the second best times in two events out of six. O'Halloran, Mackay and Baron were the crew. We decided then that we would have to have a training vessel of our own even if it meant building it ourselves.

Safety is a prime consideration with this club and all members must be able to swim at least 100 yards fully clothed and they must have their own life-jackets before they are allowed to go to sea. This regulation was enforced early and great enjoyment was had on the evening when members went down to the pier, deposited their towels, jumped into the water and swam for the shore. Some even missed their supper so that they could pass the test. The future holds promise for a club with such enthusiasm behind it. Well, who knows what chances lie ahead for these budding Olympic sailors? — All we need is a boat!

A.F.K.

## DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

### DEPARTURES

#### BOARDERS

ANTON BORBOLLA — Came 1955. Colts Cricket XI. Captain of Under 13 Rugger team 1959. Under 14 Rugger team 1960. Left for Douai 1960.

MICHAEL BRADY — Came 1956, Winter. Rugger team under 13, 1959 and 1960. Left for Belmont 1960.

JOHN BUSSY — Came Grange 1955, Winter. Hodgson Prize for Speech 1958, 1959. Sacristan 1960. Left for Private School 1960.

DONALD CAMERON — Came 1957, Winter. Art Prize 1958. Diligence Prize 1959. Left for Douai 1960.

JOSEPH A. DONNELL — Came Grange 1954, Winter. Prize for English 1955. Prize for Classics 1956. Light-Weight Boxing Medal 1958. Under 12 and 13 Rugger XVs 1958-9. Under 13 and 14 Rugger XVs 1959-60. Sacristan 1955-6. Choir

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1957-9. Egan House Junior Prefect 1959-60. Bell Ringer 1959-60. Tuck Shop Assistant 1960. Left for Ampleforth 1960.

PATRICK DUNNE — Came 1957, Winter. Left for home 1960.

MICHAEL FERRARO — Came 1956, Winter. T.G.C. Custodian and Post Boy. Left for Downside 1960.

ALEJANDRO GOMEZ OSORIO — Came 1959, Winter. Left 1960 for Venezuela.

LEONARDO GOMEZ OSORIO — Came 1959, Winter. Group-Captain Crowley Progress Prize 1960. Alcock House Junior Rugger XV. Left for Venezuela 1960.

MICHAEL JACKSON — Came 1956, Winter. Prize for Effort 1957. Prize for Progress 1958. Hodgson Prize for Speech 1959. Diligence Prize 1959. Form Prize 1960. Junior Colts 1959-60. Left for Downside 1960.

MAREK POLANSKI — Came Grange 1956. Prize for Religious Knowledge 1957. Prize for Art 1957 and 1958. Grange Rugger XV 1958-9. Left for Ampleforth 1960.

DOMINIC RABY-COX — Came 1954, Winter. Film Boy. Left for Douai 1960.

FRANCIS TAYLOR — Came 1956, Spring. Left 1960 for Downside.

ULRICH VON BERTELE — Came 1955, Winter. Progress Prize 1956 and 1957. Rugger XV. Left for Downside 1960.

### DAY-BOYS

DAVID ASH — Came 1953, Winter. Alcock House Soccer XI 1959. Left 1960.

JOHN AUSTEN — Came 1955, Winter. Prize for Effort 1959 and 1960. Certificate for Drawing. Passion Play 1958 and 1960. Alcock Soccer XI 1957-8 and 1959-60. Alcock Cricket XI 1959-60. Vice-Captain of Alcock House.

CLIVE BUTLER — Came 1955, Spring. Hodgson Speech Prize 1960. Alcock House Soccer XI 1959-60. School Electrician. Passion Play 1960. Left for Canterbury Technical College 1960.

VALENTINE CHUBB — Came 1955, Winter. 1st XI Soccer (Colours) 1958-9 and 1959-60. 1st XI Cricket (Cap) 1958-9 and 1959-60. Vice-Captain of Egan House 1958-60. Left 1960.

PATRICK DOOLAN — Came 1959, Summer. Graham Prize for French 1960. Diligence Prize 1960. 1st XI Cricket 1959. Capped for Cricket 1960. 1st XI Soccer 1960. Vice-Captain

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of Bergh House 1960. Custodian of Tuck-Shop 1959-60. Passion Play Narrator 1960. Left 1960.

BRIAN DOYLE — Came 1957, Spring. Mathematics Prize 1958. Bergh House Soccer XI 1960. Left for College of Technology, Chatham 1960.

PETER FITZGERALD — Came 1954, Winter. Diligence Prize 1955. Prize for Bowling 1957. Prize for Batting 1957. Form Prize 1958 and 1959. Mackenzie Prize for General Knowledge 1959. Tiley Marner Medal for Heavy-Weight Boxing 1959. Mathematics Prize 1959. 1st XI Soccer 1955-60. 1st XI Cricket 1955-60 (Cap 1959). Egan House Boxing Team. Athletics Colours 1960. Tuck Shop Custodian 1957. Egan House Captain 1958-60. Left 1960.

RAYMOND GRACE — Came 1953, Spring. Prize for Religious Knowledge 1956. Prize for Dramatics 1958. Patrick Wood Cup for The Outstanding Prefect of the Year 1960. Alcock House Soccer XI 1959-60. Alcock House Cricket XI 1959-60. Captain of Alcock House 1959-60. Sacristan 1956-7. Christus in the Passion Play 1958 and 1960. Left 1960.

PHILLIP HILLS — Came 1954, Winter. Science Prize 1959 and 1960. Geography Prize 1960. Diligence Prize 1960. Egan House Soccer and Cricket XIs 1958-60. 1st XI Soccer and Cricket 1959-60. Passion Play 1960. Left 1960.

GERALD HOLLOWAY — Came 1954. Egan House Soccer and Cricket XIs. Boxing team. Passion Play 1960. Left 1960.

