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On April 18th Very Reverend Father Alexis Ambrogio Magni, Vicar-General of the Society of Jesus, died at Rome after a serious illness and having received the Last Sacraments and the Papal blessing.

He was born at Milan in 1872, entered the Society at the age of 20, was ordained in 1904, and spent most of his life as Regent of the University Hall in Padua. Nine years ago, when Provincial of the Venetian Province, he was appointed Italian Assistant, and during the last illness of Father-General he was chosen by him to succeed him as Vicar-General.

A brilliant "conferencier," he was renowned for holiness and beloved for his kindness and charm of manner. He was probably little known to us here in Australia, but his nomination by the venerated Father Ledochowski, whose life work and death we recorded in last year's issue of the "Xaverian," assured him a title to respect and affection, and his death after sixteen months of directing the Society through perilous times argues for the devotedness of his labours.

We would ask our readers to add their prayers to the Masses and prayers of the Society of Jesus for the repose of his soul.

Requiescat in pace.
The year 1944 was rather uneventful from the point of view at least of school life. Hard work was the order of the day and of the year for both masters and boys. The school programme added to and augmented by games, cadets, Catholic Action and debating societies and a whole collection of war time calls on duty, kept us on tip toe all the year. We opened the year with one change on our staff. Mr. Hawkins went to Pymble and Mr. King took his place. During the year Fr. Brennan returned to us after spending about eighteen months in Richmond. Fr. Gilmore left us to take up parish work in Adelaide at the end of the second term. Mr. Moloney fell ill at the beginning of the third term and was out of action till the end of it. In our distress Fr. J. Byrne came to us from Pymble and helped us to carry on. The Preparatory School, Burke Hall, too had its worries, but Mr. Holland and Mr. Sneddon came to the rescue from Loyola.

The numbers at the School this year were again a record. We had 286 at the Senior School, 181 at the Preparatory School, Burke Hall, and 108 at the Preparatory School, Kostka Hall. These large numbers have brought with them certain changes and problems. In the Senior School for example all boys of 15 years have been promoted to the First Division, to make room for the crowd of boys of 13 years and over that flood out the Second Division. From this it will be seen that while we have record numbers at the Senior School, it is a very young Senior School. It may come as a surprise to some to know that we began both this year and last year with about 40 boys over 16 out of a roll of 575, and that between the two Preparatory Schools we have 289 boys between the ages of six and twelve. The Army call up and the University quotas are the causes for such a young Senior School. Up to this the Forces called up all boys of 18 years of age, and those going to the University had to get into a quota, and they got into it when they could. Many of those who went to the University in the last couple of years could in normal times be still at school, but once chosen in a quota they were afraid to risk not being chosen again in twelve months time. We are pleased however to see signs that we shall have older boys at school next year because of a change in the age of the Army call up.

All this has had a considerable effect on the School as war time measures have had on the life of the community in general. Experienced masters say that many boys doing Leaving and Matriculation are immature and that they are not able to grasp and assimilate work meant for boys older than those at present in these classes. The same is said of some at the University.

In the sporting life of the School this immaturity has been felt perhaps more keenly because it was more noticed by the public.

We began the year at Xavier with only 40 boys over 16, schools of 900 and 1200 boys, must have begun the year with many more. In viewing the teams of the past year, it is interesting to note that the XI and the XVIII contained six or seven boys under 16 on the day of play, and that at least one of the Crew was under 16 on the 1st January. What would the giants of 1917, or 1924, or 1933 say to this? With all this in mind we are able to
answer our critics and to reply to a certain number of comments that have reached us on the unbroken line of failures of the Xavier teams. As a Senior School we are still a small school (the second smallest of the Public Schools), and for a Senior School we are a very young school. This long line of defeats which our critics speak of (and which in fact has been broken by some splendid victories) is not due to want of keenness of the boys, nor to the want of hard and self-sacrificing work on the part of the masters and coaches. We cannot win premierships if we have not got the material, just as a man cannot win the Melbourne Cup if he has not got the horses.

In spite of a rather uneventful year there was one feature of School life that merits very favourable comment. Under Fr. Montague's direction the boys of the Senior School and of the Preparatory School, Burke Hall, put on the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "The Gondoliers." In the long lines of successes, Fr. Montague has had many think that this was his best effort. We are not prepared here to argue this but we all agree that it was an outstanding success, and a first class performance. Besides this his choir has been splendid all through the year and has rendered our High Masses and Benedictions most devotional. Moreover many more boys are learning the piano and the violin than in former years, and under the direction of the Catholic Action Group a Music Group has been formed to study classical music with the aid of recordings. We hope that this cultural side of school life will develop and flourish. It is a soothing study in these days of rushed life and a solace amidst the destruction of so much that is cultural and beautiful.

The spiritual life of the School is in a very healthy condition. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference has done good work for the poor. The Sodalities have been well attended and a special word of praise must be given to the Junior Sodality, the members of which undertook the selling of Catholic Truth Society pamphlets, and disposed of more than 600 during the year. Fr. Finn, S.J., gave the annual retreat which was well made, and Mr. Moore took some 40 of his Second Divisioners out to Loyola for an enclosed retreat during the last days of the term. The Catholic Action Group has been very active and their Theatrical Group twice staged the "Crimson Coconut" in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Missions. Mission Week was carried out with a record number of activities and resulted in a good balance in aid of the war stricken Missions of the Pacific.

The Old Xaverians' Association has had a very successful year. The new President, Dr. Costigan, the Secretary, Harold Simpson, and the Assistant Secretary, Eldon Hogan, have all done good work and have worked up record numbers for the Association. We thank the Committee for the interest they have displayed in all the College activities.

We congratulate Fr. J. Dynon, Fr. P. Gleeson, and Fr. E. Morris, on their ordination to the Priesthood last January, and we include in our good wishes, former masters of the School, Fr. P. Keenan, Fr. P. McLnerney, Fr. J. Byrne, Fr. Lawler, Fr. Gryst and Fr. Farmer, and also Fr. Wilkins and Fr. K. Carroll, who were masters at the Preparatory School, Kostka Hall. We congratulate Carl de Grouchy, Geoff Ryan, and Des. Hoban on qualifying as doctors, Felix Russo on qualifying as a dentist, and Frank Quigg and Esmond Downey, who took out their Diploma of Commerce.

Old Xaverians in the Forces are very numerous, and we are very grateful to them not only for what they are doing for their country, but also for many tokens of gratitude and affection for the School, manifested in frequent visits to Xavier and by kind letters they have sent to their masters.
We congratulate F./Lt. John Shelton on gaining the M.B.E. (Military Division), and P./O. Edward Marron on winning the D.F.C., both for outstanding service to their country in New Guinea. We also congratulate Captain Tom Molomby and Lieut. Joseph St. Ellen on being Mentioned in Despatches, and Lieut. Col. Tom Daly on being Mentioned in Despatches in the Middle East and again in New Guinea. We are very pleased indeed to note these distinctions and in noting them we thank them very sincerely. We also thank many unsung heroes who have been fighting in the jungle and elsewhere. We read with horror a few weeks ago the accounts that appeared in the public Press of the awful conditions of the Australian prisoners in Malaya. There are many Old Xaverians amongst them of whom we have heard nothing since the fall of Singapore. We ask all who read these lines to remember them in their prayers.

The health of the School has been very good. We thank Dr. Frank Niall and Dr. Kevin Cussen for their attention to us. It was with great regret that we said good-bye to Miss McLean at the end of the first term. She was our cheerful and efficient Matron, and most interested in every activity of the School. We welcome her successor, Miss Duggan, and we thank her for what she has done for us since she came to us.

The Ladies' Committee has worked very hard under the Presidency of Mrs. M. Collins. We take this opportunity of thanking them for their interest in our welfare and doing so much to help us. In these days when people have so little help in their homes, it is remarkable how they can find time to devote to so many charitable interests. We offer our sympathy to the Ladies' Committee for the loss they sustained in the death of Mrs. Downey. Her bright and cheerful personality will be sadly missed at their meetings and deliberations.

As the year 1944 draws to its close our thoughts are especially with all our young lads who are away with the Fighting Forces. We hope and pray that the sacrifices they have made will soon bring us a true and lasting peace. The thought of so much destruction and the thought of the chaos and disorder that has followed in countries where the heel of the invader has made itself felt, should make us all feel the need of peace. The ruin and desolation of so many cities in Europe, of Mission Stations on the islands of the Pacific, the possible annihilation of cities and their entire civilian population, should make all men think in terms of future security. It was a great consolation for us Catholics that the city of Rome, the cradle of our Faith and the home of the Vicar of Christ was spared. May we read in this a sign of hope that the voice of His Holiness may penetrate the preparations for peace. Time and again he has warned the nations of the futility of war and now more than ever since modern weapons bring such ruin and destruction. Let us hope that the ordinary people, the humble toilers, for whom the Pope specially pleads, may have a clearer voice in determining the conditions of peace, and of a peace that may be more lasting.

To all friends of the School and to all those away at the war in this Holy Season, we wish a very happy Christmas, and peace in the New Year.
Scholarship and Class Lists

NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIPS.

MICHAEL BLACKALL.

KENNETH HINCE.

FREE PLACE.

PETER DONOVAN.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE HONOURS.

Blackall, Michael— Second Class Honours in Latin.
Second Class Honours in French.
Second Class Honours in Greek (1st Place).
Third Class Honours in German.

Burne, Bruce— Third Class Honours in English.
Third Class Honours in French.
Third Class Honours in Greek.
Second Class Honours in European History.

Clausen, Norman— Third Class Honours in English.
Third Class Honours in Latin.

Dillon, Ian— Third Class Honours in English.
Third Class Honours in Physics.

Donovan, Peter— Third Class Honours in Physics.
Second Class Honours in Latin.

Gilfedder, Maurice— Third Class Honours in European History.
Second Class Honours in French.

Grant, Francis— Second Class Honours in Physics.
Henderson, Clement— Third Class Honours in Latin.
Hince, Kenneth— Second Class Honours in Latin.

Hollebecq, Charles— First Class Honours in French.
Third Class Honours in Physics.

Hurley, Brian— Third Class Honours in Physics.
Kennedy, Gregory— Third Class Honours in Latin.

Lahz, Collass— Second Class Honours in Latin.
Second Class Honours in European History.

Larkin, Gregory— Third Class Honours in French.
Loughman, Barry— Third Class Honours in Physics.
Lyons, Brendan— Third Class Honours in Latin.

McCarthy, John— Third Class Honours in Latin.
McClusky, Brian— Third Class Honours in French.
Mortensen, James— Second Class Honours in English.
Second Class Honours in Physics.
Third Class Honours in Chemistry.

Phelan, Kenneth— Third Class Honours in Greek.

Troup, Alexander— First Class Honours in Chemistry.
Second Class Honours in English.
Second Class Honours in Latin.
Second Class Honours in Physics.
Third Class Honours in Mathematics III.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE PASSES.

Adams, Kenneth— Passed in French, Mathematics I.
Awburn, George— Passed in English, French, Physics.
Barbaro, Joseph— Passed in Mathematics III. and IV.,
Physics, Chemistry.
Bowler, Anton— Passed in English, French, European History, Intermediate Physics (L), Intermediate German (L). (Matriculated.)

Bowler, Reginald— Passed in English, Geography, European History.

Brady, Anthony— Passed in English, Latin, French, Mathematics I., European History, Intermediate Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Brenan, John— Passed in English, Latin, French, Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Brew, Peter— Passed in English, French, Mathematics III., Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Byrne, Geoffrey— Passed in English, Latin, French, Geography, European History.

Brown, Anthony— Passed in French, Physics, European History.

Burne, Bruce— Passed in Geography, British History, and Intermediate German (L). (Matriculated.) (c.f. Honours List.)

Case, Richard— Passed in English.

Clausen, Norman— Passed in Intermediate German. (c.f. Honours List.)

Collins, James— Passed in English, Latin, French, Mathematics I., Physics. (Matriculated.)

Coleman, Paul— Passed in English, Latin, French, Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Craig, Alan— Passed in English, French, Mathematics I.


Curmi, Edward— Passed in English, Latin, French, Mathematics I., Physics. (Matriculated.)

Curmi, Henry— Passed in French, Mathematics I., Physics, and Intermediate Chemistry.

Curtis, Brian— Passed in English, French, Mathematics II. and III., Physics. (Matriculated.)

Daily, Gerald— Passed in English, French, Mathematics I., Physics, Chemistry, Intermediate Algebra, Intermediate German (L).

Dawson, Clive— Passed in English, French, European History, and Intermediate Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Dillon, Allan— Passed in English, French, Mathematics II. and III., Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Dillon, Ian— Passed in Latin, Mathematics IV. (c.f. Honours List.)

Diviny, Philip— Passed in English, French, Mathematics I.

Donovan, Neil— Passed in Geography.

Donovan, Peter— Passed in English, Mathematics IV. (c.f. Honours List.)

Dooley, Brian— Passed in English, Latin, Mathematics I. and III., Physics. (Matriculated.)

Doyle, Myles— Passed in Mathematics I., Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)

Falkland, Michael— Passed in English, Latin, French, Mathematics I., Physics, Intermediate German. (Matriculated.)
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O’Dea, Raymond— Passed in English, Latin, French, Mathematics I., European History. (Matriculated.)
Parker, Charles— Passed in English, Latin, French.
Prendergast, John— Passed in English, French, German, Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)
Rennick, Gordon— Passed in English, Latin, Mathematics I., Physics, European History. (Matriculated.)
Ridgeway, Francis— Passed in English, French, Mathematics I.
Rowley, Russell— Passed in English, Latin, European History.
Spring, Thomas— Passed in English, French, Mathematics III., Physics, Chemistry. (Matriculated.)
Thompson, Robert— Passed in Mathematics I., and Intermediate Chemistry.
Trost, Patrick— Passed in English, Latin, French, Physics.
Tuthill, John— Passed in Physics and Intermediate German.
Ware, Murray— Passed in English, French.
Watson, David— Passed in English^ Latin, French, Mathematics I., Physics. (Matriculated.)
Whitaker, Geoffrey— Passed in Physics.
Winstall, Reginald— Passed in French.

INTERMEDIATE.
Albers, John.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.
Alwyn, John.—Passed in Physics, Chemistry, French (L), Latin (L).
Arendsen, John.—Passed in English (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Physics, Chemistry, French (L), Latin.
Barbaro, Francis.—Passed in English (L), Arithmetic, Algebra (L), Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Physics, Chemistry, French.
Barton, Kevin.—Passed in English, Geometry and Trigonometry, Drawing, British History, and Civics.
Bishop, Robin.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, British History and Civics (L), French, Latin.
Bladin, Peter.—Passed in English, Algebra (L), Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.
Boyce, William.—Passed in English, Arithmetic Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Geography.
Brady, Geoffrey.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry (L), French, Latin.
Britten-Jones, Robert.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin, Greek.
Burder, Patrick.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, French, Latin, Physics.
Burke, Thomas.—Passed in English, Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Physics (L), Chemistry, French (L), Latin.
THE PREFECTS.

Seated.—P. Coleman, R. Bowler, A. Troup (Captain), G. Larkin, I. A. Lewis.

THE CATHOLIC ACTION GROUP.

Standing.—P. Coleman, R. Bisshop, R. Britten-Jones, K. Curmi, C. Parker.
Seated.—R. Bowler, G. Larkin, A. Troup.
OFFICIALS OF THE SODALITIES AND THE MISSION SOCIETY.
On the Ground.—A. Prendergast, F. Dooley, A. McGowan.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. XAVIER CONFERENCE.
Seated.—P. Coleman, R. Bowler, B. McClusky, A. Troup, G. Larkin, R. Moore, R. Bisshop.
Byrne, Donald M.—Passed in Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography (L), Drawing.

Byrne, Gavan.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Case, Patrick.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics (L), French, Latin.

Chapman, Peter.—Passed in Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, Drawing.

Clayton, John.—Passed in English, British History and Civics (L), French.

Coleman, John.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Coles, Harris.—Passed in English (L), Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Geography (L).

Cosgriff, Peter.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Coughlin, Dermot.—Passed in English (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, British History and Civics.

Donovan, Robert.—Passed in English (L), Algebra (L), Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin (L).

Dooley, Brendan.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, British History and Civics, French, German, Latin, Greek.

Everett, John.—Passed in English, Algebra (L), Geography, British History and Civics (L), French, Latin.

Fogarty, David.—Passed in English, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Gilfedder, Gerald.—Passed in English, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Gorman, Adrian.—Passed in English (L), Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, Latin (L).

Gorman, David.—Passed in English, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, French, Latin.

Griitzner, Brian.—Passed in English, Geography, French (L), Latin.

Hagerty, Basil.—Passed in English (L), Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Hattam, Kenneth.—Passed in English (L), Geography, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Hayes, Edward.—Passed in English (L).

Hill, William.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, British History and Civics, French, Latin.

Jabara, Leslie.—Passed in English (L), Arithmetic, Geography.

Kelly, Gerald.—Passed in English (L), Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Chemistry, British History and Civics, French.

Knowles, Peter.—Passed in English, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, French, Latin, Greek.

Lefebvre, Leon.—Passed in English, Geography (L), British History and Civics (L), French, German, Latin.

Lyons, Barry.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French.

McCarthy, Dermot.—Passed in English, Algebra, Physics (L), Chemistry (L), French, Latin.
Maher, John.—Passed in English, Arithmetic (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, British History and Civics.

Moore, Richard.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, French, Latin.

Moorehead, Garry.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin, Greek.

Moy, Patrick.—Passed in English, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, French (L), Latin.

Mullins, Francis.—Passed in English, Geography, British History and Civics.

Murphy, Brendan.—Passed in English, Algebra (L), Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

O'Shaughnessy, Kevin.—Passed in English, Algebra (L), Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, Latin.

O'Sullivan, Martin.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Drawing, French (L).

Oliphant, Robert.—Passed in English, Algebra (L), Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Owen, Kevin.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, British History and Civics, French, Latin (L).

Parkinson, Brian.—Passed in English (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography.

Pedley, John.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry (L), Geography, French, Latin.

Poli, Amando.—Passed in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry (L), French (L).

Ralph, James.—Passed in Arithmetic (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Roberts, Richard.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Geography, British History and Civics, French (L), Latin.

Saleeba, Alexander.—Passed in English, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French (L), Latin.

Smith, Peter.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Physics, Chemistry, French (L), Latin (L).

Trainor, Anthony.—Passed in English, Algebra, Geography, British History and Civics, French (L), Latin (L).

Travers-Ball, Ian.—Passed in English, Arithmetic (L), Algebra, Chemistry, British History and Civics (L), French, Latin.

Trroup, Angus.—Passed in English, Arithmetic (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, French, Latin.

Turner, Drew.—Passed in English, Geometry and Trigonometry, Geography, British History and Civics, French, Latin.

Tuxworth, Leonard.—Passed in English (L), Algebra (L), Geography (L), British History and Civics, French.

Williams, John.—Passed in English (L), Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics (L), Chemistry, British History and Civics, French, Latin.

Willy, Paul.—Passed in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Physics, French, Latin.
Old Xaverians in the Forces

Decorations
M.B.E. (Military Division).
Flight Lieutenant John G. Shelton.

Military Cross.
Captain J. Rosel.
Captain K. Watson.
Captain N. Whitehead.
Captain J. F. Lavan.
Lieutenant W. E. Stokes.

British Empire Medal.
A./W.O.1 E. McRae.

D.F.C.
Flight Lieutenant B. Higgins (killed).
Flying Officer Edward Marron.
Group Captain J. F. Ryland.

NAVY.
Adams, William (1930-33).
Batten, Paymaster Lieut. John (1936-38).
Blomme, Daniel (1938-41) (F.F.N.).
Burne, William (1931-41).
Cavanagh, John (1938-41).
Chapman, John (1937-40).
Coffey, Surgeon, Lieut. Commander Francis (1916-19).
Colahan, Richard (1940-42).
Condon, Peter (1933-40).
Crosbie, John (1929-37).
Cross, Leaver (1918-21).
Cull, John (1928-30).
Dooley, Francis (1936-37).
Dwyer, George (1940-41).
Groot, Raymond de (1939-41).
Healy, Patrick (1937-42).
Hickey, William (1929).
Hopp, Richard (1931-41).
Howard, Francis (1938-40).
Hurley, Brian (1934-44).
Ick, Harcourt (1933-37).
Kiernan, John (1925-34).
Laird, Gordon (1936-43).
Lewis, Sub-Lieut. Leslie (1918).
Norris, Geoffrey (1935-44).
McCunnie, John (1936-37).
McDonald, John (1929-33).
McKenzie, Geoffrey (1937-40).
McMahon, Geoffrey (1940-42).
Mooney, Sub-Lieut. Maurice (1934-36).
O'Brien, John (1931-38).
Parker, Lieut. Michael (1931-38).
Pilkington, John (1935-38).
Ryan, John (1924-34).
Schrader, Adrian (1932-42).
Scudds, William (1927-29).
Waldron, Kevin (1931-35).
Watson, David (1935-43).
Whelan, Desmond.
Williams, Paymaster Lieut. Douglas (1927-37).

ARMY.
Acton, Philip (1913-19).
Ahern, Willis (1914-20).
Ahern, Desmond (1921-25).
Aird, Andrew (1922-34).
Aird, Ian (1922-31).
Andre, Edward (1933-35).
Andre, John (1935-36).
Andrews, Milne (1922-23).
Annal, Kenneth (1938-41).
Baird, George (1937).
Barlee, Lieut. Franklin (1927-32).
Barnett, Raymond (1928-30).
Barnewall, Reginald (1938-41).
Barwick, William (1929-33).
Behan, Major Thomas (1909-11).
Bell, Leslie (1925-27).
Bennett, Capt. Alan (1918-25).
Berrigan, Leslie (1923-25).
Bibron, Paul (1919-21).
Boileau, Major Gilbert (A.A.M.C.) (1914-17).
Boileau, Lieut. Edmund (1918-19).
Boileau, Major Gilbert (A.A.M.C.) (1914-17).
Boileau, Lieut. Edmund (1918-19).
Boyd, Colin (1939).
Brennan, David (1936-37).
Brennan, Capt. Gerald (1921-24).
Brennan, John (1930-39).
Brennan, Capt. Kevin, A.A.M.C. (1911-17).
Buckley, Allan (1931-34).
Buckley, Paul (1928-30). (Killed.)
Burch, Alan (1937-38).
Burne, Peter (1931-40).
Burrows, Woodley (1925-28).
Butler, Francis (1922-25).
Burne, Peter (1931-40).
Byrne, Capt. Aubrey (1912-18).
Byrne, Col. Herbert (1905-15).
Byron, John (1923-26).
Cahir, Vincent (1924-25).
Callander, Francis (1939-40).
Casey, Leo (1923-24).
Carolan, Lieut. Ivor (1931-35).
Chapman, James (1937-41).
Chapman, Peter (1937-43).
Clancy, Leo (1929-32).
Clarebrough, Brigadier John (1911-13).
Clements, Leo (1922-25).
Coughlan, Donal (1929-36).
Coughlan, James (1927-32).
Coughlan, Jasper (1927-32).
Coughlan, Oswald (1928-33).
Cougwall, Major Robert (1921-25).
Cohen, Brigadier Harold (1895-98).
Cohen, Bertrand (1928-37).
Coleman, Lieut. Kevin (1930-40).
Collins, Adrian (1925-30).
Collins, Don (1932-40).
Collins, John (1929-36).
Comans, Francis (1920-21).
Commons, Capt. Philip, A.A.M.C. (1907-14).
Connally, Gerald (1931-39).
Connally, Francis (1924-27).
Conolly, Lieut. Peter (1938-40).
Conway, Capt. Chaplain James (1922-23).
Cooper, Clive.
Cosgrove, Brian (1925-32).
Cosgrove, John (1924-31).
Costello, Clyde (1941).
Coyle, Joseph (1918-19).
Crosbie, Kevin (1922-30).
Croughan, Captain John (1902-04).
Cruise, John (1930-33).
Cullinan, Geoffrey (1935-39). (Killed.)
Cur, Jules (1933-36). (Killed.)
Cur, Edward (1904-09).
Curtin, Kevin (1922-27).
Cussen, Adrian (1904-13).
Daffy, Richard (1924-28).
Daly, Lieut.-Col. Thomas (1929). (Twice mentioned in despatches.)
Daly, Dennis (1926-34).
Daly, Harrison (1918-23).
Daly, John E. (1926).
Danaher, Maurice (1928-37).
Darling, Major Louis (1913-18).
D'Astoir, Max (1936).
Davis, Joseph (1930-32).
Davison, Alexander (1932-41).
Dawson, Lieut. Peter (1926-37).
Day, Alfred (1924-25).
Dean, Howard (Bill), (1937).
Dean, Patrick (1926-29).
Delany, Brian (1935).
Despoges, Louis (1923-30).
Devall, Albert (1915-18).
Dick, Oliver (1936-37).
Dingwall, Alan (1921-23).
Dixon, Austin (1933).
Dixon, Thomas (1905-13).
Dixon, Colonel Oliver, D.S.O. (1897-99).
Doheny, Milo (1927-35).
Donoghue, Capt. Francis, A.A.M.C. (1922).
Dowden, Capt. Noel (1905-09). (Died).
Dowden, Col. Richard (1895-07).
Dowling, Capt. Philip, A.A.M.C. (1923-26).
Drake, John (1914-18). (Killed).
Dungan, Michael (1937).
Dwyer, Ian (1922-23).
Dynon, Capt. Francis (1921-24).
Dynon, Capt. Geoffrey, A.A.M.C. (1924-26).
Dwyer, Alan (1926-29).

Eldred, Graham (1935).
Edwards, James (1917-26).
England, Andrew (1923-32).

Falkland, Peter (1934-42). (Duntroon).
Farey, Beaumont (1921-30).
Farey, John (1936).
Fennessy, Desmond (1925-34).
Filippini, Michael (1935-36).

Finlayson, Bernard (1923-25).
Fitchett, Ian (1920-25).
Fitzgerald, Brian (1933-37).
Fitzgerald, Edward (1936-37).
Fitzgerald, Paul (1933-39).
Fitzgerald, Michael (1934-42).
Flanagan, Raymond (1927-23).
Flecker, Brabazon (1933-35). (Killed.)
Flecker, Colin (1933-36).
Flynn, Capt. John, A.A.M.C. (1923-26).
Flynn, Lieut. Thomas (1923-32).
Fogarty, Lieut. Francis (1930-33).
Fogarty, Lieut. Thomas (1917-27).
Foley, Capt. Francis, A.A.M.C. (1918-20).
Foley, John (1928-29).
Forde, William (1922).
Foreman, Russell (1937-39).
Fox, William (1916-26).
Furnell, Peter (1936-43).

Gaffney, Brian (1939-40).
Gaffney, Newman (1933-34). (Killed).
Gaffney, Thomas (1908-10).
Gallagher, Alan (1925-34).
Gallagher, John (1923-24).
Gallivan, Leo (1926).
Gamlin, Charles (1922-25).
Gamlin, John (1925-28).
Gibbs, John (1917-20).
Gleeson, Thomas (1914-15).
Glenndon, Edward (1915-18).
Glenndon, Hilary (1920-25).
Godby, Richard (1921-23).
Gorman, Capt. Adrian P., A.A.M.C. (1913-17).
Gorman, Peter (1936-37).
Graber, John (1902).
Grace, Gerald (1933-34).

Grant, Alexander (1924-31).
Grant, James (1929-30).
Gray, John (1925-27).
Greenwood, William (1936).
Greville, Major Lome (1914-18).
Grutzner, Peter (1933-41).

Hannan, Lieut. Edward (1933-36).
Harbison, James (1920-28).
Hardy, John (1940-41).
Harrison, Capt. William, A.A.M.C. (1909-12).
Haslett, Francis (1925-37).
Healy, Anthony (1934-41).
Healy, Paul (1929).
Hede, Capt. John, A.A.M.C. (1930-34).
Henderson, Stephen (1924-31).
Hepburn, Lieut. Alan (1913-17).
Herrick, Brian (1937-38).
Hiscock, Reginald (1935-40).
Hogan, Michael (1929-32).
Hoizer, Louis (1922-30).
Hopkins, Eliot (1908-12).
Hoppe, Capt. John (1919-27).
Horan, James (1927-29).
Howard, Francis (1938-40).
Hunter, Lieut. B. Cherrington (1939-37) (Killed).

Huntsman, Lieut. John (1923-26)
Hussey, Cliff (1917-18).

Indemaur, John (1926-29).
Jackman, Mervyn (1926-27).
Jones, Adrian (1917-24). (Missing).
Jones, Lieut. Col. A. Britten (1911).
Jones, Lieut, Col. E. Britten (1898).
Jones, Francis (1908-12).
Joyce, Lieut. Thomas (1927). (Drowned).

Keane, Col. Francis, A.A.M.C. (1397-1905).
Keane, Francis (1913-22).
Keane, Lieut. William (1934-40).
Keeshan, Ignatius (1927-38).
Kelly, Brian (1928).
Kelly, Desmond (1937).
Kelly, Vaughan (1923-25).
Kemp, Reginald (1937).
Kennedy, Capt. Kevin (1930-33).
Kennedy, Capt. Leo (1908-13). (Dentist).
Kennelly, Anthony (1930-39).
Kiernan, John (1928-34).
Kift, Max (1930-35).
Kirby, Finn (1938-41).
Kirsich, Leo (1932-39).
Knowles, Major Frederick (1929-32).

Laird, Allan (1920-28).
Lalor, Peter (1921-30). (Killed).
Lang, Harcourt (1924-28).
Larkin, Barnett (1924-28). (Killed).
Lanning, Major Derham (1932-3b).
Lester, Arthur (1931-17).
Levin, Ross (1935). (Killed).
Lewis, Peter (1929-41).
Ley, Major Urban, A.A.M.C. (1914-15).
Liston, Capt. John (1926-29).
Lloyd, Major John (1913-20).
Lockwood, Capt. Lindsay (1919-24).
Long, Major Charles (1929-30).
Lorens, Capt. Philip (1930-32).
Loughran, Capt. Lewis (1932). (Killed).
Lynch, Alexander (1934-36).
Lyons, Kevin (1939-40).
McArdle, Brian (1934-38).
McCaffrey, Lieut. James (1925-32). (P.O.W.)
McCardel, Hubert (1935-36).
McCreal, Denis (1925-34).
McCombe, John (1927-28).
McCoye, Robin (1932-40).
McCormack, Peter (1929-36).
McCormack, John (1927-34).
McCuaig, Edward (1927-29).
McDonald, Kevin (1924-27).
MacDonald, Leo (1942-43).
McGrath, Louis (1931-36).
McGrath, William (1923-24).
McKenzie, Hector (1923-29).
McKenzie, Hugh (1936-40).
McLaren, James (1941).
McLean, John (1922-26).

McLeod, Donald (1931).
McLoghillin, Francis (1922-26).
McMahon, Ambrose (1922).
McMahon, Con. (1925-28).
McMahon, James (1919).
McNamara, David B. (1921).
McNamara, John (1938-40).
McNally, Capt. John (1934).
McPhillamy, John (1938-40).

McRae, Edmund (1921-25). (British Empire Medal).
Madden, James (1919-26).
Maher, Capt. Chaplain George (1926-29).
Mahon, John (1924-27).
Mahon, Kevin (1923-27). (P.O.W.)
Mahon, Capt. Bryan (dentist) (1921-23).
Malone, Thomas (1922-23).
Mason, Bernard (1927-29).
Mathers, Arthur (1919).
Meakes, Alfred (1922-26) (P.O.W.).
Meredith, Michael (1939).
Millea, Thomas (1935-37).
Miles, Leslie (1923). (Killed).
Minogue, Thomas (1914-21).
Minogue, Capt. Henry (1907-14).
Molomby, Capt. Thomas (1926-34), mentioned in despatches.
Moore, Capt. Francis, A.A.M.C. (1929-34).
Moore, Lieut. William (1928-33).
Moore, Mark (1936-40).
Morrees, Paul (1935-41).
Mornane, Capt. Francis (Dentist) (1914-20).
Mornane, Major Stan (1925-28).
Mornane, John (1925-33).
Mulcahy, Capt. Hugh, A.A.M.C. (1926-30).
Mulhall, Stan (1934-35).
Murphy, Major Gregory, A.A.M.C. (1920-25).
Murphy, Kevin (1918-23).
Murphy, Lindsay (1923-24).

Narik, Peter (1938-39).
Naughton, Edward (1924-28).
Naughton, Anthony (1926-33).
Naughton, Kenneth (1928-36).
Naughton, John (1926-34).
Naughton, John E. (1928-37).
Ney, Capt. Alan (1915-22).

O'Brien, Leo (1922-24).
O'Connell, Capt. Michael (1931-33).
O'Connor, Clifford (1921-34).
O'Connor, Ivan (1937).
O'Connor, Alfred (1929-34).
O'Halloran, Roger (1918-26).
O'Halloran, John (1931-38).
O'Keefe, Edward (1928-29).
O'Keefe, Maurice (1928-30).
O'Keefe, Noel (1921).
O'Keefe, Roderick (1921-28).
O'Keefe, Lieut. Brian (1933-35).
O'Leary, Francis (1913-21-23-24).
O'Meara, James (1924-27).

Peppard, Michael (1941-42).
Peppard, Peter (1939-40).
Perrignon, George (1930-33).
Peterson, Francis (1931-32).
Peterson, Geoffrey (1926-28).
Phillips, Eric (1920-22).
Plunkett, Paul (1938-39).
Porter, John (1919-23).
Prytz, Ian (1927-30).
Quin, Kenneth (1921).
Quin, Leo (1921).

Rawson, Col. Hugh (1909-11).
Redfern, Harold (1929-31).
Reis, Capt. Chaplain Conrad (1930-31).
Reis, Kevin (1934).
Rennick, Francis (1911-18).
Rice, John (1934-39).
Richardson, Percy (1927).
Robertson, Capt. Les. (1912-21). (P.O.W.).
Rorke, Ernest (1918-21). (P.O.W.).
Rowan, Bruce (1930-34).
Rubira, Robert (1936-40).
Rush, Thomas (1926-23).
Ryan, Bernard (1934-36).
Ryan, John C. (1928-30).
Ryan, Leo (1933-37).
Ryan, Maurice (1928-38).
Ryan, Myles (1930).

Safe, John (1923-29).
Schlicht, Peter (1934-40).
Schlink, Lieut. John (1933-35).
Schneider, Franz (1909-14).
Schneider, Capt. Victor (Dentist) (1928-32).
Schneider, Lieut. Col. Vincent (1918-20).
Schrader, Major Heinrich (1908-11).
Schrader, Neville (1931-38).
Scognamillo, Francis (1933-36).
Sexton, James (1939-40).
Shea, Alan (1929-33).
Shea, Kevin (1933-35).
Sheahan, Alymer (1936).
Sheahan, Desmond (1927-34).
Sheehan, William (1928). (Killed).
Sheezel, Marcus (1924-31).
Shrimpton, Hilary (1916-25).
Skelly, Anthony (1929-30).
Skelly, Max (1937). (Killed.)
Skelly, William (1929-30).
Slattery, Brian (1922-30).
Slattery, James (1909-13).

Sparks, Hugh (1937-38).
St. Ellen, Joseph (mentioned in despatches).
Stanley, Ray (1902-03).
Starr, Leo (1920-28).
Stewart, James (1922-28).
Sullivan, Leo (1920).
Swaine, Donald (1931-39).
Sweeney, Francis (1928-32).
Sweeney, Mulhall (1928-31).

Tacey, William (1936-33).
Taylor, Hugh (1932-36).
Taylor, Charles (1937).
Taylor, Colonel George, C.B.E. (1917-21), British Army.
Thompson, Basil (1936-38).
Tierney, Philip (1927-32).
Tubbs, Hilary (1924-26).
Tuohy, Noel (1930-36).

Vinecombe, Murray (1936-39).
Walker, Denis (1932-37).
Ward, Vincent (1919).
Warhurst, Thomas (1929-34).
Weldon, Michael (1935-40).
Westhoven, Francis (1919-20).
White, Lieut. Edward (1923-26).
White, John (1926).
White, William (1928-29).
Whiting, Hilary (1936-38).
Whiting, Raymond (1939-40).
Wilkins, Thomas (1929-34). (Killed).
Williams, Ernest (1928-36).
Willy, Brewis (1931-36).
Wilton, Ian (1933-42) (Duntroon).
Winter, Owen (1907-16). (P.O.W.).
Win ton, Lieut. Anthony (1933).
Wraith, Carl (1924-28).
Wren, Joseph (1922-32).
Wright, Adrian (1931-35).
Wright, Lieut. Davern (1925-29).
Wright, John (1939-40).
Wright, Robert L. (1925-27).

AIR FORCE.
Allen, Edward (1925).
Andre, Robert (1927-29). (P.O.W.).
Anivitti, Maurice (1925-29). (Killed).
Arnold, Denton (1926-33).
Baldwin, Wing-Com. Godfrey (1920-26).
Barton, Kevin (1935-43).
Barrett, F/Lt. Maurice (1927-32).
Barrett, F/Lt. Mervyn (1927-35).
Barry, F/Lt. David (1918-20).
Barry, George (1912-14).
Barbaro, Joseph (1942-43).
Bavay, Xavier de (1933-37).
Bernadas, Laurence (1935-41).
Bibron, Francis (1922-26).
Bird, F/Lt. Peter (1934-36).
Bourke, Francis (1938).
Bowler, Anton (1934-43).
Bown, Thomas (1917-20).
Bramleigh, Rex (1938).
Breheny, S/L. Peter (1924-27).
Brennan, John A. (1912-14).
Bresnahan, Daniel (1928-30). R.I.P.
Burgess, Sylvester (1921-22).
Burke, Noel (1916-25).
Byrne, Geoffrey (1935-43).
Caher, James (1930-33).
Capell, F/Lt. Thomas (1933).
Carter, Bruce (1930-31).
Caster, Rollet (1937-41).
Chamberlain, F/Lt. Norman (1930-33).
Casey, John (1937-38).
Clarke, F/Lt. Maurice (1925-34).
Clifford, S/L. John (1918-22).
Coffey, William (1938).
Colahan, F/Lt. Basil (1914-15).
Colahan, Sean (1932-34).
Coleman, F/Lt. Alan (1926-27).
Coleman, Max (1924-25).
Collins, Austin (1926-29). (Killed.)
Commons, Michael (1933-34).
Conlan, Peter (1916-23).
Connellan, Edward (1927-29).
Connelly, Wing/Com. Dermot (1913-20).
Conroy, Desmond (1935-41). (Missing.)
Cook, P/O. John (1914-16).
Corder, John (1933-42).
Cosgrove, William (1924-31). (Killed.)
Crosbie, Barry (1933-37).
Crotty, Reginald (1935-37). (Killed.)
Curr, James (1933).
Curran, John (1940).
Davis, John (1928-32).
Davies, Murray (1919-30). (Killed.)
Davis, Francis (1937-41).
Dawson, Clive (1935-44).
Delahunty, Patrick (1939-41).
Dennis, John (1935-36).
Dent, George (1928-29).
Devlin, Henry (1936-39). (Killed.)
Dillon, Kevin (1936-42).
Dixie, Ronald (1939).
Dockery, Graeme (1938-41).
Donovan, Neil (1939-43).
Doran, Brian (1936-37).
Downing, Kenneth (1934-35).
Dowling, F/Lt. Wilbur (1925-26). (Killed.)
Drake, F/Lt. Frederick (1907-11).
Dyson, P/O. John (1921-23).
Ellis, J. Roy (1916-26).
Egan, Adrian (1921-23).
Fakhry, F/O. Marcel (1925-36).
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OFFICERS OF THE CADET CORPS.

Front Row.—Lieut. J. McAleavey, Capt J. P. Smith, Lieut. H. King.
Members of the Y. C.W. being addressed by His Grace the Archbishop, Most Rev D. Mannix, D.D., L.L.D., at the Catholic Youth Rally.
The Past

Dr. Frank Costigan was elected President of the Old Xaverians Association at the General Meeting last December. We congratulate him and wish him every success in his new office. Frank has come to Melbourne and taken a practice in Collins Street after several years at Yea.

He came to Xavier in 1918 after four years at Riverview. In his first year he was a member of the XVIII, and the Athletic team, the long jump being his specialty, and in 1919 he was captain of Athletics. In that year he was a prefect and a member of both the XI, and XVIII. In 1920, his second year in honours, he was Dux of the School, and also won the Dean Murphy prize for honours R.K. and also the prize for combined study and sport, as well as securing a Donovan Bur­sary to Newman College and a Newman College resident scholarship. He was Prefect of the Sodality, vice-captain of the XVIII, and played in the XI. At the end of the year he secured first class honours in French and second class in Latin and Greek. In 1921 Frank abandoned the languages for the sciences, and was captain of the XI and opening bat. Captain and centre of XVIII, and still Prefect of the Sodality and a school Prefect.

In 1922 Frank took out his scholarships, and entered Newman at the University for his Medical Course. While at Newman he represented the College in cricket, football, and athletics. He played cricket with the University and football for University XVIII for three years, being awarded a full blue for football. In 1925 he played football with the Fitzroy firsts and again in the two following years, and he played cricket with the Northcote firsts. In 1927 Frank graduated M.B.B.S.

At the general meeting Frank appealed to all to support him during the year. "All should get to know one another and the result will be still greater unity and loyalty to Xavier and the O.X.A. This will assist in maintaining among the Old Boys, through the medium of the O.X.A., the spirit of Xavier and the spiritual training and atmosphere inculcated in them while they were at school," he said.

Drew Aird is an official with the Red Cross. We congratulate him on his wedding to Miss Molan in July, and we wish them both many years of happiness. His brother Ian is with the forces and when last heard of was just "up north."

Denton Arnold is with the Air Force and on his return from overseas came to see us at the School. We offer our sincerest sympathy to John Baker on the tragic death of his daughter last September.

F./Lt. Mervyn Barrett is up beyond New Guinea with the Air Force, and "on April 26th—to F./Lt. and Mrs. Mervyn Barrett, a son." Congratulations and best wishes. Xavier de Bavay is a Flight Sergeant in the Air Force and is in England at present. His father and his brother John are still in Hobart.

We congratulate Captain Alan Bennett on his wedding. When we last heard of him he was at Concord, N.S.W.

Major Tom Behan is still with the army. We congratulate his son Gerald on getting his commission.

Paul Bibron returned from overseas with the army some months ago. As we write we are sorry to say that he is in the Caulfield Military Hospital suffering from, paralysis. His brother Francis is with the Air Force.

Dan Blomme and Pierre have both joined the Free French Navy and were cruising around the Pacific when last heard of them. We thank them for their letters and good wishes to the School. More recent news tells us that both Daniel and Pierre are in French waters.

Ted Borrman paid us a visit in June. He has a station out from Balranald, but had little to report beyond accounts of the drought stricken Riverina.

Frank Bourke, who came from Nathalia and who was our star footballer in 1938, is now with the R.A.A.F., and sailed for England a few months ago. Recent reports tell us that he is safe and well, and that he is doing flying control at a bomber station.

Lieut. Colonel Geoffrey Brennan. Geoff is in France. He holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and is Assistant Adju­tant and Quartermaster General (A.A. and Q.M.G.) of his Division, which distin­guished itself very greatly at the battle of Caen, and to which, later on, Le Havre surrendered. As senior staff officer he is charged with the administration of the Division, including co-ordination of sup­plies, arranging for medical services, the provision of reinforcements, the care of prisoners, etc. The Division embarked for France on D day and disembarked four days later, the crossing being without inci-
dent, and it immediately went into the thick of the fighting.

He has two sons—Denis, born on January 4th, 1943, and Michael, born on January 4th, 1944. He and his family were well acordingto last advices.

Early in the year we received the following note from L.A.C. John Brennan. Since writing this note Dick Manly has been killed. R.I.P. Henry Shirley was posted missing for some time, but has now been found and is a P.O.W. in Germany, and John himself is completing his training in England.

I am finding Canada a great country and have met a couple of Old Xaverians since I have been here. Dick Manly is here on the same station, and John Naughton was in the vicinity for a while, and I believe that Henry Shirley is somewhere about.

Best wishes for the coming year.

JOHN A. BRENNAN (X.C. 1931-36).

Kevin Brennan paid us several visits during the year. He is on the land near Terang (Noorat to be accurate). It seems that he is a ruler in the district.

We were glad to welcome John Burchell at the School a few weeks ago. He is still on the land (or what is left of it) near Donald. Times are very dry in the Mallee.

After holding office for three years, Jim Byrne retired from the position of president of the Old Xaverians' Association. During his time of office he gave many proofs of his affection for the School, and we thank him very sincerely for his kindness.

Alan Burke is with the army, but finds time for dramatics, as the following notes from the "Advocate" says:

"Woman Bites Dog," the comedy by Alan Burke now being presented at the Little Theatre, South Yarra, confirms earlier impressions that this young Melbourne dramatist has a future ahead of him. He does not concern himself with any problem in his comedy and for that reason its success is the more distinguished, for a light structure more readily reveals flaws in workmanship. But very little defect can be discerned in the mechanics of this essay in stagecraft; it is obvious that the young author (only 21) has mastered the art of construction.

Set in a broadcasting studio, New York, lines and reference ring true. The characters are varied and well sketched. Acted by a competent cast, the script, which is witty and built around amusing situations, comes to life in a very satisfactory manner. The curtains are well devised, though the suddenness of the final one needs more careful preparation in its build-up. As it is, the situation is rather ambiguous and leaves the audience uncertain as to how the play really ends. An unexpected and swift curtain is an excellent finish, but there should be no doubt about it.

Margaret Reid as the lady who conducts the children's sessions, and Loveday Hills as the smart gossip in the air, are expertly interpreted and the supporting roles are well cast and competently played by Joan Denyer, John Jess, Don Jordan, Chas. Proctor, Doug Money, Douglas Smirk and Alan Smith. Special mention is due to J. V. Jolley for his admirable performance of the radio session sponsor, in which a good deal of satire is packed.

The play is well produced by Brett Randall and the stage set is effective.

W. Burke is with the A.I.F. We congratulate him on his wedding during the year, and we wish him and Mrs. Burke many years of happiness. He writes:

I met Adrian Egan, now Flying Officer. He is just back from England. As a bomber pilot he visited Norway and Germany frequently, and is fortunate to be alive and well and back in Australia.

Bill Byrne spent some time in Sydney at a radio school connected with the Navy. He met John Curran, who is an observer in the Air Force, and has gone overseas.

Peter Byrne has spent part of this year in Queensland and part in New Guinea. "On Easter Sunday," he writes, "I ran into Frank White, who looks well."

At the Communion Breakfast we met some Xaverians we had not seen for a long time. One of these was John Butler, who was at Xavier from 1919-21. We offer him our sincerest sympathy on the death of his brother Frank. John M. Dunn was also here. He is now living in Toorak. We also ran into Justin Barnett and Jim O'Meara. The former lives in East Kew. The latter was on leave from up north. We also met W. Kennedy, and his son, now Captain Kevin, and in the afternoon we had a most interesting chat with Dr. A. Benbow, who was in Melbourne for "a famous trial," and who was at Xavier in 1902 and '03. On leaving Xavier he went to Ormond College (there was no Newman College in those days). From there he went to California and later began medicine at the Jefferson Institute. He graduated, taking particular high marks in anatomy. He went to the last war and saw service in Serbia and France. He holds a Serbian decoration. On returning to Australia he took up residence in Sydney, where he still resides.

Lieut. Frank Buxton has returned from overseas. As we write he is in Melbourne.

Captain Richard Buxton has been up in the Alice Springs area for most of the year. As we write he is recovering from a serious illness in a military hospital—and "on Sept. 19th, to Captain and Mrs. R. Buxton—a son." Congratulations and best wishes.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Bill Callander on the death of his mother in September. Bill is still in business in Wangaratta.

Frank Callander has joined the A.I.F., and when last heard of was at Cowra, N.S.W.

We congratulate Bill Calanchini on completing his medical course. He is a resident in the Gippsland Hospital, Sale.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to F./Lt. Tom Capell on the death of his mother. R.I.P.
John Casey is a bomber pilot in England. Dr. Eddie Casey is now demobilised and has gone into private and hospital practice again in Brisbane.

John Cavanagh is on the H.M.A.S. "Winter," and writes as follows:

"We've been moving around quite a bit, up and down the North Coast, working in the numerous little bays and around the reefs which abound in those waters. There's some beautiful scenery in New Guinea, especially near the sea, but I'm afraid nobody has had time to stop and look at it. The reefs are the beautiful things, but they're very treacherous.

Our boat is small and has a shallow draft, but we've often run on to them without knowing they were there. One moment there's 100's of feet of water, next minute, there's a wallop underneath, and we hold our breath. Up to now, we've been very lucky, but some day we'll come off a reef with no bottom in the ship, and then we will be in strife. We haven't clashed with any of Tojo's men yet either, which is quote O.K. as far as "Winter" is concerned, and all I hope is that our luck holds.

And again—

I should have written sooner, but we moved around quite a little bit, before eventually treading the decks of the fighting ship. As you see in the top right-hand corner of this, we've been taken unto ourselves a new address, which will be good for a few months yet. Our old skipper has left us, sorry to say, for nobody could wish for a better C.O., so just now we are officially without a boss, although we have a sub-lieutenant on board, who is in charge. Where we are now is just a home from home, good climate and plenty of entertainment. But, to Strang to say, notwithstanding the excellent conditions, I went and got myself a bout of malaria and I'm now spending an enforced holiday in the Sick Bay. Not very serious, but unpleasant enough. The quinine is very definitely unpleasant, but, thank goodness, I've finished that part of the treatment and am now swallowing atabrin tablets three times a day. The end of this week should see me a free man once again, for which I won't be sorry. There's a wireless and plenty of reading matter, but hospital life is still monotonous. Especially when it drags into the second week.

The Sunday before I came into hospital, I went to the Mass at the Holy Rosary Church, and ahead of me I saw Ken Madden. We have a splendid choir singing on Sunday, and Kelvin Plant is one of the leaders of it. He made quite a fuss of himself in Melbourne radio. They have Benediction after Mass, so we're well catered for in the religious line. We don't know where we'll go when we leave here, but we'll probably end up in our old haunts over the other side.

Jim Chapman and Peter. These must be our most faithful and regular correspondents. We thank them for their letters and visits, and to show how we appreciate them we hope to have some more of them. Two years ago Jim sent us a large donation for the new Chapel, and we bought a predieu for the Sanctuary. This year Peter sent us a donation for the Chapel, and we are negotiating about the purchase of some more fittings for the Sanctuary. Jim has now left his old unit, was doing landing craft work for a while, but has more congenial work with the army in Sydney. Peter is with the A.I.F. in Queensland.

Sub-Lieut. John Chapman sailed overseas early this year. He spent some weeks at Fort William, Scotland, doing a motor torpedo boat course. We hear he is somewhere off the coast of England in a Harbour Defence motor launch, and took part in the Invasion.

Captain Jack Cleary is at the headquarters of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. We had a long letter from him recently which we quote below. We can still remember him extremely well, though it is many years since we have seen him.

Dear Fr. Stephenson,

The good examples of Tom Molomby and Tom Finlayson with whom I am at present stationed has caused me to drop you a very long overdue line. It is indeed a long time since I have seen you. I suppose you will hardly remember me now, but I can plead the conditions of life which have prevailed over the past few years.

Since last seeing you I have spent my time practising law in the city and taking odd subjects at the University—mainly, I must confess, for the purpose of playing sport for them. I have managed to get some wonderful interstate trips that way and incidentally improve my education.

Of course of later years things have changed and I have been away in many interesting places. At present, of course, I am in New Guinea and looking forward to a little home leave in the not too distant future.

Looking through the Xaverian I cannot help but remark, with pride, at the large percentage of old boys in the services. It says a lot for the School. I would say that the percentage compares favourably with any of the other Public Schools.

I promise you that it will not be so long again before I write you some news of myself.

With very kind regards,

JACK CLEARY.

Peter Condon went to sea some time ago on H.M.A. "Ararat." We thank him for a long letter which found us very busy with that last-minute rush for "press." We hope to send him a long letter when our fingers recover from an abundance of "pen-driving." He says he is very busy as postman and assistant canteen manager.

We met F/Lt. John Cooke about ten months ago when on leave from Port Moresby. He was in the Heidelberg Hospital for some time, but is well and back again on the job up north. He writes:

Dear Father,

I was a bit sorry for myself while the malaria lasted. I am back on the job again.

Anyway I am in good hands as John Shelton is one of my medical advisers. After this I will probably take his advice.

He and Wing Commdr. Peter Parker had dinner with me last Tuesday here in G.H.Q. mess.

Alan Ney (Capt. A.I.F.) was up here for a couple of weeks but has gone back to Brisbane.

I saw Maurice Collins (Capt. A.I.F.) recently in Moresby. He is not exactly fading away, so the climate must agree with him.

Mnrrav McInerney (Lieut., R.A.N.V.R.) is Naval Intelligence Officer at Einschafen and seems to be enjoying his tent and bully beef. I bet the novelty soon wears off.

There was a Major Loughran (A.I.F.) here for quite a while. He was after my time at School.

Roy Dobson (Lieut., R.A.N.V.R.) is also here just now doing work with the U.S. Navy.

Peter Burne (A.I.F.) is still a regular visitor, and as in the case of many other youths, the experience has not done him any harm. He should be going down shortly.

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I hear that Rudolph Jones (Flt./Lt.) is down in
the R.A.A.F. mess. I haven't seen him yet.
I suppose you will see Paul Lachal. He went down
recently and shot up. John Shelton saw him as far
as Townsville.

Jim Cooke is one of the most regular and
faithful members of the O.X.A. Committee. We thank him sincerely. Fred is
still at Ballarat and we understand he is
to be represented at Burke Hall this year
by his son and heir.

Don. Coghan is with the army and we
congratulate him on his wedding to
Miss Brown in June. We met Jim and
Jasper at the wedding. Oswald was not
fortunate enough to get leave from army
duties. We also met John Newton, now
with a commission in the Air Force and
his wings, after interesting experiences
overseas which involved being torpedoed
near Iceland. But that's only history now.
We congratulate John on his wedding and
we wish him and Mrs. Newton many
years of happiness.

Dick Colahan has joined the Navy and
when heard of last was somewhere in the
Indian Ocean. His brother Sean is with
the R.A.A.F. Spent most of the last
couple of years in Africa, but when last
heard of he was in Europe.

Bdr. John Collins was home on leave
early in the year. He writes:
The Sunday before last, Don and I went up to
Benediction, and we met Dick Marron, Brian Fitz-
gerald and Finn Kirby. Last Sunday Dick came
along and spent a few hours with me, and so we
had quite a yarn about old times. Dick tells me the
Chaplain in his unit is an O.X., Fr. Maher.

Michael Conlan is teaching in the High
School, Warracknabeal, and we congratu-
late him and Mrs. Conlan on the arrival
of a little daughter in September.

Eddie Connellan. We offer him and
Mrs. Connellan our sincerest congratula-
tions on the arrival of a little son last
October. We now quote from the Sydney
Bulletin:

Service planes don't cause nearly as much excite-
ment out through the Never-Never as does a little
single-engined Percival Gull that maintains a one-man
mail service to The Granites and Tanami, up to
Wyndham and back through Argyle and Wave Hill
and Victoria River Downs and the stations on the
way to Katherine. To most of the station people it's
the finest thing in the North.

