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School Notes**SEPTEMBER**

Refreshed and eager after the summer holidays 750 boys, including 140 newcomers, returned to school to face changed classes, new subjects. Four new masters were welcomed to the staff: Mr. G. Fee, B.Sc., a scholar at St. Bede's but a few years ago; Mr. A. F. Smart, B.Sc.; Mr. S. Baxter, B.A.; and Monsieur C. Chazaud, who came for one year's experience as French assistant.

OCTOBER

St. Theresa's feast was remembered by Mass. Otherwise there was little to report this month except the noise of settling down to work, and the faint rustle of approaching examinations.

NOVEMBER

Speech Day, details of which are given elsewhere in this issue, was held in Eastbrook Hall. His Lordship Bishop Beck of Tigia, who gave the address, spoke eloquently on the true meaning of education and the value of Catholic schools. It was heartening to see such a large audience of parents and friends. With interest and enthusiastic co-operation like this the school can feel its way towards further successes in all activities.

The Armistice Mass for Old Boys killed during the World Wars was said in the School Chapel on Sunday the 12th, the sermon being preached by the Rev. B. Doyle.

Again we welcomed students from Leeds University who were taking their teaching practice for the Diploma in Education. We were glad to hear, later in the year, that they were all successful.

It was with great regret that we heard of the death of Alderman Leach, for many years a Governor of the school. He was always a sincere friend of St. Bede's and a loyal worker in the cause of education throughout the city. His honest and informed opinions will be missed in the affairs of local government. Many times have we seen him, a guest at our Speech days or our feasts. May he rest in peace.

DECEMBER

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was kept in the traditional manner with solemn High Mass in the morning followed by the usual "big dinner"; when we had the masters as guests. Long Play was given, and the day closed with Solemn Benediction

The Seniors once again worked hard handling mail at the Post Office, earning for themselves the thanks of the Head Postmaster-and some useful pocket money.

The term ended with carol singing and a show of ever-popular films.

JANUARY

School once more, boys and masters groaning inwardly at the thought of work after Christmas pudding and turkey.

The Form Six rehearsal examinations began on the 15th, and were really testing trials for the Higher Certificate which started in May. They elicited from the candidates varying degrees of hope and despair on their chances of success.

It was a relief to have a mild January—at least to the Prefects, who were not called upon to take long wet-weather duties.

FEBRUARY

The Feast of St. Blaise was observed as in former years by High Mass and the Blessing of the Throats. A delightful lunch was followed by films, and Solemn Benediction ended the proceedings.

The time passed uneventfully until mid-term, when the school adjourned for a “breather”. Our return was marked by the customary Ash Wednesday ceremonies.

MARCH

Towards the end of March an adaptation of Stevenson's “Treasure Island” was staged as this year's school play. It was a highly successful production and thrilled packed houses at each performance. Congratulations to all concerned.

APRIL

Immediately before Easter a silence descended on the school, and even juniors paced the corridors with bated breath. It was the Retreat. There were Senior and Junior divisions taken by Father Scannell and Father Maudsley respectively. We thank them sincerely for their splendid direction. Our good wishes go to Miss Dalby, who left us, after 3 years in the office, as assistant to Miss Thompson, for the happiness of married life. Her place was taken by Miss K. Bottomley, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. A week after our resumption of studies the School Sports were held at Horsfall. Despite hail, rain, snow, wind, thunder and lightning, the standard was excellent.

Five Old Boys, the Revs. C. Moverley, T. Corrigan, J. Tomblin, B. Rafferty and L. May were ordained in Leeds on low Sunday. They said Mass in the School Chapel later in the month and gave their blessings to the boys.

We also have news of the Rev. Alban Appleyard, C.P., ordained recently, and Rev. Terence White, raised to the priesthood in March. The latter is at present in Rome. To both we say “AD MULTOS ANNOS”.

MAY

This month witnessed two fine football triumphs for St. Bede's. The first was on the 6th when, after a rousing game at Park Avenue, the Junior XI carried off the Schools' Cup for the second year in succession, defeating their old rivals, Grange, by 2 goals to 1.

The second was the Glasgow match on the 13th when St. Bede's had three representatives in the Bradford team. Although beaten, the Bradford team tried hard till the final whistle. Our boys showed up well.

The Whitsuntide holiday was shortened to two days this year owing to the preparations for the Jubilee. But why did it rain on Monday and Tuesday ?

JUNE

The standard of swimming at the School Gala, held on the 7th at the Windsor Baths, raised our hopes for the Inter-Secondary considerably. It is a pity that attendance on the part of the boys was so poor. The particularly warm weather may have been the cause, but surely they can spare one evening to cheer on their fellows ?

To Mr. Elgie, who retires at the end of the summer term, we offer our best wishes for a life of well-earned ease. A tribute to this beloved master appears in this issue.

The week beginning Monday, June 12th, was given over to Jubilee Celebrations of which a full account appears elsewhere.

JULY

We are not able to report on our progress at the Inter-High School Swimming Gala, held on July 13th, but we feel confident of securing a good place. Our swimming notes show a high standard and keen interest.

So we reach the end of another school year, bidding farewell to many boys who have finished their course and preparing to welcome a group of eager, bright-faced juniors starting a new career in Form I, the first rung of the ladder they will climb through the years to Forms Five and Six. Each year boys depart, each year new ones come to fill their places. Ave et Vale. It has been a good year, full of gratifying success in study and sport, a year also noted for its Jubilee celebrations. May 1950-51 carry out the promise of 1949-50.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

June 12th 1900 - June 12th 1950

GAUDEAMUS IGITUR

It is significant that St. Bede's Jubilees coincide with the Church's Holy Years.

"In the year 1900 when Leo XIII declared a Jubilee and exhorted all to consecrate themselves at the beginning of the new century to the Sacred Heart, there did not exist in the whole province of York a single Catholic Secondary School in which youths could receive a Catholic education." So runs part of an Address presented in 1925 to the Holy Father by Monsignor Hinsley, first Headmaster of St. Bede's. It continues - "So certain laymen and priests in the City of Bradford discussed how they might erect a school in honour of St. Bede for the education of their sons in all knowledge and sound doctrine, rightly judging that there was no better way of obeying the Holy Pontiff,"

Almost unnoticed on June 12th, 1900, in a converted house in Drewton Street, St. Bede's Grammar School saw the light.

The next Holy Year of 1925 was our "Annus Mirabilis" too, taking its place as the year of years because it saw the joyful accomplishment of the first part of a cherished project - the opening of the New Wing by H. E. Cardinal Bourne. In this same Holy and Jubilee Year, the Church canonized St. Theresa, to whose intercession the School owed much during its second generation which culminated in the building of the New School in 1939.

Now, as our fiftieth year is completed, we may look back with feelings of thankfulness, pride and indeed astonishment when we consider that the Four Horsemen of two World Wars rode through the half century of our growing.

When Dr. Hinsley (later Cardinal) shepherded his handful into Drewton Street, his no doubt anxious spirit would surely have exulted to have foreseen the school chapel of June 12th, 1950, when a Cardinal of England, successor to him, would be enthroned in the Sanctuary of a new St. Bede's and High Mass sung before seven hundred St. Bede's boys, with one Old Boy priest for each of those fifty years assisting in the Chapel Choir.

A bede-roll is, perhaps, only an obsolete Middle English word now - it meant a list of benefactors that a bedesman prayed for by his rosary - but, to resurrect it for our purpose - our twentieth-century Bedesmen would do well to put at the top of their Bede-roll those Catholic gentlemen, priests and laymen who, with inspired foresight and prayerful zeal, founded St. Bede's Grammar School.

To our younger readers may we say, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land", so that you and your children and your children's children may worthily celebrate the Centenary in 2,000 A.D.

The Jubilee Mass

At 11 a.m. on Monday, June 12th, 1950, Golden Jubilee to the hour almost, the High Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

There had been an air of pleasant, almost calm tension about the chapel since the boys had assembled half-an-hour before. Over 700 of them sat there at no great ease with expectancy ruling over fidgets and coughs. An ideal blend of sunshine and fresh breeze sent refreshing surges of cool air past billowing curtains as the first procession of Celebrant (Father Sweeney) Deacon (Father Molony) and Subdeacon (Father J. Palframan) entered.

Then came the Old Boy priests, near to fifty in number, who found their vocations at this school. The Staff Choir and the Boys' Choir splendidly sang Elgar's majestic "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" as the Cardinal's procession entered the Chapel, and proceeded to the throne in the Sanctuary.

The Mass moved in devout dignity to its culminating point, the Consecration, when the Cardinal came down from his throne to kneel behind the Celebrant during these most solemn moments, - an impressive sight with the sunlight accentuating the brilliant red of the cascade of "cappa magna" robe falling from the Cardinal's shoulders, in a great sweep of crimson train to the floor behind.

The high level of "Ecce Sacerdos" was maintained in the Proper of the Mass, consisting of Plainsong and choral setting sung by the Staff Choir, and in the Ordinary the Plainsong Mass "Orbis Factor", sung by the School Choir. Everybody sang the responses, and the Credo was an alternation by the School Choir and the rest of the school.

The preacher was Very Rev. Mgr. Canon J. Dinn, himself a distinguished Old Boy, who expressed our appreciation of the presence of H.E. Cardinal Griffin at the Jubilee Celebrations. In a valuable survey of the past fifty years, Mgr. Dinn said that the school had been blessed by God in its Headmasters, clerical and lay staff and governors. He paid tribute to the foresight and determination of the founders and to those public-spirited men, of whom Mr. Edward Cash was an outstanding example, whose zeal in the School's interests had been life-giving.

The Golden Jubilee, he said, was an opportune time to reconsider what St. Bede's stood for. Boys at St. Bede's were trained for Christian living, and the school had prospered because it had discharged a glorious and noble function in fulfilling harmoniously that Trinity of Training and Education :-

PARENT	FAMILY
TEACHER	SCHOOL
PRIEST	C H U R C H

In the name of all former students Mgr. Dinn voiced their gratitude to the Headmasters and Staff, especially to Monsignor Tindall and Mr. Maslen of his own generation. Finally he suggested that the Jubilee offered an opportunity of increasing our devotion to our patron, St. Bede, and of

praying that the purpose of his life in the 8th Century, the giving of a SOUND CATHOLIC EDUCATION, might be perpetuated by St. Bede's in this 20th Century.

The intricate moves of ministers and assistants went smoothly to an end, under the vigilance of Father Oram, M.C. for the Mass and of Mgr. Warlock, M.C. to the Cardinal. The Assistants at the Throne were Very Rev. Mgr. C. Tindall, Very Rev. Canons J. Bradley and K. Henegan. Boys who proudly assisted in the Sanctuary were senior prefects, except the Train-Bearer, Patrick Geoghegan. Peter Matthews was Book-bearer ; Philp Rock, Bugia or Candle-bearer; Robert Hudson, Cross-bearer; Peter Keogh and Peter Gavin, Acolytes ; David McWeeny, Thurifer.

Essentially the most important part of the Jubilee, the Mass, had the boys in the foreground with, of necessity, little room for other congregation. The Governors and their wives and the wives of the Staff were the only guests it was possible to invite.

The boys are to be commended for their devout and undivided attention during the Mass, as are the two choirs, Boys and Staff, under Mr. Ward and Mr. Connor, for their singing. They gave of a splendid best and, indeed, I think, every boy felt that here was the greatest ceremony the School Chapel had ever seen or was likely to see for many years, and that he was at the heart of things in a place of honour.

Luncheon at School

After the High Mass, His Eminence Cardinal Griffin was entertained to luncheon at the school. All the boys had dinner at the school, in three dining rooms. The proceedings were relayed by loudspeaker from the main room to the other rooms.

Among the guests were the first Catholic Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds, Alderman and Mrs. O'Donnell.

The pleasant duty of proposing the Cardinal's health was given to the School Captain, David McWeeny. When this duty had been performed the Cardinal entertained his large audience with a short address liberally sprinkled with amusing anecdotes. He recalled how he had been a pupil of the late Cardinal Hinsley in Rome. He spoke of the bracing Yorkshire air which he had found, the previous day, on "Ilkla' Moor baht 'at". His Eminence recommended the educational value of travel, saying he, himself, was known as the "Bishop of Tours".

Alderman O'Donnell, a St. Bede's boy of 47 years ago, replied to a challenge, made by the School Captain, to tell the boys about their fathers. "They were", he replied, with a remarkably straight face, "the most intelligent, the tallest, the darkest and the handsomest men that ever walked in Yorkshire".

The announcement that two days holiday would be granted was vociferously received and was a fitting end to an enjoyable dinner.

S.W. (L.VIA)



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THE JUBILEE CHALICE

Old Boy Priests

- Rev. F. Abberton, Harrogate.
 Rev. T. Abberton, York.
 Rev. A. Appleyard, C.P.
 Rev. A. Byrne, C.R.L., Newquay.
 V. Rev. P. Byrne, C.R.L., Bodmin.
 Rev. S. Baxter, O.P., London.
 Rev. B. Benson, CF., R.I.P.
 Rev. B. Coogan, Cambridge
 Rev. W. Cavanagh, Bradford.
 Rev. W. Cordy, Belgium.
 Rev. T. Corrigan, Moorthorpe.
 Rev. Fr. Calixtus, O.F.M.Cap.
 Rev. De Coninck, Belgium.
 V. Rev. Mgr. Canon Dinn
 Rev. B. Doyle, Bradford.
 Rev. D. Drumm, C.P., Birmingham.
 Rev. R. Ellison, Durham.
 Rev. C. I?. Flynn, Doncaster.
 Rev. J_ E. Flynn, Bradford.
 V. Rev. L. J. Flynn, V.F., Selby.
 Rev. L. Francz, Belgium.
 Rev. B. Gaffney. W.F.
 Rev. A. Moverley, R.I.P.
 Rev. F. Moverley, Sheffield.
 Rev. G. Moverley, Leeds.
 Rev. C. Moverley, Skipton.
 Rev. C. Meyer, Mill Hill.
 Rev. R. Meyer, Durham.
 Rev. F. McNicholas, Mansfield.
 Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.C., London.
 Rev. McDermott, Africa,
 Rev. L. May, Batley.
 Rev. G. Palframan, Sheffield.
 Rev. J. Palframan, Doncaster.
 Rev. F. Pepper, York.
 Rev. B. Perry, S.J., R.I.P.
 Rev. B. Rafferty
 Rev. A. Roddy, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. Roddy, Ushaw.
 Rev. F. J. Scanlon, Wakefield.
 Rev. A. Shann, Africa.
 Rev. F. Smith, Keighley.
 V. Rev. Canon J. Sullivan, English
 College, Lisbon.
 Rev. L. Gallon; Sheffield.
 V. Rev. H. Hammond, V.F.,
 Rotherham
 V. Rev. Canon Henegan, Halifax.
 Rev. A. Hinchcliffe, R.I.P.
 Rev. G. Hinchcliffe, Sheffield.
 Rev. B. Jackson, Sheffield.
 Rev. B. Keegan, Wakefield.
 Rev. J. A. Knox, Bradford.
 V. Rev. E. Malone, Ilkley.
 Rev. F. Manogue, Bradford.
 Rev. F. Mawson, Burley.
 Rev. J. L. Mitchell, Dewsbury.
 Rev. B. Sullivan, Scotland.
 Rev. Shepherd, C.S.S.R., Liverpool.
 Rev. H. Sunderland, Ormskirk.
 Rev. G. Sweeney, W.F., Africa.
 Rev. G. de Soete, Belgium.
 Rev. J. Telford, Pontefract.
 Rev. M. Thorp, Keighley.
 Rev. J. Tomblin.
 Rev. E. Ward, CF.
 Rev. T. White
 Rev. E. Woodhouse, Morley..
 Rev. I?. White, Scorton.

The Jubilee Chalice

The Jubilee Chalice is one of the gifts presented by the members of the staff, in commemoration the of Golden Jubilee of the school. This beautiful vessel was designed and made by Mr. Harold Walsh in the school workshop.

It is built, as is the accompanying paten, of solid' standard silver, purchased from Johnson, Matthey of Hatton Garden. The inside of the bowl and the front face of the paten are covered with pure gold.

Fashioned in generous though simple lines, the chalice attains a result of inspiring beauty. A restrained wheat-sheaf mould surrounding the knob, and jive heavy silver rosettes adorning the wide, sweeping base are the only decorations ; the wheatsheaf mould symbolizing the bread of the Sacrifice and the rosettes symbolizing the Five Wounds..

The chalice bears a fitting inscription and the names of the thirty-seven donors. S.W. (L.VIA.),

The Jubilee Banquet

The dinner, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee, was held at Belle Vue Barracks on Monday, June 12th. The khaki and drabness of the Drill Hall went underground before an assembly of rather less than four hundred guests who warmly greeted the procession (to the places of honour) of His Eminence Cardinal Griffin, the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Bradford and the other distinguished guests.

After grace and a prayer for Peace and Prosperity for Pius, our Pope, the dinner was served. In due course, the business of the menu being concluded down to item coffee, the many cigarettes and the few distinguished Coronas nicely drawing, the Toast List was inaugurated by the Chairman, J. E. Brennan, Esq., Chairman of the Governors, with a Loyal Toast to the King.

Proposing the grand toast of the evening, "The Golden Jubilee", H.E. Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, a prince of the Church in his Cardinal's red, yet an eminently friendly figure, interspersed his words of moment with the leaven of humour. He said that St. Bede's had set the standard of Catholic education in Bradford because it started off with the principle that religion must be the basis of all true education. He praised the progressive and friendly attitude of the Bradford Education Committee, and the superiority of Grammar School accommodation in Bradford over either London or Birmingham. The Cardinal included in his toast the names of Mgr. Tindall and the Rev. M. V. Sweeney.