DAVID HOWES — Came 1958, Spring. Left 1960.

VYVYAN KEEN — Came 1955, Winter. Form Prize 1957. 1st XI Soccer 1957-60. Egan House Cricket and Soccer XIs 1957-60. Captain Scuttleboom in "Scuttleboom's Treasure" 1956. Passion Play 1958 and 1960. Left for Royal Air Force 1960.

JOHN KEMSLEY — Came 1955, Summer. Left 1960.

MARTIN KENT — Came 1955, September. Stage Electrician 1958-60. Understudied Christus in Passion Play 1960. Left 1960.

CHRISTOPHER MEAD-BRIGGS — Came 1955, September. Diligence Prize 1956 and 1957. Left for St George's College, Weybridge 1960.

MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN — Came 1954, September. Victor Ludorum Cup 1959. Havenith Cup 1959 and 1960. Bowen Cup 1960. Tiley-Marner Medal for Heavy-Weight Boxing 1960. 1st XI Soccer Captain (Colours) 1958-60. 1st XI Cricket Captain 1958-60. Vice-Captain of Bergh House 1957. Captain of Bergh House 1958. School Captain 1958-60. Passion Play Narrator 1958 and 1960. Left 1960.

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RAYMOND PALMER — Came 1957, Winter. Bergh House Rugby XV 1959-60. School Under 15 Rugby XV 1959-60. Left 1960.

ANTHONY PETER — Came 1957, Winter. Colts Cricket XI, 1958. Left 1960.

JOHN REYNOLDS — Came 1956, Winter. Left 1960.

IAN ROBERTSON — Came 1956, Winter. Form Prize 1957 and 1958. Diligence Prize 1959. Left for St Lawrence College 1960.

ROBERT SQUIRRELL — Came 1953, Winter. Diligence Prize 1954. Chief Librarian 1959-60. Left 1960.

ROGER STROUD — Came 1953, Winter. Bergh House Soccer and Cricket XIs 1959-60. Left 1960.

DAVID WINCH — Came 1955, Winter. Prize for Cricket 1960. 1st XI and Bergh House Cricket and Soccer 1958-60. Sports Box Custodian 1959-60. Left 1960.

### ARRIVALS

I. CAMERON; N. GEDDES; F. WILLINS

## ST AUGUSTINE'S IN MY DAY

I WAS a boy at St Augustine's seventy years ago, and I would ask my readers, if any, to remember that time dims the memory.

In 1887 the Bishop of Birmingham set apart Oscott College exclusively for students for the priesthood. The boys' school was closed and the boys, among whom were my brother Basil and I, were dispersed to other schools. It was decided that we should go to St Augustine's College at Ramsgate.

We noticed immediately that St Augustine's lacked many of the amenities we had enjoyed at Oscott where the Juniors and Seniors were almost completely separated, each having their own studies, libraries, recreation room, playground, etc. I therefore found St Augustine's rather cramped.

Instead of Big Bounds and Little Bounds we found only one recreation ground within the School premises. This was covered with asphalt. I well remember once being charged over while playing footer and broke my arm. To afford more space for games a large field had been acquired in Pegwell Bay where we

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went on half holidays to play cricket, hockey, and football. The Seniors had a special section apart from the Juniors. We had one Study Hall, three class-rooms, a Library — The Tichborne, of which I was, at one time, librarian — and a general play-room with a stage which we used for entertaining parents when they came for special occasions.

At this time St Augustine's itself was undergoing a process of conversion. Hitherto it had been a preparatory School. Now it admitted Senior boarders. Behind the new scheme was Father Jerome Vaughan, a brother of the Cardinal Vaughan. Many of the boys who left Oscott came to Ramsgate with me. Among them was Henry Thompson who became a monk of St Augustine's Abbey taking the name of Gregory and who later occupied a distinguished position as Bishop of Gibraltar.

The adaptation of the School to embrace Senior pupils must have been a difficult task for the authorities. This work fell largely on the shoulders of the first President, Father Jerome Vaughan and his monastic assistants, Father Erkenwald Egan, Oswald Monti and Columba Swanson. These were known as prefects. Considerable credit is due to them for the success of the new venture.

One would wish to dwell more fully on "Erks" as Father Erkenwald was affectionately called by the boys. He was a firm disciplinarian and at the same time a kind and sympathetic master. He had a perfect understanding of the art of handling boys, and had the affection and esteem of us all. When I left school and was called on to take command of men and show forth the qualities required of a leader I was greatly helped by what I had learnt from him and especially by the advice he gave me when I left.

Sleeping accommodation comprised two dormitories, a Junior and a Senior. The latter contained separate cubicles. There was a long bench with basins and taps over for washing. What I can never forget is that, whatever the weather, the water was very cold. As the numbers grew, St Benet's, a nearby house, was taken over and used by the Senior boys as their sleeping-quarters. Mass was said there daily by one of the fathers. The School itself contained a chapel where Mass was also said every day. On Sundays we used to attend Solemn High Mass at the Abbey Church and would walk through the Abbey and along the underground passage to it.

After leaving School I was rather unfortunate as regards keeping up contact by attendance at O.A. reunions, for I was continually abroad. At various times I served in Africa, Egypt, Ceylon and India: I fought in the South African War and in

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the 1914-18 war: I rejoined the colours again for the first two years of the Second World War.

In conclusion a word of thanks for what St Augustine's did for me as a boy. In spite of the difficulties above-mentioned we Oscott boys were very happy and fitted in well. We received a thorough grounding in our Faith and an excellent preparation for the work which we were called on to do in our various spheres of activity in later life.

REGINALD J. SLAUGHTER.

10th May, 1960.