It's run by Eddie Connellan, a young man (he's
32) with large ideas and infectious enthusiasm. Born at
Balranald, N.S.W., member of a family of graziers,
he went to Xavier, Melbourne, taught maths. and
science at Swan Hill High School, studied engineer-
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memories of 1918. We have condensed here an article that appeared in the "Advocate" on Fr. Connors' work for the natives.

In 1928 the now famous Kokoda Trail was crossed for the first time by a white man. It was Rev. William Connors, M.S.C. The natives gave him whole-hearted co-operation, and in return he has helped them by founding five missions, all of which have been a great success. The latest is the mission at Melville Island; perhaps this is his greatest success, for he laboured for many months on this island clearing and preparing the land before he sent for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart to help him in God's work.

When the Pacific War came, and it was difficult to obtain supplies. Father Connors had the little children "evacuated." They were sent to Carrieton, South Australia, and there they are being cared for by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. It is not easy, in a world at war, to keep those little home settlements going at Melville Island, to feed and clothe the large family which has moved to Carrieton, 20 miles from Adelaide. But Fr. Connors has the happy knack of getting others to realise that: "There is lots of fun in serving God." And so he has succeeded in both ventures.

Fr. Connors has given Melbourne the very high privilege of adopting the mission at Melville Island, and so it is to be hoped that the Catholics of Melbourne will give their full support to the efforts of the Melville Island Mission Auxiliary to whom Fr. Conno-s said, and surely meant it: "Without such friends as you, it would be impossible to carry on."

Guy Cooper (1904-8), in recent years manager of Fitzroy branch of the Bank of N.S.W., has gone to London on special war work for one of the war-time services. Has a son in the Navy—and we quote from the "Herald":—

Squadron Leader Guy B. Cooper has obtained a job which includes stoking boilers. There is no pay, but as an honorary Commissioner of the Australian Comforts Fund he does not mind that.

Recently he opened a club and hostel in London for Australian airmen and others on leave from the Battle of France. In an airgraph received to-day at Navy headquarters, he states that in addition to hundreds of servicemen and women who visit the club by day, about 120 stay there every night.

Squadron Leader Cooper says it is difficult to obtain hours in England, and impossible to secure a porter handyman. "I have acted as night porter at the club," he says, "carried coke from one end of the basement to the other, and stoked boilers."

After many months of waiting, news has been received that Captain Chaplain Frank Corry, O.P., is safe and well somewhere in Malaya.

We offer our congratulations to Xavier Connor, on his marriage to Miss Landy a few months ago, and we wish them both every happiness and blessing. He writes on his return to the north after his wedding, honeymoon and leave:

Melbourne’s notorious August was indeed kind to us—a fine day for the wedding and beautiful weather for our honeymoon at Lorne. Down there we were walking along the Ocean Road one morning when a car passed us, and then pulled up. Its occupants turned out to be Dick and Mrs. Walker, who had beaten us to it by five days at the Xavier Chapel, and who had also chosen Lorne for their honeymoon.

There are no other old Xaverians in my unit and as far as I know none in the Brigade just now. If you know of any I would like to hear of them. I have seen both Des Breheny and John Pawson; Paul Lacklach also before his unfortunate accident. I saw Jim Horan while I was at Canungra. Frank Barlee was there also. I met Mitchell McKenzie for a few minutes in the Sydney Officers’ Club, and we are about the only O.X.A. contacts I have made recently, apart from those I saw in Melbourne.

Barry Crosbie we met recently at Ernie Williams’ wedding. He was Ernie’s best man and did his part well, including a speech. We were glad to welcome him and John Nolan one evening, and had a long talk about all that happened at School in his day. The topic is by no means exhausted and may be resumed at any time. We quote from one of his many and most welcome letters:

We have been here (Sale) now for five months and the old school is well represented here. The Commanding Officer, as you already know, is Group Captain John Ryland, and his adjutant is Flight Lieutenant Des Kennedy. Dick Monaghan is also here as Sergeant Wireless Operator-Air Gunner. He is on a course and will only be here for a couple of months.

John Nolan is, still stationed in Melbourne and last Monday he left for Brisbane on duty, where he will remain for three weeks. He has been home on leave, but I did not see him as he was at Swan Hill.

My brother John left for Winton, Queensland, last Saturday evening. He is going on the land jackerooing for a while. I think it will do him the world of good, and as you know he likes the country life.

"Barry’s father John” is a faithful follower of all school functions.

We see Gerald Crosbie from time to time, and we are glad to report that he is well. He continues his interest in the School by donating annually a prize for Latin and Greek. We sincerely thank him for this interest. His son Kevin spent a long time up north with the A.I.F. We were very glad to see him recently when on leave. We quote from one of his letters:

The pleasure of reading the Xaverian in comfort in a lounge chair at home for the first time has been denied me, as the annual arrived this week and I have spent the past two days avidly reading the contents. The Xaverian is up to the standard of previous years and I was most interested in reading of the activities of various old boys scattered in different parts of the world. I met Murray Melchnerniey yesterday and he has kindly invited me to the ward room at Naval headquarters to-night, so I am looking forward to a long chat and reunion with him as I had not seen him for ten years.

We have had a couple of letters during the year from John Crosbie (X.C. 1929-37). He is on H.M.A.S. "Gawler," and has seen a good deal of life in Southern European waters. He writes: "I managed to hear Midnight Mass at Christmas. We went early so as to hear the Carols and the rendering, by a young choir of "Holy Night" which remains in my memory for many years. The congregation was mainly composed of men and women of the Services."

Leo Curran writes cheerfully from Annuello, and he tells he has just bought a new block of land at Manangatang.
Dr. W. Curtain (X.C. 1896-98), went to England many years ago, but kept up his interest in the School by getting the "Xaverian" every year. We received a letter recently saying that he is very ill. We are awaiting better news.

Major L. F. Darling is at a northern H.Q. With him are Captain Chaplain George Maher and Brian Kelly.

Frank Davis is with the ground staff of the Air Force. Spent most of the year at Tocumwal; now in Melbourne.

We thank Lieut. Charles Dixon for his letters during the year, and we ask him to take the "Xaverian" as our reply. We quote from one of them:

When I left the school I had to relinquish my Temporary O.X. It is true that it will be mine again some day. It's worth all that and more for the chance of "getting into it." As yet I've got this far which is not a great distance but it is a stepping stone. In the same company are two other O.X.s,—one F. X. Connor, and the other Frank Barlee. It will be interesting for ages to come. I've seen something from school. Incidentally how long I'll be here seems most indefinite, but, as I am Staff Corps and am here under slightly abnormal conditions, it may not take long before I'm off. I sincerely hope so, anyhow.

Lieut. R. Dobson, R.A.N.V.R. We thank him for a grand long letter, full of interesting news.

Dear Father Stephenson,

I have been meaning to write you something about Old Xaverians I have seen lately, but with one thing and another, including a recent move for me, this seems to be the first real opportunity. I hope this is in time for the Xaverian if by chance you find anything of interest to the magazine.

It has been on my conscience that I did not see you or at least 'phone when I was home on leave in the middle of July last, but it came so suddenly and was part of pre-embarkation (although I did get that sort of thing) and I spent most of my time at Ballarat with Mary and the boys (there are three in case you did not know: Peter is now about 18 months old).

The address on this letter went convey much to you, and all I am allowed to say is that I am in Newcastle. I am very glad to be very far from Brisbane. Anyway I reckon I am on the way to the Philippines before long, and there is the hope of getting further afield. Being on the Operations Staff of the U.S. Admiral is an interesting job as I could ask for apart from being at sea, and as I have been in this job for two years, it looks as though I shall be staying and going on with them at least some of the distance to Tokyo.

We are in a beautiful spot, on top of a hill well over 100 feet above the sea, and though it is not very far from the equator, the height tempers the heat and there is almost constantly a cool breeze.

I am not allowed to say much about the terrain as yet, but you can probably guess as much as you want to know.

Last April I was fortunate enough to be sent to New Guinea for a couple of months, and managed to see plenty of the place in a rather fleeting way. While I was there I was sent in one of the U.S. landing craft carriers, on one of the operations, and was on the landing at Wakde Island, although I did not get ashore there. I did get ashore at Aitape and at Hollandia about 21 days after the landings there, while I was in the ship going up to The Wakde operation. We carried up the troops and landing craft which made the first landings on the beach, and were there during the naval bombardment just before the boats started off. There was no sign of enemy aircraft or gunfire while we were there, and I was disappointed at not seeing any opposition, but our job was to get the troops and boats away, and both were out before our large chip. Altogether I had over a week at sea, so I reckon I have been fortunate to have seen as much as we did.

I am living here with our Allies and get on very well, indeed with them. I have been with them so long now that I think I can understand them a bit and even see the point of their humor! I have got away from myself a lot of John O'Brien while we were in Brisbane. He is a Sub-Lieut., in the Navy.

I am a friend of his, Brien England, called there several times. He is also in the Navy and in one of our survey ships. While I was at Moresby returning from the previous trip, I saw Frank Buxton for the first time since he had left Australia. I was on a boat trip the local boys had and there he was a couple of yards away. So we got together. I hear he is in Melbourne now.

Saw a lot of Dick Buxton while he was in Brisbane with his exhibition of enemy equipment, and O'Brien and I carried out several operations with him including a trip in his car to Ipswich and Toowoomba. Have seen lots of John Marron. He has been with us in the wardroom many times and we have also visited him at his hideout in the hills several times. We had quite an O.X. gathering one night at the wardroom—O'Brien and I picked up Mitchell McKenzie. Hugh (I think it was) A.F. McKenzie, Dick Buxton and John Marron. John took a photo of O'B, him and self at our last visit to him and he threatened to send it to you. Saw Bill Stokes at Mass just before I left, but did not get a chance of talking to him; I had seen him a few weeks before in Melbourne.

Last I heard of Murray McLernney he was on Biak Island. I had seen him in May at Finschhaven. Major Casey, lake of Tobruk and Ballarat, has gone back to his medical practice in Brisbane, and I saw something of him some months ago. Also saw Bruce Dureau occasionally—he seems to be up to his eyes in business.

Rupert Guidice is a Lieut. R.A.N.V.R., and though I have not seen, I have heard that he is at Newcastle.

Sorry this is so scrappy, but hope there is something of interest to you.

Very sincerely, ROY DOBSON.

Graeme Dockery is an air gunner in the R.A.A.F., trained in Australia and America, and is now in England. We thank him for a grand long letter which we quote.

Just another contribution to your already swollen mailbag from overseas—this time from one whom you must have given up for dead.

I am afraid that Xaverians meeting far away from home invariably say that they must write to you, but in case some of us have laid this resolution aside, together with many others, as a snake discards its winter slough, I will endeavour to repair this omission as best I may. Firstly, all the Old Boys whom I have met have kept to their religious duties, notably Bruce Laird, with whom I have now been to Mass on three Continents!!! Bruce and I left home together, and were together for a month in "the States" and Canada, finally parting soon after our arrival in England. Now Bruce is a pilot, and I am an air-gunner. In various places in England I have met Frank Bourke, Keith Munn, Roger Johnson, W.O. Gunson.

As one sees so much of the world and of different peoples one cannot help recalling many can never spent with you in the past. Actually I have been most impressed by America and its people, the country presenting an ever-changing scene, while the people were wonderfully generous.

We congrualte Harold and Mrs. Donelan on the arrival of a little daughter in April.
Dear Father Stephenson,—

It was really a grand surprise to receive your letter, and somehow brought back my school days. Was very pleased to hear you had a word number a grand deal better on the roll, and that all is well. Ed sends me the "Australasian," so have read the accounts of the Combined P.S. Sports and a few of the football matches taken. Some of the times were remarkably good. Am now anxiously awaiting the "Xaverian," which you so kindly sent. Thank you very much, Father. The boys of Xaverian I have met since being on overseas were Bill McKenzie, whom I ran into at Ismailia. We were together for two days, when he was killed. I attended the funeral as a pallbearer. Life since leaving here has been full of adventure and more than thrilling. After Tunisia spent some time in Malta. It is really an amazing little island, and the first Catholic country I have been in. We had wonderful swimming there, but that’s about all, as flying from the island was not very pleasant, as can be imagined. The churches I liked very much, especially as 98 per cent, were our own. Then came Sicily. It was grand to visit places that had so much history behind them, such as Syracuse. Wasn’t it there that Archimedes rushed through the streets crying "Eureka." Immediately I thought of Father MacCarthy and my physics days—really I did! All the buildings reeked with history. Whilst there I chanced on a very interesting little fact. The weather at that time was hot, and we enjoyed much swimming. We landed after an uneventful patrol one evening to find that Italy had surrendered. That was amazing in some ways, and shall tell you about it one day. Winter slowly came along, and life became somewhat harder in all respects. Fighting became bitter, and still is. I lost one of my best friends, and only through God’s goodness am I alive myself. Will be off on six months’ rest in a few weeks, after 12 months’ continuous operational flying, and believe me, Father, will welcome the rest. It’s been interesting on this squadron, as we have always been very international. At the moment England, Canada, South Africa, Rhodesia, New Zealand, and, of course, Australia are represented. The conversation some evenings is very amusing, each one trying to outdo the other. Life is humorous. I am looking forward to the day I can come out and visit you again. Please remember me to all at Xavier. Good luck to all.

Des. Fennell is now L.A.C. and has spent most of the year with the W.A.G. School, Ballarat. We congratulate him on his wedding to Miss Mitchell, and we wish them both many years of happiness.

We congratulate John Flynn on his marriage to Miss E. V. O’Neill, and we wish them both many years of happiness.

We thank Lieut. Tom Finlayson for a visit and for a grand long letter which we quote in full.

Dear Fr. Stephenson,

I receive your letter just the other day. By the directions on the envelope it had travelled over half New Guinea and back to the mainland before reaching me. This is not surprising as I actually had covered a fair deal of the Island and was back on the mainland, in hospital, when it finally caught up with me.

I am glad to learn that things are progressing smoothly at School, but difficulties are the times, and hope that this continues with the School and all therein.

Regarding your request to give you a description of New Guinea, and the country. I have been through, I have no confidence at all to be able to give you anything worth while using, however, as a result of a good deal being of the Island than most troops saw. I shall do my best. If you find trouble in deciphering my writing, you must know that the skin I have suffered was a pretty violent form on the track to Bogadji, as it badly affected my hands, amongst other parts of the body, and caused my eventual evacuation to the mainland.

Well, here goes, and on your own head be it! I have reached the New Guinea at Port Moresby on March 1st, 1943. Apart from the harbour, which is lovely, Moresby merits little description except to mention that, in all of Papua’s super-abundant moisture, it is situated in the only arid plain, and good water is at a premium.

This plain extends for about 30 miles inland, and, at that time, was entirely devoted to airstrips, and the construction of still more air-strips. The thunder of dozens of aircraft taking off and landing sounded day and night, and the sights of white from the props, made the air unpleasant at all times.

At the end of this dusty plain began the mountains, fronted by the formidable Homlerum Bluff, and Roura Fall on this side of the falls.

Just in from here commences the famous Kakoda Trail and the Rain Forest country. I went up the Trail for about three days’ journey, and it certainly was wet and muddy, and very, very unpleasant.

Then back to Moresby just in time to see the big 100 plane raid the Japs staged on April 6th. It was rather exciting, but little damage indeed was done. The Japs suffered heavily and this was the last attempt he ever made to raid Moresby area in any strength.

Very soon afterwards my battalion was ordered to Wau, Bulolo area, and had a most interesting trip over the Owen Stanley Ranges. From the plane the terrible nature of this country is revealed and one can also clearly see the incredible network of rivers, large and small, that drain this constantly wet, mountainous land.

After landing at Wau air-scrip, unique in that it is placed on the side of a hill, and has one end higher than the other, we moved by foot down the Bulolo Valley. The track follows the banks of the Bulolo River, a wide, fairly deep river, flowing a fast 10-12 knots very strong and boisterous.

The country here is truly delightful, and could be described as just one big garden. The side of the road for 30 miles is lined deeply with abundant paw paw trees, bananas, native lemons, and other varieties of tropical fruits, all to be had for the mere exertion of plucking. The delicious paw paw was first favourite with the troops, who ate them in quantity, and found out soon that the story of their excellent lactic properties was no myth!

We camped that night at Bulwa, a mining spot where the Bulolo and the Watut Rivers meet. As our mosquito nets had not caught up to us, we camped that night, but not to sleep. The mosquitoes saw to that! I give pride of place to the Bulwa mosquitoes for size, ferocity and insatiable appetite!

From Wau to Bulwa, about 35 miles, the country is very mountainous and densely covered with jungle, interspersed with some very fine stands of excellent timber, mostly pine, cedar, and a hardwood. The pine trees in particular were excellent trees, 150-200 ft. high, straight as a gnn barrel, with no limb nearer than 100 ft. from the ground, and a girth of 16 ft., were the rule rather than the exception.

After leaving Bulwa, however, and going along the Watut River, along the Snake River and down to the Wompit River, the country is high, kunai-covered ridges.

I did not reach the Markham River which was the limit of the country my battalion had to patrol, but went back to Wau.

Wau was my base for nearly six months, during which time we had about 40 air raids, large and small. Of course, in the early days there we had no radar system of warning, and the first intimation of a raid was the drone of the engines as Nip swept over the top of Black Cat Mountain. This gave us about two minutes to find a hole, and, believe me, that was usually ample time!

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would ask: "Who's on? Father O'Feee (of 17 Bde.), or Fr. Morgan (of 3rd Div., H.Q.)?" Fr. O'Feee usually had finished Mass well inside the half hour, while Fr. Morgan (saintly soul) always exceeded the hour! Although we were never raided whilst Mass was actually going on we were raided several times just before and just after Mass.

From Wau I went to Mubo, along the awful Balloms-Skindewai-Mubo track, which was just a narrow quag­mire of mud and the whole thing perpetually soaked in sweat and literally covered in mud.

This track ranks as about equal to the Kakoda Trail and is another one of the notorious Double Mountain track from Bulwa to Komiatm.

The Double Mountain track is described by all war correspondents and troops who had experience of both as being about twice as bad as the worst of the Kakoda Trail! It is graphically described in a Dept. of Information booklet named 'Jungle Patrol!' On this track Tom Molomby carried out his famous job as Staff Captain 15 Brigade! Here also I met and spent a few hours with the late Damien Parer just after he shot his famous Salamau film.

After the fall of Salamau I was detailed to take two jeeps over the just built Bulldog Road to Moresby.

This track (a road in nothing but name!) runs from Wau right over the Owen Stanleys to the Lakekoma River and on to the Siberia Road. This track is both as bad as any other of the country and the Goarari tribes who, even after the last war, were one of the fiercest and cruellest of all Papuan tribes.

Here I had a great disappointment. I was scheduled to take 24 days' home leave on January 3rd. On January 1st, however, all leave was cancelled and my battalion called for me to bring up all other members of the battalion I could collect in the Moresby area.

So on New Year's Day I flew from Moresby to the Ramu Valley at Dumpu. Once again the famous towering mountains, rivers and jungle unfolded beneath the plane. It was a pleasure to look down and see ridge after ridge, and peak after peak slip effortlessly by as you reflect, "Well, this is easier than walking over you!"

I was also most interested to catch a glimpse of the Bulldog Road snaking over one terrific mountain. It is just as long as the whole width of the island from British New Guinea to Papua.

What a tremendous cost of toil and effort and money for such an infinitesimal result! The wastage of our war!

A couple of days after landing at Dumpu we were ordered up into the ranges, the Finisterres, where my company had some very bitter fighting just past Shaggy Ridge. Here some fine young lads who had been due to go home on leave with me a short week ago, met their death in a very gallant assault.

Eventually my battalion was relieved an d we went by "Boong Train" to Terapo Mission. On the way we got a glimpse of the Ramu Valley at Dumpu. Once again the now familiar mountains, rivers and jungle unfolded beneath the plane. It was a pleasure to look down and see ridge after ridge, and peak after peak slip effortlessly by as you reflect, "Well, this is easier than walking over you!"

I quite enjoyed this period and came to know and admire greatly the New Guinea native as he really is. There were about 30 tribes, or 'One talks' as they are better known, so I saw a very good cross-section of the general run of natives. There is no space here, but I believe I could write at some length on the amazing interest which the New Guinea people, of which I took the opportunity p inquiring as deeply as I could. Their spirit beliefs and demonology are extraordinarily complete, and as so described as a Greek Mythology! It is my firm conviction that the Missions have made but superficial results of these inwardly held beliefs.

It now fell to my lot to cross right over the Fines­terres Ranges to the coast at Bogodjim as our forward patrols had pushed right through to here.

On this track I encountered Dermatitis and I'm afraid I paid little attention to the grandeur of the scenery as I was anxious to reach the coast and medical treatment. After five days travel I reached the coast at Bogodjim and rather startled the doctor with my condition. I now had dermatitis.

We landed barge up to Madang, a gloriously lovely harbour, and entered the Casualty Clearing Station. From here I went by first available ship to Lae, where a large A.G.H. is established.

The flight across the Huon Gulf was in great con­trast to the flights inland, and afforded a new view of the great beauties of New Guinea.

From Lae I was evacuated by hospital ship and we passed through the usually famous China Straits, where the little gem, Samurai, is set like a jewel in a lovely setting.

The country this has grown so long-winded, Father, but, if there is anything of it you can use, it will be up to you to make the suitable extracts.
I also enclose a snap or two you may be able to use, especially the Terapo Mission and of Kuka Kuka natives at Bulldog. I'll call and see you in the very near future. Till then, best of all.

Yours,

TOM FINLAYSON.

Jack Fogarty is now demobilised from the R.A.A.F., and has taken up land again. Tom has been lecturing on warfare at the R.A.A.F., and has taken up land again. Duntroon, and Frank is still with the A.I.F. up north.

Wing/Com. Reg. Foley is a dentist with the R.A.A.F. We quote from his letter:

Dear Father Stephenson,—

I am writing a very short note to ask you to reserve a copy of "Xaverian" for me. Felix Russo, who has been one of my dental officers (R.A.A.F.) for some time now, has warned me that it is necessary to make early application this year. Felix, who has, I understand, seen you quite often of late, will probably have told you any news of Old Xaverians which I could give.

I met Edward Ryan here the other day. He is the CO. in charge of the hospital. There is also a John Davies in my unit. He said he would write to you in the near future. We have a very nice church here. There is Mass twice during the week, and of course on Sundays. The church is always crowded. There is some very nice scenery around this island, especially the coral reefs, and the tropical fish in the little waterholes at low tide are very pretty. There are plenty of wrecked Jap planes and trucks around here. They never seem to make any roads—they just have rough tracks cut through the jungle.

I remain, yours sincerely,

REG FOLEY.

Bill Fontaine is with the A.I.F. up north and Con. is with the Air Force in England. We offer them both our sincerest sympathy on the death of their father. R.I.P.

Fred Foulis writes from a lonely island in the Pacific:

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FRED.

We were very pleased to meet Bill Frangos (Br. Stephen) in Sydney. He is teaching at the De la Salle College, Ashfield, Sydney. He writes as follows:

Last January Father Carroll very kindly invited me to attend the ordinations at St. Mary's. After the ceremony I received his blessing and that of the other four of my old masters who were at Xavier in my time. The next day I attended Father Carroll's first Mass at St. Vincent's Hospital.

A few days ago my brother in New Guinea told me that he met Paul O'Brien up there. Paul is doing quite well up there. I suppose you have seen him not long since. His return from N.G. last year, where I met at different times Jack Cooke, Des. Kennedy, Maurice Collins and John Shelton, recently in the news with the award of his M.B.E., in the course of one of the Air Force's largest dental sections. Apart from Felix Russo and myself, other Old Xaverians here are Sergeant Rohan McMinn and Sergeant Reg Madden. Sergeant Tom Keaney was with us until recently. I hear from Vic Schneider at odd intervals and see him whenever he is in town. He has a baby daughter, and I have a son, now two months old.

My kindest regards.

I remain, very sincerely yours,

REG FOLEY.

We congratulate them on this splendid achievement. Their work is one deserving national recognition.

We congratulate Lieut. W. Goulding on his wedding to Miss M. Phillips, and we wish them many years of happiness. The ceremony was performed by Francis (in religion Fr. Christopher, O.F.M.) in the Xavier Chapel.

Bruce Gorman has been with the R.A.A.F. in Canada for the last twelve months. We thank him for his most interesting letters and hope to have some more of them.

You enter a tube on the outskirts of N.Y. and pass under the Harlem River and arrive at Grand Central Station right in the heart of N.Y. New York is made up of several districts. The main part with the skyscrapers is called Manhatten and is an island bounded by the Hudson River on the west, and the East River on the east, and Harlem River on the northern side. Long Island is thinner and longer. It is about 200 miles long. My first impressions of New York were thousands of taxis roaring around at tremendous speeds missing pedestrians by the thickness of their skittles and racing on to beat the next red light. The pedestrians are well trained and think nothing of standing in the
middle of the road while taxis rip past a foot away in both directions. You never have to wait more than a minute for a taxi. They spot you from a block away and you are neck and neck with another to hold the rails. If there is a hold up, all you can hear is a chorus of 20 or 30 taxi horns and all you can see is a lot of angry heads poking out of windows. Although there are red and green lights at corners, if there is no traffic you can cross against a red light and it’s here people get screamed at by drivers, while taxis rip past at 40. Of course, there are plenty of other cars but it’s the yellow cabs that do the speeding.

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The temperature only reaches about 00 but the humidity must be over 100%. We saw all the main buildings in N.Y. with a hot, sticky heat. It’s like living in a steam bath.

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at Huntington and they lost no time sending us off in pairs.

Our host, Mr. Moore, came out to America with a Military Mission during the last war and liked the place so much when he returned here he bought it. The road took us along beautiful English lanes with oak and maple trees forming an arch that almost touched the roof of the car. A couple of miles of this and we swung up a metal drive to see an English house standing in beautiful lawns, with Mrs. Moore waiting on the porch. Two of the nicest women I have met here are Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Moore, both from England since the last war. Both wealthy, but without any frills and as you arrive at both places you feel you have lived part of your life there. They call their house "Trentham Cottage." Outwardly it looks like a cottage but inside it is a fairy palace. Built in 1936, it has every modern device these Yanks can think of. Of course there is a basement almost as big, where the oil burner for hot water and central heating is found, plus the laundry and gymnasium and ping-pong room. Upstairs was our bedroom, the boys' two rooms, Pat's room with a blue bathroom attached, a kind of nursery and a bathroom with doors leading off ours and the boys' bedroom. The appointments in our bathroom were simply marvellous.

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out of the School and grounds in his day. His eldest son, Frank, who was at School from 1935-38, is with his father on the land. We were pleased to meet him also a couple of times during the year.

Sefton Hodgson is an apprentice to a wool-classing firm and is liking it very much.

Eldon Hogan. In these days of shortage of staff, the School owes a great deal to Eldon. He is like the angel of Tobias—always with us on our journeys. Fr. Montague assured us that most of the success of the "Gondoliers" was due to Eldon's management. Fr. Durnin and Fr. M. O'Brien have asked us to thank him for his help in running the Preparatory Schools' Sports. No function of the Senior School or Old Xaverians' Association is complete without Fr. Eldon's return on him for much light and assistance. In fact, were he mysteriously to be withdrawn from the Editor's side (a thing we envisage with horror) the "Xaverian" would appear only as a shadow of its usual size. This is only the Xavier side of his activities. The rest—only the angels can record.

Frank Howard is with the Navy, and when last heard of was in Sydney.

Sgt. John Hurley. We thank him for many long letters full of news and views on everything.

Dear Father Stephenson,—Since I last wrote to you I have shifted camp, and am now in that far-flung outpost of the Empire called Nassau, in the Bahamas. Have only been here a couple of weeks, and have just got settled in and am beginning to have a look around this "Gem of the Caribbean." It's rather a funny sort of place, and in some ways is very old-fashioned in its customs. The great majority of the population, of course, is black, and are very friendly. I have done quite a lot of swimming, and have enjoyed it immensely. It's such a change from the weather in Canada. Actually this is my first summer in 15 months, as I left Australia just before the summer time, and arrived in Canada for the winter, so that I had two winters running. It's very hot down here, and I am feeling much better as a result of it. We have had a couple of fishing trips, the chief catch being sharks and very large barracouta. I had the good luck to catch a shark, and at the moment am very proud of myself, although I suppose I should be quite ashamed, as we pummeled it to death with bits of wood and a steel bar when we got him alongside. We didn't trust him.

Yesterday I went for a long bicycle ride right round the island. It is about 20 miles, and I am feeling the effects of it now. I haven't had so much exercise for years. It took me three hours, and I must confess that it did me a power of good. There are some beautiful homes here, the pick of them all being the late Sir Harry Oakes'. Actually he has about five here, and every one of them is palatial. The climate is rather like Brisbane, but I think it's a little hotter. Everything is very tropical, with coconut palms and tropical fern everywhere. Some of the flowers are wonderful.

I have an all-Australian crew, one of which was born in Limerick, but came to Australia when he was young. He comes from Perth. There is also a chap here who comes from Ennis, Co. Clare, and he and I have some great yarns together. He is in the R.A.F., and was educated by the Christian Brothers there. I have not run into any Xaverians for a long time, but am keeping my eye out for them, and will be more than pleased to see some of them. I'll have to say cheerio for the present, Father. Give my kind regards to Fathers Owens, Martin, and all my other friends back at Xavier.

Yours very sincerely, 

JOHN.

We give some more extracts from John's letters:

I have just returned from a month in New York. I had a wonderful time there, and will never forget it. The Americans are very hospitable, and like the Australians. I met several celebrities, including John Charles Thomas, the singer; Quintin Reynolds; and Spencer Tracy, the actor. It is an amazing city, and has to be seen to be really appreciated. Went up to the top of the Empire State and Rockefeller Centre, which are the best buildings I have ever seen. Went into St. Patrick's Cathedral for midnight Mass. Archbishop Spellman said Mass. It was a glorious sight.

Since I last wrote I have moved. I called at Montreal and Quebec, both of which are well worth a visit. Both places have a very French Continental atmosphere prevails over everything. The churches are works of art, and there are not a few of them in fact, that there are to be one on every second corner. Most of the sermons are given in French. I am now beginning to take hold of them and understand every fourth, or fifth word. Quebec is a more interesting city, as it is so old both in its foundations and customs. Quite a lot of people live there as they lived 100 years ago. I stayed at the Chateau Frontenac, in which the International Conference was held. It is a huge place—over 12 stories high, and contains something like 800 rooms. I saw the cliffs which were scaled by Wolfe in the dim dark ages. So altogether I had an interesting time. I ran into Jim Feehan at Niagara Falls. He has just finished his training as a pilot over here. I hope to get to Washington in the near future to look up an Old Xaverian, Brian Page. He is a squad-leader, and is liaison officer for the R.A.A.F. I am looking forward to the "Xaverian."

I have just returned from Washington, New York, the State of Connecticut, and Toronto. I looked up Mr. Winstall in Toronto, and we spent a couple of hours together. He is in great form, as is in good form. I got the loan of the "Xaverian" from him and read it from cover to cover. I enjoyed my stay in Washington. Brian Page was away, but I hope to see him when I return from Nassau (Bahamas). While in Washington I visited George Washington's old home at Mount Vernon, in Virginia. It is a beautiful place, with the house situated on a hill overlooking the Potomac Valley. I was taken over the Capitol by the Congressman for Pennsylvania. Saw the House and the Senate in session, and met Cordell Hull and Stenson, also Clare Booth Luce, who is a very interesting personality.

I have left the Bahamas, and had a wonderful flight across the Atlantic. I much preferred it to going by boat. On reaching England it was not long before I ran into some Xaverians, and you've no idea how pleased I was to see them. The first I met was John Naughton—still the same, happy as ever. We had four days together in London, where I also ran into Xavier de Bayav and Maurice Moore. I met "Dick Power (X.C. 1023-33), who is a squadron-leader in R.A.F. I had lunch with him, and had a great yarn about the old days. Just before I left Canada I ran into P.O. Murray Spehr, who is probably in England by now. He gave me great yarns. I am told, is instructing in Canada. At the moment I am in Northern Ireland, and am looking forward to the chance of seeing some more of the country.

We congratulate Eddie Hynes on his marriage to Miss E. Darcy, and we wish them both every happiness and blessing.
Eddie's father, an old Xaverian of the early 'nineties, was here for the wedding. We congratulate Lieut. W. Keane on his wedding to Miss Scorry in January, and we wish him many years of happiness. He and his brother John are both up north with the A.I.F.

Kevin Kearney has taken a position with Messrs. E. P. Keogh Pty. Ltd.—makers and importers of scientific apparatus.

Peter Keegan is our only representative at the Dookie Agricultural College.

Lieut. Ken. Kelly is attached to the Anti-Aircraft section of the Artillery, in which arm he obtained his commission and has made excellent progress, having passed through schools in Sydney some time ago in heavy and light gunnery respectively.

For some time he has been instructing at Laverton and various camps in gunnery. He is among several young officers now being considered for a special appointment to a new unit with the Director of Armaments. If successful, he will be transferred to this senior artillery branch, which is technical work, requiring his present knowledge of gunnery and also an educational standard in chemistry, physics and maths.

John Kelly is a prisoner of war in Germany, wither he was transferred when the Allies entered Italy. We quote from a letter we have received from his father in reply to one asking for news of John. We thank Mr. Kelly for his letter and for the details he has given.

In John's last advices, dated May, June, and July last, he appeared to be well, but indicated 3½ years of imprisonment was having its effect on his health. He had made good progress with his law studies, and examination papers were expected daily from Oxford University, which have been anxiously awaited for some time, and their non-arrival, apparently due to invasion arrangements, appeared to depress those studying various subjects, particularly the ex-Italy prisoners, as exams, were not permitted in Italy. A Cambridge University law student and another from a South African university are studying with John. One of his colleagues writing to his parents here said John worked very hard, and he was confident he would pass his exams, when the papers arrived. The senior British officer conducts same under German supervision, and the papers are returned to Oxford for correction. In the field of sport he is secretary of the camp "fencing," and has also been selected for the camp "soccer" and "softball" teams. However, sport is restricted, as they seldom have sufficient energy. Incidentally, for exercise he has also been learning "Highland dancing" from some of his Scotch colleagues. In a letter dated January he stated he went to Mass and Communion four days a week. Father Conlan, who farewelled him when he went into action at Tobruk, is now in Italian camps in South Australia, and spoke highly of John's assistance to him at Tobruk. In all his recent letters he refers to having received letters from you. Many thanks for writing to him regularly. Now that parcels to Germany have been suspended they will all pass through their most difficult period, existing on Ger-

man camp rations, without Red Cross food parcels, and I sincerely hope it will, not be for long.

Jim Kennedy has left Buffalo, Gippsland, after many years and has come to the city.

We congratulate Kevin Kennedy on his promotion to the rank of a captain. He is a liaison officer between the Army and the Air Force.

Robin Killway has changed over from the Army to the Air, Force. He did his I.T.S. work at Bradfield Park, Sydney; later he was at Narrandera, and as we write he is at Sale.

Roy King is a Corporal with the R.A.A.F. at Cairns. We congratulate him on his wedding and wish him many years of happiness. He writes:

Dear Father Stephenson,—

Yesterday I had a very pleasant surprise in amongst my mail when I found a copy of the "Xaverian," which had been forwarded to me. Since then I have read it from cover to cover, even including the adverts. As I seem to have lost touch with most of the boys, I was able to catch up on quite a lot of the news. They (the editors) seemed to give a gentle hint to me by putting three question marks after my name, so I thought that I had better break the great silence and write to those to whom I owe a great deal.

Since I have been up this way I haven't seen very many of the lads at all, except John G. Ryan, whom I met one day whilst on leave, and Damien Miller, who has more bards on his shoulder than I on my arm. I think that he may belong to the same unit as John did. Have heard from roundabout sources that Brian Mc Ardle is doing the special commando course, and is soon due for a green uniform. Fred Foulis last heard from was married and had joined up in the R.A.A.F. in his trade. Was very sorry to hear of young Kevin Slaweski's death. Would you please convey my belated sympathy to his father. Can remember him well and his ever-ready smile.

The family has another interest in Xavier these days, as the young nephew is now attending Burke Hall, and from all reports on the subject he is doing rather pleasingly.

The area round here when such things can be arranged provides some very fine scenic trips. The people are good to the boys in the R.A.A.F., and often provide entertainment for us when we are on leave, but there is still nothing like the old home and family. Unfortunately, I can't say much about my job, except that I am doing something the same as Peter Forrest, and all talk is definitely taboo. Talking of work, I can hear some coming up, so will trot off now, but will not let things go so long in the future. Kindest regards to all at Xavier.

Yours very sincerely, ROY.

Bill Kinsella paid us a visit in May. He was returning from Deniliquin, where he was working with 2Q.N. He is now back at Rubek.

Cpl. John Kiss is with the R.A.A.F. in Townsville. We congratulate him on his wedding to Miss Webb, and we wish them many years of happiness.

F./Sgt. Peter Knox was reported "missing" about last July, but we are pleased to say that he has been found safe and well, and we are looking forward to see-
THE XVIII.
Middle Row (L-R).—J. Ralph, G. Kennedy, B. McClusky (Capt.), D. McNamara (Coach), G. Larkin, P. Eves, B. Leonard.
Front Row (L-R).—K. Gorman, F. Noouan, F. Smyth, R. Bowler.

THE UNDER 16's
Middle Row (L-R).—P. McNamara, A. Troup, F. Ridgeway, B. Leonard (Capt.), R. Donovan, L. Jabara, B. Kelly.
THE UNDER 15's.
Middle Row (L-R).—T. Bushell, P. Marsh, G. Bradv, Bren Doolev (Capt.), IT. Meredith, B. Grutzner, A. McAllister.
Front Row (L-R).—R. McNamara, B. McCarthy, V. Ganey.

THE UNDER 14's.
Middle Row (L-R).—R. Friend, I. Guthridge, M. Cosgriff, N. Bradford (Capt.), P. Conlan, J. Kyatt, W. Foster.
Front Row (L-R).—J. Sullivan, J. Coleman, F. Murphy.
ing him soon. We quote from Geoffrey Hutton in the "Argus":

For six days since the liberation of Brussels thin­falling young airmen have been in the city and
asking their way in schoolboy French. The people
of Brussels have been giving them a royal welcome
as soon as they have explained that they are Allied
airmen who have been shot down over Europe and
are reporting back to duty.

Belgium lies on the trunk route to the Ruhr, and
many of our aircraft have been lost over friendly
territory on their way to bomb German war industries.
Members of their crews have been trooping in to
a big hotel in Brussels—Englishmen, Americans, Aus­
tralians, and Canadians. Sometimes they have met
members of their own crews who had parachuted
from burning planes.

On Saturday I was as surprised as anybody could
be when I saw in the hotel lobby Flight-Sergeant
Peter Knox, son of Brigadier and Mrs. Errol G. Knox,
of Walsh street, South Yarra. I had seen him last
in London in the week after the Allied invasion of
France. He was on a week's leave, and complaining
that he had missed the fun of D Day, and was
getting a dose of buzz bomb instead.

A few days later, on June 22, he went out as bomb
aimer of a Lancaster crew on a raid on Cologne,
and did not come back.

This story is typical of many others. His plane
was hit by flak somewhere near the Dutch frontier,
and caught fire. The pilot ordered the crew to bale
out. They were scattered over several miles, and
did not see each other again after they had reached
the ground.

Flight-Sergeant Knox hid his parachute and headed
westwards by night and hiding in scrub by day.
After two days he met a Belgian farmer, who gave
him food. He kept moving, sleeping in the open
until he reached a town, where he found shelter.
He arrived in Brussels about a fortnight before the city's
liberation.

All Belgians knew that the penalty for harbouring
Allied airmen was the firing squad,” Knox said to
me, “but everybody was ready and willing to give me
shelter, and nobody tried to give me up to the Ger­
mans. They had little food themselves, but they
scraped some up for me. The worst hardship really
was being forced to hide indoors all the time.

My French was good enough to make myself
understood, not good enough for the Gesto­
tapo. I had only one close shave. It happened a
few days before the British arrived. I was wonder­
ing how it would be before I would be escorted
when a German came to the door. I scrambled into
an air-raid shelter and waited. It was a false alarm.
The Gestapo's only interest was in getting away as
quickly as possible, and they have come to look for
a motorcar.”

Most of the escaped airmen in Brussels today owe
their liberty and their lives to the courages of Belgian
civilians. Some of them have had even greater strokes
of luck. They fell into the hands of a Gestapo
agent who pretended to be a loyal Belgian, and were handed
over to the Germans. They were kept in prison at
St. Gilles, where they heard that Belgian political
prisoners were being tortured by the Gestapo. All
the inmates of the prison were herded into trains
on September 3, but the tracks had been damaged,
and, after a long wait, the German guards disappeared
and ran for safety. The Germans seemed to be de­
bating whether to begin shooting the political pri­
soners, but they remained calm, and the guards finally
became accustomed to the presence of a strain.

The airmen, who have all undergone a great strain
and lost weight, are being returned to England for
medical attention and long leave. Their friends in
England have been warned, too.

Yesterday I met a Belgian woman who had been sentenced to death
a week before for having harboured airmen. She
had been left behind in the rush when the British
army arrived. We congratulate Captain and Mrs. Aus­
lin Ley on the arrival of a little daughter
in October.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to John
and Ward Liston on the death of their
father. John has been appointed to suc­
cceed his father as secretary of the Federal
Liquor Trades Defence Union of Australia.

And again he writes:

I have just come back from Mass (at 6 p.m.) for
the Assumption, and as I have "some spare time I
thought I would write a belated reply to your letter.

Apologies, Father, for the long delay; but though I
often had the intention of writing—well, the days just
drifting past. As you may see, I am still at the same
unit as when I last wrote, and feel quite an old in­
habitant. It is not a bad station, and I am able to
go to the town when I feel like some civilization.
The 'Towers is a typical old mining town—past its
heyday and rather desolate and ancient. There seems
to be more goats than people—the former are every­
where, eating in the gutters, wandering over old slag
heaps, and all over the main street. However, it is
a change from the camp life. At work we are very
busy, and even do some night toil. Which really
is a good thing, as the time passes much quicker.

The R.C. padre here is a fine chap—Father Kelly—
and is doing a fine job for the chaps. He runs a
"discussion" group no one night per week, and it
is quite a pleasant, informal affair, where we discuss
various social and other problems. I am doing a
study course from A.W.A. on radio, and that keeps
me busy for a few nights per week. I also manage
one or two movies during the week, so, as you may
guess, time does not drag. I trust the old school
is getting along well. I received a copy of "Laurels"
recently, and it is most interesting to read of the
various O.X. activities. There are a couple of O.X.
hunters out of a later date, too. I still hear from
Jack McDonald (R.A.N.) and Ken McPhail, and from
Alan Rosel in Melbourne. Otherwise I seem to be
out of touch with my old schoolmates.

James Larkin (X.C. 1890-91) is an en­
gineer on the Metropolitan Farm, Werri­
bee. We thank him for a very interesting
afternoon we spent looking over the Farm.
His son, Ray (now Major Ray), is with
the Army up North. He is married and
has a little son, whom we met recently.

Les Lewis who came from South Aus­
tralia in 1918, is now a Sub-Lieutenant in
the Navy.

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Ward is with the R.A.A.F., and when last heard of was in Ballarat.

Peter Lynch sailed for Canada about the middle of the year. We noticed in a Canadian paper that he was playing Australian Rules football with the single-engine pilot trainees. From the following letter it will be seen that he is in good trim and making use of his time in Canada.

Dear Father Stephenson,—

Your very welcome letter arrived a couple of days ago, and I sure was glad to hear from you and to get all the latest news about the school. At the moment life here is very boring. The brass hats have advised us that we won't be going on course for another three or tour months yet, and by that time we will be well and in the grip of winter, and the weather will not be the best for flying, and as it is now eight months since I have flown a plane I'll need everything in my favour to pass the course.

The station I'm on is in Alberta—a very nice station,although quite some distance from the nearest town, and the commanding officer is a fine fellow. A few weeks ago he arranged 21 days' leave for all the Aussies stationed here, and we all certainly had a marvellous time. I travelled across to the east of Canada, into the United States, back over the west, and back up into Canada—some 9,000 miles in all.

If I mentioned every little place I went to, and each little interesting event that took place, I would fill a couple of big books, so I'll just have to give you a few impressions that will remain with me for the rest of ray days. I visited Niagara Falls and was rather disappointed. I guess I must have expected the water to fall upwards instead of down. Anyway, in all fairness and without bias, I must admit that the falls were very beautiful, especially from the Canadian side. The big sites of the States—Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago—are all the same—buildings, cars, car horns, people, and lights. While I was in the States I spent a few months with some people I knew, and at the time I visited them they were holidaying at Lake Mullet, in the north of Michigan. Michigan was the most beautiful part of America that I had been in. The whole State is dotted with lakes, and beautiful highways stretch like long white ribbons wherever you go. Trees of all shades of green are everywhere. It is definitely a very beautiful State. The American people were very hospitable, and would go out of their way to do things for us. One day I drove me 80 miles out of his way so that I could catch a connecting train that would take me to my destination. Of course, petrol rationing in the States is not what we have in Australia. They think it's terrible if they only get 10 gallons a week for a private car! And when I stayed with these people all I had to do to obtain 20 gallons of petrol was to present myself at the local rationing board and explain that I was on leave. Well I guess that's all. Father. Thanks again for writing to me. I really enjoyed hearing from you.

Yours truly,

PETER.

Hubert McCardel is on the land near Benalla, and "on June 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. McCardel—a son." Congratulations and best wishes.

We offer Ted and Jack McCauley our sincerest sympathy on the death of their father. R.I.P.

Denis McCauley we saw on leave some months ago. He is now on some island in the Pacific. We feel sure we are giving nothing away to the enemy by this vague information of Denis' whereabouts.

Robin McCooy was demobilised and is now helping Maurice Taylor to tackle the problem of drought near Jerilderie.

John McCormack was married a few months ago, and we offer him our sincerest sympathy on the death of his young wife, a member of the W.A.A.A.F., who was killed recently in an air crash.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to J. R. McCristal on the death of his wife. R.I.P. Mr. McCristal now lives at Lindfield, Sydney.

P./O. John McDavitt has spent most of his time up north during the past twelve months; we met him a couple of times during the year when on flying visits to see his twin daughters.

F./Lt. Kevin has also spent a good deal of time away with the R.A.A.F.—and "on Sept. 9th, to F./Lt. and Mrs. McDavitt;—a daughter." Congratulations and best wishes.

Captain Eddie McDonald has spent most of the year in New Guinea. We thank him for a long letter and for his many enquiries for the masters at the School.

John McDonald is with the Navy and has been busy in the Pacific. He is cultivating the usual seaman's pride in his craft, for he sent us the following cutting about his ship:

Details of the part being played by units of the P.A.N. in operations on the north coast of New Guinea were announced yesterday by Mr. Makin, Minister for the Navy.

In close support of Australian land forces advancing along the coast, Mr. Makin said, H.M.A.S. Barcoo (Lieut.-Cdr. A. J. Travis, R.A.N), "Kapunda (Lieut. C. M. Callow, R.A.N.V.R.), and Stawell (Lieut. S. J. Griffiths, R.A.N.R., S.) carried out a systematic bombardment of enemy positions on Karkar Island and at Bunabun Harbour. In May 12 H.M.A.S. Stawell shelled position at close range, the shells falling well on the target area, and the enemy retaliating with light and inaccurate fire. Next day H.M.A.S. Barcoo and Kapunda destroyed buildings, gun positions, and an ammunition dump. There was no enemy opposition, reflecting the accuracy and effectiveness of the bombardment. H.M.A.S. Barcoo and Kapunda then bombarded enemy installations at Bunabun Harbour. H.M.A.S. Kapunda and Stawell are Australian-built corvettes, and H.M.A.S. Barcoo is the first Australian-built frigate to engage the enemy. Another type of Australian-built and manned vessel, Fairmile motor-launches, are providing active and efficient support to the land forces, Mr. Makin added.

And again John writes:—

Dear Father Stephenson,—

In a recent letter from my mother she told me that she was posting you a photograph of myself for the School Magazine, which you had written to her about, (his reminded me that it was a long time since I last wrote to you from the Navy, and knowing how interested you are in the movements of the Old Boys, I thought it was high time I dropped you another letter. You will see from the above address the name of my ship, I have been on it since it was commissioned about six months ago. During the last few months we have done some very interesting trips,
and have visited quite a few strange tropical places and islands. Being at sea most of the time, I have had very little chance of meeting any of the Old Boys. The I have and islands. Being at sea most of the time, port we visited some only place you could call a a few days, as he had just been posted elsewhere. I called on Jack Rush, but missed him by a few days, as he had just been posted elsewhere. So far I haven't shown any effects from the tropical climate. It seems had to realize that while Melbourne is now in the grip of winter, we make up of every available opportunity to swim and while the ship was mentioned in the news over the wire- less recently, when we had carried out a bombardment of an enemy-held island and coastline, as the first of the new Australian frigates to go into action. This island has since been taken by our forces, and in a recent letter from Ken McPhail he informs me that Alan Dywer was among the troops that made the landing.

I have played a few games of football with the ship's team, but the conditions are not the best for football being the track parke again. In recent match against a team from another ship we played in mud easily a foot deep in parts, and water about the same depth. You could dimagine what we looked like after the match.

I was very pleased to receive the latest copy of "The Xaverian" and read the latest about the school. I haven't heard my public school football results, but should imagine with a champion like Dave McNamara as coach the school should do well. Jack Monaghan, I believe, is doing good work like Dave McNamara as coach the school should do well. Jack Monaghan, I believe, is doing good work and time for writing is short, so I must close now.

Kindest regards from

JOHN MCDONALD.

Louis McGrath is still in good health—and "on 29th Sept., to Mr. and Mrs. L. McGrath—a daughter." Congratulations and best wishes.

Frank McGrath. We thank him for a long letter. He has spent most of the year on an island in the Pacific. We quote:

Dear Father Stephenson,

Your kind letter received this morning, and learn news of yourself and the old school. Thank you ever so much.

I must apologise for not dropping in and saying good bye before I left, but I had so much to do in so little time that I hardly knew what day it was most of the time.

I have not met, nor heard of any old Xaverians around here. Of course I am always on the look-out for them or for news of them, but so far—no luck. My former C.O. was an old Scotch Collegian, and we used to often have a good old chat, comparing the Public Schools in his day and mine. We both agreed they were much the same and that we would not mind being track parke again.

We have not much in the way of sport here, of course, but we manage a few games of volley ball, and American-aided, a type of deck tennis played with a basket ball. Naturally we have an Aussie Rules football, which also gets an occasional kick.

We are situated in rather a nice little spot. The sea is our backyard, although it is not very suitable for swimming, owing to the presence of sharks and many coral reefs. There are fairly good fishing grounds and we can often catch enough fresh fish and make a very good meal. Also, for making small trips up and down the coast in order to trade bully beef and biscuits for fruit and vegetables.

With our weekly Mail Boat we now receive a few days' supply of fresh meat and butter; this week, to our great joy, we also received a few dozen fresh eggs. So you see we certainly can't complain about conditions now.

There is one thing though, that about a quarter of the crop would like more of all, and that is a visit from a Catholic Chaplain. And the last time a priest visited us was two days before Christmas Day, and you can imagine how happy we were to have been able to hear Mass and receive the Sacraments so close to Christmas.

Please remember me to all the masters there with you.

Thank you again for your letter, Father.

Now I must away to my duties, so I'll say cheerio for the present, hoping this finds you all very well, as it leaves me.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK McGRATH.

John McInerney is teaching in Sale. His brother George is with the R.A.A.F. in South Australia.

Lieut. Murray McInerney, R.A.N.V.R., writes a welcome letter, for which we thank him and hope that he will take the "Xaverian" as our reply.

Dear Father Stephenson,

I hope you are well and thriving. I thought you might be interested in some news of Xaverians in these parts, so will give you what news I have of them.

At Finschafen, at the beginning of this year, I ran into Kevin Crosbie. From the dust of a passing truck I heard my name called and on looking round, he was running towards me in a cloud of dust. After that first meeting he called down at our Navy camp several times, and we had many interesting talks. He'd been in New Guinea for just on two years now, and was looking forward to leave, which he finally got.

Another O.X. in the Army there was Tom Kelly (crew of 28)—he is a Lieutenant in Movement Control.

Squadron-Leader Peter Breheny, R.A.F., medical man, called in on us en route to the Admiralty Islands. Neither of us recognised each other for the first ten minutes of conversation! I met Peter again at Madang later on. He was accompanying Group-Captain Leon ("Snow") Lachal, whom the years don't change. He's as cheerful as ever.

With me at Finschafen was Frank Tookey, another O.X., now working at Navy Office, Melbourne. Later on, Bob O'Hara (Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.), and Sub-Lieut. Noel Rowan, R.A.N.V.R., arrived there to take up duties. Unfortunately I didn't see much of them besides the first ten minutes of conversation! I met Peter again at Madang later on. He was accompanying Group-Captain Leon ("Snow") Lachal, whom the years don't change. He's as cheerful as ever.

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arrival of a little daughter last March. Lieut. Murray McKenzie has had some ill health up north, but we are pleased to say he is making good progress. He writes: "There are three Old Boys with me here: Des Breheny, John Pawson and John Billings. I also saw John Keane, Tom Warhurst and John McDavitt early in the year. They are all well." His brother Walter is in the Air Force.

Capt. Colin McLean writes:
I am in New Guinea now—have been here for several months. We got almost straight into action, but so far I have not been in any exciting or dangerous spots. The only time I looked like it was in an attack on the spot I'm now occupying. However, I have had my fair share of rain, mud, and slush, and plenty of long marches, including a few climbs up some of the steepest and greasiest slopes one could find anywhere in the world. And before I arrived, our infantry had fought up those slopes, which in places are almost vertical, the only way to ascend being to haul oneself up by trees and roots. Those boys have accomplished some superhuman tasks in this country, and have taken ridges which any sane man would say were impregnable. I'm full of admiration for all of them—also for some of our gunners, who have accomplished some terrific jobs at times. I saw one man, who, after two years' training on the main-land, was so fed up that he was no good to the army or himself, support a battery charger weighing about 80 or 90 lbs. on his shoulders with one hand and, flat on his stomach, haul himself up an almost vertical slope inches deep in mud by means of the other hand. That is typical of thousands of other incidents—the harder the task, the better the men respond; and they never fail to crack jokes, even when the going is at its toughest.

There is some wonderful scenery up here. I think this country will attract a large winter tourist trade. I am in New Guinea now—have been here for several weeks of almost continuous rain. Naturally the whole place was water-logged, and the river near our camp was in full flood. Normally it was at the most 15 yards wide—in flood it was about 150. It swept everything before it, including half a dozen trees which previously grew along its course. It also completely altered its bed near here, and one camp woke up one morning to find itself on the other side of the river. The last four days were glorious, and almost dried the place out, but the rain has now started again, and looks as though it has set in for some time.

Most people do not seem to like this climate, but I cannot agree with them—I have always thrived on heat, and so far I have avoided all illnesses that hit most persons here. Skin diseases are the most prevalent; some few are serious, but the majority are just annoying and inconvenient, although they all tend to reduce efficiency. The Army Medical Service have done wonders in combating disease up here, and if one follows out all the preventative measures recommended, there is no reason at all why one should contract any skin complaint. There are a few others which are most difficult to prevent.

