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## Editorial

MANY are the contributory causes which justify so startling an innovation in the "lay-out" of our School Magazine as the prefixing to the school notes of an article by the Editor. To begin with, this issue chronicles the long-foreseen retirement of the Rt. Rev. Dom T. E. Egan, O.S.B., as a *fait accompli* and the election and installation of Dom Adrian Taylor, O.S.B., M.C., M.A., as second Abbot of St. Augustine's. To the former we express, on behalf of all connected with the School, our gratitude for all the zeal with which during a long and active life-time he has assisted the welfare of the School as Prefect, Headmaster and Abbot, and our sincere wishes that he may enjoy the rest and freedom which has come to him in the autumn of his life. To the latter we extend a welcome the more sincere in that we are convinced that his higher office will not prevent him from continuing, like his revered predecessor, to show a practical and directing influence over us from the abbatial throne. Abbot Taylor is succeeded as Headmaster by Dom David Parry, O.S.B., B.A., an old boy of the School.

This issue completes the third volume of our New Series, begun in 1922 under the able editorship of Father Bede. With the new volume we shall change the somewhat cumbrous title of this publication. We are desirous at the same time of improving it, as far as possible, while retaining its present distinctive features, and we are anxious to secure the co-operation of our readers to that end. In particular we appeal for a new design for our cover and title page, which strikes so many of us as somewhat jejune. Here is an opportunity for the display of the artistic talent dormant, we are sure, in many of our readers. Any other suggestions for the betterment of our Magazine will be cordially welcomed and sympathetically considered, but none more than actual drawings or articles for publication. Send along your ideas and we will do the rest. The School Magazine Editor depends on free-will offerings of his subscribers more than any other person in the world, and he is astonished at the "modest stillness and humility" which flourishes all unsuspectingly in twentieth-century Britain. No wonder at times his efforts to produce a readable magazine are laboured and monotonous.

It would be interesting to receive a series of reminiscences of Old Boys of their schooldays at Ramsgate covering the whole of its history down to the present time. It would be interesting to hear more connected accounts of the wanderings of our more adventurous alumni and their doings, if possible from their own pens. It would be interesting at times to be able to print some judgments on public persons and events of our own times as seen by men of the Benedictine tradition and Augustinian training. Now O.A.'s get out your fountain pens and wipe off the rust! "Do noble things—not dream them all day long."

It would not be out of place here to refer to a brilliant contemporary whose gifted and assiduous editor (he is also compositor, printer, office-boy and chief contributor) suffers in like fashion to ourselves—only more so—from the inertia of his readers (and non-readers). We refer to *The Cricket Chronicle*. In spite of the forced abandonment of outside matches, Fr. Oswald managed to produce three excellent numbers full of interesting records and useful articles on this most sporting of English games. His venture deserves more support both in the way of subscriptions and contributions than it has received, and we trust that the apathy of Augustinian cricketers, past and present, will not deter Fr. Oswald from persevering with his journalistic labours next year.

Every year as Prize Day comes round, a number of parents express their regret that their son's (or sons') imminent departure for his (or their) public School threatens to cut those bonds of friendship and mutual interest which have grown during the years linking them to St. Augustine's: its staff, boys and "parents." It has been suggested on more than one occasion that some association of "parents" and "ex-parents" should be formed whereby those whose acquaintance has ripened into friendship by a common interest in the School might continue to meet—occasionally at any rate—to revive happy memories of meetings at St. Augustine's. This seems to us an excellent idea, supplementing the Society of Old Augustinians, and any steps taken in this direction by parents of Augustinians or O. A.'s will be welcomed by the School and monastic authorities with consideration and co-operation.

## School Notes

FIVE new boys arrived when the School reassembled on April 26th, namely, R. A. Kelly, B. A. Kelly, J. P. Odone, A. C. J. Townsend and R. M. Vivian. One more new boy, J. S. Paine, came on June 1st, so that we finished the school year 1933-1934 with the record total of 85 boys.

Tuesday May 1st was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Egan's assumption of the abbacy of St. Augustine's. The happy event was celebrated *en famille* on May 3rd, when monks and boys took luncheon together in the school refectory. The only guest was the Bishop of Southwark, whose kindly gesture in journeying to Ramsgate especially for this occasion was deeply appreciated. After the luncheon Father Prior conveyed to Father Abbot the congratulations and good wishes of his community and concluded by reading a telegram from the Holy Father in which the apostolic benediction was bestowed on the jubilarian. A short address from the boys was then read by Stickland as Captain of the School, and the Bishop of Southwark and Bishop Thompson followed with speeches of felicitation. In his reply Father Abbot dwelt on the long period of service it had been his privilege to devote to the welfare of the School and the Abbey and expressed his hope and confidence that God would continue to bless both institutions in the future as He had done so signally in the past. The proceedings closed with the singing of *Ad multos annos*, and a half-holiday was granted to the boys.

The Ticket Feria, postponed from May 3rd, was given on May 9th. Thirteen boys gained it.

The following day being the feast of the Ascension, there was a general half-holiday.

The Whitsun weekend provided us with ideal weather for the Sports and the Past v. Present Cricket Match. For details of both these events we refer our readers to other pages of this Magazine. Here it will suffice to say that everything went off without a hitch and that the light-hearted gaiety which prevailed gave no indication of the storm soon to burst upon our devoted heads.

The first warning of the storm—a cloud no bigger than a man's hand—rose above the horizon a fortnight later, when a very suspicious pigmentation was noticed on a very small boy's chest. The

Doctor, hurriedly summoned, found no difficulty in pronouncing the fatal word *measles*. The rest of the term consisted of frantic attempts on the part of the School authorities to dodge the full fury of the storm—with what success the sequel will show.

St. Augustine's Day was transferred to May 28th this year. After assisting at Pontifical High Mass the boys had an early dinner and then embussed for Sturry Woods, where a long and frolicsome afternoon was spent. Only three days later came the Corpus Christi half-holiday, which was devoted to the more disciplined recreation of cricket, as also was the afternoon of SS. Peter and Paul's day a month later.

From the first appearance of the measles all cricket fixtures with outside teams were of course suspended *sine die*, and for the rest of the term, like the marooned travellers on the desert island who lived by taking in one another's washing, the members of the elevens were reduced to playing among themselves. Many happy expedients for promoting rivalry were hit upon by Father Oswald, and it is due almost wholly to his resourcefulness and unconquerable enthusiasm that interest in the game was maintained among the boys to the end of a very long term.

A nightmare which faced the producers of the play for Prize Day was the possibility of one or more of the leading actors retiring with measles on the eve of the performance. To proceed or not to proceed became the question of the hour. In 1928 we had in similar circumstances chosen the prudent course and abandoned the play; and the event had justified our decision, for in that year the measles had decimated our cast by the time Prize Day arrived. But in the year of grace 1934 we were made of sterner stuff. We decided to burn our boats. The Juniors were rigidly isolated from the rest of the School, in the hopes of confining the epidemic to them, rehearsals were feverishly proceeded with, and in due time the costumes were ordered, (cash with order).

When a selection of parents came down on July 16th for the Parents' Match they found themselves obliged to conform to the rigid separation which had been established between the Seniors and the Juniors. Parents of Seniors sat with their boys on the pavilion side of the field, while parents of Juniors had to be content with deck chairs (and their boys) in the neighbourhood of the London Road. We cannot acknowledge too warmly the under-

standing and tactful spirit in which the parents accommodated themselves to this somewhat inhospitable reception. We think the gold medal should go to the parents who happened to have sons in both camps and were thus obliged to practise the difficult art of bilocation.

On the evening of the Parents' Match our second batch of cases began to occur, and within a few days we were faced with the fact that the measles-germ had comfortably leapt the *cordon sanitaire* and had infected two Seniors. Once more the producers of the play put to themselves the question "to proceed or not to proceed?" Once more they decided to proceed.

The next batch of cases was expected in the week immediately preceding Prize Day. They arrived punctually, and one of the first victims proved to be a minor member of the cast. Throughout the following days the producers could be seen constantly casting furtive glances at the complexions of the leading players. A substitute was easily found for a minor part, but if the King or the Prince or Falstaff went down what exactly would be done? No one seemed prepared to give an answer to this fortunately hypothetical question.

The Dress Rehearsal duly took place on July 4th and there were still no gaps in the cast. On the following day the first public performance, in aid of the Ramsgate Crèche, was carried through successfully—from the financial as well as the dramatic point of view, for as a result of our efforts we were able to hand over to charity £10-19-10. Then followed a tense forty-eight hours till the arrival of Prize Day.