## SOCIETY OF OLD AUGUSTINIANS

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1959-1960

Father Abbot, Reverend Fathers and Gentlemen, I have pleasure in submitting your Committee's Report for the past year.

1. *Annual General Meeting and Dinner, 1959.* The Meeting and Dinner were held at the Inns of Court Regimental Mess on Tuesday, 15th September, 1959. Some 50 Old Boys were present including a substantial number of recent Old Boys. A further 75 replied to the notice of the meeting regretting their inability to attend. In the absence of Father Abbot who was in Rome, the Headmaster, Father Bernard Waldron, O.S.B., presided and responded to the toast of "The School" at the end of the Dinner. Father Edward Hull was also present. Notices of the Dinner subsequently appeared in *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*.

2. *The Society's Committee.* At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected:

Vice-Presidents: Rt Rev. Abbot Taylor, M.C., M.A., O.S.B.  
Rt Rev. Abbot Thatcher, O.S.B.

Chairman of the Committee: Mr R. J. Horsburgh.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee: Mr L. G. Constable.

Honorary Secretary: Mr M. L. Morton.

Honorary Assistant Secretary: Mr W. T. Wilson.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr B. C. Peers.

Members of the Committee: Messrs A. Antelme, C. Ennis, M. Gundry, A. Murphy, A. O'Leary, P. Skinner, B. Peerless and C. Wearing.

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The following were appointed under the appropriate rules:

Chaplain: Rev. Bernard Waldron, O.S.B.

Honorary Auditor: Mr E. Pater.

3. *Committee Meetings.* Your Committee has met twice in the year and the officers have communicated informally with each other on various occasions.

4. *Membership of the Society.* The Membership of the Society is as follows:

a) Life Members	7
b) Honorary Members	3
c) Ordinary Members	82
d) Clerical Members	6

In addition there are about 60 Junior Members. This is a total of 158 out of some 320 Old Boys whose addresses are known. All those who receive this report and are not full Members of the Society are asked to remedy this. Furthermore all Old Boys are requested to keep the Honorary Secretary informed of any change of address they may have and also of the whereabouts of any Old Boys which may not generally be known. With the rapid increase in the number of potential members of the Society, keeping contact with Old Boys is likely to become even more difficult, and this active help in the notification of addresses will be appreciated.

5. *Deaths.* The Society lost one of its most stalwart members with the death of Mr G. A. Mackenzie on June 1st. He was first elected to the Committee in 1903, became its third Honorary Secretary in 1904, and only retired in 1923 through ill-health. Subsequently he continued to be a great pillar and friend of the Society, and after the Second World War was elected to the newly re-formed Committee. He was still a Vice-President of the Cricket Club when he died, having given nearly sixty years of Service to the Society.

The deaths of Major E. C. Cobb, D.S.O., who left the School in 1908 and had a distinguished career in the Northamptonshire Regiment, and Mr Leadbitter, have also been reported in the last year, as has that of Dr Patrick Lyons who, though not an Old Boy, was Lay Headmaster of the School from 1909 to 1917, and was subsequently known to many Old Augustinians who passed through his classrooms at Douai. The Monastery has suffered the deaths of Father Bede Winslow and Father Charles van Cauwenberghe. Your charitable prayers are asked for the repose of their souls. Masses have been said by the Society's chaplain.

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6. *Whitsun Re-union.* The Old Augustinians Cricket Club played the Senior School during the Annual Match on Whit Sunday. As well as the team, several Old Boys and their families or friends watched the game and enjoyed the School's hospitality during the weekend. Notification of the Cricket Match was sent to most Old Boys in the United Kingdom, but the number who were able to travel to Ramsgate was disappointingly small. In the light of this the Committee have discussed the possibility of altering the date of the match. Three members of the Cricket Team were Old Boys of the Abbey Day School, and it is hoped this will be the first of many Old Augustinian activities in which they will be able to participate. With any rapid increase in the number of Old Boys in Thanet it may well be necessary to consider appointing a local Assistant Secretary.

7. *Old Augustinian Prizes.* At the Prize Day, the following were awarded:

For Classics: Patrick Donnell.

For Mathematics: Max Creusot.

8. *Old Augustinian Cricket Club.* In the 1959 season the Cricket Club won 7 of its 18 matches (8 were drawn and only 3 lost). In the current year to the middle of July the position is that of the 7 matches played, 1 has been won, 3 lost and 3 drawn. The Society owes the Cricket Club a considerable debt for the way in which it organizes a full fixture list each summer, providing a cricket and a social meeting place for many Old Augustinians and their friends.

9. *Mass for Old Boys killed in the Wars.* The Annual Mass for those Old Boys killed in the Wars was celebrated at Ramsgate on November 11th.

10. *Conclusion.* On behalf of the Honorary Officers and Committee, I should like to thank the Members of the Society for electing us last year. I should personally like to thank the Headmaster, the Officers and Committee for their considerable assistance to me during the year.

MARTIN MORTON,

Honorary Secretary.

1st August, 1960.

### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

for the Year ended 31st December, 1959

For the first time in recent years the Receipts and Expenditure Account shows a deficiency, albeit a small one, but Members should bear in mind that the annual accounts would consistently



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make very bad reading if our contribution towards the magazine was more than just a nominal one. As our revenue increases, so must we aim to raise our contribution. Meanwhile we do at least ensure that magazines are sent only to paying, Life and Clerical Members.

Despite this deficiency, our Accumulated Fund has grown during the year, thanks to the receipt of one Life Subscription — the first at the new rate.

Only 56 ties remained in stock at 31st December, 1959, out of 151 purchased the previous March. However, much of this stock is still unsold, and it is hoped that the forthcoming A.G.M. will witness some revival of business. Dealing direct with a manufacturer, and selling at cost, enables us to offer the ties at 10s. each.