Cpl. Ken McPhail has spent most of the year in Queensland. We have received several long letters from him during the year. Ken has the happy knack of picking out Xaverians everywhere and of infusing into them something of his own enthusiasm for the School. We hear very good accounts of his work. Ken is devout in gill his energy to the service of his country.

John McPhillamy is with the Engineers. We were glad to see him on leave from New Guinea some time ago.

In last year's issue of the Xaverian we noted that Eddie McRae had won the British Empire Medal. We give here the citation:
"Acting W./O. Edmund Alexander McRae (Headquarters), awarded the B.E.M. Although required to act in a capacity above that usually demanded of his rank, and to shoulder responsibilities usually carried by a commissioned officer, Acting W./O. McRae efficiently supervised and executed large-scale engineering works. These tasks were completed with the greatest possible economy in materials and labour."

Arthur McSwiney has a busy law practice in Wangaratta, and "on July 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McSwiney—a son." Congratulations and best wishes.

Captain Chaplain G. Maher has spent most of the year in the far North-West, where he attends to the spiritual welfare of various units. He paid us a visit recently and we were glad to see him looking well.

S./L. John Maher has come south after a sojourn up north among the tropical islands. We congratulate him on his promotion to a Commodore Lieutenant W./O. Brian Waldon is also in the Meteorological Station under John's guidance at Sale.

Frank Malone is manager of the ball-bearing factory in Echuca.
Roy Marriott is still with Hecla Electrics, and in his spare time he instructs No. 2 Squad of the A.T.C., Hawthorn.

F./O. Edward Marron. We congratulate him on gaining the D.F.C., and we give here the citation:

"Has participated in several strikes and has consistently pressed home his attacks, frequently at extremely low levels, with skill and determination, in spite of severe enemy opposition. Displayed skill and determination when assisting in the shooting down of enemy bomber aircraft. On another occasion, when chased by enemy fighter, showed exceptional coolness in extricating himself and returning safely to base." John is still with the A.I.F., and so is Dick. We met both of them on leave during the year. We are happy to say that their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Marron, are both well, and we congratulate them both on Edward's success.

Arthur Mees has come to live in Hawthorn. He travels for Johnson and Johnson. We offer him our sincerest sympathy on the death of his mother. R.I.P.

F./L. D. Miller is captain of a R.A.A.F. "Catalina," and we read in the paper recently how he successfully reached safety on one engine after exciting adventures.

Tom Minogue (1904), late of Gilbert and Sullivan and other light operatic companies, has retired from the professional stage (temporarily, at any rate). Now back with his old firm, Buckley and Nunn's, but gives his evenings to teaching young folks to sing and as musical director of the Victorian Operatic Society, retains his interest in the production of light opera. Still sings a good song himself, and his monthly musical evenings at the rooms of the Bread and Cheese Club draw capacity houses.

John Molomby has a busy time as part of the firm Molomby and Astley, in the Austral Chambers, Queen St. His brother, Captain Tom, we congratulate on his wedding to Miss O'Mara in Brisbane, and we wish them both many years of happiness. We were glad to meet Tom and his bride recently, and to congratulate Tom on being "Mentioned in Despatches" in the New Guinea area. He writes:

Since my return from leave in February I have been kept fairly busy. New Guinea is a hard place to get out of, but it is not always the bad place described by the newspapers. There are times when conditions are pretty hard for the fellows in the fight—for every man in actual combat you may count 10 at last out of the battle. The tough conditions do not obtain all the while and rest areas are on many occasions better climatically and from a scenic point of view than areas on the mainland.

tcm Finlayson was with us for a few months as an L.O., but he has been evacuated sick. He should soon be back again.

John Cleary is Legal Officer on the Brigade, and we often find time to recount humorous incidents of the past.

In February I ran into F. Perversi, whom I remembered seeing last in 1928. I have not come across any other Old Boys.

As our time draws on to 16 months on this island, we are hopeful of returning to Australia. Should I be able to visit Melbourne again, I shall call on you.

Again, Father, our thanks for your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

TOM MOLOMBY.

F./Lt. John Maloney spent some time as M.O. at the R.A.A.F. Convalescent Home, Warburton. He has now moved into a forward area and sent us the following letter, for which we thank him:

After spending my pre-embarkation leave I started off on my long journey to Northern Papua. I managed to fly all the way up and it was only the matter of a few days since leaving the Orient and so you can imagine how thrilled I was at hearing this news, which sounded like music to my ears.

Our camp is very fortunately situated, we being only some fifty yards from the beach, where the surfing was excellent. In fact, apart from the meals which actually were not too bad, and considerably improved as time went on, life was very enjoyable.

After three weeks on this spot, one Sunday morning I was delighted to learn that we had been chosen to go in on the next landing. My aim and desire whilst up here, apart from obtaining as much surgical experience as I can, is to get a really good insight into the Orient and so you can imagine how thrilled I was at hearing this news, which sounded like music to my ears.

So from this place, I travelled some twelve hundred miles by sea without incident and landed on this beautiful isle—if these islands can be regarded as beautiful just three days after the initial assault.

For the first day, we were contented with putting up a few marquees for receiving any patients and for accommodating ourselves. The first night the officers did the guard duty in pairs and I with the Adjutant, spent two long and lonely hours armed with two pistols and a tommy gun (God knows what for, for I would probably not know what to do if an eventuality arose under a banana tree.

We have set up quite a nice unit capable of taking 60 patients, but once again, we have had remarkably slack, considering the large body of men we have under our care.

The R.A.A.F. have been remarkably lucky when one considers the fact that in our 10 weeks here, we have had over thirty air raids for there has not been a casualty the direct result of a raid.

Indeed, old Nip has given us quite a lot of entertainment, though he could never manage more than 6 to 8 planes at a time. I say entertainment, for that is what it is, and I must say that to see a bomber tossing and turning in an attempt to break out of the searchlight beams whilst every ack-ack gun on the island is pouring shells all around it.

This island, from being a small isolated and insignificant spot in the vast Dutch East India, has now been converted into a veritable fortress, and serving as a forward base for operations against the Philippines.
Until this morning, there was a possibility of us jumping still higher into the Northern Hemisphere, but news came through that we were to stay on for at least another few months. As you can imagine, this came as a disappointment to me, for I had set my heart on having Xmas dinner at the Manilla Hotel. However, our turn will come again and in the not too distant future, I hope.

Since arriving here, I have had the pleasure of meeting several charming American medical officers with whom I have spent many interesting hours in both general and medical discussions.

Each Monday night I attend a Clinical Meeting held at one of their large Evacuation Hospitals, and both general and medical discussions.

While I have no wish to see any movement back here, I do hope to seeDick back at the Xaverian School very soon, when he will be able to continue with his studies.

Many old Xaverians will remember Mr. W. Moloney. He is still on the School Staff, though he has not had the best of health during the year. We quote from the "Sun":

No teacher in Melbourne is more widely known or more revered than Mr. W. C. Moloney, who this year is celebrating his 50th year as a master at St. Patrick’s College. He has taught men and their sons and, I understand, he is now putting their grandsons through their paces. Men in high positions can look back to profitable years spent under his guidance.

He is the assistant priest at St. Anthony’s, Heidelberg, and began teaching there in 1894, and while he was giving out what he had learnt he was still absorbing knowledge by doing a university course.

Not only has Mr. Moloney attended to the mental requirements of his pupils, but, as a keen physical culturist, he has also seen that they kept fit. He still takes the physical culture classes at the school.

He has taken an active part in sport, having played football for Carlton and rowed for St. Patrick’s College in the Head of the Lake on Albert Park Lake.

We congratulate F./O. Hugh and Mrs. Moore on the arrival of a little daughter in March. His brother Prater has returned from Canada.

Louis Moore spent some time with the R.A.A.F. at Mount Gambier, and when last heard of was at Ballarat. With him for a time were Ted Ryan and Dick Monaghan.

Paul Moorrees is probably our most faithful and regular correspondent. We saw him on leave early in the year, but he had to leave most of the last year with the A.I.F. in Queensland.

We regret that Fr. K. Moriarty, the Administrator of the Sale Diocese, has had a serious illness, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Major J. Stanislaus Mormane was married to Miss Brennan. Congratulations and best wishes.

Captain Hugh Mulcahy, A.A.M.C, returned from the Middle East some time ago, and during the year he was married to Miss R. Kenny. Congratulations and best wishes. Hugh paid us a visit recently when he was en route, for West Australia.

Fr. Bernard Murphy was elected this year to the Committee of the Old Xaverians’ Association. We thank him for his interest in the School and the Association. He is the assistant priest at St. Anthony’s, Glenhuntly.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Greg, John, Francis and Xavier Murphy on the death of their mother. R.I.P. Greg (now Major Greg, A.A.M.C), is at the Heidelberg Military Hospital. We congratulate him on his wedding during the year and wish him every happiness. Dr. John practises at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Fairfield. Francis is with the R.A.A.F., and did some War Loan speech-making during the year. Xavier is in business in the city.

P./O. Peter Murphy left Australia as Sergeant Observer early in May, 1943; went to England via America and Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme. Arrived in England July, 1943. Completed training partly in England and partly in Scotland, and began operations around "P" Day with the All-Australian Squadron—Lancasters. Obtained commission and finished his 35th operational flight. Will probably be grounded in England and doing instructional work for six months. We thank him for his long letter last June. He mentions having met Phil Ryan, Con. Fontaine, and, of course, Peter Knox, with whom he did most of his training.

Dr. George Mulvany has a medical practice in Waverley Road, East Malvern, and "on April 1st, to Dr. and Mrs. G. Mulvany—a son." Congratulations and best wishes.

Peter Narik is a Sapper in the Engineers in New Guinea. When last heard of, his brother John was at Geelong with the R.A.A.F.

John E. B. Naughton, Roger Johnson and John Brennan have all finished their training and are now with the R.A.A.F. in England. We thank them all for their frequent airgraphs, and we hope we shall see them all home again safe and well.

Ken Naughton has been demobilised and has returned to the station at Booligal, N.S.W. John is on extended leave. We congratulate him on his wedding to Miss Planter and wish them both many years of happiness. Peter is on the land at Booligal.
The O'Briens (Gardenvale).

Frank has returned to Bendigo from Bandiana Camp, where he has finished the building of roads and concrete works for the Military and Railways.

Leo B. is still at Bandiana, via Wodonga, and is a Sergeant in the Ordnance Section of the camp, but wishes to be sent north or the battle area.

John I. is now at the School of Artillery at Randwick, N.S.W., with the rank of Captain while he is at the school as an Instructor in Anti-Aircraft.

Sub/Lieut. John O'Brien was down on leave from Brisbane a few months ago. Looks well. Navy life agrees with him. Kevin, last year's Captain of the School, spent some time at Shepparton, Geelong, and when last we heard of him he was at Ultimo, near Sydney. He writes:

This place is becoming quite an Xaverian stronghold now, as there are four Xaverians here. Joe Barbaro arrived here a few weeks ago and is doing a motor boat crew course.

One Sunday morning, about five weeks ago, I met Pat Healy after Mass out at Chatswood; he was on a few days' leave from the H.A.M.S. Australia while it was undergoing repairs. He had to report back the next day, so I suppose he would have been in the invasion of those islands a few weeks ago, in which the Australia participated.

I also met Mal. Quinn one day in the city here; he said he was just down from New Guinea and was at present in camp at Singleton.

I spent a most enjoyable morning a few weeks ago at St. Canisius' College; I think I must have seen practically everyone in the place: Frs. Morris, Keenan, McInerny, and Mr. Brady, and Mr. Hawkins, and I met quite a few of the priests.

I am still doing the wireless course and should be finished it about Christmas time. The course is very interesting now, especially the practical part, which includes the making of fine wireless sets. The first I made was just a maze of wires going in all directions, instead of being able to get the ordinary broadcast stations, the only thing I could pick up was the chap out at Mascot directing the planes in to land.

And later—

I am still at my wireless course here at the Sydney Tech.; it is an excellent course, although there is plenty of study attached to it. I am in with a great bunch of chaps, quite a few P.S. boys amongst them. Jim Fenessy and Ken Hattam are the only two from School on this course. Colin Drake was doing an electrician's course here, but I think he has gone now. I never actually saw him, as there are over 3000 doing all sorts of courses here.

The wireless technicians are in barracks at the Hotel Astra at Bondi, and we come into Ultimo by special trams every morning. We are right near the beach, so it will be great here in a few weeks' time, when the weather gets a little warmer.

I met Anton Bowler in at Air Force House last Friday. He was in from Bradfield Park for the night, and I had quite a long chat with him.

I spend my week-ends at Pymble with Uncle Jack, and his place is not far from St. Aloysius, so I intend going up to see some of the masters on Sunday.

I had a letter from Bob Thompson, and he seems to be having a great time up in Queensland. I suppose most of the boys who went into air crews at the beginning of the year are doing their elementary flying training now.

Cpl. John O'Donnell writes to say that he is with the Craft R.A.E., A.I.F., and is finding life interesting. He has met Jim Chapman, who was with the same platoon but has since been changed. His brother Brian paid us a visit during the year. He is struggling cheerfully against the drought problems of the Riverina.

Frank O'Halloran writes from Trafalgar where he is busy, very happily married and with two little daughters. Roger is in the Army, and Brendan is in the Air Force.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stan. O'Keefe, on the death of their eldest son Fred, who was accidentally killed a few months ago. No further news has been heard about Geoff, so that he is now "Missing, believed killed." Austin is the Treasurer of the O.X.A., and works with Messrs. A. M. & J. Valentine, accountants. Des is with a wool broker's firm in Sydney.

Lieut. Colman O'Loughlen. We offer our sincerest sympathy on the death of his father.

Ross O'Loughlen (Missing). Early last December we received news that Ross O'Loughlen was missing. The Air Board states the Beaufort aircraft of which Ross was a member of the crew, left its base on 4th Dec, 1943, in company with five other aircraft to carry out a torpedo attack against enemy shipping in St. George's Channel, off the north coast of New Britain. The target area was reached but heavy weather broke up the formation of the aircraft. It is generally thought that the aircraft Ross was in came down in or near the Duke of York Islands. Owing to the difficulty of getting information from the Japanese authorities, nothing is really known, and so we hope that he may yet turn up.

Jim O'Meara, a W.O. II in the 2/4 Aust. Arm. Reg., was here for the Communion Breakfast. We were glad to see him looking so well and happy. He tells us that Jack Mahon is demobilised and back on the land again.

Jack O'Shaughnessy was married to Miss Tait in November, and Brian (Lieut. in A.I.F.) was married to Miss M. Davies in September. We congratulate both of these loyal Old Xaverians, and wish them many years of happiness.

Peter Parker. We congratulate him on being promoted to a Group Captain. He is with a Liberator Squadron.

Peter Peppard paid us a visit during the year when on leave from up north.
Michael joined the Army at the beginning of the year and was at a training school in Bonegilla when we last heard of him.

Jack Porter paid us a visit in September. He is now demobilised and going back to his station home in the Riverina.

W./O. R. J. Power. We have had no further news of Dick Power (X.C. 1937-40) since he was posted "Missing." He was a pilot of a Lancaster Bomber which did not return from a raid on Berlin. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Dick's father in these trying and anxious days. Added to this worry were the bush fires last summer which swept through Mr. Power's property near Barfold, destroying everything except his home—fencing, grass, stock, sheds, machinery, hay, flax, wheat.

We congratulate Roy and Mrs. Quinn on the arrival of a little son in September.

We thank Maurice Quin for his grand long letter from the far north-west, near Marble Bar. It reads: —

Dear Father Stephenson,

Your card re "The Xaverian" to hand. Yes, of course, I want it. News of myself! Well, there is little of interest, but here goes:

We are struggling with one of the worst droughts in history and our biggest fall in a day for over 18 months has been 19 points. However, our rainy season is about to start and indications are good. We have had some losses in stock but with a good season that will all right.

My children are growing fast. Jennifer and Susan—hers — and have not seen any Old Xaverians up in these parts since Clyde Fenton dropped in a couple of years ago.

The war is very pleasant about going away to school, but I think they will miss the bush life, especially their horses. However, they have cousins and friends in Perth, so it will be quite exciting for them. Seven cousins in St. Louis' the year after. Bill has just turned four and all went to Sommunion. I am chief altar boy.

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With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

MAURICE QUIN.

We congratulate Tom Quinn on being admitted to the Bar.

S. Reynolds is in the Navy and was married to Miss Starr in July. Congratulations and best wishes.

Charles Rigg has not had the best of health during the year, and so we did not see so much of him as in former years. We offer him our sincerest sympathy on the death of his brother John—an Old Xaverian of the early 'nineties.

Mac Rice we met at Xavier when he
was down for Don Coghlan's wedding. He is out of the Army now and is back in the Law practice at Maffra. His brother John writes cheerfully from up North:

At long last as I promised I have found time to drop you a line to enquire about well-being and tell you a little of my own. It is about four months since I saw you when I was down for Don Coghlan's wedding. He took some time to be re-organized, then set in the inevitable period of rather intensive training, which period we are now in.

I arrived back at this place a rather flabby individual, but Army work, sport, regularity of diet and rest has put me on a very sound footing again.

I told you on leave that I had not made the acquaintance of any Old Xaverians about here, but since my return practically the first person I struck was Bill Keane, who had recently been posted to a unit across the road from us. As a matter of fact it was at Mass when I first spotted him, and I could not place him at the distance. However, when he arose to go to Communion I recognized him.

About a week later I was engaged in a football against another battalion, and in the middle of it I got a hail from the goalpost, and on turning I was pleasantly surprised to find Peter Peppard and Ken Annal. Both are in the division.

John Riordan has a busy legal practice in Shepparton. He writes he has a letter from Kevin, in which he says he is getting to know the Continent pretty well. Rarely a letter comes from him without some fresh praise for his Spitfire, and it is a real comfort to know he has such faith in his machine.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Kelvin, Myles and Bernard Ryan on the death of their mother. R.I.P. Kelvin and Bernard are in business in Dandenong, and St. Kilda respectively. Myles is in the Army somewhere in the North-West.

Bill Ryan writes occasionally from Darlington Point, where he and so many Riverina station owners are struggling with the drought problems. He has a family of two boys and two girls. His brother John is with the Air Force in England.

We congratulate Cyril and Mrs. Ryan on the arrival of a little daughter last August.

John Ryan (Queensland—because he came from there to Xavier)—we are always pleased to meet, because he has invariably some item of interest for the Xaverian. He has a position with the Army Amenities in the city.

P./O. John G. Ryan spent a good deal of the year in Townsville. At one stage he wrote and told us that they were all very busy "flying and mending roads."

Leo Ryan has been demobilised and is back in business in Jerilderie.

P./O. Phil Ryan went to England early in the year, and we had several letters from him. We regret to say that he is posted "Missing" after a raid over France. We offer our sympathy to Phil's father and mother and sister, and we hopefully await better news.

We congratulate Wing/Com. John Rush on his wedding with Miss G. Cotter in August, and we wish them many years of happiness.

We congratulate Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Rush on the arrival of a little daughter last July.

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Lieut. John Schlink has spent most of the year in Queensland. We congratulate him on his wedding, and we wish him and Mrs. Schlink many years of happiness. He has spent about four years in the Army, spent some time in the Middle East and later in New Guinea.

Sgt. Frank Scognamiglio is helping to look after the Prisoner of War Camp at Myrtleford. He writes: After a trip to New Guinea and a tour of Queensland Darling Downs as a Signal Instructor, I eventually obtained a transfer, even more to my liking. My present job is that of Interpreter, and I find the work most interesting. I am hoping that my present experience will prove beneficial to me after the war.

We congratulate F./Lt. John Shelton on being awarded the M.B.E., Military Division. The following is the citation:

As unit medical officer was required to be immediately available to proceed with air-sea rescue launch on all rescue missions in his area.

On one occasion, although near exhaustion dived repeatedly in waters known to be dangerous in endeavour to rescue members of crew of aircraft which had crashed and sunk.

In December, 1943, led party to rescue crew of crashed light aircraft. After enduring severe privations in travelling on foot and swimming through crocodile-infested areas under most arduous tropical conditions, he eventually reached aircraft alone, to find crew had been killed instantaneously.

During return, was asked to locate and rescue another party of personnel attempting rescue of first crew. Although completely exhausted, displayed remarkable valor and incredible endurance in finally locating this party and leading it to safety.

Throughout service in New Guinea, has displayed outstanding courage, determination and devotion to duty.

We offer our sincerest sympathy on the death of his father. John is now on the Air Force Reserve and carrying on his father's medical practice in Glenferrie Road, Malvern.
Henry Shirley landed in England from Canada early in the year. He trained at Edinburgh and saw a good deal of the country. His last note reads: "Living at present in a home built in 1530 down in Kent. Great life." A short time after receiving this note we heard that Henry was posted "Missing" after a raid on Germany, and still later we were overjoyed to hear that he is safe and well and a prisoner of war in Germany.

Harold Simpson has seen another successful year through as Secretary to the O.X.A. We thank him for his continued interest in the School. We writes:

A recent visitor who called to see me one afternoon was Ken Quin, who was in Melbourne for a few days to see his sisters after a sojourn of sixteen months in New Guinea. He was then going on to Sydney to spend a long leave with his wife and baby daughter, aged six months whom he has not seen yet. He tells me that they have called her Annette, and that she is a healthy youngster, and altogether is very happy about it. Apart from being very yellow in appearance, Ken seems to be very well, but told me that Leo is in hospital again somewhere in Australia. Incidentally, I assume that you have heard that Paul Lachal is at Heidelberg Military Hospital following injuries received when flying “up north.” I believe that he is to have a leg amputated and has been apparently wounded in two or three places.

Lieut. B. Slaweski is still an enthusiastic member of the A.I.F., and is giving of his best to the service of his country. He is represented at Xavier by his little son Bernard. We hope we shall soon have news of his brother France, who has been in Tours since the end of the last war, and of whom little has been heard since the occupation of France by the Germans.

F./Lt. J. Smith. We congratulate him on his wedding to Miss H. Kearney last December. He is the M.O. of a station up near New Guinea.

S./L. W. Smith, whom we may call the letter-writer of the Smith family, we thank for two letters sent to us recently. We hope others will imitate his good example.

Dear Father Stephenson,

Although I have just learnt of his death and do not yet know the full circumstances, I shall tell you what I know of Fred. O'Keefe's death as I think I may be the last Old Xaverian to see him.

I last saw Fred several weeks ago on an island in the New Guinea area. Having been with the Army in the Middle East, Fred joined the R.A.A.F. after recovering from an attack of meningitis. He was Defence Officer to a fighter squadron nearby, and was sharing a tent with their Medical Officer. When I last saw him, Fred was in good form, having just recovered from a skin condition which had kept him in hospital for several weeks. While in hospital, Fred had spent a lot of time with Father Smyth, of Queensland, who was one of the toughest and best liked men on the island. As I was about to leave, Fred gave me three or four copies of "Laurels," and asked me to give them to any Old Xaverians I might meet.

Shortly after, Fred's unit moved further forward and it was not long before he met his death. He was disposing of an unexploded 4-pounder bomb in the course of his job as Defence Officer, when without warning there was an explosion which killed Fred at once. May his gay and so very active soul rest in peace.

I was at a R.A.A.F. Hospital nearby yesterday. There were two other Old Xaverians there too: G./Capt. Leon Lachal is here, at Headquarters, and Alan Coleman, Fit. Lieut., is the Dispenser at the hospital.

I have just heard too that Squadron-Leader Edward Ryan has been given command of a mobile R.A.A.F. hospital in this area. I believe that he has not yet arrived, but should do so shortly.

An interesting change of appointments of Old Xaverian Medical Officers in the R.A.A.F. recently took place. Tom Capell has been with his squadron in a forward area for 15 months or so, when yours truly was posted to the squadron to relieve him. I then left my old squadron at Camden, N.S.W., and was replaced by Squadron-Leader John England, who had come across from a squadron in the West. He is very anxious that the squadron should move North soon.

I received a letter a little time ago from Pat Foley, written in Italy. Pat had gone to the Middle East to join a squadron there. He went with his squadron through the campaign in North Africa and so to Sicily. He had just enjoyed a short leave on the Isle of Capri, but said that he would much prefer the beauties of Australia. He had learned of the death of his friend Bill McCormack some time before, while flying overseas.

My brother Jim, who, as you know, was recently married in the Chapel by Father Costello, met Frank Moore in Townsville. Frank was at an Army General Hospital there. They both had spent an evening there with Pat Hoppe shortly before he was killed in an aircraft off Townsville. Jim moved North a little later with his squadron.

I remain, Yours sincerely,

BILL.

And again he writes:

Dear Father Stephenson,

Now that the year will soon be dancing its swan-song, I thought I should do my best to act as "Xaverian" representative for this area, just in case some other Old Xaverian does not give you our news. Actually I have not come across as many Old Boys as I had done earlier, but I can give you a little about a small number, mainly what they are doing and roughly where.

I met Ken Brennan just the other week. He is fit and very well, and very pleased to be up here at last, after so long doing a routine sort of jobs. He is not far away, with a squadron, and hopes to get to a more active area shortly.

S./Ldr. Hugh Ryan is close by too. He is an eye specialist with a mobile R.A.A.F. Hospital, and is thriving on the life. Edward Ryan, also S./Ldr., is in charge of another R.A.A.F. Hospital in an active area. He is very busy, and is, I am sure, doing a very good job.

I saw Jim Forrest a few days ago, and invited him up to our mess. Jim I had last seen in the West, a long time ago. He is now a Warrant Officer Pilot with an active squadron that is really On the job.

Maurice Barrett has gone South after a tour in the North of Australia. Maurice Clarke I last heard of in that area, although he may be down by now. I do know that he was very highly regarded for the work he was doing there.

Pat Foley is in Italy, and letters arrive frequently.

My brother Jim has had to leave his wife to go up to the top of Australia. He is M.O. to a squadron and I have written of, except Jim Forrest, are M.O.'s—and has been seen at several points in the forward areas further north. He used to see a bit of Frank Moore, who was in an Army Hospital close by Hugh Mulcahy is in a general hospital in New Guinea.

P./O. John de Groot had dinner with me the other week. He is a Signals Officer up here.
I find that my news has run out. I hope what little there is. Father, will be of use.

Your sincerely, BILL.

P.S.—Bill Harris is a resident M.Q. in Perth. Austin Ley is with the Army Medical Corps in the North. Peter Parker was up here some months back, but is now in command of a squadron in the North of Australia, and has been promoted to the rank of a Group Captain.

Hugh Sparks has been demobilised from the Army and is back again in the men's department of Foy and Gibson's. His brother Ron is up North with the Air Force.

F./O. W. J. Stutt is with a Liberator Squadron. We quote from a letter he wrote to us recently:

A week or two ago I met Ernie Williams in New Guinea. He said that he would come out to our camp for a flight, but I didn't see him again after our first meeting, so presume that he made a few enquiries about my flying and then took to the hills. The only other Old Xaverian I've seen so far is Peter Forrest, who was passing through Townsville one day I was there. We have an Old Xaverian amongst our bombardiers here. His name is Max Coleman and he was at Burke Hall with me for two or three years.

I remain, Yours sincerely, BILL STUTT.

His brother John is with the Meteorological Department of the Air Force up North. We thank him for his letters and hope that both he and Bill will take the "Xaverian" as our reply. He writes as follows:

Regarding Old Boys—whom I have met here, the one that I have seen most is Alex Lynch. Alex is a Sergeant in the Army, and his C.O. is Major Lockwood. Alex was recently in hospital with malaria, and Frank Moore attended him. I have not seen Frank. F./O. Len Day was here earlier in the year, and F./O. Francis Murphy was with him. Francis is now stationed in South Australia. I met Ken McPhail one Sunday at Mass. Alan Gallagher was here a couple of times this year, but I have not heard of him for several months.

Paul Lachal I used to see frequently, and was very pleased to hear had made such a good recovery.

Captain John Tutton paid us a visit in March when on leave from New Guinea. For the past six months he has been up in Queensland on the Tableland, preparing for the great offensive.

We congratulate John Vaughan on completing his medical course. He has taken a position with the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Dick Walker is with the Army and is at the Records Office in the city. He is in the best of health again after his experiences up North. We congratulate him on his marriage to Miss Branigan, and we wish them every happiness and blessing.

Dr. Jim Wall has left Narrandera and gone into practice at Leeton, N.S.W. We thank him for a long letter he sent us from his son Frank, who is with the R.A.A.F. in England.

I have a tale to tell which is or which will be to you most thrilling. That's if you can relate it decently. To start with, Monday night was my night off, so on Monday morning I decided to go to Chester for the day. Spent quite a pleasant day doing a spot of shopping, etc., saw a show and returned to the town just near camp. I was the last in the canteen and have a small snack; was sitting down just completing the refresher when an Army Sergeant sat down next to me, and we embarked on a bit of a conversation. Having finished supper he said to me, "Would you care to come home for a few hours?" Having nothing to do until the following night, I accepted.

I had my bike in town at a place where you can leave cycles, and he had a tandem outside the canteen, so I asked him to wait a few minutes until I fetched mine, which he did, and on getting seated we proceeded to ride out to his "home." He explained to me on the way that the "home" was about two miles out of town, and hoped I didn't mind the ride, which I assured him I didn't. By this time we had introduced ourselves: his name was "Phillip York." He explained he was not the original "Sergeant York."

On our way we passed through a massive pair of iron gates; at the time I hardly paid much attention to them, so we kept on riding. We crossed a couple of fields, and went through another, then turned up a lane, and very pleased to hear had made such a good recovery.

To which he answered simply, "Yes." I was knocked flat. It is a huge three-storey place of brick and stone with a slate roof. Three lines of massive windows show front and back. In all about fifty in each side.

We went inside. First to the kitchen, where he introduced me to his old nurse, who is the only indoor servant they have now, because of the war. She said she would prepare us some supper. Phillip said, "Come and meet my Mother," and we went up the four flights of stairs to the third floor, and there stood a great three-storey mansion untouched by time hang the pictures—they cover every wall. Priceless china in Chippendale cabinets. It didn't seem like a home, it was more like a museum, the only thing being that few museums have the treasures that that home possesses.

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Captain Arthur Welshman was married by Fr. A. Fynn to Miss Callanan in August. Congratulations and best wishes.

Jim Whelan is with the R.A.A.F. in England. Des. has gone to sea with H.M.A.S. "Ararat."

Frank White writes from Sydney:
We have just completed two years in New Guinea and we came down this time, so we hope to try out some of the New South Wales camps for a change when we have completed our leave.

As you know, Father, I was in an Ordnance unit up there, and life was far from hard. Brian O'Shaughnessy was R.S.M. of our unit for a big portion of the time I was there. The only others I saw up there were Ken Madden in the Air Force, and Peter Byrne in the Army. Coming down on leave about nine months ago I met Robin Kellway, who was just changing from Army to Air Force.

Coming home this time Peter Narik was on the same ship. He had been with the Engineers up there. Later we picked up Mark Moore, who was with an artillery unit in the North.

Eric Whitehouse is in business in Babinda, Queensl. We congratulate him on his wedding, and we wish him and Mrs. Whitehouse many years of happiness. We were very pleased to meet them on their honeymoon, part of which was spent in Melbourne.

Captain Norman Whitehead, M.C., has been demobilised and is back on his station property near Urana.

We congratulate Ralph and Mrs. Whitehead on the arrival of a little son last September.

We thank Ray Whiting for a long and interesting letter, part of which we quote here:
I came over here in May, '43, doing a Survey School in Victoria.

In the fifteen months I have been here, I have seen a great deal of the west from the old settlements on the Avon Valley of where I met the Safe family, whose sons were at Xavier, to the lead mining districts north of Geraldton. This present spot is very flat; this most of W.A. is, but the spinifex plains are dissected by very sandy rivers which are raging torrents in the wet. There are a few low tabletop hills nearby.

The wild flowers are simply wonderful, and have to be seen to be appreciated. They comprise every colour and shape imaginable, from representations of kangaroo paws to spiders, donkeys and birds.

We have been very lucky on this trip in that so far we have been able to have Mass nearly every Sunday, although we do not comprise 10 per cent, of the unit.

I have seen St. Louis, but have not had a chance to call in. On several occasions we have passed near New Norcia, but never had time to see the buildings.

Yours sincerely,
RAY WHITING.

Lieu. Douglas Williams, of the R.A.N., is back in Melbourne after some months in the far north western waters.

We congratulate him on his marriage and we wish him and Mrs. Williams many years of happiness. We notice in the sporting columns that Doug, is again playing cricket for Richmond, We quote from a
letter he wrote to us last February—singing the praises of the West:

Last November I had a very interesting trip up to the Murchison River. This spot is located 120 miles due north of Geraldton. The last 40 miles is over a very wicked sand plain. It takes three hours to cover the short distance, so you can imagine the state of the track. The trip was made worth while by the excellent fishing available at the spot. This place as a matter of fact reminded me quite a lot of Sydenham Inlet in Gippsland. Brigadier Clareborough was one of the party who made the trip. He was looking extremely fit and well.

Christmas was spent very pleasantly over here. It was mainly due to the very fine hospitality of the Leggett family. These people have done much to make the Navy boys happy, besides Army and Air Force boys. For Christmas dinner they had 10 guests. West Australian hospitality is famous, and it is people such as these who make it so.

Quite recently I received a great surprise whilst on my way down the street. In the distance I saw a Priest accompanied by two men. It was Father Boyle over here on a short visit to see his brother. The world is really a very small place. I farewelled him at the station on the following night. He was then on his way to Kalgoorlie. It was good to be able to talk about the doings of Xavier.

A few weeks back we took Brigadier Clareborough and Major Jim Darling fishing. Jim is very fit and well, and never happier than when blowing things up. He performed very well with line and hook on this day.

We are getting a fair amount of tennis over here these days. On Saturday afternoon we play on a very excellent grass court. About 10 or 12 people gather at the home, and it is a great day's sport. The tennis is of a fairly high standard, and the exercise helps to keep one fit.

Cpl. Ernest Williams has spent the last year at least in the wilds of New Guinea with the A.I.F. Transport. A couple of months ago we had the pleasure of welcoming him on leave, and of congratulating him on his wedding to Miss M. Whelan. May long life and happiness be theirs.

Greg Williams is a Sergeant in the Air Force—ground staff—and has spent the best part of the last two years in New Guinea. Phil is in Canada training to be a pilot. Ray has got his wings and is somewhere up beyond New Guinea. He has had over twenty months up here, in two parts with Frank recalled old times as he was waiting for the day when he can go to sea. Phil has had the luck to go to Canada. Due to congestion over there with the Air Training Scheme, he has had over twenty months up here, in two parts with a month's respite between them.

We thank Geoff Woods for several letters and we hope he will take the "Xaverian" as a reply to some of them. He is at sea on H.M.A.S. "Pirie."

Carl Wraith is back again on the Dargo Plains after a spell in the Kimberley area of the North-West.

R. Wrigley we met at the cricket match against M.G.S. He got out of Ocean Island before the Japs took over, and at present he is a surveyor with the R.A.A.F., and lives in Malvern.

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We thank Fr. Boylan, S.J., for his interesting notes on old Xaverians he has met during the year. We are happy to say that he is well. It is a great privilege to meet him for his memory is stored with interesting experiences of Xavier.

My dear Father Stephenson, P.C.,

In reply to your letter I send a few scraps of news about boys whom I happened to meet during the year.

Round about last Christmas I had a visit from Joe O'Kelly, who is still an important man in the Public Service and is happy in his home at Sandringham.

I met Frank Donovan a couple of times during the year—once at a funeral of Sister Benedict, a Sister of Mercy, who was a relation of his. Indeed I went to the funeral in his car. He is a prosperous doctor in Collins Street, and is also on the staff of the Mercy Hospital. Meeting with Frank recalled old times as he was at Xavier during an interesting period of its history in the first decade of this century.

Dave Ross surprised and delighted me by paying me a visit. We had a long and interesting chat about old times and things in general. He stayed for over an hour. He seemed to recall with great pleasure Father James O'Dwyer and his experiences in the training of the Xavier Eights. He was looking well though he is now 70, and has changed very little in appearance. He has retired from the Government Printing Office. He is still interested in boats and rowing, and has a boat of his own which he built. In this boat he does a lot of fishing in the bay. It was very pleasing to meet Dave and to see him looking so well.

When I left Dave I had an appointment in Collins Street, and I ran into Jack Clareborough. He was very ornamental in a resplendent uniform. I did not know what his grade was but it looked something very lofty, perhaps a Field Marshal or something. At all events he looks quite equal to that job, being the last word in fitness and military smartness. As a matter of fact, he is a Brigadier-General and has been in the army for four years. He
was hoping at that time to get back soon
to his profession. He was stationed for a
time away up in New South Wales with a
tank corps. He takes to the military life
like a duck to water, but naturally he is
now anxious to get back to his profession.
If he lost an arm, or even a couple of
fingers, where would he be as a dentist?
now amongst the various celebrities.

When I was at Riverview early in the
year, I met a son of our old Xaverian,
Ted Curr. At that time also, Henry
Morton dropped in to see me. He had just
left a son at Riverview. Henry, who was
an old pupil of mine at Xavier, would
have sent his boy to Xavier only for the
impossibility of getting him over the
border. I was delighted to see Henry who
was very cordial.

One day in April, as I wended my way
homewards, a car pulled up quite close to
St. Patrick's College and out stepped Frank
Kelly to greet me warmly. I had not seen
him since I left Xavier. We had a great
chat about old times which lingered lovingly
in his mind. We recalled the old
days when he and Buzzy Hayes were
possible candidates for the crew. Frank
is in the oil business, as also is Ted Ryan.
Frank often meets Jack McCauley of whom he,
like so many others, has pleasant recollec-
tions. He gave me some news of Jack
and Phil Acton and Jack Bartley, Ignatius
McGinnis and others. Frank has a loyal
attachment to the old school. As he
chatted I noticed that his wife had left
the car, which was about fifty yards away,
and seemed eager to be off to home duties,
so I had a few words with her, and Frank
and I parted after our genial meeting.

I met Henry Mortenson in the vestibule
of the Mercy Hospital and we had a chat.
Henry is like, a fresh, genial breeze, or to
speak in the medical terms of his profes-
sion, like a tonic. He seems full of
vitamins. I feel, judging from his cheerful
happy appearance, that he would be a
boon to a despondent patient. Indeed, a
patient might well feel contented to have
one of such reassuring appearance to
operate on him if necessary. His brother,
Harold, is working in the Navy Office,
Melbourne.

My old friend, Tom Hartigan, whom I
have often met during the last twelve
months, and who looked fit last year, has
really been very unwell with a bad heart
attack. The trouble occurred in America
where he had been sent as an oil expert.
He was in acute danger for a time but
later I heard that his health had im-
proved, and still later that he was back in
Melbourne at his duties and is looking
well. We can ill spare men of Tom's fine
type.

In the middle of the year, Leaver Cross
blew into the "Messenger" Office. The was
having a holiday and was on his way to
Hepburn Springs. A little over a week
later, in fact in the middle of June, I
returned his visit, finding myself in
Hobart. He came down in his car to pick
me up and took me off to dinner at his
bungalow on the top of Mt. Nelson. Here
is his home perched in one of the most
beautiful places in the whole of Australia,
with a view that surpasses anything in
Sydney Harbour. I had a pleasant chat
with himself and his wife and afterwards
went into his look-out, where with his long
telescope he scans the horizon and reports
on the shipping coming up the Derwent.
He is in charge of the look-out station and
adds to his ordinary duties classes in
navigation.

Lux Meagher, I am sorry to say, is not
at all well. He had to give up his hospital
work at Beechworth and is himself at
present in the Caritas Christi Hospice of
the Sisters of Charity in Studley Park
Road, his trouble being tuberculosis, his
old complaint. He is, however, very cheer-
ful and, despite his serious ailment, has a
considerable amount of stamina.

I had an amusing interview with an old
boy whom I had not met since he left
Xavier. One of the priests of St. Francis',
whom I met in Myer's Emporium, said to
me, "I will introduce you to a Catholic
chemist over here." We went to the
Chemist's Department and Father Gelinas,
who was the Father in question, said:
"This is Father Boylan." "Oh," says the
chemist, "well do I know him! He gave
me a flogging once." He said this in a
genial way as if he were pleased to meet
me and remind me of the fact. I said to
him, "I can't recall your name." "I am
Tom Payne." "Oh, very good, Tom! Glad
to meet you! And what did you get the
hiding for?" "Oh," he said, "I was sent
up for cheeking the French master." So
said to him, "I hope the memory is not
still galling you." "Not at all," he said.
"I forgive you."

My old namesake, Eustace Keogh, I
have met from time to time. He lives at
Kew at the corner of Carson and Steven-
son Streets. It is a very nice neighbour-
hood and he keeps a good garden. He
invited me in one day and I had a chat
with him and his family, the boys, pupils
of Burke Hall, giving me a wonderful wel-
come. It is a very happy family and the
children are full of life and ingenuity.

Mick Williams I met at the Jubilee Din-
ner given to Mr. William Moloney by the
Old Boys of St. Patrick's. There were of course some Old Xaverians there who had attended both the schools. Mick Williams was full of life. Shortly after he left Xavier he had trouble with his eyes and had been advised by medical authority to give up the studious life altogether as his eyes would fail. Mick took a rest at the time but not for long. He was soon back at his studies, succeeding in them, and has apparently no great trouble with his eyes. He certainly is able to see his way very clearly through life. He is full of vitality.

My old friend, Bill McKernan, for many years a boarder at Xavier, was for a time my Post-Master-General—that is, he used to collect the letters for me on Sundays, see that they were all stamped, and if necessary he took them down to the pillar box in Charles Street, outside the gate. Bill, who had vivid experiences in the last war, having been blown into the sea by a German torpedo the moment he reached Gallipoli, is now in the Tramway Company and is a traffic director. He has a fine young boy here at St. Patrick's. Another son is in the Forces.

To Father Eddie Hagemann, who is a member of the Society in America, and who was at Xavier in my time, I wish to extend my sincere sympathy on the death of his father. Mr. Hagemann Senior, was a great friend of Xavier and indeed of the Society of Jesus. I had regular visits from him once or twice a year for many years, and for Mr. Hagemann I had unbounded respect. He was a great Christian and a man of the deepest faith. As a German, he must have suffered from the impact of two great wars in which his native land was a heavy loser, but he approached the matter of national success or failure from a very high standard. In the presence of God concerning the previous war, he said to me one day that it was better for Germany herself that she lost the war as she was getting dangerously proud. Mr. Hagemann was a man of great sincerity and unbounded generosity.

There are several old boys whom I have often met in recent times and whom I have never mentioned in this letter. This is not because I am less interested in them. Quite the contrary. But it is very difficult to give what might look like a casual note on one whom I often meet, or who is so well-known that I take for granted someone else will mention him in these pages. Amongst these I may mention here:—Mr. Con Ahern, whom I meet very frequently and whose vast information on international politics makes his conversation so interesting; Dick O'Sullivan, whose consulting rooms are crowded with patients and whom I managed to beat at billiards at our last meeting, though he is certainly a skilful executant with the cue; Frank Niall, whose practice is ever increasing; Tom King—at the present moment holidaying in Hobart—who is spoken of in terms of awe by his admiring patients; Fred Colahan, brilliant footballer at Xavier in my day and now a wizard with the scalpel; and Bronco Forrest, who at school had such confidence in himself and who always inspires confidence in his patients and friends. Fragrant memories hover around all these—and poor Jeremiah Hasset, a good friend of mine who is now ailing and is, as I write these lines, in the private hospital of "Coonara" in St. Kilda Road.

Yours very sincerely, 
EUSTACE BOYLAN, S.J.

F./Sgt. John San Miquel writes to say that he is safe and well, and is doing tactical Air Force work in England and is liking it very much.

We thank Fred Cooke for his good wishes during the year. He is still in Ballarat and is to be represented at Burke Hall by his little son next year.

Eddie Fahey is school teaching at Granva, near Tallangatta.

Louis McGrath has completed his training as a Paratrooper, and is waiting to jump into action. His brother Bill is a Lieutenant in the A.I.F.

Ray Dowling writes cheerfully from the drought stricken areas round Balranald. He hopes to start his son Prater at Burke Hall soon. We congratulate Ray and Mrs. Dowling on the arrival of another son last October.

To bring these notes to a conclusion, we give here what information is to hand about the boys who left school at the end of 1943.

Peter Chapman, Peter Furnrall and Leo Macdonald are with the Army. Gordon Laird joined the Navy and is up near New Guinea. David Watson also joined the Navy and is at Flinders but preparing to go to sea.

The following are in the Air Force:—J. Barbaro, trained near Hamilton, now in Sydney; K. Barton began at Somers and is now at Point Cook. Anton Bowler is finishing his I.T.S. at Bradfield Park, Sydney. Geoff Byrne began grand staff work at Shepparton, and is now at Point Cook. Clive Dawson began at Shepparton and is now in Melbourne. Neil Donovan began at Somers, went to Port Pirie, and is back again at Somers. Ken Hattam began at
Shepparton is now in Sydney. John Heeney began at Shepparton, was in Melbourne for a while and is now at West Sale. Sam Keys is at Point Cook. Lewis King has only just been called in and is still in Melbourne. C. McGorey began at Somers and then had a long period in hospital at Heidelberg. We are pleased to say he is well again. Kevin O'Brien was at Geelong for some time and is now in Sydney. Martin O'Sullivan began at Somers and is now in Melbourne. Bob Thompson was at Bradford Park, Sydney, then at Maryborough, Queensland, and is now with the W.A.G. School, Ballarat.

**OLD XAVERIANS IN SYDNEY.**

On a recent visit to Sydney we met a number of Old Xaverians. We stayed at Canisius' College, Pymble, a new house of studies of the Order, in delightful surroundings. Here we had the company of Fr. William Keane, so well known to many Xaverians. We are glad to say that he is extremely well and doing good work as a professor of Dogmatic Theology besides a host of other occupations in and near Sydney. His advice and knowledge are sought from far and wide. We also saw a lot of Fr. Corish, known to an older generation of Xaverians. We need only say about Fr. Corish that we marvel at his energy. Fr. C. McKillop, who was at Xavier about twenty years ago and in more recent times as minister, is minister of Canisius' College, and Frs. Fahey and A. Ryan are the teaching staff. We saw a good deal of Fr. J. Dynon (captain of Xavier, 1928), Fr. P. Gleeson (captain of Xavier, 1929), and Fr. E. Morris, well remembered at the boat sheds. These were ordained last January, and so we take this opportunity of wishing them years of grace in God's service. We wish also to include in these good wishes Fr. Keenan, Fr. Lawler, Fr. McInerney, Fr. J. Byrne, Fr. Farmer, and Fr. Gryst, all of whom taught at Xavier, and also Fr. Wilkins and Fr. K. Carroll, to whom the little boys at Kostka Hall owed so much. Other Old Xaverians in the Community included Mr. B. Buxton, Mr. G. Jones, and Mr. Schneider. Mr. Buxton taught at St. Aloysius' College, became an editor and produced a very wonderful edition of the "Aloysian" last year. We congratulated him and bowed to a fellow editor when occasion demanded. Mr. G. Jones taught at Riverview—history and rowing (Victonian style), we were told, and Mr. G. Schneider taught at St. Louis' College, Perth, leaving behind him a reputation that all of us can envy. As usual, we found Mr. Brady helping everybody out of difficulties; sometimes down on the farm when the men did not turn up and the Community was waiting for milk for breakfast. He made many enquiries for the boys of the First Division and followed their careers with great interest. Mr. W. Brown, Mr. P. Morgan and Mr. K. O'Dwyer, all of whom taught at Burke Hall, are also at Pymble and all following carefully the effects of their good work on the "giants" of the Preparatory School. Mr. Hawkins (how we missed him as stage manager this year!) was very well, and we had pleasure in pointing out to him how well we thought his boys had done in the examinations. Mr. Hassan is also at Pymble, and is following the doings of the Kostka Hall boys with great interest. We also saw a good deal of Br. Boiler and Br. Manning, both of whom spent some time at Xavier, and Br. Doran, who was at Burke Hall.

At St. Mary's Church, North Sydney, we met Fr. T. A. Walsh. We suppose he is one of the best known priests in Sydney. We found him surrounded by many of his friends who came to celebrate his twenty-five years in the Parish. He later in the year visited us at Xavier and recalled the days of his boyhood and treated us to many and humorous anecdotes.

We had lunch one day with Tom Simpson, at the Cricketers' Club. Not being an international, we entered with trepidation, but Tom soon put us at our ease. Tom has been living in Sydney for some years, is married (we congratulate him on a recent arrival) and has a good memory for the boys and masters of his time at the School. On leaving the Cricketers' Club we adjourned to the T. & G. Buildings, not to take out an insurance policy, but to visit Sylvester Firth. He had just come back to work after a serious illness and so was not looking his best. He is a very popular dentist and in great demand; in fact, his illness was due to over work. Here we refreshed our memories of the School known only to us by reputation but which has produced men of the stamp of Sylvester Firth and his friend (now deceased) Chris Merry.

We called on the genial John McNamara (captain of the Athletic Team, 1924) in his beautiful home in Pymble and found him full of life and did not seem very much changed since he did the hurdles for us at the Public School Sports.

Taking advantage of the autumn sunshine, we went out one afternoon to Ranwick. Here we spent some time with Basil Dynon. He is as bright and cheerful as ever and taking care of his mother, who has had a serious illness. His brother, Jack, has an administrative position in the Air Force, and Frank and Geoff are both, captains in the Army up North. At
Basil's home we also met Bill Stutt, who just "blew in" while his plane was having a rest at the 'Drome. We got splendid accounts of Captain Keith Watson, M.C., and of his brother, Squadron-Leader Charles. Both of them were away with the Forces, but all Mosman was singing their praises. Incidentally, however, we met Charles' little son, Charles Junior, not indeed little, but very big for a child hardly twelve months old. Tony Wren lives out near Rose Bay, and has a son at Riverview. Basil Malony lives at Double Bay and has a business in the city. His brother, F/Lt. Jack, spent most of the year in Victoria doing medical work at the Air Force Convalescent Home at Warburton. We rang up T. R. McCristal, whom Old Mentonians will remember so well. He lives at Lindfield. Mrs. McCristal was ill at the time. We have since had news of her death. May she rest in peace. We offer our sincerest sympathy to her sorrowing husband and family.

Basil O'Shaughnessy lives at Clovelly. Captain Phil Dowling, A.A.M.C, was at the Concord Military Hospital and kindly came across to Pymble to see us. From him we heard that Captain Alan Bennett was also at Concord, and he gave us the good news of his wedding. We asked Phil to carry back to Alan all our good wishes.

At Riverview we were entertained by its hard-working Rector, Fr. Noel Hehir. We could not possibly give an account of all his activities in Sydney. No meeting seems to be complete without him. Here we also met Fr. Carlile and Fr. Burke Gaffney. We spent a long time with Fr. Healy. We remembered him since we were a boy (our grammar seems a little awry, but we are using the editorial "we" for we shrink from the personal ego) when he trained us to do our part as one of General Stanley's daughters in the "Pirates of Penzance" in the year 1910. How he remembers the boys at Xavier! He spoke of Alf and Bill Hay, Ed. Fahey, Arthur Mees, Jack Molomby, and goodness knows how many more. We are glad to say that he is very well and we congratulate him (a little late no doubt) on his jubilee—50 years a Jesuit.

Fr. L. Lachal is First Prefect at Riverview and Fr. D. O'Connell, who taught at Xavier in 1923, has charge of the Observatory. We also met Fr. Stan Kelly, who taught at Werribee for some years and who is now at Riverview. Another old friend of Xavier we met was Br. Duffy. He was at the School years and years ago, away back in the times of Br. Muldoon. The Sydney climate is kind to him, for he looks extraordinarily well. Br. O'Brien, who was at Xavier about 1928, also looks well, and is very busy. He is a firm believer in the saying that hard work never killed anyone.

We called at St. Aloysius' College, but most of the Community were away. Its Rector, Fr. Tom. Hehir, was giving a retreat in the Blue Mountains. We had a long chat with Fr. Hogan, a minister of Xavier a few years ago. Fr. F. X. O'Brien was giving a retreat at Myrtleford, and later paid us a visit at Xavier. Mr. Larkin is on the staff of St. Aloysius' and was responsible for the success of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, which have made the College famous in Sydney. We also met Mr. McLoughlin, who was in charge of the Cadets and who gave us full details of the successful visit of the Cadets to Canberra.

We called at the Marist Brothers School at Auburn and there we met Brendan Feehan. We were delighted to see him looking so well and noted his zeal and enthusiasm for his work. On returning from our visit to Auburn we found Bill Frangos, Brother Stephen, of the De la Salle Brothers, waiting for us. He had heard of our arrival in Sydney, though we had hoped to enter the city unobserved, and had come over from Strathfield to see us. Like Brendan Feehan, he too is very keen on his work. We wish both of the Brothers many years of health to carry on their noble work.

Three splendid Old Xaverians we missed this time in Sydney. Fr. Bartley, O.F.M., has not had the best of health and is now at Campbelltown; Jim Madden was away with the Forces, and our old friend, Dr. St. Clair Malone, has gone to his eternal reward. May he rest in peace.

It was a great delight to us to find all these Old Xaverians and Masters of the School so interested in Xavier, and we returned to our work rested in body and refreshed in mind by pleasant memories.
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The Old Xaverians' Association

ANNUAL REPORT.

The largest Annual General Meeting for some years marked the conclusion of the Association's year for 1943 when eighty-two Old Boys assembled in the Senior Library on Wednesday evening, 8th December, 1943.

This attendance, which was double that of the preceding year, included twenty-five of the boys who finished their schooling at this time and they were present at the invitation of the Committee and with the co-operation of Father Rector. It was pleasing to see these younger Old Xaverians present as well as a gathering of Old Boys of all ages.

The retiring President, Mr. J. W. Byrne, who had occupied that position for the past three years, opened the meeting—handing over the chair to the incoming President—Dr. Frank E. Costigan, upon his election to that office. Mr. Bryne's zealous and highly successful work was praised by Father Costelloe, whose thanks were enthusiastically supported by all present. During Mr. Byrne's presidency the Association had shown particular and wide progress—it has forged ahead despite the disabilities occasioned by the war.

Dr. Costigan, the new president, upon being installed, spoke upon the work of his predecessor which he promised to carry on, particularly in the matter of furthering the building up of the Scholarship Fund, initiated by Mr. Byrne. In closing his remarks Dr. Costigan appealed to the support of all Old Boys of the School, suggesting that the Association's watchwords should be "Unity and Loyalty to all things Xaverian."

The election of office-bearers for the year 1944 resulted in the following Executive and Committee:

Patron: Mr. Chas. H. Rigg.
President: Dr. Frank E. Costigan.
Secretary: Mr. Harold S. Simpson.
Hon. Asst. Sec: Mr. Eldon J. Hogan.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Austin J. O'Keefe.
Auditor: Mr. G. S. Swaine.
Hon. Solicitor: Mr. John J. Cooke.
Vice-Presidents: Messrs. L. C. Burne, B. Culler Murphy, J. W. Byrne.
Ex-officio: Dr. John G. Hurley; Group Captain L. V. Lachal; Messrs. T. J. McClelland, John Moloney and H. G. Schrader.


