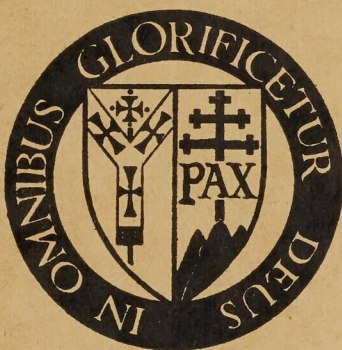
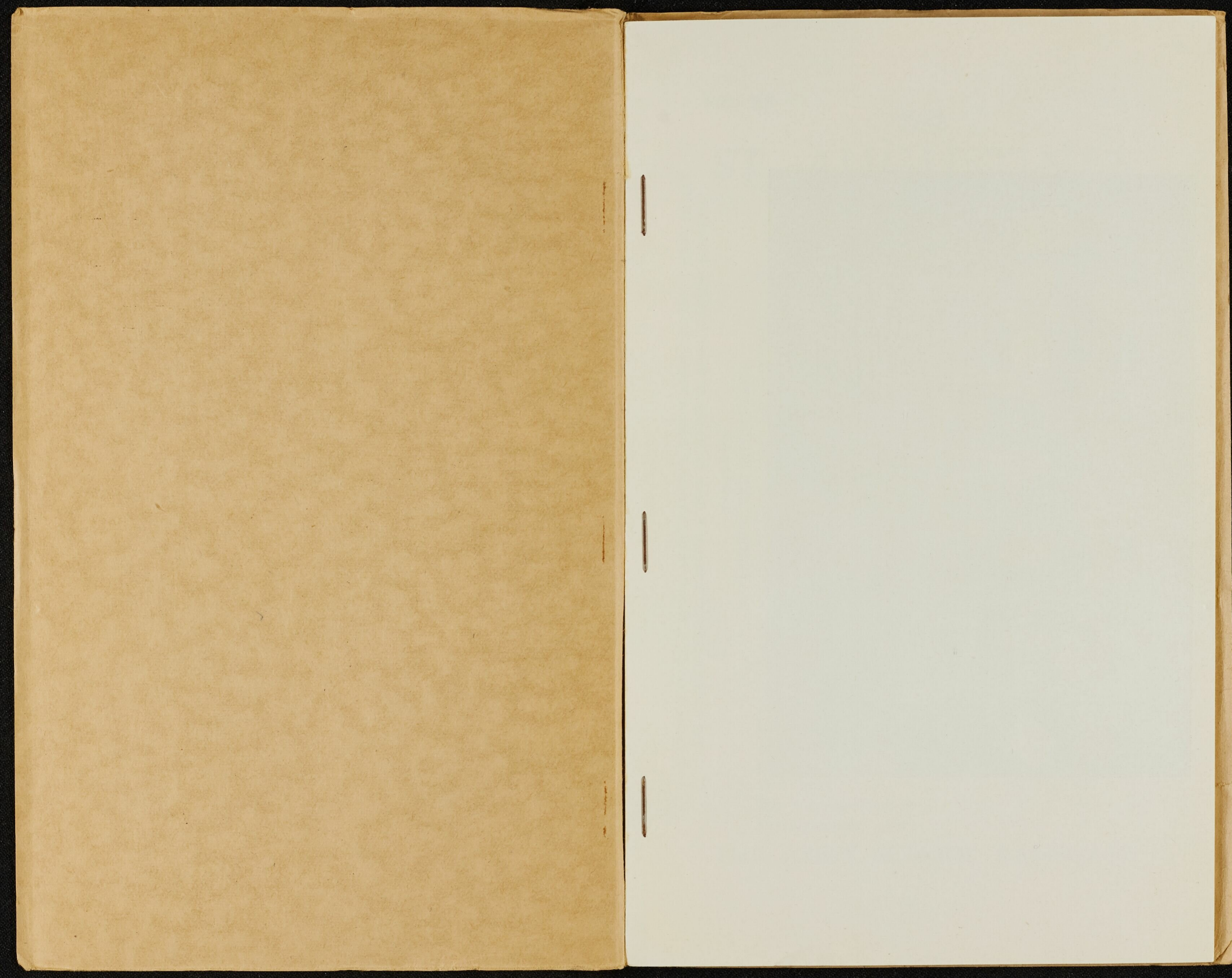


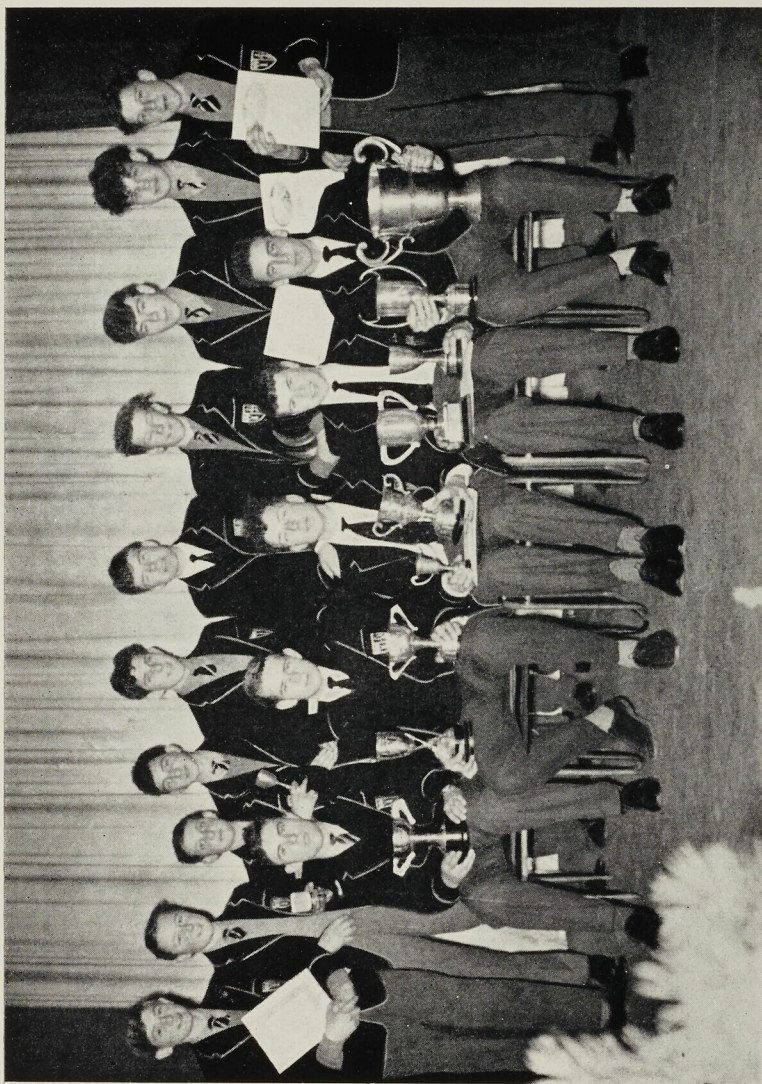
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December 8th

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Christmas Term, 1962

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PRIZE DAY

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

At the Prize Giving on December 8th, held in the Westcliff Hall, before distributing awards, the Headmaster made his Annual Report on the progress of the School, as follows:

Right Reverend Father Abbot, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.

OUR LAST School Prize Day was held on 24th June, 1961, so today I have pleasure in presenting a report covering the activities of the past eighteen months. During that time there have been the G.C.E. examinations of the Summer and Autumn of 1961 and the Summer of 1962. The full results of these examinations have been published in the School Magazine, and as they are somewhat lengthy you will forgive me for presenting no more than a summary here. In judging of them you will no doubt bear in mind that many of these successes have been gained by boys who never passed the "11+" examination and might not therefore have had the opportunity to attempt the G.C.E. at all, so you will recognize that no small effort has been made to reach the present standard.

Altogether during the past eighteen months there have been 193 individual passes at Ordinary Level shared between 60 candidates, representing an average of just over three passes each, and at Advanced Level two candidates have shared five passes between them. This, only five years after the first four candidates were entered for the G.C.E., I regard as encouraging, especially when you remember that it is not yet ten years since the Abbey Day School was opened. Thirty-three boys have gained entrance to the Public Schools during the same period, and there are now only two boys left in the School who are not staying on to complete their secondary studies at Ramsgate. We have at present a full complement of 235 boys and must therefore restrict our entry by examination to those who are able to follow a grammar school course.

With the formation of a first-year Sixth Form in September, 1961, it became necessary to provide the specialized tuition needed for Advanced Level studies. Accordingly our staff has been strengthened and at present includes seven university graduates and three trained teachers. Specialisation is clearly necessary at Sixth Form level, but parents cannot always understand why we do not provide it in the Fifth and Fourth Forms instead of making all boys follow the normal curriculum up to the Ordinary Level of the G.C.E. Quite apart from the difficulties involved and the cost of such special tuition, modern educational theory is reacting

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strongly against too early specialization; it stresses rather the need to establish a broad basis of knowledge and culture before advanced studies are commenced. At this stage it becomes important too for the boy himself to form a clear idea of the career he intends to follow, in order that his course of studies may be rightly directed.

Not all boys should stay on to attempt the Advanced Levels of the G.C.E. Normally a boy who cannot gain more than a pass mark at Ordinary Level is unlikely to develop the power to acquire the deeper knowledge and harder techniques which are the task of the further two years of advanced studies. Promotion to the Sixth Form must depend therefore on proof of the capacity to profit by a place in it, and this often depends as much on a boy's application as on his intelligence. Another point which I feel obliged to mention here is the question of fees. The teaching of small groups at high levels is inevitably an expensive business, and our fees as you know are very moderate ones. It has been our tradition to produce a sound education rather cheaper than some more expensive schools intend to do. But as the cost of providing good tuition increases yearly, and as parents today for the most part want the best results and are prepared to pay for them, we may have to draw the conclusion that our fees — which are lower than most — must be geared to meet these demands.

We have been conscious for some time that the need for Sixth Form specialization would call for further development of the School's scientific laboratories, and it is therefore with especial pleasure that I am able to report to you that we have received a magnificent gift from Mr Sebastian de Ferranti of scientific equipment to the value of over £5,000. Mr Ferranti, who is managing director of the well-known electrical firm, is a grandson of that famous electrical pioneer and inventor Dr Sebastian de Ferranti, who was a pupil at St Augustine's from 1877-1881 and conducted his first electrical experiments under the care of Dom Erkenwald Egan, later Abbot of St Augustine's Abbey. Ferranti went on to found the first power station in London, and became President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Now his memory is fittingly enshrined in the new Ferranti Laboratories, the gift of his grandson the present Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, to whom I cannot sufficiently express our gratitude. We had hoped to have the pleasure of having Mr Ferranti with us today, but unfortunately this has not been possible.

During the past nine months I have been much occupied with the task of utilizing this gift to the very best advantage, and I wish to acknowledge the help I have received from our Science Masters, Mr G. A. Hamer, M.A., and Captain P. G. Grisewood, and also

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from Fr Paulinus Cunningham, Senior Physics Master at Douai School. The results of all this planning you can see for yourselves. We now have a Science Wing complete with separate laboratories for Chemistry, Physics and Biology, all equipped with the latest apparatus, as well as a Preparation Room, Utility Room and Store Room. It has not yet been possible to complete the decoration of these laboratories, but most of the essential equipment is already installed, and you are invited to inspect the work that has been done in this department.

As four classrooms have been absorbed into the Science Department they are being replaced by a new modern classroom block, which will be ready for use next term. This building, of which the design has been made by Fr Prior (Fr Eric Wheeler) represents half of a larger block which we shall hope to complete later. £10,000 will be needed before we can start on the second half of the building, and a more pressing need is the provision of changing rooms and shower baths of which the cost may be put at some £2,000. All this capital expenditure is a heavy burden, but it is my earnest hope that these projects will be started in time for the centenary year of the School in 1965.

