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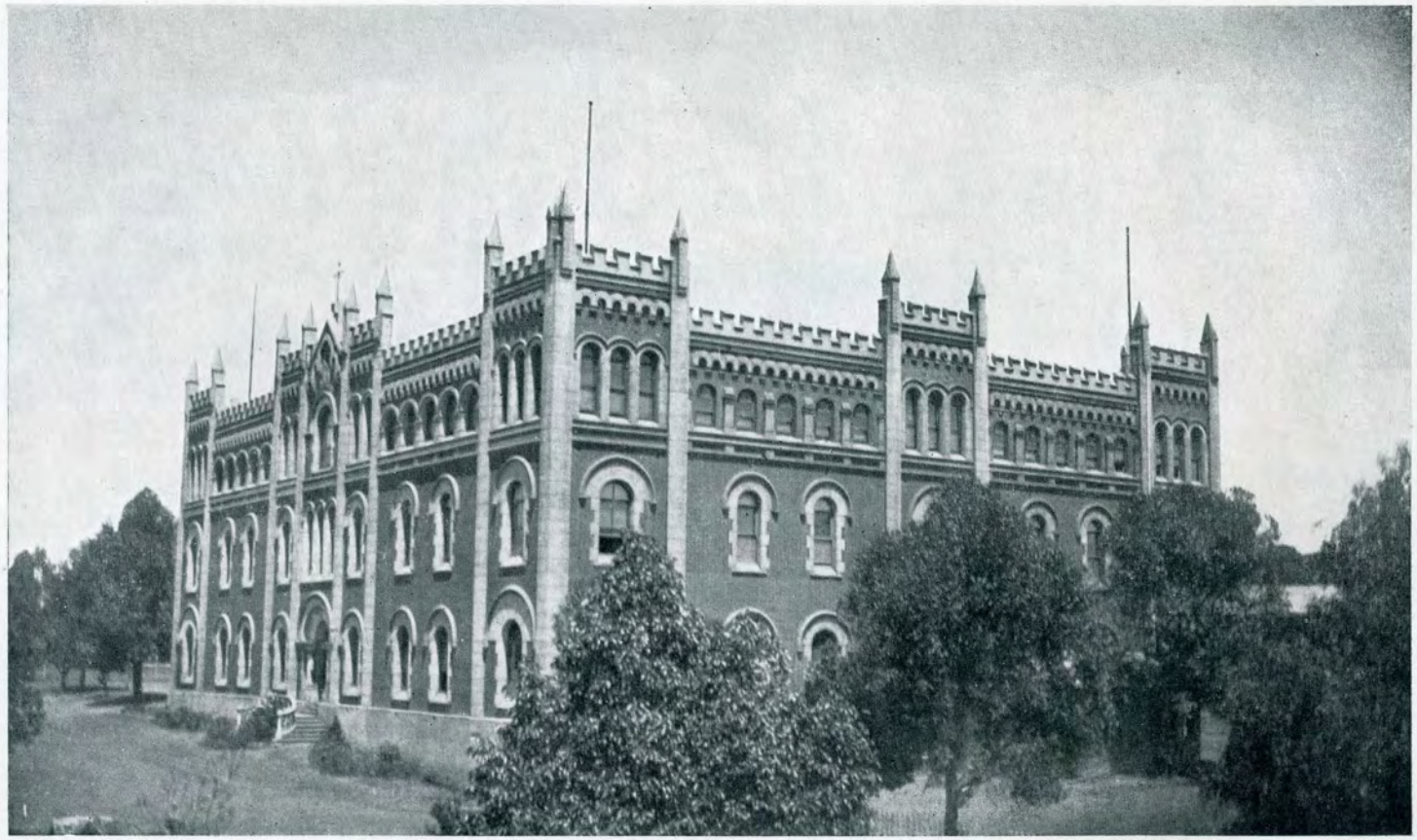

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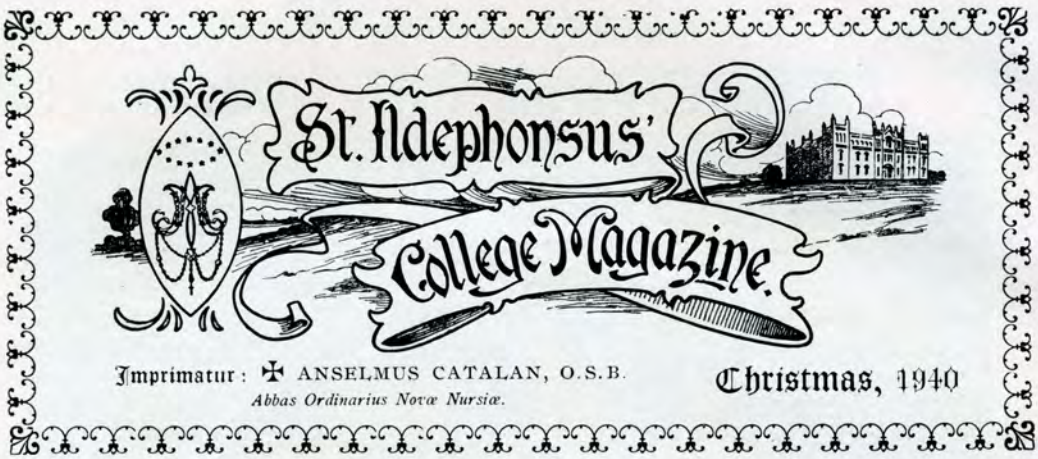



# FOREWORD

ALTHOUGH an atmosphere of calm is usually settled over New Norcia we must necessarily be affected by the devastation now let loose in Europe and by the apprehension of war nearer home.

The foreword of the 1915 Magazine contained these words: "The gloom of the Great War in which nearly all Europe is whelmed still hangs distressingly over us, as we see nation after nation drawn into its raging vortex."

After twenty-five years these lines could be written again with equal truth. The same foreword continued: "The nations of the earth, let us hope, will emerge from the crucible of war purified and exalted to a nobler Christian manhood." That hope has not been realised, for the British Commonwealth of Nations is at war again fighting undoubtedly this time for the preservation of Christian ideals. God grant that saner counsels prevail at the peace conference after this war and may our Holy Father, the Pope, not be excluded from the council room. Lasting peace will be established only on the sure foundations of Christ's teachings.

Fortunately there is evidence in many countries and in different spheres of life of a keen realisation of the necessity of an intenser application of Christian ideals to the individual as well as to the life of the nation.

The "Times," of February 17, 1940, in a remarkable editorial "Religion and National Life," contained this comment: "In a country professedly Christian and a country of Christian principles, there is a system of national education which allows the citizens of the future to have a purely heathen upbringing. . . . More than ever before it becomes clear that the healthy life of a nation must be based on spiritual principles." These are heartening sentiments from the leading English newspaper.

In May of this year Dr. George Zook, president of the American Council of Education, and formerly United States Commissioner of Education, speaking at the annual meeting of the Council, said that one of the pressing educational needs of America was the development of a practical method of making available the sources of religion. "In these days," Dr. Zook said, "when human values are being put to a severe test, this neglect is becoming increasingly unsatisfactory to many thoughtful citizens and there is therefore a renewed demand for some kind of provision for religious instruction in connection with public schools."

Catholics in Australia have long realised the necessity of not only including religion in the curriculum of studies of their schools, but of presenting all subjects in a religious atmosphere. Brother Urban, whom students of the earlier years of the College will remember, showed in a paper read during the National Eucharistic Congress held in Adelaide in 1937 that over £50,000,000 had been spent by Australian Catholics in building their educational establishments.

It is a source of satisfaction to Catholics to know that non-Catholics are at last waking up to the necessity of providing religious education for their children. Without it there can be no complete education.

To give such a complete education is the justification of the existence of this College.

May the Christian ideals the British Commonwealth of Nations is fighting for be soon vindicated and peace reign.

May the hope expressed in the 1915 Magazine come true this time.

"May the nations of the earth emerge from the crucible of war purified and exalted to a nobler Christian manhood."

May this annual serve to remind present boys of the ideals placed before them while at College and recall to Old Boys scenes of former real or imaginary fame, notoriety or prowess.

## Pope Pius the Tenth's Autographic Blessing on St. Ildephonsus' College

Translation :

"Beloved Children, We affectionately impart to you the Apostolic Benediction."—Pius X.

# APOSTOLIC DELEGATE WELCOMED

## Most Reverend John Panico, S.T.D., J.U.D., visits New Norcia

ON WEDNESDAY, April 17, we were highly honoured by the visit of His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Most Rev. John Panico, S.T.D., J.U.D. His Excellency, who had been in Perth on official business, came to pay his first visit to New Norcia. He was accompanied by Dr. J. Hannan, D.D., Ph.D., the national director of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies.

On arrival His Excellency was met by Rev. Father Prior (Dom Wilfrid, O.S.B.), who introduced the Benedictine Community and the Marist Brothers to him. After this informal reception, tea was taken.

At 7.30 p.m. the liturgical reception took place in the Cathedral. The Benedictine monks and Brothers in processional formation preceded His Excellency from the Monastery courtyard through a guard of honour formed by the College boys into the already crowded Cathedral.

Immediately after the liturgical reception Rev. Father Prior officially welcomed His Excellency, who suitably replied.

There followed a sacred concert given by the Benedictine Community, assisted by some of the native boys from St. Mary's Orphanage. The College boys were highly delighted to be given seating accommodation in the monks' choir. The items given by the choir were varied and excellently rendered. Dom S. Moreno, the famous composer and musician, played a number of pieces on the organ. His Excellency expressed himself delighted with the concert.

On Thursday morning, His Excellency presided at the throne during the High Mass which was preceded by solemn Terce, commencing at 9 a.m.

At 1 p.m. a banquet was tendered His Excellency in the Monastery reception room. Brothers Bernard and Norbert represented the Marist Brothers. At the end of the banquet, Rev. Father Prior extended a welcome on behalf of the Benedictine Community, reminding those present of His Excellency's varied and distinguished career. A high honour had been conferred on them, Father Prior said, by the visit of such a notable representative of His Holiness.

His Excellency then replied, recalling his many associations with the Benedictines throughout his career. He found at New Norcia the same homely spirit, the same devotion to liturgy and duty as he found in the European monasteries. The Brothers were very pleased to hear His Excellency, alluding good humouredly to the need of an adequate swimming pool, extract from Father Prior a promise to have the pool completed within a year.

That afternoon His Excellency, accompanied by Father Prior and Dr. Hannan, several of the Benedictine Community, and Father O'Halloran, P.P., Wyening, and Father Hynes, P.P., Moora, visited St. Gertrude's and St. Ildephonsus' Colleges. The boys were assembled in the hall when the visitors arrived and the choir sang "Vivat Pastor Bonus" as His Excellency entered. A short concert was then given. The College Choir, under Brother Hilarion, sang sweetly "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "Erin the Tear," while the Primary Verse-Speaking Choir, under Brother Bernard, gave a spirited rendering of "The Night Wind" and "The House That Jack Built." Eric Hinchliffe then played a violin solo, "In a Persian Market," accompanied by Brother Cletus.

Brother Bernard then welcomed His Excellency to St. Ildephonsus' College. "Little did I think," Brother Bernard said, "when I entertained His Excellency at the Marist Brothers' Training College, Mittagong, N.S.W., in the previous December that I would have a similar pleasure a few months later, over two thousand miles away. In the life of a Marist Brother anything may be expected.

"On behalf, then, of the Marist Brothers, I am delighted to extend to Your Excellency a hearty welcome to St. Ildephonsus' College. Your Excellency has proved a very firm and generous friend to the Marist

Brothers. Not long before I left Mittagong your generosity was shown in a very practical way by the presentation of a full-sized billiard table.

"We welcome His Excellency chiefly because he represents His Holiness, Pope Pius XII., who is Christ's Vicar on earth. Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church and Sovereign of the Papal State. His Excellency, therefore, exercises a spiritual and an ambassadorial authority. His Excellency has proved a worthy representative of His Holiness in both spheres of authority. The advancement of the Church in Australia has been most marked since His Excellency came to Australia, and the honour and respect in which he is held by the civil authorities is in no small measure responsible for the peace and harmony in which Catholics live in the Commonwealth.

"We are proud to have you amongst us to-day, Your Excellency, because of the high office you so worthily hold, and because of your personal qualities which endear you to all who meet you.

"We pray that your work for the Church in Australia may continue to be blessed, and may God give you the strength and courage to continue the good work."

Brother Bernard then called on Eric Hinchliffe to read an address on behalf of the students and present a spiritual bouquet prepared for the intentions of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The address was made up in folder form. This talented student had very beautifully illuminated the front page with a sketch of the College and had written the illuminated address. The address read:

*To His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Panico, S.T.D., J.U.D., Apostolic Delegate to Australia, New Zealand, and the Adjacent Islands.*

*May it please Your Excellency,*

*We, the Marist Brothers and Students of St. Ildephonsus' College, offer you a most hearty welcome to our College to-day, on this the occasion of your first visit to New Norcia. In welcoming Your Excellency, we wish to pay our tribute of loyal homage and respectful obedience to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII., whom you represent so worthily. At the same time we pay our due tribute to your own admirable personal qualities.*

*To our Holy Mother the Church, and to its Illustrious Head, we yield to none in our attachment and devotedness, but your presence here to-day serves to reanimate and stir to new enthusiasm our filial feelings.*

*To show our sympathy with His Holiness, who is saddened to-day by the excesses committed by the enemies of the Church and by the sufferings endured so heroically by his spiritual children, we have prepared during the past novena of days a spiritual bouquet of Masses, Communions, Benedictions, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and Acts of Self Denial offered for the intentions of His Holiness, and this bouquet we offer through Your Excellency, his most worthy representative.*

*We subscribe ourselves,*

*Yours most loyally,*

*The Marist Brothers and Students of St. Ildephonsus' College, New Norcia.*

His Excellency, rising to reply, was greeted with applause. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet the Marist Brothers again and to meet their pupils. He felt that the honour they paid him was because of the fact that he was the Holy Father's personal representative. His Holiness would appreciate their prayers and he hoped that they would continue to pray earnestly to God for Christ's Vicar on earth and for his intentions.

His Excellency then appealed to the students to follow carefully the lessons and good example given them by their teachers, and to become later, when they left College, energetic, practical Catholics of whom their teachers would be proud.

His Excellency then brought forth thunderous applause by announcing a whole holiday in honour of His Holiness the Pope.

Dr. J. Hannan, D.D., Ph.D., an Old Boy of the Marist Brothers' College, Kilmore, Victoria, had accompanied His Excellency on this journey as his secretary in place of his regular secretary, Dr. Cahill, another Old Boy of the Marist Brothers. With His Excellency's permission Brother Bernard asked him to say a few words. As an Old Boy of the Brothers, Dr. Hannan said he was pleased to meet other students receiving the same guidance he had received under the Brothers at Assumption College, Kilmore. He recalled some incidents of his College career, and concluded by urging the boys to be grateful to their teachers and to make the utmost use of their College days.

His Excellency then left for the Monastery. Next morning he left New Norcia with His Lordship, Dr. Collins, Bishop of Geraldton, to the accompaniment of the rousing cheers of the College boys.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE
Most Reverend John Panico, S.T.D., J.U.D.

# THE SCOURGE OF WAR

*Oh, weary, weary 'tis; and like the blast*
*that from expanses of perpetual snows,*
*havoc and desolation spreading, passed;*
*it chills the heart, it blights its hopes, its mirth*
*thus to behold the earth*
*all turned into a pool of kindred blood,*
*into a sunless, barren, dismal vale*
*immerged beneath a flood*
*of anguish, sorrow, trembling, weeping, wail!*

*Over the heights of Othrys, there of yore,*
*the Titans stood defiant 'gainst the gods*
*in monstrous strife. Heaven and earth they tore*
*till Zeus' thunderbolt the Giants hurled*
*down to the Stygian world.*
*A lull ensued; but ah! already had*
*the train of evils sprung; Fictitious Peace*
*and Melancholy sad,*
*and wakeful Fear, dire Toil, grim Need, Disease.*

*The wave of war, each cycle since, has rolled*
*with sad attendants o'er the realms of life,*
*aroused by pride, by thirst of blood and gold,*
*and driven on, in vain attempt, to prey*
*on God's universal sway.*
*The plague of woes, in ever fiercer rage,*
*attended has the wave, increased the blight*
*in each succeeding age*
*till war and woe now reached their grimmest height.*

*And lo! now all the world ablaze, all torn*
*by this the direst war. . . . Here, yonder there,*
*wheresoe'er you turn, there is gloom, a sight forlorn,*
*a conflagration, a catastrophe*
*in air, on land, at sea.*
*Now 'tis the winged horse of riding death*
*that looms in flocks like vultures o'er the air*
*and victims underneath,*
*with frowning menace, seeking round to tear,*

*The load of murderous explosions showers*
*down on what place soe'er, on towns and fields;*
*and homes and temples and palaces and towers*
*crumble down; to all alike the shattering bomb*
*from their ruins opes their tomb;*
*beneath, the living are interred alive;*
*here flies a skull, there a foot, an arm;*
*and those who still survive*
*are left for ever dead to joy and charm.*

*Now 'tis upon mid-ocean's stretches vast*
*that from its depths the monster submarine*
*floats up and, on a sudden, bursts a blast*
*and lo! the floating world a sinking pyre*
*'mid raging waves and fire!*
*One, in death's throes, with pity rends the skies;*
*another wrestles with the sombrous surge,*
*till both at last the prize*
*become and sad spoils of the yawning gurge.*

*Or thundering o'er land titanic fight*
*of irresistible armies presses on*
*with moving fortresses and pondrous might,*
*with roaring cannons, deadly arms and steel*
*all razing as they wheel.*
*And cities, regions, forests, verdant plains*
*all lie in smoking ruins, in sad gloom;*
*blood beats in winding drains*
*and shattered corpses sleep without a tomb.*

*The peaceful hearths become the abode of tears,*
*the home of sorrow, where a loving sire,*
*a happy heir the hours no longer cheers;*
*where not of glowing hope, but future grim*
*foreboding shadows skim.*
*And there, where all was lively once with noise*
*of mirth, with charm of love, of sigh alone*
*sounds th'intermittent voice,*
*while dance the Hours to sorrow's monotone.*

*How sore it all! . . . Alas! is this the place*
*where social beings endowed with light divine*
*were placed to live in bond of love and peace,*
*to tune of this world's music ev'ry chord*
*in one sustained accord?*
*Here where His Blood and tears the God-man shed*
*and times and lands and peoples all, of old*
*joined under the one Head*
*in one eternal, universal fold?*

*Is it here where the hues of genial springs*
*embellish nature and embalm the air*
*and vernal zephyrs flap their gentle wings*
*and, to slumber fanning under azure skies,*
*close in soft dreams our eyes?*
*Where tender love to nectar cup invites*
*and wraps the spirit in extatic swoon*
*those silent, solemn nights*
*lit by starlight quiver or silv'ry moon?*

*Thou, from whose hand the nations' destinies*
*expectant hang, at whose word Creation rose,*
*oh Lord, be sensible to our miseries,*
*detain the scourge in its avenging path,*
*appease, we pray, Thy wrath!*
*Sinned we have . . . yet turn thy mercy's eye,*
*and this the plague of woes let loose from hell,*
*dispelled by love will fly,*
*e'en as the cloud which piercing beams dispel.* —Fr. Bernard, O.S.B.

HIS LORDSHIP, ABBOT CATALAN, D.D., O.S.B.

# Ode to His Lordship, Anselm M. Catalan, O.S.B., D.D., on his Silver Jubilee as Abbot of New Norcia, 1915-1940.

Our Shepherd, that thou art
by Will Divine, who now in thy career
hast reached the five and twentieth glorious year;
we, with a brimful heart
of filial love and thankfulness, with thee
praise God, rejoicing in thy Jubilee.

Two decades and a half
since thou by voice, that Heaven's was, wert told:
"To thee I trust New Norcia's double fold,
receive the twofold staff,
and those, round Benedict's colours clustered, lead,
and their adjoining flock of faithful feed."

And thou from distant lands
anon towards the fair skies of thy choice
sailing the seas, in answer to that voice,
didst reach our sunny strands
here, in these wavy Plains of Golden West,
to be our Heaven-gifted Guide and Guest.

Thy wakeful love, thy toils
here were all centred; of thy heart and soul
the one ambition here has found its goal,
here were thy crown and spoils,
where in the functions of a Pastor's care
thou didst no pains, nor labours, spare.

Where, faithful to the scope
of both the makers of New Norcia's name,
Salvado first, then Torres, with their aim
thou didst—their rival—cope,
thy land, thyself, thy all yielding to advance
the Lord's beloved vineyard's furtherance.

Nor didst thou strive in vain;
and in attempts, laws, enterprises all
for which thy twofold mitre's weight did call,
ours was the costly gain,
and though the help and increase were Divine,
thine was the crown, as was the merit thine.

Thus we the more rejoice,
thy subjects all: thy Benedictine sons,
thy flock, the Priests, the Brothers and the Nuns,
and raise our grateful voice,
since, in His cause, it pleased the Lord to include,
twined with thy trophies, our eternal Good.

The more attached to thee,
the choicest hopes and greetings we express
—our humble gift, the fondest none the less—
in this thy Jubilee,
and Heaven's Guidance, suppliant the more,
to mark through life thy footpath, we implore.