Other Representatives:
"The Xaverian": Rev. Fr. P. J. Stephen
son, S.J.

Captain of the School: Alexander Troup.

Athletic Club: Mr. E. W. R. Grace.

At the end of the meeting a spirited appeal was made by Mr. James N. Cooke for support for the Scholarship Fund. Immediate promises amounting to fifty-five pounds (£55) were made by a number of those present and the meeting closed on an enthusiastic note.

The Annual Communion and Breakfast was resumed this year after a break of two years and was attended by approximately one hundred and thirty Old Boys—a highly satisfactory figure for the times. The Rector celebrated the Mass for the intentions of all present and at the Breakfast which followed in the School hall old acquaintances and friendships were once more renewed.

The only other function held—the Annual Retreat:—took place at "Loyola," Watsonia, on the week-end commencing 2nd September. This gathering was unfortunately small, a total of approximately twenty-five being present. About one half of these were boys of the School who attended this function also in 1943. Our thanks are due to Very Reverend Father W. O'Collins, S.J., who conducted the Retreat. It is hoped that next year will see a great increase in the number of Retreatants to enjoy this stimulating, refreshing and restful week-end.

"Laurels"—which has now acted as the Association's principal medium of communication for over four years, has continued to do its good work also in this year. The Association has recognised this during the year by conferring upon Tom McClelland—its Editor and founder—a Life Membership. May he enjoy it for many happy years!

"Laurels" has this year made a particular feature of our Scholarship Fund which at the moment of writing has grown to nearly five hundred and twenty pounds. At the close of 1943 the total stood at a little over three hundred pounds—the gain
of more than two hundred pounds has brought us a little beyond the half-way mark of our immediate objective. We trust that the coming year will see this achieved and our first Association Scholarship definitely launched and assured in continuity.

Our President, who is the Treasurer of the Fund, commends it to all Old Boys who may translate their interest into action by sending contributions direct to him at 33 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Life Memberships have continued to accrue to the Association during the past year—to its lasting benefit. Now we hold over fifteen hundred pounds (£1,500) in investments made from this source. Though taxation on interest income received is heavy (about one-third of the amount received), the steady (and growing) income is a very welcome help to finances. Over the year the funds gained from this source amount to approximately three hundred pounds. We are happy to say, incidentally, that for the past three years or so we have been able to help our Country in investing at least one hundred and fifty pounds (£150) in each of the various War Loans raised by the Commonwealth Government.

As a measure of interest in their Association by Old Boys, we welcome the influx of Life Membership, though we would like to see at the same time a corresponding growth in Annual Memberships—particularly from the younger Old Boys. No doubt war conditions play their part and influence in this and we would ask all Old Xaverians to remember that their Association cannot maintain its strength or grow without numbers—who will declare their goodwill and interest with the appropriate expression of being financial members.

During the year a number of Old Xaverians have passed to their reward—many in the service of their country. To their relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy—for them and for those who have died we offer our prayers to Him Who has said: "Greater love no man hath than a man lay down his life for his friend." Obituary notices appear elsewhere in this issue.

Fortified by the progress achieved in this year we look forward with faith and hope into the future to an Association ever stronger, vital, united and loyal to our traditions of Christian education and fellowship.
University Notes

By ELDON HOGAN.

As we anticipated last year, the introduction of the "quota" system of entry to the first year of University courses has not diminished in any way the number of Xavier boys coming on to the University. Next year the system of deciding qualifications for the quota will be based on the results of the new Matriculation examination, being held now for the first time, while the minimum age for admission to the University will be seventeen instead of sixteen. While our boys will certainly qualify in the new examination at least as easily as under the old system, the raising of the minimum age will, perhaps, cause a slight diminution in the numbers coming direct from School in the next year or so; but those who have had some experience of University life in recent years cannot but consider that it will be in the best interests of the boys themselves if they are obliged to remain at School for an extra year in Matriculation rather than come to the University when they are barely sixteen and not completely fitted to plunge at once into the strenuous life which is the lot of University students these days.

In 1944 twenty-one Xaverians began courses at the University, including fifteen boys direct from School. This is the biggest number for some time, and our total of eighty Old Xaverian students is also the biggest since the outbreak of the Pacific War. We have to congratulate nine who graduated in various courses, several of them with honours in their final exams. In all faculties we have secured a very good percentage of honours, as will appear from a perusal of the following pages; while despite the sudden, inescapable fate which comes upon those who fail to give reasonable satisfaction to their examiners these days, only one of the sixty-one Xavier students is also the student who was obliged to return from the University with his course uncompleted—a record it would be very hard to challenge.

In sport we had more than our percentage in inter-faculty and inter-collegiate teams and crews. At Newman College, where we were twenty-nine out of eighty-one resident students, we had eight in the cricket, seven in the athletics and seven in the football, and four in the crew. All four captains were Xaverians. In the team representing the four Colleges we had four players, including the Captain, and we had four of the seven members of the Newman General Committee.

In the Newman Society, the official Catholic body, Old Xaverians are taking a prominent part, and a number were on the various committees. These seems to be some inherent quality in Xaverians which fits them to take administrative positions, for among our number were nearly a dozen secretaries, assistant secretaries, and treasurers of various bodies, not to mention a vice-president or two and numerous ordinary committee's. University Old Boys maintain close interest in Xavier, and are to be seen in numbers at the School functions, while over 30, or a quarter of the total number present at the O.X.A. Communion Breakfast, were from the University.

In conclusion, we congratulate all those who have enjoyed success during the past year, and wish them equal luck in the examinations just completed; and we must not fail to express our thanks to Bernie O'Brien, who in the space of a couple of hours was able to provide us with a great deal of the information included in these notes, and to Phil Tiernan who was able to complete a number of gaps in our knowledge where some of the non-residents were concerned.

Medicine GRADUATES.

We have first to congratulate a number of Old Xaverians who successfully completed their medical courses in February this year, and are now no longer at the University. Most of them are junior resident medical officers at St. Vincent's, but one, Bill Harris, has departed for Western Australia. Carl de Gruchy, Dies Hoban, Geoff Ryan and John Vaughan, also Ted L. Ryan, who is an old boy of Burke Hall, were the others who finished earlier this year, while Will Calanchini graduated in May and is now at Sale.

Geoff Ryan also secured the Margaret Ryan Scholarship at St. Vincent's Hospital, and took honours in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the final exam, while Carl de Gruchy took honours in both Medicine and Surgery, and filled fifteenth place on the finals list.

To all the above Xavier and Old Xaverians wish every success for the future.
FINAL YEAR.
The following will probably be the last group of students to complete the course in just over five years under the war-time arangements for speeding up the output of medical graduates. The course is to be gradually lengthened to six years again after this year.

Des Hurley is a most conscientious toiler and has thrown himself enthusiastically into the work of the hospitals.

Phil Tiernan, realising the difficulties with which editors are confronted when they attempt to write something original about the modest, hard-working non-resident students, kindly agreed to supply us with some notes about them, which he did; and so the reader must thank Phil for the news we publish below concerning a dozen or so of the extra-collegiate medical men. Phil modestly refrained from telling us anything about himself, so all we can say is that he continues to work hard and, like the others in this year, will graduate in February.

Don Rush still helps to keep the hospitals cheerful; is a keen student of the Clinics and a success at social gatherings.

Des Prentice has become quite an expert in working a gas-producer. However starting-up is often a source of prolonged ing-up is often a source of prolonged ing-up is often a source of prolonged...
lation among a few hardy souls—ignorant of its location—who were still up and about that evening at Xavier. We were relieved to see that, whatever the fate of the family car, Geoff’s auto-cycle apparently emerged unscathed.

Mick Forrest has no need to emulate Geoff’s means of conveyance when he wishes to go visiting in Kew; his trips from Eastern Hill to Wellington Street are usually made in a natty car.

John Flanagan represented Newman at athletics in the 220 and long jump, along with Eric Seal. He achieved considerable success in the inter-collegiate cricket, and made 48 in the first match—a very creditable effort in view of the speed with which these matches were rushed through this year, in a manner somewhat reminiscent of the standard.

A Grade colour matches at Xavier!

FOURTH YEAR.

The reader will agree that the Fifth Year contains some distinguished people, but Fourth Year is quite able to keep up the standard.

John Clarebrough won the major entrance scholarship to St. Vincent’s Hospital, and obtained first class honours in anatomy, second class honours and fourth place in Anatomy, second class honours and equal third place in Physiology, and third class honours in Biochemistry, in the third year’s exams. Then he secured a first-class in Anatomy and Histology, and a third in Anatomy and Histology. A little inter-faculty football and tennis provided the light belief in between times.

We offer Gerald our sympathy on Dick’s death with the R.A.A.F. in England. The large number of University people present at the Mass at Xavier was a great tribute to him, and to the esteem in which the family is held.

Howard Whitaker is our second medical student to procure an auto-cycle. This delightful contraption must be particularly suitable for the hills of Kew. Howard, however, has another, more peaceful, means of locomotion which he makes use of on occasions; he is a keen canoeist.

Des Dooley is, like many another student in this year, a tennis addict. He is one of the youngest students in Fourth Year, but, none dismayed, we are told, he can frequently be found surrounded by learned journals of various kinds, busily engaged in absorbing tit-bits of information to be produced later to the astonishment of his colleagues. We are also told Des is one of those fortunate people who can manage with very little sleep. If this be so, he would be a good man for a sub-editor—especially of University Notes!

Chris Wolkenstein, like the others now in Fourth Year, successfully completed the third year exams in August. He holds the responsible but not very arduous position of Sub-Sacristan of the Newman Chapel, and is becoming quite a social figure. His well-known battle-cry, "Rally, Newman," has often been the means of rallying the flagging forces of the College teams and spurring them on to final victory.

Brian Horne obtained honours in Biochemistry in the recent exams. He was a member of the successful Newman cricket and football teams, and was selected for the Combined Colleges’ team, but through a knee injury could not play. In some quarters Brian has a high reputation as a fire-fighting officer. In the cricket he made 40 in the final against Queens, and scored 4 goals in each of the matches against Trinity and Queens.

David Schlicht secured a third-class honour in Biochemistry in the third year exams. In the Intercolligate sports he came second in the 880, and was just beaten in the 440. He was secretary of the Intercolligate Delegates, a member of the Newman Rowing Committee, and rowed 7 in the crew, and during the second term was a member of the Newman General Committee. He has been appointed to the College Initiation Committee for 1945. As secretary of the Albert Power Debating Society at Newman, David was obliged "to knock humbly on one door after another, timidly canvassing for speakers," as he himself deplores in his annual report.

THIRD YEAR.

John Meagher is our only representative in Third Year, the others having completed their exams and moved up to fourth year some months ago. He will be joined in March by those who are successful in the second year exams just concluded. John was University high jump champion this year, and also won the Intercolligate high jump for Trinity. "John Meagher at centre-back took some very good marks and cleared well" in the match against Newman, said "Farrago" in its report, and he also played in the same
position for the Combined Colleges team and the Medical faculty team.

SECOND YEAR.

"Murray O'Neill brought new vigour and efficiency to the task of Sporting Editor, and has done his job well," said "Farrago" in its final issue for the year. Until he resigned in order to have sufficient time to devote to the Editorship, Murray was joint secretary of the Intercollegiate Delegates, and Treasurer of the Newman Society. He is a member of the Newman Society Committee for next year, was a committee man of the Newman XI, played in the XVIII, and did the shot put in the athletics. He also plays tennis, billiards and solo with varying success. Murray has now passed second-year.

John Gilfedder obtained honours in Chemistry and Botany last year, and is now awaiting the second-year results. He indulges in a little wood-chopping during vacations (of the Forests Commission and not the household variety) and is to be seen at most Xavier functions. Bruce Guarman, on the other hand, experienced Shepparton conditions last Christmas when he was up there fruit-picking for some weeks. He rows with the Melbourne Club with no little success, and was also seen in the Medical crew in the inter-faculty rowing.

Bill Shea, like Bruce, has just finished his second-year exams, and is waiting hopefully for the results. He is a keen follower of the ballet and looks forward eagerly to the occasional seasons.

Des Skehan had bad luck at the time of exams, our correspondent told us, he "scrapped the lot and applied himself to the psychology of late nights." (The correspondent added cynically, "Now that exams are passed, all (the first year non-residents) are still in "bed"!)

Murray McCombe has been in residence for Newman in the match at Xavier at the beginning of the season.

Ken Phelan is another who has worked hard at Newman this year. He played in the College cricket and football teams, and was also centre-half forward in the Combined Colleges team, as well as in the Medical faculty team. He also carried off the weight put at the Freshers' Sports at the University in March.

Ken Hince, also a resident at Newman, is a devotee of classical music and celebrity concerts, and was often associated with Michael Blackall in various pursuits. Ken had the misfortune to come out in mumps in the middle of the examinations.

Charles Hollebecq is a non-resident student, a classical man, but at the approach of the examinations, our correspondent told us, he "scrapped the lot and applied himself to the psychology of late nights." (The correspondent added cynically, "Now that exams are passed, all (the first year non-residents) are still in "bed"!)

Maurice Gilfedder, they say, "gives his spare time to music in more or less abandoned fashion," and is frequently to be seen in the music room at the Union House. Through the vagaries of the Universities Commission, Maurice was not able to begin his course until some weeks after the others.

Arts

Father Christopher, O.F.M. (Francis Goulding), of "La Verna," Kew, is continuing his Arts course in History and English, and last year secured a higher second-class honour in British History B. In the intervals of lectures he may be seen dining at Newman, and on October 27 last, the second anniversary of the Consecration of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, he celebrated Mass in the Chapel.

Michael Blackall is another of these celebrity concert addicts, but is not above enjoying social functions on a slightly less exalted plane. Anything musical at the University is sure to find him in attendance. To the classical music is added the study of the classic languages. Michael, who is an expert on all matters connected with the Tramways Board, is the only person we have been able to discover at Newman who would not prefer to travel by
tram (even cable tram) in preference to the buses which regularly shake out the insides of those obliged to travel between the University and Kew.

Clem Henderson has begun the Arts course also, and is to be seen attending tutorials at Newman from time to time. We understand that Philosophy is one of Clem's big subjects.

Bruce Burne, definitely an anti-bus man, is also in residence at Newman, where he is a frequent visitor to the Branch Office of "The Xaverian." Bruce is a student of Ancient History, among other things, and as we go to press we hear he has an honour in at least two of his subjects.

Colless Lahz has been doing an Arts course in Brisbane, but the latest we hear is that he is contemplating a naval career.

**Law**

Eldon Hogan has now completed Third-year Law, in addition to his honours Arts degree. Secretary of the Newman Society of Victoria, and Treasurer of the University Catholic Federation of Australia, at Newman he is manager of the Magazine and Sacristan of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, and is still the assistant-secretary of the O.X.A.

Lawrence Rostron is a member of the Committee of the Law Students' Society at the University. He is continuing his course part-time, and as most of his lectures are held round about day-break, or to be more precise, about 8 a.m. (when some University students are not so very long a-bed), he has plenty of time during the day to put in at the family office in the City.

Greg Gray is another part-timer and is working hard at the second year of his course, now having got to the stage of tackling British History and Legal History and such delightful subjects.

Jim Sexton, who resumed his course last year after some time in the army, was making good progress, but left the University during the latter part of this year, and is now in business.

Maurice Ryan we were pleased to welcome back to Newman shortly after the start of first term, after several years in the army also. Maurice rooms at Newman with Eric Seal, and soon settled down to work again, and succeeded in passing all three subjects, including the formidable Mercantile Law. Not long after his return to College he was elected President of the Albert Power Debating Society.

Kevin Flanagan secured second-class honours last year in Latin I, second class in Economics and third-class in Introduction to Legal Method. In "Farrago" during the year we frequently read comments like the following: "Particularly noticeable was the high marking and kicking of Flanagan. . . . the brilliant centre half-back, Flanagan, of Newman . . . ." Kevin played throughout the season with the University Under 19 team, and was consistently among the best players. He also played for Newman and the Arts-Law-Commerce inter-faculty team, in the same position, and on the flank in the Combined Colleges XVIII. He represented Newman also in the high jump.

John Curtain also secured a higher second-class honour in Economics last year. He won the Prize for Improvement in the Newman College Debating Society, was recently elected Treasurer of the Newman Society of Victoria, and is the assistant-manager of the Newman College Magazine. John is also a member of the Committee of the Law Students' Society, and one of the Catholic Action leaders at Newman College. He was fruit-picking at Shepparton last Christmas with Bernie O'Brien, but this year has turned his hand to packing chocolate at MacRobertson's, in which envious occupation he is now engaged in the intervals of assisting to distribute the Newman Magazine.

John Kearney, who was also up at Shepparton last year with brother Kevin, began the Articled Clerks' course this year, and is working in brother Pat's solicitor's office when not up at the University. John was another who played in the Arts-Law-Commerce football team.

J. D. Barnett, who was at Xavier about 15 years ago, we have discovered is also among the ranks of the law students, and is doing third year part-time, working, we understand, in the Public Offices in between times.

**Commerce**

Esmond Downey we congratulate on qualifying for his degree as Bachelor of Commerce, which he took out in March this year. He got honours in Public Finance. He is now no longer resident in Newman, but is still to be seen around the University, for he is the accountant of the Physics Department, and is also doing a couple of additional subjects. He was prominent with the Melbourne League team during the winter. Our sympathy to Esmond on the death of his mother, who was as well-known and respected at Newman as at Xavier.

Gerald Gorman is still doing Commerce part-time and working in the Navy Office. He contributed a poem to "Newman" this year with the intriguing title "The Old Revolving Question." In the University Swim-
1.—DESMOND HOBAK, M.B., B.S.  2.—FRANCIS QUIGG, B.Com.  3.—ESMOND DOWNEY, B.Com.  4.—CARL DE GROUCHY, M.B., B.S.  5.—ALEXANDER TROUP, Captain and Dux of the School.  6.—GEOFFREY RYAN, M.B., B.S.  7.—FELIX RUSSO, B.D.Sc.

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OLD XAVERIANS RECENTLY ORDAINED.


SONS OF OLD XAVERIANS.  
(Photo Sears)

(Names of fathers and dates they were at “Xavier in parentheses.)

Fifth Row (L-R).—A. Gleeson (L. Gleeson, 1914-18), J. Niall (Dr. F. Niall, 1909-15), T. Burke (T. Burke, 1912-20), R. Britten-Jones (Dr. A. Britten-Jones, 1911), W. Hill (J. Hill, 1886-87), W. O’Dea (J. O’Dea, ~1900), P. Baker (J. Baker, 1908-10).

Fourth Row (L-R).—D. Murray (grandson of A. Murray, 1880), P. Quin (Dr. B. Quin, 1906-14), G. Winter (O. Winter, 1907-16), L. San Miguel (J. San Miguel, 1911-17), M. O’Neill (M. O’Neill, 1901-03), B. Murphy (Dr. T. Murphy, 1881-82).


On the Ground (L-R).—L. Drake (F. Drake, 1907-11), B. Slaweski (B. Slaweski, 1901-07), F. Dooley (J. Dooley, 1909), A. McGowan (G. McGowan, 1901-09), T. King (Dr. T. King, 1913-17).
ming Carnival Gerald secured second place in a 50 metre event at the Richmond Baths in the first term. One of the leading social lights at Newman, Graham Burns and Harry Phelan are both doing Commerce now, having commenced the course at the beginning of the year, and are non-residents, though Harry, we understand, has yearnings towards coming into Newman.

Jack Monaghan, captain of the O.X.A.A.C. and a wool appraiser with the Commonwealth Wool and Finance Co., began a part-time Commerce course at the University this year, in addition to his studies in accountancy. He competed in the Freshers' Sports in March, and was narrowly defeated in the mile and the 880. Jack spent a great deal of time coaching the athletes at Xavier later in the year, and as much time off the track preparing training schedules and other aids to success in athletics. Although athletes cannot be made in a month or two, the success of his efforts was already apparent in the Public Schools sports, and in the Victorian Schoolboy Championships the following week, and the amount of energy he put into the coaching, when his own exams, were almost upon him, was greatly appreciated.

T. F. A. Callander, of Oakleigh, has been discovered by an indefatigable searcher through University lists to be doing second year Commerce. Tom was at Xavier in the early thirties.

Dalway Swaine, whom we have chronicled in recent years to be busy with mysterious war research work in chemistry for the C.S.I.R., was able to resume his Science course this year, and should shortly qualify for his degree. He is a keen supporter of the University Science Club, of which he was treasurer this year.

Bernie O'Brien, whose assistance with these Notes we have already acknowledged, writes the University section in "Laurels," and was last year a member of the Newman Society committee, and chairman of its Social Sub-committee, for which he did a great deal of work, especially in the first term. He was one of the Catholic Action leaders at the College, where he also organised a term dance, and played in the football and cricket teams as well as taking part in the athletics. He spent several months fruitpicking at Shepparton last Christmas, and expects to return there shortly; meanwhile he has put in a few days woodchopping at Anglesea.

Bob McGowan is now in the R.A.A.F., but we understand that he maintains a connection with the University and is still doing a subject or two.

John Lahz is at the Brisbane University, doing a combined Medicine-Science course. What subjects he is doing at present we are not quite sure, but we understand this year he is largely engaged in work properly belonging to the Medical faculty.

Ray de Groot and Des O'Shaughnessy have both begun the Science course this year. Des attends the University only in the evenings, and has hopes of doing Medicine later on. Ray we see little of up here, but he was one of the many University students at the O.X.X.A. Communion breakfast.

**Agricultural Science**

We give this course a heading of its own this year, for it now boasts two Xavier representatives!

Paul McGowan, who has kept the Xavier flag flying alone for four years, will complete his course at the end of this year. We quote again the "Valete" page in "Newman": "Not only scholastically, but socially too, he seems to be laying down solid foundations. A rare enthusiast, Paul has risen regularly at meetings to advise us on finance, food, radios, teamwork, abnegation and a whole variety of topics." In Agricultural subjects last year he obtained second-class honours in Chemistry and in Entomology, Part II, and a third-class in Botany and in Agriculture, Part II. He was organising secretary of the Newman Golf day at Riversdale, rowed (6) in the Newman crew and also rowed in the Ag. Science crew, and was president of the Catholic Action at Newman. Perhaps above all, he was one of the principal supporters at Newman of the Old Time Dance!

Peter Donovan is our other representative, and he began the course this year. All being well, he should spend next year at Dookie. He has often been seen at Newman during the year, attending tutorials, and is said to have a good working knowledge of the Melbourne waterfront.

**Engineering**

R. Kevin Gorman has, according to the latest news-flash as we go to press, passed all his exams and qualified for the degree of B.Eng.Sc. He will shortly resume work for the Department of Munitions, but expects to be back at Newman next year doing a few Commerce subjects. The Gorman car is still on the roads—in fact it occasionally spends the night on them when its energy expires before it can reach
The open-air garage at Newman. The tyres, however, are showing distinct signs of wear and the proprietors are contemplating purchasing another car in order to secure a spare set of tyres in case of emergency. Kevin closely followed brother Gerald into third place in the University 50 metres swimming event.

John McCann is doing the third year of the Civil Engineering course, and played with the Engineering football team during second term.

Gordon Hiscock was elected secretary of the Newman College Students’ Club when Alex Roche retired in September, and did good work. Gordon was also secretary this year of the University boat club, as well as being Captain of Boats at Newman, stroke and also coach of the Newman crew. Such an experienced rowing man was well fitted to be starter at the recent Xavier regatta.

Tom Daly last year took honours in Strength and Elasticity of Materials (third-class) and in Pure Mathematics, Part II (Second class). Tom was assistant secretary of the Newman Society and was probably responsible more than anyone else for the Society’s success this year. He was in charge of the procuring of speakers for the public lunch-hour lectures, a record number of which took place this year, and whenever the secretary grew weary or was absent Tom was there ready to step into the breach. He was chairman of the Catholic Action Sub-committee, among several other Sub-committees, and is now engaged organising the N.S.W. Summer School in March at Ocean Grove. He represents the Society on the Council of the University Catholic Federation of Australia.

Leo Clarebrough. The vagaries of the printing-press caused our comments on Leo’s success in his first year to be omitted last year. In Metallurgy, Part IA, he shared the exhibition, with first-class honours, and then last year he took the exhibition in Metallurgy, Part HA, with second-class honours. This year he does Metallurgy III, but he tells us there are no exhibitions offered this year! Leo rowed in the Engineering faculty crew, and spent some weeks last December and January gaining practical experience at Port Kembla.

Brian J. O’Shaughnessy took third-class honours in Pure Mathematics, Part I, in 1943. He is another lover of the classics who is often to be seen haunting the music room in Union House.

Bill Corrigan passed his first year with success, and now has been working hard for the second year exams.

Optometry

Oswald Wolkenstein alone holds the fort. He is continuing his course on a part-time basis, and during the day is employed at the Eclipse Radio Company. Oswald has occasionally acted as Deputy Sub-Sacristan at Newman.

Dentistry

Our congratulations to Felix Russo, who finished his course early this year and took out his degree in June. Felix got an honour in General Anaethesia.

John McCooye and John Tiernan are third-year non-residents. The latter played for the Extracollegiates against the Combined Colleges, and also played with the Dentals interfaculty XVIII.

Ian Rowan is also in third-year, and plays, we are told, a little tennis, as well as approving the tastes of those who support Classics v. Swing. We have also seen him officiating at weddings.

Brendan McNnis is another non-resident about whom we are unable to say much. These non-residents spend much of their time at the Dental Hospital and are rarely seen by those in other faculties. Brendan is doing second year.

Ross Batten, who is in second year, has been at Newman, and has achieved great success as a fast bowler with University and College teams. Against Ormond he took 4 wickets for 29 and against Queens 3 for 6.

Dick Case, one of our three first-year dentals, played in the Interfaculty football and also in the University under 19 team, while Ian Todd, who also began this year, rows with the Melbourne Boat Club and was also in the Dental faculty crew.

Myles Doyle was a member of the Dental crew too, and also played in the Interfaculty football. On the day of the Melbourne tram strike Myles was instrumental, with some of his dental friends, in considerably relieving the transport shortage as far as University people were concerned. Having procured a horse-drawn lorry (complete with horse) they proceeded along Swanston Street with the lorry festooned with appropriate placards such as "Passengers travel at their own risk," "Do not converse with the Driver," “It is good enough for Father; it’s good enough for Us!” Many University students secured a foothold, and with Myles leading and encouraging Dobbin the vehicle slowly proceeded up to the University, to the admiration of the public and the delight of the press photographers, and deposited its load just in time for the 9 o’clock lectures.
## Roll of Honour

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## Requiescant in Pace
FRANCIS V. BUTLER (1923-25).
Graduating by scholarship from St. John's School, Hawthorn, Frank entered Xavier in 1923.

After gaining his Intermediate Certificate, he joined the staff of Massey-Harris Pty. Ltd. early in 1925. In 1930, he resigned to take the position of secretary for Lipton Ltd., with whom he remained until 1936, when he was offered an executive position with the Richmond Brewing Co. Pty. Ltd.

On outbreak of war, Frank joined the A.A.S.C., and, after two years' service, was discharged on medical grounds, after which he joined the Fluorescent Lighting Company (Neon Electric Signs Ltd.). However, he never completely recovered from his illness and was called to his Eternal Rest on September 3, 1943. (R.I.P.)

He leaves a widow residing in Hawthorn East, his only baby son, Francis Xavier, having pre-deceased him by about 12 months. (R.I.P.)

Frank was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Butler, of Hawksburn, and is survived by his only brother, John Richard, who was at Xavier from 1919-1921, and who now is Chief Illuminating Engineer of the Fluorescent Lighting Company.

A Holy Name Banner was dedicated to his memory on September 10 last by Rev. Fr. Killeen, at St. Rock's, Glen Iris.

To John, Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

F/SGT. RAYMOND CROTTY (1935-37).
Ray Crotty lost his life in an aircraft accident on July 21st, during a night training flight. The aircraft in which he was flying crashed on high ground in a somewhat isolated place. Ray was a staff pilot on the R.A.F. Station, West Freugh, Stranraer, Scotland. The bodies of the crew were located and with them Ray lies buried in the cemetery at Stonykirk, near West Freugh. To Ray's parents and to all Ray's friends, Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

GEOFF. CULLINAN (1937-39).
As we went to press last year, we received the news of the death of Geoff Cullinan. He was killed in action by the Japanese in the Markham Valley, New Guinea. From information we have received we learn he was sitting and chatting with a friend when word came for the section to advance to a position some 300 yards ahead and to engage the enemy at once. This was duly done and the objective was gained, but in doing so the Bren gunner was wounded and had to fall back. Seeing this Geoff began to crawl towards the gun, when he was shot by a Japanese machine gun and killed instantly. He was buried with the brave lads he fought with in a Military Cemetery in New Guinea. May he rest in peace and may God comfort his father and mother and his brother Peter. To them all we offer sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

TERENCE FEELY (1935).
Terry Feely spent one year at Xavier and after that went back to the land and to his father's property, Briagolong, Gippsland. On the outbreak of war he joined the A.I.F. and sailed to the Middle East, and Africa, and after returned with his Division to Australia. He was posted to New Guinea and was soon in action against the Japanese. He was killed by machine gun fire in circumstances that showed his courage and bravery. His Senior Officers have spoken of him in the highest terms and of the Stirling work he did, and his CO. said that it was his intention to recommend him for the M.C. He was buried with those killed in action in the perimeter where they fought, worked, and fell. May God give rest to Terry's soul and to all who fell with him, and may He comfort and console those left to mourn their loss.

R.I.P.
BRABAZON FLECKER (1933-35).

Brabazon Flecker spent two years at Xavier. He was a very gifted boy, especially in languages, and he read very widely indeed. On leaving school he took up wool classing and was preparing to go to England for further experience when the War broke out. He enlisted in the A.I.F. and saw service in Libya, Syria, Greece and Crete. He got away successfully from Crete and later returned to Australia and was sent to New Guinea. He transferred to the A.N.G.A.U. and was serving with them when he died. He contracted serious kidney trouble and was unable to withstand the shock of an operation. He died last January and was buried at Soputa War Cemetery.

To his mother and brother Colin, Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy. 

R.I.P.

JOHN G. FITZPATRICK
(X.C. 1905-08).

We received with great regret the news of the death of John G. Fitzpatrick last May.

We quote from a Launceston paper.

Mr. John Graham Fitzpatrick, whose death occurred in Launceston after a brief illness, was a well-known city chemist. He was 54 years of age.

Born at Herberton (Q.), Mr. Fitzpatrick came to Tasmania at an early age. He was educated at the Convent School, Westbury, and Xavier College, Melbourne. He did his chemistry apprenticeship with the late Mr. J. D. Johnston, of The Square Pharmacy, Charles Street, Launceston, which business he later acquired and conducted until the time of his death.

Mr. Fitzpatrick served for four years with the A.A.M.C. in the Great War, and was a member of the R.S.L. He was a keen sportsman, with a special interest in the turf. Of a genial nature, he was well liked by a wide circle of friends.

To Mrs. Fitzpatrick and her three sons, Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

JEREMIAH HASSETT (1883-85).

Early on Monday morning, the 16th October, Jeremiah Hassett passed to his eternal reward at the age of 76 years, fortified by the rights of the Church of which he had been a most devoted member throughout his long life.

"Jerry" Hassett, as he was familiarly called by Xaverians for more than sixty years, was perhaps the best known of all those who have passed through the school. Born in Ireland and arriving at a very early age in Australia, he entered Xavier in the year 1883, and at once made his mark in the school, passing out as a brilliant dux in December, 1884. He had a keen and receptive intellect and was equally proficient in classics and modern languages, particularly French language and literature, in which he maintained a close interest up to the last. But it was in mathematics that he excelled. This, no doubt, led him to enter on a University course in 1885 as an engineering student. He pursued this course till he took his Arts degree, when, in view of the poor prospects then ahead for engineers, he switched over to a Law course, which he completed in the year 1892 with a brilliant Final, when he defeated all competitors and was awarded the Final Honors Law School Prize of £200 and admitted to the Bar.

During his University course he maintained his close association with Xavier, where for some time he was a master.

About the date of his admission to the Bar, what is known as the Land Boom crash occurred, and there was very little legal work available to a young barrister. Not being endowed with a plentitude of the world's goods, Jerry Hassett accepted an offer to take charge of the country offices of Messrs. Gavan Duffy & King, with headquarters at Seymour, where he remained for three years. He then decided to practice as a solicitor at Yarrawonga and continued to do so for upwards of ten years. This was the great mistake of his life. When he ultimately decided to return to the
Bar, he was too old. He had been more than 13 years in the country. His colleagues at the University, whom he had completely outstripped, had obtained University lectureships in the Law School and were now in established practices and he had to commence with work which he should have done twelve or fifteen years earlier. It is an exception for any man to succeed at the Victorian Bar who takes Chambers after he is 30 years of age. The man who comes later, and in Jerry Hassett's case—many years later—has to face serious handicaps, especially if he has been a practitioneer in the country. Jerry Hassett was not an exception, although he had a certain measure of success due to his brilliant intellect and capacity for work. He decided to take up Equity work for which he was particularly well suited and read with, the late Mr. R. E. Hayes, K.C., then the leader of the Equity Bar. He continued in practice for some 34 years 'till 1940 when he decided to retire owing to failing eyesight. During these years he was engaged in many important law cases—chiefly on the Equity side—dealing with the construction of wills, settlements and other documents, and he had the distinction—perhaps the only Australian to have enjoyed it—of being Counsel for His Holiness the Pope in one important Law case. His practice was, however, by no means confined to this class of work, and he was engaged in many important Arbitration and Common Law actions as well.

He had an unusually acute mind and was a splendid legal draughtsman. He was remarkable for lucidity of expression, with short crisp sentences free from redundancy so common in legal documents. His Wills, Settlements, Pleadings and Orders left no mistake as to their meaning. He was a master of perfect English.

Jerry Hassett did not achieve the full measure of success which he merited, mainly owing to himself, apart from the handicap of a late arrival at the Bar. He was reserved — almost taciturn — and lived a secluded life. He never married. He made few friends and although at the Bar for upwards of 30 years, knew few solicitors outside his school mates. He did nothing to make himself known to the general body of the legal profession, who could have been very helpful to him. He was fond of books—they were his friends—and long walks in the country, often alone. He almost despised inferior intellects and certainly never sought popularity. Even when during his residence in the country, he contested a seat in the Victorian Parliament. He rather left the electors with the feeling that if they elected him it would not mean that any special favour would be conferred on him—rather the contrary. He never placed his goods in the window, so to speak. They were goods of the highest quality, but he mostly kept them wrapped up on the shelves. If he had gone to the Bar earlier he would, no doubt, have overcome this reserve, in which case he would undoubtedly have become a distinguished Equity Judge.

During all his years Jerry Hassett maintained a close association with the Catholic Church and its various societies, and was ever ready with his advice and assistance when it was sought. He was a member of many of these bodies, perhaps one of the oldest members of the St. Patrick's Professional Men's Sodality and of the Catholic Truth Society, and was one of the founders of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club.

He always kept in close touch with Xavier. For many years he was a member of the Old Xaverians' Committee, and was its President in the year 1910, and there was rarely a school gathering or function in which he did not take an interest. Throughout his life he took a great interest in Irish National affairs — one of his delights being to walk in the annual St. Patrick's Day Procession.

During the last three years of his life Jerry Hassett was unable to read and moved about with difficulty, but he was grateful that enough sight remained to him to enable him to make an almost daily visit to St. Francis' Church, Melbourne, from
which he received great solace and consolation.

He passed quietly away after a final illness of some five weeks, receiving every care and comfort, and lies beside his parents in the family grave at Colac, the home of his childhood.

That Jerry Hassett may have Eternal Reward will be the prayer of all Old Xaverians.

A Requiem Mass, attended by many members of the legal profession and other friends was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Hawthorn, on October 17, by Very Rev. T. Costelloe, S.J., Rector of Xavier. Also present were Very Rev. W. P. Hackett, S.J.; Rev. J. Magan, S.J.; Rev. J. Nerney, S.J.; and Rev. P. J. Gibbons, P.P.

—C. Ahern.

ALFRED C. HAY (1919-27).

Alf Hay came to Xavier in 1919, prior to the opening of the Preparatory School, Burke Hall, and he was transferred to the Preparatory School in 1921. He was therefore one of the pioneers of Studley Hall as it was called then. He and his brother Bill were under the direction of Fr. James O'Dwyer, Mr. G. Hughes, S.J., Mr. Tyndall, S.J., and Br. O'Callaghan, S.J. He came over to the Senior School in 1924 and remained till 1927. On leaving school he went on a station in Western Australia and later crossed over to New South Wales to a place near Forbes. Here he gained great experience in stock and after a short time he took over the management of Hillside Station, near Marble Bar, W.A., when he was yet only 24 years of age. He remained there till 1940, when he became very ill. He went to St. John of God's Hospital, Perth, where he made a great recovery, and early during the next year he returned to Melbourne for a rest and change. However, Alf was not the man who wanted to rest when the nation was in search of men for the War, and he volunteered for the A.I.F., but in view of his illness of a couple of years before, he was not accepted. However he got a position with the Army Inspection Branch, but again his health failed and he died after a brief illness when only 32 years of age.

Alf's life was a rather remarkable one, but unknown and unseen by many. During the time he worked in the far North-West he never complained of loneliness or discomfort. And all this is more remarkable when we consider the few facilities they had then in those lonely outposts. His letters home to his mother and his brother Bill were always cheerful, reflecting a character that saw the bright side of life. His last illness was borne with courage and resignation. May he rest in peace and may God comfort and console his mother and Bill and his sisters. To them all and to Alf's many friends, Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

FLYING-OFFICER HERMAN PATRICK HOPPE (X.C. 1922-30).

On 16th January last, the sad news was conveyed to us that Pat Hoppe was presumed to have lost his life whilst engaged in air operations on the previous day.

Pat was engaged on anti-submarine patrol over a convoy in the Coral Sea with the other members of his crew, when engine trouble developed. Efforts to rectify the trouble in the air proved fruitless, and the aircraft was soon forced into the sea. The impact was such as to stun each occupant of the plane, but before it sank two members of the crew struggled out in a dazed condition. It is believed that Pat and the fourth member of the crew went down with the plane without recovering from the shock of the impact. Vessels searched the sea for some time afterwards, but no trace was found of the two missing airmen.

Of a particularly happy disposition, Pat was most popular at school. He was very prominent in the under age teams in both cricket and football, and in 1929 and 1930 he represented both the XI and XVIII with distinction. He kept up his sport and retained his association with Xavier with the O.X.A.C.C. and O.X.A.F.C.,
JAMES RICHARD MAGUIRE.  
(Died 23rd September, 1944.)

Friends—and they are many—will regret to learn of the passing of James Richard Maguire, which took place on 23rd September, 1944.

Though not an Xaverian, still he was a master at Xavier in the late 'Eighties while pursuing his law studies at the Melbourne University. The successful conclusion of his course did not sever his interest in the School. Of a very literary turn of mind, he was wont to put his gifts at the service of the Editor of the "Xaverian." Through the many reams sent in he cheerily waded, being supremely pleased when he came on a contribution worth while. The writer of such always got a criticism worth waiting for. Nor did he wholly confine his help to literature. Occasionally he would shut up the musty dusty books of law and come and act as judge at the annual sports, probably telling the young champions that they haven't half the pace of their fathers whom he taught some thirty years before. One of these old pupils summed him up tersely and aptly thus: "If he is not the author, he is certainly the exemplar of 'Once a gentleman, always a gentleman.'" It was a fine tribute to a true man.

May his soul rest in peace.

Other Old Xaverians whose deaths we have noticed during the year are, John Rigg, brother of Charles Rigg, so well known to us all. John was at Xavier way back in the early 'Eighties, just shortly after the school was opened. Frank Brennan, brother of Fr. J. Brennan, S.J., was at school in 1886. Joe Boase was at School in more recent times, but owing to very indifferent health he did not take part very actively in Old Xaverian affairs.

We commend all these Old Xaverians to the prayers of the present and the past, and we also ask them to remember a very true and staunch friend of the School, Mr. John Hagemann, father of Fr. E. Hagemann, S.J. Mr. Hagemann founded the Hagemann Scholarship and took a great interest in the achievements of those that won it.

Requiescant in pace.

DAVID LEWIS (1915-17).

Last July we received the sad news of the death of Dave Lewis. He was a well-known boy of the School in his time and gifted in many ways. He was the leading light of the Physics and Chemistry Class, and on leaving School he went further ahead in these subjects. He went to Newman and to the University, gained an Exhibition in Chemistry in 1918, and a few years later qualified with his B.Sc. About 1924 he set out for America to join the Westinghouse Works at Pittsburg. Since then we have heard that he did well and that he was enjoying his time and his work. He died at Atlanta, Georgia, on, July 24th. Aged 44 years. To his brother John, Xavier offers its sincerest sympathy. Requiescat in pace.

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and became a really brilliant amateur footballer. He played centre half-back in the premier Old Boys' team of 1936, and also had the honour of representing his State in interstate amateur football. After retiring rather too early from football, Pat took up golf and was making excellent progress in this game when the war turned his mind to more important things.

Immediately on leaving school Pat went into business with his father in the well-known importing firm of Van Cooth and Co., in which he showed exceptional promise. Possessed of a keen business acumen and with judgment and foresight rather beyond his years, he would undoubtedly have made his mark in the business and commercial world had not the War so tragically cut short his life.

Pat was married to Miss Babe Morrissey shortly before joining the R.A.A.F., and besides his wife he has left to mourn him two young daughters, Susan and Patricia. To each of them and to his father and sisters and his brothers, Jack and Dick, Xavier offers its sincerest sympathy. Requiescat in pace.
The graves of three Old Xaverians in New Guinea. Requiescant in pace.

The news of Dick Manly's death reached us in the last days of October. He was killed in an aircraft accident in England.

There have been few more enthusiastic Old Xaverians than Dick Manly. He came to Burke Hall in 1931 when his father came up from Werribee and took over a medical practice in Malvern. From the first day Dick came to Burke Hall he was happy, and he radiated this happiness all round him, and when he came over to the Senior School he maintained that happiness and good humour and enthusiasm for everything Xaverian. He always did well in his class work, for he was unusually gifted and far-seeing. He played his games too in the same spirit. He had the usual schoolboy heroes and he upheld their good qualities with energy. The year 1933, when we were Premiers in Football, was a sort of landmark in Dick's life, and we can still see him telling some hero of later days that they would never have been even seen on the '33 team. When that statement was challenged it was wonderful how Dick marshalled his heroes and showed up their prowess with a pulverising effect.

His life at school was a very full life indeed. Besides the ordinary routine of class work and study, he entered all sorts of things. He held official positions in the Mission Society, the Sodality and the Debating Society, and to all these he was a source of light and a constant incentive to action. When his mother was President of the Ladies' Committee, Dick was constantly by her side. For fetes and bridge parties he was her inseparable companion, and one of her most industrious helpers. Xavier was always uppermost in his mind, and to help his mother who was helping Xavier seemed to him a personal privilege.

It is not surprising that after such a colourful career he should have been made a School Prefect, and he did his work conscientiously and well. He crowned his efforts in his last year at school by winning the Gerald Crosbie Prizze for Latin and Greek, and by winning the well merited honour of Dux of the School.

On leaving school he went to the University, and after two years he joined the Army. To his active nature life in the Army in Alice Springs was rather uninteresting, and so after application he joined the Air Force. He did the early part of his course at Somers, and completed his training in Canada, and about twelve months ago he went to England. We had several letters from him from Canada and from England. They were always bright and cheerful, and they were always helpful. He sent on the names of Xaverians he had met, knowing they would be useful and interesting to readers of the Xaverian, and one of his greatest joys seems to have been to meet one of his former Masters, Fr. O'Mahony, S.J., now a chaplain to the Royal Air Force.

Details of the accident which caused his death have not reached us as we go to press, but we feel sure the accident found Dick prepared. He was a Catholic of sterling qualities. His faith was a very real and living one, and his life was a model to us all. No greater tribute could have been paid to anyone than was paid to Dick when a large crowd came to the Requiem Mass in the School Chapel to pray for the repose of his soul. Such a sight is sufficient testimony to his character and worth, and many of his school friends must have felt that much of their happiness at Xavier was centred round Dick Manly.

We offer our sincerest and deepest sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Manly, and to Dick's brother Gerald, and to his sisters in these days of sorrow, and we pray that Dick and his brave companions may rest in peace.

R.I.P.

DANIEL J. MAHONEY (X.C. 1893-95).

Mr. Daniel Mahoney, Director of the National Museum, died suddenly last September.

He was born in Melbourne in 1878 and graduated in science at Melbourne University. He was lecturer in geology, mineralogy and palaeontology from 1902-4, and at the age of
28 was Victorian Government palaeontologist at the Mines Department.

Mr. Mahony transformed the museum from a collection of fossils into a panorama of progress through the ages. He reclassified and recatalogued the museum and placed the ethnological collection in an appropriate setting.

He was a member of the Council of the Royal Society of Victoria and of the Zoological Board, and an author of many scientific treatises. He was a captain of Royal Artillery with the British Expeditionary Forces in the 1914-18 war.

Trustees of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Mahony.

R.I.P.

PETER MARSH (1936-40).

In January last we received news that Peter Marsh was missing. Peter came to Burke Hall from South Australia in 1936 and in a few years graduated to the Senior School. He joined the Air Force soon after leaving school, trained at Ballarat and went to England via America. He soon found himself on active service. He became a Flight Sergeant and took part in a raid on Magdeburg on 21/22nd January. The aircraft failed to return. He was an experienced gunner and had taken part in 38 successful operations. A report has been received from the International Red Cross, Geneva, stating according to German information that one Royal Canadian Air Force member, one Royal Air Force member and four unknown members of Peter's crew lost their lives. The crew originally consisted of seven members and information received from German sources only accounts for six. No definite information has therefore been received about Peter's death, but he has been posted "missing believed killed." We offer our sincerest sympathy to his father and mother and to Barry in these days of sorrow and anxiety.

R.I.P.

BERNARD MAUNSELL (1921-24).

Late in January we received the news that Bernard Maunsell was missing. He was on an operational flight and was the rear gunner of an aircraft which took off on the night 27/28th January. The aircraft failed to return to its base and so we have to presume that it was lost. Later news came through the International Red Cross Committee, Geneva, stating that according to German information that Bernard and the other members of the crew were lost on the night of 27/28th January.

Bernard Maunsell came to Burke Hall in 1921 and came on to Xavier a year or so later. He was one of those bright and cheerful youngsters that are always worth meeting. He went into business on leaving school but the depression hit him very hard and he found it difficult to get occupation. Still Bernard was never defeated. He found all sorts of jobs and was rarely if ever without something to do. At one time he made up a crew to go to England to bring out a ship, and at another he acted as a diver. When things improved he took a position with Hoyts and was with them until the war broke out when he joined the Air Force. In all these different ways of life he remained the same bright eyed youngster as we had known at Burke Hall and Xavier, and he seemed to get a thrill out of everything.

The news of the death of this bright and cheerful youngster makes sad reading, but we can reasonably hope that he is enjoying that real happiness of which his own cheerfulness was but an image. May he and his brave companions rest in peace and God comfort and console those left to mourn their passing out of this life.

R.I.P.

MARTIN MCKENNA.

(1883-92).

We offer our deepest sympathy to Frank and Gerald McKenna on the death of their brother, Martin, and we also extend our sympathy to Martin's widow and children. Martin was at school here at Xavier in the eighties and practically all his life was spent at Kyneton.

We quote from the "Kyneton Guardian."

The late Mr. M. P. McKenna carried on the fine traditions of his father
and rendered a life of valued service to the community in which he dwelt. He was ever a loyal and devoted friend, a courteous gentleman and a soul of hospitality. He was never happier than when at his homestead at Baynton he was entertaining a house party and when in residence at Kyneton his home ever dispensed hospitality to the friends of the family, of his daughters and of the church.

In public life Mr. M. P. McKenna was always mindful of the needs of the ratepayers of the riding he represented as well as those of the shire generally, and in this regard he earned the confidence and respect of all sections of the community. He filled the presidential chair on two occasions, the first being in 1908, twelve months after his election to the council, and again 16 years later, in 1924, and on both occasions his career was marked by a spirit of harmony in the council and of steady progress in the shire.

For a number of years he was a member of the board of management of the Kyneton Hospital and of the committee of the District Racing Club. In addition to his position as a councillor at the time of his death he was a member of the Kyneton Shire Waterworks Trust and of the Kyneton Sewerage Authority, being the Government nominee on both bodies and serving a term as chairman of the Waterworks Trust. He was also a trustee of the Kyneton General Cemetery and a Justice of the Peace, a commission he had held for many years and until recently regularly took his turn on the bench, whilst following the death of Mr. Duncan McLennan he was for several years Deputy Coroner.

As a churchman Mr. Martin P. McKenna was held in deep affection and esteem by the various administrators of the Kyneton parish of St. Mary's of the Holy Rosary, and the young priests appointed to the parish ever found in him a guide, philosopher and friend.

RICHARD MOLONY (1934-39).

In June we received that sad news of the death of Dick Molony. He was killed in an aircraft accident in England. He was flying as an Air Bomber of an aircraft which was taking off to carry out some training exercises. The machine crashed soon after leaving the ground and so Dick and most of his crew were killed.

Dick came to Burke 'Hall in 1934, graduated to the Senior School a few years later on. Shortly after the outbreak of war he joined the R.A.A.F., did most of his training in South Australia, and then went to England. He was buried in the Regional Cemetery, Cambridge. May he rest in peace and may God comfort and console his father and mother and brothers, to whom Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

HENRY ROSS O'LOGHLLEN (1898-06).

In July last news came to us of the death of Henry Ross O'Loghlen after a brief illness. He was a son of Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, Premier of Victoria. Harry (as we all knew him) came to Xavier in 1898 and is on the lists of the boarders of those days right up to the end of his school career in 1906. He seems to have taken a great interest in the Cadets, for in 1906 he figures in an almost full page photograph in the uniform of an officer of the School Cadets, and in the pages of that issue he devotes a lot of space to a most successful camp they held at Geelong. On leaving school he went into business, married, and had two sons, Ross and Coleman. To these and to his sisters, Xavier offers sincerest and deepest sympathy.

FRED O'KEEFE (1921-26).

Fred O'Keefe began his school life at Burke Hall in 1921. In due time he graduated to the Senior School where he remained till 1926. He was the eldest son of Stan O'Keefe, a well-known Old Xaverian and nephew of Fr. Frank O'Keefe, also well known to Xaverians. On leaving school he went on his father's property and saw a good deal of station life in N.S.W. On the outbreak of war he joined the A.I.F., sailed for the Middle East and took part in the desert fighting in Africa. He there contracted a severe illness and spent a period in hospital near Cairo.
He returned to Australia, had a rest and then decided to change his uniform. He was examined and accepted by the R.A.A.F., and entered on the Administrators’ Course at Newman College. He went up north on the completion of his course. His Commanding Officer writes: "In addition to discharging his official duties as Defence Officer, he also undertook the control of transport and the running of the canteen. It was however in his primary role as Defence Officer that his most outstanding work was done. On his own initiative and while being fully aware of the danger involved, Fred personally disposed of unexploded bombs on several occasions, and it was while he was engaged on a similar task that the fatal accident occurred which cost him his life."

May he rest in peace. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his father and mother in this their second bereavement of the war, and we include in our sympathy Fred’s brothers and sisters and his many friends.

R.I.P.

We add here a letter to Mrs. O’Keefe from Fr. Hartigan (known to us all as John O’Brien), former Parish Priest of Narrandera, N.S.W.

Convent of the Sacred Heart,
Rose Bay,
13-4-'44.

Dear Mrs. O’Keefe,

I had Stan out to see me yesterday afternoon and had the delight of his company for several hours. I cannot tell you what a happiness it was to have him. Of course quite a lot of the chat was about poor Fred. He showed me the consoling letter he had received from the CO. and the news that the poor lad had asked for a priest and got one seems to me something like a miracle: I mean of course getting a priest at such a time and in such circumstances. I have no doubt whatever about Fred’s earnestness and sincerity. I had many chats with him in the old days when he used to slip up to the Presbytery at Narrandera, and I know that he had the Faith strong, though with that peculiar sense of humour which was all his own, he would hide his serious thoughts under cover of some flippant remarks. He took a delight in disparaging himself and exposing his weaknesses, but his real thoughts and his real self away from sight. Now that the news of the manner of his passing has come a great weight was lifted from me, and I am sure from you as well, and beyond the sorrow of losing him there is abundant consolation and even pride in knowing that he went out as he did.

He died as a hero, and again I never had any doubt about him in that regard. Looking back on him as I knew him I don’t think he knew the meaning of fear and he never paused to calculate the consequence of any action of his. That would have been his weakness and possibly his undoing through life, but it is an element in acts of bravery which goes to make heroes. I couldn’t imagine Fred shirking any duty no matter what the danger. He would just fly into it and never consider what risk he was taking. He had all the ways of a boy about him and had never lost them and perhaps never would. He acted mostly on impulse and did his thinking afterwards. Furthermore, his charm of manner—and I know no one who had more of it—left him wide open to every company that looks for breezy fellowship, and had he been spared, I think he would have found all his solace in such surroundings, and when the end eventually came, as come it must, he might not have been so well prepared.

I just can’t help writing what I feel. The O’Keefes were so much of my life through its best years that the loss of those two boys—Fred and Geoff—is a personal loss to me, and I do feel that God has remembered the family’s unfailing fidelity to the Church in shine or shade. I cannot look at it in any other light and I am hoping that you are doing the same. Of course I have said Mass for the two lads and that is all we can do.

My sympathy and affection go out to you all. May God bless you and give you strength to bear the loss.

With all sincerity,
Yours,
P. J. Hartigan.

As we were going to press the citation for "Mention in Dispatches" reached us. We quote it here:

Flying Officer Andrew Frederick O’Keefe, Tooma, Albury, mentioned in despatches (posthumous). As defence officer, Flying Officer O’Keefe had the responsibility of designing the layout of foxholes during the invasion of Los Negros. By means of a grenade he negatived a Japanese booby trap discovered when the foxholes were being dug. With the assistance of the warrant officer
JOSEPH (MAC) SKELLY (1937).

Joseph Skelly, always known to us as "Mac," was a son of Joseph Skelly, an Old Xaverian of the first years of this century. On leaving school Mac worked on his father's property for some time and later joined the staff of Younghusbands Ltd., until he joined the A.I.F. in 1941. He was first attached to a Bren gun carrier unit, and then transferred to the Armoured Division. Later on he joined the paratroops. He got his "Wings" and when on leave very shortly before his death, there was no happier man in Australia. On returning to his unit in Northern Queensland, he began a refresher course in hand-grenade throwing and was killed in a freak accident, probably something that has never happened before. A grenade was thrown and the pin cap flew off, hit a tree, rebounded and hit Mac in the back of the head. Severe wounds were inflicted and he died in half an hour.

To those of us that taught Mac and knew him, he was a bright and cheerful little soul, rather unassuming but very keen to get on. May he rest in peace, and to his father and sisters we offer sincerest and deepest sympathy.

R.I.P.

WILLIAM SWEENEY (X.C. 1891-94).