Meanwhile the steady increase in the number of our senior pupils, more than half of whom are now over 14, means that provision must be made at once for boys' private study-rooms, and the first move in this direction will be made next term. A house has been acquired in Grange Road adjoining our property and we propose to make of this building new accommodation for the senior boys and to provide for them the increased amenities that are now available in the main school buildings. The Grange will be reserved to the Middle School, accommodating the 11 and 12-year-old age group, and a separate Sanatorium will be established in the adjacent house known as St Edward's. This will be a considerable step forward and will enable the senior boys to occupy the new buildings which will be much better suited to their needs. It will make possible too further improvements, such as the provision of a separate Geography Room which is badly needed.

I am proposing also next term to introduce gradual changes in the school uniform. At first all boys in the Sixth Form will be allowed to wear dark grey suits, and this may be extended to the Fifth Forms later. All boys in the Fourth and Third Forms will wear long trousers. A revised uniform list will be issued at Christmas, and parents are requested to conform to this as closely as they can.

The increasing number of senior boys has also had its effect on other branches of school life, such as Sport. We now have no

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difficulty in fielding an "Under 16" side in rugger or cricket, and although we have often put out two or even three teams on the same day we have still been able to win half our matches. Two seven-a-side teams were entered last season for the Thanet "Sevens" Competition, and one of these reached the finals playing against adult opposition. Cricket fixtures have been severely limited by the lack of a square. One has been laid during the Spring and will probably be ready for use next season. Tennis made great progress last summer — we were able to add a third court and to introduce House Matches. Next year School Matches will be arranged. The Sailing Club have acquired a second boat through the generosity of one of the parents, and took part in the regatta organized by the Thanet Schools Sailing Association. In the field of Athletics we entered for the first time the Thanet Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition and were so well placed that five boys were selected for the Kent County Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition. We also competed in the Thanet Inter-Schools Athletic Sports and were placed second in the senior age group and third in the lower group. The boys took their training very seriously, and as a result many of our own standing school records were broken last year in the School Sports.

There has been much activity in the Gymnasium during the past year. A new balancing beam and boxing ring have been fitted and a badminton court has been laid down. Fencing instruction is given each week by Mr Peter Upton. The latest development has been the introduction of Ballroom Dancing. The boys receive professional instruction, and several successful dances have been held with the local convent schools. This is an introduction to the social graces which may prove of value later on.

A serious attempt is being made to revive the School's ancient tradition for Shakesperian drama. Last Christmas short extracts were presented from "Twelfth Night", "The Merchant of Venice" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream". This too was the first occasion when the newly formed School Orchestra had an opportunity to show their talents, and since then they have made considerable progress under the patient tuition of Mr S. G. Walter and Mr and Mrs Worden. Tonight we are presenting our first post-war attempt at a full Shakesperian production, and we hope you will enjoy the boys' performance of "Macbeth". A pleasing feature of this production is that practically all the stage properties have been made by the boys themselves in the Art Department. This department continues to develop rapidly under the direction of Mr Jonathan van Doorne, and you are invited to inspect their

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work in the Art Room. Over 30 boys are now taking additional instruction in Art; eight passed the G.C.E. in this subject last summer, and next year's entry is expected to be larger.

Turning to the religious life of the School, various improvements have been effected with a view to securing a more effective participation in the sacred ceremonies of the Church. A Benedictine school is in a position to provide opportunities in this respect which cannot be found elsewhere, and we have increased our efforts to make fuller use of these opportunities. Last year we had to make major structural alterations in the School Chapel costing over a thousand pounds. When these were complete the Chapel was redecorated through the generosity of several benefactors and it is now once more a fit and beautiful dwelling for the Blessed Sacrament. Here the School Choir sing their weekly Mass under the direction of Fr Dominic Silva who has so raised the standard of singing that the Choir are now in some demand both in the Abbey Church and at functions in Thanet. The altar serving too has been thoroughly reorganized by Fr Hugh Capper, and the senior boys who are members of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen serve regularly both in the School Chapel and in the Abbey Church. Their efforts deserve high praise and will I am sure bring down on us all the blessing of God.

The fortunes of our Old Boys are always a subject of interest, and there are one or two events I would mention. Firstly the award of the O.B.E. to Mr Douglas Woodruff, editor of the Tablet, has set the seal on a long career of service to both the Church and the literary world in general. Among the younger generation no less than four Old Boys have been ordained to the priesthood, Fr Paul Ségard as a Carthusian, Fr John Francis Stevenson at Ampleforth, and Fathers Aylward Shorter and Peter Wetz as White Fathers. On the other hand we mourn the death of James Carroll, K.C.S.G., President of the Irish Association of the Knights of Malta. He was always a most devoted son of St Augustine's and one of his last acts was to send us a donation towards our building operations. Not an Old Boy himself, but known and loved by many generations of Old Boys, Abbot Adrian Taylor died in July 1961 at the age of 69. He was Headmaster during the period 1924-1934, and it may be said that it was during this period that the foundations of the Abbey School after its destruction in the First World War were well and truly relaid. The School's debt to him is very great, and I feel that we must recall it with gratitude today.

After the speech Fr Abbot himself distributed the prizes.

A full account was published in the local papers, notably the East Kent Times, appropriately written by an O.A. journalist, Brian Lewis.

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THE NEW LABORATORIES

The construction of the new Science Wing having been announced, it was decided to hold some demonstrations on Prize Day.

After tea in the West Cliff Hall, the parents came up to see the exhibition arranged by Mr Hamer. In the New Chemistry Laboratory were experiments of traditional type; lots of glass tubing and flasks bubbling to produce, among other things, ethyl nitrate. McKinnon and Wright were demonstrating an electric balance, weighing a hair in two seconds; J. Vulliamy was finding the wave length of a sodium light with a travelling microscope.

In the Utility Room, Baron was demonstrating a vacuum pump. In one of his experiments, he pumped the air out of two hemispheres, which no one was able to pull apart, even when induced by a five pound note.

The Physics Laboratory was temporarily a thermometer factory directed by Lingham, as well as the demonstration room for an electrolysis experiment, and a deflection magnetometer. Filmer-Bennet demonstrated a moving mirror galvanometer.

In the Biology Laboratories, many projects, made up in the preceding weeks by a number of boys, were shown. One of the most notable was Gummer's collections of insects and land and sea molluscs. All the forms were represented by collections or projects. Captain Grisewood gave advice where necessary, showing perfect examples of his own work for the boys to imitate.

D. O'C. (IVA).

VISITORS

We were pleased to see at the Prize Day celebrations the following Old Boys:

M. Morton, B. Peers, V. Kelly, M. Gundry, T. Wilson, R. Horsburgh, L. Constable, D. Humphriss, B. Lewis, L. F. Uribe, J. P. Turner, R. Jones, R. Fletcher, M. Massie, R. Dibley, P. Wood, C. Anstis.

LIST OF PRIZES

THE ABBOT'S MEDAL for Proficiency and Conduct	Charles ANSTIS
THE EDGAR PATER PRIZE for Religious Knowledge	Hugh WILSHIN
THE CECIL KELLY MEMORIAL PRIZE for an Historical Essay	Michael CONSTABLE

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THE ALCOCK MEMORIAL PRIZE for an English Essay	Lionel GREGORY
THE MACKENZIE PRIZE for General Knowledge	Jeremy TURNER
THE OLD AUGUSTINIANS' PRIZES for Classics and Mathematics	Julian VULLIAMY
THE ABBOT TAYLOR PRIZE for History	John DUDDINGTON
THE QUARMBY PRIZE for Geography	Paul MARVELL
THE GRAHAM PRIZE for French	Luis URIBE
THE HOWKINS PRIZE for Handwriting	Joseph TURNER
THE FOWLER-WRIGHT PRIZE for Conduct	John CARTER
THE PATRICK WOOD CUP for the best House Captain	Michael FOLEY
THE HODGSON MEDALS for Public Speaking	Paul COX Dennis NUTT Michael DEAN Clive ARRINDELL Anthony CONWAY Erich KLAPPER Rupert GRISEWOOD Robert TILLEARD
THE VAN DOORNE SHIELD for Art	Xavier DE BOURNET
SPECIAL ART PRIZES	Michael CONSTABLE
PRIZE for ENGLISH LITERATURE	Terence MACDONNELL
PRIZE for SCIENCE	Peter HEAD
PRIZE for MUSIC	ALAN DEBENHAM

FORM PRIZES and DILIGENCE PRIZES

Form VI	Robert NESHAM
U.V	Timothy ROSE
M.V	Stephen JEFFREYS
L.V	Jonathan WISEMAN
U.IV	Julian VULLIAMY
M.IV	Timothy FAGAN
	Peter HADDOCK
	John CARTER
	James HALE

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L.IV	Hugh WILSHIN	Roger TAPLEY
U.III	Desmond O'CONNOR	Peter SMITH
M.III	Mark BARNES	Giles HADFIELD
L.III	Robert TILLEARD	Ashley MARTIN
II	Laurence JEFFREYS	Christopher EVANS
I	Jeremy HALLISEY	Paul BROWNE

GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION (Cambridge, 1961/62)

"A" level: Max Creusot, Terence MacDonnell.

"O" level: Charles Anstis, Stefan Anstis, John Appleton, John Austin, Michael Billing, Clive Botting, John Clements, Michael Collyer, Michael Constable, Richard Corteel, Paul Cox, Max Creusot, Christopher Day, Alan Debenham, Xavier de Bournet, Roger Dewen, Patrick Donnell, Anthony Dormer, Robert Fletcher, Michael Flexman, Raymond Flexman, Michael Foley, Lionel Gregory, Willem Hackmann, Peter Haddock, Christian Haffreingue, David Hanley, Peter Head, Timothy Heron, Howard Hoy, Robert Jones, Christopher Kenny, Martin Larkin, Robert Larkins, Patrick Le Quément, Brian Lewis, Frank Macaskie, Terence MacDonnell, Gareth MacLatchy, John McPherson, Peter Murtagh, Robert Nesham, Dennis Nutt, Dominic O'Halloran, Terence Pearman, Peter Poles, David Pollard, Christopher Prout, Jeremy Rawlinson, Clive Richards, Timothy Rose, Peter Salvatori, Christopher Stokes, Alan Thomas, David Thomas, Jeremy Turner, Luis Uribe, Michael Vulliamy.

CERTIFICATES of THE ASSOCIATED BOARD of THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC (1961/62)

Peter Baron, Andrew Durcan, Alan Debenham, Robert Gregory, Jeremy Rawlinson, James Wetz, Julian Vulliamy.

SPORTS PRIZES

THE STANLEY-CARY CUP for all-round excellence at Games ...	Michael HILLS
THE CHALLENGE CUP for SHOOTING	Anthony DORMER
THE MURPHY MEDAL for RUGBY FOOTBALL	Peter HADDOCK
THE OLD AUGUSTINIANS' PRIZE for CRICKET	Christopher HALLISEY

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THE BILLING TROPHY for TENNIS	Peter POLES
(Runner-up)	Jeffrey BARNETT
THE TILEY-MARNER MEDAL for BOXING	Charles ANSTIS
THE MORRELL MEDAL for BOXING	John KEENAN
THE ABBOT EGAN MEDAL for BOXING	Peter BARON
THE PRANGNELL CUP for Junior BOXING	Louis D'OLIVERA
CERTIFICATES OF MERIT for Housing Boxing Contests ...	Bernard CALLAN Michael HILLS James CURRAN Timothy KEENAN Howard HOY Xavier DE BOURNET

CERTIFICATES OF THE ISLE OF THANET INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Charles Anstis, Clive Botting, John Clements, Michael Collyer, Michael Foley, Christian Haffreingue, Kenneth Hill, Robert Jones, Christopher Kenny, John McPherson, Dennis Nutt, Peter Smith, Alan Thomas, David Wells.

HOUSE CHALLENGE CUPS

THE ABBOT'S CUP for CRICKET	BERGH
THE AUGUSTINIAN CUP for TENNIS	BERGH
THE RUGBY FOOTBALL CUP	ALCOCK
THE BOXING CUP	EGAN
THE BISHOP'S CUP for ATHLETICS	EGAN
THE SCHOOL CUP for the Best House	ALCOCK

DIARY

17th September. Staff meeting without Mr Durnan. Capt. Linton plays noughts and crosses with Fr Dominic.