—Father Bernard, O.S.B.

# TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ABBOT

## HIS LORDSHIP ABBOT CATALAN CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

IT was the year 1915 that saw His Lordship Anselm M. Catalan raised to the Abbatial throne of New Norcia to succeed the late Bishop Torres of glorious memory, who peacefully passed away in October the previous year. High were the expectations associated with the arrival of the new abbot. The newcomer was a man of promise, well proved both in his religious life and the difficult posts which had been assigned to him by Obedience. Though only 32 years of age, he was bringing with him a wide and varied experience both as administrator and educator gained at St. Beda's College, Manila, Philippine Islands, where he laboured as a professor and later as President. The outlook was indeed auspicious and New Norcia was, as a result, jubilant.

A retrospective glance through these two and a half decades of His Lordship's administration will show that New Norcia was not to be disappointed in her happy anticipations. Drysdale River Mission, New Norcia Mission and the Diocese constitute an immense field for action, and how varied and how fruitful has been His Lordship's work the following summary drawn in very broad lines will tell.

Although there remains still much to be done at Drysdale, not a few inestimable services are creditable to His Lordship, who has not left a stone unturned to improve the conditions and efficiency of the Mission. The new motor boat which replaced the wrecked "Voladora" was acquired thanks to his diligence. He it was, also, who had the new, large and solid church erected and the new stone Convent built. A hospital is now in progress of erection.

Through His Lordship, Drysdale has obtained the lease and the freehold of new lands, and he has procured various kinds, and at times very expensive, machinery by means of which those rugged forests have been turned into well cultivated fields. The establishment of a little Community of Sisters is another service for which the Mission will be eternally thankful to His Lordship.

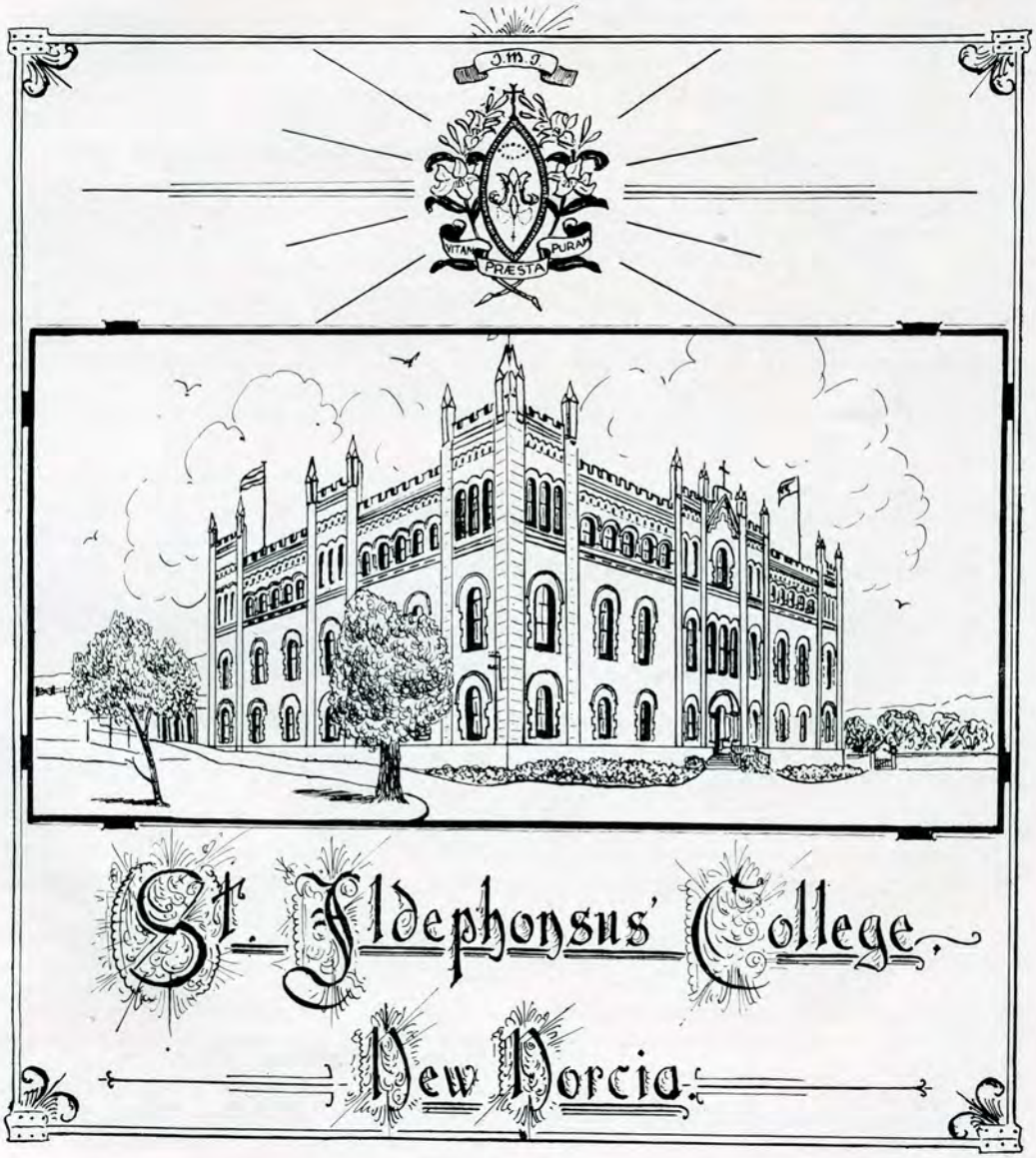
What New Norcia owes her Abbot will take longer to tell. There are two fine buildings here which owe their existence to him—the hostel and the new Convent for the Benedictine Sisters. He has enlarged the Monastery by adding to it a Juniorate, a handsome building outside and most up-to-date inside. The science room attached to St. Ildephonsus' College, together with modern equipment for physics and chemistry, are due to him. For St. Gertrude's College there has been built a concrete swimming pool. The services rendered to the Mission in the agricultural line are specially valuable, and the condition of the farms at Wyening, Marbro and Namban is all that could be desired.

But his apostolic zeal has been exercised principally in the vast Diocese of New Norcia. Suffice it to say that during his time eleven churches have been erected and one is under construction; two new presbyteries, four new schools, and two new convents have been opened; also two new parishes.

This short account will show how fruitful has been His Lordship's administration. Now, after 25 years of intensely active work, he is still fresh and vigorous. We pray Almighty God to give him strength and courage to continue the good work he has already begun. May God grant him length of days so that New Norcia may continue to flourish under his able administration.

# The Students of St. Ildephonsus' College honour His Lordship, Abbot Catalan, D.D., O.S.B.

ON August 15 the Brothers and students of the College took the opportunity of publicly welcoming His Lordship Abbot Catalan home after his absence of eight months in the Philippines, and of congratulating him on reaching the silver jubilee of his election as Lord Abbot of New Norcia. At 7.30 p.m., His Lordship was entertained at a concert given by the pupils. After this, an address was read, and a spiritual bouquet offered. The address and spiritual bouquet are reproduced on this and following two pages.



## To the Right Reverend Anselm Catalan, M.M. O.S.B.
## Lord Abbot of New Norcia

May it please Your Lordship,

We, the Students of St. Ildephonsus' College, wish to express our pleasure at seeing you amongst us this evening, and to welcome you back to New Norcia after your absence.

As the patron of our College we know that you have a particular interest in our welfare, and rejoice at our successes. We are striving to deserve that interest, and trust that the conduct of each one of us will always be such that you would approve of it.

We take this opportunity, also, of offering you our felicitations on celebrating the silver jubilee of your election as Lord Abbot of the Benedictine Community at New Norcia. We congratulate you upon the degree of prosperity and advancement the Mission has reached under your able ministration, and we trust that God may spare you for many years yet, so that the Mission may continue to flourish.

THE decoration of this address was done by one of our senior students, Eric Hinchliffe.

The spiritual bouquet was prepared by the students during nine days preceding the day of presentation.

The idea of a spiritual bouquet follows a precedent very common in social life. A bouquet of flowers is often offered to distinguished guests to show in a tangible way the esteem in which the recipient is held by those presenting the bouquet. The rarer, the

We would like to thank you particularly for the devoted care of your monks in attending to our spiritual needs. We thank you too, for the edification and instruction at the liturgical ceremonies in the Cathedral.

We ask Your Lordship to accept our sincerest homage and good wishes. While begging your blessing,

We subscribe ourselves,

Yours most respectfully,

The Students

of

St Ildephonsus College

## Spiritual Bouquet

a triduum prepared before the feast of

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. 1940

in honour of

His Lordship Abbot Catalan OS.B.

by the Students of the College

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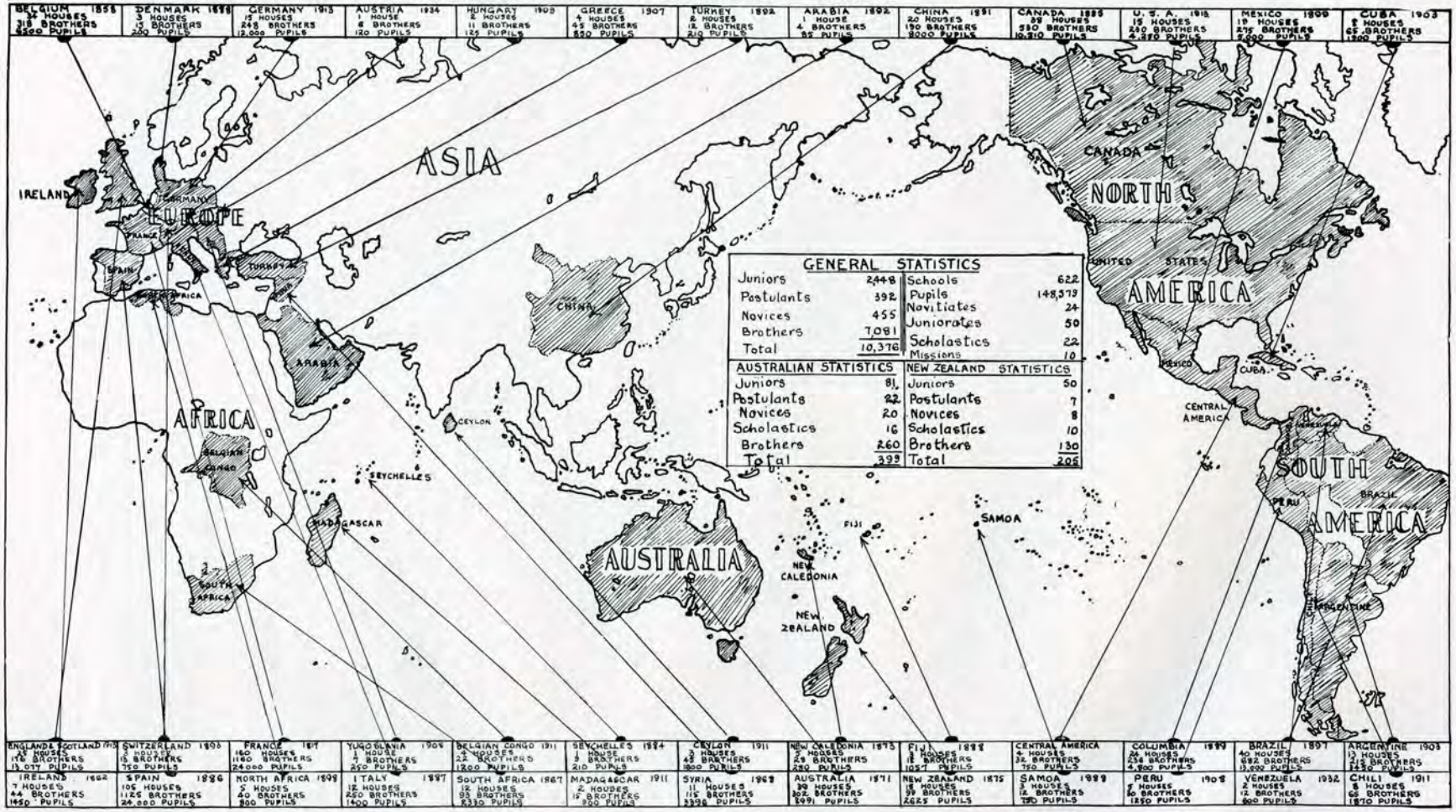
| Masses | 258 | Rosaries | 250 |
| Holy Communions | 136 | Acts of Denial | 495 |
| Visits to the Bld. Sac. | 464 | Stations of the Cross | 49 |

more expensive, the more fragrant the flowers, the greater the variety, so the greater the honour shown to the recipient. But flowers fade and are then useless.

But what could be a more fitting present than a spiritual bouquet, a gift made not of perishable flowers, but of such costly, such fragrant and various spiritual blooms as Masses, Holy Communions, Stations of the Cross, Rosaries, and Acts of Sacrifice? Such spiritual works gain an added value when offered by children.

# ~ The MARIST WORLD MAP ~



# Venerable Marcellin Champagnat

*The following article briefly traces the life of Venerable Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, the centenary of whose death occurred on June 6 of this year.*

"Unless the Lord build the house, he labours in vain that builds it"

FATHER CHAMPAGNAT never wearied of repeating this maxim to his Brothers and of insisting that they were mere tools in God's hands. How pleased God was with the spirit of humble trusting faith we may gather from the prosperity He has granted the Marist Brothers' Order when, humanly speaking, it had little to guarantee even its continued existence.

It was, indeed, the directing Providence of God, which raises up champions to the Church in her direst need, that gave to 19th century France the humble priest, Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat. France of that period was but a poor shadow of the proud daughter of the Church of former days. Years of revolution and warfare had crippled her, and the enemies of Christianity availed themselves of the opportunity to strike religion. Revolution, apostasy, and martyrdom—all played their part in thinning out the ranks of the clergy and upsetting Church organisation, so that ignorance of religion spread even where faith and goodwill persisted.

VEN. MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT
Founder of the Marist Brothers' Order.

### Childhood.

In such an age, on May 20, 1789, Marcellin Champagnat first saw the light of day in the little village of Marlhes (near Lyons). He was the ninth of ten children. His parents, though illiterate, possessed what outweighs by far the value of learning—the gift of sincerity and the virtue of faith. As Marcellin grew up he received a careful training and a little instruction at the hands of his mother and an aunt. From his mother particularly he imbibed a childlike confidence in God and a tender love of the Mother of God, two virtues which he cherished throughout his life.

### Vocation.

Yet, until his sixteenth year, it seemed as if he were destined to live and die unknown to the world in the humble calling of a farmer. But God planned otherwise. A visiting priest suddenly made Marcellin aware that God was calling him to a higher life—to help the Lord of the harvest gather in the harvest of souls from the fields of France. He heard the call and responded.

We cannot help admiring this country youth, who, in spite of his lack of book learning and in spite, too, of discouragement from relatives and masters, plodded steadfastly towards the goal of his ambition. His diligence more than compensated for his backwardness, so that in 1812, at the age of 23, he was admitted to the diocesan seminary of Lyons. The generous resolutions he made during these years of training, his ardent devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and his devotion to Mary show us that under his calm exterior was a soul which combined the simplicity of a child with the zeal of an apostle. This spirit came to

light during his vacations when he gathered together the children of the villages around Marlhes and instructed them in the elements of religion. So keenly interested was he in this work that he resolved one day to found an Order of teaching Brothers to undertake the instruction and education of children.

We can only imagine the joy he must have felt when, on August 22, 1815, his ambition was realised, and he was ordained a priest of God. Several days later we find him kneeling before Our Lady of Fourviere, consecrating his life's work to her and imploring her protection.

### Curate of Lavalla.

Father Champagnat's first appointment was as curate of the little village of Lavalla. He soon realised that the task before him was no small one, for his parishioners were widely distributed over the slopes of Mt. Pila, and though blessed with strong faith, were extremely ignorant. Soon, however, the young curate had won their hearts by his unstudied simplicity, his zeal and his willingness to help those in need. Long afterwards, crossing Mt. Pila with a friend, he exclaimed: "Many a step I have taken on these mountains, many a shirt I have soaked with sweat along these roads . . . . but I have the comfort of knowing that I never arrived too late to administer the rites of the Church to any sick person." Before his arrival the people rarely attended church, but now they flocked in numbers to hear his catechism and sermons. It grieved him, however, to observe the distressing ignorance of the children, and he had the breadth of vision to realise that the only adequate method of dealing with the problem was to organise a Society of Teaching Brothers. After some hesitation he, at length, resolved to undertake the work.

### Foundation of Marist Brothers.

The world scoffed at the presumptuous young priest who, in 1817, borrowed 1600 francs, bought an old mill, repaired and furnished it with his own hands, and then persuaded two young men—Jean Marie Granjon and Jean Baptise Audras—to become the foundation members of his new society. Father Champagnat himself undertook to initiate his disciples into the elements of religious life, and he engaged an experienced teacher to instruct them in methods of teaching. The community managed to eke out a frugal existence by making nails.

Towards the end of the year the Brothers took over the school at Lavalla, and were so successful that they were soon in demand in other places as well. Their chief aim was to impart the love and knowledge of God by the teaching of catechism and by giving simple instructions.

### The Cross.

The shadow of the Cross fell heavily on the new Society. In its early days new subjects were scarce and the young founder often implored Mary to send more recruits lest the work fail. "It is not my work that fails but thine," he prayed, "for thou hast done everything for us." Men of the world criticised the rashness of the youthful founder and condemned his project to inevitable failure. Even some of his ecclesiastical superiors harassed him in an attempt to induce him to join his Order to others already established. At one time the serious illness of Father Champagnat and the ill-advised zeal of a chaplain almost resulted in the disbanding of the Society.

But the trustful prayers of the founder and his Brothers triumphed over all difficulties. Subjects arrived, a new novitiate was erected (largely by the work of Father Champagnat and the Brothers), new schools were opened, and, finally, the Brothers were authorised to take vows, while the storm of criticism waned.

### Training the Brothers.

The training Father Champagnat gave his Brothers was naturally a reflection of his own life. We have already seen how insistent he was on childlike confidence in God. Two other practices he continually recommended were the Presence of God and a lively devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. But in all his teaching he impressed the idea that the way to Jesus is through His Mother, Mary. "She is your first superior, your ordinary resource," he would say. The whole spirit of a Marist Brother's life should be, "All to Jesus through Mary. All to Mary for Jesus." He desired that his society be characterised by Our Lady's own favorite virtues—humility, simplicity, modesty.

### Marist Fathers.

Whilst the Order of the Marist Brothers was slowly coming into being, Father Champagnat and several other priests, all class-

mates in the seminary at Lyons, were also engaged in establishing the Order of the Marist Fathers. It was approved of in 1836, with Father Colin the Superior General. Father Champagnat was among the first to pronounce his vows in the new Society. Originally it was intended that both Orders be governed by one Superior, but it was later decided to keep them entirely separate.

**Death.**

The strenuous work of organising the Society and training the Brothers, the continuous battle against opposition, the long journeys on foot from school to school, together with the austerities of his own private life, gradually took toll of Father Champagnat's health, so that, in 1840, it became apparent that death was not far off. To ensure the continuation of the work, Brother Francois was chosen to succeed him and became the first Brother Superior-General of the Institute. The holy founder's suffering increased, but he bore all with admirable cheerfulness. "How happy I am," he often repeated, "to die in the Society of Mary."

On June 6, 1840, Mary called him to enjoy the reward of a life spent in labouring for God's glory and her honour.

**Progress Since Founder's Death.**

After his death the Order of the Little Brothers of Mary, or Marist Brothers, as they are now generally known, continued to prosper. Each year marked the establishment of new schools. It soon spread from France to other countries and now Marist Brothers' establishments are to be found all over the world as can be noted from the accompanying map. At the present day the Institute in its 622 houses spread over the globe, numbers close on 10,000 Brothers, giving instruction to 148,579 children.

The Brothers first came to Australia in 1871. Here the Institute has shown the same remarkable growth, and to-day there are about 400 Brothers, all Australians by birth, and 39 establishments in the Australian province. The training centre is situated at Mittagong, New South Wales, where some 130 young Australians are preparing to carry on the work of the Ven. Marcellin Champagnat.

**Cause of Beatification.**

The Cause of the Beatification of Ven. Marcellin Champagnat was introduced in 1896. In 1920, after a thorough examination of his life, the heroicity of his virtues was declared, entitling him to be called "Venerable." Before the Cause of his Beatification can be continued, evidence must be produced that three well defined miracles have been wrought through his intercession.

All persons who are interested in the Venerable Champagnat's Cause are earnestly asked to join the Brothers in imploring of God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, to provide these miracles.

Interested persons are also encouraged to ask God's help, through the intercession of Venerable Marcellin Champagnat, in circumstances where all human means have been found inadequate, and communicate favors obtained to the central house of government in Australia, Marist Brothers' Training College, Mittagong, New South Wales.

# Marists Honour Venerable Founder

## "Old Boy" Priests at Celebrations

ON THURSDAY, June 6, of this year, the Marist Brothers throughout the world celebrated "Champagnat Day." It was on June 6, 1840, that their founder, the Venerable Marcellin Champagnat, priest of the Society of Mary, departed this life in the odor of sanctity.