Prize Day dawned with our cast still intact. Brilliant sunshine favoured the reception on the lawn, and the proceedings at the distribution of prizes derived an additional interest from the presence on the platform of our first Old Augustinian M.P.—Mr. Pierce Loftus. The Abbot presided and in his opening address—the last, as he reminded us, that he would deliver as Abbot of St. Augustine's—formulated for us an educational creed which should serve as an inspiration to all who come after him. "We Benedictines," he said, "aim not at cultivating mere cleverness in our boys, but at building up their characters on the basis of the Christian virtues." After the Headmaster had read his report, which unfolded a story of continued progress and ended with a parable for parents,

the prizes were distributed by the Abbot, and then Mr. Loftus addressed the boys on their responsibilities in this modern chaotic world as Catholic citizens and alumni of St. Benedict.

After tea had been served on the lawn the long-prepared performance of Henry the Fourth Part II was duly given. We will leave it to our dramatic critic to give on another page the impression created on the audience by this performance. We will confine ourselves to saying that we were more than satisfied with the acting of all the characters and that the three leading rôles, the King, the Prince and Falstaff, whose defection at the last moment would have ruined the play, surpassed all expectations—including their own—and well deserved their share of the tumultuous applause with which this memorable evening closed. We had produced the play in spite of the measles.

Early the following morning Falstaff retired to the sanatorium handsomely decorated with spots.

Prize Day being over, things were allowed to take their course. The *cordon sanitaire*, having ceased to fulfil any useful purpose, had already been raised, and the Seniors now asked themselves who would, and who would not, miss the exams through measles. Some of the more studious ones timed their attack so as to be able to return from the sanatorium just in time for the examinations. Other more knowing ones managed to make their visit to the sanatorium coincide with examination week. But we cannot withhold a public commendation of the six really conscientious boys who waited till they had finished the examinations before catching the measles and thus allowed their devotion to duty to deprive them of the early part of their holidays.

On Thursday July 12 a special holiday was given in celebration of the success of Maguire *mi* and Stickland in gaining scholarships at Beaumont and Douai respectively. The afternoon was spent in watching a performance of the Ramsgate Pageant at Ellington Park.

The second Jubilee Scholarship of £20 a year for two years, awarded by Father Abbot on the results of an examination held in July, was gained by John Skinner.

The result of the Preparatory Schools Spelling Competition came through just at the end of the term. It showed St. Augustine's second on the list for the year. We can console ourselves for not heading the list with the thought that we are at any rate first in England, for the School which came out top is situated beyond the Tweed.

The final Thursday of the term saw us all at Perry Wood enjoying the Abbot's Feria. The weather was good and we found the water laid on, so that we were not forced to repeat last year's feat of drinking all the mineral water in the neighbourhood and thereafter going thirsty.

The morning of Saturday July 28th was occupied with Marks and Places, the Sunday evening found us singing the Te Deum for God's blessings during the past year, and on Monday morning Ramsgate saw the last of us for eight weeks (with the exception of the self-sacrificing stalwarts in the sanatorium, already mentioned). So ended an eventful term.

## PRIZE LIST

- THE SOUTHWELL MEDAL for General Proficiency and Good Conduct: Anthony STICKLAND  
THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S PRIZE for Religious Knowledge: Derek MAGUIRE  
THE ALCOCK MEMORIAL PRIZE for an English Essay: Kevin ASPPELL  
2nd PRIZE: Anthony O'REILLY  
*Honourable Mention*: John SKINNER, Michael SLATTERY  
THE CECIL KELLY MEMORIAL PRIZE for an Historical Essay: Charles WALDRON  
THE OLD AUGUSTINIANS' PRIZE for Modern Languages and Physical Science (£5): Divided between Derek MAGUIRE and Charles WALDRON  
THE MACKENZIE PRIZE for General Knowledge: Derek MAGUIRE  
THE HENRION PRIZE for History and Geography (£5): Derek MAGUIRE  
THE RUSSELL-EYNARD PRIZE for Latin and French (Middle School): Philip BOYD.  
THE MAJOR McCLEESH PRIZE for Elocution: 1st Prize—Charles WALDRON. 2nd Prize—Thomas WILSON  
Prize for Latin and French (Lower Middle School), presented by Miss H. M. Roe: David SULMAN.  
Prizes for English and Arithmetic (Upper Junior School), presented by B. Hubert, Esq.: English—Anthony WALLACE. Arithmetic—Keith SCANLAN  
Prize for Mathematics: Patrick MULLALLY

Prize for Drawing: Antony RABBIT  
1st Prize for Music, presented by the Abbot: Derek MAGUIRE  
2nd Prize for Music, presented by F. J. Bodilly, Esq.: Brian HILL, Anthony MCMANEMY

*Honourable Mention*: Dennis CARROLL

Associated Board R.A.M. and R.C.M. School Examination Certificate for Pianoforte:

*Preliminary*: Peter CONRATH

*Primary*: Kevin ASPELL, Vincent BAKER, Dennis CARROLL, Denys COLLIER, Thomas WILSON  
Violin: Jack MUNRO

*Elementary*: Derek MAGUIRE, Anthony O'REILLY

*Transitional*: Patrick CARROLL, Richard PEARSON

*Higher Division*: Brian HILL

DILIGENCE PRIZES: Philip BOYD, Peter CONRATH, Derek MAGUIRE, Alexander NICOLL, Charles WALDRON

THE BEN WHEELER MEMORIAL CUP for the best Junior Boy of the Year: Jean-Claude DUBOIS

THE STANLEY-CARY SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL for all-round excellence in Games: Patrick BRADY

THE ROCHFORD CHALLENGE SHIELD AND SILVER MEDAL for Physical Culture: Peter WHITE

THE HUMPHRISS SILVER CHALLENGE CUP for Proficiency in Dancing: Robert HEWITT

THE HAVENITH CHALLENGE CUP for Flat Racing: Alexander NICOLL

CHALLENGE CUP FOR SHOOTING: Anthony STICKLAND

" " ATHLETICS: Won by the Whites

" " BOXING: Won by the Blacks

THE WELLS CHALLENGE CUP for Cricket: Won by the Whites

THE à BECKET SILVER MEDAL for the Heavy-weight Boxing Championship: Patrick BRADY

THE MORRELL SILVER MEDAL for the Middle-weight Boxing Championship: Robert HEWITT

THE ABBOT'S SILVER MEDAL for the Light-weight Boxing Championship: Michael WETZ

THE PRANGNELL CHALLENGE CUP for the Junior Boxing Championship: Philip PENSABENE

THE OLD AUGUSTINIANS' PRIZE BATS: Alexander NICOLL, Anthony O'NEILL

Form Prizes awarded at the end of the term:—

<i>Lower IV</i>	A. NICOLL.
<i>Upper III</i>	P. CHINA, M. S. WILLIAMS, P. BOYD.
<i>Lower III</i>	D. SULMAN.
<i>Form II</i>	K. SCANLAN.
<i>Form I</i>	P. SOLLOM.

## DEPARTURES

K. J. ASPELL. Came April 1931. Alcock Memorial Prize 1934. Associated Board Certificate for Pianoforte, Preliminary 1932, Primary 1934. Two Gentlemen of Verona (Courtier) 1932, All's Well that Ends Well (Gentleman) 1933, Henry IV Part II (Archbishop) 1934. Left for Beaumont July 1934.

A. J. BOYD. Came September 1929. Drawing Prize 1933. Rugby XV 1933, 1934 (Colours 1934). Cricket XI 1933, 1934. Two Gentlemen of Verona (2nd Outlaw) 1932, All's Well that Ends Well (Countess of Roussillon) 1933, Henry IV Part II (Falstaff) 1934. Captain of the Blacks 1933-4. Left for Ampleforth July 1934.

P. J. BRADY. Came May 1928. Ben Wheeler Cup 1930. Russell-Eynard Prize 1932. Rugby XV 1933, 1934 (Colours 1934). Cricket XI 1933, 1934. à Becket Heavyweight Boxing Medal 1934. Stanley-Cary Bowl 1934. Midsummer Night's Dream (Fairy) 1930, Henry IV Part I (Francis) 1931, Two Gentlemen of Verona (Speed) 1932, All's Well that Ends Well (Clown) 1933, Henry IV Part II (Lord Bardolph and Shallow) 1934. Left for Ampleforth July 1934.

L. P. CHINA. Came January 1931. Form Prize 1934. Associated Board Certificate for Pianoforte, Preliminary 1932, Primary 1932, Elementary 1934. Henry IV Part II (Bullcalf) 1934. Left for Beaumont July 1934.

J. F. B. HILL. Came September 1928. Form Prize 1930. Second Prize for Music 1930. First Prize for Music 1931. First Prize for Music 1932. Goulden and Wind Prize (First in Thanet) for Music 1932. First Prize for Music 1933. Second Prize for Music 1934. Associated Board Certificate for Pianoforte, Primary (with Distinction) 1931, Elementary 1932, Lower Division (with Hon. Mention) 1933, Higher Division 1934. Henry IV Part II (Wart) 1934. Left for Ampleforth July 1934.