B. C. PEERS,  
Honorary Treasurer.

## THE OLD AUGUSTINIANS' CRICKET CLUB

### SECRETARY'S REPORT — OCTOBER, 1960

On behalf of the Committee I have pleasure in submitting my Report for the Season 1960.

The Membership of the Club is 103 and is compiled as follows:

#### *Patrons:*

Rt Rev. Abbot David Parry, O.S.B., B.A.  
Rt Rev. Abbot Adrian Taylor, O.S.B., M.C., M.A.  
Rt Rev. Abbot Anselm Thatcher, O.S.B.  
Rev. P. E. Hull, O.S.B.

*President:* L. G. Constable.

#### *Vice-Presidents:*

Rev. Bernard Waldron, O.S.B.  
Rev. Norbert Lapworth, O.S.B.  
Rev. Theodore Richardson, O.S.B.  
C. J. K. Bisgood.  
G. L. Carroll, O.B.E.  
J. M. Carroll, K.C.S.G., G.C.M.  
R. J. Horsburgh.  
E. J. B. Pater.  
D. K. Wells.  
Col. W. E. Wilson, D.S.O., D.L.

*Captain:* P. M. J. Wetz.

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*Vice-Captain:* P. L. Raven.

*Hon. Team Secretary:* B. C. Peers.

*Hon. Secretary:* C. H. B. Ennis.

*Hon. Treasurer:* P. L. Raven.

*Committee:* D. J. Allanson, M. F. Gundry, R. G. Mackenzie,  
A. Murphy, M. S. H. Stokes.

The reason for no increase on 1959 is that the list of cricketers leaving the School has not as yet been received.

It is with great regret that I have to record the deaths of our President, Wing Commander F. H. Harrison, O.B.E., and one of our Vice-Presidents, G. A. Mackenzie. Both were founder members of the Club and two of its most loyal supporters. Wing Commander Harrison re-discovered the Club shortly after the war and has given it tremendous support. It was through him that the Edenbridge fixture was obtained, and many members will remember his kind hospitality after our first game there. We would like to extend our sympathy to his widow.

Archie Mackenzie, well-known to most of the older members, really needs no tribute. The fact that he was Hon. Secretary of the Society for about twenty years speaks for itself. He has always been a loyal supporter of the Club. We would like to extend our sympathy to his son, Ronald, an O.A. and member of the Club.

After the Annual General Meeting last year, a presentation was made to the retiring Hon. Secretary whose zeal and tenacity of purpose I feel it is not necessary to extol. It was of course with great reluctance that we received his resignation in the first place but we were not to know at that stage that he had even greater responsibilities in store for himself. It was with delight that we heard that in late February a son, David, was born to Eileen and Louis Constable.

I would like to thank Fr Abbot and Fr Bernard and members of the Staff for their kind hospitality to O.A's during the Whitsun weekend. For 1961 it has been decided to change the date of this annual fixture to the first Sunday in July. This will coincide with one of the school's prize/sports weekends. It is hoped that members will avail themselves of making this not only a sporting but also a social occasion.

Finally, I would like to thank all who have contributed in any way to the success of the Club, both on and off the field, and have helped to make it such an enjoyable season.

By order of the Committee.

C. H. B. ENNIS,

Hon. Secretary.



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and Bryan Peers (12), Peter Raven and Philip Wetz (10), David Allanson (9), Jim Bisgood and Michael Gundry (8), Robin Gundry (7), Stephen Botcherby, Patrick Denvir and Denis Hopkin (6).

If the results compare badly with those of 1959—and in mitigation it should be stated that four drawn games were in our favour and two defeats were by the narrow margins of one run and four runs respectively—this is no reflection on Philip Wetz, who led the side capably once again, and even achieved something of a batting average for the first time in years.

The batting was very disappointing. Of the regulars, Peter Griffith, Stephen Botcherby and this official averaged about 20—after that nothing. Peter Raven's strange loss of form was a severe handicap, but the family honour was retrieved by Tony who played a most praiseworthy innings at Edenbridge, full of promise for the future. Another good debut, in rather less exacting circumstances, was made by Tim Connery at Streatham, where a third newcomer, Albert Aung, unfortunately had no chance to demonstrate his ability with the bat.

What success we have had in recent years has been due largely, to a fast and accurate attack, spearheaded by Denis Hopkin whose personal bag of wickets exceeded 40 in both 1958 and 1959. The lack of a spin bowler was hardly felt in those two years, but in 1960, with Denis away much of the time preparing to confound the Law Society examiners, (and earning our congratulations by so doing), the O.A. attack was often inadequate. Most successful were David Allanson and Jim Bisgood, both of whom took more than twenty wickets at less than ten runs apiece. Jim bowled just as well as ever and introduced into the attack what little variety there was, but by far the most encouraging feature of the Season was the great improvement shown by David Allanson who never once bowled badly, and who achieved one outstanding success with figures of 9 for 25 at Edenbridge. Otherwise the brunt of the bowling fell upon Peter Griffith whose long accurate spells were seldom rewarded with much personal success.

Two members home from Africa, Jerry Coombes and Peter Hoogewerf, each played in two matches, (their first for the Club since 1956) and it was good to see them back. We also had the pleasure on one occasion of welcoming Tim Higgins who allowed himself to be lured away from more important cricket, a concession that he will be encouraged to repeat. Mention must also be made of Frank Keating who, this year, exchanged his white coat for white flannels, and then proceeded to play three successive innings of great elegance and utmost value, before banishing himself to the provinces.

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From the point of view of the Team Secretary, 1960 was pleasantly uneventful. Members made themselves available in the requisite numbers, and seldom changed their minds. We frequently received that rather special welcome from other teams which told clearly, whether expressed or not, that a popular fixture had arrived. The weather, though sometimes wet, was always warm. Stumps were never drawn before closing time. Aubrey sold his fast car, so was usually punctual. In fact, there is nothing to report, except that the Club, under its new management, continued to prosper, and settled a little more firmly on its foundations.