18th September. Boarders return, despite increased fares. Three new Masters. Capt. Grisewood returns; Carpenter's shop full of mysterious machinery; Temperance Laws passed: Nutt and Kenny think they will leave; Winkle-pickers out — Beetle-crushers in.

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19th September. Day boys return. New labs cause chaos in classes. School Mass, extra preps, early suppers announced for the future.

21st September. Daily play rehearsals; a farce entitled "Macbeth", Fencing starts.

23rd September. Prefects' Meeting with Fr Bernard every other Sunday.

24th September. Golf; Cross Country Run; no damage reported!

26th September. First Magazine Meeting. Club Activities.

28th September. New Moon.

29th September. Dance with *La Sainte Union* Convent.

1st October. Rushton *mi* breaks his arm; his brother wished it had been his neck.

5th October. St Placid's day; quarter holiday. Anniversary of Fr Hugh's profession: congratulations.

6th October. Passes curtailed: i.e. stopped. Rugger match against Sir Roger Manwood's.

7th October. New film projector: Documentary film; Biological Expedition to beach: Bird Watching?

8th October. MacDonnell comes to school! Play Committee meeting. Calf's head for biology.

9th October. Explosion in Grange kitchen: Irish stew on ceiling; Mr Durnan seen looking for a pair of stilts.

10th October. Speech contest won by G. Cox; second Nutt; third Klapper.

1st November. Half term begins.

5th November. Boarders return. Requiem for Mr G. Fawkes: better luck next time!

6th November. Half term ends.

7th November. New labs finally opened.

8th November. New labs show signs of wear.

23rd November. Fencing practice for cast of "Macbeth".

1st December. End of term dance with *La Sainte Union*; Uribe comes down; Sixth Form celebrations.

2nd December. Hangovers for Sixth Form.

6th December. Mr B. Lewis (O.A.) journalist, reports the Dress Rehearsal of "Macbeth".

8th December. Prize Day, reported by Mr Lewis. Première of "Macbeth"; another Sixth Form Celebration.

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9th December. Matinée of "Macbeth".

11th December. Final performance of "Macbeth".

15th December. Beds switched over between Grange and Main School; Urban gives up, goes home.

17th December. Beds switched back again.

18th December. End of Term. Mr Wroughton's presentation. Sixth-Form-End-of-Term-Party (where?).

19th December. Boarders go home. Sixth Form celebrate anniversary of yesterday; Fr Bernard catches Nutt and Lewis (O.A.) breaking into school kitchen. Fr Bernard leaves for a "Rest-Home".

'O' LEVEL RESULTS

CHRISTMAS, 1962

S. Anstis, *French*; J. D. Appleton, *English Language and Literature, French*; C. Botting, *Chemistry*; J. Clements, *English Literature, Geography*; M. J. Constable, *English Literature, French*; P. R. Cox, *English Language and Literature, General Science*; A. C. Debenham, *English Literature, French*; A. F. C. Dormer, *Mathematics*; D. W. Frost, *Bible Knowledge, History*; J. V. Keenan, *English Literature*; P. C. Murtagh, *English Language, History, Latin, French*; R. J. Nesham, *General Science*; P. N. Poles, *English Language*; T. P. Rose, *English Language, French, Chemistry*; A. L. Urban, *English Language, French*; M. F. H. Vulliamy, *English Language, Literature, Bible Knowledge, Mathematics*; C. Haffreingue, *French*.

ASSUMPTION HOUSE CHRONICLE

New Boys. A. J. Coombes, G. F. C. Dunne, C. G. Lilley, J. D. McArthur, R. L. McNeil, B. V. Mugford, G. E. Mugford, P. F. Smith, C. J. Recton, R. F. F. Ward.

Day Boys. B. J. Guillemin, P. C. Elliott, S. B. Murtagh, D. J. Winchester.

Staff. Mr Barran left. Mr Nash-Williams, Mr Morgan and Mr Saunders took up duty.

As usual there were a number of boys who didn't feel like coming back on the right day. Conrad set sail from Nigeria on the day he should have been back at school. The Reads were late from Zanzibar and Spender *ma* developed Pink Eye and so was in quarantine.

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We found ourselves this term with a new form, the Upper IV, presumably the *élite* of the school who are devoting themselves to the task of obtaining scholarships. This has necessitated their exploring the mysteries of Greek under the aegis of Mr Nash-Williams. What Homer would have thought of their efforts might be of interest.

Spender *ma* having recovered from his Pink Eye and being escorted to the train decided to have another Pink Eye at Victoria Station and so went back home again.

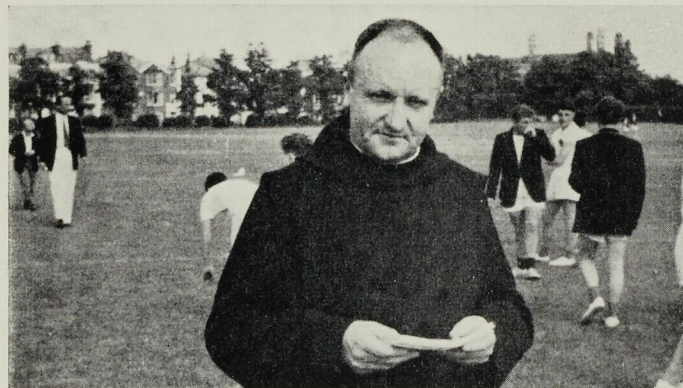
A Radio Club has suddenly burst upon us. Batt *ma*, Twohig *ma*, Blackburn, China and Deacon, aided and abetted by Morgan *ma* from the Senior School with much advice and experimental material. The chief object of this club appears to be making trips down into the town for the purpose of acquiring electrical oddments from the various junk yards. The members arrived back at school one Saturday afternoon in a taxi in possession of an enormous radio set. The taxi had been obtained by the process of asking the policeman on point duty at the town centre to stop the next one which happened to pass, which he obligingly did. After all the police are here to help us in our law abiding pursuits. One of the earlier efforts of the club was the production of a gadget which would put the Television Set out of action. Unfortunately Mr Meldon happened to be watching when the experiment was made. It is understood that several new words were learned as a result.

Another club which made its appearance was the Peaceful Pastimes Club with Goulden as its author and director. The chief occupation of this body seemed to be the playing of Poker and Vingt et un and naturally soon broke up in disorder.

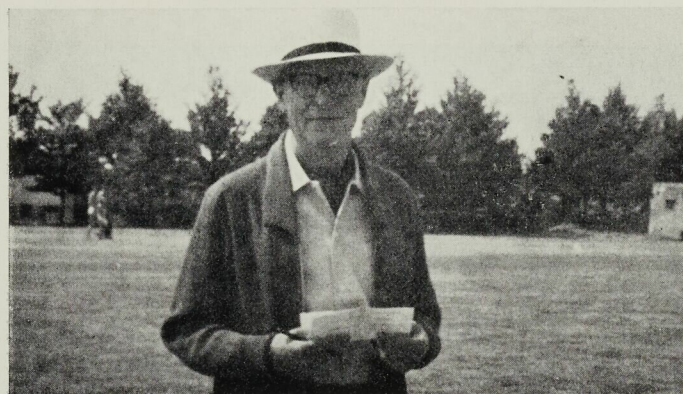
Spender *ma* turned up at school without any trace of Pink Eye. Not having three eyes he was unable to produce any further excuse for staying at home and so rejoined us as his usual blue eyed self.

Goulden inaugurated the Leisure Club. The aims and object of this were so indeterminate and so many people had ambitions fired with the desire to have leisure to do nothing that its affairs became so leisurely that it stopped altogether.

Boxing was resumed this term under Mr Robinson's able guidance. One evening we actually thought that we had a genuine casualty, as Jupp came up to the dormitory with his nose streaming blood and a copious amount of the fluid all down his chest. It turned out, much to our disappointment, that he had come in contact with the back of Hughes *ma's* head while genuflecting in the Chapel. We were left pondering on how much more dangerous religion is than boxing.



FR JOHN



MR WROUGHTON

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Other casualties were Wright S. who came into violent contact with Batt *ma's* elbow and loosened a few teeth. This involved a trip to London to visit his dentist and so was worth the trouble. Lloyd-Williams encountering Benson at speed on the football field was laid low and mildly concussed.

Gastronomic history was made at supper one night by forms I and II. They were supposed to be having sausage and potato crisps but by some mistake corn flakes were put out instead of crisps. This did not seem to make any difference to the enjoyment of the meal.

Peashooters made their appearance. Enormous collections of ammunition were hoarded in stock piles in lockers. One boy had over one thousand peas. The chief use to which these were put would seem to be spilling all over the floor much to the danger of life and limb. However, after one has had to pick up one thousand peas from the form room floor interest tends to wane. Peashooters disappeared quite suddenly.

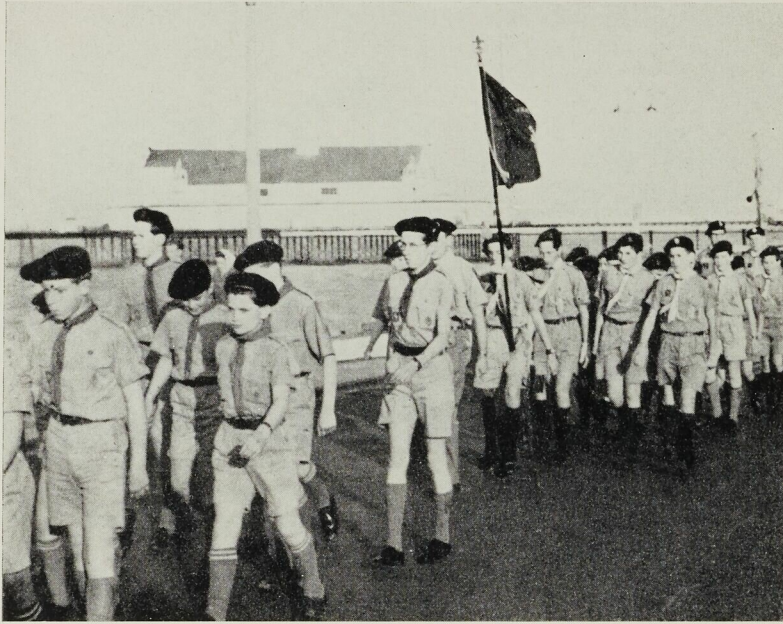
White mice were discovered in the Radio Club premises. What purpose these served in the electronic sphere was rather doubtful. However, as the discovery was made by certain female members of the staff there was a certain amount of commotion. After he had dealt with the Radio Club and the mice Fr Anselm's reputation for bloodthirstiness was considerably enhanced.

The sick room was in considerable demand by those boys who thought they needed a rest, or who thought that their weekly marks were not of a satisfactory nature. Matron rather thought that she had a greenhouse instead of a sick bay when she found that she had Lilleys thriving in adjacent beds.

It was rumoured that catapults have been seen in the house. One or two tiny holes in a certain window would seem to confirm this. Fortunately discretion was observed by all, and there were no untoward developments.

Mr Todd our head gardener won the first prize for vegetables at the Margate Show. Congratulations to him and his staff. There are boys who wish that his cabbages were not quite so large and profuse.

One of the sensations of the term was the alleged discovery of a secret passage from the main boiler room by certain adventurous spirits. This was thoroughly explored much to the detriment of trousers, knees, jerseys, etc. The passage was, in fact, only the pipe ducts under the school and the chief danger was dodging Mr Todd at the boiler room end. However, when the exploring party arrived in Mr Allsworth's workshop at the other end of the school they found that he took quite a different view of their activities and so the entrance was bricked up.



CHRIST THE KING
SCOUTS PARADE



ASSUMPTION HOUSE
CHRISTMAS PLAY

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The Radio Club moved to more commodious premises upstairs and the Art Club directed by Mason and Fritch took over the vacated bathroom formerly used by them. Art apparently needs water supplies whereas radio does not.

After Half Term there were many absentees. Everall and Lloyd-Williams contracted pneumonia. Miller, Watson, Bingham-Wallis, China and Cockshutt stayed at home with various illnesses. Crean turned up about midnight presumably after having a night out in London.

This half term the Common Entrance Exam was held here for the first time. We had two entrants, Simpson, Bowen; and three boys came down from the Senior School, Durcan, Markus and Wright. Commander Sinclair-Loutit presided and at the end of the exam took our two boys for a trip to Folkestone.