D. P. MAGUIRE. Came September 1929. Form Prize 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933. Diligence Prize 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934. Ben Wheeler Cup 1931. Cecil Kelly Second Prize 1932. Cecil Kelly Prize 1933. Bishop of Southwark's Prize 1934' Mackenzie Prize 1934. Henrion Prize 1934. Old Augustinians' Prize 1934. Beginners' Music Prize 1931. Second Prize for Music 1932, 1933. First Prize for Music 1934. Associated Board Certificate for Pianoforte, Primary 1932, Elementary 1933, Grade III (with Hon. Mention) 1934. Midsummer Night's Dream (Fairy) 1930. Left for Beaumont with a scholarship of £50 a year July 1934.

P. MAGUIRE. Came September 1928. Form Prize 1929. Rugby XV 1933, 1934 (Colours 1934). Left for Beaumont July 1934.

- P. T. MULLALLY. Came September 1929. Form Prize 1931. Diligence Prize 1932. Cecil Kelly Second Prize 1933. Mathematics Prize 1934. Rugby XV 1934. Henry IV Part II (Warwick) 1934. Left for Clongowes July 1934.
- J. MUNRO. Came May 1929. Diligence Prize 1930. Associated Board Certificate for Violin (Primary) 1934. Rugby XV 1933, 1934. Cricket XI 1932, 1933, 1934. O.A. Bat 1932, 1933. Havenith Medal 1933. Two Gentlemen of Verona (Lord) 1932, All's Well that Ends Well (Lord) 1933. Left for Ampleforth July 1934.
- C. A. J. NICOLL. Came September 1933. Form Prize 1934. Diligence Prize 1934. Rugby XV 1933. Cricket XI (Captain) 1934. Victor Ludorum 1934. Havenith Medal 1934. O.A. Bat 1934. Sutcliffe Bat 1934. Henry IV Part II (King and Northumberland) 1934. Left for Douai July 1934.
- B. H. J. A. O'REILLY. Came September 1930. Alcock Memorial Second Prize 1934. Associated Board Certificate for Pianoforte, Preliminary 1932, Primary 1932, Elementary 1934. Henry IV Part II (Clarence and Morton) 1934. Left for Downside July 1934.
- H. P. PARKS. Came May 1930. Absent in S. America 1931-2. Henry IV Part II (Porter) 1934. Left for Ampleforth July 1934.
- R. F. PEARSON. Came May 1930. Form Prize 1931. Associated Board Certificate for Pianoforte, Elementary 1933, Transitional 1934. Henry IV Part I (Soldier) 1931, Two Gentlemen of Verona (Host) 1932, All's Well that Ends Well (1st Soldier) 1933, Henry IV Part II (Pistol) 1934. Left for Beaumont July 1934.
- A. J. STICKLAND. Came September 1929. Major McCleesh (Senior) Prize 1933. Southwell Medal 1934. Rugby XV 1932, 1933, 1934 (Captain and Colours 1934). Cricket XI 1933, 1934. Prangnell Junior Boxing Cup 1930. à Becket Heavy-weight Boxing Medal 1933. Rochford Medal 1933. Shooting Cup 1933, 1934. Midsummer Night's Dream (Courtier) 1930, Henry IV Part I (Blunt) 1931, Two Gentlemen of Verona (Silvia) 1932, All's Well that Ends Well (Helena) 1933, Henry IV Part II (Prince) 1934. Captain of the Whites 1933-34. Left for Douai with a scholarship of £60 a year July 1934.
- J. WALLACE. Came March 1933. Henry IV Part II (Courtier) 1934. Left for Ampleforth July 1934.

- P. E. WHITE. Came May 1928. Rugby XV 1934 (Colours 1934). Cricket XI 1934. Abbot's Light-weight Boxing Medal 1932. Rochford Medal 1934. Prize for Fielding 1934. Henry IV Part II (Shadow) 1934. Left for Wimbledon July 1934.
- J. C. WILLIAMS. Came September 1930. Form Prize (Second) 1932. Russell-Eynard Prize 1933. Major McCleesh (Junior) Prize 1933. All's Well that Ends Well (1st Lord) 1933, Henry IV Part II (Lord Chief Justice) 1934. Left for Douai July 1934.
- M. H. E. WILLIAMS. Came September 1933. Rugby XV 1933. Cricket XI 1934. Left for Douai July 1934.

## The Present Generation

### THE IDEAL SCHOOL

WHENEVER one has a friend in to tea, and he brings along his twelve-year-old son to keep him company, the latter's description of life at his prep school seems to vie with a convict's description of his prison. He gives vivid examples of the inedibility of the food, of the strictness of the discipline, and of the injustice of the masters. And yet, despite this, he seems to be thoroughly contented. Like people at the other extreme of age, he delights in grumbling. If we sift this heap of evidence, however, we will find that there are certain flaws in the running of the school. The ideal school has not yet been opened, and never will be, but a few suggestions for improving schools will not be useless.

To begin with, let us take the primary object of schools—teaching. In nearly every case, the amount of teaching, and the quality of the learning depend on the master. Some masters are exceedingly methodical, always managing to teach the most obstinate boy something, being strict, but not tyrannical. Other masters take interest only in teaching one thing in about three weeks, long after the boys have learnt it, and making them detest it. Others again, too lenient with the more boisterous of their pupils, succeed only in teaching a few of the more earnest boys, while those who do not want to work do not. All these three classes are found in schools, and yet they all become schoolmasters by passing the same examination. Surely it is not enough for a schoolmaster to have a certain amount of knowledge? It is much more important to be able to impart one's knowledge to others.

Lessons are not, however, the only thing in a schoolboy's life. Sport and recreation also figure largely in his time-table. The

second is, sometimes, swallowed up almost entirely by the first. A boy may have to go out and play cricket during his recreation. If he enjoys the game, this is quite fair, for then it is recreation, but if he prefers to play some other game or to read, it is no more than a drudgery and is no longer recreation. If a boy is to be allowed to enjoy his leisure hours, he should surely be given a choice in the matter.

In many schools, the food is an eternal subject of contention. The boys complain that the potatoes are hard, that the water is contaminated, that the eggs are bad, and so on. Surely it would not be difficult to remedy this. Plain, good, wholesome food is cheap and necessary. It is as harmful to give a boy some cheap soup for supper, made from the residue of the midday meal, as it is to stuff him with pastries. For one thing, this harms the constitution, and for another, a boy needs something substantial to "keep him going" during the night. A small piece of cold meat and two thick slices of bread would be ideal.

Although a schoolboy welcomes a break in the daily routine, the frequent repetition of these can be too much of a good thing. The repeated interruption of a boy's studies may prevent him from passing an important examination. This, of course, can happen only to a boy who has not a very great determination to work. Four half-holidays during the term can be very harmful, but two whole holidays at the end can be harmless and much more enjoyable. Thus, despite the changes they have recently undergone, our schools are not yet perfect, but they fulfil an object which the boy sometimes does not realise—it prepares him to work for a living and to be independent of others.

D. P. MAGUIRE

### The School Play

King Henry the Fourth	...	...	A. NICOLL
Henry, Prince of Wales	...	...	A. STICKLAND
Thomas, Duke of Clarence	...	...	A. O'REILLY
John of Lancaster	...	...	A. McMANEMY
Earl of Gloucester	...	...	A. O'NEILL
Earl of Warwick	...	...	P. MULLALLY
Earl of Westmoreland	...	...	M. EUGSTER
Lord Chief Justice	...	...	J. WILLIAMS
His Servant	...	...	M. COOMBES
Earl of Northumberland	...	...	A. NICOLL
Archbishop of York	...	...	K. ASPPELL

Lord Mowbray	...	...	...	...	D. CARROLL
Lord Hastings	...	...	...	...	P. BOYD
Lord Bardolph	...	...	...	...	P. BRADY
Sir John Colville	...	...	...	...	L. MARSH
Travers	...	...	...	...	B. CARTER
Morton	...	...	...	...	A. O'REILLY
Messenger	...	...	...	...	H. PARKS
Sir John Falstaff	...	...	...	...	A. BOYD
His Page	...	...	...	...	C. WALDRON
Bardolph	...	...	...	...	M. WILLIAMS
Pistol	...	...	...	...	R. PEARSON
Poins	...	...	...	...	T. WILSON
Shallow	...	...	...	...	P. BRADY
Silence	...	...	...	...	A. RABBIT
Davy	...	...	...	...	M. COOMBES
Mouldy	...	...	...	...	T. WILSON
Shadow	...	...	...	...	P. WHITE
Wart	...	...	...	...	B. HILL
Feeble	...	...	...	...	M. COOMBES
Bullcalf	...	...	...	...	P. CHINA
Porter	...	...	...	...	H. PARKS
First Ambassador	...	...	...	...	T. WILSON
Lords, Soldiers, Attendants, etc.	: R. HEWITT, T. SCRIVENER, K. VINER, J. WALLACE, M. H. WILLIAMS.				