Next year we look forward to the regular support of Dick Lynch, now a worker, and to the re-emergence of Andrew Murphy. Otherwise it should be a case of "mixture as before"—a mixture prescribed as, and often found to be, a tonic.

### RESULTS — SEASON 1960

May	1	Old Priorians 192 for 7 O.As' 71 (B. C. Peers 47)	<i>Lost</i>
"	8	Old Salesians 154 for 4 (C. J. Bisgood 3 for 37) O.As' 104 for 8 (P. Griffith 24)	<i>Drawn</i>
"	15	Mottingham 59 (C. J. Bisgood 4 for 12; D. Allanson 3 for 16) O.As' 58 (F. Keating 23)	<i>Lost</i>
"	22	O.As' 113 (P. Griffith 43; F. Keating 27) Old Alleynians 2nd XI 86 for 8	<i>Drawn</i>
June	5	St Augustine's 45 (P. Wetz 6 for 33; C. J. Bisgood 4 for 6) O.As' 46 for 5 (C. Ennis 21)	<i>Won</i>
"	19	Douai 163 for 3 O.As' 154 for 7 (B. C. Peers 85; P. Griffith 35)	<i>Drawn</i>
July	3	O.As' 66 (A. Balhetchet 23; D. Hopkins 21) Old Wimbledonians 67 for 5	<i>Lost</i>
"	17	Wimbledon College 90 (C. J. Bisgood 4 for 31; A. Balhetchet 3 for 24) O.As' 67 for 9 (P. Wetz 34)	<i>Drawn</i>
Aug.	7	Edenbridge 69 (D. Allanson 9 for 25) O.As' 65 (M. Horgan 22)	<i>Lost</i>
"	14	O.As' 133 (P. Griffith 58; J. Coombes 25; S. Botcherby 24) Old Georgians 120 for 9 (D. Hopkins 3 for 25)	<i>Drawn</i>
"	21	O.As' 115 (P. Denvir 43) Halstead 68 (D. Allanson 3 for 13)	<i>Won</i>
"	28	O.As' 100 (P. Raven 23) Old Mid-Whitgiftians 101 for 5 (C. J. Bisgood 3 for 27)	<i>Lost</i>

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- Sept. 4 O.As' 100 for 6 (D. Allanson 25)      Drawn  
          United Dairies 91 for 9  
   "  11 North London 185 for 6 (D. Hopkins 3 for 45)  
          O.As' 115 (S. Botcherby 36; B. C. Peers 21)      Lost

### O.A. NOTES

#### SENIOR

The deaths of two senior members of the Society have been reported recently. G. A. Mackenzie (1898) died in June and Wing Commander F. H. Harrison, O.B.E. (1911), died in August. The Society's chaplain said Mass for both of them.

Father Paulinus Milner, O.P. (1947), is going to France for two years to study for his S.T.L.

Father Richard Sutherland (1941) took a party of his parishioners from Sunbury-on-Thames to Rome where they were received by Pope John in audience.

Dr Sean O'Connell (1945) has been promoted to Captain (R.A.M.C.) and is attached to the Brigade of Gurkhas in Singapore.

Patrick O'Donovan (1927) who is a senior Foreign Correspondent of *The Observer* has been covering the Congo crisis.

Justin Staples (1943) who is in the Foreign Office, came home from Bangkok for the State Visit to this country of the King and Queen of Thailand and is currently working in Whitehall.

Paddy Barthropp (1931) is now a director of a car-hire firm and recently featured in a news film dealing with the Battle of Britain during which he was one of "The Few".

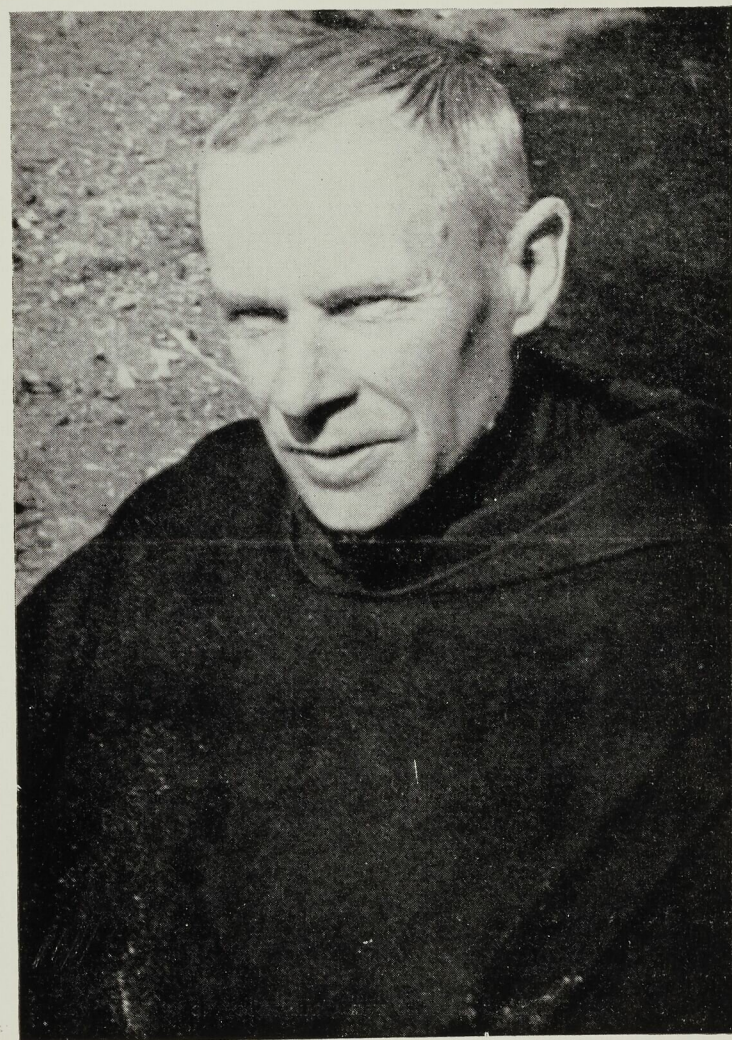
Captain J. C. O'Leary (1941) is now in Singapore.