A special function was held at St. Ildephonsus' College, to thank Almighty God for the preservation of the Institute of the Marist Brothers, to thank Him for deigning to use the members of the Institute to advance His Kingdom on earth, and finally to beg His blessing on the future work of the Brothers.

Who could have assisted the Brothers to do this better than their "Old Boy" priests, who form the brightest gem in the crown of a Catholic College?

By Wednesday evening of June 5 all the ex-student priests who could possibly attend had arrived at the College. They were: Rev. Father J. Halpin, S.T.L., P.P., Mt. Magnet (student at S.I.C. 1913-1917); Rev. F. Cahill, C.SS.R., Monastery, Perth (1913-1914); Rev. Father E. Collins, Ph.D., P.P., Shenton Park (1914-1916); Rev. Father F. Byrne, P.P., Katanning (1916-1920); Rev. Father F. Ryan, P.P., Wagin (1915 and 1919-1923); Rev. Father J. Cullen, Chaplain, Clontarf (1929 and 1931); Rev. Father R. Hynes, P.P., Moora (1925-1929); Rev. Father E. O'Halloran, P.P., Wyening (1935-1938); Rev. J. Cameron, P.P., Wyalkatchem (1935-1938, ex-student of Marist Brothers, Victoria); Rev. Father J. Prendergast, Ph.D., Geraldton (who received his early training from the Marist Brothers); Rev. Father M. Lynch, S.T.C., P.P., Three Springs (whose six brothers were at S.I.C. while he left to pursue his studies in Ireland the year S.I.C. was opened).

"OLD BOY" PRIESTS VISIT COLLEGE ON CHAMPAGNAT DAY

Standing: Father E. O'Halloran, Brother Charles, Father F. Byrne, Father J. Cullen, Brother Cletus, Brother Hilarion, Father M. Lynch, Father R. Hynes, Father J. Cameron, Brother Reginald.

Seated: Dom Moreno, O.S.B., Father F. Ryan, Father F. Cahill, C.SS.R., Brother Bernard (Principal), Rev. Father Prior, Dom Wilfrid, O.S.B., Father J. Halpin, Father J. Collins, Brother Norbert, Father J. Prendergast.

Apologies were received from the following "Old Boy" priests: Very Rev. Father Gallagher, Adm., Geraldton (student at S.I.C. 1926-1929); Rev. Father J. McKay, P.P., Carnarvon (1920-1923); Rev. Father T. McCaul, Victoria Park (1924-1929); Rev. Father C. Cunningham, P.P., Busselton (1920-1922). Rev. Father Baldwin, M.S.C. (1921) and Rev. Father Docherty, M.S.C. (1918). The remaining "Old Boy" priests are out of the State.

**"Old Boy" Priests Entertained.**

On Wednesday evening the guests were entertained at a concert by the present students. This was followed by an exhibition of Catholic Evidence work. Three of the senior students undertook to prove and defend the Divinity of Christ. After each speaker had completed his section he was "heckled" by members of the audience, the guests of the evening joining in the questioning, thus adding importance and dignity to the occasion.

Father F. Cahill, C.SS.R., kindly presided at the lecture, and at the conclusion, after complimenting the boys on their excellent presentation and defence, gave some sound advice to the speakers.

**Visitors Introduced.**

Each of the visitors was then introduced to the gathering by Brother Bernard, the Principal of the College, who remarked that Brothers and boys felt highly honoured as all the visitors had come at personal inconvenience, and some after travelling over 200 miles.

Each visitor recalled a few incidents in the College life of his time, incidents connected with the Benedictine Monks, the Marist Brothers, or the students. Both priests and boys were sorry that there was not more time available.

The Brothers then entertained the visitors at supper.

**Thursday's Programme.**

Thursday's religious programme will live long in the memories of all at New Norcia.

Before breakfast Masses were said in the S.I.C. Chapel by Fathers Cullen, Collins and Ryan, while Fathers Cahill, C.SS.R., and Byrne said Masses in St. Gertrude's Chapel.

The central celebration of the centenary was a High Mass in the Cathedral at 8.45 a.m.

Father J. Halpin was celebrant, Father J. Cullen deacon, and Father R. Hynes subdeacon, while Father E. Collins ably officiated as M.C. The other visiting priests were seated in the sanctuary.

Rev. Father Prior (Dom Wilfrid, O.S.B.), had generously placed the Cathedral at the disposal of the Brothers for the function and arranged to have the Mass sung by the Monks' Choir, while Dom S. Moreno, O.S.B., presided at the organ. This gesture, which is typical of Benedictine thoughtfulness, was greatly appreciated by the Marist Brothers.

Seated in the body of the Cathedral were the Marist Brothers; Sister Clare, Superior of St. Gertrude's College, and her Community; Rev. Sister Benita, O.S.B., and Community; the students of S.I.C.; the students of St. Gertrude's College; representatives of St. Joseph's Orphanage; and friends of the Brothers resident in New Norcia.

**Sermon.**

After the Gospel, Rev. Father Cahill, C.SS.R., preached an eloquent panegyric of the Ven. M. Champagnat.

In the providence of God, said Father Cahill, there was an extensive and active department that dealt with the making of saints. It was most admirable and manifested in a most striking way the power and wisdom of God.

Every state in life could point to its representative among the saints. There were saints who stood forth like supernatural beings, in whom miracles became in a sense personified, who were subjects for admiration rather than imitation. There were others who by their efforts and struggles and the clear manifestation of their soul's life in every particular could serve as models for instruction and imitation.

Each saint filled a destined place in God's economy, and, further, it seemed that there was no stress or need of the Church which was not promptly met by some champion from this army of God.

In the fourth century, when Pelagian heretics had endeavoured to poison the nourishing stream of divine grace at its source, there had been the mighty Augustine to destroy their noxious growth. In the same era when a tempestuous flood of blasphemous heresy was poured out upon the young Christian Church and rough hands were laid upon her by a swarm of heretics denying and corrupting the central doctrine

of the Divinity of Our Saviour, Athanasius had been there and Hilary, the indomitable Basil and the vigilant Ambrose, the learned Jerome, and the piercingly eloquent Chrysostom, and the Church had emerged from the agonising test triumphant.

In the years of comparative peace that followed, the faith that had burned so ardently had begun to cool, and there had appeared again old pagan habits of licence and corruption. But again the champion of Providence had been there to fan the flickering flame—St. Benedict, the founder of the illustrious Benedictine Order. To-day his sons were with us to bear living testimony of the force and vigor which he had breathed into the Church 14 centuries ago.

And so it was seen through the centuries. Dominic, in the 13th century: Ignatius Loyola, the soldier saint, and his men in the 16th century, when the Church was rent asunder by the Reformation. To-day the sons of Ignatius, Xavier, Francis Borgia, Peter Canisius, Edmund Campion, and a host of others were the spearhead of the Church's army.

But the Reformation had left its mark in a host of warring sects, despoiling the freshness and beauty of the Bride of Christ. Simple unlettered people, once happy in their confiding faith, had become bewildered and confused, and there had arisen that deadly enemy of the Church, ignorance, made doubly dangerous by misrepresentation and falsehood. Again God's champions appeared—the saintly founders of the teaching orders of the Church. Prominent among them was the saintly man whom they had met to honour—the Venerable Marcellin Champagnat.

When Marcellin Champagnat was a babe of two months the rumblings of the French revolution were already echoing through the streets of Paris. A year later the storm had broken with fury over the Church in France. The enactment of the "civil constitution of the clergy" had cut in two a Church already threatened by Jansenism and disintegrating under the malign influence of Rationalism. Four years later faithful Catholics had been horrified to behold the repulsive and blasphemous "Feast of Reason" in the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

It seemed as if the Church in France could never recover from those devastating blows. The clergy were divided, dispossessed and few in number. The valiant champions of the Jesuit Order were scattered by suppression, the churches were destroyed, and religion was banished from the schools. But the slowly grinding mills of God were not taken unawares, and even as Napoleon was losing the battle of Waterloo, Marcellin Champagnat was already working out the plan of his campaign.

As a young seminarian he had already perceived the need of schools to combat the ignorance of the faith. As a priest his cherished project received daily spur from contact with the pitifully ignorant children of his parish. No obstacle, and he encountered many, could stop him. Less than a year after his ordination, the first Marist Brothers' college was on the way. He took possession with two companions and began community life. At once he began the campaign for the precious souls of the children. Father Champagnat and his Brothers of Mary made ceaseless war upon the ignorance and inertia into which the revolution had plunged the Church in France.

The 23 years that remained to the saintly founder were years of recurring anxiety for himself and storm for his beloved institute. But storm and persecution has been the lot of every founder from the time of St. Benedict to our own times. In God's good time the storm dies down and the frail and battered plant grows apace and becomes a mighty tree. So it was with the Marist Brothers. Before the founder died there were 310 members teaching in 48 schools, and to-day the members of the institute have reached the amazing total of 10,000.

To-day the familiar white collar of the Marist Brother was seen in almost every country of Europe, in Asia, Africa, America and Oceania.

The biographers of the saint, said Father Cahill, told us of a man who excelled in all those things in which all the saints excel. Saints were not as others. What the pursuit of riches and pleasure was to the devotees of the world the pursuit of sanctity was to them. It was thus with Marcellin Champagnat. Never did worldling seek his pleasure as, with untiring and restless energy, Champagnat sought the love and friendship of his God.

His spiritual life was intense, his prayer continuous and his charity, especially, unbounded, so that it could be said of him, as it was said of Abraham, "He walked with God." Yet his eyes were not always in the

clouds. He was not merely an angel dead to all human feelings and affections and the practical necessities of life. He was attractive to his fellowmen and especially to the children for whom he had such a tender affection.

He had that same artless realism that marks the lives of other saints. Confronted with the necessity of building a house on the one hand, and complete lack of funds on the other, he had swung a blacksmith's hammer, smashed boulders pronounced unsmashable by burly workmen, and wielded a mason's trowel with less effect perhaps but with more determined zeal than many an artisan of skill.

With a like zeal and even greater love he had handed over his only mattress and bedding to a poor individual. Again he was the priest pressing through storm and ice and snow to bring the comfort of the Church to the sick and dying.

In all, we saw the outpouring of God's love upon mankind from the fully charged heart of a saint.

The name of Marcellin Champagnat did not appear yet in the list of canonised saints. But from first to last, from his infancy to his saintly death exactly 100 years ago, his life had about it such unmistakable signs of true and essential holiness that we might pray with fullest confidence for the day when his name would figure in that distinguished catalogue.

Holy Mass was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The large number of ex-student priests in the Sanctuary, the imposing ceremonial of High Mass and Benediction, the beautiful singing and the solemn music of the organ, all combined to make the occasion a memorable one.

**The Dinner.**

At 1 p.m. the visiting clergy were tendered a dinner by the Marist Brothers in the College Hall, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Very Rev. Prior Dom Wilfrid, O.S.B., and Dom Moreno, O.S.B., represented the Benedictine Community.

At the conclusion of a delightful repast, the Principal of the College, Brother Bernard, called on Father Prior to welcome the visitors officially.

Father Prior stressed the close union that had always existed between the Benedictine Monks and the Marist Brothers. As a result the Benedictine Community rejoiced with the Brothers in seeing their "Old Boy" priests come back with such enthusiasm to help them celebrate with due solemnity the centenary of their Venerable Founder's death. He appealed to the visitors to do their best to direct promising subjects to the Abbey to fill the Juniorate recently built, and thus guarantee the continuation of the good work that had been done by the Spanish Benedictines at New Norcia for almost a century.

Brother Bernard then welcomed the visiting clergy. He said that when the Marist Brothers throughout the world looked back that day over the past hundred years since their Venerable Founder went to his reward, they would regard as their greatest glory the number of their ex-students who had been ordained priests. Almighty God had highly honoured the Marist Brothers in Australia by making their schools and colleges nurturing grounds for a large number of priestly vocations. Four of their Old Boys had been raised to the Episcopate. One, Archbishop Gilroy, was the first native-born Australian Archbishop, while Bishop Fox, Bishop Henschke, and Bishop Ryan were amongst the first Australian-born Bishops to be appointed.

St. Ildephonsus' College had no mean record. In its 26 years of existence 13 students had been raised to the priesthood, while seven were at present doing their studies. During that same period, 12 students had become Marist Brothers, while one was in training.

The "Old Boy" priests had, by their self-sacrificing lives and outstanding careers, been an ornament to their "Alma Mater" and a shining example to the present students. The ex-students generally had been noted for initiative, spirit of co-operation and friendliness, and these qualities had been exemplified on the present occasion by the way in which the "Old Boy" priests had lent a hand on their arrival in finalising all matters connected with the religious ceremonies. It was, he added, the duty of the Brothers to show themselves worthy of the honour Almighty God had shown them by making them co-operators in promoting priestly and religious vocations. The sight of their ex-student priests was an incentive to them to walk worthy of their calling, and to put into practice with renewed earnestness the teachings and exhortations of the Venerable Founder.

Father Halpin, senior ex-student priest, then proposed the toast of the Marist Brothers. It was a pleasure, he remarked, for the Old Boys to come back again and renew acquaintance with their "Alma Mater" and with the Brothers and students. As soon as they arrived at the College they began to relive their College days. Places and things were enhanced with sentimental values, and were hallowed with memories of the past.

He paid a tribute to the founders of the College, particularly to the saintly Brother Stanislaus and to Brother Sebastian, who was still doing active work at Assumption College, Victoria. The early Brothers had laid the foundations of that splendid spirit for which ex-students of S.I.C. are noted, a spirit which, though abstract in itself, received concrete expression in each ex-student that passed through the College. Two other contributing factors in the formation of this traditional spirit were the spirit of prayer and piety cultivated by the Benedictines and the self-sacrificing lives of the Brothers.

Father Cahill seconded these remarks. He made special mention of the atmosphere of quiet and prayer in which students of S.I.C. worked, and emphasised the part the Benedictine Monks had played in forming this well-defined traditional spirit of the College.

Father Collins supported the toast.

All then adjourned to the front of the building, where Dom Tubau, O.S.B., was waiting to take a photo of the group. Afterwards coffee was partaken in the reception room.

**An Annual Event.**

As a result of discussions, it was decided to make the reunion of "Old Boy" priests an annual event.

The present students will long remember with pleasure this contact with ex-student priests, and there were feelings of sadness on both sides when the time came to say good-bye.

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# Sodality of the Children of Mary

THE weekly meetings of the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady this year commenced on February 9 with the customary recital of the Little Office of Mary and the election of officers. This year our Sodality was under the directorship of Rev. Brother Bernard, replacing Rev. Brother Placid, who had ably guided our Sodality for the past five years.

The result of the election of officers was as follows: B. Lardi, president; G. Klarie, vice-president; W. Patterson, secretary.

The first meeting of officers took place on February 6, when fourteen boys who sought admission were received into the Sodality.

To help the members of the Sodality to get suitable reading matter, four copies of the "Madonna" were secured monthly. An innovation was the wearing of regalia by the Sodality members; the officers' uniform being composed of blue collar and sash, while the other Sodalists wore the blue sash.

The Feast of Corpus Christi saw the Children of Mary, in regalia, leading the College boys in the procession.

During the year an explanation of our "Little Office" and numerous examples of Our Lady's intercessory power were given by our director. Rev. Brother Provincial (Brother Andrew), on the occasion of his visit, addressed us on the virtues of Our Blessed Lady.

The Feast of the patroness of Australia, "Our Lady Help of Christians," was cele-

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY.
Back Row: J. Armanasco, P. Quinlivan, J. Groves, C. Gallagher.
Middle Row: D. Tankard, J. Hay, T. O'Sullivan, J. Yates, J. Robottom, O. Santich.
Sitting: N. Hickey, D. Read, G. Klarie (Vice-President), B. Lardi (President), W. Patterson (Secretary), B. Rohan, P. Lynch.
Absent from photo: G. Lanigan, P. Coleman, B. McKenzie, L. McKenzie, L. McCann.

brated with due solemnity in the College chapel by a general communion of the Sodalists in the morning. In the evening, the consecration of the following aspirants took place: D. Read, J. Groves, J. Hay, J. Robottom, G. Lanigan, D. Tankard, P. Quinlivan, G. Gallagher, B. O'Dea. Rev. Dr. Gregory, O.S.B., performed the impressive little ceremony.

KNIGHTS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Forty boys were enrolled as Knights of the Blessed Sacrament this year.

Our weekly meetings were interrupted by the annual Retreat, given this year by Rev. Father Morrissey, C.SS.R., which concluded with a sermon on the virtues of "Our tainted nature's solitary boast."

Our Patronal Feast of the Assumption, August 15, was celebrated by a general communion of members in the College chapel. A general communion was also held on the Feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin.

**KNIGHTS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Under Brother Hilarion's enthusiastic supervision, forty boys were enrolled as Knights of the Blessed Sacrament this year. Twenty-one have adopted the practice of daily Holy Communion, and the rest have promised to receive Holy Communion weekly. Daily communicants wear a red cross, while weekly communicants wear a blue one. This is an excellent practice, and the Knights are to be congratulated upon the courageous Catholic spirit they show in undertaking it.

The following were enrolled as daily communicants: M. Connolly, J. Connolly, B. Coverley, J. Kelly, G. Keamy, P. Letch, F. O'Hara, N. Reynolds, K. Pickering, D. Coffey, P. Lanigan, J. Mayers, B. Farrell, Jim Connolly, G. Spencer, H. Duncan, L. Hunt, B. Banting, B. Fairgrieve, J. Flynn, V. Harvey.

Weekly communicants were: N. Boundy, M. Boyle, N. Belletto, P. Coverley, J. Rodin, D. McVittie, G. Tilley, B. Thompson, R. Middleton, P. Antonio, E. Giannatti, J. Gatti, R. Hutchinson, J. Chidlow, K. Hough, M. Flynn, P. Cullinane, J. Coakley, J. Guazzelli.

**THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE GROUP.**

This year the Catholic Evidence Method of teaching religion was introduced into the secondary classes. This method was introduced by Mr. F. J. Sheed, an Australian Catholic, of whom Australia should be very proud. He is a writer of note, and head of the publishing firm Sheed and Ward Ltd., London. According to Sister M. Anselm, O.P., in her excellent publication, "The Catholic Evidence Guild in Secondary Schools," the method was used first at the Dominican Girls' College, Strathfield, Sydney, under the direction of Mr. Sheed. The method has now been prescribed for the schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney by Archbishop Gilroy, and the method is gradually extending elsewhere.

This method of teaching religion is an answer to the request of His Holiness Pope Pius XI., of hallowed memory, who "earnestly requested that congregations of both sexes vowed to God's service . . . take care to have the students in their Colleges receive such graded instruction in religion that, having obtained a fuller and more profound grasp of Christian Doctrine than has hitherto been customary, they may be able to defend their faith against common objections, and may strive by explanations and persuasion to bring it to as many others as possible" ("Motu Proprio," 1923, and quoted from "The Catholic Evidence Guild in Catholic Schools" by Sister M. Anselm).

"The primary object of a School Guild is to equip the students for the anti-Christian world in which they must live" ("The Catholic Evidence Guild," by Sister M. Anselm, O.P.).

A central feature of the plan is to have a public meeting at regular intervals, when a speaker or a number of speakers deliver lectures from the platform on some prepared subject dealing with Catholic doctrine. The speaker is then "heckled" or questioned by

the "crowd," composed of the rest of the school, on the subject discussed. The objectors may voice their own objections or raise objections from the non-Catholic or anti-Catholic standpoint. A Priest or Brother presides at these public meetings, and at the close answers questions that could not be answered by the lecturers, or supplies additional information on matters discussed.

**First Public Lecture.**

This took place on Wednesday, June 5, in the presence of our ex-student Priests, who had come along for the celebration of the centenary of the death of the Founder of the Marist Brothers, Ven. Marcellin Champagnat. The subject chosen was the "Divinity of Christ." Three senior students —Bryan Lardi, Eric Hinchliffe and Ian Brown—each took a section of the proof. Father Cahill, C.SS.R., presided.

The priests helped to add interest and importance to the occasion by joining in the "heckling." They were all loud in their praises of the efforts of the lecturers. At the conclusion, Father Cahill gave the lecturers some useful hints, urging the speakers to improve their delivery, and urging objectors to be more precise in their questions.

**Second Public Lecture.**

At the end of the third term, John Hay, Benedict Cunningham and John Macpherson (Junior Class representatives) undertook to explain the teaching of the Church on Baptism and answer any questions on the subject. Rev. Dr. Gregory, O.S.B., presided on this occasion.

These lads handled their subject very well and held their own ground when questioned. Dr. Gregory was very helpful in elucidating difficult points raised. Brother Bernard then thanked Dr. Gregory for kindly presiding, and expressed the hope that such meetings would be held regularly, especially when such expert advice as that given by Dr. Gregory was so readily available.

. . . .

This system must produce good results. Already the College boys have shown a greater enthusiasm in the study of Catholic doctrine, while the subjects have been studied much more deeply than they would have been under the older methods. The lecturers and objectors get practice in public speaking and get used to putting questions clearly and in being ready with their answers. After leaving College, they should be able to give an intelligent account of the faith which is in them.

**OUR ANNUAL RETREAT.**

Our annual Retreat commenced this year on Tuesday, July 30, a week after our Mid-winter holidays. Father T. Morrissey, C.SS.R., was the preacher. Silence was observed all day, except for a break of an hour after lunch (about 4 p.m.), when we were taken for a short walk.