"I am sure that every Old Boy must breathe a kindly prayer for them—even if the motive be a selfish one—for the icy hand of death that has chilled their hearts, must one day still their own."

These words were penned by Bill Sweeney in an article "Old Xaverians 1890-1894," which he wrote for the "Xaverian" of 1909, as one standing at the open study door and describing vividly and familiarly the companions he saw seated at the desks within. And now Bill himself has gone to join those for whom he asked a remembrance, since on 6th September, 1944, death—or more truly real life—gave the call no man may refuse to answer. Readily will all Old Boys give that remembrance he asked for others, since his life, both as boy and man, deserved it.

Bill sat among those boys whom his article described, though there
is no mention of the fact, and if one were to ask an Xavier boy of those days: "Who is that sturdy and square-shouldered lad so intent in writing at a desk half-way up the study?" he would have received, in answer, this short boyish sketch: "That's 'Buck' Sweeney, so called because we all loved him but also because another Sweeney had borne the nickname before him—one John Sweeney, who made 114 against Geelong College and thus became a kind of founder of the family. He's right good both in fists and form. Can play footy or cricket with the best, and hold his own in any class, be the subjects ancient or modern. In short, whether it's school, sport or Sodality, 'Buck's' thorough, and best of all he doesn't believe in hugging to himself what he has won but to readily share it with another anywhere and anytime."

In the forerunner of the "Xaverian" (called "Our Annals" in those days), we find in the number for 1895 these words: "On the departure of William Sweeney at the last Christmas vacation, we lost one of our best scholars, our best cricketer and footballer, and the most fair-minded and upright companion we have had at the College for many a long year."

After leaving School Bill went on the land in his home country at Narrewarren. Here he soon proved that he could excel in others fields than those of literature, science and sport. Soon he was recognised as a young farmer who "knew his ecker" from A to Z. His advice was often sought and readily given—a fact to which Old Xaverians leaving school and going on the land can testify. In 1920 he sealed a long friendship by his marriage with a "Genazzano" girl, Miss Ellen O'Keefe, and they set up house and home on a property named "Florence Court," near Benalla. Here their marriage was blessed by the birth of three sons—John, Patrick and Frank. All three went to Xavier, following in their father's footsteps, and, though qualifying for the University, decided that there was more attraction on the land than in the learned professions. Accordingly Bill purchased another place, "Kewola," near Toora, Gippsland. He passed backwards and forwards between these places, training Pat and John (both rejected from military service on account of defective eyesight), and getting ready for the return of Frank when the conclusion of the war would bring about peace and the march back of loved ones to their homes. While thus engaged he suffered a partial stroke which soon spread and he passed to the eternal reward awaiting a well-spent life at the age of 69. Bill Sweeney's name is one that Xavier may well remember and honour since his life, both as boy and as man, could be tried in the scales of "honesty, manhood and good-fellowship," and be found wanting in none.

May he rest in peace.
The Pope and Peace

By Frank Fitzgerald

One of the saddest and most tragic features of the present world upheaval has been the persistent refusal of the warring nations to heed the Pope’s constant plea for justice and charity amongst them, as the first essentials for peace. From the day of his election to the Papal Throne on March 2, 1939, Pope Pius XII has been striving to gain peace for the world. In his first greetings to the world he called to all men to have peace in their consciences, peace in their families, and peace between nations. He saw the trend of the world towards war, but his warnings and appeals for peace failed to prevent war. Thereafter His Holiness set to work earnestly and assiduously to plan for the restoration of peace based upon justice and charity amongst all nations and all men, a peace that could reasonably be expected to endure.

In an age that could produce the present ghastly war it is not surprising to find national leaders turning deaf ears to the Pope’s appeal for peace, and even opposition to the Pope’s efforts by responsible men in so-called Christian countries. The Holy Father has indicated clearly that there can be no hope of peace for the world until men banish hate from their hearts and replace it with charity, but for proclaiming this Christian doctrine he has been criticised and vilified, not only by atheistic upholders of Nazism and Communism, but also by professed Christians in Britain, America and Australia. Unfortunately even in our democratic countries there are still many people whose motto well might be “the Pope can do no right.” The colossal nature of the Pope’s task in his endeavour to bring the world back to charity and peace is evident when these depressing facts are taken into account.

From the great news distributing agencies—the press and the broadcasting organisations—comparatively little is heard about the Pope’s activities in the cause of peace. Their main concern is news, red hot news. If Mr. Churchill visits the Pope, that is a news highlight, and it is flashed throughout the world. But the continuous and earnest endeavour of His Holiness to bring an end to the present strife and madness is not a subject for big broadcasts, front page news and leading articles. It is not given publicity or “build up” like a war loan campaign, though its importance to the world could hardly be over-estimated. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that a peace pronouncement by the Pope receives no more publicity than is given by the great secular news disemitters to a verbal attack on the Pope by a British M.P. whose claim to fame rests on a reputation as a writer of light and bright verse and as a protagonist for more liberal divorce laws.

From the time of his election, Pope Pius XII has been the subject of bitter attacks by Nazis, Fascists, Communists and political and religious leaders in Democratic countries. The criticism directed against him is conceived generally in malice or in ignorance. He is accused of interference in national politics, of standing aloof from politics, of bias towards one side and of bias towards the other, and so on. As the spiritual Father of 400,000,000 Catholic people in every country of the world, the Pope obviously is concerned for the good of all nations. If there is one man in the world who must be free from bias towards any country it is the Pope, and this is evident in his encyclicals and pronouncements on peace.

In his Easter Homily in 1939, delivered a few days after the Italian seizure of Albania, Pope Pius XII uttered a warning of what was to come to the world if solemnly sanctioned pacts and the plighted word lost the security and value which were the indispensable basis of reciprocal confidence, and “without which ardently desired disarmament, material and moral, becomes with each passing day less possible of realization.” Christ alone could give that peace which the world could not give, His Holiness declared. Christ must first of all be given entry into the souls of men.

In his Christmas address to the College of Cardinals the same year, after the war in Europe had begun, the Pope gave an outline of the foundations of his plan for a just international peace. This included:

1. Assurance of the right to life and independence of all nations, great and small, weak and strong.
2. Freedom of the nations from the heavy burden of the armaments race.
3. Juridical institutions to guarantee the
loyal and lawful application of agreement. (Arbitrary and unilateral interpretations of treaty to be avoided.)

4. The just demands of the nations and peoples, and also of ethnic minorities, to be considered, if necessary, by means of a just, wise and acceptable revision of treaties.

5. Those who governed the peoples must be imbued with a sense of responsibility.

In his public utterances Pius XII has made it clear and definite that he places no reliance on peace efforts that do not take God into the reckoning. In an Easter address to 4000 people at an audience in 1940, His Holiness said: "Not a few peoples have lost peace because their prophets and their rulers have drawn away from God and Christ. Some, champions of anti-religious culture and policy, closing themselves with the pride of human reason, have locked the door to the very idea of the Divine and supernatural, expelling the Creator from creation, removing the Crucifix from the schools and from the law courts, and eliminating from the national, social, and family institutions all mention of the Gospel. Others have fled far away from Christ and His peace, abjuring centuries of enlightened, beneficent and fraternal civilization, and sinking into the darkness of ancient paganism and modern idolatries."

It was that message which drew from the Anglican Bishop of Chichester, a letter of appreciation published in the London Times. "May I, as a Bishop of the Church of England," the Bishop wrote, "offer a word of profound gratitude to the Pope for the Easter homily in which he gave one more striking illustration of his great care for justice and for peace? To-day human laws are constantly violated by the aggressor, and we are witnesses of the bitter strife and misery which it involves for all the peoples engaged. The Pope both stands above the battle and is also a sharer in the great human suffering which the battle brings to friend and foe, so many of whom comfort one another in a compulsory enmity. It is of immeasurable importance that he should let his voice be heard continually speaking both of the justice of God and the concord of nations. . . . The goal which is thus sought can only be reached through Christ's grace and by obedience to his law. It is clear that the rulers of Germany have made no sign that they are ready to give such obedience. The Pope was well aware of this in his talk with Herr von Ribbentrop. But will the Allies declare that they are willing to give it? Will they say that, cost what it may, their will accept the standard of Christ's teaching as the guide of their own action and policy regarding the political and economic relations of the nations at any peace conference which might be summoned? It is perfectly true that the application of Christ's standard is no simple matter, but the imperative necessity is the acceptance of a standard by which action and policy can be tested. It is the want of such a standard that has brought Europe so low. It does not follow that a peace conference would be summoned immediately such a declaration has been made, but it would be a big step forward towards the just peace if the Allies were ready to state before the whole world that their action and policy at any peace conference would be governed by the teaching of Christ."

The influence of the Pope on non Catholics is acclaimed by Charles Ranklin (himself a non-Catholic) in his book "The Pope Speaks," published in 1940. Amid the turmoil of war, he declares, more and more people who are non-Catholics, nor even religious, are turning to the Pope as the last powerful spiritual force in the world. He contends, too, that the present war is a war of principles rather than of nations, and that Pope Pius XII was the first to realize it. "To many Protestants like myself," Mr. Rankin says, "this attitude adopted by the Bishop of Chichester is really remarkable. Many thousands of members of the Church of England have been led to the sad conclusion that the Church has taken little or no lead in the present state of world affairs, although I repeat that it is more a war of principles than of nations."

Pope Pius XII has been referred to as "more of a man of the world than most of the other Popes." He is an experienced diplomat, a great scholar, a linguist and a proved statesman. He can speak and read in eight languages. He has travelled extensively, in Europe and America. Three times he has visited England. During the last war, as Monsignor Pacelli, he took an important part in the preparation of peace plans by the late Pope Benedict XV, who sent him to Munich as Papal Nuncio. After several years in Munich he became Nuncio at Berlin, and in 1930 he was appointed Secretary of State to the Holy See. No man in the world, probably, has a wider or more intimate knowledge of international politics and the intricate problems of Europe. No man is better qualified to draw up a plan for peace. The name he bears proclaims him: Pacelli, "Son of Peace."
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THE CAST OF "THE GONDOLIERS."
SCENES FROM "THE GONDOLIERS."
"Elizabethan Miniatures"

By Carl Winter, Dux of Xavier, 1924

We must be grateful to the Penguin Press for giving us the "King Penguin" books. The publishers aim to bring the work of masters in all the Arts to a large public and guide them how to study further once their interest is aroused, this is a great work.

Mr. Carl Winter, in this book of his, points out how each Art resembles the other. A sonnet has its counterpart in music and picture as has a drama. This idea when dwelt on and studied leads us to endless enjoyment in comparing types in each of the Arts and their relation one to the other.

Miniatures have by some been described as "pretty lies": in some cases, unfortunately, this judgment has been deserved.

This misconception should make such a book as "Elizabethan Miniatures" doubly appreciated as it shows that miniature painting when sincere and done by such craftsmen is definitely one of the most difficult and beautiful mediums of painting.

The author has picked out with discretion the leading examples of Elizabethan times and reproduced them most excellently.

B on Plate II, B on Plate III, are gems and splendid examples of Nichol Hillyarde's work. A student if he examines these carefully, and also B on Plate VI, will find that presently he will recognise some of the characteristics of Nicholas Hillyarde.

For sheer perfection and simplicity, Hans Holbein's work stands as almost unique. His "Mrs. Pemberton," one of the world's best known miniatures, should "give the lie" to "pretty lies."

Mr. Winter does not agree with some who suggest that Oliver surpassed his master, and he shows us how miniature painting was rather taken to a lower level by him. He is too perhaps rather given to too much detail. Nevertheless he ranks as a miniaturist of very high status.

The Benninck reproduced is a wonderful example of the strength and character that can be portrayed in miniature.

A well-known miniature painter of Melbourne said to me:

"I have always maintained that all miniatures should have the qualities of a good oil painting and be judged accordingly. And there should be no occasion to look at them through a magnifying glass—they should say all they have to say to anyone with normal eyesight when held in the hand."

Now please, those who have miniatures, do take care they are not hung in a strong light or where they can get damp—or when the glass is broken don't let them be touched, as the natural moisture of the finger can damage them. This applies to those which are painted in water colour on ivory. This has been the most usual method. Some have been done in enamel and fired—these of course are quite unharmed by moisture.

Another method was painting on dried stretched chicken skin, but this is rather rare.

It is to be hoped that this small publication will give a great many people a keener interest in what can, and should be, lovely things, and encourage them to study other periods as well as the Elizabethan.

News of Carl Winter tells us that he is safe and well, and that he is carrying on his work at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, despite trying times. He has sent us a delightful little book entitled, "Elizabethan Miniatures," for which we thank him. We have had this little work reviewed by an expert.
"No branch of school activity," said "Old Boy" in the "Australasian" of September 2 last, "has developed so much in the last few years as that which touches on music and the drama. For many years the presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan opera has been an annual feature under Father Montague at Xavier, and Mr. G. Logie Smith at Geelong College, and each year the standard of achievement has shown a steady improvement.

"The Gondoliers" was the Gilbert and Sullivan opera chosen for presentation at Xavier this year, and the more I think of the performance, the more am I impressed with the excellence of the production. From the opening chorus, "Roses White and Roses Red," to the final crowning of "the King and Queen of Barataria," there was not a discordant note. All the parts were played by boys of the college or of the preparatory school, and one could hardly believe that they were acting. The by-play was so natural; there was nothing forced. The comedy was provided by the lines and the music, and at no time was there a vestige of that 'clowning' which has so often disfigured presentations by professionals.

"The chorus work and the dancing were convincing," continued "Old Boy," "and each boy gave of his best. It was perfect teamwork, inculcated by a skilled conductor and producer, and developed by keen, enthusiastic boys, who lost themselves in the playing of the parts they portrayed. The highlights of the performance were the famous 'Cachucha' dance, which had to be repeated more than once, and the rendering of "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" by Gregory Larkin, who, by the way, is the vice-captain of the college football team. He is a natural actor, with a light tenor voice, and he had to repeat the song three times before the delighted audience which thronged the Manresa Hall, Glenferrie, would allow him to go.

"The utmost appreciation was bestowed on all concerned, and the young actors and 'actresses' are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their efforts."

The writer of these laudatory comments was Mr. R. W. E. Wilmot, the well-known Old Melburnian, who is well qualified to speak, for he has witnessed probably every professional G. & S. production in Melbourne since the closing years of the last century. Apart from Greg Larkin's singing and his "living" of his part through-out, Mr. Wilmot was most impressed by the choruses, which, he said, would more than have done credit to a professional company, so alive and natural were they.

"We quote now from the "Advocate" of August 23 the comments of Mr. Frank Kelly:—

"Xavier College Opera Company, consisting of boys of the senior college and the preparatory school, Burke Hall, gave a fine performance of the popular opera, 'The Gondoliers,' in Manresa Hall, Hawthorn, on Thursday, August 10, in the presence of a large and most enthusiastic audience, which was kept interested throughout the entire production. The director, Rev. T. Montague, S.J., showed discrimination in the selection of the boys for the cast, and they gave him whole-hearted support. He conducted the performance, and the orchestra and performers are to be warmly congratulated on a smooth production. That the audience was pleased was evidenced by the many repeats of the songs and choruses, in response to clamorous applause. The boys have never done better work in opera, and the smoothness of the production showed the care that was exercised by Father Montague in the preparatory stages. The choruses were especially good, and the leading parts were capably sustained. The orchestra, with Mrs. Frank Spring at the piano, gave splendid assistance.

"John Arendsen was well placed as the Duke of Plaza-Toro; and Michael Howett as the Duchess and Brian Thompson as Casilda, admirably impersonated the parts. Kevin Coughlin gave a good portrayal of Luis, and John Clayton was highly successful as Don Alhambra, the Grand Inquisitor. Gregory Larkin as Marco Palmieri, and Charles Parker as Giuseppe Palmieri, acted and sang excellently, and Barry Murphy as Gianetta and Martin Grundy as Tessa gave creditable representations. Other parts were filled by John Plunkett, William O'Dea, James Menadue, Maurice Farey, David Burne, Brian Graham, Paul Mardling, and James McNamara. The choruses of gondoliers and 'contadine' gave strength to the performance, the success of which was enhanced by capital stage equipment and appropriate dressing. Mr. Eldon Hogan was opera manager."

The "Tribune" report was couched in similar terms. It remarked that "a well-balanced orchestra played the incidental music, and the production was lavishly mounted. All the parts were splendidly
sustained, and the solo and concerted singing was most creditable."

To these comments we may add that undoubtedly a feature of the performance was the "graceful and indeed bewitching—so it was described—dancing of Barry Murphy. After the first instructions from Father Montague and Miss Coate, Barry soon mastered the difficult Cachucha and the Gavotte, and was able to help the other principals considerably, so that, as Father Montague said, he was almost entirely responsible for the success of these dances. Tessa (Martin Grundy) was, perhaps, outstanding for his dialogue. His "Oh, Guiseppe, look at him—he was! He's heartbroken!" deservedly brought the prompter's chair shortly after the rise of the production on his shoulders; but that all the principals made the most of their dialogue throughout, so that not a line was missed, not a laugh passed unnoticed—in contrast to the hasty slurring of dialogue one sometimes sees on the professional stage.

For this happy climax to weeks of strenuous work on the part of all concerned, the full praise, of course, must go to Father Montague. No one who has not had the privilege and pleasure of being present at the rehearsals can fully realise the amount of patient and painstaking work of Father Montague puts into the training of the boys for the opera. For the final fortnight or so he spent probably up to five hours every day, every spare minute available, rehearsing with different groups of boys. Such enthusiasm could not but be infectious, and the boys, gladly gave up nearly all their spare time, including half-holidays and week-ends (for, except for the last few days, all rehearsals were held during the boys' recreation periods), to the perfecting of their parts. The result was that by the time of the first performance, on the Wednesday afternoon, all that was lacking was a little confidence, which could come only with experience of playing before an audience.

By the next evening all nervousness was gone; minor imperfections apparent in the first performance had been corrected in further rehearsals that morning, and the result was the first-class performance which delighted the packed house, in which every seat was filled, and the experienced outside critics whose comments we have quoted. One recalls the alarm of the assistant manager when he was installed, with the script, in the prompter's chair shortly after the rise of the curtain on Thursday night, and left for some time to carry the whole weight of the production on his shoulders; but there was no need for trepidation: even the "small-part men" knew their "big speeches" off perfectly, and only once that evening was there even the smallest hesitation on the part of any of the principals. On that occasion the prompter, who had given up following the script, was unable readily to find the place, so he and the character concerned composed a few lines between them, and the situation was saved! Those in the know who were following the dialogue closely were vastly amused when another character—or was it the same one?—persisted in outing even Gilbert himself by declaring of Inez, the prince's foster-mother, that "her husband is at present the wife of a highly respectable and old-established brigand. ."

We were fortunate this year in securing the services of Miss D. Coate, ballet mistress of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, who in the course of three rehearsals at which she was present was able to teach the boys a great deal about the difficult dances and about the actions and movements of the opera generally. Her patient interest was much appreciated. Mrs. Frank Spring was of the greatest assistance also. As treasurer of the Ladies' Committee, she had a great deal to do with the administrative arrangements for the production, but even more valuable were her services at the piano. For about three weeks beforehand Mrs. Spring was in attendance at the college every afternoon to play for the rehearsals (and some of them were four hours in length), and frequently she conducted one part of the rehearsal herself while Father Montague concentrated on some of the boys in another room. It was a great advantage to have the frequent presence of such an experienced pianist. Mrs. Spring and Miss Clancy were responsible for the assembling of the orchestra, which played so well under Father Montague's direction after only one rehearsal, and the assembling of a number of competent musicians is no light task these days.

The Ladies' Committee as a whole were, as usual, able to lend much-appreciated assistance with the dressing and making-up of the members of the company. That their efforts were successful may be gathered from the remark of the social editor of a Melbourne weekly, who, when shown the photos of the opera intended for publication, exclaimed: "Oh, what nice girls!" and really believed it! The final collapse of the harassed stage manager was brought about on Thursday when, in response to his repeated "Hurry up, you girls, get ready to go on stage," one of the smallest of the "contadine" piped up: "But we're not really girls, you know. Sir; we're only boys dressed up!" Mr. McAreavy
S.J., we must also thank for his help with the making-up of the principals.

The ladies generally, under the leadership of Mrs. Collins, the president, and Mrs. J. F. Murphy, the secretary, helped in many other ways, too, and the school, and particularly members of the opera company, are very grateful to them for their loyal support. There were other friends of the school whose assistance played a great part in the success of the show. We are grateful above all to Mr. Claude Kingston, general manager of J. C. Williamson's, for many kindnesses, and to several members of His Majesty's Theatre staff, especially Messrs. C. White, D. Finkelstein, and T. Morgan, with whose help we were able to provide the "capital stage equipment" above referred to. Miss Ada Coulton paid great attention to the preparation of the costumes, and Miss M. Fitzgerald, of Kew, produced as a gift to the company the "roses white and red" and the bridal bouquets at very short notice. Mrs. Clayton, of Georges; Mr. Mulcanhy, of Myer's; and Genazzano, provided the flower baskets used for the opening chorus; and a number of ladies provided various other properties. We must not forget to thank the ladies for the very fine repast enjoyed by the members of the company and the stage staff at the college on the afternoon following the final performance. Mr. J. Quirk, manager of Manresa Hall, helped us in many ways in preparing for the opera, as well as on the days of the actual performances.

Coming nearer home, we must not fail to set on record the services to the opera of Mr. Smith, S.J., and Brother O'Callaghan, both of whom spent most of the week-end prior to the production, and a number of hours at other times, engaged in the arduous and dusty task of hanging scenery. The latter acted as joint stage manager, while Mr. Smith supervised the amplifying arrangements, which this time were as near perfect by the Thursday night as it seems possible to bring them, and enabled all to hear with ease. Alex Troup was the booking manager, and had a busy and worrying time in the week preceding the opera, as well as in his capacity as house manager on the days of the performances. More than a dozen boys, in addition to the prefects, lent efficient assistance as stage staff, ushers, programme and sweets sellers. All, from the house manager downwards, performed their tasks with distinction, but we must especially single out the principal stage mechanists—Reg Bowler (assistant general manager), Pat Murray, Angus Dalglish, and John Dwyer—who made presence materially assisted the smooth running of the production. The frequent manoeuvres of the "real live" gondola in the first act greatly intrigued the smaller members of the audience, a number of whom were puzzled as to whether Derek Murray and his pole were really responsible for its motive power. Suffice it to say that the motive power was nearly lacking on more than one occasion when the staff, including the general manager, became so interested in what was happening on the stage that they remembered only in the nick of time and leapt to their posts just as the music for the entry of the gondola began!

We missed the services of Mr. Hawkins, S.J., behind the scenes this year. His successor manipulated the main curtains so vigorously that several times the staff had to hang on to the ends with all their strength to prevent them being swept away into the middle of the stage, and thus revealing the corners of the wings to all and sundry! The quick change-over of the "Tribune's" "lavish mountings" at the interval would qualify any member of the stage staff for a job with J. C. Williamson's any time. It was not often during "Opera Week" that we were without our staff when we needed them, but when the exigencies of the school timetable called them away during dress rehearsals the temporary manpower shortage was met by the chorus men, and even the principals, who, in the best tradition of touring companies, cheerfully performed such menial tasks as sweeping the stage and arranging the settings and the properties.

Such was the spirit of teamwork and co-operation which pervaded all connected with the opera, and enabled the skilled guidance of Father Montague to make it such a success. As "The Sun" said, Xavier pioneered regular G. & S. productions in the public school field (being later followed by Geelong College, who have put on seven shows now), and for about 15 years Father Montague has kept the Gilbert and Sullivan flag flying at Xavier and Burke Hall. Including one production at St. Patrick's when he was there in 1934, "The Gondoliers," staged by him this year for the first time, was the thirteenth complete onera he has produced since 1929, and was acclaimed by many who had seen most of the others as probably the best of them all.

—E.J.H.
"The Gondoliers," or the King of Barateria, by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, was presented by Xavier College and Xavier Preparatory School, Burke Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, 9th August, and Thursday night, 10th August, 1944 (by courtesy of Australian and New Zealand Theatres Ltd).

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.
The Duke of Plaza-Toro (a Grandee of Spain) ................................................. JOHN ARENDSEN
Luiz (His Attendant) ................................................................................ KEVIN COUGHLIN
Don Alhambra Del Bolero (the Grand Inquisitor) ........................................ JOHN CLAYTON
VENETIAN GONDOLIERS:
Marco Palmieri ................................................................................................ GREGORY LARKIN
Giuseppe Palmieri ..................................................................................... CHARLES PARKER
Antonio ......................................................................................................... JOHN PLUNKETT
Francesco .................................................................................................... WILLIAM O'DEA
Giorgio ......................................................................................................... JAMES MENADUE
Annibale ................................................................................................. MAURICE FAREY
The Duchess of Plaza-Toro ....................................................................... MICHAEL HOWETT
Casilda (Her Daughter) ............................................................................ BRIAN THOMPSON

CONTADINE:
Gianetta ........................................................................................................ BARRY MURPHY
Tessa ............................................................................................................ MARTIN GRUNDY
Fiametta ...................................................................................................... DAVID BURNE
Vittoria ......................................................................................................... BRIAN GRAHAM
Giulia ............................................................................................................ PAUL MARDLING
Inez (the King's Foster-Mother) ............................................................... JAMES McNAMARA

CHORUS OF GONDOLIERS:

CHORUS OF CONTADINE:

Act I.—The Piazzetta, Venice.
Act II.—Pavilion in the Palace of Barateria.
An interval of three months is supposed to elapse between Acts I and II. Date: 1750.
At the Piano: Mrs. Frank Spring.

BUSINESS NOTICES.
Subscriptions have been received as follows:
To 1946 (inclusive): J. Cooke, H. Curr, Dr. F. Moore, A. O'Keefe, Fr. J. O'Keefe, A. Roche, Cyril Ryan, Dr. D. McSweeney, J. E. O'Brien, Dr. F. Costigan.
To 1947 (inclusive): R. Billings.
To 1949 (inclusive): B. Maloney, S. Thorpe.

The Ladies' Committee

The following office-bearers were elected at the first meeting for the year, held on 6/3/44:—President, Mrs. M. J. Collins; vice-president, Mrs. E. Downey; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. F. Murphy; hon. assist, secretary, Mrs. O. Jorgensen; hon. treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Spring; committee, Mses. Aanenson, Awburn, Batten, Callander, Curmi, Curtis, Coleman, Curtain, Dillon, Farey, Hiscock, Hill, Joyce, Kennedy, Keating, Kelly, Lewis, Lynch, Lachal, Lewis, Kelly, Mulcahy, Noon, Mulsens, Owen, Parer, Perdrix, Slattery, Slatterie, Thornton Smith, Turner, Travers Ball, Winter, Webb, Whitaker.

C.W.O.—St. Francis' Hut (and Camp Pell), Mrs. L. Farey again consented to act as organiser. A direct appeal to parents for funds to finance Xavier Day at the Hut, resulted in £40 being raised—just enough to meet the year's expenses. Our thanks are due to contributors, and also to those former members and friends who help at the canteens.

Prefects' Dance—Held at Hawthorn Town Hall on 29/5/44; attendance about 350. This proved a most successful and enjoyable affair. The committee worked hard making leis in school colors, also supplied and served an excellent supper.

A small card party was held at the College on 3/7/44, at which lucky envelopes were sold by Mses. Lewis and Curtain. G. & S. Opera "The Gondoliers"—On August 9th and 10th, at Manresa Hall, the talented Xavier College Boys' Opera Co., under the skilled direction of Rev. Father Montague, S.J., and with the accompaniment of a professional orchestra, gave a most outstanding performance of this opera. Members of the committee greatly enjoyed helping in the dressing and makeup, and, on 12th August, they arranged a party for the performers, at which Father Montague congratulated the boys on their success, and also paid tribute to the great help rendered by Mrs. Spring during rehearsal period.

A bridge party has been arranged to be held at the College on November 8th, and also a house party at the home of Mrs. M. J. Collins, on December 9th.

As committee members living in Brighton area find it impossible to attend meetings at Xavier, they have formed a sub-committee and hold parties locally (Mrs. Noon being their representative at Xavier meetings). By this means our funds will be considerably augmented.

For the last three years Mrs. P. Madden has set a very good example by running a small auxiliary and donating the amounts thus raised to our funds for C.W.O. activities. We would very much like to see others follow suit.

School Clothing Shop—This is a great help to those parents who find difficulty in obtaining their wants. It would be appreciated if parents of boys leaving school, or having no further use for suits or other school clothing would send such garments to the Matron for sale in the shop. Proceeds this year have already amounted to about £16 and are devoted to school improvement fund.

Miss McLean's resignation from the position of matron for family reasons was deeply regretted, as she was extremely popular with one and all. In her honour, a farewell party was held at George's (by courtesy of Mrs. Clayton) at the end of the first term.

We are fortunate in having as Miss McLean's successor, Matron Duggan, who is proving herself a willing helper in all our undertakings, and ever thoughtful and kind to the boys in her care.

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Our Committee suffered a sad loss in the death, on 24th October, of our greatly esteemed vice-president, Mrs. Esmond Downey (R.I.P.). Her genial personality and great affection for Xavier and everything connected with it endeared her to us all, and her loss will be keenly felt. A Requiem Mass was offered at the Chapel on 14th November, and attended by many members and friends of the deceased.

Friends of Mrs. Manly, a former president, were very grieved to learn of the death of her son F./Sgt. Richard Manly (R.I.P.), an old Xaverian, and Dux of Xavier in 1939. Many members attended the Requiem Mass offered for Richard in the Chapel on 25th October.

Note.—The card party held at the C.W.O. Hut in January realised £20/14/2 as the Committee's contribution to C.W.O. Annual "Street" Appeal.
Mission Societies seem a form of Apostolic work peculiarly suited to the temperament of boys, appealing to the imagination as well as to the generosity of youth. The two Mission Societies at Xavier were as vigorous and successful in 1944 as they have been in past years. Their success should not be gauged solely by a computation of pounds, shillings and pence; and the spiritual support given to the Missions by the boys can be calculated only in Heaven. We cannot, however, record the amount of money collected for Missions in India, Papua, and the Pacific Islands—upwards of £75—without a feeling that the St. Francis Xavier Missions Societies of First and Second Divisioners have done well during 1944.

Another test of the success of any spiritual work is the test of time. Will the ideals of the Mission Societies continue to inspire a boy in the years after he has left school? At least one Old Boy—now in the R.A.A.F.—gave proof of the durability of the ideals of the Mission Societies, by sending along a substantial donation during Mission Week.

The officers of the Mission Societies this year were Frank Noonan, Gerald Daily and Eddie Curmi (senior), and Noel Bradford, Tom Bushell and Geoff Brady (junior). They, and the other members of both societies (and the Junior Society did the lion's share), undertook a great variety of works. The usual collection for the Propaganda of the Faith, a halfpenny a week from every boy in the school, was taken up by the Promoters. The money collected by this means, augmented by the Mission Week funds—about £25—will bring the Propagation of the Faith collection to £50 by the end of the year.

Mission Week was a great success. All the ingenuity of the boys, which can be directed at times into very devious channels, was concentrated on the collection of money for the Missions of the Church. We saw a Treasure Hunt on a map of Asia hung in the hall; a piece of string, the length of which had to be guessed, mocked us from the inside of a small bottle; some hundreds of beans did the same from a glass jar; every variety of wheel co-operated with "two-bob bits" on billiard balls and elusive coins on tables to make generosity to the Missions a more exciting affair. Hoopla and race games, raffles and sweeps, "lucky" envelopes and Modern Art competitions . . . all helped to bring the takings of the week to a total which must be a record. The Dramatic Society presented the Mission Society with the proceeds of the second performance of "The Crimson Coconut," and generous friends gave the donations which they give each year during Mission Week.

Early in the third term we co-operated with the other Catholic Secondary Schools in running a Mission Fete in the grounds of "Raheen." The boys were allowed by Father Rector to spend the whole of Saturday afternoon, and more besides, at the fete, and the numbers of those wearing Black and Red there did not a little to make the afternoon the social and financial success that it was. A few days after this the boarders and a few of the more fortunate day-boys were able to hear from his own very eloquent lips the adventures of Fr. W. Hagan, of the Society of the Divine Word, who, after long labours in the Missions of his Order in New Guinea, was taken prisoner by the Japanese, under whom he and the priests, brothers and nuns with him suffered great hardships and cruelty. His story of Faith and heroism lost nothing in the telling, and the boys were unanimous in their admiration of the witty American priest who had given them such an enthralling evening. A collection was taken up at the lecture, and we were able to give Fr. Hagan something to help him towards the financing of a house of studies for his Order in Australia. When Fr. Hagan returns to his Mission he will have many friends at Xavier, and it is proposed that next year the money taken during the football season in "Guess the Score" competitions should be sent to New Guinea for the support of the Missions of the Society of the Divine Word and of the Missioners of the Sacred Heart. To Frs. de Yonge and Thiemann of Merauke, we have already promised support in 1945.

When Fr. Whitely, S.J., left for India early in the year to take up work with the Spanish Fathers in Bombay he left to the Xavier Mission Societies at work which he had performed himself for some years. He had worked for a time in the Ahmedabad Mission of Western India, and had been re-posting to the friends of that Mission in Australia copies of "The Ahmedabad Missioner," the little paper produced by the boys during the last year, and the response has been good. We have been instrumental in sending to Fr. Sallas, at Ahmedabad, to Fr. Whitley, at Bombay, and to Fr. Bianchi at Khulni, Bengal, about £30 for the support of the Missions.
The work of re-posting is not one which appeals naturally to boys, and their fidelity in this matter is the best proof of the genuineness of their interest in the Church's work in Foreign Mission fields.

When Fr. Van Prooyen, S.J., founded the Missionary Society in 1934, he and his little band of missioners took a particular interest in the Mission of the Irish Jesuits in Hong Kong, and sent them considerable help especially towards fitting up the Chapel in the Seminary for Native Priests. At that time Fr. Fleming (second Division Prefect at Xavier 1924) and Fr. Van Prooyen, S.J., then Second Division Prefect, carried on a good deal of correspondence and we can remember Fr. Fleming sending photographs and a lot of other interesting matter on the work of the Jesuits in Hong Kong. Amongst other things he sent were two banners bearing Chinese letters which according to Fr. Fleming were the virtues which a Second Division Prefect should possess: "Patience" and "Humility."

During the war of course the work of these Missioners is almost at a standstill but they have found other channels for their energy and zeal. For the interest of those who helped on that Mission, and indeed for any others interested in the Missions of the Jesuits, we give here the review of a book, just arrived in Australia, which shows how these men have fared and what good work they are still able to do. May God reward them for what they have done, and may He continue to bless their efforts.

The review of the book "Jesuits Under Fire," by Fr. T. Ryan, S.J., is taken from the "Standard" (Dublin) and is as follows:—

St. Francis Xavier himself, patron of all the Catholic missions in the Far East, must have watched with joy from his place in heaven the scenes so vividly described by Father Ryan, S.J., in "Jesuits Under Fire in the Siege of Hong Kong," a tale of heroism on the part of a band of Irish Jesuit missionaries, "by sharpest perils faithful proved."

It would indeed be difficult for those who read this book with the inner eye of faith to escape the notion that that great missionary saint had these spiritual sons of his under his immediate protection for the duration of the siege and inspired their activities. Also that through his special intercession, a hideous episode of carnage and destruction was turned to a triumph for the faith of Christ in the very region where he himself was about to raise the standard of the Cross when touched by the hand of death four centuries ago. At any rate, in their work of charity and mercy among the stricken people of Hong Kong, these Irish Jesuits—27 in all—breasted death from day to day with the serenity of men with charmed lives, and all survived to collaborate in recounting this interwoven story of their individual adventures. Short through its criss-cross pattern, like a glittering strand of gold, is abundant evidence of the finger of God in action in the beleagured city, so that from the horror of total war good might be drawn. There is no more memorable and no more impressive aspect of the whole enthralling narrative than this.

"To Catholics," writes Father Ryan, "the realisation of the danger of death brings at once a realisation of the need of preparing for death; hence it was not surprising that the extent of our spiritual work grew very rapidly, until at length it became clear that the shells and the bombs were preaching the greatest mission that had ever stirred Hong Kong."

But not for professing Catholics alone. Further on we read: "Time after time there has been occasion to mention the baptisms that were conferred, but it would be well to give special mention to the fact that the war was a very powerful agent in completing many conversions, and leading many persons to baptism."

Like Francis Xavier, who went with a bell in his hand through the streets in the East calling the people to God, these Irish Jesuits went into the highways and byways of Hong Kong, death at their elbow all the time, seeking out souls in need of spiritual comfort. Imminent danger of death broke down all reserve in talking about religion. Thus, where in normal times the Fathers should have hesitated to enter a room filled with strangers and ask aloud if there were any Catholics there, it had become an everyday experience during the terror. Not alone that, but Protestants and Pagans and Mohammedans and Zoroastrians and those of all the other religions that rub shoulders in Hong Kong, accepted it as a matter of course.

Falling bomb or exploding shell is a great leveller in more senses than one. In the shadow of death from the skies or the land-batteries pounding the island fortress, confessions in the most unlikely places became a routine experience.
"Confessions while walking along a city street became quite common, and it became almost equally common to hear the confessions of policemen on patrol duty and of military sentries holding rifles at sand-bag posts. Father Ryan once heard the confession of a fireman holding a hose, and when he was finished, another, a hulky Canadian, rushed over from his duties to say:

"Father, I've been to confession already, up at Battery Path, but have you a Rosary beads?"

"To be asked for Rosary beads became such a frequent thing that we found it very hard to maintain supplies. Mr. Wood said that he gave away his Rosary beads so regularly that he never had the same one for two days in succession."

This demand for Rosary beads brings to mind a little picture elsewhere in the narrative, in its simple way one of the most moving of all. It is a picture of the reunion in their home of the Fathers at the close of the day, each with his own adventures to relate. Then, worn out in mind and body, they would go to snatch a few hours broken rest, but not until they had said the family Rosary.

"At the beginning of the war," says Father Ryan, "we all felt that we would like to end the day, which might be the last for any of us, with the family Rosary that we had known long ago in our homes in Ireland. We recited it in turn, the Superior beginning, the others following in rotation. The turn of the last of the scholastics had come on the very night that the guns had become silent and peace returned."

Had these Irish missionaries in the front line nothing else to think of except bringing spiritual consolation to thousands of troubled souls in the gap of death, the work would have been exhausting enough in the circumstances to strain their physical and nervous endurance to the limit. But though their priestly duties came first, they were but part of their labours while the siege lasted. They would throw themselves into relief work of every kind, with an efficiency characteristic of the Society of Jesus, they brought order and method where chaos threatened to reign in the billeting of homeless refugees, the distribution of food and clothing, comforting the terror-stricken, tending the wounded, burying the dead, shepherding to safety the helpless little inmates of convent orphanages and creches. Here again the protecting hand of Providence was over their activities. In one instance a shell actually penetrated a basement into which a number of babies had been carried for safety. But it did not explode. It just rolled round and then stood bolt upright before their astonished gaze!

Father Ryan rounds off this composite narrative with an exciting account of the adventures of himself and a few others on their subsequent trek from the conquered fortress into the interior of unoccupied China. It is a fitting epilogue to a grand story of Irish missionary heroism.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference
OFFICE-BEARERS:

Director: Rev. F. T. F. Costelloe, S.J.
President: Alexander Troup.
Secretary: B. McClusky.
Treasurer: G. Larkin.
Custodian: R. Bowler.

Meetings of the Conference were held on Tuesdays in the Senior Library, as in previous years. Weekly collections were taken up from the boys, and funds were also obtained from a play produced by the "Small Theatre." Donations were sent to the Morning Star Boys' Home and to the St. Vincent de Paul Night Shelter. Two members visited Caritas Christi every week and provided the patients with papers, cigarettes, etc. Sporting material was also sent to St. Anthony's Home. Members of the Conference attended the festival meetings during the year.

The Senior Sodality

Director: Rev. Fr. W. P. Hackett, S.J.
Prefect: Reginald Bowler.
1st Assistant: G. Larkin.
2nd Assistants: G. Norris, A. Troup.
Secretary: B. McClusky.


The Junior Sodality

Director: Rev. J. P. Smith, S.J.

Prefect: Kevin Silk.

Assistants: N. Bradford, G. Brady.


During the past year, under the guidance of the Director, great enthusiasm was shown by the members. This was due to the formation of a number of groups in the Sodality, and to the keenness of the group members in keeping their groups working. They formed a really active body in the School.

There were five groups formed, each member of the Sodality belonging to one. They were the Pamphlet Group, the Mass Serving Group, the Mission Group, the Literature for the Troops Group, the Blessed Sacrament Group. Each of these Groups did good work. The Pamphlet Group stocked and attended to a pamphlet rack which was placed in the Hall every Monday. This group, under the leadership of P. Kennedy, must be congratulated on selling over six hundred pamphlets to the boys in the seven months they were working. The Mass Serving Group put up a notice several times indicating their willingness to teach any boy to serve Mass. Most Second Division boarders could serve Mass already, but by teaching at least twelve to serve, this Group ensured that every boarder and a good number of day-boys were able to serve Mass. The Mission Group contained the leaders of the Mission Society and was formed to discuss ways and means of keeping the Society active. Its success is described elsewhere in the Xaverian. The next Group collected and posted off about forty parcels of good magazines and papers to Chaplains whose units were in the fighting lines. Two old Xaverian Chaplains were among the recipients, Fr. C. Reis and Fr. G. Maher, and both wrote thanking the Group for its work. The Blessed Sacrament Group was formed with the idea that each of the members would spend ten minutes on one day of the week in the Chapel, praying for the success of the School, for its own future, for his family, for purity, for vocations and for peace in the world. A card with these intentions upon it was passed round to each one on his day, and the Group was most faithful to its purpose.

The Sodality met every Monday morning and had a 15 minutes' talk in the Chapel from the Director, followed by a 10 minutes discussion on the work of the Sodality over the previous week. A collection brought in a few pence each week to pay for the posting of the parcels to the troops.

—KEVIN SILK.

The Bellarmine Society

Director: Rev. Fr. W. P. Hackett, S.J.

President: Alexander Troup.

Secretary: K. Jenkinson.

Librarian: E. Hayes.


This Society seeks to stimulate interest in a variety of subjects, and to furnish the Catholic viewpoint on all important questions. The Society met fortnightly during the year. Members read papers on a variety of subjects, and they were also addressed by leading Catholic laymen.
Catholic Action Group

**Director:** Rev. J. P. Smith, S.J.
**President:** Gregory Larkin.
**Secretary:** R. Bowler.
**Treasurer:** Alexander Troup.

The Leaders Group of the Young Catholic Students was formed early in the year by ten boys—nearly all boarders. Throughout the first and second terms it was felt that the day-boys should have stronger representation; so, in the third term the Leaders Group was altered to solve this problem, and settled down again with five boarders and three day-boys.

In March seven of the boys took part in a week-end camp at Maiya Wamba, Cheltenham. With representatives from St. Patrick's, St. Kevin's, de la Salle, Kilmore, Christian Brothers' Colleges, North Melbourne and Geelong, we discussed modes of Catholic Action and exchanged ideas. Fr. Kelly contributed towards the homely air by leaving most of the organisation and running of the camp to the presidents from St. Patrick's, St. Kevin's and Xavier.

We left Cheltenham with new friends, and new ideas derived from the discussions which were delightfully set off by ample recreation, mainly swimming and cricket. The Group found numerous difficulties in following the programme from headquarters in such a way as to gain practical benefit from it. It was felt that the Gospel Discussions could have a more practical bearing, so finally we decided to choose our own passages and questions. Another difficulty was that parts of the programme did not have much bearing on the life of the boys at Xavier.

In the third term an effort was made, mainly through contacts, to improve the saying of the day-boys' prayers. A considerable improvement was noticed. During the anxious weeks before the fall of Rome, a Spiritual Campaign for the Pope was organised. The boys co-operated well and a prayer for the Pope was added to the boarders' prayers.

Three Activity Groups were formed:—Apologetics, Music, Dramatic.

The Apologetics Group, under the guidance of Fr. Van Prooyen, S.J., covered an interesting field of study.

The Music Group studied symphonies in the first two terms. Then the meetings became very attractive when Mr. Smith lent us a pick-up set and obtained some sets of records from 3AW. At these meetings we heard Peter and the Wolf, the Pastoral Symphony, Trial by Jury, Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1, and the New World Symphony.

In the third term the Dramatic Group presented a one-act comedy, "The Crimson Coconut," in the theatrette beneath the Chapel. John Clayton, Paul Coleman, Bob Britten-Jones and Gregory Larkin were the actors. From the two performances £5 was raised to be divided between the Mission Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Y.C.S. Group.

The Leaders Group have many regrets concerning the year's work. Much of our meeting time was spent in trying to overcome the difficulties which kept arising during the year. However, we have the satisfaction of knowing that all pioneering efforts are dogged at every turn, and that our work, experiences and discoveries during the infancy of the movement will benefit the Y.C.S. leaders in the years to come, when Catholic Action will have developed into a forceful unit in the school life.

**GREGORY M. LARKIN.**

The Choir

**Director:** Rev. Fr. T. Montague, S.J.
**Sopranos:** Barry Murphy, B. Thompson, W. O'Dea, Rod. Moore, G. Troup, L., Drake, G. Dening, M. Cumming, J. Cameron.
**Altos:** J. Menadue, D. Murray, J. Callander, R. Williams, W. Robinson, P. Plunkett.
**Tenors:** M. Larkin, K. Coughlin, C. Parker, C. Bailey.
**Basses:** A. Hollister, E. Hayes, W. Hill, J. Clayton, P. Coleman.

**Organist:** Miss Agnes O'Keefe.

The following Motets were sung:—

- "Ave Maria" (Arcadelt), "Ave Regina Coelorum" (Lotti), "Ave Maris Stella" (unknown), "Regina Coeli" (Lotti), Alma Redemptoris Mater" (Palestrina), "Pueri Hebraeorum" (Palestrina), "Eram Quasi Agnus" (Palestrina), "Popule Meus" (Vit- toria), "Ecce Panis," "O Esca Viatorum," "Cor Jesu" (authors unknown).
The Catholic Youth Rally

By BRENDAN LYONS.

On Sunday, 22nd October, in the grounds of Xavier there took place a great mass demonstration, the fourth annual Catholic Youth Rally of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Members of Catholic Youth organisations from all over Melbourne and surrounding districts gathered in a colourful pageantry to pay homage to their Divine King and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the spacious grounds of the College lent by the Rector, a vast assembly of Catholic youth knelt in solemn devotion to the Blessed Sacrament before an altar surmounted by a Crucifix 30 feet by 20 feet, a replica of the Crucifix of Limpias. In answer to the prayers of the faithful, God blessed the promoters of the Rally with a glorious day, bathing the grounds in sparkling sunlight, giving a joyful note to the emerald green of the ovals, rendered beautiful by the multi-coloured banners and costumes of the different youth movements. The whole setting presented a truly magnificent spectacle.

At noon when all the youth movements colleges, and convents were assembled before the Altar, Dr. Simonds celebrated an open air dialogue Mass, the vast congregation pronouncing in unison the Latin responses. Dr. Simonds delivered an address in which he congratulated the organisers of the Rally and complimented the members of the Young Christian Workers, the National Catholic Girls' Movement, and the Young Catholic Students on the zeal and energy with which they applied themselves to the furtherance of the ideals and principles of Catholic Action.

After the luncheon interval a programme of sporting events began in which members of the various branches of the Y.C.W. participated. Here we saw a splendid examples of young Australian youth who inspired by the ideals of Christian love and charity are ready to build a new Australia.

The Athletic programme was interspersed with an exhibition of gymnastics and a colourful tableau. A spectacular display was provided by the Y.C.W. movement and a large number of the N.C.G.M. from all parts of Melbourne presented a splendid tableau.

Later in the afternoon a great parade took place involving thousands of young men and women of the Y.C.W., the N.C.G.M., the boys' and girls' secondary schools and colleges, and detachments of the Air Training Corps and the Army Cadets. When finally drawn up in position before the Altar, they were addressed by the President of the Young Christian Workers, and by a representative of the National Catholic Girls' Movement, on the good work of Catholic Action carried out by their organisations. His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, addressed this vast assembly of some 20,000 people and congratulated the organisers of this magnificent demonstration. He then gave Benediction. The whole crowd sang the O Salutaris, and the Tantum Ergo, and the Adoremus, and the evening closed with the singing of Faith of Our Fathers.

Senior Debating

President: Rev. J. P. Smith, S.J.

The meetings held during the year have shown that quite a large number of the senior boys of the School are very capable public speakers. Several of them have revealed a notable ability to think out a convincing argument, to deliver it with power and fluency, and to defend it against cross-questioning.

Father Rector's prize for the best speaker was won by Kenneth Jenkinson. Other speakers who distinguished themselves were: Paul Coleman, Alex Troup, Brendan Lyons, G. Larkin, Barry Lyons, John Hehir, Robert Howett, Robin Bisshop, Robert Britten-Jones and Thomas Spring.

The first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, 15th March. The motion was, "That the dismemberment of Germany is necessary for future peace in Europe." The Government, Messrs. K. Jenkinson, R. Howett and R. Gordon, defeated the Opposition, Messrs. Brendan Lyons, Barry Lyons and D. Fogarty. Mr. Jenkinson's speech was outstanding in this debate.

At the second meeting, on April 14th, the motion for debate was, "That too great prominence is given to Sport in our Public Schools." The Opposition, Messrs. B. Mc-

The next motion, "That modern films are an influence more for evil than for good" was debated on 23rd June. Again the Opposition, Messrs. R. Britten-Jones, N. Clausen, and K. Gorman, carried the day against the Government, Messrs R Bisshop, P. Coleman and Angus Troup.

At the meeting on 21st July, an experiment was tried. Seven speakers gave short, almost impromptu speeches on a subject chosen by them. Mr. E. Hayes spoke on "Submarines," Mr. A. Dillon on "Wartime Activities of General Motors," Mr. A. Trainor on "The threat of synthetic wool to Australia's wool industry," Mr. D. Coughlin on "School days are the happiest of one's life," Mr. F. Mullins on "Yachting," Mr. P. Trost on "The Seven Wonders of the World," and Mr. J. Maher on the conductor, "Eugene Ormandy." Questions on these subjects were then answered by the speakers.

As a sequel to this meeting, the next debate night was again given to impromptu speaking. The fault of the last meeting lay in the disconnected nature of the speeches, so at this meeting, held on 6th October, two motions were debated. The speakers' names were drawn from a hat after the announcement of the motions. Messrs. Barry Lyons and R. Bishop had to argue "That the boy-prefect system in our Schools should be abolished." They were defeated by the Opposition, Messrs. P. Coleman and R. Howett. The second motion was "That Public School education is not the best preparation for after life." This was a splendid example of impromptu debating, the Opposition, Messrs. Alex Troup and G. Larkin, defeating by the narrowest possible margin the Government, Messrs. K. Jenkins and Brendan Lyons.

The final debate for the year was held on Tuesday, November 21st. The motion was "That modern American civilization is worthy of our admiration." Fr. F. O'Brien, S.J., adjudicated, and declared that the standard of speaking was remarkably high. He gave the decision to the Opposition, Messrs. K. Jenkinson, Barry Lyons and J. Hehir, against the Government, Messrs. Alec Troup, Brendan Lyons and P. Coleman. All the speakers in this last debate deserved high praise, K. Jenkinson being singled out as the best speaker of the evening.

Junior Debating

President: Rev. J. Moore, S.J.

Secretary: Peter Coleman.

Debating has come to play a very prominent part in the life of Second Division. Its value as an educating force is recognised by the boys as well as by the Prefect of Studies, and they have been eager to make use of every opportunity to speak themselves or hear others speak. This year we had at least three meetings every term, and the standard of debating was very high. At the first meeting of the year Father Rector showed how high the power of expressing the truth learned in other departments of school-life ranked in his mind by announcing that he would present a second "Rector's prize" for Junior debating, this one to be given to "the most improved speaker of the year."

Several of 1943's leading speakers were still in Second Division this year, and the presence of Kevin Silk, Peter Coleman, and Clive Bailey made a high standard assured. Maurice Farey, with his ready wit and his ability to make anyone look a fool, soon became an "institution" at debates, and he did not fail. I think, to speak, either from the table or from the house, at any debate during the year. Paul Willy, John Webb, Gregory Dening and Bruce O'Conor all spoke well during the year. Dening, like Farey, excelling in cross-questioning.

The topics discussed were varied; the boy-prefect system, the place of sport in Public School life, the restoration to Japan of her pre-war empire. Twice meetings given over exclusively to impromptu speeches were held. Bill McCubbery spoke at length "in praise of idleness"; Tony Glee son summed up in a few words the work of the United States' Marines; Bruce O'Conor told us of "Tasmania, and other convict settlements"; Brian Heeney spoke reasonably against corporal punishment; and many others spoke of other things, and spoke well.

Among so many eloquent and well-reasoned speeches it would be invidious to select any one for particular comment. Throughout the year the interest and
understanding of the boys concerning the Catholic point of view was most marked. One notable exchange occurred in the debate on the value of a Public School education. The phrase, "success in life" had been bandied about a good deal during the evening till Brian McCarthy asked from the house that Kevin Silk explain just what was meant by the phrase. The house held its breath, but the speaker was equal to the occasion. It meant really, he said, the salvation of one's soul. Brian McCarthy thanked him, and resumed his seat.

In the middle of the third term, at the suggestion of Fr. Quigley, a debate between boys from the Intermediate classes of Xavier and St. Patrick's was held at Xavier. The debates were impromptu, and the motions were: "That boys should be allowed to smoke," and "That 'Comics' should be prohibited in school." The first motion was carried, after an able exposition by the first Xavier team, Clive Bailey, John Webb and Maurice Farey. The speeches of Bailey and Farey were the best of the whole evening. St. Patrick's carried the second motion, the best speaker being their leader, Murphy.

The ninth and final debate was held on the evening of Friday, November 24th. The two prizes donated by Father Rector were at stake, and all the best speakers of the year were at the table. The motion was, "That the Russian Alliance was a fatal blunder of Britain and the United States." It was defended by Clive Bailey (leader), Peter Coleman, Kevin Silk and Gregory Dening. In opposition were Paul Willy (leader), Maurice Farey, John Webb and Bruce O'Conor. We were fortunate in having with us, acting in the capacity of adjudicator, Fr. Quigley, S.J., whose interest in the junior debators of St. Patrick's we had discovered some weeks earlier at our first inter-school debate for some years. He chose as the best speaker of the evening, and so of the year, Kevin Silk, who thus won the prize for the second time. The prize for the most improved speaker went to Maurice Farey, whose wit had enlivened every debate during the year. Some exchanges, call them cross-examining or brow-beating as you will, between Maurice and Clive Bailey were a demonstration of how bad causes can be defended by a man armed with nothing but unlimited "nerve."

Peter Coleman deserves the sympathy of all; for the second year in succession he was runner-up for the best speaker prize, and this year his speech was quite extraordinary. Had it not been a little "off the point," perhaps Kevin Silk might have had to cede place to a consummate orator. Clive Bailey, a natural orator and politician, and Paul Willy were both good enough to win the prize against normal opponents. I hope that we are not rash in asserting that the oratorical talents of Kevin Silk and Peter Coleman are quite above the average.