Major D. O. O'Leary, M.C., M.B.E. (1938), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, has become engaged to Janet Maureen Tedstill and is due to be married shortly in Hong Kong.

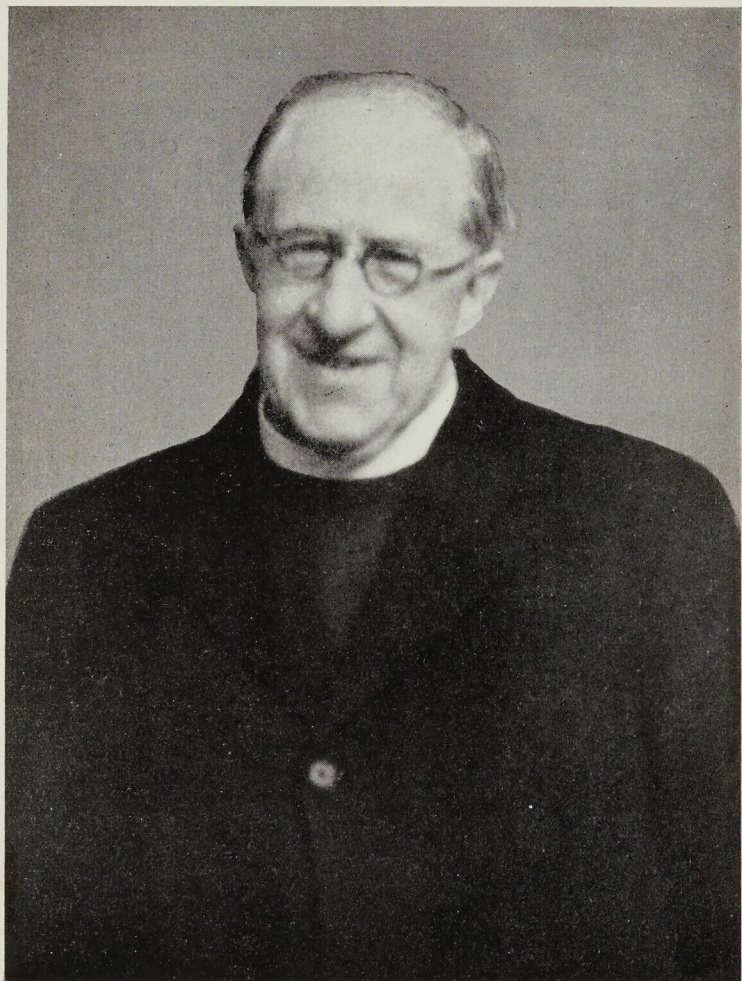
Christopher Huston (1945) has become engaged to Norma Wallace.

Major R. A. Cheffins, M.C. (1924), has retired from the Army and is now a banker.

Martin Kent (1960) was injured in an accident at a stock car rally near Dover.



Father Bede Winslow



Father Charles van Cauwenberghe

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Apartado 102,  
Santa Cruz,  
Teneriffe,  
Canary Islands.

From Patrick Hamilton (1923).

20th June, 1960.

Dear Fr Edward,

You may or may not remember me — it does seem such a very long time since I was at Ramsgate — so I'd better begin by "introducing" myself. I'm Patrick Hamilton (No. 72) at the Abbey School from late 1923 to 1929. My brother Wilfrid went with me in 1923 but left earlier than I.

I recollect being quite good at sports, 1st XI soccer, 1st XI cricket, 1st XV rugger, won the "heavyweight" boxing against Dickinson (?) or was it Peter Kolesar, having lost it the previous year to Stanley Chubb. Boxing reminds me of an evening, prior to matches taking place, when you called John Warren-Codrington and myself to your room and presented us with our colours. I was also in the choir and remember singing a solo in "Henry V" (?). I regret to say that I was not quite so good at work, although surely not the worst pupil during those six years! Donald McEwen was the brains during my days. I can distinctly remember not being at the end of the queue — when exams were announced — every time.

After leaving Ramsgate I went to Beaumont and stayed there until June, 1931, when unfortunately I got ill, went through eight operations during the period of one year, besides which I was encased in plaster of Paris from the tip of my left foot, right up to my chest for eight months. After having to lie on my back for well over nine months — five in England and four out here — I eventually got up, deaf in my left ear (mastoid operation) and with no movement in my left hip. A proper wreck! I was unable to return to Beaumont, which greatly annoyed me, especially as I had a good chance of playing cricket at Lords in 1932 against the Oratory School. You will gather that sports was still my favourite "subject".

I returned to England in 1933, went to a Commercial College in London and also to a Chartered Accountants' office — but I still was not fit. Went through a further three ops, and returned here in 1935. I have a feeling that had I continued with those icy cold showers we had at Ramsgate, even during the winter, I would have been tough enough to ward off the germs that attacked me whilst at Beaumont!

The war years I passed out here, working in our office — shipping agents. Am now manager of our passenger department

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and partner in the firm and not such a complete crock, as I get my game of golf now and then and feel very fit. I married in 1942, an English girl, who became a Catholic two months before our marriage and we have two children. Thérèse aged 17 and Michael 15.