Spender *mi* made an unconscious comment on the Liturgical Reformers by asking one day "Please Fr Anselm can you get me a Simple Prayer Book because my Missal hasn't got the Mass in it".

Near the end of term one of the hot water pipes burst one Saturday afternoon sending up a nine foot fountain in Form II classroom. Wetz happened to be sitting just in front of it at the crucial moment and received the full benefit of the deluge. He wasn't quite sure what had occurred but declared that he was certainly wet.

The end of term exams took their usual course. Batt *ma* managed to be sick and spent the crucial days in bed which, he declared, was much more comfortable.

The Christmas play this year was again a great success thanks to the tireless energy of Miss Leahy. Aggett *ma* made a very convincing Father Christmas although he shed bits of his beard from time to time. Davies made — dare I say it — a beautiful young lady as did also Russi; and Wright N. a most charming fairy, who delighted the good nuns who saw the play but did not know the "fairy" in real life. The ballet composed of Nicholson, Birkett, Deutsch *mi*, Smith *ma* was a great success.

There was a very good attendance of parents and friends which was very heartening and the coffee served afterwards by the domestic staff was much appreciated.

All boys went home on the 19th December, except Birkett who had to stay until the following day, feeling that we had all earned our Christmas holiday.

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FOOTBALL

IN ATTEMPTING an analysis of our soccer season in the winter of 1962 there are several factors which must be borne in mind. Firstly the enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment of the game by the players themselves; secondly, the legacy of soccer know-how left to us by our former Coach, Mr St John, and finally, the exemplary leadership and playing of our Captain, Borbolla. The Captain of the 2nd XI was Simpson, and under his leadership the second string gave encouraging indications of our continued prosperity, though in every way they still have a lot of ground to cover!

The first match of the season was on Wednesday, October 10th, an "away" fixture, against Milner Court. Our first and second XIs travelled, and the matches were played in warm sunshine in a lovely autumnal setting. There was a last minute change at left back in the 1st XI, Hughes deputizing for the injured Wright. Assumption House kicked off, and from the beginning carried play into the other half. After about fifteen minutes Borbolla administered the first constructive movement of the game with a well taken shot, giving the goalie no chance. Milner Court replied just before the interval, but in the second half we came well on top, Borbolla completing his hat-trick, as well as a goal from Benson.

Final score: Assumption House 4, Milner Court 1.

Meanwhile on the other pitch a small Milner Court team defended by a large goalie continuously trapped our enthusiastic but unskilled second string by playing an off-side game. It was a salutary experience. We learnt a lot, but unfortunately lost 2-0!

Our second game on the 24th October, was also an away fixture, this time against Dover College. Again, both teams were in action, but whereas our 1st XI travelled to Dover our 2nd XI entertained Dover at Assumption House.

At Dover, our first XI had a strangely unsettled look and play was scrappy and unsatisfactory in the first half, in which there was no score. Five minutes after half-time Dover went into the lead, but Glass soon equalized with a long run down the wing and a lovely lofted shot over the goalie's head. Shortly afterwards Jolly *mi* was tripped in the penalty area, and Borbolla made no mistake with the kick. This lead wasn't to last long however, as Dover scored again before the final whistle. An honourable enough draw of two goals each, but play during this game disintegrated into a series of individual efforts with very little evidence of teamwork.

Final Score: Assumption House 2, Dover College 2.

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Meanwhile, back at Assumption House, the 2nd XI were winning their match against Dover. The final score was 2-1, in our favour, Bowen and Ball *ma* scoring. The match was played in fine weather on a dry pitch, to the enthusiastic plaudits of the home crowd !

Our next game was exactly a week later, against Betteshanger, and promised to be quite a "needle" affair, as they were coached by Mr St John ! This match was played at home and Betteshanger brought over two teams. The anticipated fireworks turned out to be a damp squib, our first eleven turning in their worst performance of the season, we lost by 0-2, and can count ourselves lucky that it wasn't more.

Final score: Assumption House 0, Betteshanger 2.

On the other pitch the 2nd XI did something to balm our injured pride, drawing their game 1-1. Coombes A., a promising young player, scored for us.

Just before half-term we played our return match against Milner Court. This time it was an "at home" fixture. Vigorous practice and re-thinking had preceded this match, and we kicked off fit and determined to win. Two good games resulted, and eventually we emerged triumphant in both. For the 1st XI Bowen, our new centre-forward, was a great success, scoring two goals, Jolly *mi* and Borbolla getting one each.

A feature of the game was an acrobatic display of goalkeeping by West *ma*.

Final score: Assumption House 4, Milner Court 0.

On the other pitch the 2nd XI put in one of their best performances of the season, playing coherently and passing fluently. These tactics paid off in the second half. Fritch and West *mi* both scoring.

Final Score: Assumption House 2, Milner Court 1.

After mid-term our first engagement was the return game against Betteshanger, on the 17th November. This turned out to be a cracking game, providing all the excitement that the previous encounter had lacked.

Both teams travelled to Betteshanger on a miserably cold and wet day and did battle in the rain on adjoining pitches. Mr St John refereed the first game and rewarded any infringement with a peremptory blast on his whistle. This efficiency proved a stimulant to some of the more slapdash players (no names!) who are used to somewhat less informed criticism! Anyhow, our players took some trouble in settling down, and were lucky to avoid being several goals down in the first fifteen minutes. This

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was arrested by the spirited goalkeeping of West, dependable, courageous and frequently brilliant. As one onlooker remarked "If there was a prep school scholarship to Spurs, Alec West would walk away with it!" At half-time there was no score, and this was still the case for about twenty-five minutes of the second half. Then came the breakthrough. In a goalmouth mêlée Bowen scored for us, and shortly afterwards Glass hit the crossbar with a hard drive and Jolly *mi* scored on the rebound. Borbolla was to add the final goal, breaking through the middle, drawing the goalie and cracking the ball into the back of the net.

Final Score: Assumption House 3, Betteshanger 0.

In this match S. Wright captained the 2nd XI. It wasn't a very memorable game, despite Herculean efforts by Wright to get things organized! There was no score by half-time, but after ten minutes in the second half Crean went through to score, Hughes *ma* shortly adding a second.

Final Score: Assumption House 2, Betteshanger 0.

On the 24th November our 1st XI travelled to Eddington House. This match was somewhat of a shot in the dark, as we didn't know anything of their form. There was little cause for worry. By half-time we were three goals up, and we scored two more in the second half — actually we scored three, as Jolly *mi* had the ball over the line and between the posts, but in the absence of a net the referee, who was unsighted, gave a goal kick. Scorers were Jolly *mi* 1, Bowen 1, Borbolla 1 and Glass 2.

The final match of the season was played at Assumption House against Dover College on November 28th. This match saw the restless S. Wright included in the forward line. He was to justify his presence by a good game, and, after a quarter of an hour in the first half, a fine goal. Bowen scored for us shortly afterwards and that put the lid on it, for as the day increased in coldness, the game matured in dullness. Both sides were glad to hear the final whistle.

Final Score: Assumption House 2, Dover College 0.

On the second pitch Dover 2nd XI were meanwhile handing out a salutary drubbing to our 2nd XI.

Fritch scored our solitary goal and John Andrews had the thankless task of captaining a strangely lifeless team. As usual he played his heart out, and indeed we have the entire Andrews family to thank for their exemplary support throughout the year. Dr and Mrs Andrews are our keenest followers!

	Goals				
	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Against
1st XI	5	1	1	20	5
2nd XI	3	2	1	8	9

THE END OF AN ERA

IN THE Christmas term of 1960, the Seniors were separated from the Juniors, and accommodation for the former made available at The Grange. The Grange, the building next to the Abbey Church, comprises dormitories, classrooms, washing facilities and includes two other buildings: one, known as St Edward's, the other the Carpentry Shop. The former was to be used by the matron of the senior school.

The Seniors were placed under Mr Wroughton and Mr Sleigh. The project was received with joy by the boys, and the first term passed happily. Mr Wroughton administered by reasoning, believing, rightly, that the bigger boys understood this method.

As the following terms went by, a slump in behaviour was obvious. However, as all establishments, societies, communities, or what-you-will, need some kind of unstabilizing shock to ensure a stronger future, it soon passed, and after it, good form was back. In the process, privileges had been lost, and battle-scars showed. Eventually, the settling down ended, and again it was a pleasant school life.

This is one aspect of the not too long, but eventful, history of the Grange Era. There is, also, to make this account complete, the "free-time-life" to be considered.

From the start, the seventeen boys who lived at The Grange created an atmosphere. This was perhaps due to the difference of temperament and the similarity of mental maturity. There were four French boys, one Hungarian and a Colombian, among the assorted English pupils. This produced variety, stated to be the "spice of life".

I would like to note here the only recurrent complaint heard from The Grange. It is perhaps the schoolboy's trademark, which he wears round his belt. "I am hungry". Of course there were other disapprovals, but this is the one you would have heard most, had you been the legendary "fly on the wall".

In the winter term of 1962, two years and one term after its establishment, the Grange Era drew to a sad close. After the end of the term, the boys were to live at 1 Grange Road, the building adjoining the main school, Mr Wroughton left, and the empty rooms were left to punctuate the end of an episode in the life of The Grange and those that had studied under its roof.

Sadly, the boys who remembered the old days, walked out of the door at the end of term, thinking of the past. It was a pleasant memory, attaching charm to school life. The lions on the gateposts gazed at the receding figures. It would be a long time before they forgot the laughs, the cries, the woes and the triumphs of the Grange Era.

A.L.U.

CHRISTMAS INTERLUDES

MACBETH

reprinted from the East Kent Times

AFTER the amazing success of the Passion play production in 1958, St Augustine's Abbey School gave themselves a difficult task, when they set out to repeat their triumph by staging a version of Shakespeare's "Macbeth".

Carefully pruned by the producer, Mr Linwood Sleigh, Macbeth included all the dramatic highlights.

Macbeth was played by Lionel Gregory, with Peter Rushton as his wife, a part requiring considerable rehearsal and imagination. Michael Foley, as Duncan, King of Scotland, Michael Constable as Banquo, Macbeth's friend, and Paul Cox as Macduff, all played their parts with remarkable verve and aplomb, providing more than one moment of genuine tension worthy of a professional performance.

One of the most realistic and skilful scenes takes place in the outer court at Dunsinane, in Scotland. Macbeth and Macduff, Thane of Fife, have a deadly duel with their foils. The realism of the fight was almost frightening, and one wondered how the actors escaped injury.

Andrew Urban, an experienced actor, gave a sensitive and well-balanced performance as Malcolm, the King of Scotland's elder son, who is eventually proclaimed king.

The settings were simple but effective, particularly the scenes with the three witches, Joseph Turner, Paul Simes and Nicholas Geddes, depicted as grim but stately figures; a welcome change from the conventional cackling beldames.

Elocution was here and there imperfect, but was amply compensated by enthusiasm and action. The costumes and accessories, of conscientious historical accuracy, were reminiscent of the Bayeux Tapestry, and were made by the staff and boys themselves, who are to be congratulated on a courageous and individual presentation.

There remains to be offered a special little tribute to the supporting company, who were Peter Haddock, David Hanley, Christopher Wolfe, Peter Smith, Stefan Anstis, Anthony Gaunt, Michael Vulliamy, David Appleton, Richard Grun, James Curran and Erich Klapper.

B.L.

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THE PRODUCTION ANGLE

IT IS not easy for an experienced amateur, even with quantities of goodwill, to produce a Five Act Shakesperian Tragedy in less than three months with equally inexperienced actors: yet it was, in December, 1962, extraordinarily rewarding.

The greatest obstacle to perfection (and perfection must be the producer's ideal, or he is bound to fail) was our low standard of elocution. If there is any quality demanded for an Elizabethan production, it is the reverence and care for "lovely words" as Stevenson calls them. This is a defect we must put right; clearly enunciated speech is a major element of education, not a frill. However much you know, however much you can put successfully on paper, you must be clear; and most knowledge, information and instruction are spoken, not written. A government pamphlet *Language*, issued in 1954, complains that bad speaking at interviews loses jobs, with a wealth of evidence. Speaking can be untidy and unintelligible, just as writing can.