Scene I	-	-	-	Before Northumberland's Castle
Scene II	-	-	-	London, a street
Scene III	-	-	-	The Archbishop's palace
Scene IV	-	-	-	London, a street
Scene V	-	-	-	The King's palace: Jerusalem Chamber
Scene VI	-	-	-	Before Shallow's house
Scene VII	-	-	-	Gaultree Forest
Scene VIII	-	-	-	Another part of the forest
INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES				
Scene IX	-	-	-	The King's Palace: Jerusalem Chamber
Scene X	-	-	-	The King's bedroom
Scene XI	-	-	-	Before Shallow's house
Scene XII	-	-	-	The King's palace
Scene XIII	-	-	-	London, a public place
Epilogue	-	-	-	The King's palace

With great restraint we refrain from mentioning the fate which overhung the performance of the play and the cause thereof, beyond saying that the results fully justified the gamble taken with whatever deity presides over little boys' health. Not only relatively to the difficulty of this particular production, but absolutely, the play was a resounding success. King Henry the Fourth, Part II, centres round the well-known episode of young Harry's private assumption

of the Crown before his father's death, and it speaks well for Stickland's histrionic abilities that he succeeded in persuading us that his "conversion," if a trifle priggish, was thoroughly sincere. Nicoll as Henry IV played his part of the dying monarch exceedingly well and the regal dukes and courtiers effectively supported their royal leaders. Of these, O'Reilly, as Thomas, Duke of Clarence, deserves particular mention for his clarity: every word he uttered *told*. J. Williams as Lord Chief Justice was perhaps a little too tart and — to use an Americanism — snappy.

But, as ever, it is Sir John Falstaff and his minions that bulk largest in the memory. Waldron as the stout knight's page had a minor part but excellently did he fill it. And how! (to use another Americanism). Wilson, we know, could fool on the edge of a roaring volcano, give him half a chance, and immediately Hill appears on a stage, the audience at once sets up a delighted roar of appreciative laughter; but who would have suspected White of being a George Robey in disguise — as Shadow — or have anticipated that China had the power to act the part, as he has the figure, of a Bullcalf? And finally, that perfection of clowns, Rabbit. Of course one who has travelled to Hong-Kong and Singapore, who has pitched his tent in a dozen naval dockyards (if one may mix one's metaphors in the exhilaration of the moment) may be expected to know something about it, but really his thoughtless inebriation on the announcement of Harry V's accession was excruciatingly funny. And Brer Rabbit was still funny the morning after! P. Brady, of course, filled his part to perfection.

It is impossible to rank these excellencies in any order of merit. Suffice it to say that they rendered the whole performance a most delightful entertainment: the actors of the minor parts left free the centre of the stage for the principal characters, who in their turn nobly fulfilled our highest expectations. A. Boyd (Falstaff) and Aspell (Archbishop of York) deserve particular commendation for the improvement on their last year's standard of enunciation; the latter still looked dyspeptic but that is surely a pardonable fault in an ecclesiastic!

Try as one might, it would be impossible to criticize the mounting and lighting this year. True, we had no camp-fires and moonlit glades, but each scene was perfectly lighted, with no shadows over the performers' faces whatever their headgear or their position. Yes, *malgré moi*, this year's play gets a first-class certificate even from that carping critic —

SPECTATOR

## Athletics and Games

CRICKET—1934.

An outbreak of measles early in June put an end to all school matches for the rest of the term, and only four of the fourteen fixtures arranged were played. Of these we won two (including a well-earned victory over the Parents), lost one (against the O.A.'s), and drew one. Five of last year's team were available again, but some of them seemed to have gained nothing by experience and the new-comers added considerably to the strength of the side. As an all-round XI it was probably the best we have had since 1931.

The batting varied greatly and was inconsistent, though it improved as the season went on. Munro would have made more runs if he had shown more restraint, while others, on the contrary, failed through lack of confidence. Nicoll, relying on a good eye, played some useful innings, and—of more importance than success in batting—he set an excellent example as captain in the matter of fielding and was never lacking in enterprise. Williams, who came to us from the West Indies, should develop into a first-rate player; he has some fine forcing strokes in front of the wicket but must improve his defence. Another promising young cricketer is O'Neill. He justified the hopes placed in him last year and his success should encourage him to greater things in the future. Undoubtedly our main strength was in the bowling, backed up by good fielding: there was never any difficulty about finding change-bowlers, but the regular bowlers, especially Munro and Scrivener, stuck to their work with great courage. Munro took 23 wickets for an average of just over 6 runs, and Scrivener, if not so successful, shows great promise for next season. McManemy kept wicket splendidly.

The first match was against the O.A.'s on Whit Monday, resulting in a victory for the Past by 71 runs. On winning the toss they decided to bat first, and runs came at a good pace in the opening overs. But at 26 Scrivener bowled P. D. Kolesar and a partial collapse followed. J. A. Morgan, after one mighty hit to the boundary, was smartly taken at the wicket by McManemy off O'Neill, who had come on for Munro; and then Mr. C. M. Carroll, who arrived a few days previously from Peru, had the misfortune to come out first ball, l.b.w. At this stage of the game three wickets were down for 45—O'Neill two for 5. Mr. Leo Carroll and C. J. K. Bisgood proceeded to take the situation in hand, with the result that sixty runs were added for the fourth wicket before Mr. Carroll was out. He scored 33 in fine style. Bisgood however, indulged in some free hitting and it was not until the score had been taken to

146 that he was taken by White on the boundary—an excellent one-handed catch, perfectly judged. Bisgood, had made 76 and put his side in a strong position. Munro then took three quick wickets to finish off the innings; the O.A.'s were all out in ninety minutes for 154, of which no less than 100 were scored from boundary hits.

After lunch the school seemed to start confidently, Morgan opening with a maiden over to Brady; but at 13 Munro was out. For a time the bowling was definitely on top. Brady defended stubbornly, though he punished several loose balls, and when Williams and Stickland had been sent back he helped Nicoll to send up the 50. The latter was unlucky to be caught off his glove when he had scored 22. Morgan then experimented with off-theory, but without much success, and when O'Neill came in to play a plucky innings of 23 not out we had reason to regret that he had not been given his chance earlier. The end came with the total at 83.

PRESENT		PAST	
Munro, c Carroll (G. L.) b Morgan	7	G. L. Carroll, c Nicoll b Scrivener	33
Brady, c and b Morgan	13	P. D. Kolesar, b Scrivener	17
Williams (M.H.) b Bisgood	5	C. M. Carroll, l.b.w. b O'Neill	0
Stickland, b Carroll (C.M.)	0	J. A. Morgan, c McManemy b O'Neill	4
Nicoll, c Cheffins, b Bisgood	22	C. J. K. Bisgood, c White, b Nicoll	76
Boyd, c Bisgood, b Morgan	0	Rev. D. Parry, b Munro	0
McManemy, c Bisgood, b Constable	1	R. A. Cheffins, b Munro	11
White, b Bisgood	3	R. J. Horsburgh, b Nicoll	1
O'Neill, not out	23	M. Pearson, b Munro	0
Scrivener, c Kolesar, b Bisgood	2	J. R. Blaikie, c Brady, b Nicoll	8
Smith, b Bisgood	0	L. G. Constable, not out	1
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	83	Total	154

BOWLING.—Morgan 3 for 30; Bisgood 5 for 21; Constable 1 for 6. Carroll (C. M.) 1 for 9. BOWLING.—Nicoll 3 for 36; O'Neill 2 for 24; Munro 3 for 43; Scrivener 2 for 27;

Our first visitors from the schools were St. Lawrence Junior Colts, on May 26th. As a result of some careful batting we put up the respectable total of 135 for six wickets declared. Williams and O'Neill added 55 for the second wicket, scoring 34 and 22 respectively; Munro attacked the bowling, rather recklessly at times, and he was eventually caught off a 'skier' when he had scored 21. After Nicoll left for 13, McManemy enjoyed some brighter cricket, and he was 14 not out when the innings closed. It seemed reasonable to expect the visiting side to go for the runs, with nearly an hour-and-a-half, if necessary, and a good wicket at their disposal, but they succeeded in playing out time. In the end they had lost four wickets for 51, O'Neill taking 2 for 6 and Scrivener 2 for 9.