I do hope you are well and enjoying good health. I still think a lot of my days at Ramsgate, but expect I would not recognize the old place—it must have changed quite a bit. I really must make an effort and go down there next time I'm in England. I did attend one cricket match, the O.A.'s played in Wimbledon, a few years ago and met Louis Constable, Jimmy Bisgood and others. I also had the "misfortune" of having a couple of teeth removed by Peter Kolesar in London six years ago. I wonder if he was taking his revenge for losing the boxing championship? Have never bled so much in my life!

My kindest regards to your brother, Fr Oswald, and to any others who may remember me. Was sorry to learn from the latest Magazine that Dom Bede had died.

With many thanks in advance for any assistance you may be able to give me regarding Michael. My very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICK HAMILTON.

### *Various*

Paul Marner (London Hospital) (1952).

Andrew Murphy, 1952 (Guys).

Desmond Curran, 1952 (Middlesex).

Peter Camm, 1953 (Middlesex).

M. Gundry, 1953 (Marys), have all passed the 2nd M.B. exam. and are now doing Clinical work.

Michael Camm (1954) is doing Chartered Accountancy somewhere in the city.

Chris Wearing (1952) and Jimmy McKenzie (1951) are up at Oxford (Queen's College).

George Barran (1953) is doing his National Service in the R.A.M.C. and is stationed at Virginia Water.

Michael Smith (1953) is up at Cambridge reading Law.

Tim Higgins (1952), after doing his National Service in Wales has gone up to Cambridge and is reading Law.

Peter Raven (1952) Chartered Accountancy in the city.

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O. Murphy (1954) working in the sales department of Walls Ice Cream. His brother Neil (1951) has emigrated to Australia.

R. Gundry (1954) is learning the Hotel and Catering trade at Westminster Catering School.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL GUNDRY.

### *Downside*

Dear Fr Bernard,

It is a long time since I had correspondence with anyone at the Abbey though everyone has been well remembered in my prayers. I have taken great interest in the moving to Ramsgate as my first year was at The Grange in 1951 when it began. There were only nineteen of us then with Fr Ambrose.

I have some news which you might like to put in the magazine next time. I expect that we will get together a bit later, as the exams are coming up when we will send a complete news sheet. Clay and Beglan have both played for the 1st XI Cricket here. Clay playing at the beginning of the season and Beglan just played for the last two matches. In regard to Beglan I have not yet seen the match list for this weekend so cannot say whether he is playing again. Clay and Beglan both boxed last term for their houses as well as Hooton and Glass. I also believe Ryder boxed but my memory does not reach that far and as I have not seen him lately I cannot be certain.

Clay and Beglan play regularly for the 2nd XI Cricket if they are not playing in the 1st. Mason and Clay play in the Bridge Club here, and I have a feeling Mason and his partner are at the top of the Bridge ladder. His partner is not an O.A. and for that matter I cannot remember who he is. Unfortunately I do not play Bridge and nor am I in the Debating Society which I believe Mason passes some of his time. I spent most of my spare time (very little unfortunately) either with the Automobile Society or down in the Signals Room which is rather a neglected part of the Corps here.

Mason has taken part in much of the Athletics here this term for the School, gaining his School Colours.

There appears to be no more news from the more senior people here. Later on I will ask the younger O.As here to give me a sheet of their doings which I will forward to you with any more news that I have to send on. This letter has become rather messed up with the points, I hope you will forgive me, as some of them have come to mind while I have been writing.

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I hope to be down to see the school sometime probably in the Winter Holidays when I have passed my driving test; another of those clots on the road, but still I shall soon have to make a daily journey to London, winter after next. I notice in the last edition of the Augustine Magazine you have asked us to let you know well in advance when we are coming. This I will do; but will in all probability be staying in Broadstairs where I have a Downside friend who has an hotel.

I must close now hoping to see you soon.

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD METSON.

Rose House,  
Tolleshunt D'Arcy,  
Maldon, Essex.  
28th September.

Dear Father Edward,

I am about to go into the London Hospital and do my medicine. Looking back I can now say that I enjoyed the Abbey School. I was very happy there.

This morning I received heartening news—I have got a County Award for my "A" level at zoology. I knew you would be interested to hear this; all my fees will now be paid for, which is a relief for my parents I know. I am very grateful.

I was wondering if you would be so kind as to let the O.A. secretary know this since I should imagine he would be interested.

I hope you are well and that your retirement has been easy for you. I might add that I don't imagine that you liked doing it in the least.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD BOWEN.

*Belmont*

David Payne, 1st XI this year, captain of 2nd XI and 2nd XI colours this term. Vth form science prize.

Ian Howat, Junior Victor Ludorum, 1960, quarter mile record.

*Laxton*

Dear Fr Bernard,

I hope you are well. Thank you very much indeed for the school magazines that I've received.

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Please could you tell me, how much my old boys subscription is, and to whom I should send it?

Richardson is the only other old boy here at the moment, he took his G.C.E. exams last term. I'm doing quite well at the moment, I hope to get into the V form next term.

Yours sincerely,

C. RIPPER.

*Oratory School*

Dear Father,

I'm very sorry about my not replying to your letter but I lost my wallet last term in which I had your letter and I have not been able to find it yet and I also had the Prize Examinations which decide whether you are good enough to move up a form or not. I hope I do move up.

We started the term on the 28th April and started work the next day. I am still in the same form for everything and I am getting on well. I remember those Chemistry classes you gave IVA about a year ago. Well now the things we did then have been very useful and I find most of the Chemistry easy. I am also doing Physics and at the moment I am doing Heat. Last term I did Light and the term before that Mechanics. I also do Latin, English, French, Maths, and History. Next term I am taking the Maths O level papers so I hope I do well in them.

We started cricket about a week after we came back and we had a practice game to see what we were like. I scored 85 runs with 16 fours, which was all due to the excellent coaching of Mr Clark and the rest of the sports masters.