At this point the Chairman presented to the Cardinal the golden key of the New School, made ready for the opening ceremony which was to have been performed by Cardinal Hinsley in September, 1939, but for the intervention of the war.

Father Sweeney, in his reply, paid a tribute to the Old Boys whose solidarity of character, friendliness and competence had prejudiced him in favour of the school before he came to Bradford. He also drew attention to the generous co-operation of the Local Authority, and to the burning question-what of the future.? St. Bede's could not stand still-the school was to be extended to become, in the future, a Grammar and Technical School, and would be faced with a heavy debt of 14,000-15,000. Hence, his appeal for financial support in the way of subscriptions in the future. A second reply was Alderman S. Briggs', of Chingford, Essex, who in the infectious optimism of voice one had almost forgotten during his long absence, recalled his serving of Dr. Hinsley's first Mass as Headmaster. To J. Branigan, Esq., fell the difficult toast-"The City of Bradford-difficult in the sense that it was not, as the others were, attuned so to the idea prevailing-the Jubilee of a school. It was attacked in forthright and erudite fashion, and the great names of Rothenstein, Appleton and Priestley, associated with the Arts or Science, redeemed the stern drabness, the ugly duckling quality of our city.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Alton Ward, warmly welcomed the Cardinal to Bradford. His Eminence had evidently put His Worship at his perfect ease by reciting to him " 'Baht 'At" in dialect.

The Lord Mayor paid a remarkable tribute to the School's realistic interpretation of the 1944 Act Sections calling for moral and spiritual

education. "St. Bede's looks after this side to a greater degree while we do it only to a smaller degree."

G. J. Dennison, Esq., a Governor of the School, proposed "Our Guests" to which A. Spalding, Esq. (Director of Education) replied, stressing the importance of the spirit in which the words of the Education Act Sections referred to were put into effect.

The Very Rev. Mgr. C. Tindall seconded this reply, and made tender reference to St. Joseph's College, by the way wondering what St. Joseph's College girls saw in St. Bede's boys.

The clock said 11.07 hrs. by this time and, therefore, J. C. Evans, Esq., with commendable speed, skill and clarity brought to our notice the grand line of former Chairmen of Governors, and praised the tradition they built up and now so secure in the hands of our present Chairman, Mr. J. E. Brennan.

The other distinguished guests included The Lady Mayoress, Alderman Kathleen Chambers (Chairman Education Committee), Mrs. A. Spalding, Mgrs. W. Hawkswell and D. Warlock, V. Rev. J. O'Connor, V. Rev. J. Bradley, Mrs. J. E. Brennan, and Mrs. W. Leach. H.J.

The Jubilee Ball

Close on the heels of the Jubilee Dinner on the great day itself came the Ball at School, on Tuesday, June 13th.

At eight o'clock in the evening the corridors presented an unusual scene as grave and gay young gallants in evening dress escorted their ladies flaunting their latest evening gowns.

In the Hall musicians tuned their instruments in a tropical setting, whilst below in the gymnasium, more portly types discussed the present state of Olde Tyme Dancing. Strange scurrings went on in the dining-room as waitresses bearing mysterious cases made preparations for supper. There seemed everywhere to be a pleasurable feeling of suspense and anticipation.

Then sweet strains of accordion and violin announced the Cuckoo Waltz, and amid the glamour of swirling gossamer dresses and patent shoes the Ball was on.

Upstairs the "moderns" were soon under way to the less exerting foxtrot, though one sympathised with the gentleman whose partner's dress was-well, a little too long. The exhilarating swish of dancing shoes and the graceful swaying of the dancers soon conjured up that atmosphere of gaiety not too often encountered these days. Meantime, modest homage was paid to Bacchus in the Senior Dining Room.

So the evening passed-light-hearted, free ; everywhere old friendships were reborn as Bedesmen of the past re-lived the days gone by.

And so to supper, served by the admirable method of helping oneself, and the scrumptious ice-cream, I can taste it yet.

From this point the evening had wings, and it seemed but half-an-hour later when the Last Waltz was played. And now there remained but the last handshake, the promise of an early meeting and the journey home through the starry night. K.D. (L.VI)

The Jubilee "At Homes "

On the evenings of Thursday and Friday, June 15th and 16th, parents of the boys were invited to "At Homes" in the school. The first evening was for the Senior Forms (4, 5 and 6), the second for the Junior section of the school (Forms I, 2 and 3). Attendances on both evenings were large ; Thursday attracted over 200, while this number was doubled on Friday. On both occasions an appreciative and interested gathering witnessed the proceedings, enjoying a full programme comprising entertainments and exhibitions. Ample refreshments in the spacious dining-room served to round off a pleasant evening in school.

The programme opened with two songs by the choir and an address by the Headmaster, in which the idea of the "At Homes" was outlined. A play followed, "The Spill", a breezy comedy well acted by 4 Alpha under the direction of their English master. The choir closed this part of the programme by a group of three songs.

The Juniors then gave a P.T. display, delighting the audience with their rhythmic arm-swinging and weight-lifting. But the climax came when the Seniors, clad only in shorts, gave an exhibition of advanced vaulting, in which the horrors of the "Reverse Scissors Vault" and the like, appeared easy to the astonished onlookers. The gymnasts were applauded to the echo as they ran out.

A short tour of the school unearthed an exhibition of work in the Art room, the standard of which was particularly high, whilst noxious fumes from the chemistry lab. endeavoured to dissuade visitors from entering, The beery odours which originated there, however, won many disciples to the cause of science.

The physics lab. across the way revealed a scene of activity with interest focussed on an individual who wielded a fluorescent lamp with amazing dexterity. And did anybody unravel the secret of the "Mystery Switch" ? Again in the quiet backwaters of the biology lab. weird cross-sections of fish and other animals could be studied in an atmosphere of microscopes, and killing bottles. "The Discovery of Oxygen", a scientific film, proved extremely popular and had three showings.

A rare assortment of rocks was on view in the Geography room for the geologist and the craftsman could admire the subtle art in the woodwork. room ; the more serious students could drink in French verbs and History by the yard in Rooms I and V respectively.

The most convivial and popular gathering place was, of course, the Library, where a history of St. Bede's in photograph and record awaited the visitor. Here the giants of the past hob-nobbed with each other over copies of the "Buster", or made blushful retreats as their likenesses grinned at them from behind a bookcase. The Jubilee Chalice, with a fitting inscription, was also on view.

In conclusion, we must thank all who, in any way, helped to make the "At Homes" a success : the parents who gave their support by coming along ; the masters who so unselfishly gave their time to coach pupils or prepare displays ; the Prefects who proved to be such wonderful guides to "lost" parents, and finally the boys themselves for without them no "At Home" would have been possible. K.D. (L.VIA)

Form Notes

FORM UPPER SIXTH ARTS.-The earlier H.S.C. has loomed ominously on our horizon all the year. We seem to have been working hard since September, but we are now enjoying a well-earned rest. Not for long, however. Soon we shall pick up the threads of our varied courses-English, German, French, Geography, Latin, History, Economics, Greek. What a cosmopolitan lot we are'!

All eighteen of us are prefects, of course, and we feel we have done a year's good work. in our duties of office. If you wish to know our names look around you-in the lists of the 1st XI, 2nd XI, Athletic Teams.

Finally, have a look at the pass lists for H.S.C. in early August. You will, we hope, find our names there too.

One congratulation already-to James Forster who has gained an Edgar Allen Scholarship to Sheffield University in English and Latin.

FORM U6 SCIENCE.-Nine in number, they have evolved gases and generated currents to the end that certain examiners for the Higher Certificate shall be satisfied. Hodgkiss, Bland and McWeeny represented the school in sport- indeed, at the Inter-High School Sports, Bland won the 440 yds. in great style and Hodgkiss, with a great display of determination, carried off the High Jump.

FORM LVI ARTS.--Dispossessed of their original room, now part of the War Memorial Library, LVIA find themselves in a sort of annex to the Biology Room from which emanate greenish vapours probably not unconnected

with innards of frogs and rabbits. Their room possesses a gas cooker and the possibility of "elevenses" has been mooted. Their activities are varied : mountain climbers, musicians, Kenton fans, bird watchers, and a small cell of reactionaries-punsters. Congratulations to E. Brennan and Ramsbottom who were chosen for Bradford Boys Senior Team and the former for the English Catholic Colleges Team.

FORM LVI SCIENCE.-Our total is eleven. Study courses differ-entiate us from each other, but we integrate into a harmonious whole. Our <geographical location is often a difficult matter to determine as the study of "quiet corner" location is quite advanced. In fact all is well and our eyes are now focussed on next June, when we shall be sacrificed on the altar of the new Advanced Stage Science.

FORM 5 ALPHA.- Strongly united as a form they are divided as to activities : the Artists make expeditions to Emm Royd to pursue culture in peaceful exclusion ; the Scientists gad about hither and thither listening to lectures, visiting works in a feverish attempt to explain the riddle of the universe. They are not against a Symphony Concert, a performance of "Macbeth", pot holing or caving.

FORM 5A congratulate Ramsden who represented the English Catholic Colleges in France and Belgium. Twelve of the form have represented the school in various ways. They speak of a mysterious new subject called 'Matthewmatics'.

FORM 5B have V. Williams to congratulate for representing the school in the inter-city match against Glasgow as well as on the French tour. The form's sympathy goes to Anthony Marks in Grassington Sanatorium, they hope to see him again soon.

FORM 5C say they remain undaunted by the looming spectre of the School Certificate.

FORM 4 ALPHA are enjoying this year. They know the ropes. The General Certificate is not pressing on them so they are free to pursue knowledge

at will without a guilty conscience. They swap stamps, write magazines, watch birds and collect eggs, take leading parts in school plays and indulge their fancies for loco. spotting and model railways. They read Capt. Johns, Arthur Ransome, John Buchan, Henty as well as *Wizard* and *Rover*.

FORM 4A are the in-betweens ; too old for junior sport, too young for senior. Yet they have footballers, cricketers, swimmers 'and athletes who will shine later.

FORM 4B seem to have supported all school activities, including scouting, chess, photography, even homework. Strong on the athletic side, they provided six members of the Junior Football Teams, including Burgon who played for Bradford Boys. The form team carried off the Inter-form Competition. At the High School Sports, Laycock won the Middles Discus with a record-breaking throw of 113 ft. 5 in., and Burgon was third in the Middles High Jump.

Their form-master hints that a small group of less energetic members may be shortly entered for his own private "High Jump".

FORM 3A in their own modest estimate are naturally intellectuals and unchallenged champions of the school in sport. They wish God-speed to P. Cuffe, captain of the cup-winning Junior Soccer XI, who has gone to, Liverpool. Rafferty, Walsh, Brear and Callaghan play for the Junior Cricket XI. 3A have really enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations, and were well represented in gymnastic display and choir. They are looking forward to their trip to York and some to the National Catholic Scout Pilgrimage.

FORM 3B boast a Dramatic Society called "The Cameo Players"-Colin Marriott produces, and John Lightowler stage-manages. Carl Turn-bull is football captain and Terence Towers tried so hard as vice-captain that he twisted his back, and had to wear a plaster jacket. They are looking forward to a York trip towards term end.

FORM 3C.-No great scholastic attainment is claimed, but in the field of sport the form feels proud, boasting several representatives in High School Sports and some strong swimmers. Cervi seems to have developed into a talented young organist, and has played in several city churches.

FORM 3D.-Among 3D activities are scouting, cricket, and more nefarious doings. They are proud of nine of the form who represented the school at football and cricket. During the year Devaney left to seek his fortune in America.

FORM 2A.-Eight of this form picked up prizes on* Speech Day testifying to the brain power present. In Father Langan's absence through illness, Mr. O'Dowd gathered the form under his mathematical wing, endeavouring to hatch out fledglings in the genus Einstein. One of the form jumped for the School, many of the rest for joy.

FORM 2B.-Let verse speak :

"2B is the best of Forms Two

We all agree and so will you.

Though the gym's our main attraction,

Our homework, we hope, gives satisfaction.

2B boys were at the sports
 In green and gold and off-white shorts,
 And if we lost we did not boo ;
 We know that's not the thing to do."

FORM 2C.--Our 2C correspondent, sends a strange script concerning the strange habits of a small coterie of young bloods of his form. Apparently they run a "blood bank" from which "bloods" of any known group may be drawn for a modest fee. It is an article smelling of gore,, with its bloodthirsty epithets of bloodshot, bloodsucking and worse. (Ed : The clumsy clots ! Run in the "bloods" ; make them shed their "bloods" ! By my red corpuscles, an end to this arterial vein of humour or our circulation will dry up !

Printer : I say, Joe, any more b's over there ? A bit thick, all this,, don't yer think-St. B's Mag. at that. I'll report it to the Chapel. (Printer's devil runs out for more b's.)

They welcome to their ranks new blood (sic) in the persons of two Polish boys, Richard Jaskula and Henryk Radecki, who has written else-where in this magazine. They conclude with an essay howler-"They climbed the volcano and found the creator smoking on top".

FORM 2D have been called "mercenary", which they took to be a great compliment till Mr. Ward defined the word. Their Trading Club flourishes with good lines in stamps and birds' eggs. They have a black-board artist who is somewhat of a Hogarth, but we suppress his name for his own good. Their best wishes go to Chris. Smith, Boris to his intimates,, who recently left to take up a pastoral existence near Hull.

FORM IA send greetings from the depth of lower corridor. Gathered from the outposts of the Riding, they wholeheartedly approve of football, P.T., swimming and long plays. They can chant French ditties to their own considerable satisfaction, and have no small opinion of themselves. At games and lessons we excel ;

We always do our best ;
 And that is so much better than
 The best of all the rest.

FORM IB.-We call ourselves the busy bees, lively at play as well as work. We reached the semi-final of the Inter-form competition in football and defeated our rivals and neighbours IA at cricket. We have good runners, good singers, good students (-and good boasters--Editor).

FORM 1C.-Thirty-five of us started our new career full of promise, hope, eagerness for work and ambition. We still have the promise. Our Rileys, PP. and I'. represented the school in the Inter-High School Sports. P. P. Riley also won first place in the Boxing Tournament. We claim the, fastest swimmer of the ones in Carter and eight of us add our sweet voices to the School Choir.

FORM 1 D.-Artistic drawing and real culture are the marks of our form although Cross and Ferguson have played football for the school. We have enjoyed a happy first year at St. Bede's and are quietly conserving our energies in order to make sure that we all attend the Centenary Celebra-tions so much did we enjoy the Golden Jubilee.

Senior Football

1st XI

For the second year in succession we were able to build a team which carried off the League Championship, and went through the season without defeat. A grand team spirit was evident from the early days of the season apart from the one or two boys who prefer to play with Saturday afternoon teams. Happily, these boys are in a very small minority, and a word of thanks is due to the many parents who have seen the dangerous influence of these teams and have not allowed their sons to play with them.

Under Hawkins' able leadership the team combined clever individualism into a smooth blend of team work responsible for an unbroken sequence of victories.

Another honour came to the School when Rock, Williams, Ramsden and Brennan were selected to play for the England Catholic Schools team against France and Belgium. Williams, Ramsden, Rowbottom and Brennan played for the Bradford High Schools team which defeated Hull and lost to Glasgow at Park Avenue.

Bland, Hawkins and Rock were unlucky not to gain full recognition in the same team.

It has been rumoured that scouts from Bogota have been seen in the vicinity of St. Bede's. This year's team has called upon :-Hawkins (Capt.), Rowbottom, M., Barry, Bland, Williams, Hodgkiss, Brennan, Ramsden, McNicholas, Ingham, Rowbottom, F., Rock.

RECORD : Unbeaten in 17 games.

SECOND XI

Under the captaincy of C. Payne, the 2nd XI had a very successful season. Without the incentive of Cup or League Championship they put every effort into their play and developed into the strongest 2nd XI among Bradford schools.

Their only defeat against a Bradford side was at the hands of Carlton (away). At Leeds a bigger and more experienced St. Michael's team won 4-1. The happiest feature has been an absence of grumbles when the best players were called upon by the 1st XI. McWeeny's goal-keeping deserves special mention in that it gave a feeling of security to the team. Whelan, Delaney, Loftus, Stockdale, Burgin, Foley and Payne, who scored 22 goals, were our stalwarts. The team was selected from Payne (capt.), McWeeny, Stockdale, Burgin, Stokell, Delaney, Whelan, Matthews, Vile, Wall, Foley and Loftus.

Many of these boys are to be commended for their loyal spirit in refusing the offers of outside teams and the doubtful glamour of Nig-Nog Football. They played for their school without any hope of reward in the shape of League or Cup medals. T.K.D.

Junior Football 1st XI, 1950



JUNIOR 1st TEAM, 1949-50 (SCHOOLS CUP WINNERS)
Mr. Hayes

Left to right : Back-Fee, Minney, Laycock, Hopkins, Burgon, Sheehan, McPhee.

Front-Parkin, Menzies, Cuffe (Capt.), Garrity, Ellis, Wilcock

With only Cuffe left of last year's cup-winning side, and last year's reserve side having refused to grow any bigger, team building was a real problem this season. However, after a shaky start the XI gradually began to settle down and play as a team. At the end of the season we had finished halfway up the league table, and made sure of retaining our place in the 1st Division next year.

After the Christmas holidays came the Cup games and, favoured by the draw, we were not called upon to meet either Grange or Drummond in the early rounds. Thus we went successfully through the opening rounds, and reached the final. To anyone who saw the semi-finals the result of the Cup Final must have seemed a foregone conclusion. Grange, who staged a magnificent rally to beat Drummond 6-3, appeared to be odds-on favourites to beat us after we had had an unconvincing 2-0 victory in a drab and lifeless game.