Chatham House were well and truly beaten on May 31, Munro being in his best form with the ball. We lost Brady with only 2 runs scored, but O'Neill played his greatly improved cricket for a valuable 21 and it was encouraging to see Boyd open his shoulders to hit up 24. The others failed to add appreciably to the score; we were out for 76. However, when Chatham House replied to our moderate total they were soon in difficulties. One of the opening batsmen was smartly run out early in the innings, and this was followed up with an excellent catch at point by Nicoll with the score at 9. Then Munro had a wonderful spell—his figures were O 10, M 8, R 3, W 8—and the whole side was dismissed for 32. Going in again, they scored 58 for the loss of eight wickets, Stickland taking 3 for 12.

After four matches had been cancelled owing to measles, we welcomed the arrival of a Fathers' XI on the afternoon of June 16. It would take more than measles to keep them away—somebody was heard to say that Parents can't catch things anyhow! A full side had been enlisted by Mr. White; and as he will no longer be eligible to play, we take this opportunity of thanking him sincerely for his untiring energy in organizing this annual fixture during the past five years. Since the first match was played in 1930 the Parents have won three and lost two.

On this occasion, as, indeed, on most previous occasions that I remember, we lost the toss, and perhaps it was an advantage for us to field first; when the Parents are faced with the necessity of forcing the pace they usually hit out and get plenty of runs. Mr. Duffield and Mr. Blakesley opened the innings against bowling that must have encouraged them, but at 16 Scrivener got one past Mr. Blakesley. This brought Mr. Boyd on the scene. He gave a chance to Stickland at square-leg and another to Brady at third-man, but meanwhile Munro took an easy catch behind the wicket to send back Mr. Duffield for 13. Mr. Boyd could not get his eye in, although he had already sent five balls to the boundary. He scored 27 before giving a second chance to Stickland and this time it was accepted. At the fall of this third wicket 47 runs had been scored and at 49 Mr. White was well caught by McManemy off O'Neill. The innings closed for 62, Nicoll taking the last three wickets in two overs for two runs.

The boys started well enough by putting on 30 for the loss of Brady's wicket, but Williams and O'Neill were out at the same total. The Parents began to take courage, Messrs. Duffield and Boyd keenly contending with each other for the biggest bag of wickets. Before either of them could get the fourth, Munro and

Nicoll had carried the score to 68, when Mr. Blakesley took a good catch to dismiss Munro for 30. Nicoll left soon afterwards for 15 and then four wickets fell with the total at 85. However, White and Smith were still unbeaten when we declared the innings closed for 113. The Parents went in again to make 105 for 6, Mr. Boyd contributing 58 with ten 4's and a 6, if the scorer's arithmetic is not at fault.

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SECOND ELEVEN

If we are to judge by the enthusiasm with which the 2nd XI took their cricket, there is reason to anticipate a good season next year. The more match-practice they can get the better, and they started with a victory over Port Regis 1st XI, on May 30.

Batting first, we were dismissed for 87, which, however, included 17 extras. Bell (R. W.) played well for his 27 before getting himself out, hit-wicket, and Williams (J.) was next best with 13. Most of the others just forgot the golden rule—play straight!

Port Regis fared badly against Hill's bowling. He sends most of his balls straight at the wicket and on this occasion he claimed seven victims. The fielding on our side was good—I remember one fairly difficult catch taken by Waldron at square-leg and another which Parks took to get rid of P. R.'s top scorer; quite a lot of runs were saved by good ground fielding. North got two wickets and he begins to show promise as a bowler. Both sides batted again for about twenty minutes, as there was not time for a second innings, and then we were treated to some free hitting.

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HOUSE MATCHES

May 10. WHITES 132 (Bell 30, Munro 29, Stickland 27, Boyd 4 for 28). BLACKS 19 (Munro 6 for 7).

June 6. BLACKS 132 (Brady 48, Nicoll 5 for 28). WHITES 91 for 9 (Scrivener 21, Bell 19, O'Neill 7 for 26).

The third House Match was played on June 23rd, when the Whites gained their second victory and so won the Wells Challenge Cup. Nicoll contributed 44 towards their total of 84, the others failing badly, apart from Smith who scored 17. North distinguished himself by dismissing Williams (J.), Munro and Stickland in one over for 0, altogether taking five wickets for 21; and Coombes bowled well to take three for 2. The Blacks were all out for 59, of which Williams (M. H.) scored 21 and White 16, Scrivener taking six for 23 and Nicoll four for 31.

These House Matches served the useful purpose of showing us the possibilities of some of the younger boys. At least seven of this

year's XI will be leaving us at the end of the term, and we have to look ahead. There is no lack of keenness among those who are likely to be wanted next year; in fact, our prospects are decidedly cheerful. I could mention several boys who, given plenty of practice and individual coaching, should become really good all-round players. Conditions have not been ideal this term, for in addition to the excessively dry weather which has made the ground dangerously hard, measles came to damp our enthusiasm. We hope to have better luck next season.

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 1.

THE AVERAGES.

BATTING

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
A. Nicoll	7	0	104	44	14.85
J. Munro	7	0	101	30	14.42
M. H. Williams	7	0	93	34	13.28
P. Brady	7	0	89	48	12.71
A. L. O'Neill	7	1	76	23*	12.66
P. White	6	2	39	16	9.75
P. Smith	6	1	37	17	7.40
A. Boyd	7	1	42	24	7.00
A. McManemy	7	1	41	17	6.83
T. Scrivener	6	0	36	21	6.00
A. Stickland	7	0	30	27	4.28

(\* Not out)

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Munro	... 78	28	148	23	6.43
O'Neill	... 43	9	129	17	7.58
Stickland	... 15	2	41	5	8.20
Scrivener	... 49	15	119	14	8.50
Nicoll	... 49	18	167	18	9.27
Boyd	... 25	5	83	8	10.37
Brady	... 26	2	111	6	18.50

The following prizes were awarded:—

SUTCLIFFE BAT (for highest batting average)—A. Nicoll

FR. ABBOT'S BAT (for best all-round improvement)—T. Scrivener

PRIZE BALL (presented by Mr. A. C. Salt for best bowling average)

—J. Munro

FIELDING CUP—P. White

O.A. PRIZE BATS—A. L. O'Neill, for batting (23 not out)

A. Nicoll, for bowling (3 for 36).

F.O.H.

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SPORTS DAY

The weather again played its all-important part in the kindest of moods for Sports Day. The ground was hard, but otherwise in excellent condition; and whatever wind there was came in from the

south-east as though made purposely for the track only to veer round a point or two and stiffen up just enough to make the going harder as the day wore on.

We began, as usual, with the mile, which turned out to be the best event of the day. P. Brady, with his heart much set on the laurels, won it in 5 mins. 46 secs. to lower a record of ten years' standing by more than 16 seconds. It was a splendid race, in spite of its ruthless neglect of the good old tag "first quarter fastest, last second best." Brady had not finished the first lap before he found that Coombes, and at least three others, had come up close to his heels with a mind to gain that few yards' lead which is so very easy to beat in the last 100 on paper, but such a different matter on grass—as one of our best, but theory-haunted, runners was to find out (to his cost unfortunately) when the shorter races came on. How they all managed to keep it up is, I suppose, one of boyhood's secrets, but the apparently madcap effort to turn their mile into a sprint went on and on until Brady reached the tape with Coombes still less than five yards behind him and the rest not much more.

Another fine race was the 220 yards in which A. Nicoll took  $1\frac{1}{8}$  seconds off the  $29\frac{3}{8}$  record set up by D. Hill two years ago. M. H. Williams, who had even better time to his credit in the heats, hurt a foot when practising for the hurdles and came in third. Every flat race, however, was well contested, and it was encouraging to find that the hurdle races, which came into the programme for the first time last year, had again found some very promising supporters. Jumping, on the other hand, was all very ordinary. The high jump record is likely to stay where it is, at 4 ft. 5 in., for the time being, but 14 ft.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. is not good enough for the long jump. One of the boys did 15 ft. 3 ins. in an exhibition jump a few years ago.

Nicoll won both Victor Ludorum and Havenith Cups, and did more than anyone else to regain the House Cup for the Whites, whose final score of 125 was 24 points ahead of the Blacks. The way in which he cornered first-place points certainly gave unexpected colour to the day's entertainment. His successes are all the more remarkable when times and distances are pinned on, for we had at least half-a-dozen competitors who were capable of beating them all. He was at his best in breaking the 220 yards record and in the hurdles for the same distance, which he won with little more than a foot to spare to Mullally. For the quarter-mile, his time was  $\frac{3}{8}$  of a second more than that taken by J. Munro (who came in third) last year; and he failed to equal P. Wells's figures (also made last year) in the 100 yards, the 120 yards hurdles and the

long jump. He also threw the cricket ball less than 10 feet further than Stickland did twelve months ago.

In addition to the cups presented each year by the Abbot and Headmaster, others were given by Mrs. Luke Brady and Mr. H. Munro, to all of whom we again offer our very sincere thanks.