Father Morrissey's instructions were always to the point and interesting, dealing as they did with our duties to God, our parents, our teachers, and to one another.

On the last day of our Retreat we all wrote out our resolutions and put them on the Blessed Virgin's altar to ask her blessing on them and her assistance to keep them. That evening Father gave us a very appealing instruction on devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

The Retreat came to an end on Saturday morning before breakfast, when Father Morrissey loosed our tongues. We were the more voluble because he had granted us a whole holiday.

We thank Father Morrissey for his assistance during the Retreat, and we pray that his work may be blessed.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE GROUP
W. Patterson, B. Lardi, E. Hinchliffe.

To those boys who may be leaving the College this year—and to those who have left in recent years—a special plea is made to carry on the good work inculcated during school days by joining in the annual Retreat sponsored by the Old Boys' Association.

# THE COLLEGE GROUP, 1940

Sixth Row: J. Rodin, K. Pickering, B. Farrell, K. Hough, J. Connolly, D. Bandy, V. Harvey, P. Coverley, N. Reynolds, J. Chidlow, A. Smith, G. Prior, P. Lanigan, G. Keamy, N. Boundy, J. Tilley, C. Gallagher, B. Coverley, M. Connolly.

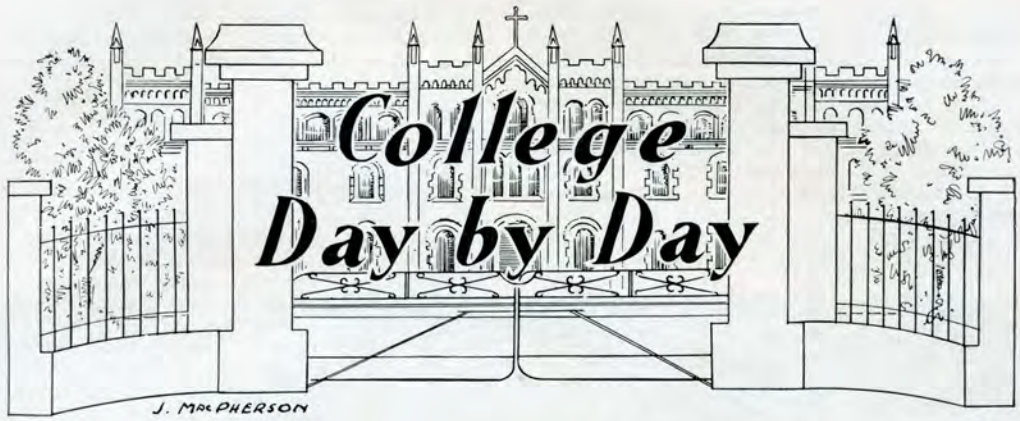
Fifth Row: J. Boland, R. Wise, B. O'Dea, L. Hunt, J. Armanasco, M. Thompson, B. Banting, J. Gatti, J. Coles, M. Flynn, B. Fairgrieve, K. Fowles, E. Gianatti, H. Duncan, D. McVittie, R. Hutchinson, C. Gray, P. Quinlivan.

Fourth Row: C. Sharp, P. Coleman, J. Flynn, M. Boyle, J. Kelly, P. Antonio, G. Lanigan, O. Santich, W. Sheridan, R. Letch, P. Lynch, N. Belletto, R. Middleton, K. Woodthorpe, B. Dorizzi, G. Spencer, J. Johnson, W. Fornero.

Third Row: D. Tankard, J. Hay, J. Guazzelli, J. Groves, J. Robottom, P. Cullinane, E. Nash, T. O'Sullivan, L. McKenzie, J. Hogg, J. O'Dea, B. Cunningham, E. Fowler, A. Longman, K. Doyle, G. Bower, L. Morgan.

Second Row: D. Gee, W. Patterson, D. Rhodes, J. Macpherson, G. Klarie, B. McKenzie, B. Lardi, D. Read, P. Bardi, W. Prosser, N. Hickey, E. Hinchliffe, B. Rohan, J. Coakley, D. Coffey, J. Yates.

Front Row: R. Grimsey, P. Letch, G. Smith, J. Connolly, D. Hands, J. Mayers, M. O'Hara, F. O'Hara, R. Swan.




## FEBRUARY.

**Thursday, 8th**—We arrived back amid the usual welter of rumours, new boys, and holiday reminiscences. The only changes in evidence were Brother Bernard, our new Principal; a fresh coat of paint on the courtyard woodwork; and the new coat of red paint on Melcher's "chariot."

**Saturday, 10th**—Whether inspired by the rumours of a cadet corp being formed, or fired by the guerilla tactics of the Finns, is not clearly known, but the "Scrubbs" staged a spectacular attack on the "Classics." A slightly reinforced Leaving Class held out against numerous attacks, taking numerous "prisoners" and inflicting heavy "casualties." Several "spheres" were captured, besides sundry cudgels.

**Sunday, 11th**—"Milky" was the rendezvous this afternoon. "The Million Dollar Baby" created a record by swimming "Milky" with his legs strapped together, but on finally emerging had to be pumped dry of surplus oxide of hydrogen taken on board during the trip.

**Monday, 12th**—Drill being introduced in large quantities, some uncrowned prince wants to know "if Hitler has captured Australia?"

**Tuesday, 13th**—The age-old Mission leg-pull of sending a new boy for "seconds" in Marmite was dutifully performed in the Ref. Once again a new boy returned empty-handed to his table "a sadder and a wiser man."

**Wednesday, 14th**—Smelling salts are much in demand at the senior cricket pitch as "Milk-Shake" amazes the natives with a super-colossal-sensational catch. "Banjo," the unlucky batsman, was only brought to after two hours of strenuous artificial respiration. He still looks dazed!

**Sunday, 18th**—Salt and pepper goes off the menu, and R—— goes for his life with a horde of infuriated "Scrubbs" in close pursuit. The quarry is captured. Tabs come into play. Someone demonstrates his accuracy with a tomato. Once more Mission justice is appeased.

**Thursday, 22nd**—This morning, as the bell tolled its fateful message at six, "Van Tromp" pronounced these remarkable words: "I am not sick. But if I get up this morning I will be sick. Therefore, I will stay in bed." As good as his word, he rolled over into the land of Nod, and was not seen until breakfast time.

**Friday, 23rd**—Brother Placid left to-day. It was an unusual leave-taking, as the Brothers generally depart during the Christmas holidays. He said farewell personally to most of us, exhorting us to keep up the traditions which he had inculcated in us. He left amid our cheers, though many regretted his going.

**Saturday, 24th**—A holiday is granted in Brother Placid's honour. The only order is "West of the Road." Some ambitious souls set out and reach Gilingarra Pool—a mere eleven miles away. They get there, and get back—at ten past nine! "Squizzy," after getting through five skins and still not able to get at a blood blister, is heard to mumble about diamond drills.

**Sunday, 25th**—Our cricketers manage to win against a visiting Miling team, but only by the narrow margin of ten runs. A certain person makes a brilliant thirty-six . . . All the bigger boys not playing cricket aid the Mission in fighting a threatening fire. Despite lurid tales of valorous deeds done, we finally condense the more ambitious stories to the fact that a firebreak was burnt

in a grass paddock. Some credit is due to those firefighters, however, even those who in their ardour forgot to obtain permission.

**Wednesday, 28th**—The Mission tries its hand at burning off, and we are treated to many spectacular sights, both by day and night. Clouds of multi-coloured smoke proceed from behind the hill, and opinions are varied as to the origin. "M.L." is much in favor, and "Roadside" is not entirely without supporters . . . Loud cries of grief are also forthcoming from the cricketing world as the smoke finds its way on to the

THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE—J. O'Dea, J. Coakley, B. Lardi (President), E. Hinchliffe (Secretary), T. Nash.

playing fields and fills eyes and noses with evil-smelling, acrid fumes.

### MARCH.

**Sunday, 3rd**—We see "soopernachral" powers being exercised when Mr. Macpherson does a bit of water-divining. Brother R—— also tries his hand. The wire, however, became stubborn and pig-headed under its new manipulator, and the onlookers became sceptical. "Seen better on the 'pitchers'" was one forthcoming criticism.

**Monday, 4th**—Yesterday's demonstration has brought forth much hidden talent. Some claim to be genuine, while others, by skilful manipulation of the little finger, can make the wire work wonders.

**Saturday, 9th**—For some time work has been proceeding on the "Bricky." Judging by the mud on the workers, quite a portion of the globe is being shifted. At last a twenty-five-year-old dream is being fulfilled, as a definite scheme is now being worked upon for the making of a College swimming pool. We must congratulate Brother Bernard for "setting the ball rolling." Brothers Cletus and Hilarion also deserve mention for their work as shift bosses.

**Saturday, 16th**—We anticipate St. Patrick's Day and hold a picnic at Clune's Pool. Sports and swimming races provide the entertainment, when, and only when, dinner has been dispensed with. After tea the successful "sports" receive their prizes. Many mutters of "Didn't want one, anyway" are heard from the less fortunate. Guerilla warfare with clods of fallow as ammunition brightens up the journey home.

**Wednesday, 20th**—"Squizzy's" lurid display of batting strikes fear into the heart of the opposing attack and amazement into the hearts of his fellow team-mates. With a style (?) all of his own, he knows just how to "keep 'em out," and cuts and glances his way to the mighty score of 16.

**Thursday, 21st**—Once more Easter is upon us, with all its solemn functions. The mysteries of "Tenebrae" are unfolded to the new boys, who appreciate it in the usual manner.

**Saturday, 23rd** — A paper chase was the star item today. The hares, attired in "long-uns," laid a trail bristling with false scents and prickly bushes. Most of the hounds "petered out" at "Fency," but led by the indomitable "Ague-Cheek," a little band persisted across a huge expanse of scrub "somewhere in Australia" until "Milky" was reached. Here it was found that the hares were some three-quarters of an hour ahead. This proved too much for the pursuers, who immediately drowned their sorrows in "Milky." As for the hares, they duly arrived at "Dead Horse Gulch" just in time to view a sight unprecedented in New Norcia. Despite having to wait a full hour to give the hounds a chance of catching them, they all voted the delay worthwhile. As the hounds did not appear, the hares "loped" leisurely to the College, only to be reviled by the unsuccessful for their laying of false scents through the far-famed Mission prickly thickets.

**Monday, 25th**—To-day yet another "Bushy" was enjoyed by all. Clune's Pool and "Milky" were strong favorites, though other haunts were also visited. Damper reigned supreme on all menus. Although several pairs of false teeth are reported to have been put out of commission owing to its devastating effects, all vote it o.k. . . . "King Billy" and colleagues carry out bush justice on those who transgress the law. The vivid imagination of F—— and B—— gives under

the strain . . . At tea the top left-hand table seem "off" their stew. One member escaped the difficulty by effecting a strategic retreat. . . . Later on an impromptu sing-song was held. New compositions took pride of place, especially one referring to a certain "Tibetan who invented M—— stew."

**Wednesday, 27th**—Brother Bernard, in an address to the school to-day, advanced a very acceptable suggestion. First of all he stressed the fact that Lanigan's shop and the Mission shop are out of bounds. Then he added that he would try to arrange for any provisions that we might need on "bushies" to be stocked in the school tuck-shop, thus removing the necessity of "snooping" over to Lanigan's without permission. The suggestion was welcomed by everybody, with the hope that it would be carried out. It was then left to Leaving Class to suggest anything in the way of foodstuffs that might be needed, and a list, extensive and varied, if not exhaustive, was duly compiled.

**Friday, 29th**—Great is the consternation in Junior when a mouse appears. "Ben" leads the attack with a ruler and then a slipper. Despite protestations from Brother R——, he soon receives able assistance from his class-mates. The mouse, hunted and oppressed, turns to Leaving Class. That organised body, however, is unsympathetic and, rising from the murky intricacies of algebra and chemistry, rushes into the attack, armed with "Excaliburs," and led by the virile "Bill." The mouse, now destitute and frantic, turns in its tracks, avoids the voracious "Silky," and seeks solace in the more tranquil realms of Sub-Junior.

**Saturday, 30th**—For several weeks a seductive water melon had grown gradually fuller under the apparently casual eyes of the senior school. Disinterested opinions were essayed whether it was a "wongy" or a pie-melon. None moved. All waited. Then in one fell swoop the deed was done. The opinion of our expert "Squizzy" had been correct. It was a "wongy." Now the ravaged vine withers under the envious eyes of those who were not present at the "beano." Brother R—— is not yet conscious of the outrage, but when he hears of it!

### APRIL.

**Friday, 5th**— . . . Silently, on tip-toe, he crept up to the dorm. door, weapon in hand. Glinting with malevolent intent, his slightly narrowed eyes took in the occupants of the ill-fated room. Ah, a chance, the chance of a life-time. The all-unsuspecting B.C., with his back towards him. He couldn't miss. He swung the weapon, once, twice, and hurled it with all that force and accuracy only acquired through long years of ardent practice. It struck the victim in the small of the back with a horrible thud . . . "Bill" had thrown a linen-bag! Much to that worthy's horror, however, his victim, so effectively "got," was not B.C. at all, but Brother H——. "Sorry, Brother," apologised Bill, "I thought you were B.C." "Here, that's over the fence, Bill," expostulated Brother H——, "getting a man in the back with a linen-bag, and then telling him to his face that he looks like B.C."

**Saturday, 6th**—Six of our budding athletes show the crowd at Calingiri just how to run, and having "scooped the pool," so to speak, return home in great jubilation. Two of the six, however, don't seem to have been quite satisfied with their handicaps. While our six champions were "putting it over" at Calingiri, the remainder of the Senior Cricketers literally, very literally, "scooped the pool" with picks and shovels and two Mission drays. The work was viewed by the District Engineer from Northam and his assistant, from whom much valuable advice was received.

COLLEGE ROLL TOPS CENTURY MARK—Our 99th, 100th, 101st and 102nd boys: W. Sheridan, C. Sharp, L. McCann, I. Forrester

**Monday, 8th**—Our labours in "Bricky" are vastly aided by the activities of the Mission scoop. We mentally calculate, as each load goes out, all the blisters and corns that are saved. We're a thrifty lot, that way!

**Tuesday, 9th**—"Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more." . . . The term exams are upon us, and with them, "double,

double, toil and trouble." Unfortunately, they're not all "froth and bubble!"

**Wednesday, 10th**—Operations are continued in the "Bricky." This warring spirit seems to be catching! When puddling became monotonous (which it did very frequently), military manoeuvres were carried out (unofficially!). Casualties included one O.S., who sustained severe head abrasions (in which place, it might be added, he was hitherto considered invulnerable), and one tomahawk, which sustained a compound fracture of the handle, having been the victim of a direct hit by the Tammin Heavy Artillery Corps. Our worthy colleague "Brick" deserves special recommendation for a fine solo effort which completely disabled the opposing forces.

**Saturday, 13th**—"He who lives by the sword, shall perish by the sword"—our mutilated friend O.S., who was a victim of "Brick's" efforts with a tomahawk, gets some satisfaction when the latter becomes a victim of his own bloodthirstiness.

**Monday, 15th**—"This is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad." . . . The "footies" come out!

**Wednesday, 17th**—His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate arrives and we march down to the Monastery gates to welcome him in. Our "Press representatives" are much in evidence, and His Excellency is confronted by a battery of cameras. Dr. Hannan, His Excellency's acting-secretary, was also a source of interest to the Brothers, being an Old Boy from Assumption College, Kilmore. We also found him very interesting. After tea we go down to the Cathedral for the liturgical welcome to His Excellency, which was followed by a short sacred concert given by the Benedictines in honour of His Excellency. Although we were unable to get into the Cathedral for the liturgical reception we were taken into the Monks' choir to hear the concert.

LEAVING AND FOURTH YEAR CLASS.
Standing: W. Patterson, B. Lardi, W. Prosser, E. Hinchliffe, B. Rohan.
Sitting: N. Hickey, J. Yates, D. Read.

**Thursday, 18th**—His Excellency visits the College . . . We entertained him with a few items, and presented him with an illuminated address, drawn up by one of the students. He was welcomed to the College by Brother Bernard, and His Excellency responded well. A grand finale was accomplished by the welcome announcement of a holiday.

**Friday, 19th**—Once more we line up outside the Monastery gates, this time to cheer His Excellency's departure for Geraldton. Father Baldwin, an Old Boy missionary of the Sacred Heart, whose visit coincided with that of His Excellency, treats us to a very interesting evening with a talk about his missionary work in New Guinea, supplemented by some photos projected on the screen by the College epidioscope. If anyone noticed a reddish glow in the dark during the talk, it might be attributed to the colour of the face of one fat youth, who turned colour at the description of a dugong.

**Saturday, 20th**—Brother Andrew, the Marist Brothers' Provincial, arrives to-day. He seems to have a very good memory, as he remembers most of us who were here during his former visits.

**Tuesday, 23rd**—First "footy" practice of the season! Several hitherto podgy youths are reduced (in their own opinion!) to mere oil-spots.

**Wednesday, 24th**—"Brick" and "Bill" play Brother Andrew and Brother Bernard at handball . . . ! From all accounts the game was one long succession of butts! Brother Andrew, who himself was at the College for a period of nine years, has spent a lot of his time during his visit in looking up old haunts and places that were familiar to him during his time here. As it is expected that he will go out of office this year, he may not have another chance of paying us a visit.

**Sunday, 28th**—Brother Andrew leaves quietly.

SECOND YEAR CLASS
Back Row: B. O'Dea, W. Fornero, P. Quinlivan, J. Johnson, M. Thompson, P. Coleman, C. Gallagher.
Middle Row: B. Dorizzi, D. Tankard, L. McKenzie, E. Fowler, R. Letch, P. Lynch.
Sitting: A. Longman, D. Gee, D. Rhodes, T. O'Sullivan, E. Nash.

**Monday, 29th**—Our hearts are gladdened, and our eyes take on a new lustre, when Brother Bernard announces the glad tidings of "the Delegate's holiday." The tuckshop is greatly patronised and, judging by the amount of flour ordered, prodigious dampers are planned. Unfortunately many of them did not go according to plan. "Chef Agricola" had a very "blasting" time when his "brew," apparently resenting his attentions, exploded in his face. Another party was more successful with "Johnny Cakes," which require a more elaborate process than damper. "Bill's" efforts, however, when they got cold, were misnamed. As an amendment, we suggest "Kromhyd Cakes."

### MAY.

**Thursday, 2nd**—Ascension Day! Rumours of a barbecue are verified, and we look forward to a very pleasant and unique day. Scattered parties reunite at Kelly's for the preparation of the barbecue . . . Time is filled in with "pickety," a highly entrancing game of skill, involving the use of a "bowie" knife. Prodigious sums of nutties change hands, and the seeming fate of the biscuit world lies in the throw of a bowie . . . The roasted sheep is tackled with gusto, and a dinosaur or an ichthyosaurus or two would not have been out of place, as the spirit of their ancestors came out in many.

**Friday, 3rd**—Our Spiritual Bouquet for the Old Boys' Retreat is completed and satisfactory results are attained. We are pleased to hear that already a record number of Old Boys have sent their names in, and we hope to hear of that number further increasing.

**Saturday, 4th**—The rifle season is officially opened. The first shoot shows fairly satisfactory results. "Idja" wandered rather a bit in the bush, but with Brother Norbert's help he "pots" a "maggie."

**Sunday, 5th**—In securing a £48 wireless for £28, the "Scrubbs" get a great bargain. The snag is that they try to "lord" it over us now they've got Berlin and Paris at their fingertips.

**Monday, 6th**—Sir Walter Scott probably turned in his grave when Henry, in one of his "howlers," sent him to the South Pole. It's evidently "Scott's wha there by Henry sent!"

**Tuesday, 7th**—We are extremely pleased to hear of the success of the Old Boys' Retreat, and also to hear that the success is mainly attributed to our Spiritual Bouquet offered for the purpose.

**Wednesday, 8th**—"Tusker" becomes the unlucky victim of exterior forces and is reduced to a state of semi-nudism. He continues action, however, until "Milkshake" rushes up with reinforcements.

**Thursday, 9th**—The first game of hockey seems to have enhungered the lads, and "stodge smuggling" is carried on extensively.

FIRST YEAR CLASS

Back Row: B. Farrell, K. Hough, D. Bandy, D. Hands, B. Banting, H. Duncan, J. Connolly, J. Mayers, P. Lanigan, M. O'Hara.
Middle Row: E. Gianatti, J. Gatti, G. Spencer, R. Hutchinson, J. Coles, B. Fairgrieve, C. Sharp, V. Harvey, J. Chidlow.
Sitting: P. Antonio, M. Flynn, J. Guazzelli, D. Coffey, J. Coakley, P. Cullinane, W. Sheridan, J. Flynn.

Excise officer Brother H—— is on the alert, and many would-be smugglers are caught red-handed. "Squizzy" makes desperate, but surreptitious, snatches at a bulging sock . . . Jas. Yates (a notorious character) and Jas. Boland are forced to "cash in." Gatti, however, apparently an old hand at the game, gets past the Customs with five "doubles."

**Sunday, 12th**—The College forces made a very successful offensive against Coomberdale, resulting in a decisive victory. Casualties included one, Roger, the generalissimo of the Coomberdale forces, and his aide-de-camp, "Squint-eye." A slight uprising from a belligerent John was also successfully quelled.