So to the Final at Park Avenue where conditions were entirely against good football, the ground heavy and churned up by two previous games. For the first ten minutes the ball hardly left the St. Bede's half, but by pack-

ing the centre and by going straight into the tackle the St. Bede's defence was able to hold its own. Hopkins, in goal, had to make two grand saves, but on the whole he was so well covered that he had no real difficulties. However, the St. Bede's forwards, having at last settled down, made a sweeping raid which resulted in a goal kick. From the goalkeeper's clearance Garrity seized on the ball and drove it back into the empty goal. This goal inspired the team to greater efforts, and the play swung from end to end in exhilarating style, but the finishing of both sides left much to be desired. Then, after thirty minutes, St. Bede's forced a corner, and from it Parkin killed a lofted pass and hooked the ball into the net. Two up against all expectations and half time came without any further score. After the restart it was all St. Bede's for awhile, but the Grange goal was in no great danger. Then, following some good approach work on the Grange right wing, their centre forward scored an opportunist goal. The game increased in intensity, with the St. Bede's defence repelling time after time the sweeping raids of their opponents, and in this time of crisis none was more prominent than Burgon, Laycock or Wilcock. Then for about five minutes the ball never left the School's penalty area, with Grange doing everything but score. It was at this period that Hopkins made two magnificent saves to push perfect ground shots round the post, and to the great relief of the School's supporters, a Grange goal was disallowed due to an infringement. It was all over. St. Bede's had won 2-1, and had retained the Cup. A truly deserved victory with the honours going to St. Bede's for their determination and pluck against a team of no mean calibre. Team-Hopkins ; Wilcock, Laycock ; Ellis, Burgon, Minney ; Sheehan, Garrity, Parkin, Cuffe (Capt.), Menzies.

Cuffe and Burgon have played for Bradford Boys, and the former has been awarded a city badge.

League Record : -Played 14, won 5, drawn 1, lost 7.

JUNIOR; RESERVES

This team, away from the glamour of cups and medals, performed a thankless job in a cheerful and willing manner which was a credit to all concerned. A grand team spirit was evident at all times, and the standard of football was remarkably high as their record of having played 16, won 15, and drawn 1, testifies. Although it must be heartbreaking to a team to have to supply their best men to the First Junior Team whenever required, yet this happy bunch met all demands, and still continued to win practically every match on their programme. As many of them are of the required age for next year's Cup Team, I only hope they get their just reward by gaining a cup-winner's medal next year and creating history by helping the School to win the Cup for the third successive year. The team was selected from the following boys . --Tighe (captain), Parkinson, Brear, McKenna, Brett, Smith, Clark, Walsh, Frail, Moran, Crawley, Cullen, White, while they also supplied McPhee, Fee and Parkin to the Cup Team.

RECORD :-Played 16 Won 15 Drawn 1 Lost 0

UNDER 13 FOOTBALL TEAM

When it is realised that a Form V boy is still capable of playing in the Junior teams the chances of a younger boy to play for the school appear

very slender. It meant in the recent past that for 500 boys under 15 there were only two teams. The difficulty had always been our sad, solitary, over-worked pitch, but this year we decided to take the plunge (alas, literally true on wet days), therefore we entered a team in the Under 13 League. The venture has proved a great success. It has given a great incentive to many boys in the junior forms, and over 30 this season have had the coveted chance of representing the school. In our new green and gold jerseys we made a brave show and finally finished second in the League, scoring over 100 goals, of which all the forwards collected a handsome crop of goals.

Among many who played for the team the following were the most consistent : *Goal*, Riley and Firth ; *Backs*, Teale and Frain ; *Halves*, Ash-worth, McHugh, Maley ; *Forwards*, Kilmartin, Hellawell, Morrell, Walsh, Gray and Watson.

RECORD

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	Position.
21	18	2	1	37	2
E.B. & M.R.(L.VIA.)					

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Swimming Notes

Keen interest in swimming continues and a very high percentage of the boys can swim. 360 certificates have been awarded since December comprising 120 first stage, 100 second stage, 78 third stage, 51 fourth stage (carrying a Free Pass to the City Baths) and 11 Free Pass Renewals.

The following were chosen to represent the County at Blackpool on July 8th : Doherty (breast), O'Loughlin (free style), Peat (back crawl) ; from the Middles, Ziegler and Dossett (breast), McArthur and Howley (free style), and Howley again for back crawl.

During the year the top stage of our diving board refused to bear the strain of champion divers, but we hope soon to have it in use again.

At St. Joseph's Catholic Inter-School Gala our Free Style entry won a silver cup.

In the Finals of the Bradford Schools Swimming Association, St. Bede's carried off three of the four trophies. The Lupton Cup was won by K. O'Loughlin (IVC), who swam 100 yds. for Middles in the record time of 1 min. 10 secs. J. O'Hara, Frain and Callaghan won the Robinson Trophy in the fast time of 1 min. 7 secs. The Moser Trophy was won by J. Allinson (5A), F. Farrar (2A) and K. Doherty (2C) who swam 200 yds. in 3 mins. The Junior Boys' Breast Stroke Championship was won by Rawlinson in 28 secs., thus winning the Councillor Boyes Trophy.

Peat easily won the Middles' Back Stroke Championship of two lengths in 55 secs.'

To winners and losers we offer our congratulations, with every good wish for their success at the Inter-School Gala on 13th July.

T. J.B.

Cricket



JUNIOR CRICKET, 1950

Left to right: Smith (scorer), Callaghan, Frain, Mr. Jackson, Walsh, Sheehan, Brennan, Mahoney, Rafferty, Kenefick, Fee, Hare, Brear, Watson, Cullen.

JUNIOR CRICKET, 1950

left to right : Smith (scorer), Callaghan, Frain, Mr. Jackson, Walsh, Sheehan, Brennan, Mahoney, Rafferty, Kenefick, Fee, Hare, Brear, Watson, Cullen.

We go to press before the end of the season, but so far we must con-gratulate the Junior XI on a very successful season in the Bradford Schools League. Of six matches played five have been won, including both games with Whetley Lane and with St. Walburga's. Frizinghall Modern, captained by a remarkable boy cricketer who since has been chosen for Yorkshire Boys, easily beat us.

As you will see by the photograph we have called upon Mahoney, Kenefick, Hare, Rafferty, Walsh, Sheehan, Fee, J. Allinson, Brear, Watson, Cullen, Frain and Brennan, with Smith scoring.

Hare has played a match with Bradford Boys and, of our bowlers, Rafferty with 20 wickets for under 50 runs, Hare and Kenefick have been most successful. Batsmen in schoolboy cricket are more rare and we cannot boast here, but Allinson, Fee and Mahoney have had their moments. Our thanks are again -offered to Manningham Mills Sports Club for allowing the use of their ground occasionally.

Little can be said about Senior Cricket. We still lack a ground and hope ___ that this may catch the eye of some genius who can suggest' a solution, The senior matches are Saturday morning fixtures normally and this season Grange, knowing our quandary, kindly invited both 1st and XI's to Grange. The weather was less kind and no start could be made.

Boxing Notes

Our latest and biggest venture to date was an inter-club tournament at Victoria Hall, Saltaire, at the end of April last. We were rewarded with a full house, and consequently the Scouts' Rome Fund was enlarged. The boxers were drawn from Bradford, Birkenhead, Wigan Leeds,, Halifax and Batley.

An open Silver Cup Competition for 7 st. 7 lb. schoolboys attracted an entry of sixteen, and our own boy T. Boyle, was unlucky to lose in the final, having to retire with a dislocated thumb. Cheyney, Howley and Riley also represented St. Bede's.

D. Bateson, of Shipley, the Bradford Rugby Union forward, won a narrow decision in a heavyweight bout with S. Booth, of Huddersfield Police. The best contest of the evening was another heavyweight bout between J. M. Ronnay, the National Coal Board Champion, and E. Thelwell, the Lancashire and Cheshire Champion. The former's greater experience gained him the verdict.

We hope to stage another show at the same hall in the autumn. Our own boys at the moment lack training and tuition, but this will be remedied next term when it is hoped that the Boxing Club will be able to meet after school in the gymnasium. J.W.

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School Sports

The School Sports were held at Horsfall Playing Fields on April 26th on a day more suited for a Christmas party than an athletics meeting. However, in spite of the shocking conditions, the list of events was continued between the hailstorms, and some very creditable performances were recorded. Philip Rock's IO 4/5 secs. for the hundred yards and 23 3/5 secs.. for the 220 yds. were exceptional times for such appalling conditions. Charlie Bland ran a very good 440 yds. in 57 secs. and Barry's mile in 5 mins. 7 secs, were both good results. The Senior Victor Ludorum Medal was won by P. Rock, but as he has won it before it is awarded to P. Hodgkiss, the runner-up T. Irving won the Middles and M. Hellawell, the Junior Medal..

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

JUNIORS :

75 yds--1st, M. Hellawell ; 2nd, B. Frain ; 3rd, P. Stocks.

220 yds.- 1st , B. Frain ; and, P. Riley ; 3rd, M. Hellawell.

High Jump.-1st, T. Dinn-K. Lyness ; 3rd, P. Riley.

Long Jump.-1st, T. Carney ; 2nd, M. Hellawell ; 3rd, A. Redgrave.

Discuss.-1st, M. Ryan ; 2nd, B. McGowan ; 3rd, Kirwin.

Relay.-1st, St. Albans ; 2nd, St. Blaise ; 3rd, St. Edwards.

MIDDLES :

100 yds.-1st, T. Irving ; 2nd, K. O'Loughlin ; 3rd, M. Mahoney.

220 yds.- 1st, T. Irving ; 2nd, K. O'Loughlin ; 3rd, M. Mahoney.

330 yds.-1st, T. Irving ; 2nd, K. O'Loughlin ; 3rd, J. Thackeray.

High Jump.- 1st, W. Bergon ; and, M. Keighley ; 3rd, M. Mahoney.

Long Jump.- 1st, P. Nichol ; 2nd T.O'Reilly ; 3rd, K. O'Loughlin..

Discus.-1st, E. Laycock ; 2nd, J. Moore ; 3rd, B. Hammond.

Relay.-1st , St. Edwards ; and, St. Dunstans ; 3rd, St. Blaise.

SENIORS :

100 yds.-1st, P. Rock ; and, C. Payne ; 3rd, C. Vile.

220 yds.-1st, P. Rock ; 2nd, C. Payne ; 3rd, T. Moreland.

40 yds.-1st, C. Bland ; 2nd, P. Snee ; 3rd, P. J. Keogh.

Mile.-1st, B. Barry ; 2nd, V. Williams ; 3rd, B. McNicholas.

High Jump.- Ist, P. Hodgkiss ; and, C. Vile ; 3rd, B. Gallagher.

Long Jump.- Ist, J. Ramsden ; and, P. Hodgkiss ; 3rd, E. Brennan.

Discus.- 1st P. Rock ; 2nd, R. Hudson ; 3rd, P. Garritt.

Relay.-1st, St. Edwards ; and, St. Chads ; 3rd, St. Albans.

St. Edwards was the top house with a total of 44 points.

St. Blaise second with 30 points.

St. Dunstans third with 29 points.

T.K.D.

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Inter-High School Athletics

This year with the entry of Thornton Grammar School into the competition the total of six competing schools made the issue more open than it has been for years. The result was doubtful right up to the relays at the end of the afternoon, before which Carlton, Belle Vue and St. Bede's had all at one time looked as if they were going to win. It says a great deal for the keenness of the competition when we won seven firsts out of a total of 21 events, and yet we came only third in the final results. Congratulations must be offered to a grand all-round team from Belle Vue which came first, and we must learn the lesson that it is the points from the seconds and thirds that are vital to a winning team. We gained more than our fair share of firsts this year, but our second strings failed to gain those necessary odd points. The most pleasing feature of the meeting was the fact that our senior boys have at last pulled their weight in the competition. In previous years it has always been left to the keen juniors and middles to do all the arduous training and hard work necessary to obtain points at the inter-High School meeting. This year the seniors realised their duty and did it nobly as a total of 20 points from senior events is ample evidence. Many of them have been pleased to find that an athletic qualification is a useful asset to have when being interviewed for universities and training colleges, and I trust that some of this year's team will continue with the good work, and win their blues.

The following boys gained points in the High School Sports :-100 yds.-1st, P. Rock.

220 yds.-1st, P. Rock.

440 yds.-1st, C. Bland.

High Jump.-1st, P. Hodgkiss.

Discus. -3rd, R. Hudson.

Relay.-1st, P. Rock, T. Moreland, C. Vile, C. Payne.

Discus. -1st, E. Laycock (new record).

Long Jump.- Ist, M. Hellawell.

High Jump.-3rd, W. Burgon.

Relay.-(Middles) 3rd, O'Loughlin, Irving, Monaghan, Crawley.

FINAL PLACINGS IN THE SPORTS WERE :-1st

Belle Vue . .

2nd Carlton 3 3

3rd St. Bede's : : 27

4th Hanson . . 24

5th Grange

6th Thornton G. S. 9

The following boys represented the School in the inter-High School athletics :-JUNIORS

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75 yds.-Hellawell, Frain.

220 yds .-Hellawell, Frain.

High Jump.-Dinn, Lyness.

Long Jump.-Carney, Hellawell.

Discus.-Ryan, McGowan.

Relay.-Hellawell, Frain, Stocks,

MIDDLES :

100 yds.-Irving, O'Loughlin:

220 yds.-Mahoney, Monaghan.

330 yds.-Irving, O'Loughlin.

High Jump.-Burgon, Keighley.

Long Jump.-Nichol, O'Reilly.

Discus.-Laycock, Moore.

Carney.

Relay--Irving, O'Loughlin, Monaghan, Crawley.

SENIORS :

100 yds.-Rock, Payne.

220 yds.-Rock, Payne.

440 yds .-Bland, Williams.

Mile.-Barry, Brennan.

High Jump: Hodgkiss, Vile.

Long Jump.-Ramsden, Hodgkiss.

Discus .-Hudson, Rock.

Relay.-Rock, Vile, Payne, Moreland.

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Noise

I like noise wherever I go,
 In summer or when there is snow,
 The crack of a whip,
 The click of a thumb,
 The bubble of water,
 The beat of a drum,
 The throb of an engine,
 The clang of a train,
 The footsteps of people,
 The patter of rain,
 The dropping of toys,
 The running of boys,
 There's something about it !
 I like noise. J.G. (IA)

Scouting

In 1908 Baden Powell published his ideas on scouting in his great book "Scouting for Boys", and at the same time founded his movement. Away in Tadcaster Billy Rogers, a boarder, home on holiday from St. Bede's, read it avidly and vowed to start a patrol on his return. The result was the "Bloodhound" patrol with Father Tindall cajoled into acting as its first scoutmaster. Thus was history made—the first Catholic troop in the world, the first school troop, too, and a prince among scoutmasters. Expeditions, games, raids and parades followed in profusion, and the troop rapidly grew in numbers. By July of the next year fifty were ready to try their luck at the first camp. The Bradford Cricket Argus has a long account of that historic occasion. Led by Major Goyder, H. D. Robinson and Peter O'Rourke, the intrepid party set off to march to Harden. Needless to say it rained all the way as it has done on so many camping occasions since. The paper records that by 2 a.m. next morning most of the scouts were down in Bingley apparently puzzled that the shops were not open. We read too that the cocoa was made with potato water. Father Tindall's devotion to that particular liquid makes one suspect it was not an accident. The cost for four days was two shillings.

When Fr. Tindall came back from Rome in 1913 more old scouts rallied round and the troop flourished with A. Sweeney, A. McWeeny, J. McWeeny as A.S.M.s ; later there were W. Dewhirst, G. Henegan, B. Dewhirst, L. Geoghegan, D. Palframan and later still Brother Alban. The log has much to record in the next few years : 1913 the troop chosen as guard of Honour to Prince of Uganda ; 1914 Inspection and great praise from Baden Powell ; 1914 Filey Camp—a thrilling hunt for spies : a man with a black moustache and a woman with a scar ! Strange as it may seem it was all true, and St. Bede's figured prominently in the *Daily Mail* report of this stirring occasion.

In 1915 came the first of many Knaresborough camps. How many hundreds have camped on Thistle Hill and swarmed up the rapids on poor Mr. Sturdy's punts ?

Times became grim; the end of camping seemed almost in sight. "Shall St. Bede's ever go camping again ?" laments the log, "and with second-hand tents at 95/-, the future seemed hopeless". With our stock Nijer tent at E24 we more than sympathise. But camping could not stop. Our tents have been pitched in every corner of England and we have sampled Ireland, the Isle of Man, Paris, Lourdes, Switzerland and Rome. To crown all we have forty-three going to Rome on the National Scout Pilgrimage this year.

The present group is in some respects different from its predecessors. The older boys are now in a separate troop with their own S.M., Mr. Forster. This new feature of the movement is having indifferent success in the country, but is doing extremely well at the school. The two junior troops are under the care of their S.M., Fr. Doyle. Our Rovers still meet in their luxury den, the Ritz on Tuesdays and Sundays under Tom Hanney. They are enjoying one of the most vigorous years of their existence, and won the Winter Trophy for the best den in the city.

To commemorate the Jubilee we are launching out into a smarter uniform : a white neckerchief with the school badge for its crest and an attempt at standardised clothing. A drive for more First Class has resulted in ten and promise of many more.

We still remember with gratitude our old Scouters, above all Father Tindall and Billy Hanney, who gave such long and unselfish service to the troop, and Michael White to whom we owe our precious "logs" and a thousand strange tales. Our dead, too, are still remembered in an annual Mass ; and for the living we still have a bed, a meal and a job whenever they choose to give us the pleasure of their company at camp.