The results in detail were as follows:

## DIV. I

Mile: P. Brady (5 mins. 46 secs., *record*), M. Coombes, A. McManemy.  
Half-Mile: A. Rabbit (2 mins.  $36\frac{1}{4}$  secs.), P. Brady, P. Smith.  
Quarter-Mile: (A) A. Nicoll (70 secs.), P. White, J. Munro.  
(B) A. McManemy, A. Boyd.  
220 yards: (A) A. Nicoll ( $28\frac{3}{8}$  secs. *record*), P. White, M. H. Williams.  
(B) P. Mullally, A. Boyd.  
100 yards: (A) A. Nicoll ( $13\frac{3}{8}$  secs.), P. White, M. H. Williams.  
(B) P. Mullally, M. Pensabene.  
220 yards hurdles: (A) A. Nicoll ( $35\frac{1}{4}$  secs.), P. Mullally, P. Smith.  
(B) J. Delahoutre, P. Conrath.  
120 yards hurdles: (A) A. Nicoll (21secs.), M. H. Williams, A. Stickland.  
(B) I. North, P. Smith.  
High Jump: A. Nicoll (4ft. 2in.), M. H. Williams.  
Long Jump: A. Nicoll (14ft.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.), A. Rabbit.  
Throwing Cricket Ball: A. Nicoll (67yds. 2ft. 4in.), A. Stickland.  
Relay Race: The Whites.  
Tug-of-War: The Whites.

## DIV. II

220 yards: (A) J. Coombes, M. Dove, P. Conrath.  
(B) A. Bowen, M. Wetz.  
100 yards: (A) M. Dove, P. Conrath, A. Bowen.  
(B) J. Coombes, P. Longstaff.  
220 yards hurdles: J. Coombes, M. Brady, R. S. Bell.  
120 yards hurdles: J. Coombes, P. Conrath, J. Delahoutre.  
High Jump: A. Eyre, I. North.  
Long Jump: I. North, B. Carter.  
Throwing Cricket Ball: P. Conrath, G. Carroll.  
Egg and Spoon Race: R. S. Bell.  
Sack Race: W. Barry.  
Three-legged Race: T. Scrivener and A. O'Reilly.

## JUNIORS

220 yards: A. Wallace, P. Pensabene.  
100 yards: (A) P. Pensabene, A. Wallace.  
(B) R. Langford-Rae, L. Thwaytes.  
Egg and Spoon Race: B. Peers.  
Sack Race: J. Odone.  
Three-legged Race: K. Scanlan and R. Scrivener.

## VISITORS

O.A. Race: Mr. R. J. Horsburgh and H. Parks.  
Parents' Race: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sollom.

## O.A. Cricket Club

The first Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the College on Whit-Monday, May 21st, 1934. Mr. L. L. M. Constable was in the chair. The following were also present: Very Rev. N. Lapworth, O.S.B., Rev. Adrian Taylor, O.S.B., M.C., Rev. D. J. Parry, O.S.B., J. R. Blaikie, R. A. Cheffins, C. J. K. Bisgood, H. P. Boyd, C. M. Carroll, G. L. Carroll, E. J. Carroll, J. F. E. China, A. H. R. Coombes, Dr. J. F. Hill, R. J. Horsburgh, P. Horsburgh, P. D. Kolesar, H. C. Munro, G. J. O'Neill, Maj. A. J. H. McCleesh, B. M. Pearson, T. H. Peverell, P. D. Rochford, W. Erskine White, W. E. Wilson and L. G. Constable.

The following were elected officers of the Club for the season 1934:—Captain: R. A. Cheffins; Secretary: L. G. Constable; Treasurer: L. G. Constable; Committee: J. R. Blaikie, C. J. K. Bisgood, R. J. Horsburgh, and J. Morgan.

R. A. Cheffins, Hon. Treasurer, then gave particulars of the Club's financial position for the season 1933 and the prospects for 1934. Mr. P. D. Rochford proposed that the balance sheet for 1933 be adopted and this was seconded by the Very Rev. Fr. Prior and carried. The balance sheet was quite a favourable one, considering the rather heavy expenses incurred owing to the first season of the Club, and showed an amount of £2 12s. 7d. standing to our credit in the bank.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

L. G. Constable, Hon. Secretary, then made his report for the season 1933 and prospects for 1934, which was as follows:—

As most of you are aware, this is our first Annual General Meeting, the Club being formed at the O.A. Society's Meeting last Whitsun. A committee was formed, as a result of which two matches were arranged. The first game against St. George's College, Weybridge, was a draw, very much in favour of our opponents. They won the toss and batting first hit up 178, making a much needed recovery from a very poor start, when they lost their first three men for less than ten runs. We went in and made quite a good start, but a collapse followed and we found ourselves with three or four minutes to go and our last men in. However, we managed to hang on and finished up with the total of 88 for 9 wickets. The second game, against St. Edmund's College, Ware, at Ware, was lost. St. Edmund's batting first, made 179 for 7 wickets declared, and then we proceeded to knock up the large total of 40.

During the winter months several Catholic Schools and Colleges were approached with the object of obtaining one or two fixtures. Finally, eight games were arranged with various Colleges for the coming season. All these were 'away' matches to be played on our opponents' grounds, and mostly on Sundays. The next move was to acquaint Old Boys living in various parts of London and the Provinces with the existence of the Cricket Club, and although an article to this effect was published in the School Magazine, several O.A.'s admitted that they did not even know there was a Club, having never read the article. The best plan was therefore to notify each member individually, and in the early spring about 130 O.A.'s were circularised, telling them the Club was being formed and asking them to become either honorary or playing members. The results of this were not very encouraging, as up to date, of the 130 circulars sent out, sixteen replies have been received, five of these being refusals. It seems rather extraordinary that from among all the O.A.'s who have left Ramsgate since the War, only two newcomers have offered their services as playing members this season. The rest are either non-playing members or of the "Old School," who, by the way, have most assuredly set a good example in encouraging the Club by becoming honorary members. It is now up to the younger generation to come forward, especially keen cricketers, as the number of playing members is absurdly low at present, and unless we can enroll some more good players we shall soon lose our present fixtures. It must be remembered that we cannot always rely on the same team which we are running at present, and anyway, there are still several vacancies in this team for Old Boys, as it is at the moment padded with non-members. If anyone knows of any O.A.'s who might be possible candidates, and who, through unforeseen circumstances, do not know of the existence of the Club, would they please notify me.

In view of the coming season, a Committee Meeting was held on the 19th April last, and a letter was received from Mr. Erskine White tendering his resignation from the Club, and this was accepted by the Committee. At the same time, the team was selected for our first match of the season, against St. Edmund's College, Ware, at Ware. This game was played on Sunday, May 13th last, and is, incidentally, the only game which starts in the morning, the others starting in the afternoon. Cheffins won the toss for us, and decided to bat first. At one period of the game the scoreboard read 80 for 2 wickets, but a collapse followed, and we were all out for 122. C. Grieve making 38, and J. Bisgood 33. St. Edmund's were all out for 63, Grieve taking 7 wickets for 26 runs, Morgan 2 for 21, and

Bisgood 1 for 10. I would like to mention that Charlie Grieve, who played for us in this match, came down especially from Oxford, and he certainly had a very large share in our victory.

You will see from the Fixture Cards that we have six more games with various Colleges, and providing the necessary support is forthcoming, there is no reason at all why we should not have a very successful season. You will also notice that there are no matches after July. This has been arranged owing to the difficulty in obtaining players during the holiday month of August. Any member wanting a fixture card, can obtain one from me, free of charge, on application, but non-members will have to pay the small charge of twopence.

Mr. H. C. Munro, who has shown a very keen interest in the progress of the Club, was elected a Vice-President, and Mr. W. Erskine White withdrew his resignation and was re-instated as a Vice-President. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman concluding the Meeting.

The result of our first match, against St. Edmund's College, Ware, appears in the Secretary's report above.

The next game was against the College at Ramsgate on Whit Monday, a report of which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine.

Our next match was against Ealing Priory School at Ealing and was lost by 50 runs. As Cheffins was on holiday at the time, Lionel Constable captained the team. Ealing won the toss and made 102, bowling honours going to Bisgood 6 for 26, and Lamb 3 for 33. We, however, fared even worse against Fr. Young's bowling, and apart from Leo Carroll, Kolesar and Bisgood, no one reached double figures, the side being all out for 52. Ealing going in a second time made a good recovery after losing 5 wickets for 16 runs, and their score was 75 for 5 when stumps were drawn, Morgan 2 for 26 and Bisgood 3 for 33 doing the damage. Altogether a most exciting afternoon's cricket.

On June 10th we met St. Joseph's College, Norwood. Here, much to our surprise, we were confronted with a matting wicket, which none of the team had had experience of before, and as the score will show, completely nonplussed them. St. Joseph's made 207, and we replied with 37. Prior to the start of this game, their captain informed us with regret that they would be unable to play the return match, as it coincided with their Sports Day.