During the year fifty boys of Second Division were given the opportunity to speak in public at meetings of the Junior Debating Society. To them, and to those who were not able to speak, the credit for the success of the debating year is due. Success is assured when so many boys are enthusiastic for a phase of school life which is not always popular with growing boys. The Society takes this opportunity to thank Father Rector for his patronage and continuous encouragement, Fr. Mon-tague, Fr. Smith and Mr. Gilchrist for their presence and support, and also Eldon J. Hogan, whose presence and encourage-ment, silent but real, was noticed several times during the year.

The Air Training Corps

By G. Kennedy and John Pedley.

The activities of the Xavier Flight of No. 15 Squadron A.T.C. this year were many and varied. They included participation in the Anzac Day ceremony at the School, at which the flight was addressed by Group-Capt. John Ryland, D.F.C., an Old Boy; attendance at camps at Sale in May, and Ballarat in August; and, together with other A.T.C. units, marching at the Youth Rally, in which about 80 cadets took part.

The Tuesday parades this year were taken up with either drill or Morse, and the Friday parades with Aircraft Recognition. The drill instructor was a member of the R.A.A.F., and the flight attained a high standard of excellence, as was seen at the various functions in which it participated.

We obtained valuable instruction in Morse from F/O Robieson and other R.A.A.F. officers, to whom our thanks are due. We are especially grateful to Flt/Lt. Muir, of C.B.C. Parade Flight for his very interesting and instructive series of lectures on Aircraft and Ship Recognition.

At the other Instructional Parades, Mr.
Gilchrist afforded valuable assistance by teaching the technical subjects up to Proficiency Standard.

The camp at East Sale was a novel experience for most of the cadets who attended it and, taking place in May, it was a week out of the holidays well spent. Sale was a particularly happy choice for us, as the O.C., Group-Captain John Ryland, and the Adjutant, Fit/Lieut. Des. Kennedy are both Old Xaverians. We were very hospitably received by the R.A.A.F. men, and in a conducted tour, saw everything that was to be seen on the station, each cadet having a "flip," which was a new thrill for most. We were also shown over the Air Gunnery School at West Sale, and this proved to be most interesting. Altogether, this taste of camp life was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The A.T.C. camp for the May vacation was held at No. 1 Wireless Air Gunners' School, Ballarat. The 5-day camp was attended by 50 cadets, including boys from other flights. Cadets followed a five-day course on the lines of the course followed by Air Crew trainees.

Classes consisted of Morse code, aircraft recognition and lectures by returned Air Gunnery Officers on operations over Burma, Europe and North Australia. The "main" feature of the camp was the fact that each cadet received at least one hour's flying. Others, who were lucky, received more.

From the camp, we obtained a good idea of conditions of life in the R.A.A.F. The cadets are greatly indebted to Flt/Lt. Muir, who commanded the flight and who was always ready to give advice and information.

The Cadet Corps

The beginning of the year saw the Commanding Officer, Captain J. P. Smith, and the Adjutant, Lieutenant J. J. McAreevay, again organising the detachment for the year's work. They are being assisted this year by an Old Xaverian newcomer to the staff, whom we must congratulate upon his commission, Lieutenant H. G. King. His work as Quartermaster is an exacting task, which he has carried out efficiently. A good number of recruits joined the detachment this year, bringing our strength to just under 150.

We congratulate Cdt. Lieuts. T. Spring, A. Troup, R. Bisshop, and D. Dooley on their commissions, and C.S.M. B. Lyons, Sgts. P. Jorgensen, G. M. Larkin, R. Bowler, and J. McCarthy on their promotions. The Corps this year were P. Trost, L. Jabara, A. Lewis, J. Collins, J. Hehir, E. Hayes, R. Britten-Jones, G. Awburn, A. Brady, R. D. Moore, K. Jenkins, and K. Owen. We were sorry to lose Cdt. Lieut. G. Norris, who left school at the end of first term to join the Navy.

First term's work moulded the detachment into a unit, and that work was completed by the annual camp held during the May holidays. The camp this year was held at Rowville, near Dandenong, at the permanent military site there. The situation was ideal, and combined with sympathetic weather conditions to give us the most enjoyable camp we have yet had. Our instructors were keen and used their experience gleaned from overseas, in the Middle East and New Guinea to give us a well planned, comprehensive training in weapon handling as well as active field exercises. W.O's. Nankervis, Cooper and Harmer, with Sgts. Stevens, Wearne, Marsden and James were the Army Instructors responsible for the extremely able training carried out. A great deal of equipment was obtained for the camp, including Brens, Vickers, Owen and Austen sub-machine guns, 2in. mortar, respirators, grenades, and, of course, .303 rifle and bayonet.

During the course of the camp we were visited by several distinguished Army Officers. A guard was turned out and inspected by Major-General C. A. Clowes, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C., Vic. L. of C. Area, when he arrived to inspect the camp. With him were Col. Lee, Col. McGuire, Major Lemon, Staff Officer, Senior Cadets and Major Cartwright, O.C. Geelong Grammar Cadet Detachment, as well as other officers. The General toured the camp area and expressed himself very pleased with the active, progressive training which he saw. He was particularly interested in the miniature range, which saw a great deal of activity during our stay. All cadets were given a chance to use their .310 rifles, while the senior cadets fired the Owen and Austen sub-machine guns. A whole day was spent at the open range, firing Brens, Vickers, rifles .310 and .303 at the conclusion of which a demonstration of the fire power of a section was given.

During one night of the camp, Lieut.
Boles Slaweski came out and organized a night manoeuvre, which lasted for three hours, and provided good experience for all. A different manoeuvre was staged by W.O. Nankervis several nights later.

Our thanks are due to the O.C. Camp Area who was constantly helpful to us, and the messing staff deserve high praise for the meals which were really excellent.

The syllabus, as planned by Capt. Smith, was adhered to strictly. It provided a good course of instruction, and was supplemented by the screening of several training films, shown by Sgt. Beck, A.W.A.S., of the Visual Training section, and by the Department of Information, through Mr. Banfield, whom we thank.

Immediately after this camp several of our cadets left for the specialist courses at Watsonia, and received instruction in Signals, Artillery, and A.A.M.C. work. All qualified, and some obtained distinguished passes. A signals wing was formed and worked well during the parades of second and third terms, under L./Cpl. C. Parker.

Our own miniature rifle range has seen much activity this year, with the cadets shooting for the Lewis Cup, the prize for the best shot of the year. The cup is a magnificent one, and our thanks are due to Mrs. J. P. Lewis, the donor. It will be kept for perpetual competition, with the winner's name for each year inscribed on a shield at its base. A smaller cup resting on crossed rifles will be presented to the winner and be kept by him.

The four platoons vie with each other for the Pawson Cup, presented to the best platoon for the year. Marks are allotted at each parade upon the standard of marching, drill, discipline and general efficiency.

The detachment took part in public marches three times during the year, first on Anzac Day at the School, then through the city in support of the War Loan, and then at the Catholic Youth Rally at Xavier in third term.

On Anzac Day the detachment parades for the Requiem Mass for the souls of old boys killed in this war and the last. After the mass the detachment paraded in the hall on account of the weather. On the dais with Father Rector were Lieut.-Col. R. Dowden, and Group-Capt. J. Ryland, with his Adjutant, Ft. Lt. D. Kennedy. The Last Post was sounded and the detachment was addressed by the two old boys first mentioned.

At every march of the detachment nothing has helped more to maintain the high standard of marching than the Band. Under the able leadership of Cpl. G. B. Kelly, it has been brought to a really creditable standard and has been indispensable on route marches. The band was instructed for a time by a professional drummer and bugler, Mr. Brassey Allen.

During the year the N.C.O's. were issued with .303 rifles and bayonets in lieu of their .310. An Aircraft Recognition class was held with the A.T.C, and Cpl. J. Hehir topped the examination list with 96 per cent. The library of text books has been controlled efficiently during the year by Cpl. K. Owen.

A.G.R.O. from H.Q. has given a long needed stimulus to cadet training by ordering that in future cadet lieutenants on leaving school will be placed on the reserve of officers for a period of not longer than five years. If during that time one is called up or enters the army, he is automatically passed into an O.C.T.U. upon completion of his recruit training, where he goes through an officers' training course, and if successful, is immediately commissioned.

This year will be the last for many of us in the Cadets, and it seems as if it will be the last for our O.C. Capt. J. P. Smith. Always at his post as Commanding Officer, he constantly helped, encouraged, informed and planned for us. His unflagging interest inspired us to rise above ourselves to greater efforts, and I am merely expressing the feelings of all of us when I say that he could not have done more for us and the detachment than he has done. It seems likely also that the Adjutant, Lieut. J. J. McAreeavey will be leaving us this year, and to him we are also very grateful for his constant interest in the detachment, for to him we are also very grateful for his constant interest in the detachment, for his maintaining the discipline of correct dress by his regular inspections, and above all for his hard work during camp.

Cadet Lieut. R. BISSHOP.

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MARCHING IN OPEN ORDER.

SWINGING THROUGH THE BUSH NEAR THE CAMP.

MAJ.-GEN. CLOWES INSPECTS THE GUARD.

MARCHING IN OPEN ORDER.
THE AIR TRAINING CORPS.  


"What I Want Out of Life"

Life is very alarming, for when I review my joys and sorrows, my hopes and disappointments in the fifteen short years I have lived, I feel there has been something missing. I have not known what I wanted out of this strange period. So now, at what might be called "this tender age." I shall decide what it is I want out of the remaining years God has allotted to me.

I realise that in the turmoil of life, immediately after school, I shall have to fight for what I want. At the University, no doubt, I shall enter my name for admittance into the faculty of Medicine, and shall endeavour to become a doctor. However, I intend to follow not merely one branch of learning, but shall seek a wide, general education, in order that I may not become so engrossed in my profession that I shall not have the taste for good reading, or the theatre, and other such pleasures.

To ensure a wider outlook and valuable experience, I want to travel to the continent, and see what there is to be seen, and learn what there is to be learnt from the Americans and the great men of Europe.

I want to get somewhere and try to distinguish myself in my profession, not for the sake of wealth, but rather for the satisfaction of having achieved a worth-while aim. In my childish dreams I imagine my name with a string of letters after it, with perhaps even a knighthood accredited to me.

Pleasure and fame are not the only things I want, for to serve God well, I realise, necessitates hardships and moral courage. I want the strength and courage to bear my share of hardships and sorrow, whether that share be large or small.

Now I know what I want out of life—peace of mind, happiness, the happiness which comes from following out to a successful finish the vocation which God has given me. This happiness I can increase "by doing unto others as I would that they should do to me." I have never in my short life seen a charitable person who has been unhappy. The main reason for this, I think, is that charitable people are happy because they know that by being charitable they are making others happy, and hence cannot themselves fail to be happy.

I shall always hold in the back of my mind those words of Shakespears: "Life is but a passing shadow," and those even more true words of Our Lord, so often quoted by Ignatius Loyola: "what doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul." Not that I should be ever likely to gain the whole world, still the thought is a good antidote to "vaulting ambition."

I may succeed in life or I may be a failure. The years to come will decide. Still, one thing I can determine: failure must not be from want of trying.

"A short life in the saddle, Lord, not an age by the fire."

—Leaving Pass.
Captain: Brendan Lyons.
Vice-Captain: R. Bowler.
Committeeman: J. Collins.

XAVIER COLLEGE v. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
(Played at Melbourne Grammar, 5th and 6th March)
We played our first Public School match of the season against Melbourne Grammar. The weather was fine and Lyons, our Captain, decided to bat on a good wicket. Collins and Smyth opened the innings, but Smyth lost his wicket when the score was 1. K. Gorman came in next, but lost his wicket to Potter for 7. After this the wickets fell quickly when Street came on to bowl. A short last wicket stand was made by Jorgen-sen and Noonan, which brought the score to 29.

Bedford and Wenzel opened for Grammar, but Wenzel lost his wicket when the score was only 15. When Molyneux, the Captain, came in to bat we were treated to some lively cricket. The score mounted quickly, and at the end of the day's play Grammar were 3 for 135.

Next day Molyneux continued to bat splendidly, and brought his score to 152. At lunch time, Grammar declared. They had scored 280 runs for the loss of five wickets.

After lunch we went in to bat with over 150 runs to make. Ill luck set in at the beginning. The ball hit the shoulder of Smyth's bat and he was caught in slips. Wickets fell rapidly till Kennedy came in to bat. He rallied our forces a little and made 18. The other wickets fell very rapidly and we finished with only 54 runs to our credit.

We congratulate J. Molyneux, the Grammar Captain, on his score of 152 and his fine display of batting, and Street on his splendid bowling, for he took 5 wickets for 9 runs.

XAVIER COLLEGE, FIRST INNINGS.
J. Collins, c. McMullin. b. Potter 5
K. Smyth, b. Potter 1
K. Gorman, b. Street 7
J. Niall, c. J. Molyneux, b. Street 1
C. Kennedy, std. J. Molyneux, b. Street 9
R. Bowler, c. Wenzel, b. Street 2
B. Leonard, b. P. Molyneux 1
B. Lyons, c. Holten, b. Street 1
J. Prendergast, l.b.w., b. P. Molyneux 7
F. Noonan, not out 2
Extras 7
Total 29
Fall of Wickets.—1/5, 2/10, 3/15, 4/15, 5/16, 6/17, 7/19, 8/19, 9/29.

XAVIER COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.
J. Collins, b. Potter 5
F. Smyth, c. Bedford, b. Potter 6
K. Gorman, c. Bedford, b. Potter 9
J. Niall, b. Bedford 2
G. Kennedy, std. J. Molyneux, b. Street 18
P. Jorgen-sen, b. Bedford 4
R. Noonan, l.b.w., b. Bedford 1
R. Bowler, b. J. Molyneux, b. Street 1
J. Prendergast, b. McMullin 8
B. Leonard, not out 2
Extras 5
Total 280
Fall of Wickets.—1/1, 2/4, 3/7, 4/10, 5/13, 6/17, 7/19, 8/35, 9/52.

BOWLING.
O. M. R. W.
Lyons 8 2 9 2
Bedford 7 2 9 2
Street 7 1 9 9
P. Molyneux 6 3 6 3
MELBOURNE GRAMMAR, FIRST INNINGS.
D. A. Bedford, l.b.w., b. Jorgen-sen 24
G. C. Wenzel, c. Lyons 1
J. Molyneux, b. Kennedy 152
C V. Holten, c. Niall, b. Kennedy 19
E. W. Hart, not out 54
Extras 5
Total (declared), 5 for 280
Fall of Wickets.—1/15, 2/48, 3/102, 4/146, 5/280.

XAVIER COLLEGE v. GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
(Played at Xavier, 11th March)
We lost the toss and opened the innings on a sticky wicket. Collins and Smyth were our first men in, and lost both of their wickets for only 9 runs. K. Gorman, J. Niall and G. Kennedy made some stand, and collected 32 runs between them. The remaining wickets fell quickly and all were out for only 46 runs.

Geelong opened their innings on an improved wicket, and got going early, despite the fact that they lost their first three wickets for 20 runs. Howard, Austin, Barnett and Morris all played forceful cricket and put Geelong into the position of being able to declare at 7 wickets for 169 runs, and of hoping for an outright win.

In our second innings, wickets fell cheaply and rapidly, and we scored only 42 runs.

XAVIER COLLEGE, FIRST INNINGS.
J. Collins, c. McMullin. b. Potter 3
F. Smyth, b. Sterling 0
K. Gorman, b. Connell 7
J. Niall, c, b. Connell 10
G. Kennedy, c, b. Connell 15
R. Bowler, std., b. Sterling 1
B. Lyons, c. b. ConneTT 4
J. Prendergast, b. Brodribb 2
B. Leonard, not out 0
P. Jorgensen, c. and b. Brodribb 1
A. Gorman, c, b. Brodribb 1
Extras 7
Total 46
Fall of Wickets.—1/1, 2/4, 3/7, 4/10, 5/31, 6/38, 7/39, 8/45, 9/46.

BOWLING.
O. M. R. W.
Potter 8 2 9 3
Bedford 7 2 9 3
Street 7 1 9 9
P. Molyneux 6 3 6 3
McMullins 1.5 0 8 1
Potter bowled 2 no balls.

XAVIER COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.
J. Collins, c, b. Sterling 3
F. Smyth, b. Sterling 0
K. Gorman, b. Connell 9
J. Niall, c. b. ConneTT 10
G. Kennedy, c. b. Connell 15
R. Bowler, std., b. Sterling 1
B. Lyons, c. b. Connell 4
J. Prendergast, c b. Brodribb 2
B. Leonard, not out 0
P. Jorgensen, c. and b. Brodribb 1
A. Gorman, c. b. Brodribb 1
Extras 7
Total 46
Fall of Wickets.—1/1, 2/8, 3/20, 4/26, 5/31, 6/38, 7/39, 8/45, 9/46.

Melbourne Grammar won outright by an innings and 197 runs.

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BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Connell .................................. 10 3 12 4
Sterling .................................. 13 1 17 5
Morris .................................... 1 1 1 1
Brodrrib .................................. 3 1 8 3
Connell bowled 1 wide and 2 no balls; Sterling bowled 3 no balls.

GEELONG GRAMMAR, FIRST INNINGS.

J. Brodrrib, b. Lyons 0
G. Mackay, c. Leonard, b. Lyons 14
S. Austin, c. K. Gorman, b. Jorgensen 35
L. Lie, c. Bowler, b. Lyons 0
R. Howard, c. Leonard, b. Jorgensen 10
J. Barnott, not out 89
I. Ross, c. K. Gorman, b. Kennedy 8
P. Morris, c. K. Gorman, b. Kennedy 45
G. Cameron, not out 3
Extras 6
Total 169

Fall of Wickets.—1/13, 2/20, 3/20, 4/65, 5/73, 6/85, 7/146.

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Lyons .................................. 11 2 27 3
Kennedy .................................. 5 — 32 1
Jorgensen .................................. 13 — 80 3
Lesnard ................................. 2 — 8 —
Smyth ................................. 2 — 7 —
Niall ................................. 1 — 9 —
Lyons, Smyth, Niall bowled one wide each.

XAVIER COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.

J. Collins, c. Howard, b. Connell 0
F. Smyth, c. Morris, b. Connell 0
K. Gorman, b. Ross 12
J. Niall, b. Connell 14
R. Bowler, b. Ross 27
G. Jorgensen, c. B. Leonard, b. Brodrrib 3
P. Jorgensen, b. Connell 1
J. Prendergast, std. b. Sterling 0
B. Leonard, not out 0
A. Gorman, c. Cameron, b. Sterling 0
Extras 7
Total 42

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Lyons .................................. 11 4 32 2
Kennedy .................................. 10.5 — 41 5
Jorgensen ............................... 10 1 39 2
Leonard ................................. 5 1 22 1
Bowler ................................. 4 — 24 1
Lyons bowled one wide and Leonard one no ball.

WESLEY COLLEGE, FIRST INNINGS.

J. Collins, b. Walsh 2
K. Gorman, b. Eyres 0
J. Niall, b. Walsh 0
F. Smyth, lbw, b. Eyres 0
G. Kennedy, lbw, b. Eyres 0
F. Smyth, not out 8
A. Brady, not out 6
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
P. Noonan, std. b. Coy 0
B. Leonard, b. Eyres 0
P. Bowler, c. and b. Bickford 0
P. Jorgensen, c. and b. Bickford 0
Extras 5
Total 38

Fall of Wickets.—1/2, 2/2, 3/6, 4/11, 5/22, 6/22, 7/23, 8/29, 9/32.

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Wesley secured an outright win with 205 runs in hand.

WESLEY COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.

J. Collins, b. Walsh 2
K. Gorman, b. Eyres 0
J. Niall, b. Walsh 0
F. Smyth, lbw, b. Eyres 0
G. Kennedy, lbw, b. Eyres 0
F. Smyth, not out 8
A. Brady, not out 6
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
P. Noonan, std. b. Coy 0
B. Leonard, b. Eyres 0
P. Bowler, c. and b. Bickford 0
P. Jorgensen, c. and b. Bickford 0
Extras 5
Total 38

Fall of Wickets.—1/7, 2/9, 3/24, 4/52, 5/64, 6/64, 7/101, 8/125, 9/155.

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Lyon ................................. 13 3 25 1
Kennedy ................................. 10.5 — 42 5
Jorgensen ............................... 10 1 39 2
Leonard ................................. 5 1 22 1
Bowler ................................. 4 — 24 1
Lyons bowled one wide and Leonard one no ball.

XAVIER COLLEGE, FIRST INNINGS.

J. Collins, b. Walsh 2
K. Gorman, b. Eyres 0
J. Niall, b. Walsh 0
F. Smyth, lbw, b. Eyres 0
G. Kennedy, lbw, b. Eyres 0
F. Smyth, not out 8
A. Brady, not out 6
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
P. Noonan, std. b. Coy 0
B. Leonard, b. Eyres 0
P. Bowler, c. and b. Bickford 0
P. Jorgensen, c. and b. Bickford 0
Extras 5
Total 38

Fall of Wickets.—1/1, 2/6, 3/16, 4/54.

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Walsh ................................. 8 4 8 3
Eyres ................................. 8 3 13 3
Bickford ............................. 3 — 13 3
Coy ................................. 1 — 1 1

WESLEY COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.

J. Collins, b. Walsh 2
K. Gorman, b. Eyres 0
J. Niall, b. Walsh 0
F. Smyth, lbw, b. Eyres 0
G. Kennedy, lbw, b. Eyres 0
F. Smyth, not out 8
A. Brady, not out 6
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
B. Lyons, c. and b. Walsh 0
P. Noonan, std. b. Coy 0
B. Leonard, b. Eyres 0
P. Bowler, c. and b. Bickford 0
P. Jorgensen, c. and b. Bickford 0
Extras 5
Total 38

Fall of Wickets.—1/1, 2/6, 3/16, 4/54.

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Lyon ................................. 11 4 32 2
Kennedy ................................. 8 — 41 1
Jorgensen ............................... 5 1 34 1
Leonard ................................. 1 — 12 1
Gorman ................................. 1 — 10 0
Bowler ................................. 1 — 9 0

XAVIER COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.

T. Collins, lbw, b. Bickford 0
F. Smyth, c. Coore, b. Walsh 0
K. Gorman, c. Eyres, b. Bickford 0
J. Niall, lbw, b. Eyres 0
G. Kennedy, c. Webster, b. Eyres 15
A. Kennedy, lbw, b. Eyres 0

(Played at Xavier, 17th-18th March)

We won the toss and sent Wesley in to bat. The first three wickets fell cheaply and produced only 24 runs. Ponsford, Bickford, Webster and Waldron all played good hands, but we managed with the help of Kennedy, who took 5 wickets for 42 runs, to put them all out for 155 runs.

K. Gorman and Collins opened for Xavier, but were unequal to the attack of Walsh and Eyres. None of the others fared much better, except Smyth, who made 10 not out, and the whole side only collected 38 runs. The bowling of Walsh, Eyres and Bickford was very accurate. They secured 8 wickets between them.

Wesley went in again and we began well by taking three of their wickets for 16 runs before lunch. After lunch, however, Moore and Bickford and Eyres made big scores and Wesley declared with 4 wickets down for 144 runs.

We went in for our second innings with over 260 runs to make in three hours. Our first two wickets fell in runs and after that in quick succession, except for Kennedy and Lyons, who made 15 and 16 respectively.

Wesley secured an outright win with 205 runs in hand.
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XLVII.

XAVIER COLLEGE v. GEELONG COLLEGE.
(Played at Xavier, 25th March)

Lyons won the toss and sent Geelong in to bat. Marshall and Woodward opened and made a first innings partnership of 129 runs. Both of these batted forcibly, and Marshall made 53 and Woodward 82. The next two batsmen also made good scores, and with five wickets down Geelong declared, having made 227 runs.

Collins and Brady opened for Xavier. Collins lost his wicket when 6 runs had been scored, and Brady went when we were 14. K. Gorman came in 4th and made 16, but was caught shortly after. Smyth came in and stayed on until Lyons bowled McDonald, and Kennedy was caught behind after making 14, and then Scotch collapsed, only making the total score 87.

Fall of Wickets.—1/129, 2/141, 3/200, 4/204, 5/224.

Total (declared), 3 for 170 runs.

Fall of Wickets.—1/1, 2/117, 3/168, 4/170.

XAVIER COLLEGE v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.
(Played at Scotch College, 31st March, 1st April).

Xavier met Scotch in the last round of P.S. cricket on the 31st March. Lyons won the toss and decided to bat on a good wicket.

Noonan opened the batting with Collins, and between them they put up the best first wicket partnership of the year before Noonan was caught. Niall came in next and was bowled by Fitchett. Gorman suffered a like fate shortly after. Smyth came in and stayed to see Collins and Kennedy depart, the score then being 5 for 87. Then followed a stand during which Smyth made 29, and the next wicket fell at 73. Smyth was caught shortly after, and then the team collapsed, only making the total score 87.

Fall of Wickets—1/6, 2/14, 3/26, 4/29, 5/41, 6/45, 7/65, 8/119, 9/129.

BOYING.

O. M. R. W.

Lyons 16 1 52 —
Kennedy 16 — 52 —
Gorman 2 — 25 —
Jorgensen 10 — 53 —
Boyle 2 — 9 —
Niall 2 — 45 —
Total 5 for 170.

BOYING.

O. M. R. W.

Lyons 12 3 38 2
Woodward, 14 — 30 5
Opie, 3 — 23 1
Marshall 21 — 16 1
Rowe, 3 — 7 1
McKindlay, 3 — 9 2
Total 170.

XAVIER COLLEGE, SECOND INNINGS.

J. Collins, c. Burleigh, b. Poole, 1
A. Brady, c. Burleigh, b. Poole, 2
K. Gorman, c. Mitchellhill, b. McKindlay, 10
P. Smyth, not out, 4
G. Kennedy, c. McIndlay, b. Poole, 3
B. Lyons, hit wkt., b. McKindlay, 4
J. Prendergast, not out, 1
Extras, 1
Total, 170.

THE XI.

THE UNDER 15's.
Back Row (L-R).—B. Marsh, B. Smith, P. Gleson, R. McNamara, K. Hassett, B. Murphy.
Front Row (L-R).—G. Brady, Bren. Dooley, B. McCarthy (capt.), P. Smith, J. Menadue.
THE UNDER 13's.

Front Row (L-R).—P. Lyons, A. Prendergast, J. Callander (capt.), K. Smith, G. Dening.

THE UNDER 14's.

Front Row (L-R).—J. Coleman, P. Lyons, N. Bradford (capt.), P. Conlan, J. Cameron.
Junior Cricket

Since the purpose of junior cricket at Xavier is rather to give the moral and physical development which cricket is so suited to give than to encourage the competitive spirit, which is perhaps too prominent in Australian sport, the success of 1944's cricket should not be computed from results of matches. That the boys have derived benefit for body and character from taking part, as all do, in practice, in colour matches and in matches with other schools, we are sure. The large number of younger boys at the senior school this year made it possible to have regular Under 13 matches, and the zeal of these younger boys promises well for the future of Xavier cricket.

But let it not be thought that we underestimate the value of the winning of matches. The Under 15 and Under 14 teams showed good promise, and their successes would have been even better were it not that the system of "time matches" discriminates against the slower scoring side.

Two centuries were scored in matches against other schools. Brian McCarthy, captain of the Under 15 team, made 102, not out, against St. Patrick's in the first term; and Ian Guthridge, vice-captain of the Under 14's, smashed his way to 110 (scoring nine "sixers") in about 70 minutes against Melbourne Grammar in the last match of the year. That others were not equally successful is not due to any lack of talent but, and the point is worth notice, to a lack of confidence which seems to have worked into the fibre of every cricket team in the school. When it has been dispelled, and it will be dispelled by the winning of matches, the future of Xavier cricket will be bright.

Fall of Wickets.—1/10, 2/11, 3/20, 4/48, 5/48, 6/48, 7/52, 8/58, 9/64.

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.
K. Don 9 3 10 6
M. Fitchett 12 1 8 1
R. Hardie 2 1 10 1

Fitchett bowled two no-balls.

Scotch won by an innings and 19 runs.

MATCHES PLAYED.

Under 15.
12/2/44 v. Scotch. Lost, 61 to 125.
11/11/44 v. Wesley. Lost, 4 for 61 to all out for 132.

Under 14.
12/2/44 v. Scotch. Lost, 20 and 6 for 108 to 165.
19/2/44 v. Melbourne Grammar. Lost, 72 to 7 for 100.
26/2/44 v. Wesley. Lost, 62 to 112.
4/3/44 v. Melbourne Grammar. Won, 82 to 73.
1/4/44 v. Scotch. Lost, 109 to 104.
25/11/44 v. Melbourne Grammar. Won, 4 for 180 to 60.

TEAMS.

The Under 15's were represented by the following: B. McCarthy (C), B. Dooley, G. Brady, B. Marsh, P. Smith, J. Menadue, P. Gleeson, L. Lefebvre, D. Riggall, R. McNamara, K. Hassett, H. Meredith, B. Smith, G. Winter.

The Under 14's were represented by the following: N. Bradford (C), I. Guthridge, M. Cosgriff, B. Leech, J. Coleman, P. Conlan, J. Sullivan, P. Quin, J. Callander, J. Ziebarth, J. Herd, J. Cameron, P. Lyons, R. Friend, T. Poynton.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Under 15: B. McCarthy.
Under 14: I. Guthridge.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Under 15: M. Cosgriff.
Under 14: M. Cosgriff.
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By Brian McClusky.

Captain: Brian McClusky.
Vice-captain: G. Larkin.
Committeeman: G. Kennedy.

At the beginning of the year prospects were not bright for a successful season; there were only five back from last year—Dawson, Kennedy, Lyons, McClusky, and Williams. There were others who had played in one or two matches, but on the whole the team was composed of "new" players. B. McClusky was elected captain, G. Larkin vice-captain, and G. Kennedy committee.

Mr. Dave McNamara, who took over the coaching a few weeks before the Public School matches, and Father Van Prooyen welded the side into a formidable combination, which became stronger as the year progressed, and, although we won only one P.S. match, the team laid the foundation for more successful seasons in the near future.

There were three trophies awarded this year—the Norman Abbott for the best and fairest throughout the year was won by Brian McClusky; the Swannee Trophy for the best player over the period of five Public School matches was won by John Williams. There was a Noonan Trophy awarded for the best player in each Public School match. This trophy could only be won once by any one player. The winners were as follows:—Against Scotch, W. Hill; Geelong College, K. Gorman; Wesley College, B. McClusky; Geelong Grammar, G. Kennedy; Melbourne Grammar, J. Ralph.

We wish to thank most sincerely the donors of these trophies.

In the Public School team selected to play Duntroon we had three representatives—G. Kennedy, B. McClusky, J. Williams—each of whom played exceptionally well. It was a hard, exciting game, and was won by the Public School team.

Scores:—P.S., 19 goals 14 behinds; Duntroon, 12 goals 13 behinds.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Melbourne Grammar on their fine performance in winning the Championship.

Points:—Melbourne Grammar, 20; Scotch College, 16; Wesley College, 12; Geelong Grammar, 12; Xavier College, 4; Geelong College, 0.

At the end of the season football colours were awarded to B. McClusky, P. Jorgensen, E. Hayes, B. Lyons, G. Kennedy, R. Bowler, K. Adams, K. Gorman, P. Eves, J. Williams, J. Ralph, W. Hill, F. Noonan, B. Curtis.

Xavier College v. Scotch College.
(Played at Xavier, 1st July.)

Backs: P. Eves, J. Williams, F. Noonan.
Half-backs: P. Jorgensen, B. Curtis, W. Hill.
Followers: G. Kennedy, C. Dawson, G. Larkin.

The weather was ideal for football when Xavier and Scotch took the field for the first match of the 1944 season.

Scotch won the toss and kicked towards the Barker's Road goal.

For the first ten minutes or more Scotch tried repeatedly to break through our back line, but the backs, Williams and Hill in particular, playing splendidly, drove them out. However, Scotch, not to be denied, pressed home their attacks and added goal after goal, whilst their backs kept our forwards down to very few goals. At half-time Scotch had a lead of over 6 goals.

In the second half the game was of a much higher standard, and was more even, but still the Scotch back line overpowered our forwards. At the other end the backs were playing splendidly, but could not stop the Scotch forwards from slowly adding to their score, so that when the final bell rang Scotch had a lead of over 12 goals.

The team is to be congratulated on the fine spirit it showed in refusing to admit defeat, and fighting back stubbornly against a bigger team, the game being much more even than the score suggests.

Final Scores:—Scotch College, 23 goals 21 behinds; Xavier College, 11 goals 10 behinds.

Best Players.—Williams, Hill, Ralph, Jorgensen, Noonan, Larkin, Gorman.

Xavier College v. Geelong College.
(Played at Xavier, 6th July.)

Backs: P. Eves, J. Williams, F. Noonan.
Half-backs: P. Jorgensen, B. Curtis, W. Hill.
Centres: A. Hollister, K. Gorman, R. Bowler.
Forwards: E. Hayes, B. Lyons, J. Ralph.
Followers: G. Larkin, G. Kennedy, J. Prendergast.

Geelong College won the toss and kicked towards the Barker's Road goal, aided by a strong wind.

In the first quarter College forwards scored 6 goals 4 behinds; they were very accurate, and played extremely well; whilst their backs stopped us from scoring.

In the second quarter our forwards had numerous opportunities, but their kicking was astray. We scored 4 goals 10 behinds, and at half-time we were still
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7 points in arrears. Geelong scored 1 point for the quarter. After half-time Geelong began with a brilliant burst, and scored 3 goals in about five minutes. However, our backs rallied, and with Williams and Noonan playing extremely well, allowed College only one more goal for the remainder of the quarter. We scored only 1 point in this quarter, and at three-quarter time the scores were: 10 goals 9 behinds to 4 goals 11 behinds.

Nearly 6 goals behind, we faced the last quarter determined to wipe out the deficit. Three quick goals heartened us, but also made the College backs steadier. Play was all on our forward line, with our score mounting gradually. We drew level, then another goal, and the game looked to be won. But Geelong came again, but brilliant defence by our backs frustrated their efforts, and when the final bell rang, we were 9 points in front.

Scores:—Xavier College, 10 goals 19 behinds; Geelong College, 10 goals 10 behinds.

Best Players.—Gorman, Williams, Noonan, Kennedy, McClusky. The Noonan Trophy and the vote for the Swannee Trophy were awarded to K. Gorman.

Xavier College v. Wesley College.

(Played at Wesley, 15th July.)

Backs: E. Hayes, P. Jorgensen, F. Noonan.

Half-backs: P. Eves, J. Williams, W. Hill.

Centres: R. Bowler, B. McClusky, K. Gorman.


Followers: G. Kennedy, T. Spring, G. Larkin.

Conditions were ideal for football, when Wesley won the toss and kicked towards the school end. Receiving unnecessary free kicks, Wesley quickly ratted on a few goals, whilst their backs practically stopped our forwards from scoring, their task being made much easier by our forwards crowding too much. In the second quarter we had more of the play, but could not make full advantage of the opportunities. At half-time Wesley led by over six goals.

The third quarter produced the best football. Again we had more of the play and more opportunities than Wesley, but failed to make full advantage of them, despite superiority across the centre and at half-back.

In the last quarter Wesley played good football and went further ahead, their backs practically stopping our forwards from scoring, their task being made easier by Curtis and Eves. Play was all on our forward line. At half-time Wesley led by nearly ten goals.

In the last quarter the team showed some of their real form, and by using plenty of weight made the game quite interesting. Their task was hopeless, but at no time did they give in or acknowledge defeat.

Scores:—Geelong Grammar, 21 goals 14 behinds; Xavier College, 5 goals 7 behinds.

Best Players.—Kennedy, Curtis, Williams, Gorman, Smyth. G. Kennedy was awarded the Noonan Trophy and the vote for the Swannee Trophy.

Xavier College v. Melbourne Grammar School.

(Played at Xavier, 4th August.)

Backs: P. Eves, J. Williams, F. Noonan.


Centres: R. Bowler, B. McClusky, K. Gorman.


Followers: G. Kennedy, T. Spring, R. Donovan.

We took the field against Grammar determined to end the season with a victory. Grammar won the toss and kicked with a slight breeze towards the pavilion end. Throughout the first half of the game play was very even, with weight being used unsparingly. Our forwards failed to make full use of their opportunities, and Grammar forwards found it difficult to score, due to the solid defence of our back line. At half-time Grammar led by five goals.

The second half produced the best football. Grammar went further ahead but at no time did they have complete mastery. Their forwards were combining much better than ours, so that half-way through the last quarter they had built up such a great lead that our position was hopeless. Still the team never gave in, and fought hard until the final bell. It was a gruelling game, plenty of weight being used by both sides. In his first game at full forward Smyth kicked five goals, and is to be congratulated on his fine effort.

Scores:—Melbourne Grammar School, 18 goals 19 behinds; Xavier College, 8 goals 9 behinds.

Best Players.—McClusky, Kennedy, Smyth, Williams, Ralph, and Gorman. J. Ralph was awarded the Noonan Trophy. B. McClusky was awarded the vote for the Swannee Trophy.

Junior Football.

After several practice matches at the beginning of the second term, elections were held for the Under 16's and the 2nd XVIII, with the following results:

Under 16's.—Captain, B. Leonard; Vice-Captain, F. Ridgeway; Committeeman, R. Donovan.

2nd XVIII—Captain, G. Norris; Vice-Captain, J. Fennell; Committeeman, A. Lewis.

The two teams trained together a good deal this year, and most of their matches were played as a combined Under 16-2nd XVIII team. A summary of the matches played is given:—
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(a) 2nd XVIII. and Under 16 Combined:—
26/4/44—v. St. Bede's College, 24—33 to 2—0. Won.
7/6/44—v. Carey Grammar (1sts), 5—3 to 6—10. Lost.
19/7/44—v. Swinburne Tech. (1sts), 1—2 to 11—11. Lost.

(b) Under 16’s:—
21/6/44—v. Trinity Grammar, 12—8 to 1—2. Won.

Under 15.

TEAMS.


The Under 15A's began the season with a fairly strong contingent of last year's Under 14's. We were fortunate in our new boys, finding both our rovers and many other key men among them. The loss of Brian Smith at the beginning of the second term was to a great extent neutralised by the arrival of Harry Meredith from St. Kevin's. For a team containing such individual talent the achievement of the Under 15A's was disappointing, and can be attributed to a lack of teamwork and understanding during matches, and to a general failure to practise and act for playing matches. Of cany of these matches we have no room for record here. Under 13 teams had several enjoyable and hard-fought encounters with Burke Hall and Kostka Hall teams. Other combinations, known as "Prendy's Panthers" and similar names, were seen to take the field. If we cannot record their achievements here, we can at least acknowledge their splendid spirit, and proclaim our confidence that they will be members of the Under 14A side in 1945 the equal of that of 1944.

At the end of the football season a kicking competition for Under 15, Under 14, and Under 13 boys was held. Trophies were awarded to the winner in each age group. Points were awarded for the longest "right-foot" kicks, and for the best stab passes.

The winners were:—Under 15, J. B. Marsh; Under 14, J. Ziebarth; Under 13, W. G. Collopy.
SCHOOL CADETS.
(1) Nos. 1 and 2 PLATOONS.
(2) Nos. 3 and 4 PLATOONS.
THE CREWS.

3rd VIII.—J. Murphy (bow), J. Pedley (2), P. Moy (3), D. Fogarty (4), K. Owen (5), J. Brenan (6), A. Poli (7), S. Byrne (str.), G. Gilfedder (cox.).


1st VIII.—C. Dawson (bow), A. Troup (2), B. Dooley (3), F. Mullins (4), G. Awburn (5), E. Hayes (6), R. Bisshop (7), A. Lewis (str.), B. Grützner (cox.).
Rowing

FIRST CREW

This year Mr. "Bert" Anderson, who, in addition to being an old Xaverian is Captain of the Melbourne Rowing Club, took up the position of coach of the first eight. For the last few years Mr. Anderson has been coaching the Xavier second eight, and has shown his ability by turning out fine crews which considering their lightness have done very well for themselves. The crews in the past few years have been rowing a fair-burn style. This style, however, did not seem to suit the boys, who were losing the effect of their big drive, and not getting a proper run from the boat. The coach changed this style back to a slightly modified orthodox style, similar to that used by Xavier in their successes.

Of last year's crew two were back; Clive Dawson, who had rowed bow, was again to occupy the same seat, while Brian Dooley rowed "three" for the second time. George Awburn—five—and Robin Bisshop—seven—were from the 1943 third crew, but the former's careful use of his good lengthy drive, and Seven's excellent sense of rowing rhythm more than justified their inclusion in the in last year's seconds, so that the whole crew gave early promise of developing into a powerful though light combination.

This year the crew, averaging 10st. 10lbs., was one of the lightest to compete in the Head of the River. This handicap, however, proved not as great as it might have been. As the boys were all good clean oars, the coach insisted on bright, clean rowing keeping up the steady run of the boat, and at the same time using a smart catch rather than the harder drive of the more powerful crews.

In the early stages of training the crews went for long rows to build up the stamina which was to stand to them during the actual race. The coach insisted during the whole of this training on the running boat and on the bright catch. During these rows the crew rating about 32 and usually cleared six to ten feet.

During the Easter holidays, the crew continued to train, and since Mr. Anderson was himself rowing in the Melbourne Eight, Mr. Ron March, Captain of the Richmond Rowing Club, took over the Xavier Eight and the crew continued to improve rapidly. In the week before the holidays, the crew had tired slightly, but after Easter soon picked up and got back into its old swing again.

The crew on the days immediately before the race did some fast hard sprints, and on one sprint over a mile they were timed at 5 min. 11 sec. Unfortunately, this year the crew had to meet Melbourne Grammar in the heats, and as Grammar averaged 12st. 41bs. it looked as if the crew would have a hard struggle. The heats were held on Wednesday, 19th, and resulted in a win for Grammar. Xavier got a bad start and lost one and a half lengths when the cox steered for the south archway instead of the centre of Morell Bridge. He was warned late by the judge, and by turning abruptly interfered with the crew's rowing.

As this year the winners and losers of the heats were to row off, the crew were to have another chance to show their ability on the following Saturday. Xavier and the other losing crews—Scotch and Geelong Grammar—were to row off their race immediately before the Head of the River.

After a false start, the crews were recalled, and in the next start Xavier got well away, leading the Geelong crew by about half a length, while Scotch, who had the North station, were half a length behind Grammar. When the crews reached Morell Bridge, Xavier on the South station had increased its lead to three-quarters of a length from Geelong. Then the tragedy happened; the cox steering too close to the bank ran into the rushes as he rounded the corner, and in the excitement hit a small landing just past the bridge. Four, F. Mullins, by the impact of his oar on the landing, was nearly thrown out of the boat. The other crews made good use of the mishap and got well away. Before the crew was able to back out and restart, Scotch had gained a lead of about five or six lengths, with Geelong Grammar still well in the lead. Xavier then picked up, and rowed a marvellous dash down the course, caught Scotch, and then with a further burst just at the finish were beaten by Scotch by a very short canvas. Geelong Grammar, however, had rowed away to an easy victory.

Public School rowing was over for most of us, and we felt rather disappointed that we were not able to display in a more spectacular way our appreciation of the training we received from Mr. Anderson, but we feel that we did all we could in the difficult circumstances of that last race. Geelong College won the Head of the River from Melbourne Grammar with Wesley third.

In conclusion, I wish to mention the name of Mr. McAreavy, S.J., the rowing Master. He deserves some special praise because he did a wonderful job, and the keenness and enthusiasm he displayed were an inspiration to all the crews.

—J. A. LEWIS, Capt. and Stroke
THE SECOND CREW.

At the beginning of the 1944 rowing season, the chances of forming an even moderately good second crew seemed rather faint. After the selection of the First Eight, only four very light members of the 1943 third crew remained with which to build up a speedy, steady combination. However, recruits with weight and enthusiasm were trained and the crew, under the able management of Mr. J. P. Smith, S.J., using the Xavier form of the Orthodox style, rapidly developed into a fast eight.

Following the example of the firsts, the crew trained hard and sincerely with a fine determination to win. Mr. Smith aimed at bright rowing, with rating sufficiently high to give a good run to the boat. He concentrated on a start from the "full forward" position, since this gives the steadiness so much needed under the stress of a racing start.

The crew was light, at 10st. 5lfs., but what it lacked in weight was made up in muscle by long hard rows during training. Four members topped 11st., but their weight was more than balanced by the featherweights at the bow end. Over the Easter vacation the crew was seriously inconvenienced when C. Parker, five, fell ill. However, his substitute, P. Coleman, though lighter by a stone, filled the position well, showing a keen desire to improve.

By the race day the crew was in perfect trim. The boat was lifting with a bright catch and running well. Using their legs to full advantage, an excellent swing was attained. In bursts with the firsts, the boys showed themselves able to hold a bigger and more experienced combination.

The 19th of April dawned with a strong North-Westerly blowing straight up the river. It was feared that this would prove a severe disadvantage to such a light crew as ours. Almost like a miracle, half an hour before the first race the wind changed, sweeping to the South and bringing with it wintry squalls. It was feared that this would prove a severe disadvantage to such a light crew as ours.

The start was less steady than usual, though the boat got away to a slight lead. Owing to the exhausting race on Wednesday, there was less life in the boat than on that day. Scotch, using their weight to full advantage, drew away to lead all the way and win by a length. Though challenged by Xavier fifty yards from the post, their weight told. G.C., battling in a great fight for second place, could not catch Xavier, who beat them by a canvas.

Our congratulations go to Wesley on their fine showing in winning the Seconds competition. Mr. Smith, S.J., who devoted a great deal of his time and energy to the crew, merits the highest praise. All rowers tried to give him and Mr. McAreavey S.J. the victory which they deserved in their last year as rowing Masters at Xavier. Finally, Matron Maclean must be thanked sincerely for the way in which she guarded the health of the crew, all but one being boarders, and for her willingness to put herself out for them, and in general for all her help and encouragement.

—W. HILL.

THE THIRD CREW.

This year the third crew was decidedly the Cinderella crew, having to stay back at the Xavier sheds long after the senior crews had gone into the city with their coaches. A certain amount of sickness in the second and in our own crew prevented the crew from settling down. Then there were difficulties about coaching. Mr. McAreavy with some thirty new rowers at the sheds was not free to train us, so that we had to train near the second crew and try to pick up points from their coach. Mr. Coughlin also gave up to us whatever little time he could spare from his business, but even a few days before the race it seemed unlikely that the crew would row. Rather than disappoint the crew, Mr. McAreavy decided to give us a chance and entered us in the race.
On the day of the race there was a light North wind blowing when Xavier drew the South station, with Scotch South centre, Wesley North centre, and Melbourne Grammar North station. The start was a good one; Wesley got away first with Xavier second, Scotch third. Wesley held the lead, but Xavier began to draw away from the other crews. At the finish Wesley were a length in front and, alas for Xavier, although warned about this particular point, stopped rowing as soon as the gun went off, and allowed the other crews to pass them.

However, we thirds believe what Father O'Dwyer used to say in the days when my Father was at Xavier: "The rowing was a moral victory for Xavier."

—S. BYRNE.

REGATTA

Judge: E. Fakhry.
Umpire: J. W. Byrne.
Statrer: G. Hiscock.

Despatch Stewards: W. Plunkett, T. Nyhan, B. Thompson.

Junior Championship Pairs:
T. Bushell (bow), D. Fogarty (stroke), B. J. Lyons (cox).
Senior Championship Pairs:
B. S. Dooley (bow), E. Hayes (stroke), J. W. Sexton (cox).
Maiden Championship Pairs:
J. Brophy (bow), P. Kirchner (stroke), R. Williams (cox).

Senior Championship Fours:
R. Britten-Jones (bow), P. Moy (2), D. Coughlin (3), C. Awburn (stroke), G. Gilfedder (cox).
Junior Championship Fours:
L. Jabara (bow), J. Brenan (2), T. Bushell (3), J. Murphy (stroke), B. Murphy (cox).
Novice Championship Pairs:
N. Clausen (bow), P. McNamara (stroke), R. Williams (cox).
House Championship Fours (Green):
B. Duoley (bow), F. Mullins (2), R. Bishopp (3), E. Hayes (stroke), B. J. Lyons (cox).
House Championship Fours (minor places) (Blue):
Present Eight v. Past Eight:

The Regatta was held on Saturday, 18th November. We were favoured with a beautiful day and a good crowd was present. Competition was very keen all through and the Regatta revealed very promising material for next year's crew.

Our sincerest thanks is due to Mrs. Lewis, mother of the Captain of the Boats, for acting as hostess for the afternoon. To her and her hard-working assistants, Mr. Perdrix, Mrs. Wilton and Mrs. Pearl, we offer our sincerest thanks.

At the end of the meeting Dr. Forrest presented the prizes and trophies. Mr. Smith and Mr. McAreavy merit the thanks of all the boys for the time they devoted to making this meeting such an outstanding success.
The Swimming Sports

By G. Larkin.

For the first time since 1938 we held our Swimming Sports at the Richmond Baths. The function was acclaimed a success by all, and, as rarely happens, the schedule was kept throughout the afternoon.

The standard of swimming and diving seemed somewhat higher than in previous years, and we were entertained by some very exciting finishes. Tony Lewis was pressed closely by Bob Gorman in the 110 yards freestyle, and by John Williams in the 55 yards backstroke, whilst Frank Ridgeway, winner of the 55 yards breaststroke, reached the bar in the same stroke as Don Byrne.

The outstanding performer was John Herd; although Under 14, he won all the diving championships and the Under 14 55 yards freestyle. His one and a half somersault gained nine points out of ten. Frank Ridgeway dived very gracefully, and his one and a half somersault gained eight points.

Another who was prominent was Tony Lewis, who won the A grade 110 yards and freestyle, and the 55 yards backstroke; he was second to Robin Bisshop in the 55 yards freestyle. Dick McNamara was the winner of the 55 yards freestyle Under 15, and was second to P. Quin in the 55 yards breaststroke. Ian Guthridge gained places in five events.

Green won the House Relay for the third successive year. Black House, with a strong all round team, gained points in every event.

The prefects are grateful to Fr. Van Prooyen and Eldon Hogan for their valuable assistance in organising the sports. Our thanks are due to the Richmond Council for the use of the baths, and to Mr. Donnet for judging the diving.

The House points were:

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Results were:

**A GRADE, OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.**

55 Yards Freestyle:
- R. Bisshop (G) ........................................... 1
- A. Lewis (Bk) ........................................... 2
- J. Williams (Bl) ........................................... 3
- B. Leonard ............................................... 4

310 Yards Freestyle:
- A. Lewis (Bk) ........................................... 1
- R. Gorman (Bk) ........................................... 2
- N. O'Bryan (R) ........................................... 3
- J. Williams (Bl) ........................................... 4

55 Yards Backstroke:
- A. Lewis (Bk) ........................................... 1
- J. Williams (Bl) ........................................... 2
- Bren. Dooley (Bk) ........................................... 3
- J. Prendergast (Bl) ........................................... 4

55 Yards Breaststroke:
- F. Ridgeway (Bk) ........................................... 1
- D. M. Byrne (Bk) ........................................... 2
- I. Guthridge (Bl) ........................................... 3
- Brian Dooley (G) ........................................... 4

Open Championship Dive:
- J. Herd (R) ........................................... 1
- F. Ridgeway (Bk) ........................................... 2
- Bren. Dooley (Bk) ........................................... 3
- R. Bisshop (G) ........................................... *

*B GRADE, UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIP.

55 Yards Freestyle:
- R. McNamara (G) ........................................... 1
- C. Hince (Bk) ........................................... 2
- P. Kirchner (G) ........................................... 3
- I. Guthridge (Bl) ........................................... 4

55 Yards Breaststroke:
- P. Quin (Bk) ........................................... 1
- Bren. Dooley (Bk) ........................................... 2
- P. Kennedy (G) ........................................... 3

Under 15 Championship Dive:
- J. Herd (R) ........................................... 1
- I. Guthridge (Bl) ........................................... 2
- J. McEwen (Bk) ........................................... 3
- B. Heeney (G) ........................................... *
- P. Lynch (Bk) ........................................... *

*C GRADE, UNDER 14, CHAMPIONSHIPS.

55 Yards Freestyle:
- J. Herd (R) ........................................... 1
- N. O'Bryan (R) ........................................... 2
- J. McEwen (Bk) ........................................... 3
- Bren. Dooley (Bk) ........................................... 4

Under 14 55 Yards Freestyle:
- J. McEwen (Bk) ........................................... 1
- P. Quin (Bk) ........................................... 2
- J. Williams ............................................... 3
- Bren. Dooley (Bk) ........................................... 4

Under 14 Freestyle:
- N. O'Bryan ........................................... 1
- P. Kirchner ............................................... 2

Open 55 Yards Breaststroke:
- G. Gilfedder ........................................... 1
- R. Gorman ............................................... 2

Open 110 Yards Freestyle:
- A. Lewis ............................................... 1
- R. Gorman ............................................... 2
- J. Williams ............................................... 3

Under 15 Freestyle:
- N. O'Bryan ........................................... 1
- P. Kirchner ............................................... 2

Under 15 Breaststroke:
- P. Lynch ............................................... 1
- P. Kirchner ............................................... 2

**HANDICAP EVENTS.**

Open 55 Yards Freestyle:
- A. Lewis ............................................... 1
- R. Gorman ............................................... 2

Open 110 Yards Freestyle:
- R. Gorman ............................................... 1
- J. Williams ............................................... 2

Open 55 Yards Breaststroke:
- G. Gilfedder ........................................... 1
- R. Gorman ............................................... 2

Under 15 Freestyle:
- N. O'Bryan ........................................... 1
- P. Kirchner ............................................... 2

Under 15 Breaststroke:
- P. Lynch ............................................... 1
- P. Kennedy ............................................... 2

**OTHER EVENTS.**

Underwater Swim:
- A. Lewis (Bk) ........................................... 1
- L. Jabara ............................................... 2

Cork Scramble:
- Bren. Dooley ........................................... 1
The year 1944 opened with prospects for athletics success a little brighter than in recent seasons. We had with us a number of boys who had had previous P.S. experience, Ken. Adams, Brian Curtis, John Fennell, Brendan Lyons, John Prendergast, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Clive Dawson, and Brian Smith. Unfortunately these last two left us in the course of the second term.

The preliminary Sports revealed that all the form of the remaining six was well up to expectations, and these contests also produced an all-round athlete in John Williams, who proved his outstanding ability in the 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards and high jump.

In the Under 15 events, two new boys, John Ziebarth and Bob Friend shone out as high-jumpers, each clearing a little over five feet. Dick McNamara, champion athlete of Kostka Hall in 1943, towered above his opponents in the Under 15 sprints, hurdles, and long-jump, and showed great promise for the future. Unfortunately, his fifteenth birthday occurs two days before the P.S. Sports, which means he will be forced to compete in the Under 16 events. A similar circumstance will move Kevin O'Shaughnessy, our Under 16 high jumper, into the Open division for the Combined Sports.

Interest was added to the inter-House rivalry by the fact that each House was represented among the boys already mentioned, so that the Annual College Sports approached amid great excitement and a keen competitive atmosphere.