B.D.

Senior Scout Notes

Senior Scouts comprise five patrols, with D. McWeeny as Troop Leader and J. Dossett as Second. First Class badges for all are near completion and some progress is reported with the Venturer Badge. Kandersteg preparations are under way. Some are going to Rome with the school troop ; others on a climbing course in Kandersteg with an old friend, S.M. J. Tetley. Next year we plan to accompany Fr. Doyle and the younger members to camp and to give lessons in cooking (this is not a threat !) We now have the assistance of the Rovers-T. Ward and V. Muff-both keen naturalists. We welcome this link with the Rovers who allow us the use of the Ritz for our meetings.

The Senior Scout Camp of last year was at Serroz in the Alps. The scouts travelled in pairs to London, all arriving safely after varying degrees of successful "hitching". The camp site was a flat field surrounded by woods on three sides with a spring of ice-cold water at the field's edge. Dominating everything was the snow-covered cap of Mt. Blanc. Village and church were two minutes from camp. Fr. Keegan joined us, and various expeditions were undertaken, in one of which up Mt. Blanc, Scout Hudson's hat was removed by a minor fall of rock. Outstanding features were : the kindness of the French people, the phenomenal good weather, the self-reliance of the scouts, the remarkable capacity of a good thirst, the scenery ; we returned reluctantly with the happiest of memories. J.A.F.

Rover Notes

THE RITZ,
HEATON.

It is with great pride that I tell you that the St. Bede's Rover crew won the Sir Anthony Gadie Trophy for the crew showing the greatest advancement in their own H.Q. development both artistically and educationally.

The year's activities have been numerous, the outstanding one being the Whitsuntide Camp at Knaresborough, organised and run by the crew under the camp leadership of R. S. J. Tetley. It showed an interesting and welcome development in that the troops of St. Bede's, St. Cuthbert's, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's were all catered for. It is the crew's ambition to provide Scouters for each parish, and so strengthen Catholic Scouting throughout the city. As a forerunner of things to come, this camp was a significant pointer. Finance is a major problem but, as in the past, even this difficulty will be solved. T.H.

Rome Pilgrimage, 1950

To the fifty-three members of the St. Bede's Jubilee Pilgrimage the visit to Rome was a memorable occasion. Mass in St. Peter's, visits to the Basilicas and Mass in the Catacombs were the outstanding incidents in an impressive and devotional pilgrimage.

One must add to these the more secular interests of historical and cultural value and the lighter episodes of a very friendly tour.

We wish we had the space to print the full story of the pilgrimage as written by a member of the party. The following extracts give some idea of the merit and interest of our contributor's account.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday was, I think, the high-light of our Pilgrimage for we were in St. Peter's Square to hear the Holy Father's Mass and to see him on the balcony to give his blessing to the city and to the world. A little before 10 a.m. we arrived in small groups at the Square where a few thousand people were straying about, looking for suitable, comfortable and convenient places. Gradually this embryo congregation, it seemed of every nation under Heaven, and wearing every conceivable head dress, settled itself into fairly regular rows and imperceptibly the numbers grew to tens of thousands. There was music, cheering, then silence and the Holy Father's Mass began. There was a peculiar pleasure for us, who had heard the Holy Father speak on the wireless, as we recognised his voice. The crowd became one reverent family.

THE BLESSING

About noon, as the sun beat fiercely down from the bluest sky imaginable, aeroplanes began their flight to and fro across the square, dropping leaflets of welcome to the multitude now assembled. As the hands of the clock moved towards 12.15 and the cheering inside the basilica had ceased, various last-minute touches were put to the balcony and we felt that our moment was at hand. Then we saw him, belonging to us all, standing wearing the triple tiara, white vestments and the great cry, "Viva il Papa" rose like a great wind as he came forward with the graciousness of a Saint and Sovereign. We all cheered with one voice—we had learned to push as the Italians do, and now we cheered with them. Then followed the great silence as he raised his hands in Benediction upon each one standing there, representing many others left at home, over the city and over the world there flowed the blessing of the earthly representative of Our Lord.

THE CATACOMBS

To mention Mass in the Catacombs immediately after that of the Pope in St. Peter's may sound an anticlimax, but actually there is a very important connection. We arrived very early in the morning of Tuesday at the Catacombs of St. Callixtus. Everything was silent and mysterious in the sunlit garden as our three priests with their amices and purificators approached the little office to record their intention of saying Mass. Then followed the long descent into the dim, cool but not unpleasant underground chambers. Canon Bradley and Father Molony, each with a server, left us to go to their separate altars and Father Sweeney kept the majority of the party and we

entered an oratory as if made to measure. Here, each standing on the minimum of space, we assisted at the Mass offered for us, answered it and recited with the Priest, the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, and when the time came, by a miracle of careful moving, each received Holy Communion. Here, with the earth for floor, walls and roof,, in almost darkness one realised, in a measure, what the early Christians, had been willing to suffer, risk and sacrifice in order to keep alive the Faith.. Here was the cradle of the Faith which we had witnessed in maturity, with_ enthusiasm, splendour and magnificence on Sunday in St. Peter's.
W.B,

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Chess Club Notes

At last Chess is flourishing in St. Bede's, thanks to the perseverance of Mr. Forster, whose enthusiasm and advice are always appreciated by the Club. More matches have been played this year than ever before ;* six new chess sets have been acquired, and there is now a larger membership, each member paying a nominal subscription.

We lost one of our strongest players when J. S. Warden left us for the University. This year our regular first three players, A. Kaye, D. A. Brennan and P. F. Gavin will be leaving us, but we have some promising younger players who no doubt will ably replace them.

Our playing record has not been as good as we could have wished, for out of eight matches only two were won and one was drawn. However, St. Bede's scored 17 games against 30 with one game halved.

I regret to report that our annual "Derby" with St. Michael's, Leeds,. resulted in a narrow victory for them by six games to nil, but nevertheless we hope to gain our revenge in the return game.

Someone- must fear the School Chess team, however, since that fixture with the Staff never seems to be fulfilled. D.A.B. (VI),

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My Brother

My brother's much younger than I,
And to please him I quite often try,
I get out my trains,
Which are run off the mains,
'Hooray ! To the sea we are off !' he will cry.
My brother's much younger than I,
I consider him very small fry,
His games are most curious,
Some make me feel furious ;
We never shall see quite eye to eye. J.P. (IA)

" Treasure Island "

The seniors acted a dramatised version of R.L.S.'s great adventure novel this year, and as expected enthralled three excellent audiences with their story revolving round the immortal Long John Silver and Jim Hawkins. Stevenson's characters were deftly taken from their natural surroundings and transplanted into realistic stage settings. Billy Bones, in his cups mainly, provided E. Brennan with a part to his and his voice's liking. Dr. Livesey and Squire Trelawney were more than adequately recreated by a well-spoken pair in B. Bedford and M. Senior. Ben Gunn was a triumph of make-up and eccentricity in the hands of G. McGowan. Jim Hawkins, in some ways the most difficult part, travelled unscathed through all hazards and was convincingly played by P. Owens. Your tame critic liked exceedingly the work of R. Haley in an excellent study of Long John Silver. He gave just that right mixture of villainy and engaging personality to Silver and managed perfectly the arduous task of making two good legs appear as one. P. Rock as Capt. Smollett is to be congratulated on taking over that very considerable part at one day's notice, and succeeded in dominating and welding into something of a whole * a company of enthusiastic though inexperienced younger actors. He almost fell into something of a hole at one performance when a cask-lid inopportunely gave way, but retrieved the situation by a smart impromptu.

Costumes were not flimsy and although in flamboyant colour seemed solid enough from the audience side. The outstanding setting was aboard the *Hispaniola*; from painted rigging on the back cloth to solid rigging on the stage the set was realistic, especially, perhaps, the hatch-way.

The whole company from Mr. Ward to Flint's ex-crew are to be complimented on an energetic, enthusiastic performance.

Thanks are also reasonable to the stage staff, Messrs. Holdsworth, Gavin, Kelley, Anderson and Gleeson, who managed curtains, lights and sets really well and to Mr. Haigh of Scenic Displays who kindly lent the *Hispaniola* deck set,

S.W. (L.VIA)

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Stage and Green Room

The big stage problem this year has been the twelve scenes for "Treasure Island" involving six different sets. Through careful organisation, every-thing went off fairly smoothly and without, we hope, too much noise. We thank Miss P. Holdsworth and Mr. O'Neil for help with the making-up. During the year a new stage-cloth and side-curtains have been made, and should considerably improve the appearance of the stage. Jubilee week found the stage staff extremely busy; on each of the "At Homes" the stage was in use for the choir and a short play. J.A. (VI)



SCENE FROM "TREASURE ISLAND"



SCHOOL CHOIR, 1949-1950



1st TEAM FOOTBALL, 1949-50

*Left to right : Back-*Ramsden,
Barry, Hodgkiss,
Rock, F. Rowbottom,
Williams, Mr. Dooley.
*Front-*Bland, M. Rowbottom,
(Capt.), Brennan,
McNicholas

2nd TEAM FOOTBALL, 1949-50

Left to right : Back-
Stokel, Loftus, Matthews,
Bergin, McWeeny, V i l e ,
Foley.
*Front-*Wall, Ingham, Payne,
Stockdale, Mr. Dooley.



JUNIOR RESERVES, 1949-50

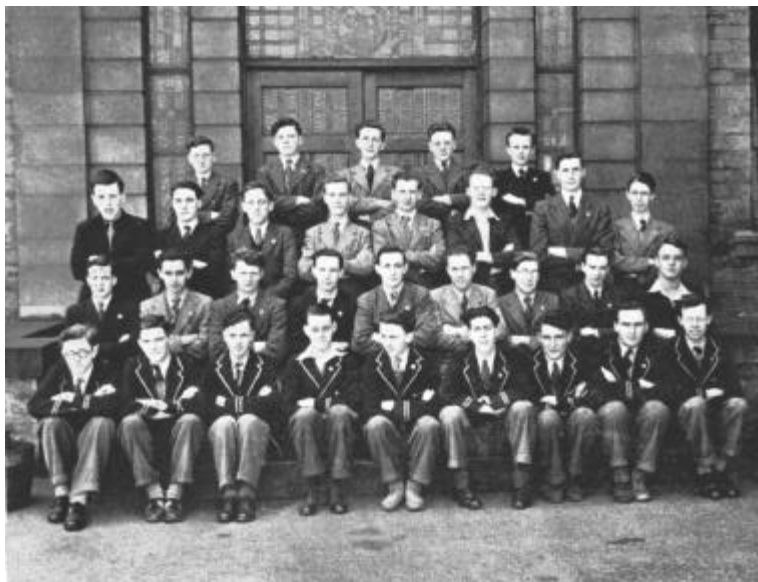
*Back-*Brear, Parkinson, Moran,
Brett, McKenna, Mr. Dooley.
*Front-*Smith, White, Crawley,
Tighe, Frail, Walsh, Cullen,
Clark.

UNDER 13 TEAM, 1949-50

Left to right:
*Back-*Riley, Gray, Walsh, Frain,
Fr. Doyle, Hellawell, Kilmartin,
Firth.
*Front-*Morrell, Ashworth, Watson,
McHugh, Maley, Teale



Prefects' Notes



THE PREFECTS, 1949-50

The prefectorial system is taken for granted nowadays in the modern Grammar School. Its advantages are self-evident. The responsibilities of office add stature to a boy's character, and help enormously in the running of a big school. St. Bede's has had head boys from its inception, but the Prefect System, as we know it, was introduced around 1922 by Monsignor Tindall, and the Head Boy became Captain.

Records are incomplete, but here is a list almost complete.

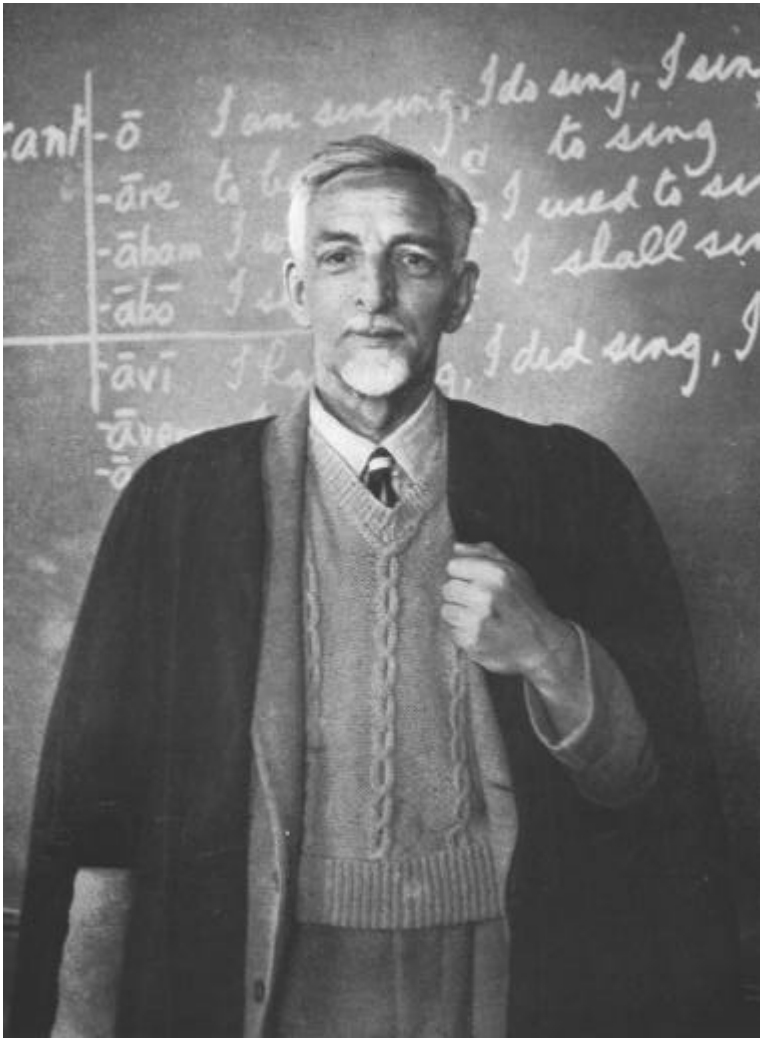
HEAD BOYS

1900 R. Hughes	1910 L. Gavin	1916 L. Geoghegan
1901 T. Brown	1911 J. Bradley	1917 W. McWeeny
1906 F. Dunphy	1912 H. E. Walsh	1918 J. Holroyd
1907 C. Porter	1913 J. Branigan	1919 J. Dinn
1908 T. B. McGuire	1914 W. Moverley	1920 T. McDermott
1909 H. Elgie	1915 J. McKenna	1921 H. A. Walsh

CAPTAINS

1922 H. L. Watson	1932 T. Smith	1941 G. Louis
1923 H. Jackson	1933 G. Dennison	1942 F. Brear
1924-5 B. Crowley	1934 B. Berry	1943 P. Markey
1926 T. Walsh	1935 D. Bailey	1944 J. Dunn
1927 L. Metcalfe	1936 A. Walton	1945 F. Inglehearn
1928 J. Halloran	1937 B. Moore	1946 A. Taylor
1929 H. F. Hayes	1938 K. Dunn	1947 C. Toalster
1930 B. Morrin	1939 G. Horkin	1948 P. Anderson
1931 J. Killeen	1940 K. Moore	1949 D. McWeeny

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H. ELGIE, Esq., M.A.
1915-1950

Harry Elgie, M.A.

AN APPRECIATION BY A COLLEAGUE.

Harry Elgie leaves St. Bede's after a whole lifetime spent at the school. He will be sadly missed. That wicked twinkle in his eye, the infectious throaty chuckle, the marvellous capacity for putting everyone completely at their ease, coupled with the kindest heart that ever beat, made him a grand teacher. He could take a class of low ability, in a subject of little interest, and keep it right on its toes, working hard and enjoying it immensely. His scholarship was remarkable and, in one way, unique. He had the most astounding knowledge of words, not merely in literature, though his reading was of the widest, but absolutely, abstractly, divorced from all literary connotation, like a dictionary, and in a bewildering variety of languages from Sanskrit to Chinese. He could persuade the dullard that work was easy and pleasant, he could drive the brilliant scholar to the limit of health and capacity but he did it at great cost to himself. For a long time now he has been in poor health and while he has swayed a large class with a smile and a joke, he has often been in severe pain. This same indomitable courage he has shown all his life. He had to fight his way to the heights of learning against enormous difficulties and he did it with a modesty that hid the intensity of the effort under a cloak of humorous self-depreciation. He received from St. Bede's, but gave it all back and more in loyal service. What he did himself he showed others how to do. We all thank him.

W.R.

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Passant Par St. Bede's

... Ici, les professeurs ont réussi à inculquer ce que l'un de mes amis appelait un jour "l'esprit de famille de St. Bede's, qui différencie cette école de pas mal d'autres," . ajoutons "d'une famille chrétienne et catholique". Rien de plus frappant pour le visiteur que l'empressement, franc et sans apprêt, des professeurs à assister leurs jeunes, à les guider, à les orienter.

Cette affabilité bienveillante de tous ceux du "staff", elle n'exclut d'ailleurs pas l'énergie ni la fermeté. Cette atmosphère tempérée de bonté, de tolérance réciproque, de curiosité intellectuelle, d'effort vers la connaissance et le progrès, j'ai eu le plus grand plaisir à la constater, à la respirer.

Si j'ai un espoir à formuler, c'est bien de voir se perpétuer, au sein de l'école, au travers des générations d'élèves et des générations tout court, cette flamme ardente entretenue par ceux qui enseignent actuellement à St. Bede's. Elle doit déborder de cette école modèle et se propager sans cesse. Elle doit, au-delà de St. Bede's, au-delà du bourdonnant Bradford aux murs noirs, par-delà les frontières maritimes de votre pays, répandre cette tolérance, cette humilité et cette dignité chrétiennes, cet amour du Christ pour l'humanité.