**Tuesday, 14th**—This warring spirit is apparently quite infectious! Two belligerents in Sub-Junior, "Adolf Hitlernero" and "Benito Mussomilkshake," shatter the hitherto peaceful precincts of that domain with their petty differences. A hasty peace was signed, however, when the approaching footsteps of "Brother Regamberlain" are heard coming up the verandah.

**Wednesday, 15th**—"Ape" clamours and agitates after more volume from the wireless, since he apparently cannot hear the wireless clearly. Rumour has it that he listens into the static, and thus gets the programmes in his natural tongue. The night in question was very fine and clear, so "Ape" was deprived of his entertainment. Hence, the protest!

**Friday, 17th**—A certain juvenile hockey-ist becomes the ill-fated victim of forces due to Newton's First Law of Motion, and impedes the persistence of a hockey ball in uniform motion. The ball is indifferent, however, as to the point of contact, for balls, like beggars, cannot be choosers, and the hapless youth suffers inversion.

JUNIOR CLASS
Back Row: J. Armanasco, O. Santich, G. Lanigan, K. Woodthorpe, J. Boland.
Middle Row: J. Hay, J. Groves, J. Hogg, J. O' Dea, J. Robottom, L. Morgan.
Sitting: J. Macpherson, G. Klarie, P. Bardi, B. McKenzie, B. Cunningham.

**Sunday, 19th**—The College Eighteen made an incursion into Miling territory, and defeated that worthy team by 4.2.

**Tuesday, 21st**—The date of our Midwinter holidays rests with Il Duce. If he declares war, Brother Clement will not come out, and we shall have our holidays at the usual time. If he stays out of it, Brother Clement will arrive, and our holidays will be post-

poned. Come on, now, Musso! Make up your mind!

**Sunday, 26th**—The College meets Moora for the first time this season, and trounces that team to some tune. Bright visions of a season without a defeat spread themselves before the eyes of the inexperienced.

**Thursday, 30th**—This unstrenuous age! Seeing that one has to go too far to shoot rabbits nowadays, Brother Norbert sits at the Infirmary window, like a rear-gunner, and takes it out of the crows and cats. Look out, Ermyntrude!

**JUNE.**

**Saturday, 1st**—The Debating Society holds its first debate proper, as to whether transport should be in the hands of the Government or not. Both parties put up a very creditable performance, but the honours fell to the side that was "con."

**Sunday, 2nd**—The Old Boys arrive. A few visit us in the dorm. and reminiscences are exchanged, bringing back old times. Groups of Old Boys form the nuclei of swarms of interested present boys. . . . Coomberdale fails to turn up, so the Eighteen takes on the Old Boys, and lo and behold, the vets. clean us up! . . . We give the Old Boys a small concert, and they reply with a community concert conducted by Messrs. Kemp and Anderson. The "Scrubbs" are cleared off to bed, and the Seniors and Old Boys try their hands at cards. The hands we got, though, weren't worth trying! . . . Supper, and an abundance of coconut crisps, round the evening off well, and enable us to pay off any debts incurred through the afternoon's defeat.

**Monday, 3rd**—We extend ourselves to clean up the Old Boys at hockey, but we have to admit that they are a bit above us in that department.

**Wednesday, 5th**—We extend our welcome to all the Old Boy priests in the shape of a small concert, followed by a Catholic Evidence demonstration. Three honourables from L.C. each take a part in the defence of the Divinity of Christ. Questions and objections were requested from the audience, and were not slow in forthcoming. Indeed, some of the priests were remarkably persistent. However, honours finally fell to those defending their theses.

**Thursday, 6th**—The Old Boy priests celebrate their reunion and the anniversary of the death of Ven. M. Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers' Order, by High Mass in the Cathedral. A magnificent banquet followed. Not forgetting us boys in their jubilation, they secure a "bushy" for us. One party discovered a new form of guerilla warfare, which formed a pleasant after-dinner recreation (though some found it a bit too strenuous), both for the combatants and attendant "Scrubbs," who were used to advantage as ammunition carriers. . . . After tackling our stew not at all heartily, we adjourn to the hall and take in Father Halpin's inspiring words, and then his inspiring singing. Still more inspiring is the "bushy" he gets for us. We chalk Father Halpin up as "the goods."

**Saturday, 8th**—The Mission has tolerated "Gilgie's" shooting so far, probably because the bullets fall in some waste land or other behind "Fency" somewhere. Now, however, that he has started on the timber around the range, we expect a protest in the near future.

**Monday, 10th**—With the effects of the last one hardly worn off, we set out on another "bushy." Most of us have forsaken dampers, having but human teeth and constitutions, but we notice that a few "Scrubbs" are holding out, and holding out well, to judge by the amount of flour purchased.

**Friday, 14th**—Otto forwards a new use for mistletoe—he says you hang toys on it. (That's what he says, but we know better!)

**Thursday, 20th**—The junior dorm. is visited by an outsize in Hamlets . . . Gus turns "ghost" and terrorises his fellow-students by the simple expedient of wrapping himself in a white quilt. The egregious Gus, however, apparently does not know all the tricks of that particular trade, for elfin-like daintiness was not predominant in his manoeuvres. (In fact, Gus romped over the dorm. floor in much the same manner as a bull mastodon might have done on a favorite stamping ground!) The powers that he heard the rumpus and quickly brought Gus back to a material conception of things, and he has remained in that state ever since.

**Tuesday, 25th**—After much excitement, packing up, and all those things which inevitably accompany the departure for a holiday, and particularly the breaking-up day at a College, one hundred and four youths jostled and pushed their way into two Beam 'buses, which made a triumphant exit from the Mission to the rousing strains of "Cheer, boys, cheer!"

**JULY.**

**Wednesday, 24th**—After four glorious, school-less, bell-less weeks, weeks devoid of all forms of routine, some ninety-odd youths gather in St. George's Terrace in readiness for the return journey. The journey itself was uneventful, and the 'buses reached New Norcia about 5.30 p.m. Many sighs were heard in the various dorms. that night. We presume they expressed relief at seeing the Mission again.

**Tuesday, 30th**—We begin our annual Retreat under the guidance of Rev. Father Morrissey, C.SS.R., and everything shows promise of a very successful Retreat.

AUGUST.

**Saturday, 3rd**—Our very successful and satisfactory Retreat comes to an end, witnessing during its progress the baptism of Vivian Harvey, Father Morrissey performing the ceremony . . . To show his appreciation for the spirit in which we entered into the Retreat, Father Morrissey broached the subject of a picnic to Brother Bernard. The request was readily granted. Accordingly, we donned old togs, stormed the tuckshop, and went bush. One enterprising party, worldly-wise, discarded the worn-out "damper racket" (which had hitherto met with scanty success), and purchased eggs, flour, and other culinary materials. With the aid of a huge frying pan, tasty dishes were prepared (or should we say concocted). Dishes were as many as they were varied, each member vigorously denouncing any suggestion of ptomaine poisoning.

**Thursday, 8th**—His Lordship, the Lord Abbot, arrives back from the Philippine Islands, where he was called on business.

**Saturday, 10th**—Owing to the suppression of ammunition, the Rifle Club has to fall back on .22's. "Hidin'," another novelty, supplements the change and adds to the interest.

**Thursday, 15th**—We hold a concert in honour of the Lord Abbot, to welcome him back after his stay in the Philippines. We also present him with a spiritual bouquet, prepared specially for him. Not least of the items was "The King who Limped," produced by the Second-Year Dramatic Society, in which "Spider's" shapely calves and "Dugong's" graceful contours gave the boys a thrill.

PRIMARY CLASSES

Back Row: R. Grimsey, G. Smith, M. Connolly, N. Boundy, A. Hutcheson, B. Coverley, F. O'Hara, P. Letch, R. Swan.
Middle Row: J. Rodin, G. Keamy, J. Connolly, R. Wise, P. Coverley, C. Gray, D. McVittie, A. Smith, G. Tilley, K. Pickering.
Sitting: N. Reynolds, K. Fowles, R. Middleton, B. Thompson, K. Doyle, G. Bower, J, Kelly, M. Boyle, L. Hunt.

**Sunday, 18th**—Five chosen ones from the Eighteen bring honour and glory to their Alma Mater by being selected in the Association team to play against Three Springs. The rest of the school enjoys a day with the oculist, extending its retina and ciliary muscles in a vain endeavour to read minute lettering.

**Thursday, 22nd**—Many Borgian temperaments seems to have arisen lately, for small

pink pills are surreptitiously finding their way into our tea and soup. Even "spuds" aren't exempt. Almost a coincidence, one might say, that a certain bottle in the Dispensary has discharged at the same time a considerable quantity of its contents. Come on, "Squizzy," own up!

**Sunday, 25th**—We are honoured by a visit from the photographer. Having moved along just that "slight sensation," we wrench our faces into something remotely resembling a pleasant smile, and hope for the best.

**Tuesday, 27th**—A member of L.C. recently showed remarkable talents, hitherto undreamt of, which accidentally came out in an undignified incident with a Sixth Class stalwart. Nowadays, when the magic name of "S." is whispered, there is a rush on the Sports Room for the cricket pads. Just a measuring of the distance with an expert eye, a quick drawing back of the right foot (or left for that matter, for our bonny lad is an expert) and—whacko! Shin 'em, "Squiz"!

**Saturday, 31st**—Brother Reginald, in his endeavours for the propagation of the excellent game of tennis, is rewarded for his labours by seeing in use three splendid courts, where once dandelions and wild grasses reigned supreme.

## SEPTEMBER.

**Tuesday, 3rd**—Happy memories are recalled of the good old mumpery days, when we hear that measles are starting the rounds, and everyone makes extensive searches on various parts of his anatomy for tell-tale red spots.

**Saturday, 7th**—

Slowly the meniscus rises,
While the water's flowing in;
Says Squiz, "A little extra pressure
Shouldn't hurt the bally thing."
He turns the tap a little further,
Water swirls in revolution,
And flows up past the little mark
And darned well ruins his solution.

"Snoopin'" succeeds "hidin'" to the place of honour in the Rifle Club.

**Sunday, 8th**—Eighteen solemn youths anxiously await the arrival of the Coomberdale Eighteen, but wait in vain, and so the prospects of a grand final are ruined. The bereaved Eighteen wreak their disappointment in vicious aces on the tennis courts.

**Monday, 9th**—Sounds suggesting something resembling a bull walrus are heard emanating from the room adjoining the kitchen, and various conjectures are offered as to the origin. We had just decided that the chef had invested in a walrus, when we were informed that it was only the new buglers and drummers for the Rifle Club having their first practice.

**Thursday, 12th**—An exhaustive list of lost, or rather left, property is read out, consisting almost entirely of articles bearing the number 66. At the same time, a youth whose laundry number is 66 failed to produce "lines" at the required time, and spends a very mathematical week-end. It never rains but it pours!

**Saturday, 14th**—The Under-Sixteens do hard labour on the courts, and then have the first swim of the season in "Bricky." . . . The Rifle Club goes without snoopin' for one week . . . The evening was passed away pleasantly with another demonstration of the Catholic Evidence Guild, this time by three intellectuals from Junior. Objections were satisfactorily overcome, and any difficulties that did arise were smoothed over by Dr. Gregory, who kindly presided.

**Monday, 16th**—From a humble diagram of a water pipe, with which our sorely tried Physics teacher drove home a difficult point into our wooden heads (I speak metaphorically, of course, although undoubtedly he may have wished to do so literally), sprang, by the aid of the fertile imagination of L.C., the far-famed but gruesome "Nobbiosaurus," which we defy any geologist to classify. Who denies evolution now?

**Tuesday, 17th**—The only thing "deah old Robay" will be able to bathe in from now till Christmas will be sweat. Such is the penalty of stodge-lifting. "Spider," however, carries on business as usual.

**Wednesday, 18th**—We slog away at our first sports practice. The usual quota of essays for those who don't slog does not put in an appearance this year. Things have changed. Instead of a twenty-page essay on "Grass" or "Seaweed," the unfortunate lagger gets two weeks in the "Ant-hill Gang."

**Thursday, 19th**—Any bright visions that L.C. students might have had as regards to a moustachio'd future were quickly dissipated when the decree was issued that henceforth all students must persist in a state of cleanshavenness. And so flowing walruses, natty toothbrushes, and stately goatees fell alike under the impartial blade.

**Saturday, 21st**—The Debating Society holds a mock election. Two Leaving students put up for Government and Labour, respectively, but, despite lavish advertisement, votes for Labour are remarkably lacking . . . The newest subjects on the curriculum is cat-burglary. For its introduction we extend our thanks

to Mr. "Brick" Lardi, who successfully demonstrated Lesson 1. "The only essential in the course," says Mr. Lardi, "is to get locked in the bathroom. Further steps follow of necessity."

**Monday, 23rd**—We tolerate "Phantom's" "seaweed" doubles, even when he puts them in his "burgoo," but when he turns doubles into tadpole incubators and then uses his soup as an exercising pool for juvenile amphibians, we draw the line.

**Tuesday, 24th**—The exams. come round again, and for the third time this year the "Scrubbs" are caught studying . . . A swarm of bees takes up temporary residence in a much-frequented thoroughfare, and consequently suffers thereby . . . To celebrate the anniversary of the renowned occasion when his brother "Slim" spoke fourteen syllables at one go, "Honk" minimus made history by refusing seconds in frogs-eyes. An epoch-making family!

**Wednesday, 25th**—The Marathon! — The sterling quality of "dries" is effectively demonstrated, as "Towser" romps home third.

**Friday, 27th**—A wave of poetic fancy overtakes L.C., and unique metres and rhymes (and subjects!) come to light. "Banjo," however, flatly denies the rumour that he has written a Classical Dictionary in verse.

**OCTOBER.**

**Sunday, 6th**—Sports Day! It poured the proverbial "cats and dogs" in the morning, and we feared a postponement. However, the optimists spotted a break in a bank of seemingly never-ending clouds, and the afternoon turned out to be quite fine. An enjoyable day was had and several records were broken. The final event was run with Golds the victors from Blues by a narrow margin.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE CLASSES
Back Row: J. Boland, W. Fornero, P. Lynch, P. Coleman, R. Gallagher.
Middle Row: L. Morgan, R. Letch, L. McKenzie, E. Nash, D. Tankard, A. Longman
Sitting: J. Hogg, E. Hinchliffe, N. Hickey, J. Yates, T. O'Sullivan.

**Thursday, 10th**—Leaving Class paddles in the surface waters of the Periodic System. They say a chap named Mendeleeff thought it out, but we know better, don't we, "Squiz"?

**Monday, 14th**—Our pocket Samson tries to

imitate his namesake, using J.G.'s bed as the best substitute he can find for a pillared hall. Pity he didn't choose a more appropriate time than 9.48 p.m., as we hardly think Brother Charles saw the joke.

**Wednesday, 16th**—"Jaffy" throws an entirely new light on S.O.S. Apt, eh, Gibb?

**Saturday, 19th**—A tennis committee is formed and we are glad to know that some arrangement has been reached about the tennis comps. We feel that same thanks are due to Brother Reginald, both for his labours to get the courts in trim, and for getting the comps. going. Of course, nobody is satisfied with his place on the bumping board, everyone casting ambitious eyes on the top of his respective list. Two or three weeks will arrange that, however.

**Wednesday, 23rd**—The Senior cricketers spend their first cricket match of the season picking grass seeds out of their socks, and trying to lose the ball in the adjacent crop. A little encouragement from Brother C—— however, puts matters right for future occasions . . . "Tarzan Finds a Son" creates the biggest sensation heard of at the College for quite a while. Our hall is transformed into a veritable Ambassadors, and is packed to overflowing with erstwhile Tarzan fans. We crawled into bed about 11 o'clock that night, thinking the whole business was over far too quickly. "Squizzy" has not been the same man since. We're sure he's got something up his sleeve.

**Friday, 25th**—Eighteen youths hear an item of news that nearly renders them eligible for the looney bin. As a reward for winning the premiership, the Brothers have arranged a little trip down to Perth for the Eighteen, to take place on November 9, so that they may watch and barrack (and scrag if they don't win) their two colleagues entered for the Annual Schoolboys' Championships. Henceforth we date all dates from November 9, 1940.

**Saturday, 26th**—T—— is a big game hunter now. He took on and defeated with flying colors a huge carpet snake, fully eighteen inches long. One bright youth forwarded the suggestion that he take on killing lions —dandelions!

**Tuesday, 29th**—Our generation must be on the decline! Brother B—— and Brother H—— beat "Brick" and Bill at handball. "Of course, you know, my right hand is crook," said Bill. "Ah, yes," said Brick, "you must realise I've gone at the hips!" But we wonder.

**Thursday, 31st**—Oh, ye gods, what's the world coming to? Inflated with their late successes at handball, Brother B—— and Brother H—— probe into the realms of tennis, and clean up "Banjo" and "Aguey." Can't understand it!

**NOVEMBER.**

**Friday, 1st**—All Saints' Day! We have a picnic at Lanigan's Well. One or two would-be Vestal Virgins, disregarding the Decree Anti-fire, get no further than Fency. Nine battle-thirsty youths trek via the bush to "Milky," leaving half their legs on the prickles en route . . . Some hours later, nine battle-lorn youths trek back to the Well, leaving the remaining half of their legs on the remainder of the prickles.

**Monday, 4th**—"Brick" and Bill reap their revenge on Brother B—— and Brother H—— at handball, by beating them easily on the return match. Of course, we understand that hips and hands have quite recovered now . . . Well, "tempus fugit," and here we find ourselves but two weeks from the Public Exams, and we wish all those who are sitting for them the best of luck, and hope sincerely they all get ten subjects or seven D.'s as the case may be, and thus uphold the honour of S.I.C.

In conclusion, we wish all our readers a "Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year."

—THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

# THE BIRTHPLACE OF ST. FRANCIS

## Assisi Interestingly Described

*The following interesting description of Assisi was written by James Knox, an ex-student of St. Ildephonsus' College, who is studying for the priesthood at Propaganda College, Rome. Jim has previously contributed a number of informative articles on places he has visited in Italy. The present article shows he has lost none of his enthusiasm.*

ASSISI, the destination this year of the annual excursion of Propaganda College, is situated about 150 kilometres (nearly one hundred miles) from Rome. The journey to this historic old town takes us through country whose scenery has afforded inspiration to poets and painters throughout the centuries. The first part of the trip, which took us nearly five hours, was through the wide open spaces of the Italian "Campagna," dotted with neat whitewashed cottages which provide shelter for man and beast.

Soon, however, comes a change. Instead of the great chrome-yellow electric engine which had been hauling us, we were coupled to a pair of the more familiar and romantic "Puffing Billies," which were to take us over the ranges of mountains looming to our right. The ranges here differ from those at home inasmuch as they have practically no foothills—one minute we were travelling along level plains, the next we were suddenly in the hills with tunnels every mile or so and bridges crossing the beds of rushing mountain torrents. Even the most inaccessible and barest portions are cultivated or planted with fruit trees and vines, and it is a common sight to see the shepherd, followed by his tiny flock, moving in and out amongst the rocks in search of pasture.

Having negotiated the mountainous country, we were once more out into open terrain, this time the famous Umbrian Plains, spoken of so enthusiastically by Ovid. A characteristic feature of these plains is the teams of great long-horned white oxen which are used for all the farm work, the horse teams so familiar to Australians being rarely seen here.

THE MONASTERY OF ST. FRANCIS AT ASSISI
Built on the side of a hill, the Monastery and Church of St. Francis, with its high tower and massive colonnades, dominates the landscape for miles.

THE CHAPEL AT ST. DAMIAN'S
A scene in the cloister of St. Damian's, a little chapel outside Assisi.

Suddenly a shout went up, loud enough to cause the other passengers to put their heads out of the window to see what was the matter. Far away in the distance there appeared what looked remarkably like a set of false teeth, but which was in reality the great colonnades of the monastery of St. Francis. This, built after the fashion of most Italian towns on the side of a hill, dominates the whole countryside for miles.

We had arrived.

Before going any further with a description of Assisi, I think a short sketch of the life of St. Francis would help us to understand Assisi better, and to unite ourselves in spirit to this man who was, as far as possible, the most perfect imitation of our Lord.

Francis was born in Assisi in 1182 and for some time followed the profession of his father, a cloth merchant. Taking an active part in the then numerous wars between the different noble families and towns, he paid for his boldness by being taken prisoner. Soon released on account of his bad health, he returned home and spent most of his time (and quite a lot of his father's money) in acts of charity. In order to stop him his angry parent took him to court before the Bishop. Francis, however, renounced his heritage, left his family, and, embracing Lady Poverty, with twelve companions founded the great Franciscan Order. He received the imprint of the Holy Stigmata in 1224 and died at Assisi in 1226. The parallel between his life from the foundation of his order and Our Lord's life is remarkable. His order was born, like Jesus, in a stable. He started out on his divine mission with twelve followers, carried on his body the marks of the Passion, and, after his death, was buried outside the walls in the place allotted to malefactors who had suffered the extreme penalty. Just as Calvary, once a place of shame, is now a place of pilgrimage, so St. Francis' burial place, once called "Inferno" (Hell), is now called "Paradiso" (Heaven). Francis was canonised two years after his death, and a short time ago was made Patron of Italy and chief protector of Catholic Action.