Good speech was not, it must be admitted, entirely lacking. At least three actors came across to perfection. But from the first rehearsals it was obvious that adequate time for proper elocution training was not available. The difficulty here was increased on the stage, which is so deep compared with its width, that a speaker down-stage addressing his interlocutor up-stage is compelled to turn his back to the audience. Realizing this unavoidable defect in time, it was decided to make up for it—for this once only, and to concentrate on spectacle, wardrobe, gesture and effects. This, we have been assured, pleased the eye and brought the story over to the audience. Those responsible deserve as much praise as any actor in the cast. The Passion Play had also, fortunately, bequeathed vast quantities of robes and draperies that devoted stitching and contriving turned into an impressive and correct wardrobe, supplemented by the Art Department's "Metal Work". The lighting, newly re-conditioned at considerable cost, added to the visual effect enormously.

Yet without players who would co-operate to make the best of all these, to move and to gesture, gracefully or forcefully, according to sex and age, we should have produced not a success but an abortion. But they did: the fencing in the last scene was considered by the younger spectators as the tit bit of the tragedy; but the alarm-bell ringer's motions, the strutting servants, the by-play, had a subtlety that did the actors great credit; they made the play *convince*. Even the collapse of the standing stones in the great Witch scene was taken to be the effect of a deliberate thunder-bolt, and failed to raise a laugh.

We can, together, produce a play worth seeing, and we shall, next year, one worth hearing too.

GIFTS AND SERVICES

We thank:

Mr Chidwick for gifts of photographic equipment.

Mrs Rushton and Mrs David Davis for dresses given for "Macbeth".

Mr and Mrs Roger and Mrs Aldridge for silver plate lent for "Macbeth".

Matron and Miss Bonner for stitching, cutting and contriving costumes.

Mr Knight and Mr Moore for Sound Effects.

Mr Duddington for Elocution and Prompting.

Mr Durnan for Lighting.

The Staff as a whole for forbearance during rehearsals.

Mr Knight for a set of framed pictures and gramophone records.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

WE WELCOME

Messrs F. Knight, M.A., London, A. Hunkin, B.A., Cantab. and G. Boyer joined the Staff in September.

The following new boys were received into the school in September: C. Arrindell, R. Cary, P. Hind, R. Jones, K. Linch, P. Maynard, B. Tirtiaux, M. Bastow, J. Clarke, P. Dennett, R. Levy, L. McManamon, C. Neely, A. Read, R. Scarborough, B. Sharp, G. Swann, M. Tcharny, S. Wiseman.

The following came to the senior school from Assumption House: R. Bridger, P. Crean, G. Hemming, V. Heywood, P. Iredale, B. Knight, P. Macfadyen, P. Morgan, D. Vulliamy, J. Wetz, W. Wilson, I. Wimbush, K. Anderson, J. Brennan, R. Corley, J. Epsom, J. Fuller, R. Grisewood, P. Moles, T. Morley, P. Robinson, D. Roger, F. Rossi.

WE LAMENT

IT WAS typical of Mr Wroughton that, after years of teaching, organizing and advising, he tried to disappear unsung. He had taught mathematics up to "O" Level, advised leavers on their future and organized the Seniors' life and habits at The Grange, itself, perhaps a full-time job, or sometimes, sentence. His main ideal, the highest, was to teach older boys to grow up, drawing on his long experience as an Anglican schoolboy, clergyman and schoolmaster.

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A frequent superficial gruffness and growling could be formidable: we remember his putting all the Grangers to flight on his birthday, before they could finish their Aubade of *Happy Birthday to You*. It was sung admittedly a little out of tune, and a little early in the day, which was Sunday; but the singers knew that — to coin a particularly mixed metaphor — he was only a pelican in bear's clothing. The frequent use of "Ted" to his face, and the constant visits of O.As to his room proved this unmistakably.

His greatest practical virtue was his generosity, greater in secret than in public, not only material, but personal: generosity with time. However busy he was, he could spare hours for boys in difficulties, and if his individual sense of justice was outraged he spared neither sweat nor tears in attempting to have it righted.

But how he hated noise! Slamming doors, raucous laughter, loud music. His motto might well be "Anything for a quiet life!" And wherever he goes, whatever he does, our greatest hope for him is that he earns one.

MRS BLAKE

After Miss Dowd had left The Grange and so left a vacancy for an Assistant Matron for the Seniors, Mrs Blake was accepted in June, 1961.

An American by birth, she had spent most of her life in the States. She had three young boys, one of whom was accepted into the school at the same time as herself. Her other two sons were being educated at Llanarth.

It was with regret that we heard of the departure of this intelligent widow, who had proved great fun, and a great relief from the all-male atmosphere of the school. She was also a social asset, giving Birthday and End-of-Term parties at St Edward's.

We should like her to know how grateful we are for her help, and hope that she can sometime visit us once more; we also wish her all happiness and prosperity for herself and her children.

A.L.U.

MR BOYER

We thank Mr Boyer for his valuable help in teaching French, during the one term that he spent at Ramsgate, and wish him all the best in his present surroundings.

FR JOHN

Sad news awaited staff and boys on the first day of term. Fr John Bourgois, O.S.B., was to return to France to teach English at the Institution St Joseph: his superiors had recalled him.

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Fr John joined our then Abbey Day School in the spring of 1954, teaching French and, until 1958, carpentry. He was a Form Master for three years in various forms, but especially the Common Entrance forms.

We wish him every happiness in *la Patrie*.

S.A.

BOYS

The following boys left the School at Christmas 1962.

- ✓ M. R. BARNES, 1960-62 — U.13 Rugby team. One Prize. Left for Welbury House.
- ✓ P. R. COX, 1958-62. Form Prizes 1960, 1961. 1st, Hodgson Speech Contest 1962. U.14, U.15 Rugby teams. Form Prefect 1960, 1961. Left for Dover Grammar School.
- ✓ A. C. DEBENHAM, 1955-62 — Maths Prize 1956. English Prize 1957. History and Geography Prize 1958. Diligence Prize 1961. Music Prize 1962. Egan Junior Rugby team 1960-61; U.14 1962. Left for Ampleforth.
- ✓ A. J. DURCAN, 1959-62 — Diligence Prize 1961. Bergh Junior team, U.12, U.13, U.14 Rugby teams. Left for Downside.
- ✓ M. FOLEY, 1952-62. Abbot's Prize 1959. Effort Prize 1959. Speech Prizes 1959, 1960, 1961. Alcock Senior Rugby team 1960-62. Captain of Alcock House 1961-62. House Captain's Cup 1962. Isle of Thanet Cross Country 1962. Kent Cross Country 1962. Magazine Committee 1961-62. School Captain 1962. Left for Accountancy Course.
- ✓ E. KLAPPER, 1961-62 — Hodgson Speech Contest 1962. Left for Germany.
- R. LEWIS, 1956-62 — Cross Country team 1961. Left for King Edward VII Nautical College.
- ✓ A. MARKUS, 1956-62 — Scouts Patrol Leader 1959-61. Left for Ampleforth.
- ✓ V. VAN NESTE, 1960-62 — School Orchestra.
- ✓ E. WRIGHT, 1957-62 — Art Prize 1961. Left for Douai.

The following also left: C. Haffreingue, B. Rhodes, C. Stokes and D. Sanderson.

SPEECH CONTEST

As usual, Mrs Hodgson judged the speech contest, held this term.

The numbers put forward for competition were, apart from a few, perhaps good, but variety was missing. Those that had the

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courage to get on the stage must be praised for their trouble, but, as Mrs Hodgson pointed out, even more trouble should be taken in future. Poems must be learned perfectly, or they lost a lot of their beauty.

Of course, these who stood out in originality took the prizes. D. Nutt's "Alphabet" was one of them. But the poem that won first prize, P. Cox's *Gunga Din*, contained the most vitality. His timing was excellent, his acting first class. E. Klapper's "Getting up" was probably well spoken, but as it was in German, it lost some of its effect for the not very linguistic audience.

Mrs Hodgson was expecting a livelier show next time, although she was not displeased by this contest. She recommended most earnestly the learning and understanding of each item offered.

We should like to thank Mrs Hodgson for the trouble and attention she has taken, to help us on all these occasions, and we hope to see her in successive years; guiding where necessary, commending where it is due, damning when necessary.

A.L.U.

THE CHOIR

PERHAPS the most outstanding event in this term's history of the choir was its entrance to the Dominic Savio Guild. Dominic Savio is the patron Saint of choir boys, and as the Choir master is Fr Dominic Silva, it is an appropriate Guild to join.

Thanks to Fr Dominic, the Choir have improved once more, a great achievement, as they were already collecting praises from both Community and Parish. They are often to be heard in the Abbey Church, at ceremonies.

The termly outing this term was to the cinema, where they saw *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* and were seen returning somewhat dazed.

J. Vulliamy is the present Choir Leader, with McLaughlin, the sacristan, Counihan, the brothers De Bournet ii and iii, Bridger and the three "novices" Gaunt, McFadyen and the last of the Vulliamys to support him. We are told, rather haughtily, by the Old Hands, that the newcomers are now doing very well, on which they must be congratulated.

B.M. (IVA).

SCOUTS

PIONEERING seems to have come a long way in the last couple of terms. Many of the Sunday meetings were spent making highly successful bridges and aerial runways, an instructive way to spend Sunday afternoons.

There were a number of small changes this term, owing to many of the Old Hands leaving. The Kingfisher patrol was reborn, composed mainly of new boys under M. Tatam. The meetings are now arranged on Monday or Tuesday evenings, under Fr Paul's hawk eye.

We were sorry to see Durcan leaving for Downside, as he was one of our most enthusiastic scouts. He proved this by taking with him his well earned Scout Cord; a notable achievement.

Wide Games seemed successful this term, and we hope for many repetitions of this most energetic era.

D. O'C. (IVA).
P.L.

ART

NOTICEABLE progress was made this term in art, especially by those who take extra art. The number of non-representational drawings was vast and varied; the standard was superb. In fact, Mr Van-Doorne found some of them good enough to send up to Cambridge for an opinion. We hope that the opinions will not be disappointing.

The prizes for this year went to Michael Constable, who was the inventor of our current school Christmas card, and second, to Robert Tilleard. There was also a special Van-Doorne Art Shield, awarded to Xavier De Bournet, for best results.

It might be noted here, that the Picasso style is predominant at the moment, and will remain so until we become famous!

X.B. (V.C.).

RUGBY

THIS term's rugby has been notable chiefly for the number of matches played by the 1st XV and Under XVI teams; a change from recent years, when boys over fifteen years of age rarely played in matches, those older, never.

The 1st XV's first match this term was with the Thanet Wanderers "C" team. The final score was 3-9. The match was even, both sides being hampered by a strong wind. Foley, play-

ing with outstanding vigour, was an inspiration to the others. In their next match, against Dane Court, they were not so lucky and were well beaten by a far more experienced team. Their third and final match was on Prize Day morning against the O.As, whom they beat easily, owing to the lack of practice in their "enemies" team, and to their inexperience as a team. Despite these handicaps, the O.As put up a very good show and must be thanked for playing.

The U.16 team was unlucky, in so much as, out of its three fixtures, only one materialized; this they won 10-2 after an exciting game.

The U.14 team was successful in two of their three games, but their standard of tackling, as that of the rest of the school, left room for improvement. Apart from this, once they are warm, they are a match for most.

The U.13 team was perhaps the unluckiest, though certainly one of the keenest. Only winning one of their matches, they never despaired, but kept going until the final whistle. This is the outstanding quality of all our teams. Their motto might well be "Never say 'die'".

H.W. (MV).

PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

P.E.

As it would be too long to put both the tests, and a list of boys who have passed them, in the same issue of the magazine, it has been decided to put just the tests in this issue, and the successful boys in the next.

Rules:

1. These tests are voluntary. We hope many will try.
2. The tests will take place during normal P.E. classes.
3. Boys must pass the 3rd class test (complete) before going on to 2nd and 1st class.
4. A complete group must be passed when attempted, and *not* in easy stages.
5. A record of passes will be kept and successful boys' names will appear in the Magazine.
6. Judging will be strict—so watch your take-off, landing, actual performance, etc.
7. There is no date or time limit; the entire school year may be used.