Nous, qui sommes attachés à St. Bede's, souhaitons-lui en cette année de son jubilé, "bonne chance" dans ses efforts et ses entreprises.

Votre assistant français.

C.C.

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Prefects' Notes

We have had a good year, not only in duties, but in study and in sport. We have provided one University Scholarship Winner in James Forster whom we congratulate, and several prospective University undergraduates. Eight Prefects contributed 19 points out of the school total of 27 points in the Inter-High School Sports.

Our best wishes for successful careers go to those who are leaving ; -may those who remain help to launch the school on its second half-century of progress.

School Captain : D. J. McWeeny *Vice- Captain* : P. F. Gavin
Secretary : P. Rock

PREFECTS

C. A. Bland, D. A. Brennan, G. A. Edmondson, T. C. Ellison, J. Forster, E. F. Hawkins, P. J. Hodgkiss, B. Holdsworth, J. Leadbeater, C. Payne, F. E. Rowbottom, B. Cook, M. Ellis, W. Faulds, A. Hintze, R. Hudson, A. Kaye, B. Keegan, P. Keogh, P. Matthews, D. Mullarkey, H. Spencer, C. Vile, A. Wilson, J. Anderson, K. Delaney, M. Dinn, A. Gamble, B. Gleeson, B. Hanlon, B. Hopps, A. Manchester, T. Moreland, M. A. Rowbottom. D. J. McW. (U.6Sc.)

The Prefects' Badminton Club, 1949-50

At a Prefects' Meeting in September the following officers were elected :

President : David McWeeny *Treasurer* : Dermot Brennan

Committee : Peter Gavin and Paddy Hodgkiss

The year has seen a rise and fall in the fortunes of Badminton at St. Bede's. We began the season with a membership of over twenty, seven of whom had had previous experience of the game. Gradually members improved their game until it was possible to form a team to represent the school. We are indebted to Mr. Forster for his advice and assistance and for helping us to choose the team, which was D. A. Brennan and P. F. Gavin ; C. A. Bland and P. J. Hodgkiss ; P. Rock and D. McWeeny. Only two games were played before Christmas, both against St. Mary's B. C. Halifax, one of which was drawn and the other, played in Halifax, resulted in a victory for the school by 5 sets to 4.

After Christmas we were dogged by ill-luck. Fixtures had to be postponed and cancelled ; rackets were constantly in need of repair, and, when eventually three rackets were irreparably damaged, we had to turn to the headmaster for financial assistance.

In spite of these difficulties we were able to organise a successful Singles Championship Tournament, in which some exciting and entertaining Badminton was seen. Notable were a magnificent first round duel between D. A. Brennan and D. McWeeny, which resulted in a victory for the latter by 17 points to 16, and the final in which P. J. Hodgkiss became the champion for 1950 by defeating P. F. Gavin by 2 sets to 1. D.A.B. (VI)

Science Visits

FOUNTAINS ABBEY and STUMP CROSS CAVERNS

On 7th July, 1949, Form IIA, accompanied by Father Langan and Father Doyle, went by bus via Ripon to Fountains Abbey, and then on to Stump Cross Caverns. We started from school at 9-30 a.m. and reached Ripon at 10-40, where we visited the Cathedral and market-place. We then continued our journey to Fountains Abbey, where we ate our sand-wiches on the lawn. When we had finished our meal Father Langan saw that all scraps were collected before we looked round the Abbey ruins. In the Chapter House we held a chapter meeting, and various delinquents were dealt with by "Abbot Canning". We then visited Fountains Hall before continuing our journey to Stump Cross. The guide at Stump Cross led us through the caverns, in which fluorescent lighting had only recently been installed. Many of the stalactites and stalagmites had names attached to them, such as "The Policeman's Truncheon" and "The Twins". When we came up to the surface again we had tea in the cafe, and then returned through Grassington and Keighley where we saw the cement-works.

G. F. (IIIA)

APPLEBY-FRODINGHAM STEEL-WORKS

On 15th July, 1949, a party of 22 senior science boys visited the Appleby-Frodingham Steel-Works at Scunthorpe.

We arrived just in time to see the tapping of one of the blast-furnaces, which is the most fascinating sight in industry. The clay plug at the base of the furnace was burned out with oxygen and a stream of molten metal flowed out with a magnificent display of sparks, and was led along sand-lined channels to huge metal trucks which stood waiting to take the metal to the steel furnaces.

We followed in our bus to the melting-shop, where one of the open-hearth furnaces was just being tilted forward and the white-hot steel pouring into 100-ton ladles. Bags of different substances were added to the ladle, according to the type of steel required, The steel was then poured from the ladles into ingot-moulds. Afterwards we went round the back of the furnace to see the method of charging.

Our tour ended at the rolling mills, where the steel ingots are rolled by powerful rollers into sheets and bars up to 50 yards long.

J. B. (V Alpha Sci.)

MYSTERY TRIP

Form IIB set off on July 19th last year on a "Mystery Trip", and arrived in Halifax. There we proceeded to a factory, which to everyone's delight proved to be Albion Mills, which is Mackintosh's Toffee Factory. There we split into two groups, our group touring the factory and the other the labs. We helped ourselves to toffees while we watched the machines making the toffee and wrapping it. Then we went to the laboratories where we saw the ultra-violet lamp and the room where different climates can be produced to see what the chocolates and toffees will stand. After that we joined the other party and came back to the bus, visiting the Piece Hall on the way.

B. F. (IIIB)

PHOENIX IRON-WORKS

On February 10th, Form V Alpha Science visited the English Electric Company's works at Bradford Moor. An old boy of St. Bede's, Mr. D. Scanlon, arranged the visit and showed us round the works. First we went to the laboratories where the chemists analyse the raw materials and control the composition of the finished products. Next we visited the pattern shop, where the wooden patterns for the moulds are made, and the pattern library where thousands of patterns are kept. Next we saw the furnaces where the molten metal is prepared. In the foundry itself we saw the sand moulds being prepared from the patterns and the metal being poured for casting. We then saw the castings finished and enamelled. After the visit we passed through the magnificent welfare rooms to the canteen, where we had an excellent tea. J. B. (V Alpha)

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE

On Friday, March 20th, 30 boys from the senior science forms attended the Royal Institute's conference at Leeds University, arranged for the purpose of informing science students of the various careers and prospects in chemistry. We arrived at the University at 4-15 and were the guests of the R.I.C. at high tea in the refectory. After tea we explored the mysterious interior of the University until 6 p.m. when the conference commenced in the Union Building. Professor Challenger presided, and there was a long list of brief addresses, including : Chemistry in the Universities ; Chemistry in Technological Institutes ; Chemistry and Medicine ; Chemistry in Industry ; and Careers for women. A final speaker gave information about the Royal Institute of Chemistry and its objects. The conference ended at 8-30, and we returned to our various homes considerably wiser as to the requirements for a career in chemistry. D. F. (V Alpha)

THE YORKSHIRE OPTICAL COMPANY

This outing took place on Friday, 12th May. In two parties, 18 of us saw the stages of manufacture from the lens blanks through cutting and grinding to the finished product. Most of the work is hand-done, but grinding is, of course, mechanical. We saw the frames cut from sheets of plastic material, saw them polished and the lenses fitted in them. We learnt about contact lenses and saw some in use, and even heard of one lady who desired spectacle frames to suit her favourite nail-varnish. It was a thoroughly satisfying afternoon. P. O. (IV Alpha)

The Geography Trip

The school ran its own trip this year, and about ninety boys and staff made up the party to visit Hull on Friday, June 2nd.

Three coaches left Bradford at 7-45 in perfect weather. The run was through Pontefract, Snaith and Goole. Arriving in Hull in mid-morning and proceeding to the King George V dock, we witnessed a scene of intense 'activity with ten large vessels there.

The party split into three sections and, directed by guides and accompanied by Father Hardy, the Catholic Chaplain for the Humber Ports,

toured the dock area. Lunch was taken in the city centre, and in the after-noon the three parties visited a British Oil and Cake Mill, the Premier Soap Works, the Seven Seas Cod Liver Oil Factory and Reckitt's, After tea in Hull, Beverley Minster was visited and so across the Wolds to Market Weighton and Selby to Leeds.

Our sincere thanks are offered to the managements and staffs of works visited, the Docks Executive and Hull Corporation (who provided the meals) for their hospitality and courtesy. B.H. (LVIA)_

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Films

During the past year our sound projector has been in constant use, as many more masters avail themselves of the excellent films on educational subjects which have been produced in recent years, The list of films we have used this year is given below. Many of these have been used several times during the year, especially the chemistry films produced by the ICI. film unit, to which we are deeply indebted.

It will be obvious that the titles we choose are on specialised subjects, This is only to be expected in a grammar school, where academic interest in subjects is desired rather than general knowledge. Many educational films produced to-day are too general in their treatment to be of much value to the average Grammar School class. We find especially that films made by industrial firms of their own processes are of much more value to us. Apart from entertainment films, such as the ever-popular "Pop-eye" and "Charlie" cartoons for feast-days, we have had the following titles :

HISTORY : The Mediaeval Monastery	Once upon a Sheep.
TRAVEL : Films on Rome and Switzerland for the Scout Troop	
The Vatican of Pius XII.	Jungfrau.
Rome.	Gothard.
PHYSICS :	In Wonderland.
Electromagnetic Induction.	What is Electricity ?
Electrical Generation.	A.C. and D.C.
Putting free electrons to work.	Electricity and Heat.
High Frequency Heating.	Electricity and Movement.
CHEMISTRY :	Vision.
Water.	Lead Paint.
Water Cycle.	Vulcan's Crucible.
Nobel began it.	Iron and Steel Making.
Ammonia.	Blast Furnace.
Limestone in Nature.	Casting in Iron.
colour.	Iron and Steel Supply of the Wo r l d .
A Ship comes in from Texas.	The Refining of Precious Metals.
Catalysis in the manufacture of sulphuric acid.	Manufacture of Gas.
Salt.	It comes from coal.
The fight against disease.	Coal Products.
The Story of Penicillin.	The Microscope.
Extraction of Penicillin.	Microscopy of Opaque Objects.
Outing for Christopher.	Distillation.
History of the discovery of Oxygen	Colloids in Medicine.
Uses of Limestone.	Chilean Natural Nitrate.
Water Services.	Take Thou.

There are some films, however, which we must single out for special mention, even at the risk of offending producers in other film-units. Firstly, "Iron and Steel Making", a film made by Messrs. Firth-Brown at their works in Sheffield, is the most beautiful and technically perfect record of industrial processes that we have seen. It deals with three processes—the open-hearth furnace, the electric furnace, and the high-frequency furnace. To show this film at the right speed and illumination puts a strain on the ordinary 16mm. projector, but it is well worth the cost in lamps. We congratulate the film-unit concerned on a most expert piece of work. Secondly, the I.C.I. film-unit recently produced "The History of the Discovery of Oxygen". This is a colour film describing the work of the alchemists, the phlogistonists, and the experiments of Priestley and Lavoisier. The experiments and photography are excellent. The treatment is most suitable for a grammar school audience. Finally, the Electrical Development Association's films fill a long-felt gap in giving most lucid diagrammatic representations of various electrical appliances in motion and the explanation, through the film medium, of the flow of electrons is outstandingly clear. The film on diode and triode valves has been of great value in the rounding off of the electronic section of the syllabus for the Higher School Cert. and has also been useful to forms of a lower standard. L.

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To Siberia and Back

I was born in Poland in 1937 on the 26th of January.

I was not very long in Poland, for when I was three years old, the Russians took my parents, my sister and me to Siberia, near Archangel. The situations were incredible ; in one room there were thirty-eight people, there were no lights at all, there were many bed bugs which used to bite during the night so that you could hardly stand it. There were no beds ; we slept on boards ; there was one big board for four people. My parents worked hard in the forest cutting down trees. The work was very hard, and in winter the temperature was about 60° below zero.

The hard-working people received four hundred grams of black bread, and some soup made from water and cabbage leaves without any fats. Besides this soup, which was not sufficient, the people used to eat all kinds of forest things, such as mushrooms and blackberries in summer. The black-berries

were very important because people used to have the sickness of scurvy, which the black-berries prevented.

There was another sickness which was caused by the bad food and the lack of vitamins ; the sickness was that when the sun set the people could not see although their eyes were open.

The work had to be done or you would not get your four hundred grams of black bread and soup made of water.

The children received one hundred grams of black bread ; this was all for one day, besides this we did not see anything else during the two years we stayed.

In the year 1941 General Sikorski made an agreement with Russia by which all Polish people were to be set free from Siberia, but the Russians

did not let all the Polish people be free. Many were set free ; amongst them were my parents, my sister and myself.

We left Siberia in 1942. We went from Siberia to south Russia. There my sister died because there was not enough food, and I was very ill. I had many hard sicknesses, but after a few weeks I was well. After a few months we were taken to Persia from south Russia where the people were friendly. There I was two years ; we had good food and everything that we wanted. I used to go to Teheran with my mother. It is a lovely city, especially at night when everything is lit up.

My father went into the Polish army under the English Government and was taken to England.

In 1943 my father sent us a pass to take us to England.

From Persia we went to Palestine. I lived with my mother in Jerusalem, but afterwards we lived at Ainkarem, which was about six miles from Jerusalem. We stayed in Palestine for one year and three months. I visited many holy places with my mother ; the Tomb of our Lord, Calvary where our Lord was crucified, then the Garden of Gethsemane where our Lord was praying. Then we went to Bethlehem and saw the place where our Lord tended His flock of sheep, and a wonderful statue of our Lord when He was a small boy. He is holding the whole world in His hand. Then we went to the river Jordan and last of all I can remember was the Dead Sea, where I went swimming. In Palestine I went to school for one year. Then we were called for transport to England. On the journey to Port Said we passed Trans-Jordan, Suez Canal and Egypt, and then we reached the Port. At Port Said the ship was waiting, and from there we went to England.

H.R. (IIC)

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An Hour to Play

Half-past six on a summer evening ;
 Sixty for five and an hour to play.
 Shadow of mid-off along the wicket;
 Eighty behind. We can only pray
 That John with his hair blowing over his forehead,
 And Gerald, crouched like the stag at bay,
 Can smother the spin and take the odd single.
 Eighty to get and an hour to play.
 The westering sun glares down the wicket,
 An eddying breeze makes the poplars sway,
 And Fred is tossing them over the sightboard
 Sixty for five and an hour to play.
 Just short of a length on the off there rises
 A puff of dust from the crumbling clay.
 The ball spins in. It leaps like a salmon.
 Five men out. We can only pray
 That John won't try to turn it. The leg-trap
 Eager to seize on the shot astray.
 It rattles his pads. No finger rises ;
 We've still got a chance if they'll only stay !
 crouches,

H A R V E S T C A M P - D O N I N G T O N 1 9 4 9

In his tent on autumn mornings,
 Sleeps the little Bedesboy farmer,
 Rolled up snugly in his blankets,
 Hairy, brown, ex-army blankets,
 With his head upon his kitbag.
 All around him other bodies
 Sleeping, heeding not nor caring
 For the sweet call of Reveille.
 Comes the cry of 'Wakey! Wakey!'
 Through the tent stalks grim
 Beeveesee,
 He the chief of the encampment,
 Trampling on the sleeping Bedes-
 Gently
 waking them from slumber.
 Crawl they forth to face the
 morning,
 Wash their faces in the bucket,
 Feel the sting of icy water,
 Kneel at Mass said in the marquee
 By the chaplain Pahdeelangan.
 Stomach flapping on the backbone,
 Stand they in the queue for break-fast
 Eaten in a sleepy silence.
 Forth they go where duty calls them
 Out along the road to Bicker,
 Up to Wicken, down the Northorpe
 Or across the bridge to Mallard.
 With the back bent almost double,
 Aching in each nerve and sinew,
 Lift they spuds behind the spinner
 Turning up the spuds in thousands.
 Then the half-hour's welcome
 breather,
 Mug of tea and hasty sandwich
 Eaten in the shady bottom
 Of the dyke where orchis blossoms
 And the midges come in millions,
 But at last the task is finished ;
 Back they come on foot and cycle ;
 Wearily yet also gladly.
 While the sun shines on the south-
 west,
 And the dusty highroad shimmers
 In the heat, and drowsy cattle
 Seek the shade of tree and hedge-row,
 And the acrid smell of harvest
 Drafts and eddies from the stack-
 yards.

Ah ! the cool and shady bell tent,
 Ah ! f the welcome ice-cold shower,
 Ah ! a letter, doubly welcome,
 News from home and postal order.
 What's for 6r dinner ? There's the
 menu
 On the barn door. In the dim barn-
 Jaywardee,
 the cook of cunning,,
 He, the medicine man of hunger,
 Eyes his vessels on the fire-range.
 See ! it's Pommes de Terre a
 l'Anglais,
 Tarte de pommes de Forty Foot, and
 At the bottom the peut etres,
 Fromage au choix. Biscuits. Cafe
 Sit they down on bench at table,
 And the plates are filled a n d
 emptied,
 And the hum of talking rises
 Sweet from the contented Bedes-boys,
 In the quiet cool of evening,
 Lie the Bedesboys in the sunlight,
 Talking lazily, or singing
 Reading "bloods" or writing letters
 While behind them in the meadows
 Play the lively ones at cricket.
 By and by the shadows lengthen,
 Turns the western sky more
 golden,
 In the east the first stars twinkle ;
 Now the cold breadth of the night
 wind
 Chills the face, and o'er the
 meadow
 Creep the ghostly mists of evening.
 Come to prayers said in the dim-ness,
 Candles flickering on the altar.
 Then the Tilley lamps and bright-ness
 In the marquee, lit for supper.
 Wrapped up snugly in their
 blankets,
 Propped up on one frozen elbow,
 In the glow of smoky oil lamps,
 Watching shadows chase each other
 Write they sleepily, and chatter
 Till the bugle calls for Lights Out,
 And their eyelids close in slumber.
 H.H.