The chief things of interest in Assisi are his tomb at the Basilica of St. Francis; the Portiuncula, the mother house of the Order; the Hermitage, up in the hills; the Church of St. Damian, where he founded the Franciscan Second Order (Poor Clares); and the Church of St. Clare, in which are preserved the remains of his sister in religion.

The Basilica of St. Francis consists of three churches, superimposed one on the other. In the lower one is the tomb of St. Francis. His remains, however, cannot be seen for when his body was re-discovered in 1818, at the contact with the air, it crumbled into dust, which is now enclosed in a plain casket, a model of Franciscan poverty and simplicity. It was on this hallowed spot that we had the privilege of hearing Mass and of receiving Holy Communion.

The middle church is the one used for every-day functions. Its walls are covered with frescoes, quite a few being the work of the famous painter Giotto, most of which represent incidents in the life of the Saint.

The upper church shows the same wealth of mural decorations. This part is very seldom used by the general public, as it contains only the Friars' choir-stalls and the Papal Altar, at which alone the Pope, or someone delegated by him, may officiate. Here are kept many relics of St. Francis:

one of his habits; a hair shirt; pillow (a block of wood); a girdle; the blessing that he gave to Brother Leo to preserve him from temptation; and the Papal Bull giving approval to the Order. His old habit is most impressive. Imagine a chaff bag, with sleeves for his arms and a hole in the top for his neck. It is frayed and consists more of patches than of the original material. (Is it any wonder that he converted the countryside?)

Our next call was at St. Damian's, a tiny little chapel outside the actual town, poor in size and beauty but rich in holy memories. It was from here that St. Clare repulsed the Saracen invaders by exposing to their gaze the Blessed Sacrament which was at that time kept in a portable glass tabernacle. This is still shown to the visitor, as also is her little bell, her place in the refectory, and the corner in which she died. We also saw the little niche which was supposed to have closed up, thus hiding St. Francis from the gaze of his irate father who had pursued him to this spot.

Making our way back towards the town, past the usual quota of beggars, we arrived at the Church of St. Clare. After paying our respects to the remains of the Saint, which for over six hundred years have remained incorrupt, we were shown the relics by a nun of her order, a Poor Clare. As these nuns are veiled to the mouth, you can imagine how strange it was talking to a person who has a piece of black cloth practically covering the face. Here is kept the crucifix from St. Damian's from which came the words "Arise, Francis, and repair my church which as you see is falling into ruins," meaning, not only the material construction, but the whole spiritual edifice.

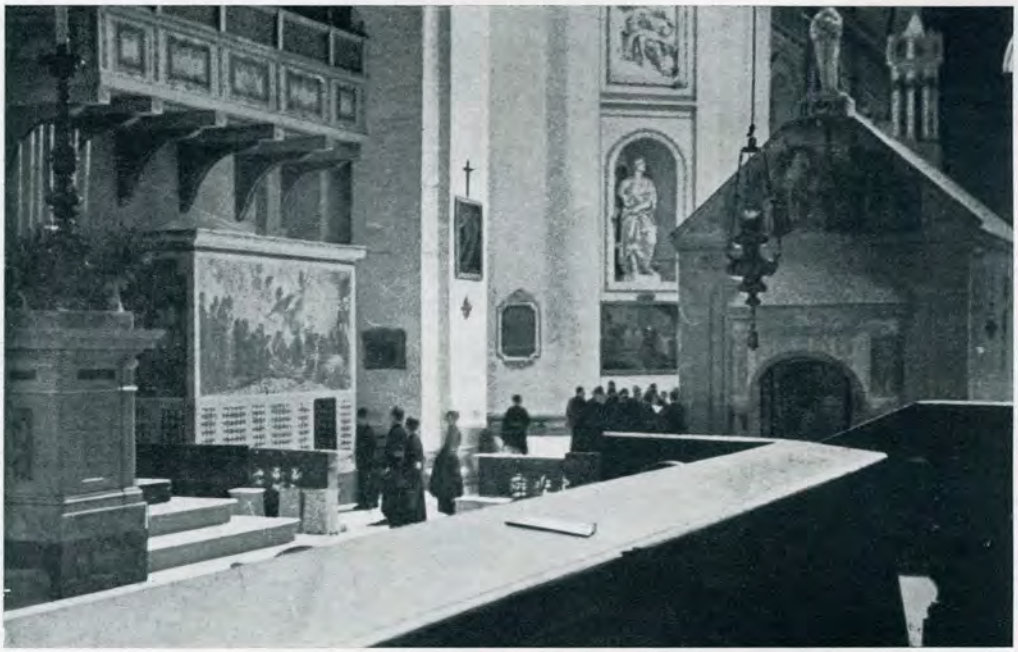
Amongst the other relics we were shown were the sandals made by St. Clare to protect the pierced feet of St. Francis, and the skull of St. Agnes, the sister of St. Clare, who fled from home in order to join her.

Our next destination was the "Carceri" or "Hermitage," situated up in the hills about an hour's walk from Assisi. It was to this spot that the early friars used to flee from the distractions of the world. The scenery is typically Italian and, indeed, there is a striking resemblance between here and Subiaco, where St. Benedict first found peace.

Amongst the things that caught our attention was the tree, now bent with age and propped up with a couple of iron supports, upon which the birds used to gather to listen to the sermons given them by the "Saint of Nature," and also the dry bed of a little brook whose murmuring so distracted the friars during their meditation that St. Francis ordered it to dry up. There is a tradition that it flows only when a great catastrophe threatens the land. It flowed just prior to the entry of Italy into the last Great War and again in 1922 when grave political struggles threatened to plunge the land into civil war.

There remains only one more place to be visited, the Portiuncula. This little chapel was built by a group of hermits from the Holy Land who brought with them a fragment of the tomb of Our Lord, from whence is derived the name "Portiuncula," which means "little portion." It is now enclosed in a large church, which together with the little suburb which has sprung up there is called "St. Mary of the Angels." To this oratory St. Francis often came to pray, and it was here that he received his heavenly visions and the wonderful "Portiuncula

AN HISTORIC TREE
Upon this tree the birds used to gather to listen to the sermons of St. Francis.



AN INTERIOR VIEW OF ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS
In the left foreground can be seen a corner of the Papal Altar. To the right is the chapel of the Portiuncula seen from the rear. In between, adorned with frescoes, is the chapel of the Passing.

Indulgence," granted by Our Lord, that, as many times as a person entered the church, he would gain a plenary indulgence. Pope Pius XI. modified this a little, and now to gain these privileges one must recite six "Our Father's," "Hail Mary's" and "Gloria's," just as we do for the Holy Souls on the second day of November.

Originally the property belonged to the great Benedictine Abbey of Monte Subasio, but they, seeing how much Francis loved this little spot, gave it to him on one condition —that it remained the Mother House of the Franciscan Order. These generous sons of St. Benedict presented him also with the "Carceri," thus by yet another indestructible bond of charity linking the two great Orders together.

At the present time the Bishop of Assisi is a Benedictine. He paid us the honour of a visit whilst we were partaking of the excellent food set before us by the Benedictine nuns, with whom we were lodged. In the same building of St. Mary's is a little chapel called the "Chapel of the Passing." This was the old infirmary, and it was here that St. Francis, lying naked on the cold, barren earth, breathed forth his soul to God. It was then evening of Saturday, October 4, 1226.

In the cloister garden are kept a little oratory built by St. Bonaventure and the miraculous rose bushes. According to tradition, the devil tempted St. Francis to give up leading such an austere life. In order to free himself from the temptations the Saint stripped and cast himself on a bed of thorns, which were at once changed into beautiful roses. A curious fact remains, the leaves are marked with little rusty-red in spots, a grim reminder of the blood shed that night.

Thus our visit was over, and as we sped through the gathering darkness the click of the wheels over the rails seemed to say "Assisi! Assisi." And then came to my mind the blessing of St. Francis, a sure protection in time of danger and consolation in time of grief:

*"May the Lord bless you and guard you,*
*May He show you His face and have mercy on you,*
*May He look upon you and give you peace."*

# News Circles the World in a Flash

*By J. G. O' Halloran, B.A., Dip. J.*

"London: German army crossed Polish border 0500."

The worst had happened.

We had hoped for days that war could be averted; but here it was—"The German army crossed the Polish border at 5 o'clock this morning." That is the newspaper translation of the flash wire from London telling that another conflagration had begun. As city workers went home that fateful Friday afternoon they conjured up thoughts of marching columns, rumbling tanks, crashing bombs, huge flights of planes . . . ruins . . . death.

In a few brief minutes this momentous story was flashed around the world, into every newspaper office in every city.

So it has happened since when other big stories have broken out. In very short time after the actual happening the public of Perth is told of it, even though thousands of miles separate us from the scene of action.

By beam wireless and morse code cable the news is flashed. Newspaper correspondents, at hand in anticipation of a big news story breaking, send the news to their main office as urgently as possible. The central agency sends it to sub-agencies who in turn release it to newspapers in the cities. A vast organisation makes all this possible. Radio, cable, teleprinter, faster processes in the printing industry, whirring printing machines which can turn out 50,000 papers an hour if required, bring the news to the public with amazing speed and small cost to the individual reader.

A vast improvement has been made in the last 20 years. The increased speed is in keeping with the faster tempo of modern times. The public has been brought up to expect news delivered quickly and newspapers are answering every test.

You have probably read of the world's great news agencies. Some of them are Reuters, of London; Havas, of France; Associated Press, of America; Domei, of Japan.

How vast is the organisation of the Press world is evident from the fact that the Reuter League, comprising about 30 agencies, spends about £6,000,000 annually in working costs.

Reuters has a romantic story. In an effort to get commercial news from the Brussels Exchange to Aix-la-Chapelle, a Jewish bank clerk, Paul Julius de Reuter, formed what was to be the genesis of the modern famous agency. In 1849 he was able to beat the horse-drawn mail coach from Brussels to Aix-la-Chapelle by three hours, by using carrier pigeons to bring the closing prices of the day's exchange to the clients of his bank. He extended his business to include Berlin, Paris and London. Little silken bags containing the slip on which the prices were written were carried by pigeons, tied to their legs. When the London-Calais cable was laid, de Reuter transferred to London.

When the American Civil War broke out Reuters provided Fleet Street with news from a war correspondent specially engaged. It was here that Reuters expanded from purely commercial news to news of all kinds. Reuters to-day is one of the world's famous organisations. Its representation never sleeps.

In the transmission of news a certain accepted code has developed. Brevity is desirable, and to achieve this certain abbreviations and alterations have been made in cabling news. Brevity makes for economy and faster handling of cables. Words like "of" "and" "the" are very rarely encountered in a cable and the cables are just as easy to read without mistaking their meaning.

In referring to periods of time, for instance, Latin is used: "Quinquennium" denotes five years; "bimester" two months, and so on.

Some new words have been coined. "Opined" in a cable means "Expressed the opinion that." "Londonwards" means "going to London." When dates are given they appear like this, 21/9, meaning September 21.

Sometimes the abbreviations make extraordinary reading even to practised eyes.

"Exustates"—one word—means "from the United States."

In the presentation of the cabled news there have sometimes been rather amusing errors. This one is the classic and is always quoted:

There came a cable late one night containing just these words: Obit Dean Swift Roseate Dawn." In the paper the following morning it appeared like this: "Dean Swift, writer of the well known poem 'Roseate Dawn,' died to-day." Added to the message was a further paragraph giving some particulars of Dean Swift's life, his age, etc.

The man who did this cable, however, sadly missed the mark.

The cable flash told of the result of a horse race run that afternoon in England in which Obit was the winner, Dean Swift second, and Roseate Dawn third. The word "Obit" was the newspaperman's downfall. "Obit" in practically every case indicates the death of someone. "Obit" is a cable contraction for obituary.

Here is an unusual cable: "As cortege gravewarded nearer godded." This meant: "As the cortege moved to the graveside 'Nearer My God to Thee' was sung."

Another example: "Cobb triple somersaulted concussed hospitalled." This told of a motor race at Brooklands in which the famous car driver Cobb turned a triple somersault, sustained concussion and was taken to hospital.

Another example: "Belief growing germanarmy offbitten moren chewable," which means that "the belief is growing that the German Army has bitten off more than it can chew."

Some cable flashes are noted for their brevity. A one-word cable containing a wealth of information was "abdicated." It told the newspapers that King Edward VIII. had abdicated from the throne. The King's decision was the big topic of the day. Zero hour for a decision was known. "Abdicated" told the story.

For brevity "Tussauds gutted," also ranks with the outstanding examples. These two words announced that the famous wax works in London of Madam Tussauds had been burned.

A common Press cable these days is "All clear," indicating that the air raid over London, which had been told of by an earlier message, had passed on.

There have been many other famous instances of brevity in cable news, but space will not permit of any further examples.

Meanwhile, Press correspondents are at the alert for more news on the International chessboard, which means so much to the future of the world.

# ST. BENEDICT'S JUNIORATE

## Opportunity to Join Benedictine Order

*By D. B. L.*

THE establishing of a Juniorate at the Benedictine Abbey of New Norcia is an event that calls for special mention in the pages of this magazine. Shortly after the Juniorate was blessed and opened, early last April, it was given considerable publicity through the Catholic Press of Australia and New Zealand. An article in a weekly paper, however, runs a great risk of being forgotten soon after reading. That cannot be the fate of an article appearing in a yearly publication such as this magazine, which is kept for years.

Besides, the insertion of an article of this nature in "St. Ildephonsus' College Magazine" carries with it an undisguised appeal to its youthful readers to "stop and look" . . . and think! Just at present, it is to be feared that an appeal like this is doomed to fall on deaf ears, owing to the unsettled condition of the world at large and the glamour of war which so captivates the young man's imagination. But the voice of God can make itself heard above the confusion of the world and the din of cannons, and though one is free to ignore that Heavenly voice, one does so at great peril to oneself.

It cannot be doubted that the number is large of those who, for reasons best known to themselves, neglect to follow the voice of God calling them to His special service in the Religious Life. But there are also

TRAINING CENTRE FOR FUTURE AUSTRALIAN BENEDICTINES
The newly-opened St. Benedict's Juniorate at New Norcia. The Juniorate adjoins the Abbey, which can be glimpsed on the right of the picture.

those who, faithful to the whisperings of the Master, leave everything to follow Him. These faithful ones realise that a religious vocation is too great a treasure to risk its loss, and therefore must be jealously guarded, looked after, and fostered from its very discovery. A religious vocation is not the privilege of age and experience. More often than not, God knocks at the heart of His chosen ones long before the world begins to unfold its fictitious charms to their unguarded eyes. Hence the Juniorates.

A Juniorate, then, is a home for young boys who, having heard within their hearts the voice of God calling them to serve Him in His own House, away from the distractions of the world, are brave enough to leave the world and follow that voice.

This institution—whatever be the name by which it goes—it not of yesterday. The great St. Benedict himself, 1400 years ago, made room for it in his monasteries, and devoted one chapter of his Rule to the rites to be observed in the reception of young boys, whilst many directions as to their treatment are found in various chapters of the same Holy Rule. And we know, on the authority of St. Gregory the Great, that the holy founder received into his own monastery at Subiaco, among others, two small boys—Maurus and Placid, aged twelve and seven, respectively—whom he trained in the monastic life and imbued with his own spirit. He eventually sent Maurus to establish his Order in France, and Placid to establish it in Sicily, where he won the martyr's crown.

St. Benedict thus set an example which his Order has followed ever since with gratifying results. Perhaps the most notable, and certainly the best known, instance of this is found in St. Bede, the Venerable, who, received into the monastery of Jarrow at the early age of seven, became the ideal monk for all time, the Father of English History and one of the greatest figures in the Benedictine Order.

But the wisdom of an early training in the Religious Life is too evident to need stressing. This is why the modern Religious Congregations as well as the old Monastic Orders of the Church have made it their universal practice to provide the proper environment for the young souls who, rightly or, perhaps, mistakenly, decide that they are called to be Religious.

But to return to our own Benedictine Juniorate. Hitherto—for upwards of 90 years—the personnel of our Benedictine Community has been generously supplied by Spain, whence the venerable founder of New Norcia also came. But the time is now fully ripe for our Westralian Abbey to draw its recruits entirely from the sons of the land, and there is no reason to suppose that the Australian youth, who are answering so nobly to the call to the various Religious Orders of the Church, cannot be shaped into worthy members of the renowned Benedictine Order.

It should be noted that, unlike the Orders and Congregations existing in Australia at present, the Benedictine monks have the Liturgical Prayer of the Church as their special work. It is safe to state that there is no kind of work—literary, social, missionary, educative, etc.—which is not being done by Benedictine monks in the wide world. But there is one work which holds the first and foremost place in all Benedictine monasteries, and to which long hours are devoted daily. This is the Divine Office —the "Opus Dei"—to which nothing must be preferred, according to St. Benedict. Thus, whatever the circumstances of a Benedictine may be, the chanting or reciting of the Divine Office in Choir must be performed by its monks day and night without a single day's interruption. The greater or lesser solemnity accompanying the discharge of this obligation will depend on the importance of the day, the number of monks, and other circumstances. But on no account may this work be omitted. Surely there are in this land of ours many young men to whom this sort of work appeals and whose religious aspirations would be completely satisfied by a life of prayer, study, and retirement from the world, such as is provided by a Benedictine Abbey.

Well aware of this, and placing great confidence in the generous nature of the Australian boy, the New Norcia Benedictine Community has erected a handsome building destined to house within its walls young Australians who may feel called to join the Benedictine Order in their own homeland. It is the earnest desire of the Benedictine Community to see the rooms of this new building occupied by young postulants in the near future. To hasten the realisation of this desire the Abbey will defray entirely

the expenses of the first twelve candidates to be accepted.

The prospective postulant will be required to be at least twelve years of age and endowed with good health. As to other qualifications, he must be possessed of sufficient talent for the higher studies, and have the spirit of meekness, submission and sacrifice. During the years which he will spend in the Juniorate, the postulant will have ample opportunity to find out whether he is suitable for the monastic life or not, long before he contracts any serious obligation.

May the blessing of the Almighty descend abundantly upon the new Juniorate, and make it the happy home of young Australians eager to follow and to spread in their homeland the grand traditions of the oldest Order of the Church.

### LAY BROTHERS.

The monks in a Benedictine Abbey are divided into Choir-monks and Lay-Brothers. The former are priests or aspirants to the priesthood, and spend their lives chiefly in prayer and study; the latter serve God in the monastery by the discharge of their religious duties and the exercise of manual labour. Young men with a desire to become Lay-Brothers will be gladly received by the Benedictine Community of New Norcia. Intending applicants must be at least sixteen years of age, and be endowed with a strong, healthy constitution. Like the aspirants to the priesthood, they also must have the spirit of meekness, submission and sacrifice. No charge will be made to them from the day of their admission into the Abbey, but they will be expected to make suitable compensation by their constant assiduity at work. They also will be given ample opportunity to sound the genuineness of their vocation during the period of postulantship and noviceship which must precede their taking of the first vows.

All applications should be made to: The Lord Abbot, New Norcia, Western Australia.

**A Study of the Monastery Gateway**

# THE BARBECUE

*By Bryan Lardi*

IT was the Chef's idea. A little after two, in spotless white apron and traditional high starched cap, he arrived with the rest of the staff. The quiet of the bush was immediately broken by the cries of the wood haulers and the ring of an axe, as fuel and forked uprights were cut from the neighbouring timber. Meanwhile, two holes were dug about eight feet apart into which the forked posts were fitted. Between these, a shallow pit was hollowed out, and into it tinder dry jam logs were packed. Then appeared the victims. Two fully-grown sheep in all their naked glory arrived ready for the barbecue. They were soon laced about a sturdy length of piping, which, despite its strength, bent beneath the strain.

We strained forward as a match was applied to the brushwood beneath the logs. The real business of the day began with the first turn of the spit. Up leapt the flames as if anxious to have their share of juicy mutton. Under this influence it slowly browned, while all the time the Chef, like some High Priest of an ancient order anointing the victim, poured dripping upon it from a long-handled ladle. The fat sizzled into the fire, which by now was reduced to a glowing bed of red coals. At every drop the flames leapt up with renewed energy, only to fall back baulked of their prey. Again and again the yellow sheet of fire reached upward. Slowly the creaking spit turned. The carcases were now a rich brown. Enticing odours constantly wafting from them gave a hint of what was to come.

The welcome news that the feast was to begin soon spread. A long line was quickly formed as we proceeded to receive our rations—a pannikin of tea, bread, baked

DONE TO A TURN

Hungry spectators watch the chef putting in the finishing touches. A heap of potatoes (left foreground) will shortly go on the glowing embers.

potatoes and roast mutton. The lucky ones, to whose lot fell the legs, waved these delicacies about their heads in ecstasy. Bread thrown upon a glowing bed of coals soon turned from snowy white to coppery brown. Molten dripping was then plastered on, and each one retired to enjoy his meal in some self-appointed sanctuary.

The long, bleached grass and the deep beds of dead leaves made comfortable seats. About the fire, in a rough circle, a hundred figures squatted gnawing bones or munching toast. Soon the charcoal from the baked potatoes was transferred to grinning countenances, while the welcome dearth of knives soon caused hands to become pleasantly greasy. Handy to each figure a steaming pannikin of scalding hot tea stood ready to wash down the toast and meat.