3rd Class Tests

Group 1. Groundwork.

- (a) Forward roll.
- (b) Back roll.
- (c) Cartwheel.

Group 2. Horsework.

- (a) *Broad horse.* Through vault.
- (b) *Astride vault.*
- (c) *Side vault.*

Group 3. Rope.

- (a) Using hands and feet — climb to top — feet off and climb down.
- (b) Under grasp, full hang—touch chest to beam three times.

Group 5. Strength.

- (a) Carry boy (fireman's lift) full length of gym and back.

2nd Class Tests

Ground.

- (a) Long dive.
- (b) Head stand.
- (c) Head spring.

Horse.

- (a) Long horse — Astride vault.
- (b) Through vault.
- (c) Broad horse — head spring.

Rope.

- (a) Hands only — climb at least half way.

Beam.

- (a) Balance walk across beam.
- (b) Standing balance.
- (c) Under grasp — full hang — instep to beam three times.

Strength.

- (a) Carry boy (fireman's lift) three times the length of the gym.
- (b) Putt medicine ball at least twenty-five feet.

1st Class Tests

Ground.

- (a) Handspring.
- (b) Ground upstart.
- (c) Ground upstart into headspring.

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Horse.

- (a) Broad horse — Running headspring into forward roll.
- (b) Dive over.
- (c) Long horse — Running bent arm lift.
- (d) Astride vault over sitting boy.

Rope.

- (a) Using two ropes and hand only, climb at least half way.
- (b) Traverse all six ropes using hands only.

Beam.

- (a) Under grasp — full hang — upward circle and back again.
- (b) Balance walk to the middle — turn — walk backwards — turn and down as taught.

Strength.

- (a) Carry boy (fireman's lift) from gym to Monastery and back.

Parallel Bars.

- (a) Free swings to bent arm and over.
- (b) Cat walk.
- (c) Bent arm stand.
- (d) Standing leg cut, i.e. left—right—and then both.

Note: Each phase will be explained and points to watch will be named. If a boy fails in one group, he may have another attempt.

SHOOTING

THE Shooting this term had a very shaky start, mainly because the ranges were under repair for the first three weeks of term. Eventually, however, after about five weeks, the boys set out for their first shoot, high in spirits. As usual, the Serjeant was helpful, but even his hard work could not improve the shooting on this occasion, the highest score being seventy. Morale was considerably lower on the way home! The shooting soon improved, though, and very soon there were a lot of boys getting 80% and over.

The only incident this term was mainly due to curiosity. A boy decided to try the school guns, which, by the way, are not usually used because of their small size. He carefully put a cartridge in the barrel and loaded. Taking careful aim he fired — nothing happened. Not in the least disheartened, he re-loaded and pressed the trigger — silence. Still not disheartened he loaded and again pressed the trigger. There was a flash of light and a hearty puff of smoke as the copper cartridge finally left the barrel.



MACBETH: BANQUET SCENE



MACBETH BRIEFS DUNCAN'S MURDERERS



ASSUMPTION HOUSE FOOTBALL TEAM

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The only comments made were: "Who cleaned the school gun last?" and "It worked!"

Needless to say, the school rifles have not been used since, and we now stick to the army '22, which of course, is reliable and always fires first time. However, if anyone has an old '22 rifle he wants to get rid of, fling it in this direction, please!

The final score was: 1st, Klapper 280, 2nd, Clements 243; 3rd, Dormer (present holder of the cup) 241.

N.B.—Dormer swears he'll catch up with Klapper even if he has to use a school gun on him.

A.F.D. (VA).

FENCING

THIS term fencing was continued by four boys from the Fifth and Sixth forms on Friday evenings after classes. Up till now only the foil has been studied, but just before half-term Mr Upton brought along Sabres and Epées, which he demonstrated how to use and which made a change from the foil. Mr Upton was responsible for the fencing in the production of *Macbeth*. Any reader who saw the play will realize what a marvellous performance Mr Upton managed to produce in the last scene where Macbeth fights to save himself and his crown. It is hoped that next term the boys taking fencing will form a team to enter the Inter-County Fencing Championships.

S.A. (MV).

GOLF

THE school has been sending boys out to St Augustine's Golf Course to learn golf for some time now, and the sport is gradually becoming more and more popular among the Seniors. At the beginning of this term, four more boys were added to the small group already learning under the professional leadership of Paddy Combe. Soon after half-term, much hidden talent was brought to light, and three and four holes a class were being completed with improving success.

This extra is arranged during games, twice a week, and the boys travel to the Golf Course by the East Kent Bus Service. It is hoped that the standard of golf will continue to improve.

S.A. (M.V.).

DANCING

DANCING classes were resumed this term as usual. Mr Stevoni found a few new dancers among his class, mainly from the Upper Fourth.

The dances learnt so far include a variety of classical and modern dances, all taught in the Ballroom Style. Naturally, the first dance learnt and the first to be revised is always the waltz. The quickstep and the slow fox-trot come second. Then, the Ballroom jive and cha-cha-cha take over. Perhaps the most popular are the cha-cha-cha and the Charleston. We have reached a good general standard in all these, and the fruit of the lessons ripens at each dance.

The dances take place with nearby convents, to whom we are thankful. So far we have enjoyed two practice and one formal dance a term. These are arranged by Fr Hugh, whom we must thank for his energetic enthusiasm.

Of course, the social advantage the boys receive from the ability to dance is enormous.

Our thanks must, naturally, go to Mr and Mrs Stevoni, who come over every Saturday afternoon from Canterbury, where they have a dancing school. A.L.U.

THE END OF TERM DANCE

OUR second formal big dance since the classes began was held at the end of the Christmas term, on Saturday, 1st December. We were hosts to girls whom we knew from previous practice dances. It was perhaps this which cast aside our shyness, and produced a memorable and pleasant dance.

The band was a great asset. For this we must thank Christopher Kenny, who recommended the three piece band to us, and of course Fr Hugh, who organized the whole dance.

Refreshments and supper added highlights to our evening's entertainment. The standard of dancing had gone up since the previous practice. The end of term feeling was somehow mingled in, seventeen days early, and the spirit of Christmas also showed its presence in decorations, arranged by Matron. But even the vivid decorations were out-sparkled by the wonderful collection of dresses.

Everyone felt and looked very grown-up. The usual conversational topics of school life and its laughs turned to outside

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subjects. In fact, the dance was the most enjoyable part of the term. One boy was heard to remark "If we had a dance like this every day, school would be a different place". And he was not kidding!

We should like to express our thanks to the Kitchen Staff, without whose help the dance would not have been possible.

A.L.U.

MISCELLANEA

HAMERITIES

The school is fortunate, or unfortunate, to have a mad science master! Mr G. Hamer, M.A., is the dominating figure of the new school laboratories, who will calmly pour half a bottle of concentrated sulphuric acid on the bench, cautioning the class at the same time never to perform this outrageous act themselves, and, when he has burnt an ugly black hole several inches deep in the bench, will face the prospect of being severely reprimanded by the Reverend Headmaster, with dangerous equanimity. Coming to the lab after dinner, he will hastily don his white coat and mutter in monotone: "Sitting down: all bunsens out and take a note. Put away your toys, ludicrous, idiot child. Dizzgusting HUMBUG!" There is a resounding crash of glass and he goes on: "Well done. Go out O'C. . . . Enough stupidity". A little later: "Great Cæsar's Ghost". Or, at a comment: "Very true. Belay that vast writing". (He is ex-navy) "Mix me a conc' and soda". This language is invariably the same every day. It is not unusual to hear him bursting out into reams of naval gibberish, such as: "All hands out of the rig of the day!" "Off the upper deck!" "Afternoon watch to muster!" "Place spitkids!" "Half ahead together!" "Nine zero revolutions on!" "Let go and bear off for'ard!" "All hands to battle stations!"

J.L.V. (IVA).

LOVE

Love; is there one other word that can mean so much? The love of God, of friend, of animal, of oneself and of a girl (in this case).

The something abstract that we cannot put our finger on; the closest definition appears in the Catechism: "To love God is to know, serve and obey Him". This is all very well for God, but what of the love of a friend or animal? It seems to be a state of mind in which you would do anything to help the person you love.

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The love of oneself is something quite different. It is the: "I want the best" attitude which in some people so overrules all the other loves, that the individual becomes vain, conceited, big-headed and selfish. They are disliked because they take all and give nothing. Therefore, love, in its broadest sense, can be described as "giving". The more you are willing to give, the more you will love.

Now we come to the love which in our western society is so closely related to sex. In the east, they are totally different things. Love in their philosophy is something which builds up after marriage; a type of forced loyalty. In the west, however, we come across just the opposite, demonstrated by the well known idiom: "Love at first sight". Some people I know, in the western world, hold the same view as those in the east; namely sex first, love second. I find this view utterly disgusting and an insult to the human intellect. This is why I would like them to explain how it is that I had a girl friend before I knew the "facts of life".

Love, then, can be summed up as a state of mind, arising from the giving of attention, care, patience and material objects from one person to another, but which can only be completely satisfied by the return of these attentions.

P.C. (VA).

THEY ARE AFTER ME

"Milord, I have here the actual record of the story, told to Dr James, by the accused. With your permission I shall play it so the members of the jury may hear it. It proves conclusively that the accused is innocent of the crime with which he is charged".

A brief scuffle follows as the defence prepares a recorder. The accused sits in the dock, elbows on knees, head hanging, an air of gloom enveloping him like smog. Reporters yawn, officials look bored, the judge doodles on the blotting-paper; only the defence seems animated. Eventually all is ready.

"Milord, I will start the machine".

A buzz, then a droning voice . . . "Mr Kevin, are you ready to tell me everything?"

"Yes, yes. I'll tell you.

"It was them. I swore I would get them.

"My mother died three weeks ago of heart attack. The doctor said it was a heart attack, but I knew better. Three years ago my father committed suicide, they drove him to it, so you see it links up: three weeks, three years. They had murdered my mother, I knew it: it was cold blooded murder.

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"I chucked my job as clerk; never did like it, any way, and started to think hard. They weren't getting away with it, this time, they had done enough.

"I sat for a whole week in my mother's bedroom. Dark it was and all still, with her lying on the bed, dead. I vowed never to touch anything in that room again and never to let in daylight. I'd burn it all when I had got them. I'd burn them in that very room, burn them with their victim, my mother.

"I had a gun, the same gun my father shot himself with. They drove him to it, the swine; and now my mother. I'd get them. I'd shoot the lot.

"I packed a bag, put the gun, a .32 automatic (kills quicker), in a shoulder holster and collected all my money—not much. Then I said goodbye to my mother. Have you ever said goodbye to a dead mother?"

"I stared at her body and swore I would spend the rest of my life going after them.

"I left to find a small hotel; my mother would guard the house. It had to be away from the scene of the crime because they wouldn't have the nerve to come back. I'm no fool, I understand people.

"Already they had spies on me. Our milkman had changed. This new one said something about a holiday, but I was not tricked by his lies. Holiday in August some story. No, probably kidnapped or worse. Those swine would do anything.

"I knew they would follow me. Cunning the way they did it. I drove slowly along the bus route to town and sure enough all the way a bus followed me, even missed a stop. When it stopped in front of the hotel I'd chosen, several people got out. They wanted to confuse me, but I spotted their spy.

"He called himself a travelling salesman (of course I knew better), and carried a brief case exactly like my father's. They wanted to unnerve me, but I was calm. We even chattered together. I pretended ignorance, hoping he might let something slip; but he was a cool customer. Anyhow, I had them where I wanted them: following me.

"I'd taken a small room, number 13—obviously the hotel manager was in with them—and it was Friday. The head of the bed faced the door. You couldn't see if anyone entered. I changed that and pushed a chest of drawers in front of the door to block the entrance. They had given me a room with no lock and it overlooked a park—an easy place to watch me from; or even shoot from, with all those bushes.

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"I fooled them. I drew the curtains.