FROM UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Simmaries-St. Mary's College

The year 1950 marks the Centenary of the opening of St. Mary's College. For gg of these years it has stood as the sole yet strong landmark in the realm of Catholic Education. Thousands of excellent headmasters and assistant masters throughout the British Isles, and indeed, the world, bear testimony to the single-mindedness and courageous toil to which St. Mary's has dedicated itself. Embracing all students, past and present, is a firm web of tradition and achievement which the other Training Colleges respect and admire, but which few can equal.

Each year students come to St. Mary's from Colleges and schools throughout Britain. Of our own St. Bede's, of whose past students the College is justifiably proud, Peter Wild, Gerald Rock, Anthony Whelan, Leo Hopkinson, Michael Gannon, Bernard Hintze, Anthony Dolan and Leo Brooks are the present representatives.

It is with sadness, yet with pride, that we recall the heroic sacrifice of Joseph McEvoy of St. Bede's and St. Mary's, who died in the last World War. His photograph, along with those of other Simmarians who also gave their lives, has been placed in a prominent position in the College. Their memories are recollected by the students weekly in their prayers and by the priests in their masses.

Times change, students come and go; and outward appearances alter, but the spirit of St. Mary's remains constant. A hundred glorious years of Catholic work and fruitful achievement is the count. May we wish Simmaries another even more glorious century. L. B.

Bradford Technical College

Year by year the number of Old Boys at the College increases. This year boasts about 20, all being members of the College Catholic Society. The majority of these participate in the activities of the Society. Regretably, however, a few of the senior students are members in spirit only, the pressure of book-work being too great.

Several excellent lecturers have visited the Society this year, and despite the fact that sometimes the theological arguments have left us quite out of our depth (being mere scientists), we have been most agreeably entertained.

In addition, our innovation of visits to different churches for Sunday Evening Benediction and our Annual Walk to Middleton Lodge on Good Friday, met with outstanding success.

Since the Society consists largely of St. Bede's Old Boys, the need for co-operation between the School and the Society must be promoted as much as possible. A step in this direction has been made with the assistance of our Chaplain, Rev. M. V. Sweeney.

The Committee were thereby enabled to meet those present students of the School intending to proceed to the College next year. This would seem to be a sensible way to "gather the fold" at the beginning of the session. The Society exists in order to give those Catholics at the College a common bond. We appeal, therefore, to all Old Boys who are attending

or will attend the "Tech" to make a point of joining the Catholic Society, and thereby, not only befriending the Catholic students from other schools, but also partaking in what is obviously one of the most valuable forms of Catholic Action.

Finally we would express our grateful thanks to Father Sweeney for his invaluable support and guidance throughout the past session.

Old Boy Students during 1949-50 were :-

DENIS O'TOOLE)

PHILIP NAILON)

TOM JARDINE) *Chemistry*

JOHN WILSON) *Dept*

PETER BREAR)

DENNIS NUNN)

PETER WHELAN)

KEITH DOUGLAS) *Comm*

ROBERT KENEFICK)

BERNARD BAILEY

Engineering

JOHN FIRTH . . . *Physics*

BARRY SULLIVAN : : *Textiles*

BERNARD WRIGHT)

BRUCE HAMMOND)

Pharmacy

DESMOND HIGGINS)

GEOFFREY BOOTH)

Lecturers :

Commerce MR. HENRY

Electrical Engineering

MR. B. MANOGUE *Chemistry*

G.B

Sheffield

Perhaps it is significant that, since Father Sweeney became Head-master, the number of St. Bede's boys attending the University in his home town has increased. Whether or not this is a coincidence, the fact of increase remains.

Francois Inglehearn, now a B.A. and a sergeant in the R.A.F. Educational Corps, was last seen when on leave from his station at Doncaster. He will spend another year here in the Training Department-when he has finished his military service.

Anthony Taylor-whom only the gigantic can call "Tich" nowadays-took finals in June, and expects to enter the R.A.F. sometime this month.

Laurence Brimacombe (2nd Year Medicine) is captain of the Medicinal soccer team, and has played rugby for his faculty's second seven. He is on the committee of the Catholic Society, the Padley Society.

Bernard Gallagher (2nd Year English Honours) is a member of the Dramatic Committee and has appeared in a number of plays.

Michael Walsh (1st Year Chemistry Honours) is usually seen in company with the organisers of next year's Rag Show, in which he has a part.

When questioned about this he hedges, but ultimately admits to being cast as "a fool".

Peter Heaton (1st Year English Honours) is at present rehearsing for plays which Sheffield students are taking on tour round the local hospitals at the end of term.

Warden (1st Year History Honours) is in the Chess Club's second team and has played with the first. He is the secretary of the Historical Society.

We can honestly claim, then, that St. Bede's is making its mark on Sheffield. It is worthy of note that, not only is the University blessed with seven 'Bede-bugs', but the vice-president of our Students' Union (Pat Healey) is an old girl of St. Joseph's College. What happier combination could you wish for ?

B.G.

Birmingham

The solitary, plaintive cry from Birmingham University is that of Peter Anderson, last year's School Captain-plaintive, perhaps because of his solitary state as the only "bit of Bede's in Brum". On the brink of exams at the time of writing, he says they will determine continuation of the gay student life or joining H.M. Forces. P.A.

Oxford

Of the Old Boys of the generation whose formal education was interrupted by the war only Matthew Rock remains at Oxford, Freddie Whittaker, Bernard Kay, Jimmie Gallagher and Desmond Albrow having gone down within the last year. Messrs. Newman and Toalster, who have both taken firsts in Honour Moderations, bring up the number in residence at present to three. Kevin Newman and Matthew Rock are taking finals this term.

A Jubilee issue of the School Magazine should be an occasion for a review of the past and of the prospects for the future. The connection of St. Bede's with this University goes no further back than 1940, since when the school has been well represented. Unless, however, new recruits present themselves within the next year or two, the connection will, regretably,

be interrupted. The difficulties facing a prospective entrant to the Senior University are, no doubt, great, but in a school as large as St. Bede's there is presumably no lack of ability, and, in these days of the Santa Claus state, lack of means should be no insuperable obstacle. The principal difficulty is to obtain admission to a college in face of strong competition. There is no real reason why the school's relation with this University should not be as close and permanent as its relation with other academic institutions. M.R.

Cambridge

Father Brian Coogan, a Mill Hill Father, writes from St. Edmund's House-the only representative of St. Bede's in Cambridge now. "Why is it", he asks, "that the greatest University has been so neglected by Bedesmen in favour of the 'other place'?"

Fr. Desmond Sullivan, who was ordained in 1948, a Mill Hill Father also, is now reading English and History at Glasgow University.

Fr. Dennis Rafferty will be going to Cambridge next term to read French and Italian. Fr. Coogan has just completed his Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos. At Christ's College, he is an enthusiastic oarsman and would welcome another Bedesman or two in the Boat Club. He adds news of Frank Gresham (Mill Hill also) who is enjoying life at Rossendaal in S. Holland, where he is studying Philosophy.

Manchester

Desmond Brady writes from the St. Bede's outpost in Manchester where Brian Quinn is the only other Old Boy. The latter is in his fourth year among the Bevan boys at the Medical School. Desmond Brady, just over his preliminary examinations in Honours, Modern Languages, has found time to play a little rugger, badminton and tennis. Both would welcome more St. Bede's faces next session. D.B.

Rome-The English College

During their crowded visit to Rome most English pilgrims find their way sometime to the Venerabile Collegio Inglese in the Via di Monserrato. Nevertheless, our services as guides are limited and most of us had deserted the city for Tuscany, Bracciano and Naples when the Old Boys' Pilgrimage was in Rome during Easter week.

The most recent addition to our number is Bernard Doran (St. Bede's 1942). He fitted into the artistic section of the Venerabile life, and is now largely responsible for the decor and costumes for plays and operas, besides being a philosopher in his second year,

Michael Keegan recently entered Theology as a tonsured cleric. He is really the veteran of the group, breaking his course for military service. Since he returned he has linked his fate to the film machine and, on the strength of his wartime experience, is a leading spirit in photography and electrical management.

Peter Walmsley, who left St. Bede's for Ushaw in 1939, is among those approaching ordination, and recently received the order of Subdiaconate from Archbishop Traglia.

Occasionally we enter the lists with Rome Rugby and the Embassy and, unwittingly, you may have heard US over the Vatican Radio in a canonization choir. P.W.

University College, Hull

To the dismay of the four Old Boys here, this Session's intake of Freshers failed, upon eager investigation, to yield even one addition from St. Bede's to our ranks. Reinforcements are urged for next year. Scholarship candidates are reminded that the examiners are no harder to outwit here than elsewhere, that, even if Hull leaves something to be desired in matters of accommodation, its academic and social facilities are the equal of any in the north.

With the departure of R. H. Hutchinson, seniority has passed to D. Bowden (History) who is in his Finals year.

B. Higgins (2nd Year Maths.) has fulfilled the promise shown in his first year by distinguishing himself in study and sport.

J. D. Halloran (Economics) returned to the fold in October after two years enforced idleness with the R.A.F.

P. S. Scanlon has also returned after two years' absence.

Our joint activities centre around the Catholic Society where we endeavour to equip ourselves for the almost interminable religious discussions

carried on in College. By now the value and significance of our Form Six Apologetics Course is clear to all. D.B.

Leeds University Notes

"UNDER THE CLOCK"

As if to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of St. Bede's, we have an extremely large number of Old Boys up at Leeds this year, due partly to demobilisation from His Majesty's Forces. Of the six freshers here this year, four have seen some service in the armed forces. John and

Anthony Bottomley, after doing their time, are both in the textile department with their eyes on a diploma.

During his two years in the navy, Donald Thompson decided to take a course a little out of the ordinary and chose Spanish. Starting from scratch, he finds this excursion into the unknown just to his liking. John Dunn, who was school captain in 1944-45, being fed up with the Army after two years, has immediately joined the University Air Squadron. Perhaps he feels that aerial surveys of the country may be of some value in his studies, since he is taking Geography, Geology and the like. In taking these subjects he is following in the clear footprints of Philip Leedal who is now completing his second year of research for Ph.D.

The only fresher to come straight from School this year is J. Sheehan who is pursuing his studies in history. Brian Ginty came to Leeds by way of Newcastle since he has been living in the latter town since 1947, His days are passed in the oil and noise of the engineering laboratories or in the cleaner and quieter surroundings of the University playing fields, where he hopes one day to carry off a prize for running.

By the time these notes are published six Old Boys will have obtained degrees or diplomas. Edward King and Brian Dennison, in the Arts Department,

are taking courses which comprise such a variety of subjects that one wonders what the rest of the University finds to do. Hubert Shutrick and Stan Baldwin are in the Science Department, the former doing Mathematics and the latter back from the Army finishing his Physics course. Our last two characters, taking finals, have quite a lot in common. Both ex-service, both called Bernard, both B.A.'s and both taking an education diploma. Their names are McShee and Rhodes. McShee plays cricket regularly (or irregularly, depending upon the weather) for the University third team and occasionally for the second eleven.

There is a section of the contingent at Leeds which does not wear the exam-worn look so characteristic of those mentioned so far. This care-free (?) crowd are the researchers. Leedal has been mentioned already.

Peter Markey has returned from his explosive career in the army to the more sedate study of crystal structures. Also taking Ph.D. in Chemistry is Norman Waldron-up to his eyes in proteins, he is hoping to spend five weeks at Cambridge University this summer. In the field of applied science we have Rex Grimshaw, a member of the staff of the Fuel Department, a keen footballer and President of the Old Boys' Association.

Our congratulations go to Tony Nugent who received his doctor's degree in March this year. The Boxing Club will be sorry to lose one who has done so much for them, but doubtless others will be more pleased to see his back than his fists. His comrade throughout this long degree course has been Terence Lynch who takes his finals this summer. Also on their way to being doctors are Michael Roberts and John Galvin, who this year are mainly occupied with surgery. Yet another Old Boy returning from the Army is Frank Brear. Having taken up his medical studies again, he has comfortably passed his second M.B., Ch.B. examination this March. The new Parkinson Building of the University will be opened this year, and plans are ready for other accommodation, so that the number of students can be expected to increase in future years. We hope that along with this increase the representation of St. Bede's Boys at the University

will continue to grow as it has done in the past few years. Any Bede's Boy contemplating a University career can be assured of a good reception at Leeds, and so with this premature welcome to new students, it is good-bye from Leeds until next year. N.M.W.

LATEST SUCCESSES

Our congratulations are offered to :

H. B. SHUTRICK. 1st Class Hons. Maths. B.Sc., Leeds University.

J. B. MCSHEE. Diploma in Education.

A. N UGENT . - M.B., Ch.B., Leeds University.

REV. J. B. COOGAN. B.A. (Cantab). Modern and Medieval Tripos.

C. TOALSTER. 1st Class Pt. I Mods. Oxford University and runner-up de Paravicini and Hertford Scholarships.

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First Impressions of France

The first opportunity afforded me of visiting the continent culminated on a cheerlessly raw February morning of this year as we neared the French coast.

Irrepressible exuberance and explosive excitability are said to be characteristics of the French, and the visit of a Catholic English football team provided our hosts with an opportunity to show these emotions and their effection for the English people. The generosity which engulfed us and the obviously sincere spirit in which it was bestowed was, at times, overwhelming and a little embarrassing.

This impression was not culled from isolated incidents ; the magnificent banquets which were given in our honour were staggering, speaking quantitatively, and the spirit of generosity was the same wherever we went in those crowded four days.

I say, without hesitation, that the most moving experience was the privilege of being received into the intimate circle of one of the Catholic families of Roubaix. Although the average French family is larger than ours, it seems to form a more closely knit unit, and, in the best Catholic tradition, is regarded as the most important community in the state. TO be received into the intimacy of a French home is a singular honour, and, as a result new and, I trust, permanent friendships were forged. General commodities seemed to be more plentiful than at home, but a much higher price has to be paid. The last existing food restrictions had gone two months before which may account for the superior diet of the Frenchman.

The principal towns we visited, Roubaix, Lille and Tourcoing, being wool towns had much in common with our West Riding. One very noticeable difference was the state of the roads which fell short of our macadamised thoroughfares.

What of the football which, after all, was our business there ? We found the continental players more robust and direct in their approach, but lacking the technical skill and football sense we look for in the game. From our point of view we had the satisfaction of knowing that, when the St. Bede's contingent played, the English team achieved a decisive victory.

P.R (L.6A)

The Old Boys' Association

Hon. President : H. E. CARDINAL GRIFFIN

Twenty-five years have passed since, during the Old Boys' Pilgrimage to Rome, Monsignor Hinsley presented an Address to the Holy Father in which this significant passage occurs : "At Rome, in this Holy Year, we stand, the Old Boys and first fruits of this school, that we may give our greatest thanks to God, because he has poured heavenly kindness upon our School".

An O.B. Association can hardly claim to be as old as the school. It is known that in July, 1906, a notice appeared in Drewton Street to the effect that an O.B. Association was being formed with John Brown as secretary. Old Boys were ever clubbable fellows and happy memories of reunion suppers, dinners, dances, plays, garden parties, football clubs, week-end Retreats crowd in upon us.

Presidents of the Association since its inception have been :-

1914 H. B. Sullivan	1919 P. J. Killeen	1920 J. A. Sullivan
1921 R. Hughes	1922 A. McWeeny	1923 S. Briggs
1924 J. McWeeny	1925 W. Moverley	1926 J. Bradley
1927 L. Geoghegan	1928 W. Dewhirst	1929 W. McWeeny
1930 W. Geoghegan	1931 H. Jackson	1932 B. Dewhirst
1933 L. Pollack	1934 B. V. Crowley	1935 G. Dewhirst
1936 J. Langtry- Langton	1937 H. Elgie	1938 P. Killeen
1939 J. Coope	1940-44 J. Richards	1945 E. Fenelon
1946 L. Scully	1947 L. Kearns	1948 J. Ward
1949 G. J. Dennison	1950 R. W. Grimshaw	

During the war years many such associations as ours gave up the ghost, but a tribute must be paid to the President and the small executive who not only held the fort but flourished. The tenacity of the "too olds", the persistency of the "too youngs" and the steadfastness of the few "exempts" or "reserved" carried the day. Grievously felt were the deaths of H. B.. Sullivan and Pat Killeen.

The occasion of Mgr. Tindall's retirement was an opportunity for a Reunion Dinner on a grand scale, and 300 Old Boys were present. Miss Thompson had the unique reward for all her help by being the only lady ever to grace an O.B. Dinner.

The organisation of weekly dances and less frequent functions has been remarkable during the last ten years, and they have been a most valuable source of revenue for that most sensible and courageous project of the Association-the Scholarship Fund. The magnificent line of Secretaries and Treasurers may be unhonoured and unsung, but their arduous task is not forgotten.

It was the Association's intention to perpetuate the memory of 37 Old Boys who died in the 1914 War and of 73 who died in the 1939 War by converting the School Library into a Memorial Library. The original plan was, perhaps, too ambitious, but a smaller Memorial Library is nearing completion.