Beaumont College should have been our next opponents, but this they scratched the night before, much to the disappointment

of all, who were looking forward to a really good game. Following hard upon this came another blow at our already rather diminutive fixture list, Beaumont cancelling their second match with us which was to have been played later on, owing to clashing of fixtures on their part. As a result we were left with one remaining game, against St. George's College, Weybridge. Owing to the mistake, which will be avoided in the future, of coinciding with the School Prize Day at Ramsgate, our team was not so strong as it was expected to be, and although we were soundly beaten, everyone enjoyed themselves and the afternoon's cricket to the full. St. George's won the toss, and batting first on an easy wicket, proceeded to hit 172 runs for the loss of only 1 wicket, and then declared. 59 of these runs were made by J. Miller, thereby completing one thousand runs for the season, assuredly a great achievement.

W. Caffarey and Lionel Constable opened the Old Boys' innings but Caffarey soon lost his partner, who had his off stump uprooted by a real "snorter" from one of their fast bowlers. Caffarey appeared to be quite happy against the fast bowling and was responsible for a sound 31 before being caught in trying to force the pace. Apart from Hussey and Kolesar, nobody offered much resistance, and the side was all out for 74.

So ends our first real season, and if we may not have been very successful on the cricket field, the social side of the Club has been a huge success, being the cause of many Old Boys meeting for the first time since they were together at St. Augustine's, and our team has even included members home on leave from South America. The total membership now exceeds 40, which shows the popularity of the Club is growing, and it is hoped that many more Old Boys who are eager to renew their memories of St. Augustine's will join the Club; they could find no better way of rejuvenating themselves.

Played 5. Won 2. Lost 3. Cancelled 3.

L.G.C.

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A. STICKLAND, Librarian.

## O.A. Notes

On August 12th, 1934, Fr. Adrian Taylor, whom many of our readers will have known as Headmaster of the School, was elected to succeed Abbot Egan as ruling Abbot of St. Augustine's. The latter retains a supervisory jurisdiction over the Monastery in his capacity of Abbot Visitor of the English Province of our Congregation. We are sure that we do but express the sentiments of all O.A.'s. in wishing Abbot Egan a long and happy retirement. He has seen both Monastery and School safely emerge from many vicissitudes and the present happy state of both institutions is due in no small measure to his paternal prudence and solicitude.

Abbot Taylor took over the rule of the Abbey on August 29th, when the letter of confirmation from the Abbot General of our Congregation was read in chapter and the new Superior was installed by Abbot Egan. The Solemn Blessing was conferred by Bishop Amigo on 21st September, the Feast of St. Matthew, at St. Augustine's Abbey Church.

Dom Adrian Taylor, who is 42 years of age, made his religious profession at St. Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate, on 25th January, 1921, and was ordained priest by Bishop Amigo at Southwark Cathedral on 15th August, 1924. Educated at Grocers' Company's School, Hackney Downs, he proceeded to St. John's College, Cambridge, whence he took Historical Tripos, Class II, Div. I, in summer 1914. On the outbreak of war, he enlisted in one of the Public School Battalions and in due course went out with it to France. In the early summer of 1916 he was recalled to England for the purpose of undergoing an officers' training course at Oxford, whereafter he received a commission. In the following April his unit (17th Royal Fusiliers) was heavily engaged in the Arras sector (Battle of Arleux, 28-29th April) and Captain Taylor was awarded the Military Cross for his gallant services in maintaining contact with the neighbouring brigade under circumstances of unusual difficulty. In March, 1918 Captain Taylor was severely wounded while fighting a rearguard action with his company to cover the retreat of his battalion in the great German advance. On being invalided out, he took up a work of historical research and published the result under the title of *The Art of War in Italy, 1494-1529*. This monograph was awarded the Gladstone and Prince Consort Prizes for Historical Research for 1920. He wrote Episode VI of the recent Ramsgate Historical Pageant.

We offer our felicitations to the Hon. Cecil Dormer (1894-1900) on his promotion as Minister to Norway. We wish him a happy and successful sojourn in Oslo.



DOM ADRIAN TAYLOR, O.S.B., M.C., M.A.

Headmaster of the Abbey School, 1924-34  
Elected Abbot of St. Augustine's, 12 August 1934

On Wednesday, June 13th, Gerard Moorat (1910-14) gave a piano recital at Wigmore Hall before a large and appreciative audience. The *Daily Telegraph* critic commends "his modest style and reticence, the scholastic clarity of his renderings."

We congratulate C. J. Bonington (1920-24) on the birth of a son, ~~and~~ heir.

The latest news of V. Ffennell Smith (1921-22) is that he is working in a lumber camp in Finland.

R. Warren-Codrington (1922-27) now at Oxford, rowed in the Hertford College second eight.

H. Bickford (1922-26) writes to protest against an unguarded reference in our last issue to the "late entry" cadets. As he justly remarks it is for future testing in service and the judgment of their Lordships at the Admiralty to determine categorically whether Dartmouth Cadets (always and everywhere) make "infinitely better officers than the special entry" candidates. This is true, and the statement objected to should not be regarded as a considered judgment but a mere *obiter dictum* quite permissible as a personal opinion expressed in a private letter not intended for publication. The fault lies with the Editor, who printed the sentence and who hereby apologizes to all concerned.

D. McEwen himself (1924-29) writes :—" I am sorry about the misunderstanding created over the two schemes of entry into the Navy. My statement that Dartmouth cadets make better officers than public school cadets was certainly not meant to be printed ; it is just the sort of thing you say if you want a good argument as there is plenty to be said for both sides, although I'm naturally very strongly in favour of the Dartmouth scheme. From the training point of view, leaving out all question of cost to the country, which should be a very secondary consideration where the training of future officers who will be expected to shoulder heavy responsibilities is concerned—perhaps the strongest argument in favour of the public school entry is that of broad-mindedness. Anyone who has lived a normal civilian life up to the age of 17 or 18 should naturally take a broader outlook on life than one who has had Naval training and traditions thrust on him from the age of 14 onwards. But this argument does not hold so strongly when it is borne in mind that the Dartmouth cadet spends his considerable leave periods as any normal public school boy, and it is during these times, when away from accustomed surroundings, that the mind is most impressionable.

Then there is always the question of tradition. The Navy has a mass of traditions and is justly proud of them, and it must be rather difficult to change your ideals so late on in life; and finally to use an argument which perhaps I shouldn't, if you get a Dartmouth cadet who is possibly not suited to his job in life you have four years to re-mould character, whereas with the public school entry his character has already been formed and you have only a year in which to teach him all he should know before taking over his duties, supposedly with the same amount of knowledge as one who has spent four years at it.

I joined H.M.S. Kent on 25th May at Chatham just before we re-commissioned (with a new crew and officers). We spent about ten days in the harbour finding our way round and cleaning the ship after a two month's refit; it was almost a month before we had removed all traces of the "dockyard-matie." A day spent at Sheerness ammunition ship, a couple more at Portsmouth carrying out catapult trials (with a new and exceptionally large seaplane) and we said goodbye to England on June 8th. Gibraltar, Malta, Suez Canal, Aden, Colombo and Singapore were all milestones in a relentless passage East, and back to our station, about six hours ashore for every week at sea; and we all began to long for a rest and on top of it all this business of "working up" with a new crew unfamiliar to the ship, continuous drills and gunnery exercises so that by the time we join the rest of the fleet we should be as efficient as any other unit. It is necessary of course and very interesting, but very tiring indeed for everyone, and we are absolutely counting the days until we are all settled down, have "taken over the flag" (we are the flagship of the China Fleet) and are a normal unit and treated as such.

The nearer we get to Wei-Hai-Wei—where the rest of the fleet are—the more hectic life becomes!"

Congratulations to L. Ray (1920-23) on winning the diving competition at the White City in August.

Congratulations to Noel Apthorpe Webb (1921) who leaves Cambridge with a 2nd class in the Law Tripos in addition to his "second" in Modern Language gained last year. He also distinguished himself, we are informed, at tennis for Christ's College.

Anthony Coombes (1921-26), who did *not* take part in this year's school play despite the programmes issued at the time, has finished his Cambridge course and is now pursuing his medical career at the London Hospital.

J. Stanley-Carey (1922-25) is now in Vancouver where he has taken up a post in Land Development.

F. Dickinson (1923-27) has been distinguishing himself as a sprinter at Sandhurst. He came first in the 100 yards against Blackheath Harriers (10 $\frac{2}{5}$  secs.), second against the R.M.A. and the R.A.F. at Cranwell, and first (10 $\frac{1}{5}$  secs.) against the Milocarian A.C. on May 2nd last.