There was little noise. An occasional shout of dismay rent the air as some unfortunate took too large a gulp of hot tea, or as another's toast lost its precarious balance on a forked stick and nose-dived into the

Preparations are made for the "roast."

flames. There being plenty of all, each filled himself to nature's appointed Plimsoll line. Soon the once-covered joints appeared as bony as skeletons; the large mound of potatoes became less and less frequented.

With the coming of dark, the bush soon lost its individuality and merged into an impenetrable circle of blackness. The fire grew more intensely red. As the shadowy forms encircling it grew dimmer they may well have been mistaken for their distant forefathers enjoying a sumptuous banquet of roast dinosaur following a successful day's hunting.

But all good things must end. So, on completing our repast, preparations were made for our departure. "All boys with billies put the fires out," rang out the order. A dozen bounded off to the dam. With each cascade of water a huge mushroom of

All ready for the match.

clammy steam billowed up. The coals gave up the ghost with much angry spluttering and "putting." Soon the only sign of our fire was a dismal heap of faintly smoking charcoal.

It was pleasant ambling home through the cool, dark bush. The incessant talk centred about the day's happenings. Finally, on clearing the timber, we beheld the cheery Mission lights far down in the black valley below. We were soon at the outskirts.

On arriving back we prepared for night prayers and bed. The accumulated dust of the day's outing was soon washed off, so that in no time we were snugly reading in bed. When "lights out" finally arrested our reading, it was with sighs of content that we settled down to a night's sleep, whose dreams, if any, were centred about roast mutton.

A close-up of the finished article.

# MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS

### BROTHER PLACID CALLED TO ANOTHER APPOINTMENT.

At Christmas time only one change occurred in the staff. Brother Placid was called by his superiors to take charge of the Juniorate House at Mittagong, N.S.W. He was replaced by Brother Bernard, who

REV. BROTHER PLACID

had been Director of the Novitiate at Mittagong for the three years before his appointment to St. Ildephonsus' College.

At the Juniorate House, Brother Placid has the important charge of caring for the boys who are anxious to become Brothers. They remain there until they pass the Leaving Certificate examination, when they go on to the Novitiate House, a separate institution a quarter of a mile away.

At the Juniorate House also live the Scholastics, those Brothers who have completed their Novitiate and who spend twelve months studying the theory of teaching and practising under supervision. Brother Placid is director of these also. In addition, there are at the Juniorate House a few senior Brothers, who lead a retired life at the "nursery" of the Province. So Brother Placid has a full-time job.

He will be remembered by the boys of St. Ildephonsus' College of the years 1935-1939 for his venerable and noble bearing and for his unalterable kind, sympathetic manner.

All at S.I.C. wish him success in his new labours.

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### ASSISTANT-GENERAL'S VISIT CANCELLED.

Rev. Brother Clement, the Assistant-General for the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, intended paying his triennial visit to Australia this year. We were expecting him to arrive about July, but unfortunately Italy's entry into the war caused a postponement of his visit, while the German occupation of France following soon after has caused the cancellation of his visit at least for the time being. It is always a pleasure to receive a visit from Brother Assistant, who is keenly interested in everything Australian, and we regret his inability to make the trip this year.

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### BROTHER ANDREW AGAIN PROVINCIAL.

Brother Andrew, our Provincial, who is the highest superior of the Australian Province of the Marist Brothers, and who has already spent nine years in this important position—usually the limit for the occupation of this post—has received word that he is to carry on in his present position until further notice. This is sad news for Brother Andrew. As the position is an arduous one for any one, but especially so in the case of Brother Andrew, who takes a keen personal and active interest in all that concerns the Brothers and their work, he was naturally looking forward with pleasure to the announcement of his successor.

Brother Andrew has done his work so successfully, and the Province has flourished so well under his wise guidance, that all the Brothers were pleased to hear that his tenure of office had been extended.

He is deservedly popular with Old Boys of St. Ildephonsus' College. He was very prominently connected with the College sport during his stay at S.I.C. from 1915 to 1923. Many are the stories told of his capable handling of players and barrackers during exciting football matches on the College Oval. His bowling and batting prowess on the cricket field also call forth favourable comment whenever his name is mentioned.

A large number of Old Boys met Brother Andrew in Perth on his way to the East after visiting New Norcia in April—a visit

he expected to be his last. The Old Boys tendered him a dinner in view of his expected relinquishing of office. They complimented him upon the success which had attended his work, and thanked him especially for his work at S.I.C. They will now be pleased to hear that his old address will still find him.

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### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS.

Last Christmas Dick Woulfe went across to the Marist Brothers' Juniorate. Brother Bernard met Dick just after his arrival at

DICK WOULFE

Mittagong, thus making his initial contact with the West before setting out to take up duties at S.I.C. Brother also travelled across from Adelaide to Fremantle on the same boat as Dick travelled across to Sydney. It was the captain of the Duntroon who made this fact known, and he spoke most appreciatively of Dick's friendliness, good manners and genial disposition.

All Dick's letters to Brothers and boys from Mittagong speak of his happiness there. His one regret is that he did not go across sooner. We want more boys to follow Dick's lead.

Parents sometimes find it very trying to part with their sons when they desire to follow an inclination to join a religious order. But they can be sure that on their deathbed it will be the one in religion that they will have least to worry about—he will be then their consolation. He it will be who will help them most after death.

## OBITUARY

BROTHERS and boys were saddened just a few days before Christmas to hear of the death of Peter Panizza, which occurred on Sunday, December 21, 1939, at Cue.

On Sunday morning Peter was riding with a number of people on a motor truck which got out of control and overturned. Peter's legs were badly injured in the accident. He was conveyed to hospital immediately, and appeared to rally for a time, but he died that evening.

Father Bede, O.S.B., of New Norcia, happened to be in Meekatharra at that time, and great was the pleasure of Peter's parents when they heard that he would come across for the funeral. Father Bede said Mass on Tuesday morning for the repose of Peter's soul, and held the funeral immediately afterwards. A very large congregation assisted at the Mass and followed the body to the Cue cemetery. Father Bede read the prayers for the burial and, by his presence and his sympathetic words, gave consolation to Peter's sorrowing parents.

Peter had been at College for two years, and although hampered by his physical disability, had endeared himself to Brothers

PETER PANIZZA

and boys alike on account of his happy disposition and smiling face.

To Peter's sorrowing parents, Brothers and boys extend their sincerest sympathy.

May Peter's soul rest in peace.

# Among Our Old Boys

THIS, the eighteenth year of the life of the St. Ildephonsus' College Old Boys' Association marks probably one of the most important years of its existence. Each of its previous years had seen a steady growth of membership and the increasing respect and goodwill of both past students and the general public earned through the labours of those guiding its destinies. Now, in the troubled times through which we are all passing, we have another duty to perform: to stand together even more firmly than before and to help one another, observing, in the well-known words of the poet:

*"Kindness in another's trouble*
*Courage in our own. . . ."*

With a heavy enlistment of our members in the fighting forces, membership figures are down on those of last year. In this connection, it is noteworthy that, in an endeavor to keep up the interest of all Old Boys serving their country, a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting provides that all members serving with the Army, Navy and Air Force are, whether they are financial or not, to receive from the secretary all circulars and the College magazine; in fact, are to enjoy all privileges of membership.

As will be noted from the personal notes about Old Boys, very many have answered the call of King and Country. In 1914 Old Boys were well in the forefront and when the big guns begin blazing again they will undoubtedly be among the distinguished.

The doings of our members in the sporting field have again kept the Association in the spotlight. Individual efforts in the realm of sport have been well supported by the achievements of the Hockey Club which, despite its comparative infancy, has become a stalwart amongst the ranks of the W.A. Hockey Association. Not for long can the club be denied entrance into the highest grade of W.A. hockey, from which it will be only a brief step to championship honours in that grade.

The entry of the Association into this fine sport has proved of wonderful value to us in that it has brought us, and with us the college, fully into the public eye. Contact has thus been made easy with similar Associations of Old Boys and in addition it has proved a first-class medium for keeping Old Boys together.

## FUNCTIONS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting, which took place at the Chesterton Club, was well attended, with members taking a lively interest in proceedings and in the keen debate that followed. The formation of a sub-committee to report on the possibility of a new blazer design occupied much of the time at the meeting, and the progress of the Scholarship Fund was again probed at length. A resolution to extend benefits of membership to Old Boys who had joined the fighting forces was another noteworthy outcome of the meeting. In his address to members, the President urged that they continue to stand fast together so that the Association would not lose ground over the trying period to come.

### WELCOME TO BROTHERS.

Towards the end of last December we had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining Brother Lewis on the occasion of his visit to this State. Brother Lewis was met at the train by members of the committee. After a motor trip through the beauty spots of Perth and the suburbs, he was entertained at luncheon at the Australia Hotel.

The departure of Brother Placid was also the occasion of a farewell luncheon given him by the Association at which a large crowd of Old Boys gathered at short notice to say good-bye to the Principal of the College.

On his arrival in Western Australia in February, the Old Boys' Committee met Brother Bernard, this year's Director, at luncheon and entertained him.

Old Boys turned out in force to renew acquaintance with Brother Andrew, the Marist Brothers' Provincial, when he passed through Perth on his return to the Eastern States. At a most enjoyable luncheon, which was all too short, Brother Andrew addressed Old Boys, giving them great encouragement to carry on with the good work of the Association.

# Join the Old Boys' Association!

Every St. Ildephonsus' boy on completing his College career, ought to join the Old Boys' Association. It is unwise to delay, for one "putting off" usually leads to another. All you have to do is to forward 10/- to the Secretary, when you can participate in the many benefits of membership. An annual Re-union Trip to the College is conducted by the Association, while several sporting outings are made each year. Teams drawn from the financial members of the Association participate in the W.A. Hockey Association's competition. An annual Retreat is held every year for our Catholic Members. In addition, many sporting events, informal dinners, and other gatherings make the Association a very live one. Country members are kept fully in touch with everything that is going on by medium of frequent circular letters. Financial membership entitles all Old Boys to wear the Association blazer and pocket, and to receive a free copy of the College Magazine. Old boys have a great opportunity at the Annual Re-union of renewing friendships which might otherwise be lost. Old haunts are re-visited, reminiscences exchanged, making the time pass happily but all too quickly.

# Maintain College Friendships!

## Application Form

*Please enrol me as a member of the St. Ildephonsus' College Old Boys' Association. I enclose 10/- in payment of my subscription.*

*Name*.....

*Address*.....

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(Please write plainly)

POST THIS APPLICATION FORM NOW TO THE HON. SECRETARY,
R. FORBES, 16 DEVONSHIRE FLATS, MILLIGAN STREET, PERTH

### CABARET DANCE.

Owing to a large number of young men being in camp and the prospect of more being called up at any time, it was decided not to risk a possible heavy financial loss by running the annual ball this year. In its place a cabaret dance was held in the Carlton Club ballroom on July 31 in conjunction with the St. Gertrude's Ex-Collegians' Association.

This cabaret proved a great social success, and those who missed the fun on this occasion would be well advised to bring a party along to the next function of this nature.

During the evening entertaining floor shows were staged which, together with a variety of novelties, made the evening full of life.

Arrangements were carried out most efficiently by a joint committee of both Associations, with Miss M. Cullen and R. Forbes as joint secretaries.

### ANNUAL RETREAT.

The annual Retreat on the May holiday this year was again well attended. Father Collins, C.SS.R., was in charge, and was ably assisted by the other Fathers and Brothers, who saw to it that we wanted not spiritually or materially.

Strict silence was again observed, and both the veterans of many Retreats and the fledglings voted it a week-end not to be missed. Despite the continued good attendance each year, there is still room for more Retreatants. Every Old Boy is urgently asked to attend the next one. The regularity with which all old-timers attend is sufficient recommendation of its excellence.

## OFFICE-BEARERS

Patrons: The Lord Abbot of New Norcia and Rev. Brother Bernard.

President: Mr. J. H. O'Halloran, LL.B.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. G. O'Halloran, B.A., Dip. J., and Mr. K. P. Byrne, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Urquhart.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. R. Forbes.

Committee: Messrs. J. Kinshela, G. Jeffs, P. Connaughton, J. Allan, K. Henderson, W. Lithgo.

Hon. Auditors: Messrs. S. D. Byrne and J. O'Mahoney.

# PERSONAL

## Old Boys in the Fighting Forces

### A.I.F.

**Pat Maunsell** has joined up with the A.I.F., but has not yet gone away. Pat made the reunion in June, and showed he still knew something about football.

**Pat Rodda** left with the first A.I.F. batch for Palestine, where we believe **Don Ferguson** has now joined him.

**Sergeant Fred Ford** was last heard of recovering in a hospital in Edinburgh. Fred is a military enthusiast, and joined up with the Militia soon after leaving school. As

soon as volunteers were called for, Fred jumped into the A.I.F. and went through to England, where little has been heard from him since. A good type, Fred is sure to do well in the army.

**Dr. John Horan** passed through Fremantle with one of the early convoys en route with the A.I.F. abroad.

**Jim Lalor** is a sergeant in the Machine Gun Section, and at time of writing is in South Australia, but expects to go abroad at any moment.

**Bert Clifford** also has three stripes and looks as if camp life suits him down to the ground.

**Jim Halligan** and **Joe White** are in camp at Northam.

**John O'Mahoney** is a sergeant in the Artillery, and expects to move overseas very soon. Johnny is most anxious to have a crack at 'em.

**Sid Law** is another seen in khaki.

Awaiting marching orders for the firing line, **Maitland Orr** was an early member of the A.I.F.

**Father O'Halloran** looks the part in his neat captain's uniform. After a while at Melville, he was posted to Northam, where he often meets **Father Cahill, C.SS.R.,** who has forsaken his confraternity for the big guns.

**Ronald (Teddy) Maher** is a sergeant in the Dental Corps, and is still as bright as ever.

**Jack and Bill Pauley** both answered the call to arms. Bill was in the first batch of the A.I.F., while Jack watches the country's interests in the air.

**Bert Benson** is a sergeant in the A.I.F. He hasn't changed much since his school days.

**Bernie Campbell,** who has been in New South Wales for some time, is another Old Boy doing his bit with the A.I.F.

**Jim Allan** resigned from the Committee in August to become a sergeant in the Army Medical Corps. We have not seen or heard of Jim since he went East preparatory to going overseas.

**Dr. Maurice Gorman,** late of Kalgoorlie, but since overseas in the A.I.F., is the second Old Boy medico to enlist. We wonder if Doc. Horan will meet him?

**Allan Curtis** is another to have joined the A.I.F. Likewise **Cliff Spackman,** who is stationed at Northam.

### NAVY.

**N. Reynolds** and **George Brear** represent us on the briny. George has not been sighted for some time, and rumour hath it that he is well in the thick of things.

### AIR FORCE.

**Charlie Walsh** went to Somers early this year, but is now undergoing final instruction for an air pilot at Point Cook. After leaving Somers, Charlie was at Parafield, South Australia, where **Bill Gaynor** and **Jack Haynes** are now located. Reports from that quarter indicate great progress. Both Bill and Jack were sadly missed towards the end of the hockey season, but contrary to their expectations we did make the finai four.

**Johnny Brennan,** working night shifts on the "West Australian," was not seen much during the year. He took a caravan holiday to Albany before being drafted in the R.A.A.F. at Pearce.

When joining the R.A.A.F. early in the year, **Stan Benporath** had to relinquish the treasurership. Stan is located at Pearce, but managed to score a trip to Albany on

guard duty during the year. Air Force life certainly agrees with him, if considerably increased weight is any criterion.

**Jack Lithgo** is an Air Force drill instructor at Laverton, Victoria. Jack says the Victorian climate is rotten—he hasn't been warm since he left W.A.

**Jim Kennedy** is a fitter in the Air Force at Flemington, and is not far from Jack. Jim says Victorian hospitality is "the goods."

**Tony Butler** is also seen in Air Force blue, as is **Mick Lynch,** ertswhile of Three Springs, and **Jim McInnes.**

**Tom Kelliher** is a member of the R.A.A.F. in Victoria, and **Frank Mallett** has also joined the boys in blue.

**Frank Filear** is at Somers, Victoria. He has qualified as observer-air gunner.

**R. Fitzgerald** and **F. Browning** are also reported to be in the R.A.A.F.

**Leon ("Darky") Hansen** came down from the 'fields to join up with the Air Force.

**Ernest Nelson,** "Fido" to his contemporaries, has joined the R.A.A.F. as a trainee fitter, and has lately been transferred to the East.

**Maurie Flynn,** who has taken over **Ted O'Keefe's** position as schoolmaster at Glen Eagle, is on the reserve for the R.A.A.F., and will probably be at Pearce by the time this reaches print. In the meantime he is

keeping himself in trim with tennis and cricket, with Theresian and Highgate, respectively.

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President **Jack O'Halloran** has amply demonstrated his skill as a manager since being elected to the chief executive office in the Association. Jack hangs out his own shingle on the Terrace, where he gives advice on the Law. Mentor of the "B" team of the Hockey Club this year, Jack still turns in a useful game with the curved stick. Brother **Joe O'Halloran's** ability to pick them should be tested soon when Jack's hope starts to get among the money. Throughout a difficult period, Jack has taken an unflagging interest in Association affairs of every description.

Having lost Treasurer **Stan Benporath** to the R.A.A.F., the Association was extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of **Alec** Urquhart, who brings with him no mean record in honorary services to like bodies. Alec's activities extend to every sphere of Old Boy life, even the most vigorous—hockey. Often "at home" at Inglewood, Alec's friends are legion. **Colin,** now at Narrogin, and a proud father, is of necessity seen but little. He is a Commonwealth Bank man.

**Kevin Byrne,** who is a teacher at the Junior Technical School, is still one of the keenest supporters of the Association, and takes a lively interest in affairs as a committeeman. Kevin's work for the Church and his interest in a variety of personal pursuits continues to keep him in almost perpetual motion, but he thrives on it to all appearances. **"Vesty" Byrne,** elected to fill the position of auditor vacated by **John O'Mahoney** (A.I.F.), manages Bryant and Waters' affairs with the well known skill until recently so well exhibited as the "money-bags" of the Hockey Club. By the way, there's a game or two still left in "Vesty." He battled through another year despite a lot of setbacks. The third member of the family, **Brendan,** is little heard of.

**Joe O'Halloran's** name on the "Daily News" sporting pages still denotes the hall-mark of sporting highlights. Joe's reputation as a spotter of winners, particularly at the trots, is now well recognised. Joe made it two when another son joined the household towards the end of June.

**Bill Kinshela** transferred his energies from secretary to committeeman, and proved a powerful assistant to **Ray Forbes,** the new secretary. Bill was again the Woodrow hat winner in the A2 hockey team, and should be a thorn in the side of the opposition for many seasons to come. Rumour has it that Bill has a future at badminton, too, where some of his lunges are described as prodigious.

Still domiciled in Katanning is **James B. Kemp,** who guides the scholastic destinies of the scions of the local gentry. Frequently seen in Perth, Jim attends a function or two despite the handicap of distance.

Keenly interested in military affairs, **Doug. Pratt** has advanced to a lieutenancy in the Home Defence Corps. He is still on the literary staff of the "West Australian." Doug's efficiency should be appreciated in the military sphere.

Little is seen of **Laurie McDonald** at Old Boys' functions these days, but opportunity to spend the time is more to blame than anything. Faith in the all-round performance of the light English sports car helped Mac in the choice of a new and more powerful 'bus lately.

**Jim, Filear** completed his hundredth consecutive game with the Hockey Club early in the season just passed, then sought honourable retirement, but gallantly answered all calls in the same line later on. Jim's new home in Floreat Park garden city speaks for itself. The life agrees with him.

Once again back in the city is **Tom Ferguson,** who forsook the arid Murchison some time ago. The Hockey Club welcomed him, and Tom did not disappoint. Three months' military camp should harden you up, Tom. His brother **Jack,** rarely heard of, was somewhere in the "North" when last news was posted.

**Aubrey Lloyd,** erstwhile of the Commonwealth Bank (Perth, Bunbury, etc.), transferred to Darwin some months ago, since when nothing has been heard of him. Also transferred, brother **George** is now in Melbourne attached to the P.M.G.'s Department. George drops a line regularly.

**Ted Withell,** married since our last issue, is now settled in the southern port of Albany, another banker with the Commonwealth. Ted was just beginning to enjoy A-grade football before being transferred from Perth.

Bad luck continues to dog **Dinny Hevron** and **Les Fels,** both of whom had bad accidents. If stout hearts and uncomplaining natures make a good remedy, both Dinny and Les won't be bothered. Les went to the reunion this year and enjoyed it.

**John Sullivan,** when last heard of, was engaged on the geological survey of the northern parts of the continent under the aegis of the Federal Government. When in Perth, which is once a year, Jack generally looks us up.

**Vince O'Halloran** is located at Kalgoorlie, where a job on the Railways keeps him busy.

**George Spisbah** is not far away from Vince, as he is teaching at South Kalgoorlie.

**Tom and Alec Hesford** are reported from Minnivale, where they till the soil.

**Jack Raphael** rarely misses an Old Boys' function. Occasionally Jack has a tilt at the bookmakers, and more than holds his own.

**Dick Bryant** now has a little brother to young Richard, and although necessarily restricted in his activities, nevertheless still finds time to attend most of our functions. Bill can now be found in Wembley, dispensing healthful potions to the populace.