"I ate out; the manager was in league with them and I didn't want to be poisoned. But they were cunning. I ate in a small café, but the waiter was one of them. He spilt water over me hoping to get me to take off my jacket and show the gun. Luckily it went on my trousers. He didn't get a tip.

"I expected them to move soon.

"That night I sat up with the gun. They weren't after a madman, they wouldn't catch *me* asleep.

"I dozed off once and they almost got in, but I was too quick for them.

"There was a tapping at the window. I knew what to expect so I flung a vase, smash! Next morning they found a vase, the cat and some glass on the pavement and kicked up a fuss. But I'm not mad. It had been planted, I knew.

"They were cunning, but I'm not superstitious. The mirror on the wash-stand was dirty so I had to polish it. Oh, so cunning! I touched it and snap. It lay smashed in the basin.

"They wanted to unnerve me. Seven years bad luck for a broken mirror. Ha! ha! I didn't panic. I kept calm. I picked up the bits and, with a scream, flung them at the window. I defied them alright. They admitted defeat. They complained about it later on. Anyhow it showed them I knew. I'm no fool.

"I sat in my room all day smoking and thinking. Nothing morbid, you understand. I went over my mother's death, my father's death, my own future death, what I would do to the swine.

"I ate nothing all day; just smoked and thought.

"Six o'clock they came. The hotel manager was one of them. He knocked.

"You there, Mr Kevin?"

"I didn't reply.

"He tried the door. It came up hard against the chest.

"Christmas. What's the old fool done!" I heard him say. Then:

"Mr Kevin". No reply.

"Open up, old fool". Then he went.

"Peace", I thought. But they came back, three of them; I could tell by the voices.

"They tried the door. Barricaded. They started to hammer and push.

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"Click, I cocked the pistol and stood to the side of the door. I'd catch them as they burst in. Vengeance would be mine. My father, my mother, my life, all ruined by them. But now, vengeance would be mine, vengeance would be mine.

"I clutched the gun. The door shuddered; the chest toppled.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

"Someone screamed "Father! Mother! Life! Vengeance!"

"That's it! That's it!" screamed the accused. Hurriedly two warders escorted him from the court.

The tension relaxed, reporters stopped scribbling and the defence spoke:

"The evidence for insanity seems conclusive".

The Judge nodded slowly.

R.N. (VI).

THE SOCIAL GRACES

Now Ramsgate is another place,
As wit comes first and then comes grace,
As each boy bows, with "after you",
In welcome to a boy who's new.
Note the soap that shines on faces:
See the growing social graces.
And rugger is another game,
"So sorry if I've made you lame,
I really meant to kick the ball
And didn't see you there at all".
Or "take my arm, I threw you chum":
And with what charm they form a scrum!
The centre-forward's frantic prance
Reminds one of the latest dance:
Indeed, some players keep so white,
They're rolled in mud to put them right!
What now wins the highest places
In the school? The social graces!

M.W.

WHISPERING GRASS

He flew alone, high above the others, as he always did.

In the greying light, the sea below was spume scattered in the vicious wind that suddenly tore at his wings; the green emptiness whipped into white and grey anger. Then, as swiftly as it had come, the wind had gone.

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He now banked steeply, sideslipping towards the sea far below. Several feet above the waves he levelled out and sped smoothly along the successive crests and troughs.

He flew on this course for several hours, until he saw the distant haze of land on the horizon. Then he climbed steeply, and the island appeared in the dusk.

He stayed at this height as he crossed the cliff-line, looking down at two others, foolhardy or inexperienced, struggling vainly to clear the vicious draught that played gale like off the cliffs, being swept away downwind to circle for height to fly over the ceaseless wind.

Over the home field, he checked the direction of the wind, dropped gliding, into his customary landing.

Deftly he touched down and folded his wings, ruffling them to settle the feathers before he fell asleep, secure among the other gulls and the whispering grass.

J.C. (V.A.).

THE CROSS

Each morning I shoulder my cross
And groan.
Each evening I lay it aside
And moan
About my rubbed-raw hide.
Then I realized !
My cross is my own, made by my mind :
Bend to pick a stick, think it's a cross
And a cross you'll pick.
Fool !
Lay aside your fancies
(Lay aside your cross !)
Cherish reality !
And shoulder your cross no more ;
Groan no more ; moan no more.

R.N. (VI).

COMMUNITY NOTES

IT IS always something of a blow when members of the Magazine Committee waylay us with a view to obtaining their pound of flesh. They are in a hurry, they say. These notes should have been in ages ago. The only reason why they have not approached us before is that they have been so infernally busy getting everything ready for the press that they have not had

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a moment to get across to see us. And now, in fact, everything *is* ready, with the sole exception of our notes. They assure us that the actual substance of our contribution is a matter of small importance. Anything, in fact will do, as long as it is something and as long as it is quick; indeed it must be in by that evening at latest, otherwise there will be a tragic delay in the appearance of the current number.

All this does not encourage us to delve very deeply into the archives in search of accurate information, but with accommodating readiness we lay aside all our other occupations and scout round patiently for something to say. What has the Community been doing since the Summer holidays? Either nothing of importance or nothing that is printable, for after consulting their diaries and examining their consciences, the Fathers find they have nothing to report. Therefore our readers will have to be content with the rather meagre scraps of information. After all, in a monastery the sensational is rather out of place.

It would take too long to give an account of what is perhaps the most significant event of last year, namely the plan to open a large Secondary School in the coming autumn in the Holy Cross building at Broadstairs. This is, of course, an event of outstanding importance to the whole Catholic Community of Thanet. The board of Governors consists of Father Abbot, Fathers Ethelbert Arnold, Edward Hull, Messrs. Kenneth Chidwick, Reginald Attwell, John Mousdale, Mrs Flynn and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel. This board recently appointed a Headmaster who is a well-known figure to all Thanet Catholics, Mr Kenneth Knight, at present head master of St Gregory's Voluntary Aided School, Margate.

As to the Community itself, we have to record the clothing of four choir novices last term, and also the solemn profession of Dom Columban Cahill on October 30th. It is counted a good year when we can record two solemn professions, one simple profession and four clothings for the Choir, and we do not forget that such a year will not occur again for some time.

An event which must be mentioned here took place at the turn of the year, when Mr Winter showed a full-length film to the Community during one of the Christmas recreations. It was Alec Guinness in "The Lavender Hill Mob", which we found most enjoyable, since for most of us it is very many years since we have had the pleasure of seeing a full-length film. Thank you, Mr Winter! The Noviciate likewise has cause for gratitude. Mr Kenneth Chidwick added yet another item to his inexhaustible supply of generous gifts in giving us a radio-set. We have been urging the necessity of something of the sort for some time, since

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we had been given permission to hear the Sunday afternoon Symphony Concert, but the means of doing so had not so far been forthcoming. However, Mr Chidwick has now made it possible, and we are grateful not only for the set but for the remarkable quality of its tone, for it reproduces perfectly.

We would, in closing, ask the prayers of our readers for the success of the forthcoming retreat on the Religious Life to be given by Fr Cuthbert over Easter. Fr Cuthbert is, of course, the one who is chiefly responsible for getting this magazine into print and correcting the proofs, and we could do worse than to take this opportunity of thanking him for the endless trouble he takes on our behalf.

ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST STEPHEN

SINCE the re-foundation of the Archconfraternity on the Feast of Corpus Christi it has become clearly apparent that its members have gained, and possess now, a growing importance and influence in the life of the School.

There has not yet emerged in the school any recognized standards of right behaviour and conduct and of religious observance, but the Archconfraternity is a ready-made instrument fit and able to act in setting and maintaining high standards by moral influence and good example. The members of the organization are setting the tone of the school.

To perform this function well the Archconfraternity must be severely restricted in numbers and difficult to attain, so that it is prized as a privilege.

Towards the end of last term Fr Hugh, the M.C. and organizer of the guild, defined the purpose and aims of the Archconfraternity. The boys either accepted the responsibility of observing the purposes and aims, or withdrew from the guild. A number of boys thought the conditions too severe for them to uphold, and they resigned. A loyal core was left on which the future Archconfraternity was built: the boys that accepted the conditions were:

P. Murtagh, C. Wolfe, D. Nutt, C. Hallisey, R. Grün, M. Constable; the postulants were: P. Baron, J. Curran, H. Wilshin.

It is important to realize that the first aim of the Archconfraternity is the, "Sanctification of the Altar-Server by teaching him that to serve in the Sanctuary is a great religious privilege, by instructing him in the manner of observing the rites and

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ceremonies of the Church, and by encouraging him to understand the meaning and purpose of the ceremonies in which he takes part".

The training and providing servers for the accomplishment of the Liturgy in the Abbey and School could easily become a mere pre-occupation with the niceties of ceremonial were it not to be the expression of a sincere religious conviction joined with a sincere attempt to live the Christian life as fully as possible.

At the moment the members of the Archconfraternity enjoy two privileges, not as a compensation for the sacrifices membership entails, but as a recognition that such sacrifices are willingly and cheerfully made. The most important privilege is that several boys at a time have dinner at the Monastery with the Abbot. Last term, on the 13th January, C. Wolfe and D. Nutt were thus rewarded for their services during the Christmas holidays: on the occasion of Dom Columban's Solemn Profession the following servers had dinner with the Abbot: M. Constable, C. Hallisey, M. Foley and D. Dewing.

Through ill-health C. Stokes had to leave the school, and members of the Archconfraternity have volunteered to visit him! This typifies the spirit of the organization.

Under the expert guidance of Fr Hugh the Archconfraternity has done invaluable service to the religious life of the school.

D.N. (VI).

OLD AUGUSTINIANS' CRICKET CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

As agreed at last year's A.G.M., the accounts now presented have been prepared for the period from 1st August, 1961, to 30th September, 1962. As all payments relating to this period were made before 30th September, 1962, there is no outstanding expenditure to be brought into the Receipts and Expenditure Account. The creditor in the Balance Sheet amounting to £1 10s. 0d. represents subscriptions collected on behalf of the Society of Old Augustinians which had not been paid over at 30th September, 1962.

Total expenditure for the period amounted to £25 3s. 3d. compared with £38 5s. 3d. for the year to 31st July, 1961. The decrease is due to smaller charges for equipment and stationery, and to the fact that the cost of printing the 1962 fixture cards was

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — For the period 1st August, 1961, to 30th September, 1962

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
C.C.C. Subscription, 1962	1	5	0			
Cuff-Links (for prizes)	11	16	0	2	2	0
A.G.M. Expenses	5	10	0	1	1	0
Equipment	3	13	0	10	0	0
Bank Charges	1	19	0	1	1	0
Room Hire		5	0	1	1	0
Secretarial Expenses	1	15	3	1	1	0
Surplus for Period carried to Accumulated Fund	2	15	3	1	0	0
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	<hr/>			11	12	6
	<hr/>			£28	18	6

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BALANCE SHEET — As at 30th September, 1962

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Accumulated Fund</i>						
Balance at 1st August, 1961	29	8	7			
Add: Surplus for period	2	15	3	21	2	3
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Creditor	1	10	0	2	0	8
	<hr/>			25	13	10
	<hr/>			£33	13	10

I have examined the above accounts and found them to be in accordance with the books and records produced to me.

(Signed) P. L. JAMES, A.C.A.,
26 Dorniton Road,
Croydon, Surrey.

Date: 9th January, 1963.

(Signed) PETER L. RAVEN

Date: 1st January, 1963.

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met by the Hon. Match Secretary. Four pairs of crested cuff-links were purchased at a cost of £11 16s. 0d. for presentation as an O.A. Cricket Club prize. We now hold two pairs which will be presented in 1963 and 1964.

Eight Premium Bonds are held by the club in the name of our President, L. G. Constable Esq. No prizes have been won despite attendance at all draws.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have contributed so handsomely, and by their donations have enabled the club to carry out its programme.
1st January, 1963.

PETER L. RAVEN,
Hon. Treasurer.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 1961.
3. Matters arising from these Minutes.
4. Hon. Secretary's Report for the Season, 1962.
5. Hon. Team Secretary's Report for the Season, 1962.
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th September, 1962.
7. Election of Officers for 1963.