The early years of the second half-century of the Association's life may be critical ones. The old fervour and vigour may not be easy to recapture--- a judicious blend of the prudence and experience of the more mature with

the zest and energy of youth is vital to ensure that the finest Old Boys' Association in Yorkshire shall not slip into ineffectiveness nor risk a state of anaemic decline.

OFFICERS 1950-51

President, R. W. Grimshaw ; *Vice-President*, J. Bottomley ; *Hon. Sec.*, J. W. Smith ; *Hon. Treas.*, T. Hanney. Committee, J. Buffham, B. V. Crowley, B. Cooper, J. A. Smith, P. Dennison, W. Hanney, T. Moorhouse, E. Fenelon, *Ex officio*, Rev. M. V. Sweeney. *Co-opted*, Rev. B. Doyle. *Ex-Presidents*, L. Kearns, J. Ward, G. J. Dennison.

Old Boys' Football Notes

The Club started the season with just enough members to field one team. The keenness and spirit of this nucleus spread until, at the end of the season we have playing members to man three teams.

The 1st XI, playing in the 2nd Division of the W. Riding O.B.'s League added at least a glimmer to the reflected glory of O.B. teams of the past by finishing second in the League, one point behind Pudsey Old Grammarians. Probably next season will see the team back in the 1st Division.

In the League Cup we were defeated in the round prior to the semi-final by old Cockburnians, but having ourselves defeated St. Michael's Old Boys on their ground in the previous round we feel we have had a measure

of success. The St. Michael's ground was malodorously noisome through dumps of regularly-spaced highly natural fertiliser, but a metaphorically clean game followed.

In the Bradford Cup, the normal procedure was reversed : Heys Brewery visited the Old Boys to defeat them easily. Our only excuse is that it was early in the season when the team was in embryo ; it was nevertheless, a bitter blow, to put it in mild terms. J.W.S.

Garden Party

(from O.B. *Bulletin*, No. 3)

Pen in hand, rose-coloured spectacles on nose, may I recall the 1920's ? Do you remember those first Garden Parties at Heaton Hall, in the "salad days" of the Association when we were "green in judgment" ? The sap was certainly rising in our young bones, and there was a certain dash, a vivacity, a boyish eagerness, hard to recapture now. It may be simply the passing of time, the war's anxieties, the grimness and austerities of a world not at war that makes a pleasant task of this reminiscing to the more elderly of us fortyiners.

I remember one Garden Party, maybe the very first—a near perfect Saturday in July and the only one for years which failed to fulminate in a thunderstorm. The late Brother Alban, he who kept his youthful zeal longer than most, pitched his Indian encampment on this side of the greenhouse.

Those Sioux and Blackfeet braves from Forms I and II made the Paddock hideous with their war-cries until excesses of gassy pop and pre-war ice cream made them as incapable of utterance as a dozen puffs at a twist-filled

pipe of peace would have done. What time the greenhouse itself

rang to the smart ping of lead shot on tin plate-old X was busy raking in the profits on the shooting gallery-it was the obviously right locale for a shooting gallery, for the next best thing to throwing stones in a glass-house, is to shoot pellets in a greenhouse.

Y and Z, ghost-like in garb and garbled claptrap, persuaded hundreds to tour the dungeons that existed in those far off days under the old school. Y had applied the old pot of phosphorescent paint to his black underwear effectively enough, and when he beetled off to lurk in some secret place in the dank abysmal passages, his luminous skeleton bones served their terrifying

purpose. Clanking chains and horrific, Karloffian groans, reverberating round the murky fastnesses, raised more girlish shrieks than any Blackpool Ghost Train and almost as many coppers for a worthy cause.

Strawberries and cream in Victorian profusion were scoffed-to use a word whose specialised second meaning is a Bedesian coining-under those idyllic arboreal arches near the old Masters' Tennis Court-where now the sinister hulks of air-raid shelters squat in unwelcome sway.

On the far edge of that same tennis court where Mr. W. and Fr. M. played their tenacious sets against the flower of the lordly Sixth Form in those halcyon, post- and ante-Exam. days-on the far edge, I say, now held court a gay Pierrot troupe before a compound of audience bedecked in chairs. The piano's thin tinkle of "Baby Doll" carries nostalgically, even now in my mind's ear, down to the Open Air Bath, expertly excavated by Mr. B., where Mr. R. and those dear to him demonstrated the aquatic graces.

Hard by on the tip, the "Call", the greenery of whose surface had not then been blighted by the eager scurry of a million studs of five thousand football games, St. Joseph's College played-no, not net-ball-but cricket, and a team of boy gymnasts displayed their talents.

An elephantine marquee, romantic as a circus tent, seethed with Bedesmen and their sisters and aunts and parents, ploughing through acres of long bun and "oodles of butter". The ever-faithful Scouts and Rovers grappled with fiery furnaces and steaming cauldrons, and the irrepressible Fr. T. lent his willing hand to menial tasks.

Sideshowes littered the gentle slopes-Aunt Sally, Hidden Treasure, Hoop-la and such simple games of chance as ruled before the "Dog" days. And there on the boys' tennis court-perhaps you laboured to lay its cindered foundations-girls from the city's Catholic schools strove for the netball trophy.

A lull now in the hot activity-curiosity, not yet vocal, is centred on what appears to be a piece of artillery being man-handled into position. Mr. R. has arranged a surprise attraction through his old Artillery comrades. The first salvo, aimed at the gleaming dome of Cartwright Hall, startles, the napping denizens of Heaton Syke from any illusion of a peaceful England. The forefathers of the hamlet surely had cause to be rude, for how many windows were shattered that day? The old German tank-spoils of war-by the side door, you remember, by the gardener's shed-shudders. in his deep-rutted lethargy and sinks back, a shameful hulk as little fight left in him as in any of your wrecks of Tiger tanks that may still scar the Western Desert.

A benevolent sun goes down ; the dishevelled park will be tidied on Monday, providing welcome change of labour for a hundred boys. The shadows lengthen and human activity moves indoors to the great Garden Party Dance.

Where now the Library sleeps in wordy silence, then was the Hall which turned Ballroom for the grand finale. Do you remember those Garden Party Dances ?-the old school friends, the ices in the corridor, the changing kaleidoscopic dazzle of the spotlights, the sociable stroll to Delver's or King's Arms or the more tender perambulation along the drive in a velvet starlight, the delightful thrill of it all- I hope you do and I hope you don't mind being reminded of long ago happy days.

H.J.

Origins and Memories of St Bede's

In the early winter of 1896, I began to hear rumbles and whispers from the night of our Forebeing.

To talk down to primary levels, St. Bede's began at the Union Club, a small coterie of Liberal Catholic laymen. They had begun to chafe at the lack of a better-class or Higher Grade School for their small boys. One of the most persistent was Edward Cash who inspired the St. Patrick's priests with his own steady zeal. At the other side of the town, Willie Narey, ever zealous for the faith, was so full of the secondary school idea that he boiled , over with it to me, who was even then strongly in favour, as was Edward Sweeney

So St. Bede's opened in the old St. Catherine's Home, Drewton Street, with 37 boys of various sizes. First of all John Brown, always boy and man, a great credit to his school, even when he had one of his own. And thus begins the shifting parti-coloured scene. From 37 to 730 !

JOHN O'CONNOR.

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I REMEMBER

As one of those "funny little fellows in lace collars and white waist-coats" present on that first day, may I take up the challenge ? I was the boy in the white waistcoat. We dressed, of course, in those days, not in pullovers, blazers and flannels, but in white ruffles, velvet suits, lace collars and, on special occasions, white waistcoats.

I was too young to appreciate fully the historic significance of that first day. What did impress me greatly was that on my way home I could meander through the open market. I can still recall the chalky smell of Dr. Hinsley's gown. How proud we were when he became Cardinal Archbishop and later when he thrilled the whole country by his wartime pronouncements. Two fellow scholars of mine were Harry Elgie and Dick Hughes. Harry was a mathematician in those days-may I wish him a happy retirement, Dick Hughes "took me to school". He may claim to be the first to enter the school, but I have my doubts. Dick was always a light-weight, known to us as "Spratty", and it is reported that "the first pupil to enter the portals was a tall well-made boy". In any event, Dick and I entered together. E. J. BROWN, (Bursar, Leeds University).

MEMORIES--by the OLDEST OLD BOY.

Early one morning in late May, 1900, (incidentally the Feast of St. Bede), I arrived at the former Cancer Hospital. Its outer iron gates were closed, but I wandered round to a side door. All was quiet, almost sepulchral in the dark interior, but eventually a voice called out, "Who's there?" It was Pat Riley, and I replied that I had come to St. Bede's Grammar School for the first time. "Tha's a week too soon at least, lad."

Undaunted I had a quick glance round the ground floor, but my first impressions of the amenities were anything but rosy. A week or so later the atmosphere was very different. Dr. Hinsley called us to the first assembly at 9 o'clock. The only other two masters that day were Mr. Rosenbaum and Mr. Byles. JOHN BROWN.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE EARLY YEARS

Of the originals, all the Governors and first teachers are dead. About twelve of the first 37 boys can be located, but most of the remainder were killed in the War or have since died.

One word on that evergreen topic, "the oldest Old Boy". There have been claimants and many bogus aspirants. I personally have never laid claim to this distinction, but I was the first on Dr. Hinsley's list after he had been round seeking prospective students. To my mind, however, the oldest Old Boy is surely the first student to leave the school. He is dead and so are all concerned.

One very clear memory remains, of calling at Briggs, the tobacconists on Market Street. They received telegrams of the progress of play in the chief county matches, and, the early masters being keen cricket followers, we volunteered to bring the latest scores after lunch and often engineered a late return. R. HUGHES.

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THE INTERLUDE, 1912-13

Bishop Cowgill recalled me from Clifton to take up the post of acting Headmaster.

Discipline, I felt in the circumstances, I should have to specialise in, and so I had to bring "Cyclops" out of retirement. So began a new life. One special excitement was the visit of H.M. Inspectors. The staff bore the brunt and all the anxiety. Tom Maslen's kind, fatherly treatment of the Juniors was a joy to witness.

Then there was the prize-day before Christmas; the musical pro-gramme, the inexperienced Head rash enough to criticise the boys' poor standard of handwriting-his own, the world's worst.

I remember, too, those Saturday afternoon games of football at Frizing-hall and Fr. O'Sullivan's rasping shots.

Everyone of the fine fellows in what I would call my own Sixth Form has done credit to himself and the school.

What a lot more did happen in that crowded year-the darkest hour before the dawn. J. BRADLEY.

Memories of the Magazine

I shall always be grateful to St. Bede's Magazine for printing my earliest articles. It was towards the end of the 1914 war, during a long period of sickness, that I wrote my first piece, entitled "Warfare in England". (Incidentally, I seem doomed to spend all my wars in England.) The pleasure of seeing this little contribution in print-even though the Editor quite properly omitted my signature-was about the best tonic I could have had at such a time.

In subsequent numbers, I wrote odd bits of verse and prose and then-in 1921 I think it was-Monsignor r Tindall, who had struggled so valiantly with the Magazine since its inception, co-opted a few of us on to the Editorial Board and gave us a free hand to develop our ideas. One of my colleagues was my cousin, Laurence Geoghegan, whose father, the late Thomas Geoghegan, printed the Magazine and did so much for the School in other ways.

Only those who are afflicted with writing fever can appreciate the thrill of having a whole magazine and printing press to play with ; and we certainly enjoyed our editorial (and conspiratorial) meetings enormously. Whether we made the best use of our opportunities is open to question, but at least the Magazine enabled us to try our wings and taught us something of the discipline of writing. It gave me, personally, just the kind of stimulus I needed at a difficult time, and in due course I began to get articles accepted by other misguided editors. It is, of course, altogether more satisfactory to launch out into the wider world of letters, but I doubt if one ever quite recaptures the thrill of seeing one's early efforts-and particularly one's first poem-printed in the School Magazine.

During my brief association with the editorial side of St. Bede's Magazine, I wanted very much to foster the literary ambitions of other young writers. I felt-and still feel-that St. Bede's, with its "crested and pre-ailing name", with its traditions and scholarship, can produce far more-poets and writers than have so far appeared. More Catholic writers are urgently needed to-day and the Fleet Street branch of "The Keys" to which I belong, will welcome new members. I hope the new generation of Bedesmen

will bear this in mind and perhaps this Jubilee year and Holy Year will witness the birth of a vigorous body of new writers from the old School. The motto of the Royal Air Force, with which I had the honour of serving for my second spell of "Warfare in England"-*Per Ardua ad Astra-is* not a bad motto for any young writer, coupled, of course, with our own incomparable

Ora et *Labora* ! A. J. BROWN,

Mr. JACKSON and Mr. EVANS
wish to thank Form L.VI Arts,
under Sub-editor K. Delaney, for
their valuable help in producing
this issue.



CIVIC HALL.
LEEDS.1

MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF LEEDS
(Alderman F.H. O'Donnell, J.P.)

Yes it is quite true, I am an "Old Boy" of St. Bede's Grammar School, Bradford.

I attended St. Bede's as a boarder at Rose Mount Villa, Queen's Road, Manningham some 47 years ago. The late Cardinal Hinsley, then Father Hinsley, was Headmaster.

Two memories:- One day when coming out of the playground of Drewton Street Day School, somewhat dishevelled after a wrestling match with another boy, Father Hinsley in passing said "Francis, I hope your soul is not as black as your face". Being then 9 years old I was examining my conscience for a full week afterwards.

On another occasion when Father Hinsley himself was taking us in early English History, I enquired why the daughter of the Christian King of Paris was allowed to marry the Pagan King of Kent and he replied saying "I am afraid we cannot discuss that this morning; I should not be surprised if you become a theologian when you grow up". He was a kind and indulgent Headmaster.

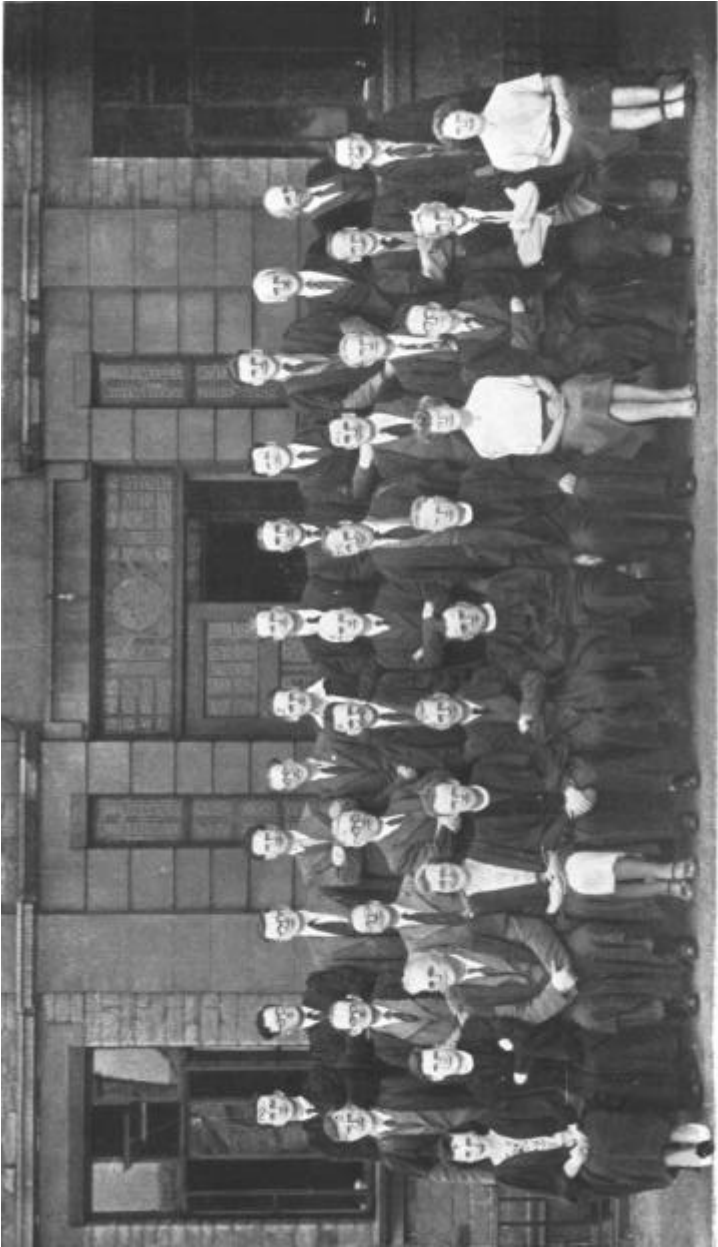
I have very happy recollections of the years I spent in the small boarding school at Manningham.

I am glad to have the opportunity as Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds of sending greetings to my old school on this day, the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

F.H. O'Donnell

Lord Mayor of Leeds.

12th June 1950.



JUBILEE YEAR 1950

THE STAFF

ST. BEDE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Speech Day

The Annual Speech Day was held on 9th, 1949, in the Eastbrook Hall. Joseph Brennan, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Governors, was in the Chair, and we were honoured by the presence of the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Berry (the Lord Mayor being ill) and the Lady Mayoress who graciously distributed the prizes. Also present were the Governors of the School.

The Chairman, before calling upon the Headmaster for his Report, assured the large assembly, amidst knowing applause, that the school was no mausoleum.

The Headmaster made his Report the occasion for a short survey of the school over half-a-century. The school, he said, was an ambition and a dream. In 1900 there was no Catholic Grammar School, and the Catholics of Bradford were determined that there should be. Dr. Hinsley personally cycled round to likely families recruiting boys for the new school. The tradition of the school, he continued, had remained constant under Cardinal Hinsley, Father John Brennan, Father Leo McGuire, Canon James Bradley and Mgr. Charles Tindall. To fit boys for life in this world had been an aim, but never the overriding one, since all Catholic education must strive to fit us for eternity.