We played our first match on the 11th May against Abingdon. We lost the match by eight wickets but I really enjoyed myself playing in it. We next played Douai and I saw Aung and Allen who were both playing for the team. Allen did quite well and hit two fours straight away and was out next ball (bad luck). We lost that match also. We then played against Leighton Park and I captained the side and later played against St George's, Weybridge, where O'Ferrall is. I am now official captain of our team and I have also been awarded my colours. Next week we have a match against Beaumont, which I am looking forward to very much.

I hope everything went well on Whit Sunday and that the Old Boys won. I did want to come down but I couldn't manage it because we only had the Sunday off and not the Monday. But one of these days I hope I will be able to manage it. Peter

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is going to arrange with Brian Peers for me to play in a few matches during the holidays. I hope I will be able to because they seem great fun.

Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY RAVEN.

## OBITUARY

### GEORGE ARCHIBALD MACKENZIE

IT IS difficult to realize that we have taken our farewell of Archie Mackenzie. To so many Old Boys of succeeding generations he was, indeed, almost an institution, the embodiment of O.A. spirit and a friend to all who had the good fortune to know him.

I am one of the remaining few who remembers "Archie" in his heyday, in the years prior to 1914. We first met in 1905 when I joined the Old Boys Society. He, at the time, was Secretary, an appointment which he held up to the outbreak of the first World War with distinction and success.

With advancing years, one is inclined perhaps to magnify the personalities of the past and their doings, overlooking, as in the case of the O.A. Society, that each succeeding generation continues to discover its loyal and enthusiastic members. I do think, however, I will not be charged with undue bias, if I venture to say that in the years prior to 1914, the fortunes of the Society attained a level of efficiency and enthusiasm that has never been surpassed. This was largely due to Archie's untiring work as Secretary, helped by such outstanding members as Lionel Constable, Phil Fooks, Cecil Kelly, the Carroll brothers and, indeed, many others, not forgetting the greatest Old Boy of all time, Erkenwald Egan, always affectionately known to us as "Erkie"—Headmaster and first Abbot of St Augustine's.

Archie's Secretaryship was not merely a matter of writing minutes, calling and arranging meetings. His capacity for keeping in touch with members, all and sundry, was truly remarkable. Brim full of humour, he was one of those individuals who had the rare gift of showing and sustaining a genuine interest in his fellowmen, and with his natural charm it is not surprising that he gathered around him numerous friends.

As his immediate successor to the Secretaryship, I was in a position, only too well, to realize the work undertaken by him for the Society's welfare.

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The youngest of a large and brilliant family, on leaving St Augustine's he entered the law, and when I first met him was articled to Mr Edmund Bellord, himself an O.A. Sometime around about 1910, he set up in practice for himself in Southampton Street, Holborn.

Soon after the outbreak of war, he obtained a commission in the Gunners, and I believe I am correct in saying that he served in the same battery in France with Charlie Carroll and John Quinn. Towards the end of the war he was attached to the British Embassy in Athens, an experience he always told me he much enjoyed.

On returning to civilian life in 1919, he joined a Mr Stanton in partnership, with offices in Westminster, some years later purchasing a large practice at King's Lynn in Norfolk. This he eventually sold, and after the second World War purchased a further practice at Folkestone, retiring on the death of his wife, some 10 years ago.

He married somewhat late in life, and leaves two sons, Colin and Ronald, the latter for some years a pupil at Madeley Court before following his brother to Stonyhurst and Oxford.

On his retirement, Archie lived at Rye and for the last year or so of his life at Eastbourne, where he died suddenly in his sleep on June 1st last.

And so passes one of the few remaining friends of my boyhood days, and to those who knew him as I did, he will always be remembered with lasting affection.

It is in the nature of things that with the passing of their generation, most people and their exploits are sooner or later forgotten. In due time Archie Mackenzie may be no exception to this inevitable happening. His work for the Society and his attachment to St Augustine's should, if it be possible, never be forgotten, but as long as it continues to exist, the Society of Old Augustinians will, in itself, always remain a lasting memorial to a very lovable and outstanding personality.

LIEUT COL W. E. WILSON, D.S.O., D.L.

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The founder of a large and brilliant family, on leaving St. Augustin's he entered the law, and when I first met him was attached to Mr. Edmund Belland, himself an O.A. Senator around about 1818 he set up in practice for himself in South-ampson Street, Halifax.

Soon after the outbreak of war he obtained a commission in the Grenadier, and I believe I am correct in saying that he served in the same battery as Francis Wilmot Carrall and John Odium. Towards the end of the war he was attached to the British Embassy in Athens, and I believe he always told me he much enjoyed it.

On returning to Halifax in 1819, he joined a Mr. Stinson in partnership with offices in Westminster, some years later purchasing a large practice at King's Lynn in Norfolk. This he eventually sold, and after the second World War purchased a further practice at Folkestone, retiring on the death of his wife, some 10 years ago.

His manner somewhat late in life, and he left two sons, Colin and Harold, the latter for some years a pupil at Merton College before following his father to Norfolk and Oxford.

On his retirement, Arthur lived at Ryce and for the last year or so of his life at Eastbourne, where he died suddenly in his sleep on June 14 last.

And so passes one of the few remaining friends of my boyhood days, and to those who know him as I did, he will always be remembered with lasting affection.

It is in the nature of things that with the passing of time generations must pass and their eyes are closed, or blind for aye. In this case, Francis Mackenzie may be no exception to this general happening. His work for the Society and his attachment to the Augustines should be as good as never be forgotten, but as long as it continues to exist, the Society of Old Augustines will in itself always remain a lasting memorial to a very noble and outstanding personality.

Lt. Col. W. E. Watson, D.S.O., D.L.