The Sports were held on Saturday, 14th October, under rather difficult conditions, a very strong wind upsetting both field and track events. However, the sun was kind, and showed off the Oval to perfection, for the benefit of a large attendance of relatives and friends of the School.

The outstanding athlete of the day was Dick McNamara. Dick, also a prominent footballer in the A Grade House Competition, won five Under 15 championships (100, 220, hurdles, long jump and weight putt). He broke the hurdles record set in 1942 by Brian Curtis.

Two other records were broken during the day, one by Barry Curtis in the Under 14 hurdles, and another by John Sullivan in the Under 14 weight putt. John raised the previous record by 4 feet. He also won the Under 14 100 yards championship and the Challenge Sprint against Burke Hall and Kostka Hall, besides being successful in two junior handicaps.

Another triple-winner was Kevin O'Shaughnessy, who won the three Under 16 field events and the all-round championship of B Grade.

In the Open Division there were three double-winners. Ken Adams (1st in the 880 and 440, and 2nd in the hurdles), Brendan Lyons (1st in the high jump and broad jump, and 2nd in the weight putt), and John Williams (1st in the 100 and 200, and 2nd in the 440). By narrowly defeating Lyons for 4th place in the 100, Adams secured the Kevin Keane Trophy as the Champion Athlete of the School.

As is usually the case, the mile proved the most interesting event of the afternoon. Reg. Bowler's (Red) success was rather a surprise. The winner was generally expected to be either Paul Coleman (Green) or Ken Jenkinson (Black), the Under 16 mile record-holder (1943). Each of the two concentrated solely upon defeating the other, paying no attention to Bowler, who, ably assisted by his clubmate, Joe Murphy, was thus able to establish a commanding lead, which Coleman was only able to reduce to eight yards at the finish. Jenkinson filled third place.

The Count O’Loughlin Challenge Cup for the inter-House competition was surrendered by Red to Blue Club, which was ably led to victory by its captain, Greg. Kennedy.

The other three House Captains, Brendan Lyons (Green), Gregory Larkin (Black), and Reg Bowler (Red) take this opportunity of extending their congratulations on behalf of their Houses to Greg Kennedy and his House on their winning the Athletic Championship of 1944.

CHAMPION ATHLETES, 1944.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONS (House Sports)

Open (Kevin Keane Trophy) : K. Adams.
Under 16 (John Fallon Trophy) : K. O'Shaughnessy.
Under 15 (L. Fallon Trophy) : R. McNamara.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS.

(Preliminary Sports).

A Grade (Open)—
Red: J. Fennell.
Black: K. Adams.
Blue: Bn. Curtis.
Green: B. Leonard.

B Grade (Under 16)—
Red: K. O'Shaughnessy.
Blue: B. Marsh.
Green: D. Richardson.
C1 Grade (Under 15)—
Red: H. Dnohue.
Black: J. Ziebarth.
Blue: W. Foster.
Green: R. McNamara.

C2 Grade (Under 14)—
Red: By. Curtis.
Black: M. Doyle.
Blue: Jn. Sullivan.
Green: W. Collopy.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC RECORDS.
Records broken and new Records Established,
House Sports, 14th October, 1944.

C1 Grade (Under 16) —
100 Yards Hurdles (2ft. (Jin.)—14 sec: R. McNamara.

C2 Grade (Under 14)—
90 Yards Hurdles (2ft. Oin.)—13.6 sec.: Barry Curtis.

Weight Put (8 lbs.)—34ft.: John Sullivan.

Under 13—
100 Yards (new event, 1944)—13.3 sec.: P.

Relays—(880 Yards: 4 x 220)—new events, 1943:
Open—1 min. 45.1 sec.: Blue Club.
Under 15—1 min. 53.8 sec.: Blue Club.

(no School Records were broken in the Challenge Sports this year. The record time attributed to J. Prendergast for Under 16 Hurdles in the Challenge Sports last year was subsequently disallowed owing to a following wind.)

HOUSE SPORTS, 1944
(INTER-CULB COMPETITIONS)

Held on the School Oval on Saturday,
14th October.

Officials:
Referee: R. E. Seal, Esq.
Judges: Dr. F. Costigan, J. W. Byrne,
Dr. J. G. Hurley, The Masters.
Starter: E. Ashfold.
Track Stewards: Rev. C. Smith, S.J.;
J. Monaghan.
Timekeepers: W. H. Ingram, H. A. Embling,
E. J. Hogan.

Result Stewards and Assistants: R. Howett,
P. Murray, W. Plunkett, T. Nyhan,
B. Thompson, B. McCarthy.

Telegraph Stewards and Assistants: K.
Jenkinson (microphone) G. Kennedy
(ast. announcer), G. M. Larkin, R.
Fazio, P. Lyons, J. Dwyer, P. Winter,
D. Murray, M. O'Neill.

Committee: R. J. Bowler, G. M. Larkin, G.
Kennedy; B. A. Lyons, Alex J.
Troup. Hon. Sec.

FINAL POINTS:
Inter-Club Competition for the Count O'Loughlin Challenge Cup.

Blue (Bl.)—G. Kennedy, Capt. .. 102 pts. .. 1st
Red (R.)—W. J. Bowler, Capt. ... 88 pts. .. 2nd
Black (Bk.)—G. M. Larkin, Capt. .. 81 pts. .. 3rd
Green (G.)—B. A. Lyons, Capt. .. 69 pts. .. 4th

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.
OPEN.

100 Yards—
J. Williams (Bl.) .......................... 1
J. Fennell (R.) .................................. 2
K. Adams (Bk.) ................................ 3
Time: 10.7 sec.

220 Yards—
J. Williams (Bl.) (Bk.) .......................... 1
J. Fennell (R.) .................................. 2

440 Yards—
K. Adams (Bk.) ................................. 1
J. Williams (Bl.) (Bk.) .......................... 2
J. Fennell (R.) .................................. 3

880 Yards—
K. Adams (Bk.) ................................. 1
B. Leonard (G.) .................................. 2
G. B. Kelly (Bk.) ................................ 3
K. Gorman (Bl.) .................................. 4
Time: 2 min. 9.6 sec.

One Mile—
R. Bowler (R.) .................................. 1
V. P. Coleman (G.) ................................
K. Jenkinson (Bk.) ................................

880 Yards House Relay—
Blue, ................................................. 1
Green ................................................. 2
Black ................................................. 3
Time: 1 min. 45.1 sec. (establishes record).

B GRADE (Under 16).

100 Yards—
H. Meredith (R.) ................................. 1
K. O'Shaughnessy (R.) ............................ 2
B. Marsh (Bl.) .................................... 3
Bren. Doolgy (Bk.) ................................
Time: 11.4 sec.

220 Yards—
B. Marsh (Bl.) .................................... 1
K. O'Shaughnessy (R.) ............................ 2
A. L. Lewis (Bk.) .................................. 3

26.1 sec.

Time: 2 min. 26.1 sec.

One Mile—
Bren. Doolgy (Bk.) ................................
W. Macdonald (R.) ................................
Time: 5 min. 36.1 sec.

100 Yards Hurdles—
K. O'Shaughnessy (R.) ............................ 1
G. Grutzner (Bl.) .................................. 2
Bren. Doolgy (Bk.) ................................
P. Kirchner (G.) .................................. 3
Time: 16 sec.
THE XAVERIAN.

High Jump—
K. O'Shaughnessy (R.), 1
B. Marsh (Bl.), 2
B. Silk (Bk.), 3
B. Marsh (Bl.), 4
Height: 4 ft. 9 in.

Broad Jump—
Bren. Dooley (Bk.), 1
K. O'Shaughnessy (R.), 2
H. Meredith (R.), 3
B. Marsh (Bl.), 4
Distance: 17 ft. 8 in.

Weight Putt (8 lbs.)—
K. O'Shaughnessy (R.), 1
M. Kirsch (Bk.), 2
T. Bushell (Bl.), 3
C. Bailey (Bk.), 4
Distance: 37 ft. 5 in.

CI GRADE (Under 15).

100 Yards—
R. McNamara (G.), 1
H. Donohue (R.), 2
R. Friend (Bk.), 3
J. Ziebarth (Bk.), 4
Time: 11.4 sec.

220 Yards—
R. McNamara (G.), 1
H. Donohue (R.), 2
W. Foster (Bl.), 3
J. Ziebarth (Bk.), 4
Time: 25.6 sec.

100 Yards Hurdles—
R. McNamara (G.), 1
J. Ziebarth (Bk.), 2
I. Guthridge (Bl.), 3
H. Donohue (R.), 4
Time: 14 sec. (record).

High Jump—
J. Ziebarth (Bk.), 1
J. Herd (R.), 2
J. Booth (R.), 3
P. Quin (Bk.), 4
Height: 5 ft. 1 in.

Broad Jump—
R. McNamara (G.), 1
J. Ziebarth (Bk.), 2
W. Foster (Bl.), 3
R. Friend (Bk.), 4
Distance: 16 ft. 11½ in.

Weight Putt (8 lbs.)—
R. McNamara (G.), 1
R. Friend (Bk.), 2
P. Willy (Bl.), 3
I. Guthridge (Bl.), 4
Distance: 33 ft. 1 in.

House 880 Yards Relay—
Blue. 1
Green. 2
Black. 3
Time: 1 min. 45.1 sec. (establishes record).

C2 GRADE (Under 14).

100 Yards—
Jn. Sullivan (Bl.), 1
B. Carr (G.), 2
W. Collopy (G.), 3
A. McNamara (Bl.), 4
Time: 12.4 sec.

High Jump—
J. Ziebarth (Bk.), 1
G. Slattery (G.), 2
Jn. Sullivan (Bl.), 3
P. MacGillicuddy (G.), 4
Height: 4 ft. 6½ in.

Weight Putt (8 lbs.)—
Jn. Sullivan (Bl.), 1
By. Curtis (R.), 2
A. Horgan (Bk.), 3
G. Slattery (G.), 4
Distance: 34 ft. (Record).

Broad Jump—
Jn. Sullivan (Bl.), 1
By. Curtis (R.), 2
W. Collopy (G.), 3
J. Lachal (Bl.), 4
Distance: 14 ft. 5½ in.

90 Yards Hurdles—
By. Curtis (R.), 1
P. Aanensen (G.), 2
J. Lachal (Bl.), 3
A. Prendergast (Bk.), 4
Time: 13.6 sec. (Record).

UNDER 14 CHALLENGE EVENTS.

100 Yards—
Jn. Sullivan (X.C.), 1
B. Carr (X.C.), 2
A. Prendergast, 3
L. Drake, 4
K. Smith, 4
Height: 4 ft. 7 in.

UNDER 13.

100 Yards—
P. Aanensen, 1
A. Horgan, 2
L. Drake, 3
K. Smith, 4
Time: 13.3 sec. (new event).

SENIOR HANDICAPS.

100 Yards—
P. Brew. 1
K. Owen 2
220 Yards—
A. Brady 1
K. Owen 2
440 Yards—
D. Lynch 1
A. Brady 2
880 Yards—
N. Clausen 1
One Mile—
W. Plunkett 1
K. Coughlin 2
120 Yards Hurdles—
F. Smyth 1
F. Ridgeway 2

JUNIOR HANDICAPS (Under 16).

100 Yards—
Jn. Sullivan 1
A. Horgan, 2
220 Yards—
Jn. Sullivan, 1
P. Plunkett, 2
880 Yards—
G. O'Collins 1
F. Carroll 2
100 Yards Hurdles (Under 16)—
G. Slattery 1
F. Carroll 2
100 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—
R. Friend 1
J. Herd 2
—E.J.H.
To finalise the team which was to represent the School in the Combined Sports on November 4th, a challenge sports meeting was held against De la Salle College, Malvern, on October 25th. Subsequent to the selection of the team, a meeting took place, at which an election was held to decide the membership of the Athletics' Committee. Greg Kennedy was elected Captain, while Ken Adams (Vice-Captain), and John Williams were chosen to assist him.

After due consideration of the talent available, it was generally agreed that our prospects of success were somewhat brighter than last year. Although Adams was the only Colour-man back with us, there were a number with previous experience. Our main hope lay in Ken, who, though not having registered very good times this season, was expected to acquit himself well in the 880. He had never been extended this season, and last year had run third in the Combined Sports. Brian Curtis was expected to do well in the Open Broad Jump, being the first schoolboy in Victoria to reach 20 feet this year. Harry Meredith, a newcomer this year, was capable of success in the junior Broad Jump. Brendan Dooley was confident of putting up a good performance in the Under 16 hurdles.

A day or two before the Sports, it was announced that, owing to illness, Geelong College would be unable to participate. We take this opportunity of expressing our regret at this unfortunate turn of events, and of extending our sympathy to G. W. C. Ewan, the College jumper, who thus was deprived of an opportunity of bettering the existing Public School record. The Sports were marred by the prevalence of an unpleasant north-wind which blew full in the face of the sprinters and broad jumpers, resulting in the registering of rather poor times and distances in those events.

Our hopes soared early, as we were well placed in the early events. Harry Meredith gained third place in the Under 16 Broad Jump, though jumping more than a foot less than he did a week before. In this event he qualified for his "laurels."

The main event of the day centred around the Open 880 Yards Championship. The Geelong Grammar champion, J. Ramsay, won convincingly in 2 min. 1 sec, just 2 sec. outside the record. His long, easy stride left the race never in doubt. Our representative, Ken Adams, second place in 2 min. 3 sec, his previous best time being 2 min. 9 sec.

The Open 100 yards provided a thrilling finish. G. C. Nicholson, of Scotch, finished first, and John Williams, with a splendid finishing run to make up ground lost at the start, took third place for Xavier, on a foot behind the winner. He, too, gained his colours in this event.

Brian Curtis was unfortunate to make his colours in the Open Broad Jump. His best jump was only ½ inch shorter than that of the third place-getter, third place being necessary for the gaining of Athletic colours. Brian has competed in six championship events in the Combined Sports over a period of three years, but has so far failed to qualify for his colours. Last year he had particularly bad luck, when, with a leap of 19 ft. 7 in., he took only 5th place, while in the years immediately prior and subsequent to that, 18 ft. odd was sufficient to win.

The Under 16 Hurdles gave Brendan Dooley his colours, with second place. Brendan, though yards behind at the first hurdle, was defeated only by inches, in the excellent time of 13.9 sec, running into a headwind.

Reg Bowler ran very well for fourth place in the mile. His own time, 4 min. 51 sec, was an improvement by 1 min. 19 sec, on his earlier performance, having won his first mile for the season in 6 min. 10 sec.

On the whole, the results were satisfactory in that our tally of points was more than double that of last year. Equally comforting is the knowledge that all but one of the team and all but one of the reserve list are returning to school next year.

We wish to thank sincerely, on behalf of the School, and of the Athletic team in particular, our coach, Mr. Jack Monaghan, a loyal Old Xaverian. As the results reveal, the standard of our Athletics has improved by more than 100 per cent, since he assumed direction of the training, and that fact may be almost wholly ascribed to his untiring efforts and unflagging interest.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Greg. Kennedy, Ken Adams, and John Williams upon their election to the Athletics Committee, and John Williams, together with Brendan Dooley and Harry Meredith on winning their "laurels."
1. 2. 5. 6. 8. !).—XAVIER v. GEELONG COLLEGE.
3.—SOME OF THE SPECTATORS.
4.—THE CAPTAINS TOSS.
7.—BRIAN McCLUSKY LEADS OUT HIS TEAM.
In conclusion, we extend to Wesley College our sincere congratulations on winning the Public Schools Athletic Premiership of 1944.

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Distance, 18 ft. 11 1/8 in.

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Time, 2 min. 1 sec.

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Height, 5 ft. 10 in.

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Time, 10.5 sec.

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Time, 11 sec.

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Distance, 41 ft. 1 1/8 in.

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Height, 5 ft. 4 in.

120 Yards (Open)—

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Time, 15.3 sec.

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Time, 24.1 sec.

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Time, 25.3 sec.

Long Jump (Open)—

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Time, 13.9 sec.

100 Yards Hurdles (Under 16)—

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Time, 4 min. 45.1 sec.

440 Yards (Open)—

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POUNTS SCORED.

Wesley College . 92
Scotch College . 70
Melbourne Grammar School . 67
Geelong Grammar School . 42½
Xavier College . 31½

RELAY COMPETITION.

880 Yards (Under 16)—

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Time, 1 min. 38 sec.

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Time, 1 min. 31.1 sec.

880 Yards (Under 15)—

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Time, 1 min. 40.3 sec.
One Mile (Medley)—
S.C. ....................... ............... 1
M.G.S. .................. .................. 2
G.G.S. .................. .................. 3
W.C. .................. .................. 4
X.C. .................. .................. 5
Time, 3 min. 46.5 sec. (Record.)
Team: B. Leonard (880), J. Williams (440), B. F. Curtis (220), J. Fennell (220).

400 Yards Hurdles (Under 16)—
W.C. .................. .................. 1
M.G.S. .................. .................. 2
S.C. .................. .................. 3
X.C. .................. .................. 4
G.G.S. .................. .................. 5
Time, 57.8 sec. (Record.)

Boxing

Committee.—L. Jabara (announcer); I. Guthridge (gloves), P. Kennedy (time keeper), Mr. G. Moriarty (referee).

COLOUR COMPETITION.

A. Grade.—Heavy weight: E. Hayes (Green); Welter weight: D. N. Byrne (green), Light weight: R. Friend (black).

B. Grade.—Featherweight: I. Guthridge (black); Bantam weight: H. Donohue (red).

C. Grade.—Fly weight: J. Sexton (red).
Dame Enid Lyons, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

My first duty this evening is to refer regretfully to the absence of His Grace the Archbishop, who has been prevented by unforeseen circumstances from attending this function. The interest of His Grace in the College throughout the long years of his fruitful episcopate has been unfailing, and I have no doubt that all will join with me in voicing regret at his absence and in expressing the hope that he will be able to be with us next year with undiminished vigour.

I am very happy this evening to welcome Dame Enid Lyons, who has graciously consented to distribute the prizes. Dame Enid occupies a deserved position of prominence in public life today, and her wise counsel, gained from extensive travel and from intimate association with her late distinguished husband, to whose name she has joined much honour and distinction, is greatly valued by all.

In passing on to report of the year's work, I am pleased to state that the number of boys on the College roll is still on the increase. Last year the total number of boys was 543. This year it has reached the record number of 575. Enrolments for 1945 are so numerous that it is becoming evident that this record figure will be passed, and consequently I should be very grateful for immediate notice from parents whose boys may not be returning to the Senior or to the Preparatory Schools. The same applies to those who may contemplate changing from boarders to day boys.

In scholastic attainments, the results of the Public Examinations last year have been more remarkable for solid rather than brilliant successes. The latter cannot always be obtained, nor are they always an unerring sign of sound educational methods. But in those successes which are a proof of solid training and application of the boy of only average ability the results of last year's work have been in every way satisfactory. Forty-five passes were secured in the Intermediate Examination, and thirty-one boys matriculated. In the class lists of the Leaving Honours forty-one honours, including two First Class, fifteen Second Class, and twenty-four Third Class, were secured. Prospects for success this year are reassuring. This is supported by the existence of a remarkable spirit of industry and cooperation, and by the very gratifying results of the Newman College Entrance Examination. Of our five candidates, three were successful. Two Resident Scholarships have been won by Kenneth Jenkinson and Alexander Troup, while Gregory Kennedy has gained an Exhibition.

The training given in the Preparatory Schools continues to be on a very high standard, and the boys entering Xavier from Burke Hall and Kostka Hall exercise a noticeable good influence in the school. As the numbers on the roll in these schools stand at 288, the future success of Xavier may be considered assured. Too much insistence cannot be made on the value to boys of some years in these schools.

In the field of sport, it is difficult for the present school to live up to the standards of the past. Although there are record numbers in the College, the boys are very young. It may come as a surprise to some to learn that on the record roll at the beginning of the year there were only forty boys over sixteen years of age, and that the ages of more than half the school range between six and twelve years. These facts have to be borne in mind in order to realise our difficulties in competitive games with the other Public Schools. Yet this handicap has in no way diminished
enthusiasm, courage, resourcefulness, unselfishness, and our teams have shown glimpses of a form which will render them formidable rivals when their ability has matured. Games have no insignificant part to play in the process of education. They can be a useful instrument for the shaping of a strong, disciplined, and chivalrous will. A character in which chivalry is lacking is seriously impaired. They teach unselfishness and the subordination of one's own ambitions to the interests of the team, thereby developing the spirit of modesty and correcting the inclination towards individualism. Parents act very unwisely when, without grave reason, they seek exemption for their sons from this important branch of school training. I wish to thank those who presented trophies for the different sporting events, and am very grateful to Messrs. McNamara, Monaghan, Anderson, Liddicut for placing at our disposal their expert coaching talent.

The publicity that has recently been accorded in the press and elsewhere for reform in education demonstrates that seldom has the subject been given so great a measure of public attention. Indeed, so much has been said by experts, teachers, and pupils alike that silence might now be considered a virtue. The raising of the school age, a more liberal education for children, better school buildings, a supply of highly trained and more generously paid teachers, more generous expenditure, all these constitute reasonable demands for the betterment of our educational system. Above all, it is most heartening to notice that after so many years the place of religion in education is among the principal points of discussion; the public is now coming to realise what the Catholic Church has maintained with unwavering consistency—that religious training cannot be wisely omitted from the schools, and that it is possible to have well-equipped laboratories, comfortable school buildings, well-qualified teachers, and yet not have the essentials of education. The ghastly circumstances of war have brought home to educational authorities the need of putting right an obvious want, and indeed educationalists to-day seeking the solution of their problems might make a profitable start by turning to the second chapter of the Gospel of Saint Luke, wherein is epitomised the whole of the Christian theory of Education: "And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men." The spiritual, intellectual, and physical advancement of the growing child in relation to his Creator and to his fellow-men, that is education. Without this triple development, the reconstruction of society will come to naught, and one need not be overgifted with prophetic vision to foresee another world disaster surpassing the present in the greatness of its horror and destruction.

Our examination system is receiving a crossfire of criticism, and much advice is being tendered on the subject. While admitting that the system has defects and is capable of improvement, I should be sorry to see the abolition of such tests. If a boy is unable to give evidence of the knowledge he possesses through the medium of an examination it is unlikely that he will ever put it to any use at all. Moreover, if he is not prepared and trained to face the difficulty of an examination, how will he fare against the greater difficulties of later life?

Too early specialisation has led to the narrowing of the range of subjects in the schools, with the result that many leave without that general learning which was a characteristic of the student of the past. The separation of the Leaving Examination from the Matriculation will give the schools a better chance to restore a broader culture, but as long as the prerequisite subjects continue to dominate, the advantage will not be of universal application.

The choir is worthy of very special mention, both for the excellence of the
singing at Benediction and at the High Masses on feasts of greater solemnity, and for the brilliant performance of the opera "The Gondoliers." It will be difficult to surpass the standard of this year, and I congratulate Father Montague and his cast, and thank Mrs. Spring and all those who helped with the production.

The Cadet Corps have had a very profitable year. In spite of shortage of equipment, interest and enthusiasm have not nagged, and a high standard of efficiency has been maintained in both corps.

The College follows with interest the careers of the Past Students, and we are very proud to congratulate Fathers James Dynon, Philip Gleeson, and Edmund Morris, of the Society of Jesus, on their elevation to the priesthood. We wish them many years of fruitful work. During the last twelve months William Harris, Carle de Gruchy, Desmond Hoban, Geoffrey Ryan, John Vaughan, William Calanchini, and Edward L. Ryan have graduated in Medicine at the University. Of these Geoffrey Ryan and Carle de Gruchy secured honours in the final examination, and the former also won the Margaret Ryan Scholarship at St. Vincent's Hospital. Esmond Downey has qualified as a Bachelor of Commerce, and Felix Russo in Dentistry, and both won a number of honours throughout their courses. Excluding the examinations for this year just completed by Old Boys at the University, the following have obtained honours in various subjects the past year:—Alex. Roche, Eric Seal, Maurice Starr, Brian Hoare, David Schlicht, John Gilfedder, all in Medicine; Father Francis Gouldin, O.F.M., in Arts; Kevin Flanagan and John Curtian, in first-year Law; Paul McGowan, in four Agricultural Science subjects; Tom Daly and Brian O'Shaughnessy, in Engineering. In third-year Medicine John Clarebrough obtained first class honours and fourth place in Anatomy, second class honours with equal third place in Physiology, and third class honours in Biochemistry. He was awarded also the Major Entrance Scholarship to Saint Vincent's Hospital, while the Minor Entrance Scholarship went to Gerald Manly, who secured second class honours in Physiology. In Engineering, Leo Clarebrough took the exhibition with second class honours of the second year of the Metallurgy course, having shared the first-year exhibition with first class honours twelve months previously.

The operation of the "quota" system of entry to the University has not caused any hardship to Xavier boys wishing to commence courses, for this year twenty-one of our boys began courses for different degrees. Eight were admitted to Medicine, three to Arts, one to Law, three to Commerce, two to Science, one to Agricultural Science, and three to Dentistry. Despite the stringent rules requiring success in examinations each year if one is to be allowed to remain at the University, only one of the sixty-two Xavier students in 1943 failed to satisfy his examiners sufficiently to be allowed to continue. This year there are eighty of our boys at the University, twenty-nine of them being in residence at Newman College, and they have taken a prominent and successful part in College and University religious, sporting, and administrative activities, as well as in academic pursuits. Peter Falkland and Ian Wilton have graduated from Duntroon.

After a lapse of some years, owing to war conditions, the Old Xaverians' Association resumed the holding of its annual Communion Breakfast at the College this year. About a hundred and thirty Old Boys attended Mass and the Breakfast which followed in the Hall. The increase in the number of financial members of the Association has continued: 70 additional Old Boys became life members this year, making the total of life members about 330 (at the beginning of 1931 it was about 130), and the grand total of financial
members is now 430, or 25 more than last year’s all-time record. At least two boys at school have paid already their life membership subscriptions, and each year recently a number of the boys have joined the Association almost as soon as they leave school. Those leaving the school this year have been invited by the Association to attend the annual meeting, which is to be held here on Friday evening. The most effective means of preserving the ideals of school life is to be found in keeping the boys in touch with the school. Consequently, no better advice can be given to those leaving school than to keep those ideals alive through the medium of the Old Xaverians’ Association. As active members of this body, they will continue to be animated by high Catholic principles calculated to influence for good every sphere of public and private life.

The Old Xaverians’ Association Scholarship Fund has now reached nearly £550, and is well past the halfway mark. An additional £350 was invested in Commonwealth War Bonds (of life membership subscriptions), making a total of £1,000 invested by the Association in the various War Loans in just over three years. I am very grateful to the President of the Association, Dr. Frank Costigan, and his executive committee for the good work done by them for the Association and for the very practical interest they are taking in the welfare of the school.

The total of Old Boys killed on service has now reached 58—the majority of them in the Royal Australian Air Force. Twenty-seven Masses have been offered during the year at the request of the Old Xaverians’ Association for Old Boys who have died on service or otherwise. Through the kindness of Mrs. Spring, Mass is offered each week in the Memorial Chapel for the protection and safe return of all our boys in the fighting services. Once again I wish to convey the deep sympathy of the school to the parents and friends of those who have fallen in the war.

Their Catholic Faith, which, on the authority of God, gives them such a sane outlook on death, should sustain and help them in their sorrow. The human soul can never die, and when it leaves the habitation of the body a more glorious life is awaiting in eternity. Into that glorious life your sons enter at death, and in that glorious existence they await final reunion with their loved ones.

During the year William Stokes was awarded the Military Cross—the fifth Xavier Military Cross of this war; Edward Marron won our third Distinguished Flying Cross for his skill and determination, in spite of severe enemy opposition, in northern operations; and John Shelton was awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division) for his outstanding courage, determination, and devotion to duty as a Royal Australian Air Force Medical Officer in New Guinea.

Desmond Conroy, who is presumed to have lost his life in Air Force operations from England, made provision in his will for £120 to be set aside for the purchase of a racing eight for the school. The executors of the late Mr. John Rigg have sent a cheque for £100 to the Memorial Chapel. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of devoted Old Xaverians. We wish to acknowledge the gift of £100 from Mrs. Keane for a memorial in the Chapel in memory of Kevin, and the gift of £50 from Mrs. Porter in memory of Ronald. The action of the Public Schools’ Club of Victoria in allocating a £25 bursary to assist the education of the son of an Old Public School Boy is deeply appreciated.

The Ladies’ Committee continues to be a very great assistance to the Improvement Fund of the College. A variety of functions held during the year have helped in no small way with many improvements. Xavier College, owing to heavy financial commitments undertaken on behalf of the preparatory school, Kostka Hall, is still heavily in debt; a substantial interest bill has to be met each year. It may be seen
then how practical is the help forthcoming from the Ladies' Committee to keep the College in line with the demands of modern requirements. I take this occasion to thank the President, Mrs. M. Collins, and her executive and committee for the whole-hearted help given during the year, given no doubt at a cost to their time and personal convenience. The committee has also been untiring in supporting the Catholic Welfare Organisation, and I am very grateful to Mrs. Farey for continuing to act as organiser for St. Francis' Hut. For the past few years Mrs. P. Madden, with the help of a small auxiliary, has done valuable and much-appreciated work for the Catholic Welfare Organisation. I commend this excellent duty of providing for the needs of our fighting forces to the good will of all our parents. Co-operation makes for efficiency, and helps to ease the burden of the President and Executive.

The unexpected death of Mrs. Esmond Downey in October came as a great blow to us all. For many years Mrs. Dowmey by her genial disposition and great organising ability was the life and soul of the Ladies' Committee. Nothing was a trouble whenever there was question of doing something for Xavier. The beautifying of the Memorial Chapel was one of her cherished objectives, and each year a substantial donation raised by her ingenuity was forthcoming for some much-needed object. She is greatly missed in Xavier, and we beg God to have mercy on her kindly soul and to sustain those who are left to mourn her passing.

While thus recording the work of the year with its comforting results from the viewpoint of numbers and academic successes, it is nevertheless to be realised that there are other much deeper things in the life of the school which cannot be so easily estimated nor expressed. There is the spirit of piety, of loyalty, of hard work, of obedience, of charity, of self-respect. This spirit is dependent to a great extent on the degree in which the boys make use of the spiritual helps available in the College, such as the use of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion, participation in the work of the Sodalities, the furtherance of the cause of the Foreign Missions by prayer and material help, the occasions offered for helping the poor through the medium of the Vincent de Paul Society, and of promoting Catholic Action by membership of the Young Catholic Students' Society and the Bellarmine. There is well-founded reason to express the opinion that the boys of the present school are doing this in an exemplary manner, and it can be confidently hoped that on leaving school to take their places in the different positions of life, they will be animated by a deep Catholic Faith which will express itself in loyalty to God and to their country.

Before concluding, there remains the pleasant duty of thanking those who have so generously contributed prizes, and of paying tribute to the staff for their ready co-operation during the year. A teacher's life has its compensations and joys, but they are not always visible and immediate. He may have to wait many years to see evidence of the fruit of his labours, in some cases he may be very disappointed. The task of teaching requires courage and perseverance in the midst of monotony and routine. It requires continued interest and even inexhaustible patience on behalf of the individual subject. The possession and exercise of these qualities by the staff of the College has enabled me to give this favourable report of the year that is now ending.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who have clone us the honour of attending this function to-night, and to convey to them and to the boys very sincere greetings for a happy Xmas and a joyous New Year.
Prizes not awarded unless 75 per cent, secured: No Prize awarded to boys who do not secure 50 per cent, in their Religious Knowledge Examination.

A.M.D.G.

Xavier College, Kew

Prize and Distinction List

DECEMBER, 1944

MATRICULATION CLASS.


English Expression.—ALEXANDER TROUP, Kenneth Jenkinson, Gordon Rennick, Michael Falkland, Brendan Dooley and Brendan Lyons (eq.).

English Literature.— NORMAN CLAUSEN, Kenneth Jenkinson, Gordon Rennick, John Niall, Gregory Kennedy, Peter Brew and Gerald Daily (eq.).

Latin.—ALEXANDER TROUP, Gregory Kennedy, Kenneth Jenkinson, Norman Clausen and John Niall (eq.), Anthony Brady.

Greek.—ROBERT HOWETT.

French.—KENNETH JENKINSON and GREGORY KENNEDY (eq.), Brian McClusky, Michael Falkland, Anthony Brady and Edward Curmi (eq.).

German.—KENNETH JENKINSON, John Prendergast.

European History. — KENNETH JENKINSON, Gordon Rennick, Anthony Brady, Brendan Lyons, Aubrey Hollister.

Pure Mathematics.—ALEXANDER TROUP, Brian Curtis.

Calculus.—ALEXANDER TROUP.

Physics.—ALEXANDER TROUP, Brian Dooley, John McCarthy, Peter Brew, Gregory Kennedy, Gregory Larkin.

Chemistry. — ALEXANDER TROUP, Peter Brew, John McCarthy, Brian Dooley, John Niall, Norman Clausen and Gregory Kennedy (eq.).

Essays.—First Term: ALEXANDER TROUP. Second Term: KENNETH JENKINSON and ALEXANDER TROUP (eq.). Third Term: NORMAN CLAUSEN.

LEAVING CLASS.

Religious Knowledge.—(A) ROBERT BRITTEN-JONES, John Coleman, David Fogarty; (B) GARRY MOORHEAD, Angus Troup, John Clayton.

English.—(A) DREW TURNER, William Hill, David Fogarty; (B) GEOFFREY BRADY, Peter Cosgriff, Garry Moorhead and Angus Troup (eq.).

Latin.—GARRY MOORHEAD, John Coleman, Robert Britten-Jones and Brendan Dooley (eq.), William Hill, Peter Cosgriff.

Greek.—GARRY MOORHEAD, Robert Britten-Jones, Brendan Dooley, Peter Knowles.

French. — (A) JOHN PEDLEY, Peter Bladin, John Everett; (B) JOHN ALBERS, Leon Lefebvre, Patrick Case.

European History.—GARRY MOORHEAD, David Fogarty, Geoffrey Brady, Kevin Owen, John Maher, William Hill and Desmond Richardson (eq.).

Mathematics I.—DESMOND RICHARDSON, David Quin, Charles Parker, Patrick Case, Geoffrey Whitaker, John Barry.


Mathematics III.—ROBIN BISHOP and JOHN COLEMAN (eq.), Patrick Burder, Francis Ridgeway, John Hehir, Kevin Owen.

Mathematics IV.—JOHN HEHIR, Brian Curtis, Garry Moorhead, Alan Dillon and Brendan Dooley (eq.), Robin Bishopp and Peter Brew (eq.).
Physics.—BRENDAN DOOLEY, Gerald Daily, Garry Moorhead, John Coleman, Robin Bisshopp, Murray Ware.
Chemistry.—JOHN COLEMAN, Brendan Dooley, Alexander Saleeba, Philip Diviny, Robert Britten-Jones, Peter Jorgensen.
Geography.—JOHN MAHER, John Brophy, Joseph Murphy, Peter Knowles, Patrick Moy, Drew Turner.

Essays—1st Term: (A) JOHN COLEMAN, (B) ROBIN BISSHOP. 2nd Term: (A) DREW TURNER, (B) PETER KNOWLES. 3rd Term: (A) JOHN COLEMAN, (B) GEOFFREY BRADY.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE CLASS (A).

Dux of the Class: IAN HO WELLS.

Aggregate.—IAN HOWELLS, Aubrey Sweet, John Webb, Thomas Burke, Guy Ceen, David Molloy.
Religious Knowledge.—THOMAS BURKE, Joseph Sullivan, Robert Fazio, John Webb, David Molloy, Leslie Jabara.
English Expression.—DAVID MOLLOY, John Booth, Robert Fazio, Anthony Horgan, and Ian Howells (eq.); Peter Carr, Aubrey Sweet, and John Webb (eq.).
English Literature.—THOMAS BURKE, Aubrey Sweet, John Webb, Allan McAllister and Joseph Sullivan (eq.), John Booth.
Latin.—IAN HOWELLS, Thomas Burke, Aubrey Sweet and John Webb (eq.), Brian Grutzner, John Booth.
Greek.—IAN HOWELLS, Peter McNamara, Peter Carr, John Booth and John Webb (eq.).
French.—AUBREY SWEET, Ian Howells, John Webb, John Booth, Thomas Burke, Allan MacAlister.
German.—ROBERT BRITTEN-JONES, John Albers, Aubrey Sweet, Thomas Burke, Anthony Horgan, David Fogarty.
Arithmetic.—IAN HOWELLS, John Webb, Patrick Conlan, Francis Smyth, Robert Fazio, Anthony Horgan and David Molloy (eq.).
Mathematics A.—JOHN WEBB, Aubrey Sweet, Guy Ceen and Ian Howells (eq.), Peter Carr, Robert Fazio.
Mathematics B.—IAN HOWELLS, John Webb, Aubrey Sweet, Guy Ceen, David Molloy, Patrick Conlan.
General Science.—JOSEPH SULLIVAN, John Webb, Aubrey Sweet (eq.), Guy Ceen, John Molony.
Ob Insigne Meritum.—GUY CEEN.
Essays—1st Term: IAN HOWELLS. 2nd Term: IAN HOWELLS. 3rd Term: PETER COLEMAN.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE CLASS (B).

Dux of the Class: JOHN HERD.

Aggregate.—JOHN HERD, Mark Stokes, James Ralph, Denis Lynch and Barry Murphy (eq.), Francis Mullins.
Religious Knowledge.—JOHN HERD, Paul Hayes, James Menadue, Francis Mullins, Denis Lynch, Kevin Silk.
English Expression.—FRANCIS MULLINS, Denis Lynch, John Herd, Noel Bradford, Thomas Nyhan and Kevin Silk (eq.).
English Literature.—FRANCIS MULLINS, John Herd, Kevin Coughlin, Noel Bradford, Denis Lynch, Thomas Nyhan.
Latin.—MARK STOKES, Mark Kisch, James Ralph, Barry Murphy, Denis Lynch, Maurice Minihan.
French.—MARK STOKES, James Menadue and Barry Murphy (eq.), Denis Lynch, John Herd, William Macdonald.
History.—BRIAN MCCARTY, John Alwyn, Allan McAlister, Peter Noon, Thomas Burke, Kevin Silk.
Arithmetic.—BARRY MURPHY, Mark Stokes, John Herd, James Ralph, Francis Boyle, Robert Kirby.
Mathematics A.—DENIS LYNCH, Barry Murphy, John Herd, Wilfred Plunkett, Barry Kelly, Mark Stokes.
Mathematics B.—JOHN HERD, James Ralph, Mark Stokes, Barry Kelly; Mark Kirsch, Denis Lynch, and James Menadue (eq.).
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Geography. — FRANCIS MULLINS, Leslie Jabara, Francis Smyth, Brian Fergus, Edward Hayes, Thomas Bushell and Denis Conlan (eq.).
Drawing.—EDWARD HAYES, Miles O’Neill.
Ob Insigne Maritum.—JAMES RALPH.
Essays.—1st Term: FRANCIS MULLINS. 2nd Term: DENIS LYNCH. 3rd Term: FRANCIS MULLINS.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE (A).

Dux of the Class: GORDON TROUP.
Aggregate.—GORDON TROUP, Gerald O’Collins, Michael Cosgriff, Lawrence Drake, Colin Thornton-Smith, Thomas King and Andrew Prendergast (eq.).
Religious Knowledge.—GORDON TROUP, Thomas King, Gerald O’Collins, Andrew Prendergast, John Callander and Lawrence Drake (eq.).
English.—GORDON TROUP, Michael Cosgriff, Gerald O’Collins, Lawrence Drake, Colin Thornton-Smith, Bruce O’Conor.
Latin.—GORDON TROUP, Gregory Dening, Gerald O’Collins, Geoffrey Brennan and John Callander (eq.), Roger Williams.
Greek.—GERALD O’COLLINS, Philip Kennedy, John Murphy, David McCarthy, John Callander, Ferruccio Romanin.
French.—GORDON TROUP, David McCarthy, Geoffrey Brennan, Andrew Prendergast, John Picone, John Callander.
History.—GORDON TROUP, Bruce O’Conor, Roger Williams, David Falkland, Francis Dooley, Thomas King.
Arithmetic.—GERALD O’COLLINS, Michael Cosgriff, Lawrence Drake, Anthony Lewis, Gregory Dening, Geoffrey Brennan.
Algebra.—GERALD O’COLLINS, Martin Grundy, Gordon Troup, Lawrence Drake, Colin Thornton-Smith, Michael Cosgriff.
Geometry.—GERALD O’COLLINS, Thomas King, Colin Thornton-Smith, Andrew Prendergast and Gordon Troup (eq.), John Callander and Barry Curtis (eq.).
Science.—ANDREW PRENDERGAST and PETER WATTS (eq.), Barry Curtis, Gordon Troup, Kenneth Harrison and Thomas King (eq).
Ob insignis meritum: MICHAEL COSGRIFF, LAWRENCE DRAKE, THOMAS KING.
Essays.—1st Term: COLIN THORNTON-SMITH.
2nd Term: MICHAEL DOYLE.
3rd Term: GERALD O’COLLINS.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE (B).

Dux of the Class: JOHN MURPHY.
Aggregate.—JOHN MURPHY, Peter Watts, Ian Guthridge, Brian Brennan, Ferruccio Romanin, Philip Kennedy.
Religious Knowledge.—PHILIP KENNEDY, Ian Guthridge, Brian Bernnan, John Murphy, Ferruccio Romanin, Peter Watts.
English.—PHILIP KENNEDY, Brian Brennan, John Murphy, Ian Guthridge, Anthony Joyce, Peter Quin.
Latin.—JOHN MURPHY, James Gobbo, Philip Kennedy, Ferruccio Romanin, Kevin Hassett, Peter Watts.
French.—IAN GUTHRIDGE, John Murphy, Brian Brennan and Ferruccio Romanin (eq.), Leon San Miguel, James Gobbo.
History.—PETER WATTS, James Gobbo, Brian Brennan, Ian Guthridge, Michael Donelan, William O’Dea.
Arithmetic.—FERRUCCIO ROMANIN, John Murphy, Peter Watts, Brian Brennan and James Gobbo (eq.), Michael Howett.
Algebra.—FERRUCCIO ROMANIN, Peter Watts, John Murphy, Michael Howett, James Gobbo and Philip Kennedy (eq.).
Geometry.—MICHAEL HOWETT, Ferruccio Romanin, Geoffrey Winter, John Murphy, Leon San Miguel, Peter Watts.
Geography.—GERALD O’COLLINS, Ian Guthridge, Michael Donelan, Peter Banfield, David Falkland, Geoffrey Winter.
Essays.—1st Term: PETER QUIN, 2nd Term: BRIAN BRENNA N, 3rd Term: MICHAEL DONELAN.
GRAMMAR II (A).

Dux of the Class: PETER AANENSEN.


Religious Knowledge.—PETER AANENSEN, Roderick Moore, Joseph Dwyer and John Lachal (eq.), William Robinson, Adrian Black.

English.—PETER AANENSEN, William Collopy, Michael Van Assche, Roderick Moore, James Cameron, Bernard Slaweski.

Latin.—PETER AANENSEN, William Collopy, James Mulcahy, Michael Van Assche, Bernard Slaweski, Paul Slatterie.

French.—PETER AANENSEN, James Mulcahy, Michael Van Assche, Roderick Moore and Anthony Santospirito (eq.), William Collopy and John Lachal (eq.).

History.—PATRICK KELLY, Peter Aanensen, Mario Ermacora, William Collopy, Francis Murphy, Paul Slatterie.

Arithmetic.—JOHN LACHAL, John Kyatt, William Collopy and Bernard Slaweski (eq.), Philip Plunkett and Adrian Black (eq.).

Algebra.—ALAN HICKEY, Peter Aanensen, Michael Van Assche, John Lachal, Gerard Slattery, Bernard Slaweski.

Geometry.—PETER AANENSEN and WILLIAM COLLOPY (eq.), Bernard Slaweski, Alan Hickey and Roderick Moore (eq.), Michael Van Assche.

Geography.—PETER AANENSEN, Michael Van Assche, John Ziebarth, William Collopy, Alan Hickey, Julian McCooey.

Science.—WILLIAM COLLOPY, Bernard Slaweski, Roderick Moore, Gerard Slattery, Michael Van Assche, Henry Donohue.

Ob insigne meritum: BERNARD SLAWESKI, RODERICK MOORE.

Essays.—1st Term: ADRIAN BLACK, 2nd Term: MICHAEL VAN ASSCHE, 3rd Term: MICHAEL VAN ASSCHE.
Dux of the School (Gift of the President of the Old Xaverians' Association, Dr. Francis Costigan): ALEXANDER TROUP.


The Dean Murphy Memorial Prize for Religious Knowledge (Matriculation Class): ALEXANDER TROUP.

The Very Rev. Father Rector's Prize for Religious Knowledge (Leaving Certificate Class): (A) ROBERT BRITTEN-JONES, (B) GARRY MOORHEAD.


The Dr. Edward Ryan Prize for English Expression (Matriculation Class): ALEXANDER TROUP.

The Dr. Samuel Marron Prize for English Language and Literature (Matriculation Class): NORMAN CLAUSEN.

The Dr. Edward Ryan Prize for Modern English Literature: NORMAN CLAUSEN.

The Gerald Crosbifi Prize for Languages (Latin and Greek): ROBERT HOWETT.

The Dr. Edward Ryan Prize for French Language and Literature: KENNETH JENKINSON, GREGORY KENNEDY.

The Alliance Francaise Prize for French: GREGORY LARKIN.

The Dr. John Clarebrough Prize for European History: KENNETH JENKINSON.

Dr. Samuel Prize for Mathematics.—ALEXANDER TROUP.

The "Argus" Prize for Science.—Matriculation Class: ALEXANDER TROUP. Leaving Certificate Class: JOHN COLEMAN, BRENDA DOOLEY.

The Peter Marshall Prize for Intermediate Geography: FRANCIS MULLINS.

Very Rev. Father Rector's Prizes for Debating—Senior Division: KENNETH JENKINSON. Junior Division: KEVIN SILK. Most-improved Speaker: MAURICE FAREY.

The Mr. Boles Slaweski Prize for Dancing: PATRICK MURRAY.

Miss Rush's Prizes for Music: JOHN ALWYN, PETER BREW.

The "Argus" Prize (Awarded to the boy who best combines Study and Sport): GREGORY KENNEDY.

The Xavier Prize for Conspicuous Influence in the Life of the School: ALEXANDER TROUP.

The Rector wishes to thank all those who have given prizes for competition.

Boarders return on Tuesday, February 13th.
Classes resume at 9.30 on Wednesday, February 14th.
Masters:
Rev. Fr. J. Brennan, S.J.
Rev. Fr. J. Byrne (3rd term).
Rev. Fr. D. Gilmore (1st and 2nd terms).
Rev. Fr. W. P. Hackett, S.J.
Rev. Fr. R. B. McCarthy, S.J.
Rev. Fr. W. V. Owens, S.J.
Rev. Fr. Walmsley J. Smith, S.J.

Lay Brothers:
Rev. Br. J. Jackson, S.J.
Rev. Br. F. Parr, S.J.
Mr. Keogh (Drawing).
Mr. W. Moloney.
Mr. L. Van Baer.

Visiting Teachers:
Mr. Keogh (Drawing).
Mr. W. Moloney.
Mr. L. Van Baer.

Captain of the School: Alexander Troup.
Prefect of the Sodality: Reginald Bowler.
Dux of the School: Alexander Troup.
Captain of the XL: Brendan Lyons.
Captain of the XVIII.: Brian McClusky.
Captain of the Boats: J. Anthony Lewis.
Captain of the Athletic Team: Gregory Kennedy.


Aanensen, Peter.
Adams, Kenneth.
Albers, John.
Alwyn, John.
Andreotti, Antonio.
Arendsen, John.
Atchison, Peter.
Awhurn, George.
Bailey, Clive.
Baker, Patrick.
Ball, I. Travers.
Banfield, Peter.
Barbaro, Francis.
Barry, John.
Bisshop, Robin.
Black, Adrian.
Bladin, Peter.
Braithwait, John.
Brockbank, Martin.
Brophy, John.
Brophy, Leo.
Burder, Patrick.
Burke, Thomas.
Bushell, Thomas.
Byrne, Donald M.
Byrne, Donald N.
Byrne, Gavin.
Byrne, Sean.
Callander, John.
Cameron, James.
Carr, Bruce.
Carr, Peter.
Carroll, Francis.
Case, Patrick.
Ceen, Guy.
Clausen, Norman.
Clayton, John.
Cody, Pierce.
Coleman, John.
Coleman, Paul.
Coleman, Peter.
Colles, Harris.
Collins, James.
Collopy, William.
Conlan, Denis.
Conlan, Patrick.
Cook, James.
Coote, Rodney.
Copeland, James.
Corridon, Michael.
Cossriff, Michael.
Coserriff, Peter.
Coughlin, Dermot.
Coughlin, Kevin.
Crawford, Robert.
Crogan, John.

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Cuming, Michael.
Curmi, Edward.
Curtis, Barry.
Curtis, Brian.
Daily, Gerald.
Daglish, Angus.
Dawson, Clive.
Dening, Gregory.
Dillon, Alan.
Diviny, Philip.
Donegan, Michael.
Donohue, Henry.
Donovan, Robert.
Dooley, Brendan.
Dooley, Brian.
Dooley, Francis.
Doyle, John.
Doyle, Michael.
Doyle, Myles.
Drays, Lawrence.
Dwyer, John.
Dwyer, Walton.
Ermacora, Mario.
Everett, John.
Eves, Peter.
Falkland, David.
Falkland, Michael.
Farey, Maurice.
Fazio, Robert.
Fennell, John.
Fergus, Brian.
Fergus, William.
Fogarty, David.
Foster, William.
Fraser, John.
Friend, Robert.
Gaffney, Graeme.
Ganey, Vincent.
Gardner, John.
Gilfedder, Gerald.
Gleeson, Anthony.
Gleeson, Patrick.
Gobbo, James.
Gormon, Adrian.
Gormon, Kerry.
Gormon, Robert.
Grundy, Martin.
Gruztner, Brian.
Guthridge, Ian.
Hannigan, Joseph.
Harrison, Kenneth.
Hassett, Kevin.
Hayes, Edward.
Haves, Paul.
Hehir, John.
Heeney, Brian.
Herd, John.
Hickey, Alan.
Hill, William.
Hince, Charles.
Hollister, Aubrey.
Horgan, Anthony.
Howells, lan.
Howett, Michael.
Howett, Robert.
Hurley, Brian.

Jabara, Leslie.
Jenkins, Kenneth.
Jones, R. Britten.
Jorgensen, Peter.
Joyce, Anthony.
Keating, Kevin.
Kelly, Barry.
Kelly, Brian.
Kelly, J. Patrick.
Kennedy, Gregory.
Kennedy, Philip.
King, Thomas.
Kirby, Robert.
Kirchner, Peter.
Kirsch, Mark.
Knowles, Peter.
Kyatt, John.
Lachal, John.
Larkin, Gregory.
Lalor, Paul.
Leamy, William.
Leech, Brian.
Lefebvre, Leon.
Leonard, Barry.
Leonard, Peter.
Lewin, Alan.
Lewis, Anthony L.
Lewis, J. Anthony.
Lockwood, Geoffrey.
Loughnane, John.
Lynch, Denis.
Lynch, Eugene.
Lynch, Paul.
Lyons, Brendan.
Lyons, Barry.
Lyons, Peter.

Macdonald, William.
MacGillicuddy, Peter.
MacPherson, Peter.
McAlister, Allan.
McCarthy, David.
McCarthy, Dermot.
McCarthy, James.
McCarthy, John.
McCarthy, William.
McCusky, Brian.
McCooey, Julian.
McCubbery, William.
McEwen, John.
McGowan, Anthony.
McGrath, Kevin.
McNamara, Peter.
Mohamed, Richard.
Moy, Patrick.
Mulcahy, James.
Mullins, Francis.
Mumford, John.
Murphy, Barry.
Murphy, Brendan.
Murphy, John.
Murphy, Joseph.
Murphy, Francis.
Murray, Dermot.
Murray, Patrick.
Naughton, Edward.
Niall, John.
Noon, Peter.
Noonan, Francis.
Norris, Geoffrey.
Nyhan, Thomas.
O’Bryan, Norman.
O’Collins, Gerald.
O’Connell, Desmond.
O’Connor, Bruce.
O’Dea, William.
Oliphant, Robert.
O’Neill, Miles.
O’Shaughnessy, Kevin.
Owen, Kevin.
Parer, John.
Parker, Charles.
Paton, Alan.
Pedley, John.
Picone, John.
Plunkett, John.
Plunkett, Philip.
Plunkett, Wilfred.
Poli, Armando.
Prendergast, Andrew.
Prendergast, John.
Poynton, Thomas.
Quin, David.
Quin, Peter.
Ralph, James.
Rennick, Gordon.
Richardson, Desmond.
Ridgeway, Francis.
Riggall, David.
Robinson, William.
Romainin, Ferruccio.
Saleeby, Alexander.
San Miguel, Leon.
Santospirito, Anthony.
Santospirito, Gerard.
Sexton, John.
Sill, Kevin.
Slatterie, Paul.
Slatterv, Gerard.
Slaweski, Bernard.
Smith, Brian.
Smith, C. Thornton.
Smith, Keith.
Smith, Peter.
Smith, Ronald.
Smyth, Francis.
Spring, Thomas.
Stokes, Mark.
Sullivan, John.
Sullivan, Joseph.
Sweet, Aubrey.
Thompson, Brian.
Trainor, Anthony.

Trost, Patrick.
Troup, Alexander.
Troup, Angus.
Troup, Gordon.
Turner, Drew.
Van Assche, Michael.
Ware, Murray.
Watts, Peter.
Webb, John.
Webb, Lawrence.
Whitaker, Geoffrey.
Williams, John.

TOTALS.

XAVIER . . . . . . . . . . .286
BURKE HALL . . . . .181
KOSTKA HALL . . . . .108

Grand Total 75

Williams, Roger.
Willy, Paul.
Winstall, Reginald.
Winter, Geofffrey.
Winter, Peter.
Ziebarth, John.
Burke Hall

THE SODALITY OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS FOR MASS SERVERS.

Spiritual Director: Fr. W. Allen, S.J.
President: Anthony Burke.
Vice-President: David Grant.

At the beginning of the first term we had only two Mass Servers left over from last year. All the others had "graduated" to the Senior School. These two had to "hold the fort," serving alone on the High Altar and in the Sacristy till other Servers were ready. The preparation of new members went on steadily throughout the year. We have ended the year with twenty-six regular Mass Servers on our "Roll of Honour." Many of these will be "graduating" to Xavier College at the beginning of 1945, but we will retain a good nucleus on which to build up our Sodality again next year. Perhaps that is the secret of the vitality of this and similar Sodalities, viz., the fact that they are annually rejuvenated by the enrolment of new members. The standard of Mass Serving has improved somewhat during the past year, but has not yet attained to the standard of the early pioneers of our Sodality. It is our earnest hope that those who have learned to serve Holy Mass and Benediction while at Burke Hall or Xavier College will continue to do so in after life either as civilians or as members of the Army, Navy or Air Forces. We have read or heard with a thrill of pride the tributes paid by several Chaplains to the Mass-serving of former Burke Hall and Xavier boys. If the present and future generations of pupils live up to the traditions of the past, then our hopes in establishing the Sodality of St. John Berchmans will have been fully realised and our efforts amply rewarded.