R. Valls (1923-26) has now returned to England from Madrid University where he has just graduated in Spanish Law. He now intends going into chambers in London and practising as an international barrister.

A. Valls (1924-5) of Stonyhurst took part in the Public Schools' Fencing Competition held in London last April.

M. F. Sherwin (1924-27) now at Pembroke College, Cambridge, has been awarded a Chartered Surveyors' Institution Scholarship at Cambridge of £100 a year for three years. C. D. A. Greenwood (1924-28) is also at Pembroke reading History.

At the Ampleforth Scientific Club's exhibition in June, G. H. Northey (1926-32) demonstrated with an "apparatus for demonstrating retinal fatigue." This attracted much attention, we are told, "with its mysterious red and orange lights which refused to appear as any colour but green and purple."

Dick and Derry Manning (1927-30) have now left Clongowes and are studying law and medicine respectively. We wish them all success in their new careers. We understand that Joey is now at St. Edmund's, Old Hall.

D. Wells (1928-31) and D. Munro (1926-31) are keeping up the fine Augustinian tradition for cricket at Ampleforth. The *Journal* of that school records: "Wells, a Colt of 1933, bowls left arm with an easy and attractive action. He uses his head when bowling and his great virtue is accuracy. With the ball common to left-arm bowlers he mixes up cleverly the ball which runs away from the batsman. He has already taken 35 wickets at a cost of 12.3 runs a wicket, his best efforts being 8 for 25 against the Past, 4 for 52 against the Yorkshire Gentlemen, and 4 for 16 in 21 overs against Durham . . . One remembers Munro's scores against Durham Sedbergh and Catterick Garrison being particularly useful, and even his seven not out against the Royal Corps of Signals."

The Vandesmets (1928-31) are very faithful correspondents. Here follows an extract from a recent letter from Adolphe:

"You might be astonished if you look at the date of the letter (9-7-34) and wonder how it happens that I write from home so soon. It is for the reason which has occasioned me to write to-day, that is, that I have passed the first part of my baccalauréat with "mention, assez bien."

I got through all the exams rather easily, and at the written part I got 60 out of 90, as to the oral part, I cannot exactly tell, but it must have been about 70 out of 120.

I am all the more pleased, that, of course, I am rewarded by my parents, uncles, aunts, etc. I am thus to make a voyage in Italy, Spain or in the south of France, and moreover my father will give me a fine bicycle.

Next year I will prepare the second part: that is philosophy or mathematics, but I will choose philosophy for I am not proficient in mathematics, as you may well remember when I was at St. Augustine's. (We do, Adolphe, but we have met worse!—Ed.)

I will try to write as often as I can, and I think that I will do it all the easier that I have had the courage to do so even in this week's hot weather."

J. J. A. Kean (1931-33) obtains a special encomium in the *Ampleforth Journal* for his effective rendering in a French play of the difficult part of "La tante Mathilde."

P. Mote (1928-31) has left Douai and entered as a student at the Agricultural Institute at Plumpton. We wish him success.

J. Warren-Codrington (1924-30) played for the Oratory v. Beaumont at Lord's in July.

Besides those who came to Ramsgate for the Whitsun meeting and Prize Day, the following O.A.'s have visited the School since our last number: B. M. Pearson, D. McCann, Dr. Costello, T. Fooks, W. Longstaff, D. Devitt, R. Taylor, W. Richardson, R. Cockshutt, M. Stevenson and A. Devoud.

### Obituary

MISS MURIEL WRIGHT

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on June 11th 1934, after a long and painful illness patiently borne, of Miss Muriel Wright, who was Matron at the Abbey School from 1922 to 1929. Miss Wright's health was far from good when she was

with us, and it says much for her grit and strength of character that she was able to carry out so successfully the arduous duties of a School Matron in spite of her physical handicap. Since she left us her health had gradually declined and the end was not unexpected.

It was under Miss Wright's matronship that the present dispensary was inaugurated, the sanatorium extended and reconditioned, and the Abbey laundry started, in all of which schemes she displayed an active interest. But her horizon was by no means bounded by the School: she was a zealous worker for the parish and an enthusiastic Oblate of St. Benedict, and her loss will be felt by many beyond the limited circle of our readers. R.I.P.

### School List

Dom ADRIAN TAYLOR, M.C., M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge,  
*Headmaster.*

Dom EDWARD HULL, *Prefect.*

Dom OSWALD HULL

Dom LUKE WILLEMS, D.PH. & L., Louvain.

Dom THOMAS RIGBY, D.D.

Dom PAULINUS IEVERS

Dom DAVID PARRY, B.A., London,

Dom WILFRID EMERY

Dom DUNSTAN PRANGNELL, *Art Master.*

B. HUBERT, Esq.

Miss H. M. ROE, B.A. (Hons.), London.

Miss V. G. McCLEESH

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*Physical Training*: Sergeant J. M. FURNESS (2nd Bn. The Buffs, and Aldershot Staff).

*Dancing*: Miss L. WALTON, M.A.O.D.

*Matron*: Miss M. C. NOAH, S.R.N. (Guy's Hospital).

*Medical Officer*: B. H. PALMER, Esq., M.A., M.B., B.C. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*Dental Surgeon*: H. J. VEALS WEBSTER, Esq., L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng.

*Capt. of Whites*: A. STICKLAND      *Capt. of Blacks*: A. BOYD

*Capt. of Games*: A. STICKLAND      *Librarian*: A. STICKLAND

	FORM IV. Upper	
Maguire, <i>mi.</i>	Hill	Boyd, <i>ma.</i>
Mullally	Brady, <i>ma.</i>	Maguire, <i>ma.</i>
Stickland		

	FORM IV. Lower	
Eugster	Coombes, <i>ma.</i>	Aspell
Waldron	Rabbit	Keliher
Peverell	O'Reilly	Smith
Williams, J.	Parks	Munro
Nicoll		

	FORM III. Upper	
Pearson	Skinner	Slattery
China	Wilson	Bowen
McManemy	Conrath	Wallace, <i>ma.</i>
Williams, M. S.	Boyd, <i>mi.</i>	White
Carroll	Duffield	Viner
O'Neill, A. L.	Marsh	O'Neill, D.
North		

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Sulman, <i>ma.</i>	Bell, <i>ma.</i>	Castells
Baker	Bell, <i>mi.</i>	Barry, <i>ma.</i>
Dove	Eyre	Hall
Wetz	Hewitt	Longstaff
Scrivener, <i>i.</i>	Coombes, <i>mi.</i>	Scrivener, <i>ii.</i>
Rigby	Delahoutre	Benbow
Pensabene, <i>ma.</i>	Williams, M. H.	Kelly
Brady, <i>mi.</i>	Blakesley	Vivian
Carter	Barry, <i>mi.</i>	

	FORM II.	
Wallace, <i>mi.</i>	Scanlan	Hennessy
Dubois	Sulman, <i>mi.</i>	Wood
Pensabene, <i>mi.</i>	Scrivener, <i>iii.</i>	Kelly, <i>mi.</i>

	FORM I.	
Sollom	Waterhouse	Odone
Peers	Ostrer	Townsend
Langford-Rae	Wallis, E.	Paine
Thwaytes	Shores	

## Certificate Results

This year, greatly daring, we entered no less than seven candidates for the Lower Certificate Examination of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board. All obtained certificates by "satisfying the examiners" as below:—

A. J. Boyd	C f G J k l
P. J. Brady	a c f g j k l
J. F. B. Hill	a C f g J k
D. P. Maguire	A C F G J K l
P. Maguire	a c f g j k
P. T. Mullally	a c F G J K l
J. A. Stickland	a C f g J K l

The letters affixed to the Candidates' names indicate the subjects in which they passed; capitals denoting first class. a, Latin; c, French; f, Arithmetic; g, Additional Mathematics; j, English; k, History; l, Geography.

We also congratulate the following Old Boys whose names appear in the Pass List:—

*Higher Certificate:* M. L. FitzGerald (Downside)  
W. T. Richardson (Douai)  
R. Taylor (Beaumont)  
A. A. Valls (Stonyhurst)  
D. K. Wells (Ampleforth)

*School Certificate:* J. R. Brokenshaw (Beaumont)  
M. J. Carroll (Downside)  
P. W. Cochrane (Ampleforth)  
W. J. E. Craigen (Ampleforth)  
J. D. Keogh (Beaumont)  
C. T. Lafferty (Stonyhurst)  
M. D. M. O'Callaghan (Beaumont)  
P. O'Donovan (Ampleforth)  
M. Pearson (Downside)  
F. C. Taylor (Ampleforth)  
P. J. Wells (Ampleforth)  
G. D. Wheeler (Stonyhurst)

*Lower Certificate:* D. C. J. Collier (Downside)  
D. J. Devitt (Douai)  
A. G. O'Neill (Douai)

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