The School's crowning glory was that over 70 priests and religious were numbered among its Old Boys, including the Vicar General of the Diocese, the Procurator General of Mill Hill, the former provincial in England of the White Fathers, and an Assistant to the General of Brothers of St. John of God.

Finally, he believed that the spirit that had animated the school for the last 50 years would enable it to surmount all difficulties.

After items by the Choir, including Test Pieces sung by them S O successfully at the Wharfedale Festival, His Lordship' the Bishop of Tigia, the Rt. Rev. George Andrew Beck, A.A., B.A., Coadjutor Bishop of Brentwood

and Chairman of the Catholic Education Council, distributed the prizes, and spoke to boys and parents.

In an address full of wit and fundamentals, His Lordship stressed the significance of the home and family influence on education.

The Deputy Lord Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and was supported by Alderman Kathleen Chambers, J.P., Chairman of the Education Committee.

The School Captain, David McWeeny, proposed a vote of thanks to the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Examination Successes and Awards 1948-9

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP LOCAL AUTHORITY AWARDS

BRADFORD CITY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS-Peter

J. Anderson, Michael V. A. Walsh.

WEST RIDING COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP-Joseph
Sidney Warden

HALIFAX MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP-Desmond

F. Brady

WEST RIDING EXHIBITION-Peter

J. G. Mullarky.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Desmond Brady, Dermot Brennan, Kevin Carroll, John Dunne, Lawrence Durkin.

Francis Gresham, Terence Larkin, Peter Mullarky, Cecil Payne, Jeremiah

Sheehan, Joseph Warden, Peter Anderson, Gordon Edmondson, Bruce

Hammond, Patrick Hodgkiss, Gerald Kemp, David McWeeny, Brian Russell,

Michael Walsh, John Wilson.

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

ard Brennan, Michael Carter, John Cockroft, Kevin Delaney, Arthur Gamble.,

Gerard Hanlon, Peter Heptonstall, Terence Hopkins, Charles Hunt, John Kelley,

Anthony Manchester, Thomas Moreland, John O'Regan, Philip Redgrave,

Michael Rowbottom, Brian Rowe, Peter Stockdale, Jerome Sullivan, Stephen

Walsh, Ernest White, Gerard Whitford, Michael Abberton, John Anderson,

William Baines, John Crowther, Michael Dinn, James Dossett, Francis Dunphy,

Terence Galvin, Bernard Gleeson, Patrick Hobson, Erian Kelly, Peter Langtry-Langton,

Donald Mason, David Rathbone, Terence Squires, James Winkley,

Kevin Brennan, Peter Costigan, Bernard Ineson, Martin Irving, John Parkinson,

Michael Sykes, James Murray, Peter Grogan.

VERY GOOD MARK IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Michael Carter, Kevin Delaney, Michael Abberton.

VERY GOOD MARK IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Michael Carter, John Cockroft, Kevin Delaney, Gerard Hanlon, Charles Hunt,

Anthony Manchester, Michael Rowbottom, Gerard Whitford, Bernard Gleeson.

VERY GOOD MARK IN HISTORY

Anthony Manchester, Michael Rowbottom, Peter Grogan.

VERY GOOD MARK IN GEOGRAPHY

Michael Abberton, Bernard Gleeson.

VERY GOOD MARK IN SCRIPTURE

John Cockroft, Gerard Hanlon, Bernard Gleeson.

VERY GOOD MARK IN GERMAN

Arthur Gamble, Philip Redgrave, James Murray.

VERY GOOD MARK IN FRENCH

William Baines, Michael Carter, Kevin Delaney, Arthur Gamble,

Stephen Walsh.

Michael Carter, Kevin

VERY GOOD MARK IN LATIN

Delaney, Edward G. Sullivan.

Thomas Moreland,

Edward Sullivan.

VERY GOOD MARK IN GREEK

VERY GOOD MARK IN MATHEMATICS

Michael Carter, Michael Abberton, Michael Dinn, James Dossett, Bernard Gleeson, Donald Mason.

VERY GOOD MARK IN PHYSICS

Michael Abberton, John Anderson, Brenard Gleeson.

VERY GOOD MARK IN CHEMISTRY

Bernard Gleeson.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL GUILD EXAMINATIONS

MORAL PHILOSOPHY

1st Class Dermot Brennan, John Durme, Thomas Ellison, Edward Hawkins, Peter Gavin, Terence Larkin, Francis Rowbottom.

2nd Class Charles Bland Bruno Carette, Gordon Edmondson, Francis Fisher, Francis Gresham, Brian Holdsworth, John Leadbeater, David McWeeny, Cecil Payne.

3rd Class John Ellison, Patrick Hodgkiss, Philip Nailon, Desmond Sheridan, Frank Thornton.

SOCIAL ETHICS

1st Class Albert Wilson.

2nd Class Brian Cook, Anthony Hintze, Robert Hudson, Anthony Kaye, David Mullarky, Philip Rock.

3rd Class Francis Crowther, Michael Ellis, William Faulds, Peter Keogh, Bernard Keegan, John Langtry-Langton, Peter Matthews, Hugh Spencer,

Charles Vile.

PRIZE AWARDED BY THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL GUILD, OXFORD

To John Dunn for distinction in Moral Philosophy.

RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATES

HIGHER RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE

Credit : Cecil Payne, Gordon Edmondson, John Leadbeater, Philip Nailon, Brian Cook, Frank Crowther, Kenneth Holmes, Robert Hudson, Bernard Keegan, Philip Rock, Albert Wilson.

Pass : Dermot Brennan, John Dunne, Thomas Ellison, Peter Gavin, Francis Gresham, Terence Larkin, Francis Rowbottom, Charles Bland, Francis Fisher, Bruce Hammond, Patrick Hodgkiss, Dacid McWeeny, Brian P. Russell, John Wilson, Anthony Brear, Anthony Hintze, David Matthews, David Mullarky, Hugh Spencer, Charles Vile, Michael Ellis, William Faulds, Anthony Kaye.

SCHOOL RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE

Pass : Francis Allinson, Edward Brennan, Michael Carter, John Cockroft, Kevin Delaney, Arthur Gamble, Peter Grogan, Gerard Hanlon, Peter Heptonstall, Terence Hopkins, Charles Hunt, Anthony Manchester, Thomas Moreland, Stephen Murgatroyd, James Murray, Philip Redgrave, Michael Rowbottom, Brian Rowe, Ernest White, Gerard Whitford, William Baines, Michael Dinn, James Dossett, Francis Dunphy, Bernard Gleeson, Brian Kelly, Peter Langtry-Langton, Brendan Cope, John Klepper, Kevin Brennan, Kevin Callaghan, Peter Costigan, Anthony Glennon, Bernard Hopkins, Robert Hutchinson, Bernard Ineson, Martin Irving, John Parkinson, John Phillips, Michael Sykes, Vincent Williams, Reginald Wood.

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES

1st Stage . .	120
2nd Stage .	64
3rd Stage .	50
4th Stage .	46
5th Stage . .	32

The SCHOOL CHOIR was awarded a First Class Certificate and the Akeroyd Challenge Cup at Wharfedale Festival,

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

W. G. C. Forrester, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (London).

F. Whitaker. B.A. Hons. Philosophy (Oxford).

B. Kay, B.A. Hon. Chinese (Oxford). ' '

G. Charleton, M.P.S.

D. Higgins, M.P.S.

D. Whittaker, B.A. Hons. Geography (Liverpool).

H. M. Waldron, B.Sc. Hons. (Leeds).

F. Inglehearn, B.A. Hons. French (Sheffield).

J. Gallagher, B.A. Hons. History (Oxford).

D. Chambers, Diploma in Architecture (Leeds).

FORM PRIZES

	<i>First in the Form</i>	<i>Religious Knowledge</i>
L6 Arts	Brian Cook	Philip Rock
L6 SC.	Michael Ellis	Albert Wilson
V Arts	Michael Carter	Kevin Delaney
V Sc.	Bernard Gleeson Michael	Francis Dunphy
V Mod.	Sykes	Bernard Ineson
IV Alpha	Peter Naylor	Brian Gallagher
IV A	John Barrett	Anthony Forrest
IV B	Ronald Carroll	Peter Meredith
IV C	John Barrett	John O'Connell
III A	Michael Lynch	Thos. Whittingham
III B	Kevin Westman	Barrie Senior
III C	Kevin Sheehy	Terence Boyle
III D	Anthony Dibb	Wilfrid Parkin
II A	David Peel	Gerard Rafferty
II B	John Rowbottom	Albert Price
II C	Daniel Lynch	Michael Mahoney
II D	Leo O'Brien	Brian Carroll
I A	John Moore	Francis Melling
I B	John Lipscombe	Brendan Callaghan
I C	Edmund Davey	Michael Hughes
I D	Martin Lydon	Basil Rayner

PRIZES FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

PRIZES FOR OPEN AWARDS

(Presented by the Head Master)

Peter Anderson, Michael Walsh, Joseph Warden, Peter Mullarky, Desmond Brady.

PRIZES FOR THE BEST RESULTS IN HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

(Presented by the Chairman of Governors)

Arts : Joseph S. Warden. Science : Peter J. Anderson.

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FORMS FIVE : ARTS AND SCIENCE

Arts : (Presented by the Catenian Association)

Michael Carter. Science : Bernard Gleeson.

FORMS FIVE : MODERN AND ECONOMICS

(presented by the Staff)

V Mod. : Bernard Ineson.

PRIZES FOR THE BEST RESULTS IN SOCIAL STUDY EXAMINATIONS

(Presented by the Knights of St. Columba)

Moral Philosophy : John Dunne. Social Ethics : Albert Wilson.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

Although unknown to many boys, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is working in St. Bede's.

Its officers are : P. Rock (President), G. Carroll (Secretary), and T. Finan (Treasurer).

Although numerically small, we have carried out inconspicuously during the year many charitable works. There is not a great deal of scope for our Society in St. Bede's, but all our tasks are attended to.

The C.T.S. rack is looked after by members of the society, and the profit, though small, benefits the society. We are very grateful to the many boys who contributed so generously to a collection which was taken in school. B.G. (L.VI)

Photographic Society 1949-50

This Society, now in its fourth year, has at present 22 members.

The individual processing in the dark room continues to be the most valuable feature of the Society.

Among demonstrations given, those on ' Colourform" and "Menthol-Caustic"

aroused most interest.

Thirteen meetings have been held up to now. There are some members who take a very limited view of their hobby and do not realise that theory and advice can improve their work if they would attend meetings. As soon as a boy is able to produce good prints he is usually ready to leave school, and so we see no more of his photography.

An exhibition of typical work was held in Jubilee Week as well as a dark-room display.

Stamp Club

The Stamp Club was revived in January and has about forty regular members. Two competitions have been held, the first for a display page of stamps, the second a stamp identification quiz where prize-winners were Donnelly, Finn, McKendry and Lavelle. Next year we hope to expand our membership and have Junior and Advanced Groups ; in the latter emphasis being laid on British Colonial. A.S.

The Senior Society

The Society was formed to promote wider interests in the Sixth Forms where specialisation and concentration on examination subjects tends to give an education too narrow in its scope.

Unfortunately, such events as the School Sports, the Inter-School Sports and the earlier Higher School examination limited the programme to three meetings. The first was intended to explore the possibilities of impromptu speaking. Each member in turn drew his subject from a hat and, after a short preparation, he had to speak for one minute on that topic. The topics for the most part were of an amusing nature and highly diverting speeches were made.

In more serious vein but no less enjoyable was Mr. Cook's "Operatic Evening", in which the joys and beauties of the opera were unfolded with the help of some fine recordings.

A Forum on B.B.C. lines, when members of the staff discussed questions put by members of the society, was the last meeting. The number of questions asked concerning conscription and National Service was an indication of the serious frame of mind on these questions. We thank the Rev. Fr. Oram and Messrs. Evans, Brogan, Coogan and Forster for undertaking

at very short notice this Forum.

Our thanks go also to Mr. Evans for the work he has done in helping in the formation of the Society. The Committee is as follows : D. G. McWeeny (*Chairman*), P. F. Gavin (*Treasurer*), C. Payne (*Secretary*), D. A. Brennan, P. Rock, A. Kaye, P. Hodgkiss. C.P. (U.6A)

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De Profundis

Donning our sweaters and leggings, we checked the lamps, and slid through a low-roofed tunnel into the eerie depths of Sleet's Cave, one of the least known of the Craven pot-holes. After slithering a hundred feet down wet, muddy screes, we met our first difficulty for at this point the roof was so low that it was necessary to lie on one's paunch and crawl through the long, narrow passage into the cavern beyond.

In the main cavern, undaunted by the fact that the cave can flood in fifteen minutes, we decided to attempt the passage to the right of the main chamber.

After proceeding troglodyte fashion for some distance, we found ourselves almost swimming. Then came the classic remark "H'm, must be flooded". Whereupon we promptly scrambled and crawled back along the passage, single file through mud and water into the main chamber.

The beauty of the scene was awful-silver stalactites shimmering in the light of the flickering lanterns ; somewhere near, a small stream gurgled along, and the incessant dripping of water from the roof, together broke the silence of that vast cavern.

Back in the main chamber we had a well-deserved rest. Soaked to the skin and crusted with sandy mud our clothes could not have improved our appearance. Yet, we were thoroughly happy, having that feeling of exhilaration

that some achieve when they are as filthy as is humanly possible. Lantern fuel now running low, we decided to return through the maze of streams and caverns to the foot of the screes. We had been down nearly three hours.

Our return to the upper earth was inauspicious. We were greeted by a steady downpour, and squalls could be seen scudding down Littondale. The wind howled on the slopes of Great Whernside like an orchestra gone mad, and it was to this obligato that we tramped on to Kilnsey, mudlarks from Tartarus. J.M. (L.6A)

Our Election

St. Bede's was regarded as a marginal seat. There were three candidates, D. Mullarky (Liberal), C. Vile (Conservative), and R. Hudson (Socialist), all of whom had worked feverishly during election week preparing speeches and leaflets. Some enthusiastic junior supporters went so far as to chalk slogans on blackboards and walls. Blue, red and yellow rosettes were affected, and at 3 p.m. on Feb. 22nd about 160 Fifth and Sixth Formers gathered in the hall-cum-polling booth for the final speeches.

Under Mr. McWeeny's chairmanship the proceedings ran fairly smoothly. Mr. Hudson, speaking very clearly and coolly, stressed his anti-Communist policy. The first heckling came on the question of Housing, and a lively discussion followed.

Mr. Vile harangued his audience with nonchalance and complete confidence. He had an attentive audience until he spoke of reductions in Government expenditure and prices. The chairman had to intervene to quell the disturbance.

The quietest reception was for Mr. Mullarky whose main plank was abolition of conscription.

Each candidate now had five minutes in which to deal with points raised by his opponents and to answer questions from the hall.

One or two awkward questions were sidetracked deftly and clumsily by the candidates.

With Mr. O'Dowd as presiding officer the voting went off smoothly.

Ten minutes' buzz of conversation followed before the result of the poll was announced, and cheers and groans greeted the declaration :

Mr. Hudson (Socialist)	83	
Mr. Vile (Conservative)	65	
Mr. Mullarky (Liberal)	9	A.G. (L.VIA)

STAFF 1949-50

The Rev. M.

Headmaster

V. SWEENEY, M.A., M.Ed.

Second Master

J. J. BRANIGAN, M.A., F.R.G.S.

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J. C. EVANS, B.A. (Arts) C. P. O'DOWD, M.Sc. (Science)

Subjects and Masters

English :

J. C. Evans, B.A.

J Coogan, B.A.

H. Jackson, B.A.

E. Doughty, B.A.

Miss M. A. Ball, B.A.

History :

H. J Hayes, B.A.

Rev. T. B. Doyle, B.A.

Miss M. A. Hayes, B.A.

Geography and local Studies :

J. J. Branigan. M.A., F.R.G.S.

J. Con nor," B.A.

T. Walsh, M.A.

French :

J. Brogan, B.A.

B. Waite, M.A.

G. Forrester, M.A.

Miss M. A. Ball, B.A.

S. Baxter, B.A.

German :

Rev. F. St. J. Oram, M.A., B.E.

Miss M. A. Hayes, B.A.

S. Baxter, B.A.

Latin and Greek :

H. Elgie, M.A.

W. H. Rigby, B.A.

B. V. Crowley, M.A.

Economics :

Mrs. B. Crowley, B.A.

Social Ethics :

J. C. Evans, B.A.

Apologetics :

Rev. F. St; J. Oram, M.A., B.E. J. H.

Carter

Mathematics (Pure) :

C. P. O'Dowd, M.Sc.

E. V. Casey, M.Sc.

Rev. P. Langan, M.A.

G. Forrester, M.A.

T. J. Brogan, B.A.

A. Smart, B. Sc.

G. Fee, B.Sc.

Mathematics (Applied) :

C. P. O'Dowd, M.Sc.

E. V. Casey, M.Sc.

Physics :

J. Creedon, B.Sc.

T. Taylor, B.Sc.

G. Fee, B.Sc.

Chemistry :

J. A. Forster, B.Sc.

Rev. P. Langan, M.A.

T. Taylor, B.Sc.

A. Smart, B.Sc.

Biology :

T. Taylor, B.Sc.

J A. Forster, BSc.

Art :

H. D. Robinson

A. O'Neill, A.T.D.

Handicraft :

H. D. Robinson

H. A. Walsh, M.Coll.H.

Physical Training :

T. K. Dooley

Music and Singing :

J. Ward

Swimming :

T. J. Brogan, B.A.

J. H. Carter

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Assistant Secretary : Miss K. BOTTOMLEY