The following members of the Sodality acted as volunteer Assistant-Sacristans during the year: A. McLean, Wm. McLean, T. McDermott, and J. Duffus. We thank them most sincerely for their help in looking after the Altars, Chapel and Sacristies. It meant sacrificing some of their play-time morning and evening, but they did it cheerfully for the King of kings and Lord of lords. He will not be outdone in rewarding them for their service. "Well done, good and faithful servants." God bless you.

THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER AND THE CRUSADERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Director: Fr. W. Allen, S.J.

These two associations continue to do good work in the School. This is shown by the regular reception of the Sacraments and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

SODALITY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

Director: Fr. D. Durnin, S.J.
Prefect: Frank Curtain.
1st Assistant: Brian Curtain.
2nd Assistant: Kevin Malouf.

Meetings of the Sodality were held regularly each week during the year. At an election held early in the year Frank Curtain was elected Prefect, with Brian Curtain and Kevin Malouf as assistants. Instructions during the year dealt with the rules of the Sodality, the Angels as our models and guardians, and short talks on the current Feasts of the year. An election was held during the year, and on the Feast of St. Michael the following boys were received into the Sodality:

Anthony Burke.
Geoffrey McCarthy.
Derek Ashworth.
Henry Burger.
Brian Dibbin.
William Dixon.
John Fitzgerald.
Brian Graham.
John Kelly.
Alister McLean.
Roger Rush.
John Savage.

George Schwarz.
Barry Trainor.
Geoffrey Webb.
Mark Cox.
David Grant.
Paul Mardling.
James Collopy.
Godfrey Gaynor.
Stephen Martin.
Terence McDermott.
Denys Rawson.
Antonio Zausa.

THE MISSION SOCIETY.

The whole school, about 180 little boys, comprise the Mission Society at Burke Hall. Their interest in the Missions is very widespread and very practical, and is kept alive by reading the "Far East," "Catholic Missions," and a periodical from India known as "Our Vineyard." Besides this they have contributed very generously towards the Society of the Holy Childhood, and are well up in the list of schools contributing towards the spread of the Faith in foreign lands. We might perhaps single out Elements and their enthusiastic Director, Miss Casey, and congratulate them on their outstanding efforts for the Missions during the year.
THE UNDER 13’s.

THE UNDER 11’s.
Seated—B. Russell, M. Walters, W. Dixon (Capt.), A. McDonald, S. Schwarz.
THE UNDER 13's.


THE UNDER 11's.

THE SODALITY.

SODALITY OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS FOR ALTAR SERVERS.
The Ladies' Committee

At the general meeting of the parents, held early in the year, Mrs. Curtis was elected President; Mrs. Savage, Vice-President; Mrs. McDonald, Secretary, and Mrs. Swaby, Treasurer. At this meeting it was decided to make a general appeal to the parents. The appeal was responded to generously. During each term card parties were held at the School, and the C.W.O. Hut, and we are grateful to those who helped to make the parties so pleasant and successful.

At present Mrs. Curtis and her Committee are working hard in preparation for a Fete, to be held in the School Grounds, on Saturday, November 25th, to entertain the boys and give them an opportunity of taking an active part in the work of the Committee. The boys have contributed generously to the work of the Committee at the C.W.O. Hut, £4 being handed to the Treasurer each month of the year. We wish to thank Mrs. Curtis, her Committee and the parents of the boys for their interest in the School and for the work they have done at the Hut.

Cricket


Of the five matches played, we won two, lost one and two were drawn. The team had a number of promising batsmen. Kennedy, as captain, was always sure and put great power into his strokes; McCarthy as an opening left-hander was steady and careful, prepared to wait until the right ball came; Clarebrough and Heathy developed quite good driving strokes. While our bowling was good, our fielding was often rather poor and sold us our victory if not bringing defeat. Even after repeated practice we lacked alertness and dexterity in picking up the ball. Runs were piled up against us and bowlers lost heart.

v. Wesley—
Burke Hall, 8 for 70.
Wesley, 76.
Match drawn.

v. Kostka—
Burke Hall, 9 for 70.
Kostka Hall, 53.

v. Scotch—
Scotch, 6 for 64.
Burke Hall, 9 for 31.

v. Xavier Under 13—
Xavier, 73.
Burke Hall, 6 for 61.
Match drawn.
Xavier, 66.
Burke Hall, 8 for 86.


The Under 11 this year had little success. Though they practised regularly, after a month's hard endeavours they were dismissed by Scotch for 8! Two or three players showed good promise, but they could not play another eleven. Let us hope that this year is to be the worst in the cycle of cricket talent and that the future has in store better things.

v. Kostka Hall—
Burke Hall, 33 runs; Kostka Hall, 45.

v. Wesley College—
Burke Hall, 2 for 18; Wesley, 5 for 28.

v. Scotch College—
Burke Hall, 8; Scotch, 24.

Football


With only two of last year's team again with us, we began the season with the same handicap as we laboured under last year. We had to play an Under 13 team although all but five of the team were Under 12, and no match in size or weight for their opponents. Our only hope as a small team was to become fast and nippy, and accurate in passing the ball. In this Paul Mardling, Terry McDermott, and Brian Graham often excelled and left their heavier opponents standing. Kennedy was always a reliable captain, half-back or ruck. He had often to bear the brunt of the attack when our midgets were frankly scared by their opponents. Our effort against Scotch was an example of what a good team can do with a team that loses heart. The scores must be a record.

v. St. Patrick's College—
Burke Hall, 4.4; S.P.C., 12.15.
Burke Hall, 8.3; S.P.C., 9.19.

v. Xavier—
Burke Hall, 11.8; Xavier, 0.4.
Burke Hall, 1.5; Xavier, 17.6.
Burke Hall, 4.18; Xavier, 6.7.
Burke Hall, 10.11; Xavier, U.S.

v. Wesley College—
Burke Hall, 2.11; Wesley, 7.11.
v. Kostka Hall—
Burke Hall, 12.2; Kostka, 3.3.

v. Scotch College—
Scotch, 27.24; Burke Hall, 2.

v. Trinity Grammar—
Burke Hall, 13.19; Trinity, 2.2.

The Under Elevens had a good season. They played seven matches, winning two easily and being defeated by one point on two other occasions. A few of the team show real promise and should, if they concentrate at their practice, be soon really useful men in more senior teams. Our team was generally lighter than its opponents, so that speed should have been cultivated. Yet time and again our opponents showed us the way in these two points. Perhaps gameness was what helped us do as well as we did. However, even in this gameness some were at times imperfect, and had to be constantly reminded to keep up with the game. At times these players cannot be reminded so they should remember themselves to do their best. Unless everyone is playing his best all the time he is hardly doing what he should for the rest of the team—team play is far more important than occasional fine play by an individual.

The scores for the matches were:
v. St. Patrick's College—
Burke Hall, 2.7; St. Patrick's, 9.17.

v. Wesley College—
Burke Hall, 5.8; Wesley, 8.9.

v. Kostka Hall—
Burke Hall, 2.5, 2.5, 0.6, 6.6; Kostka Hall, 0.0, 0.10, 0.10, 5.13.

v. Scotch College—
Burke Hall, 1.6, 3.12, 4.15, 7.17; Scotch, 5.3, 6.8, 11.9, 14.11.

v. Trinity Grammar—
Burke Hall, 10.16; Trinity Grammar, 1.6.

v. St. Patrick's College—
Burke Hall, 1.1, 2.3, 3.3, 5.5; St. Patrick's, 2.3, 2.5, 5.6, 5.6.

v. Kostka Hall—
Burke Hall, 2.4, 7.12, 9.13, 10.16; Kostka Hall, 2.0, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6.
Burke Hall Sports

Tony Burke was the outstanding competitor at the annual sports of the Xavier Preparatory School, Burke Hall, which were held at the picturesque grounds of the school in Studley Park road on October 6. Of the four Senior Championship events he won the hundred yards sprint, the hurdles and the broad jump, and was second in the high jump, which was won by John Mitchell, and also was successful in the open handicap. Tony Akkermans won the Junior Championship sprint and high jump, and was second in the hurdles, which event was won by Tony Capes.

A full programme of eighty events, including heats, was conducted during the afternoon, giving ample opportunity to all the competitors to score in handicap or novelty events if not in the championships. In the "little brothers' race," for boys who have not yet reached school age, the field was so large that the race had to be divided into heats for the first time. Nearly thirty competed. The attendance of parents and friends was probably the largest since the war, and "the weather conditions were very pleasant.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Championship Sprint, Under 13:  
A. Burke ........................................... 1  
B. Graham ........................................... 2  
J. Flemming ......................................... 3  

Senior Hurdles, Under 13:  
A. Burke ........................................... 1  
F. Heatley ........................................... 2  
B. Curtis ........................................... 3  

Senior High Jump, Under 13:  
J. Mitchell (4ft. 1in.) ................................ 1  
A. Burke ........................................... 2  
W. McLean ........................................... 3  

Senior Broad Jump, Under 13:  
A. Burke (14ft. 3in.) ................................ 1  
W. McLean and F. Heatley, equal .................. 2  

Junior Hurdles, Under 11:  
A. Akkermans ....................................... 1  
R. Rush ............................................. 2  
J. Lyons and M. Walters, equal .................... 3  

Junior High Jump, Under 11:  
A. Akkermans (3ft. 9½in.) .......................... 1  
C. Keogh ........................................... 2  
A. Capes ........................................... 3  

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 Yards, Open:  
A. Burke ........................................... 1  
P. Mardling .......................................... 2  
W. McLean .......................................... 3  

100 Yards, Under 13:  
R. Graham .......................................... 1  
J. Fleming .......................................... 2  
D. Burke ........................................... 3  

100 Yards, Under 11:  
R. Rush ............................................. 1  
M. Walters .......................................... 2  
A. Akkermans ....................................... 3  

75 Yards, Under 10:  
J. Healy ........................................... 1  
R. Coleman .......................................... 2  
M. Harper .......................................... 3  

75 Yards, Under 9:  
M. Lester ........................................... 1  
P. Pearce ............................................ 2  
A. Woodley .......................................... 3  

60 Yards, Under 8:  
M. Terry ........................................... 1  
W. Larkin ........................................... 2  
J. Slattery .......................................... 3  

50 Yards, Under 7:  
J. Sanders .......................................... 1  
P. Sanders .......................................... 2  
R. Whitehead ....................................... 3  

50 Yards, Under 6:  
J. McNamara ........................................ 1  
F. Keogh ........................................... 2  
H. Sierak ........................................... 3  

COLOUR FLAG RACE.

Flag Race:  
Blue ................................................. 1  
Gold ................................................... 4  
Green ............................................... 3  

NOVELTY EVENTS.

Siamese Race, Open:  
B. Graham—M. Cox ................................... 1  
F. Heatley—J. Mitchell ................................ 2  
A. Burke—J. McNamara ................................ 3  

Siamese Race, Under 8:  
P. Sanders—J. Sanders ................................ 1  
S. O’Bryan—P. Mardling ................................ 2  
J. Keogh—W. Larkin .................................. 3  

Egg and Spoon Race, Under 10:  
J. McNamara ........................................ 1  
W. Slattery .......................................... 2  

Egg and Spoon Race, Under 6:  
J. Sanders .......................................... 1  
W. Galbraith ........................................ 2  

Leap Frog Race, Under 11:  
J. Anderson—M. Walters ................................ 1  
G. Schwarz ........................................... 2  
A. Zausa—F. Swaby .................................. 3  

Consolation Sack Race, Open:  
G. Schwarz ........................................... 1  
A. Murray ............................................ 2  
D. Grant ............................................. 3  

Sack Race, Under 11:  
J. Anderson .......................................... 1  
J. Pilkington ........................................ 2  
G. Coleman .......................................... 3  

Potato Race, Under 10:  
J. Healy ........................................... 1  
R. Rush ............................................. 2  
S. Schwarz .......................................... 3  

Potato Race, Under 8:  
B. Larkin ............................................ 1  
G. Jones ............................................. 2  
J. Sanders .......................................... 3  

Senior Obstacle Race:  
D. Whitehead ....................................... 1  
D. Grant ............................................ 2  
G. Coleman .......................................... 3  

Junior Obstacle Race:  
J. Anderson .......................................... 1  
J. Pilkington ........................................ 2  
F. Phillips and J. Kelly, equal ..................... 3
Xavier Preparatory School, Burke Hall, Kew

Prize List, Christmas, 1944

GRAMMAR II. (B).

Dux of the Class: EDWARD BRENNAN.

Aggregate—EDWARD BRENNAN, Geoffrey Kennedy, Geoffrey McCarthy, Brian Curtain, Christopher Bisshop, James McNamara.

Religious Knowledge—GEOFFREY KENNEDY, Brian Curtain, Edward Brennan, Geoffrey McCarthy, James McNamara, Christopher Bisshop.

English—GEOFFREY MCCARTHY, Edward Brennan and Geoffrey Kennedy (eq.), Brian Curtain, James McNamara, Gerald Coleman.

Essay.—EDWARD BRENNAN, Geoffrey Kennedy, Brian Curtain, Geoffrey McCarthy, Anthony Burke, Mark Cox.

History—GEOFFREY KENNEDY, Edward Brennan, Brian Curtain, Geoffrey McCarthy, Gerald Coleman, Paul Mardling.

Geography—GEOFFREY KENNEDY, Brian Curtain, Edward Brennan, John Fleming, Gerald Coleman, Paul Mardling.

French.—BRIAN CURTAIN, Geoffrey Kennedy, Edward Brennan, Geoffrey McCarthy, Christopher Bisshop, James McNamara.

Latin—GEOFFREY MCCARTHY, Edward Brennan, John Fleming, Geoffrey Kennedy, Christopher Bisshop, Brian Curtain.

Geometry.—EDWARD BRENNAN, James McNamara, Geoffrey Kennedy, Geoffrey McCarthy, Michael Niall.

Elocution.—ANTHONY BURKE, David Burne, Julian Keogh, Edward Brennan, Kevin Malouf, Francis Swaby.

Spelling.—BRIAN CURTAIN, Edward Brennan, Christopher Bisshop, Geoffrey Kennedy, Francis Swaby, Foster Heatley.

Writing.—DAVID GRANT, Kevin Malouf and Anthony Burke (eq.), David Burne, Paul Mardling, Edward Brennan.

Drawing—FRANCIS SWABY, Geoffrey McCarthy, Edward Brennan, James McNamara, David Grant and Julian Keogh (eq.).

Ob insigne meritum.—CHRISTOPHER BISSHOP.

GRAMMAR III (A)

Dux of Class: HENRY BURGER.

Aggregate.—HENRY BURGER, Bernard Curtis, John Fitzgerald, Brian Graham, Theo. Sweet, Kevin King.

Religious Knowledge.— HENRY BURGER, Brian Graham, Kevin King, Bernard Curtis, John Mitchell, James Collopy.

English.—HENRY BURGER, Bernard Curtis, John Fitzgerald, Theo Sweet, Brian Graham, John Monahan.

Essay.—JOHN FITZGERALD, David Whitehead, Henry Burger, Kevin King, Brian Graham, Godfrey Gaynor.

History.—HENRY BURGER, Bernard Curtis, Robert Monahan, John Fitzgerald, Peter Clarebrough, Roger Rush.

Geography.— HENRY BURGER, John Fitzgerald, Kevin King, Stephen Martin, Roger Rush, Bernard Curtis.

French.—HENRY BURGER, Theo Sweet, Brian Graham, Bernard Curtis, George Schwarz, Denys Rawson.

Latin.—HENRY BURGER, Bernard Curtis, Theo Sweet, Brian Graham, Godfrey Gaynor, Denys Rawson.

Arithmetic.—HENRY BURGER, Theo Sweet, John Fitzzgerald, Godfrey Gaynor, Bernard Curtis, Bruce Pennefather.

Algebra.—HENRY BURGER, Theo Sweet, Bernard Curtis, John Fitzgerald, Denys Rawson, John Monahan.
THE XAVERIAN.

Elocution.—JOHN MONAHAN, Roger Rush, William Dixon, Denys Rawson, Peter Clarebrough, Godfrey Gaynor.
Spelling—HENRY BURGER, Terence McDermott, Godfrey Gaynor, Theo Sweet, John Fitzgerald, Bernard Curtis.
Writing.—BERNARD CURTIS, John Fitzgerald, George Schwarz, Brian Graham, Alister McLean, Peter Clarebrough.
Drawing.—JOHN FITZGERALD, George Schwarz, David Whitehead, Bruce Pennewaer, Bernard Curtis, Henry Burger.
Ob Insigne Meritum—BRIAN GRAHAM, THEO SWEET, KEVIN KING.

GRAMMAR III. (B).

Dux of the Class: RONALD COLEMAN.

Aggregate.—RONALD COLEMAN, Brian Russell, John Anderson, Allan Ceen, Giorgio Santoro, Allan McDonald.
Religious Knowledge.—RONALD COLEMAN, Anthony Akkermans and Darrell Lumb (eq.), Giorgio Santoro, Piero Pagliaro, Norman Prendergast and John Duffus (eq.).
English.—RONALD COLEMAN, John Anderson and Brian Russell (eq.), Allan Ceen, Kevin Heeney, Bernard Sweet.
Essay.—JOHN DUFFUS, Andrew McGalliard, Graham O'Lohglin, Ronald Coleman, Brian Russell, Allan Ceen.
History.—RONALD COLEMAN, Giorgio Santoro, Bernard Sweet, Brian Russell, John Anderson, Kevin Heeney.
Geography.—JOHN LYONS, Giorgio Santoro, Ronald Coleman, Darien Cassidy, John Anderson, Donard Niall.
French.—GIORGIO SANTORO, John Anderson, Ronald Coleman, Brian Russell and Allan Ceen (eq.), Bernard Sweet.
Arithmetic.—BRIAN RUSSELL, John Duffus, Graham O'Lohglin, Darien Cassidy, Andrew McGalliard, Ronald Coleman.
Elocution—KEVIN HEENEY, John O'Callaghan, Donard Niall, Kenneth Temple, Casimir Keogh, Edward Horsington.
Reading.—DARRELL LUMB, Graham O'Lohglin, Andrew McGalliard. Kevin Heeney, Norman Prendergast, Anthony Akkermans.
Spelling.—BRIAN RUSSELL, John Anderson, Graham O'Lohglin, John Duffus, Graham McDermott, Ronald Coleman.
Writing.—JOHN LYONS and FRANCIS VIRGONA (eq.), Anthony Akkermans, Norman Prendergast, John O'Callaghan, John Anderson.
Drawing.—STEPHEN SCHWARZ, Norman Prendergast, Brian Russell and Allan Ceen (eq.), John Anderson, Darien Cassidy.
Ob Insigne Meritum—JOHN ANDERSON, ALLAN CEEEN, ALLAN MCDONALD.
Dr. John Clar. sbrough's Prize for Australian History.—RONALD COLEMAN, GIORGIO SANTORO.

RUDIMENTS.

Dux of the Class: ANTHONY CAPES.

Aggregate—ANTHONY CAPES, Gavan Jones, Paul Grundy, Philip Pearce, Mark Lester, Terence Horgan.
English.—ANTHONY CAPES, Richard O'Bryan, Paul Grundy, Mark Lester, Julian Slatterie, Terence Horgan.
Essay.—PAUL GRUNDY, Anthony Capes, Gavan Jones, Terence Horgan, Stanley Schofield, Paul Birch.
History.—GAVAN JONES, Anthony Capes, Paul Grundy, Mark Lester, Philip Pearce, Terence Horgan.
Geography.—GAVAN JONES, Anthony Capes, Paul Grundy, Mark Lester, John Dwyer, John Scott.
Arithmetic.—PHILIP PEARCE, Anthony Capes, Paul Grundy, Mark Lester, Stanley Schofield, Gavan Jones.
Mental Arithmetic.—GAVAN JONES, Anthony Capes and Paul Grundy (eq.), Philip Pearce, Bryan O'Brien, Mark Lester.

Elocution.—ANDREW PAPP, Walter Broderick, Eris Tilley, Gavin Elliott, John Power, Paul Grundy.

Reading.—PAUL GRUNDY, Gavan Jones, Anthony Capes, Richard O'Bryan, Philip Pearce, Andrew Papp.

Spelling.—GAVAN JONES, Paul Birch, Paul Grundy, Terence Horgan, Anthony Capes, Gavin Elliott.

Writing.—JULIAN SALTTERIE, Andrew Papp, Thomas Dwyer, Stanley Schofield, Mark Lester, Peter Waterman.

Ob Insigne Meritum—MARK LESTER, TERENCE HORGAN.

ELEMENTS (A).

Dux of Class: TERENCE BAINBRIDGE.


English.—TERENCE BAINBRIDGE, John Corby, John Colvin, Brian Condon, Brian Rush, Denis O'Day.

History.—THOMAS KEOGH, John Corby, Terence Bainbridge, John McCormack, John Lambert and Brian Rush (eq.).

Geography.—TERENCE BAINBRIDGE, Thomas Keogh, John Corby, Robin Cooper, Brian Condon, John Lambert.

Essay.—JOHN CORBY, Robin Cooper, Denis O'Day, Brian Condon, Daryl Dening, Thomas Keogh.

Arithmetic.—JOHN CORBY, Thomas Keogh, Terence Bainbridge, John Lambert, Robin Brady, Brian Condon.

Mental Arithmetic—TERENCE BAINBRIDGE, John Corby, Warwick McKay.

Reading.—ROBIN COOPER, Brian Condon, John Lambert, Terence Bainbridge, Daryl Dening, John Colvin.


Spelling.—TERENCE BAINBRIDGE, Robin Cooper, Daryl Dening, Thomas Keogh, Denis O'Day, Brian Condon.

Writing.—JOHN COLVIN, John Lambert, William Galbraith, Brian Rush, Thomas Keogh, Denis O'Day and Daryl Dening (eq.).

Drawing.—DESMOND O'BRIEN, Denis O'Day, Robin Brady and John Corby (eq.), William Galbraith, Brian Rush.

Ob Insigne Meritum.—BRIAN CONDON, DENIS O'DAY.

Good Progress.—JOHN LAMBERT, DARYL DENING.

ELEMENTS (B).

Dux of Class: BRIAN COPPIN.

Aggregate Merit.—BRIAN COPPIN, Michael Terry, Lachlan Maher, Robin Whitehead, Francois Talou, Brian Monahan.


English.—BRIAN COPPIN, Valentino Adami, Francois Talou, Guiseppe Pagliaro, Adrian Daniel, Michael Terry.

History.—BRIAN COPPIN, Valentino Adami, Michael Terry, Robin Whitehead, Lachlan Maher, Hugh Niall.

Geography.—BRIAN COPPIN, Valentino Adami, Michael Terry, Robin Whitehead, Lachlan Maher, Hugh Niall, Robin Whitehead.

Arithmetic.— VALENTINO ADAMI, Hugh Niall, Brian Coppin, Edward O'Bryan, Michael Terry and Graham Fayle (eq.).

Mental Arithmetic—EDWARD O'BRYAN, Robin Whitehead, Valentino Adami and Brian Coppin (eq.), Michael Terry, Brian Monahan.

Reading.—HUGH NIALL, Michael Terry, Lachlan Maher, Brian Coppin, Brian Monahan, Guiseppe Pagliaro.
Spelling.—BRIAN COPPIN, Hugh Niall, Michael Terry, Lachlan Maher, Brian Monahan, Adrian Daniel.
Writing.—BRIAN COPPIN, Michael Terry, Brian Monahan, Lachlan Maher, Robin Whitehead, Francois Talou.
Drawing—FRANCOIS TALOU, Hugh Niall, Brian Monahan, Michael Terry, Valentino Adami, Robin Lee.
Ob Insigne Meritum—LACHLAN MAHER, ROBIN WHITEHEAD.
Good Progress—ROBIN LEE, ADRIAN DANIEL.

ELEMENTS (C).

Dux of Class: PAUL MAHER.

Aggregate Merit. — PAUL MAHER, John Goodwin, John McIntosh, David Murphy, Roger Keogh, Paul Sierak.
Religious Knowledge.—PAUL MAHER, David Murphy, John Goodwin, John Whitehouse, John McIntosh, Roger Keogh.
English.—PAUL MAHER, John Whitehouse, John McIntosh, John Goodwin, Roger Keogh, David Murphy.
History.—ROGER KEOGH, Paul Maher, John McIntosh, John Goodwin, Anthony Harper, Paul Sierak.
Geography—JOHN GOODWIN, Paul Maher, Anthony Harper, David Murphy, John McIntosh, Roger Keogh.
Arithmetic.—JOHN GOODWIN, Paul Maher, Anthony Harper, Paul Sierak, John McIntosh, Roger Keogh.
Mental Arithmetic.—PAUL MAHER, Anthony Harper, Paul Sierak, John Whitehouse, John McIntosh, David Murphy.
Reading.—PAUL MAHER, Anthony Harper, John Goodwin, John McIntosh, Paul Sierak, David Murphy.
Elocution.—JOHN McIntosh, Paul Maher, David Murphy, Paul Sierak, John Goodwin, Roger Keogh.
Spelling.—ANTHONY HARPER, Paul Maher, John Goodwin, John Whitehouse, John McIntosh, Paul Sierak.
Drawing—PAUL MAHER, Paul Sierak, John Goodwin, Horace Sierak, David Murphy, Roger Keogh.
Nature Study.—PAUL SIERAK, Paul Maher, John Goodwin, David Murphy, Horace Sierak, John McIntosh.
Ob Insigne Meritum.—DAVID MURPHY.
Improvement.—HORACE SIERAK, JOHN WHITEHOUSE, TERENCE DANIEL.
Miss Aughtie's Prizes for Music—LIONEL WHITAKER, STANLEY SCHOFIELD, JOHN FITZGERALD, JOHN DUFFUS, BRIAN GRAHAM.
The Roll, 1944

Head Master: Rev. Fr. D. Durnin, S.J.
Prefect of Studies: Rev. Fr. V. Conlon, S.J.

MASTERS:

Rev. Fr. W. Allen, S.J.
Rev. Fr. J. Martin, S.J.
Rev. F. Brown, S.J.
Rev. H. Sneddon, S.J.

Prefect of the Sodality: Frank Curtain.
Prefect of the Sodality of St. John Berckmans: Anthony Burke.

Visiting Teachers:

Miss Rush (Piano).
Miss Clancy (Violin).
Miss Sullivan (Elocution).

Adami, Valentino.
Akkermans, Anthony
Akkermans, Charles.
Anderson, Gregory.
Anderson, John.
Ashworth, Derek.
Bainbridge, Terence.
Ballingall, Arthur.
Barber, Geoffrey.
Birch, Paul.
Bishop, Christopher.
Brady, John.
Brennan, Edward.
Broderick, Walter.
Burger, Henry.
Burke, Anthony.
Burke, Raymond.
Burne, David.
Byrne, William.
Calil, Peter.
Capes, Anthony.
Cassidy, Darien.
Ceen, Allan.
Chisholm, James.
Clarebrough, Peter.
Coleman, Gerald.
Coleman, Ronald.
Collopy, James.
Colvin, John.
Colvin, Ronald.
Condon, Brian.
Cooper, Robin.
Coppin, Brian.
Corby, John.
Cox, Mark.
Cross, Leaver.
Curtain, Brian.
Curtain, Frank.
Curtis, Bernard.
Daniel, Adrian.
Daniel, Terence.
Davis, John.
Dening, Daryl.
Dibbin, Brian.
Dixon, William.
Duffus, John.
Dwyer, John.
Dwyer, Thomas.
Elliott, Gavin.
Fayle, Graham.
Fitzgerald, John.
Fleming, John.
Galbraith, Richard.
Galbraith, William.
Gaynor, Godfrey.
Goodwin, John.
Graham, Brian.
Grant, David.
Grundy, Paul.
Harper, Anthony.
Harper, Michael.
Healy, John.
Heatley, Foster.
Heeney, Kevin.
Hickey, Michael.
Horan, Geoffrey.
Horpg, Terence.
Horsington, Edward.
Johnson, Graeme.
Jones, Gavan.
Kelly, Gerald.
Kelly, John.
Kelly, Michael.
Kennedy, Geoffrey.
Keogh, Casimir.
Keogh, Julian .
Keogh, Roger.
Keogh, Thomas.
King, Kevin.
Lambert, John.
Larkin, Barry.
Larkin, William.
Lee, Robin.
Lester, Mark.
Lumb, Darrell.
Lyons, John.
Maher, Lachlan.
Maher, Paul.
Malouf, Kevin.
Mardling, Paul.
Martin, Hilary.
Martin, Stephen.
Massoeur, Andre.
Millen, Edward.
Miller, Trevor.
Mitchell, John.
Monahan, Brian.
Monahan, John.
Monahan, Robert.
Mornane, Patrick.
Murdoch, Frederick.
Murphy, David.
Murray, Alexander.
McCarthy, Geoffrey.
McCormack, John.
McDermott, Graham.
McDermott, Terence.
McDonald, Allan.
McEwan, Brian.
McGalliard, Andrew.
Mcintosh, John.
McKay, Warwick.
McLean, Alister.
McLean, Ewan.
McLean, William.
McNamara, James.
Niall, Donard.
Niall, Hugh.
Niall, Michael.
O'Brien, Bryan.
O'Brien, Desmond.
O'Bryan, Edward.
O'Bryan, Richard.
O'Callaghan, John.
O'Day, Denis.
O'Loghlin, Graham.
Pagliaro, Giuseppe.
Pagliaro, Piero.
Papp, Andrew.
Pearce, Philip.
Pennefather, Bruce.
Pilkington, Joseph.
Phillips, Francis.
Power, John.
Prendergast, Norman.
Rawson, Denys.
Rush, Brian.
Rush, Roger.
Russell, Brian.
Ryan, John.
Sanders, John.
Sanders, Peter.
Santoro, Giorgio.
Savage, John.
Schofield, Stanley.
Schwarz, George.
Schwarz, Stephen.
Scott, John.
Shannon, Fergus.
Sheppard, John.
Sheppard, Leonard.
Shivnan, Brian.
Sierak, Horace.
Sierak, Paul.
Slattery, Julian.
Slattery, James.
Spicer, James.
Sullivan, Kevin.
Swaby, Francis.
Sweet, Berdard.
Sweet, Theo.
Talou, Francois.
Taylor, William.
Temple, Kenneth.
Terry Michael.
Tilley, Eris.
Trainor, Barry.
Unsworth, James.
Virgona, Francis.
Walters, Max.
Waterman, Peter.
Webb, Geoffrey.
Whitaker, Lionel.
Whitehead, David.
Whitehead, Robin.
Whitehouse, John.
Whittard, Bryan.
Williams, Ian.
Winter, Michael.
Woodley, Allan.
Zausa, Antonio.
SONS OF OLD XAVERIANS.

(Names of fathers and dates they were at Xavier in brackets).

Back Row (L-R.)—F. Donovan (Dr. F. Donovan, 1907-08), T. Mulcahy, 1918-21), II. Frederico (1919-23).

THE SODALITY.

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Front Row (L-R).—F. Strafford, P. Mullins, A. Wilson, M. Lefebvre ((Prefect), G. Chapman, T. Kane, P. Poynton.
Early in the year an innovation was made in the school time-table. For the higher classes the day now closes with an hour allotted to study, during which written homework and part of learning work are done under the supervision at the school. As a result, the boys are compelled to devote only a short time to preparation of lessons at home. A number of reasons led to this change, but it was considered desirable, particularly in view of the fact that young children who are occupied with organized games after school hours return home too late to be able to give proper attention to homework.

Recently, Mr. Eustace Keogh, an old Xaverian, on learning that General Science had been added to the course of studies, very generously offered the equipment of a laboratory. A science bench, with its many accessories, has therefore been installed in the school. Kostka is most grateful to Mr. Keogh for this gift and welcomes it the more as coming from an Old Xaverian.

Among our benefactors we must also number Mesdames Lefebvre, Maguire, McMillan, Noon and Wallace, and Dr. Des Niall, Messrs. Giese and Kane, who have donated prizes and sporting materials. To these we offer our sincere thanks for the help that they have given the School.

The Mission Society

The past twelve months, while they have brought many military successes in the Pacific, have at the same time by these very military successes brought untold devastation and destruction to hitherto nourishing mission fields; for intensive bombing and shelling, the accompaniments of modern war, have ruined in a very short time the fruits of careful toil during past decades. For instance, damage at Alexishafen is £1,000,000, and in New Britain, £660,000. But that is not the worst; for, of the priests, brothers, and nuns who have devoted themselves to these mission areas, many have given their lives; others are missing, and yet others have been ill-treated. That these have not been few is shown by figures given for two areas only. In New Guinea, Monsignor Hannan has told us, one hundred of the missionary personnel of the Society of the Divine Word are dead, and an equal number are missing. In the vicariate of Rabaul, which had 92,000 Catholics, 167 priests, brothers and nuns have disappeared.

All this makes grim reading; makes us, perhaps, fear for the future welfare of these missions. But we need have no fear, for already with the tide of war rolling back, the Church’s intrepid missionaries have begun the long task of repairing and rebuilding what had been destroyed, so that we may look forward, with Pope Pius XII, to a period of unprecedented expansion in those areas which have experienced war at its worst.

In our mission talks, much consideration has been given to the present state of the missions in the Pacific. We have kept before our minds how we can help in the gigantic task of rebuilding—mainly by our prayers, but also by our pennies, and we hope we may say that we have given freely of both. We must give our thanks to all in the school for the constant flow of coins that have come in for the missions. Deserving of special mention for their enterprise in undertaking the project is a picture show organized by H. Frederico and A. Wilson. There can be no doubt that the experiment was a success, for the splendid sum of £1/1/- was handed to the director for the Mission Society.

We thank, too, Fr. C. Finn, S.J., for his vividly presented talk bringing out the vastness of the task the Church has before her on foreign mission fields; and Fr. W. Hagan, S.V.D., for an unforgettable account of his experiences in the hands of the Japanese.

Sodality of the Holy Angels

Prefect: Michael Lefebvre.
Assistant: Arnold Wilson.
Ladies’ Committee

The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mrs. A. Devine; Secretary, Mrs. C. Mould; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Poulain.

At the first meeting the committee undertook to provide heaters for the classrooms. A direct appeal was made, bridge parties were held, and an illustrated lecture was given by Lieut.-Col. Maguire, father of one of the boys, in order to raise money for this purpose. Thanks to the generosity of parents and friends, the boys now enjoy the comfort of an effective heating system during the winter months.

Although the task of finding money for the heaters had proved a strenuous one, the committee decided to venture still further and to hold a garden fete. This took place at Kostka on 18th November, when it was formally opened by the Mayor of Brighton, Cr. R. E. Trickey, who was accompanied by the Mayoress. Mrs. J. J. Daly, President of the C.W.O., also attended and was present on the platform.

Much enthusiasm was shown by the organizers and stall-holders from the beginning of the project. All these ladies expended much time and energy in order to make a success of their undertaking. It is hoped that the proceeds — the total amount is not known at the time of writing — will be worthy of their devoted work.

Acknowledgement must also be made of the support given the committee and the School by some of the fathers of the boys, in particular by Messrs. Ahearn, Gagiero and Mould. During the fete much of the work of stall-holders was relieved by pupils of O’Neill College and the De la Salle Younger Set. We are indebted, too, to many business firms and individual friends for help of a most practical kind: To M. F. Ahearn and Company and, through Mr. J. J. Stack, the Palette Shoe Company for some very successful raffles; Messrs. McPherson and Lawrie for the lighting arrangements; W. P. Francis and Son for the loan of chairs for this and other functions; Mr. J. J. Thompson for providing an orchestra; Mr. Hunt, whose loud speakers proved so useful; Mr. F. Hubbard for assistance to the refreshments stall; Messrs. J. Ryan and J. B. Wallace for their valuable gifts; and finally the Brighton A.R.P. firemen.

Boys, too, gave their help. Two showed their enterprise by arranging and operating a picture show at the School. Others spent many weeks of patient toil in providing home-made toys for sale at one of the stalls. The excellent design and high class workmanship of some of these products was an interesting revelation, and the young craftsmen deserved the congratulations that they received.

The year, then, has been one of considerable activity, and the committee is to be congratulated on the amount it has achieved. To Mrs. Mould, the secretary, on whose shoulders fell the responsibility of so much of the work of general organization, and to Mrs. Devine, the President, who worked for the success of the fete and begged in support of the heater appeal, the thanks of the School are due in a special way. For the very keen interest that all have shown in the welfare of Kostka we cannot but be deeply grateful.

Cricket

Once again the year was an outstanding one. Of fifteen matches played we lost only three, and even those by no considerable number of runs. The Under 11’s were the better team, and once they had been formed into a combination they went through the term without the loss of a match. Several of the boys show promise. Karl Giese and Alex Morrison, though still Under 9, have established themselves as a solid opening pair. Both moreover are keen fielders, and handy with the ball. Bryan Lefebvre was the vigorous quick-scoring batsman of the side and the mainstay of the bowling attack. Able support, however, was given him in both departments by Colin Fergus. Others to do well were Robert Harrison, Christopher Poulain, and Karl Kost.

Among the Under 13’s, John Fleming looks the most promising bat. Though a slow scorer he has some style, good defence and the confidence to wait for the ball he knows he is able to play. Tom McClelland was the most consistent bowler. He has a good action and gets plenty of pace off the pitch, but needs to control his length. Other good players included Peter Fawcett, John Fergus and Paul Holland.
THE XAVERIAN.

Under 13—
Captain: John Fergus.
Best at Batting: J. Fergus (av. 19.7), P. Gleeson (17.7), P. Fawcett (15).
Best at Bowling: P. Holland (av. 3.9), P. Fawcett (4.6), T. McClelland (6.5).
Trophy (awarded to the boy who received highest points for batting, bowling and for a series of competitions in fielding and throwing): J. Fergus.

Matches.
Kostka Hall 124 (J. Fergus 37 not out, M. Cosgriff 31).
North Melbourne 66 (Cosgriff 5 for 23, Rush 3 for 18).
Kostka won by 58 runs.

27th November — v. Burke Hall.
Kostka Hall 49 (Rush 11, Poynton 10).
Burke Hall 49 (Cosgriff 5 for 23).
Drawn game.

Kostka 90 (Fergus 21, Fleming 14, McClelland 14).
St. Patrick's 51 (Fawcett 4 for 14).
Kostka won by 39 runs.

Kostka Hall 91 (Fawcett 37, Fergus 20).
North Melbourne 64 (Fawcett 4 for 12, McClelland 3 for 13).
Kostka won by 27 runs.

11th March — v. Burke Hall.
Burke Hall 9 for 70 (Fawcett 3 for 27, McNamara 3 for 6).
Kostka Hall 53 (Poynton 18).
Burke Hall won by 17 runs.

Xavier 8 for 88 (Fergus 2 for 5, McClelland 2 for 14).
Kostka Hall 79 for 75 (Fawcett 15, R. Fleming 13).
Xavier won by 13 runs.

Kostka Hall 103 (Holland 24 n.o., Poynton 24, J. Fleming 22).
Haileybury 37 (Holland 4 for 1).
Kostka won by 66 runs.

Under 11.
Captain: Bryan Lefebvre.
Batting Averages: B. Lefebvre (12.6), C. Fergus (9.7), K. Giese (8.8).
Bowling Averages: A. Morrison (3.8), K. Giese (4.7), C. Fergus (4.9).
Trophy: Bryan Lefebvre.

Matches.
20th November — v. Burke Hall.
Burke Hall 6 for 77.
Kostka Hall 7 for 76.
Burke Hall won by 1 run.

COLOUR CLUB COMPETITIONS.

The enthusiasm for these matches was as great as ever. The teams were evenly balanced, each being well equipped with both batsmen and bowlers. Any unevenness in the scores was due to the absence of players and not to any weakness in the teams. Reds won three out of four matches and were leaders with 15 points. Blacks were second with two wins and 10 points, while Blues came third with 5 points for one win. Reds were captained by Bob Fleming, Blacks by Peter Fawcett, and Blues by John Fergus.

Best scores were made by J. Fergus 35 n.o., P. Gleeson 30 n.o., P. Poynton 28 n.o., T. Kane 24 n.o., and M. Lefebvre 21. The best performances in bowling were 6 for 4 (P. Fawcett), 4 for 1 (R. Fleming, P. Holland, A. Morrison), 5 for 26 (J. Fergus), 4 for 22 (T. McClelland, A. McNamara).
In contrast to the cricket this was one of the worst years Kostka has experienced. Of seventeen matches played we won only five and lost twelve. It was not that the teams were, on the whole, worse than in previous years, but the two or three first class players we have always had were lacking.

**UNDER 13.**

They were a weak team and all too conscious of their weakness. As a result they rarely threw themselves with any vigour into their matches and were easily defeated. Michael Lefebvre was a good captain who did his best to encourage the side by his example. But there were no good players. Those who were reasonable kicks were weak at marking and picking up the ball. The few who could mark were unable to dispose of the ball to any advantage. All were far too slow in moving to the ball.

Nevertheless it must be said in their favour that they practised keenly and towards the end of the season had shown marked improvement. Also they were unfortunate with casualties. Scarcely a game was played with all the better players included, and in some matches three or four were out together.

Captain: Michael Lefebvre.

Leading Goalkicker: Brian Gerraty, 15 goals.

Match Results:

- 3rd June — v. St. Patrick’s. Lost, 0.7—25.22.
- 10th June — v. Haileybury. Lost, 1.2—6.10.
- 17th June — v. Burke Hall. Lost, 3.3—12.17.
- 22nd July — v. Xavier Under 14 C. Won, 4.8—3.10.
- 29th July — v. St. Patrick’s. Lost, 1.8—19.46.
- 19th August — v. Burke Hall. Lost, 2.3—15.18.

**UNDER 11.**

As in the cricket they were a better team than the Under 13’s, and considering that a good half of them were Under 10, some even Under 9, they did excellently to win four of their nine matches. Moreover they played well even in the games they lost, and never gave up hope till the final bell. Bryan Lefebvre was the inspiration of the side and showed plenty of dash and fine football dash. But he needs to improve his kicking. John Forster played well in ruck and John McCall as full back, while Alex Morrison bids fair to develop into a speedy rover. Others to render good service to the team were Daryl Gagiero, John Sutton and Colin Fergus.

Captain: Bryan Lefebvre.

Match Results:

- 17th June — v. C.B.C., North Melbourne. Lost, 1.3—7.18.
- 12th August — v. C.B.C., St. Kilda. Lost, 0.1—9.9.
- 19th August — v. Burke Hall. Lost, 3.5—10.15.

Under 10 Match:

- 24th June — v. Haileybury. Won, 6.8—3.5.

**COLOUR CLUB COMPETITIONS.**

Matches were played on Wednesdays after school. The Reds were premiers, having won their four games to score the maximum sixteen points. Their success was in great measure due to the able work of Bob Fleming as captain. Blues and Blacks defeated each other once and finished the season with four points apiece, but Blues were ahead on percentage. The Blues were captained by John Fergus and Blacks by Peter Poynton.
Kostka Hall Sports

Kostka Hall held its annual sports at the School on Friday, October 20. The friends of the School were present in their usual good numbers, and were joined later in the afternoon, by many old Kostka boys now at the Senior School. The north wind prevailing in the City was not noticed in the pleasant atmosphere of Brighton Beach, and conditions were almost ideal for athletics. The well-kept grounds and the excellent conduct of the boys were favourably commented on by the visitors.

Peter Fawcett was the winner of the Senior Cup, coming first in the 100 yards, hurdles and high jump, and being beaten by only a quarter of an inch by Jim Harney in the broad jump. This latter event was remarkable in that the three best competitors were within an inch of one another. Peter Fawcett won the Senior (under 13) Cup last year also, when he was himself under 12.

The Junior Cup (under 11) was won by Brian Lefebvre, who won the hurdles and broad jump, was equal first in the high jump, and third in the sprint. Christopher Poulain was the winner of the junior event.

In the handicap events the handicappers had done their work so well that the judges were hard put to it to separate the competitors, and both in the heats and finals there were several ties. The novelty events and the flag race provided much enjoyment for all.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

Champion Athlete:

P. Fawcett (29 pts.). .................................. 1
J. Harney (13 pts.). .................................. 2
A. McNamara (8 pts.). .................................. 3

100 Yards Championship:
P. Fawcett ............................................. 1
J. Harney ............................................. 2
H. Frederico ........................................... 3

Hurdles Championship:
P. Fawcett ............................................. 1
B. Gerraty ............................................. 2
A. McNamara ........................................... 3

Broad Jump:
J. Harney (13ft. 11½in.) .................................. 1
P. Fawcett (13ft. 11½in.) .................................. 2
R. Muir (13ft. 10½in.) .................................. 3

High Jump:
P. Fawcett (4ft. 2in.) .................................. 1
A. McNamara ............................................. 2
J. Fergus ............................................. 3

JUNIOR (UNDER 11) CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

Champion Athlete:

B. Lefebvre (24 pts.). .................................. 1
G. Gagiero (12 pts.). .................................. 2
C. Fergus (10 pts.). .................................. 3

100 Yards Championship:
C. Poulain ............................................. 1
J. Bailey ............................................. 2
B. Lefebvre ........................................... 3

Broad Jump:
B. Lefebvre (12ft. 9in.) .................................. 1
D. Gagiero and K. Kost .................................. equal 2

High Jump:
(3ft. 7in.) ............................................. equal 1
B. Lefebvre ............................................. 2
D. Gagiero ............................................. 3

Hurdles Championship:
B. Lefebvre ............................................. 1
C. Fergus ............................................. 2
D. Gagiero ............................................. 3

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 Yards, Under 13:
P. Fawcett ............................................. 1
B. Gerraty ............................................. 2
M. Lefebvre ........................................... 3

100 Yards, Under 12:
J. Fleming ............................................. 1
J. Chapman ............................................. 2
J. Harney ............................................. 3

100 Yards, Under 11:
J. Mulcahy ............................................. 1
K. Kost ............................................. 2
J. Bailey ............................................. 3

75 Yards, Under 10:
D. Lim ............................................. 1
P. Lawson ............................................. 2
C. Giese ............................................. 3

75 Yards, Under 9:
J. Fleming ............................................. 1
J. Chapman ............................................. 2
R. Frederico ........................................... 3

60 Yards, Under 8:
D. Phillips ............................................. 1
B. Wallace ............................................. 2
L. Maguire ........................................... 3

50 Yards, Under 7:
J. Condon ............................................. 1
B. Bailey ............................................. 2
R. Frederico ........................................... 3

COLOUR FLAG RACE.

Flag Race:
Red ............................................. 1
Black ............................................. 2
Blue ............................................. 3

NOVELTY EVENTS.

Wheelbarrow Race, Open:
A. McNamara—J. Fergus .................................. 1
J. Fleming—J. Harney .................................. 2
G. Woolmore—R. Allard .................................. 3

Wheelbarrow Race, Under 11:
D. Gagiero—B. Lefebvre .................................. 1
A. Mould—J. Petty ...................................... 2
C. Hickey—P. Hoinville .................................. 3

Egg and Spoon Race, Under 10:
I. Wallace ............................................. 1
F. Donovan ............................................. 2
J. Sutton ............................................. 3

Egg and Spoon Race, Under 8:
J. Edelman ............................................. 1
R. Frederico ........................................... 2
J. Stafford ............................................. 3
Egg and Spoon Race, Under 6:
- G. McCall .................................................. 1
- J. Burke ................................................... 2
- H. Lumsden ................................................. 3

Siamese Race, Under 12:
- D. Morgan—J. Chapman ................................... 1
- J. Fleming—J. Harney ..................................... 2
- B. Lefebvre—D. Gagiero .................................. 3

Open Sack Race:
- M. Lefebvre ................................................ 1
- J. Fleming .................................................. 2
- S. Wong .................................................... 3

Potato Race, Under 9:
- D. Lim ....................................................... 1
- A. Morrison ................................................ 2
- K. Giese .................................................... 3

Potato Race, Under 7:
- D. Phillips ................................................ 1
- H. Lumsden ................................................ 2
- J. Boston .................................................... 3

Obstacle Race, Senior:
- J. Fleming .................................................. 1
- P. Poynton .................................................. 2
- A. McNamara .............................................. 3

Obstacle Race, Junior:
- A. Morrison ................................................ 1
- H. Corder and J. Doyle ..................................... equal 2

Little Brothers’ Race:
- J. Lim ....................................................... 3

COLOUR CLUB ATHLETES.

For the past two years the Colour Club competition was decided from the number of points gained by the members of each club in their events at the Annual Sports Meeting. This year we reverted to the former system of holding a special series of events to decide the champions. These were conducted during the week before Sports Day after school. Four events—Sprint, Long Jump, High Jump and Hurdles—were held in each of the ages Under 13, Under 12, Under 11 and Under 10. As well there was a Sprint Under 14 and one Under 9, and the competition ended with the Colour Flag Race run on Sports Day. Throughout, the events were closely contested. Reds held the lead from the beginning, and only with the last event did Blacks forge ahead to win by one point. Final results were:

**Blacks** ................................................. 121 Points
**Reds** ................................................... 120 Points
**Blues** .................................................. 95 Points

For each of the Clubs points were scored as follows:

**BLACKS:** Fawcett 29, B. Lefebvre 26, C. Fergus 18, Giese 18, G. Chapman 8, J. Fleming 6, J. Forster 3, McKenna 3, Kelly 2, and Plunkett, Allard and B. Gagiero 1 each. For Flag Race 5 points.

**REDS:** Harney 22, D. Gagiero 16, Poulain 15, Gerraty 13, Sutton 13, Morrison 8, Wong 6, P. Johnstone 5, Donovan 4, Holland 5, Gleeson 3 and Wilson 3. For Flag Race 8 points.

**BLUES:** McNamara 26, Ahearn 15, H. Frederico 8, J. Fergus 8, Edelman 8, M. Lefebvre 7, Kane 5, J. Bailey 5, Morrissy 5, Kost 3, Doyle 3, Harrison and Quinn 1 each. For Flag Race 3 points.
**CHALLENGE SPORTS.**

For some years now Kostka Hall and Burke Hall have contested for the Phelan Cup. The holder was decided on the number of points gained from two 100 Yard Sprints held on the respective Sports Day of each of the schools. As this was in some ways unfair to each school on its Sports Day when the competitors had to compete against fresher visitors, and more particularly to enable a larger number of boys to take part in winning the trophy for their school, it was decided to abandon the sprints and hold a full sports meeting in their place. The donor willingly agreed to the changed conditions and the First Challenge Sports were held last year at Burke Hall. They proved eminently successful. After an exciting afternoon during which the leader changed with almost every event, the meeting ended fittingly in a draw—44 points each.

This year the Challenge Sports were held at Kostka on Tuesday, October 10. The parents and friends who attended were treated to an excellent afternoon's entertainment. Once again the teams were evenly matched, and though Kostka was never in the lead after the first event, only a few points separated the schools till the final Relay Races. Burke Hall then went ahead to win by 12 points. The final result was:

Burke Hall, ............... 51 points  
Kostka Hall, ............... 39 points

The outstanding performance of the afternoon was Peter Fawcett's score of 9 points for Kostka from two firsts, a second and a third. This was closely followed by A. Akkermans' 8 points for Burke Hall from two firsts and a second. Others to score well for Kostka were B. Lefebvre 7 points, J. Harney 6 points, A. McNamara 3½ points, and C. Fergus 3 points. For Burke Hall, A. Burke gained 5 points. In general Kostka made their best showing in the Under 13 and Under 12 section, in which they won all five events. Burke Hall showed their superiority in the remainder of the events down to Under 7.

**Results:**

**UNDER 13.**

100 Yards:  
P. Fawcett (Kostka), ............... 1  
A. McNamara (Kostka), 3rd place, 4th place 1  
J. Harney (Kostka), 4th place, 5th place 1  
A. Capes (Burke Hall), 5th place 1  
W. Dixon (Burke Hall), 6th place 1  

High Jump:  
P. Fawcett (Kostka), 6th place 1  
A. McNamara (Kostka), 7th place 1  
J. Harney (Kostka), 8th place 1  

Long Jump:  
P. Fawcett (Kostka), 9th place 1  
A. McNamara (Kostka), 10th place 1  
J. Harney (Kostka), 11th place 1  

Relay Race:  
Burke Hall, ............... 1  
Kostka Hall, ............... 1

**UNDER 11.**

100 Yards:  
P. Fawcett (Kostka), ............... 1  
A. Akkermans (Burke Hall), 2nd place 1  
J. Harney (Burke Hall), 3rd place 1  
C. Fergus (Kostka), 4th place 1  

High Jump:  
P. Fawcett (Kostka), 5th place 1  
A. McNamara (Kostka), 6th place 1  
J. Harney (Burke Hall), 7th place 1  

Long Jump:  
P. Fawcett (Kostka), 8th place 1  
A. McNamara (Kostka), 9th place 1  
J. Harney (Burke Hall), 10th place 1  

Relay Race:  
Burke Hall, ............... 1  
Kostka Hall, ............... 1

**SPRINTS.**

100 Yards, Under 12:  
J. Harney (Kostka), ............... 1  
C. Fergus (Kostka), 2nd place 1  
B. Lefebvre (Kostka), 3rd place 1  

75 Yards, Under 10:  
J. Harney (Kostka), ............... 1  
C. Fergus (Kostka), 2nd place 1  

50 Yards, Under 9:  
A. Capes (Burke Hall), ............... 1  
C. Fergus (Kostka), 2nd place 1  

60 Yards, Under 8:  
M. Terry (Burke Hall), ............... 1  
C. Fergus (Kostka), 2nd place 1  

50 Yards, Under 7:  
J. Sanders (Burke Hall), ............... 1  
A. McNamara (Kostka), 2nd place 1
Xavier Preparatory School, Kostka Hall, Brighton Beach.

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GRAMMAR II.

Dux of Class: HUBERT FREDERICO.

Aggregate.—HUBERT FREDERICO, Michael Lefebvre, Geoffrey Chapman.

Religious Knowledge.—HUBERT FREDERICO, Arnold Wilson, Robert Fleming.

English.—HUBERT FREDERICO, Michael Lefebvre, Geoffrey Chapman and Arnold Wilson (eq.).

History and Geography—GEOFFREY CHAPMAN, Hubert Frederico, Michael Lefebvre and Peter Poynton (eq.).

Essay.—ARNOLD WILSON, Hubert Frederico, Michael Lefebvre.

Elocution.—PETER GLEESON, Michael Lefebvre, Brian Gerraty.

General Science.—MICHAEL LEFEBVRE, Geoffrey Chapman, Hubert Frederico.


Mathematics.—HUBERT FREDERICO, Peter Poynton, Geoffrey Chapman.

GRAMMAR III.

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Essay.—BRYAN NEED, Philip Martin, Peter Phillips.

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Latin and French—BRYAN LEFEBVRE, Philip Martin, Peter Phillips.

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Religious Knowledge—ALLAN MOULD, Karl Ulmi, John Petty.

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History and Geography—JOHN BAILEY, Daryl Gagiero and John Petty (eq.).

Essay.—DARYL GAGIERO, Karl Ulmi, Roger Muir.

Elocution—ALLAN MOULD and JOHN PETTY (eq.).

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