(a) President.	(b) Vice-Presidents.
(c) Hon. Secretary.	(d) Hon. Treasurer.
(e) Hon. Team Secretary.	(f) Hon. Match Secretary.
(g) Captain.	(h) Vice-Captain.
(i) Committee.	
8. Any other business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — DECEMBER, 1962

On behalf of the Committee I have pleasure in submitting my Report for the Season 1962.

The membership of the Club currently stands at 110 — please see attached list below. During the current year your Committee has elected to membership three senior school leavers; and one non-O.A. member, P. Griffith, elected at the last Annual General Meeting.

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It is with great regret that I have to record the death of J. M. Carroll, K.C.S.G., G.C.M., one of your Vice-Presidents for many years. He always regretted that being domiciled in Eire he was unable to take an active part in the Club but nevertheless we are indebted to him for his extreme generosity. A Mass has been said by the Chaplain to the Society and on your behalf a letter written to his relations. May he rest in peace.

I would like to thank Father Abbot, the Headmaster and members of the Staff for their kind hospitality to the Old Augustinians during the weekend of the 8th July on the occasion of the annual match against the school. In 1963 it is proposed to make this fixture on the 30th June. As this will also be the weekend of the Senior School Sports and Junior School Prize Days it is hoped that that many more members will be enticed down to Ramsgate. As you should now be in possession of your 1963 diaries it is hoped that you will make an immediate entry to keep that weekend free. Through the voluntary generosity of boys who are willing to spend two nights under canvas so as to ensure that you sleep in comfort I am promised by the Headmaster that any number of guests can be accommodated. Alternatively if you can only spare the Sunday make sure you come for the lunch, the cricket match and the reception for members of the Community. Wives and children of O.As are of course also welcome.

The O.A. Cricket Prize for 1962 was awarded to Christopher Hallisey.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the success of the Club during the 1962 Season, both on and off the field.

By order of the Committee.

C. H. B. ENNIS,
Hon. Secretary.

LIST OF MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER, 1962

Patrons: Rt Rev. Abbot David Parry, O.S.B., B.A.; Rt Rev. Abbot Anselm Thatcher, O.S.B.; Rev. P. E. Hull, O.S.B.

President: L. G. Constable.

Vice-Presidents: C. J. K. Bisgood; G. L. Carroll, O.B.E.; Major R. A. Cheffins, M.C.; R. J. Horsburgh; Rev. N. Lapworth, O.S.B.; E. J. Pater; Rev. T. Richardson, O.S.B.; Rev. B. Waldron, O.S.B.; D. K. Wells; Col W. E. Wilson, D.S.O., D.L.

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Captain: P. L. Raven.

Vice-Captain: Vacant.

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

Hon. Treasurer: P. L. Raven.

Hon. Team Secretary: B. C. Peers.

Hon. Match Secretary: P. M. J. Wetz.

Committee: D. J. J. Allanson, M. F. Gundry, A. Murphy, F. A. Aung, R. C. Lynch.

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TEAM SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1962 Season was a successful one, full of encouraging features; but even Frank Keating, our resident journalist, would have difficulty in manufacturing an authentic headline for these notes. "Allanson not out on four occasions" might do at a pinch, but it hardly compares with "Swarm of bees attack cricketers" and other scoops of earlier years.

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The results in Peter Raven's second year of captaincy were even better than in 1961, seven matches being won, one drawn and four lost. Two of the defeats were by margins of two runs and five runs respectively, and only Mottingham actually outclassed us. One success was the narrow one against St Augustine's, whose improved standard of play was quite noticeable. With the encouragement of a newly-laid square, it is likely that the School, now a large one, will build a cricket tradition to match all other building activities so evident on all sides. Certainly nothing stands still in that corner of Thanet.

In the other eleven matches that were played (one being scratched by the opposition, and three rained off) the Club was represented by 20 members (including 15 O.As) and six non-members. O.As filled 65 out of 121 places, a percentage of 53.7 (1961, 63.4) which is the lowest in nine years of record-keeping. Frank Aung and Steve Botcherby played in all eleven matches, and the Team Secretary also achieved a maximum attendance, although not always taking a hand in the game. Otherwise, principal support came from Aubrey Balhetchet (10 games); Denis Hopkin, David Allanson and Peter Raven (8); Frank Keating and Roger Segal (7); Jim Kirby, Dick Lynch and Andrew Murphy (5).

Denis, as usual, was the chief architect of our success, taking 26 wickets at less than nine runs apiece, and making one catch — Jenny. After a lightning engagement, he plans to marry in the Autumn of 1970. Early Autumn, however. A successful year was also enjoyed by our Skipper, who became engaged in January, qualified in July and married in October. On top of all this activity it was too much to expect any form with the bat, but he did produce half a century at Beaumont, and was an outstandingly good captain. To Jane and Jenny, Peter and Denis, we offer the most sincere of good wishes. Steve Botcherby was a tower of strength, coming second to Roger Segal in the batting averages, and being, after Denis, the most successful bowler. Six times not out in eleven sorties, he was clearly batting too low. The best innings of the Season was probably Roger Segal's 58 at Ewell. Our old friend Corcoran received, for a time, the respect he expected, but was then suddenly despatched for 28 (including three sixes) in successive overs. Roger's knock, together with a 6 for 37 bowling spell by Denis, gave us a long overdue victory against Old Salesians. Another extremely good innings, which also came at an opportune moment, was the 78 not out played by Tim Higgins against United Dairies. Previously it had been said of Tim that he bowled well at all times and batted well in beer matches. In future, the word milk may be substituted for beer.

If Steve Botcherby was the leading all-rounder, David Allanson, who came third in the batting and fourth in the bowling

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averages, was not far behind. Being in the big time (rugby-wise) may have helped his concentration, for no longer can it be said of him that half his innings consists of taking guard. David figured with Denis Hopkin in two important partnerships; the first a face-saving effort against Mottingham which took us from 28 for 7 to 57 for 8, and the second an undefeated last wicket stand of 44 at Edenbridge, where we had already witnessed a really stylish display of batting by Robin Gundry. Arriving at the wicket when the score was only 47 for 4, Robin made 32 runs in a most attractive manner.

In August we had the pleasure of welcoming back Jim Kirby, just ten years since his previous appearance. Jim, whose career took him to Malaya, left on a high note by rounding off the 1952 season with an innings worth 70 odd. He returned with an even greater flourish, offering the Club not only his own services, but also those of a scorer and telegraphist, both highly skilled. Parental solicitude precluded him from overtaxing these officials, but next May, when they are away at school, things may be different.

Frank Keating hardly comes into the same class of returned wanderer, for his comings and goings are all too frequent. However, it was nice to have him in Europe for a whole Season, and he enjoyed one particularly successful afternoon at Halstead with a "double" (33 runs and 4 for 30) which brought us within an inch of victory. Another visitor was Tony Coombes, first captain of the Club, who supported us on two occasions. Although playing regularly in Hong Kong, he was content to umpire while on leave. Speaking of former skippers, one would like to express deep sympathy to Pat Denvir and his wife on the loss of their young daughter.

As the name Raven is not usually associated, by this generation at least, with the art of bowling, it is a pleasure to record that the Skipper's brother has developed, apparently overnight, into a really useful medium paced bowler. Tony took 1 for 43 in 16 overs against Old Mid-Whitgiftians and 3 for 60 in 17 overs against North London. To have conceded only 103 runs in 33 overs against two of our strongest opponents was an impressive introduction to a previously unsuspected family talent.

Finally, one wishes to thank members for the unflinching consideration and constant helpfulness shown to the official charged with negotiating the attendance of precisely eleven players each Sabbath. Playing for other Clubs on Saturdays, one is shocked by the extreme discourtesy sometimes shown to Team Secretaries — who are seldom in it for the money. But then, of course, only top people play for the O.As, which, itself, may not be a coincidence.

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May 13	O.As 133 for 6 (Segal 58) Old Salesians 97 (Hopkin 6 for 37)	<i>Won</i>
.. 20	O.As 162 for 4 (P. Raven 50; Segal 46 n.o.) Beaumont 2nd XI 76	<i>Won</i>
June 3	St Benedict's School 78 (Hopkin 4 for 23) O.As 81 for 5 (Balhetchet 31)	<i>Won</i>
.. 10	O.As 70 Mottingham 71 for 3	<i>Lost</i>
.. 24	Douai 128 for 6 O.As 100 for 9 (Ennis 31)	<i>Drawn</i>
July 8	Abbey School 100 for 8 (Pattinson 5 for 23) O.As 101 for 7	<i>Won</i>
.. 22	O.As 168 for 9 (Aung 44; Botcherby 42) Wimbledon College 77	<i>Won</i>
Aug. 12	Halstead 104 (Botcherby 5 for 49); Keating 4 for 30) O.As 102 (Keating 32)	<i>Lost</i>
Aug. 19	O.As 167 for 9 (Allanson 37 n.o.; R. Gundry 32) Edenbridge 65 (Hopkin 6 for 31)	<i>Won</i>
Sep. 2	Old Mid-Whitgiftians 112 (Higgins 5 for 36) O.As 107	<i>Lost</i>
.. 9	O.As 174 for 7 (Higgins 78 n.o.) United Dairies 157 (Higgins 4 for 66)	<i>Won</i>
.. 16	North London 110 for 7 (Hopkin 4 for 40) O.As 72	<i>Lost</i>

Won 7; Lost 4; Drawn 1.

O.A. NEWS

Dear Fr Bernard,

I write, somewhat belatedly, to let you know that I am now in Canterbury having left London, since last we met at a Committee Meeting, for the quieter realms of this "holy city" and a career in Chartered Accountancy. I have now spent eight weeks in my new surroundings and I can say with confidence that I have settled down. As yet I have been unable to visit Ramsgate: one planned visit to Fr Edward had to be called off as 'flu caught me on the wrong foot. I hope to pop over soon however.

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You may be interested to learn that Arthur is now at "Ladycross", in Seaford, and appears to have settled there fairly happily. I sincerely hope he finds his feet there and manages to pursue his studies in earnest. Neil, the second eldest, sits his mature Matric exams in Sydney, Australia, this November and we are hoping to see him reading Geology shortly afterwards.

I look forward to setting foot — for the first time — on your "territory" in the near future!

With kindest regards,

OWEN M. MURPHY.

Capt. C. M. Wilmot (1945), of the Royal Sussex Regiment, won the Army Squash Racquets Championship.

M. Crowley (1955) passed out from Britannica R.N.C. Dartmouth in December. He also played in the Old Gregorians XV against an Allcomers team raised to celebrate the 50th anniversary of rugby at Downside.

L. T. Dillon Fitzgibbon (1938) who wrote recently to the Secretary of the Society has been presented with a daughter.

David Allanson (1953) played in two English Rugby trials as well as several other representative matches.

Dom Francis Stevenson (1946) has been appointed Editor of the Ampleforth Journal; amongst other things he is teaching Russian. His brother Quentin (1948) has been touring overseas with the Old Vic Company.

Charles Hodgson (1942) continues the St Augustine's dramatic tradition and his name appears frequently in the titles of TV productions.

J. Mackenzie (1951) got his fencing "Blue" at Oxford and won his épée fight in the Varsity match.

NOTE

V. G. Baker (O.A.) has changed his address to: 74 Iverna Court, London, W.8. Tel.: WESTern 2159.

We congratulate Richard Leggott and Martin Murray (O.As) on their engagements and coming marriages.

The following boys have been accepted by Public Schools: Ampleforth, A. Debenham, A. Markus; Downside, A. Durcan; Douai, E. Wright.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following school magazines: The Howardian, The Milner Court Chronicle, The Ampleforth Journal, The Corbie, The Stonyhurst Magazine, The St John Fisher Magazine, The Belmont Magazine, The Raven, The Ratcliffian, The Porian.

COMING EVENTS

- Thur. 24 Jan. Boarders return.
Fri. 25 Jan. Term begins.
Sat. 16 Feb. Half-term begins.
Fri. 25 Jan. Half-term ends.
Fri. 1 Mar. St David. Half Holiday.
Thur. 21 Mar. St Benedict. Whole Holiday.
Tues. 9 Apr. Term ends.
Wed. 10 Apr. Boarders go home.