**Bill Rodda** is still the power behind the voice at 6PR.

**Kevin Henderson** is well on towards his dental qualification. An indefatigable worker for the Association and the backbone of the B1 hockey side, Kevin can be classed as one of the best.

**Dick Henderson** also showed great promise with the curved stick, and made quite a reputation as the statistician for the Hockey Club.

**Jack Guhl** is occasionally noticed at the football.

**Joe O'Dwyer** was a visitor from Melbourne in September. Joe, who is in the dental profession in Victoria, inquired after all his old friends. Joe tells that **Jack (Bung) Fryer** has a pharmacy business in Melbourne and is doing well.

**Frank Grogan** is researching at University, Crawley. His brother **Jack** has the drought situation well in hand at Yelbeni.

**Dan Baldwin** reports great activity in the oil world, particularly of recent months when such a thing as petrol rationing was introduced.

**Morry Maher** has a Homburg hat and a stand at the races, where the best odds and civility are guaranteed.

**Keith Spruhan** guides the destinies of "The Record," where his literary talent is given full scope. It's rather a pity Keith doesn't show up more often at our functions, more particularly now since he has that smart new Standard car.

**Lew Jones** is one of the senior draftsmen in the Mines Department. Lew leads an energetic sporting existence with hockey on Saturday and baseball on Sunday. He plays a rattling good, vigorous stick at each.

**Mylis McMullen** writes from Yorke's Peninsula, South Australia, and asks to be remembered to Old Boys of 1918-19 vintage.

**Frank Bendon,** who is travelling for W. D. and H. O. Wills, now resides at Geraldton. Frank passed through New Norcia in June.

**Frank** (pictured here) and **Mick Campbell** can be found at 379 Hay Street, where Frank is always pleased to show visitors, especially Old Boys, the new funeral establishment of which he is justly proud. In his leisure

moments he still takes part in competitive tennis, playing with the Leederville Club of the Catholic Lawn Tennis Association. Mick, however, takes a more active part in sport, being president of the B.S.A. Motor Cycle Club during the past twelve months. For two years he has been coaching the Perth Rugby Union Football Club.

**Ray Forbes,** our irrepressible secretary, has been a live wire amongst us this year. Ray's activities cover hockey, tennis and swimming, besides which he strums no mean measure on that banjolin. Ray can still be found weighing up doubloons and bars of gold at the Mint.

**Frank Byrne** can be found at Aherns Ltd. Frank developed into a stalwart hockey player, and promises to be one of our best supporters.

**Lavus Gorman** practises law on the Terrace, but is rarely seen at functions.

**Cyril Maurice,** a regular attendant at the reunion, was last heard of up Carnamah way. Where are you really, Cyril?

**Bill Enright,** another successful farmer and breeder, finds Goomalling to his liking, and takes a leading part in the town's affairs generally.

**Gren. Parker,** another of the older school who supports the Association, still assembles natty cars and manages to attend functions.

**Dr. Fred Connaughton** could answer a few queries relative to the efficacy of air raids. Right in the thick of it in London, Fred's profession will keep him from becoming a lotus eater. **Paddy** continues on his unruffled course, played hockey again until forced out with muscular trouble, and added his opinion in committee.

**Jack Lalor,** in the Railway Engineer's Office at Narrogin, sees **Colin Urquhart** frequently. Never raucous, Jack's voice is not often heard without the confines of the mid-southern capital.

Mine Host at the Australia, Perth, urbane **Dr. Frank Guilfoyle,** finds that military activity carries with it plenty of worry to shed for the benefit of others. Still, Frank can "take it," which is sometimes just as well. Ever generous with help, Frank must number friends and acquaintances by the score.

Many will remember **Les Sellenger** in the early days at College. He is lately come back to Perth from the north coast, Carnarvon way, and is handling the stud stock side of the business with Dalgety and Co.

**Keith Campbell** can't get over the fact that the Military Department reckons he should wear glasses. Keith was an interested spectator, etc., of many hockey matches this year. Younger brother **Don** stretched his legs at the game again, when business allowed such latitude, and is the "big man" of the well known family. **Colin** ("Tich" to many an Old Boy) still wages ceaseless war on drought and plague up Tardun way. If application to the game makes a farmer, "Tich" should succeed. Keith visited him while on holidays and reported "all well."

Marble Bar is a long call from the usual haunts of most Old Boys, and this explains why **Jack Martin** is so rarely seen by many. Jack was talking of leaving the place for ever, but must have changed his mind. When last heard of, the **Mallett brothers** were domiciled in the same famous hothouse.

Many will remember **Jim Rodgers,** erstwhile of Bunbury, now happily married and the proprietor of a flourishing business near Canning Bridge. His mode of life and calling must agree with Jim. He hasn't got any smaller!

A familiar face missing from the reunion was **Lyel Hurley,** farmer, of Gunyidi. **Ken Hurley,** never heard of these days, was "on the land" up Cunderdin way.

Still with the Norwich Union on the Terrace, **Bill Lithgo** is a staunch Old Boy, and is a regular attendant at all functions. Bill was another veteran to fill a place with success in the Hockey Club this year. His brother **George,** now married, is still domiciled in town.

**Harold Lynch** still practises the gentle art of dentistry in Moana Chambers, and is ever ready to respond to an invitation to forgather with Old Boys.

High up in the Orient Line buildings, **Max Ryan** practises the profession of optician. A car owner of recent years, Max appears to take most of his vacations in sea trips to the bottom end of the Far East.

Waddy Forest, up Coorow way, still finds **Harry Greenwood** engaged in farming. Although many fellows remember Harry, it is a safe bet to say that few have seen him in the last ten years. A trip to town is indicated, Harry!

Three Springs finds **Ted Duffy,** a happily married man. Ted has changed but little since school days.

The **Rev. R. G. Pym,** is located at Dongarra, some forty miles south of Geraldton. Bob never fails to inquire regarding affairs from time to time. His interest is a lesson to many.

**Lou and George Bailey** are wedded to the soil, George at Westdale, via Beverley, and Lou a bit further south.

**Victor Nelson** is teaching at Katanning, but little is heard of him. He has been successively at Perth, Kalgoorlie and Narrogin in the last few years.

**Joe Quain** is coaxing corn out Pithara way, while **Vin** is a pillar of strength in Boans Despatch Department.

**Cyril Johnson** writes occasionally from Nungarin. Cyril joined the Benedicts this year. Best wishes, Cyril. **Hughie** also took unto himself a wife, and can be located in business at Southern Cross.

**Pat Rodriguez** is a prominent figure on St. George's Terrace, and although quite a big noise in the W.A. Football League, does not show a great deal of interest in our affairs.

**Martin O'Toole** works early and late at the Metropolitan Markets. Martin proved a tower of strength in the Hockey Club. We could do with more supporters like Martin.

**Jack Haynes** is still at Keysbrook, presiding over the family's dairy farm.

A trio of the younger school of Old Boys in **Phil** and **Wilf. Longmore** and **Leo Hickey** give the Association plenty of support of the right sort. All three are members of the Hockey Club and can be relied on to turn up to functions. Phil is pulling his way through a dentistry course, while brother Wilf is with the Civil Engineering Department of the Railways and studying hard at the University. Leo Hickey studies hard at the Mint.

**Syd O'Halloran** can be seen any morning driving his big car to Midland, where he wields the tooth-tugging instruments to good purpose.

The **Brennans (J. W., T. M., and V. T.)**, of Calingiri, find farming to their liking. Tom, seen in town some months ago, spoke glowingly of a new proposition further up the line.

**Alf. Parker**, still with the Lands Department, is frequently seen about town.

**Bob Haynes** received his call to the Bar and along with **Mick Cahill** bids fair to wrest his share of briefs from the K.C.'s.

**Leo Wood** continues to flourish in the law. Leo took unto himself a bride in August, being married to Miss Molly Mulcahy at the Cathedral with Nuptial Mass. **Barney** was Leo's best man, and **Jack O'Halloran** was groomsman.

**Bill** and **Eric Wood** continue to keep the motor trade awake in the city. Petrol rationing has no terrors for the Wood brothers, who report no slackening in business.

**Peter Martin** can still be found at Glen Iris.

**Jack Shine** is occasionally heard of from Roelands.

**Cecil, Lorry** and **Joe Hynes** are also down in the potato country at Waterloo.

**Arthur Sexton** still tills the soil to some tune at Muradup.

**Dr. Elwood Byron** reports occasionally from Merredin, where a large practice keeps him more than busy.

**Tony Walsh** is in practice at Subiaco. Tony was a welcome attendant at the annual general meeting. His wife presented him with a son (Michael) during the year.

**Vern. Brand** is nearing the end of his Engineering course at the Uni. Vern. has had two trips to the Eastern States during the year, and on the last saw the Melbourne Cup run.

**Bill Riley** is still building 'em around the metropolitan area.

**George Jeffs** shows no sign of losing his wonderful interest in the Association. George is an Old-Boy-and-a-half when it comes to real work for the Association.

**Matt Clarke** looked us over during the year. Matt reports a fair year at Goomalling and Irishtown, while brother **Bill** says Marchagee is even a better prospect than that. **Kevin** is still at Goomalling, but **Frank** is with the Taxation Department in Perth. Frank shaped very promisingly with Old Easts during the football season.

**Eric Sampey** is a busy man these days, spending most of his time between Northam and Perth.

**Ralph Filmer** met with an accident to his hand during the year, but it has not prevented him showing his musical prowess.

**Kevin Milne** is with Westralian Farmers, and brought a party of fellow tennis players, including **Joe Kenneally**, to the Carnival Dance this year.

**Leo Hickey** was appointed Junior Technical Officer at the Perth Branch of the Royal Mint, and after the hockey season turned his attention to athletics with Subiaco C.Y.M.S. A keen dancer, Leo had the job of doorkeeper at the Social Dance held in July, but spent most of the evening gliding gracefully over the floor.

**Gerald McKenna** is in the Assay Office at the Mint. Father of two children, "Gerry" takes a keen if not active interest in Association affairs.

**Bill Anderson**, still at Calingiri, has taken unto himself a spouse, but found time to converse with a few Old Boys while in Perth.

**Bert Bandy** and bosom pal **Ted Withell** have also succumbed to the marriage bug. Ted is in Albany, but Bert, still in Perth, is seen too seldom at Old Boys' functions.

**Ernie Benson** played centre-forward for the "A" hockey team this year, and is beginning to take an even more interested part in the Association. Co-opted by the committee on several occasions, Ern showed to advantage. He is quickly amassing a string of trotters, and was unlucky to miss scoring a hat trick with one of his noble steeds in October.

**Geoff. Clarke**, who is toiling at the Perth Hospital, is to be married towards the New Year. He is an enthusiastic member of the Theresian Tennis Club, which has several Old Boys on its roll.

**John Coyne** was seen in Perth during the year, looking very prosperous and just as rotund as ever.

**Jack Damon** treads a neat measure at Old Boys' dances. One of Perth's leading dancing instructors is John.

**Grieg Frieze**, whose engagement was announced early this year, is selling gas producer units and is one of the few who have no fault to find with petrol rationing. Always of inventive mind, "Bob" has a few ideas of his own he is putting on the market.

**Deryl ("Bill") Gilchrist** is in the Mines Department at Kalgoorlie. Recently presented with a son and heir, "Bill" was the proudest man on the Golden Mile.

**Stan Harrold** is dispensing with the Apothecaries, and is to seen driving round in a delightful two-seater sports model. Although he is always interested in the Association, we would like to see more of him at the functions.

**George Lloyd** is doing well in the East, and the fact that he is always to the fore in the interests of the Association, even though on the other side of the Continent, speaks well for his enthusiasm.

**Dan O'Dea** paid a visit to the College in July. He is now in business not far from Kilmore, Victoria, where he often sees Brother Sebastian.

No more staunch supporter of the Association can be found than **Jack Matthews.** Frequently seen in town, Jack still conducts a flourishing transport business at Mundijong. His brother **Jim** is also in the transport business at Armadale.

editing of the Magazine must be known to be appreciated. Still at the "Worker," Manuel's figure is well-known in city advertising circles. He is often met hobnobbing with Old Boys, of whom he knows hundreds.

**Tracey Cole,** of Morawa, and his brother Wilford, of Mt. Magnet, are sometimes seen in Perth, but are best remembered by their unfailing support of the Association.

THE KENNEDY-WASHING WEDDING.

A wedding of interest to Old Boys which occurred during the year was that of **Jack Kennedy** to Miss Stella Washing. The ceremony took place in St. Brigid's Church, West Perth, Rev. Father Valentine officiating. **Tom Kennedy** was best man and **Jim Kennedy** was groomsman. In the photo reproduced here, Jim is on the left and Tom on the right.

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**Alan Canova,** of Tammin, is our newest member, and is an example to the newer Old Boys. Times are hard, and to keep going the support of those fresh from school is badly needed. Good work, Alan!

**Eddie Strickland,** another farmer, reports a good year from Wongan Hills, where he has added shearing to his other accomplishments. Seen in town a short time ago, Eddie was bent on acquiring a new blazer. His brother **Gerald** is not heard of. It is rumoured that he is now a married man. Congrats, Gerald!

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for their kindness and co-operation in the work of the Association.

The final toast of the day, "The Marist Brothers," was ably proposed by the vice-president (Mr. J. G. O'Halloran). In a brief, pithy speech, Mr. O'Halloran traced the humble origin and steady growth of the Marist Order to its present splendid position, and gave a short survey of its wonderful work in the Church. His closing plea was for a greater recognition of this work, and a request to those present to join with the Brothers in furthering by prayer the cause of their founder in his elevation to the Altars of the Catholic Church. Brother Reginald, in reply, thanked members most heartily for the toast and the kind words of the sponsor in a matter which was dear to the heart of every Marist Brother.

Football occupied the attention of all in the afternoon. In a ding-dong tussle the Old Boys gradually crept up on their youthful opponents to score a narrow win. Incidentally, there is absolutely no truth in the report that the timekeeper went to sleep on the matter of ringing the final bell. For the Old Boys, all variously arrayed, fine form was shown by Briggs, L. Wood, Kinshela, Brennan, Maunsell, Haynes and Gaynor, while for the College Lardi, Read, Patterson, Nash and Santich were prominent.

After Benediction at the College and tea at the hostel, the present boys entertained us with a short concert in the College Hall. At the conclusion of their items, Maestro James Kemp took over the baton for some community singing which, with Maestro Sid Anderson at the console of the mighty Ronisch, proved a wonderful success. Popular song after popular song was reeled off in a hearty chorus, with parodies and chaff from the stage and the audience keeping the ball rolling. About 9 p.m. a halt was called, though from the sound of it the community would have liked to have gone on singing all night. A hurriedly prepared presentation (entirely vegetable) to the Maestro Conductor, a little cards, some supper, and so to bed.

On Monday at 7 a.m. Missa Cantata was sung in the College Chapel, the boys' rendering of the Mass, despite Brother Hilarion's fears based on the previous night's community singing, being indeed splendid.

Owing to a shortage of ammunition the proposed rifle match had to be abandoned, and the morning was filled in with handball and tennis. The Brothers entertained the Old Boys' Committee at lunch. In the afternoon two hockey matches were keenly contested, the laurels in each case going to the Old Boys. Later in the evening Old Boys climbed wearily into their bus for the long trek home.

Don Read and Bryan Lardi, tallest boys in the College, having a chat with "midgets" Phil Letch, Ronnie Swan and Ray Grimsey.

# OLD BOYS AT HOCKEY

## Season's Activities Reviewed

ALTHOUGH an excellent case for the promotion of our top team to the A1 Grade was presented by Jack O'Halloran and Alex Urquhart, the W.A. Hockey Council decided, to the surprise of most players of the game in this State, to reject our application.

The following office-bearers were elected for the 1940 season: President, Jack O'Halloran; hon. secretary, Phil. Longmore; hon. treasurer, Paddy Connaughton; delegate to Council, Alex Urquhart; captain, Bill Kinshela; vice-captain, Barney Wood. Jack O'Halloran once again filled the position of treasurer of the W.A. Hockey Association.

We played against Perth in the first game of the season on April 27, and we soon showed the powers that be how hockey should be played by walking over that team to the tune of 5-0. Easy victories were also obtained in the next few matches. Old Aquinians battled hard, but were defeated 2-0, while Old Guildfordians were below last year's form and could not counter the speed of our young forward line, the final score being 4-1. Old Wesleyans were the next to be overwhelmed, their one goal looking insignificant beside the six that came from our sticks. We played Fremantle the following week on their home ground and, although playing short, had little trouble in registering a 2-0 victory.

After Old Haleians upset calculations by decisively defeating us 3-1, we had to fight all the way to hold Suburban to a 1-all draw. The next game was against our old rivals, East Cannington, who battled hard, but lost, 2-1. The second defeat for the round came from the hands of University, who won a strenuous (and at times a little heated) game, 2-1. Cricketers did not supply any serious opposition in the last match of the first round, the final score being 3-0.

The second round found our forwards working together a little better than earlier in the season, with the result that easy wins were registered against Perth, 3-0; Old Aquinians, 6-0; Old Guildfordians, 6-0; and Fremantle, 3-1. The surprise of the season came with the next game—the weak Wesleyan side held us down to a 1-all draw.

We had our revenge on Old Haleians, who beat us in the first round, by turning the tables with a brilliant 3-1 victory after our opponents had scored the first goal in less than 30 seconds from the opening bully. After accounting for Suburban, 4-1, we were defeated in the Challenge Cup final by East Cannington, 3-1—a score which did not reflect the evenness of the play. This is the first occasion since the club was founded that this cup has passed out of our hands.

In the semi-final we were defeated 2-1 by University, but reached the grand final by outplaying Old Haleians in every department of the field in the final. The score was 2-0.

The grand final proved a fast, rugged game, but University made more of their opportunities than we were able to, with the result that when the final whistle blew the score card read 2-0 in their favor.

The numerous changes in the placing of players during the season, necessitated by illness and minor injuries, had a great deal to do with our poor showing on occasions, but, in the writer's opinion, lack of practice and a proper coaching scheme were the chief factors in our final defeat.

In mentioning individual members, it is hard to fault the play of any one player, while the harmony existing between teammates was perfect. Our captain (Bill Kinshela) exhibited his usual skill and control of play at the centre-half position, while his leadership was all that could be desired. Tom Ferguson, at right-half, probably played the most consistent hockey of any member of the side, while Vern Brand, at left-half, was always to be found in the right spot. Some of Vern's goals from short corners were real gems. Bill, Tom and Vern undoubtedly form the strongest half-back line in the grade.

After many years at centre-forward, Paddy Connaughton took over the right-back position this season and proved his versatility by playing many great games. He was absent from the grand final nursing an injured shoulder. Alex Urquhart, in his usual position at left-half, was as consistent as ever, although his wind did let him down badly at times. Our new goaly, Ray Forbes, made a good job of his few opportunities.

The forwards, taken individually, were excellent—at times even brilliant—but systematic combination was conspicuous by its absence in most matches. Leo Hickey, whose speed at inside-left gave opposing backs many headaches, did well to score 22 goals in his first year in the grade. With a little polish in his stick work he should be a great asset to the game for many years. Phil Longmore, at inside-right, put plenty of

vigour and speed into his work. This little chap is in his element when the game gets a little more rugged than usual. The Wood brothers, Leo on the right and Barney on the left, did as good work as any wingers in the grade. Ernie Benson, at centre-forward, was a great trier, and most forward moves were the result of his good bullies.

Congratulations are extended to Jim Filear upon his completion of one hundred games without a break—a record to be proud of.

The club extends its sincere thanks to Dick Henderson of the B1 team for the efficient manner in which he kept the statistics for the season.

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### THE B1 GRADE.

The B1 side, ably captained by Kevin Henderson, played remarkably well throughout the season, although failing to capture either the Challenge or Hockey Cups. The first real blow came with the loss of two outstanding forwards to the R.A.A.F.—Jock Haynes and Bill Gaynor.

Opening the season in brilliant style, we met University and Cricketers, defeating each, 9-1. The following week positions were reversed, when Old Haleians finished with four goals to our nil. To make up for this early loss we disposed of Old Aquinians and East Cannington, 10-2 and 7-2, respectively. Our next game, against Engineers, resulted in our first and only draw of the season, 1-1.

Meeting Scotch Collegians in the final game of the first round, we lost our second game, 2-1.

At the start of the second round two games were won in easy style. University gave us no trouble, going under 6-0. Cricketers, our second opponents, were more active, but succeeded in scoring only 3 goals to our 6. In the latter game, Haynes, in excellent form, scored all of the six goals, a remarkable performance. Meeting Haleians for the second time, we were again defeated after one of the hardest fought games of the season. With only nine men, we lost, 5-4. This game saw William Patterson (down from the College with "appendicitis") playing his first game with the Old Boys, on the left wing.

We are proud of having broken the all-time Australian record for the highest score in any one match over 70 minutes of play. In this match we met Old Aquinians at Fremantle Oval. Within the first two minutes of play, Haynes passed to Henderson, who took possession, and, with a dash along the left wing to the opponents' goalmouth, scored the first of our 22 goals. Aquinas fought grimly, but failed to score. (The Australian record before this match was 21-0, held by Perth, set up on May 4, 1940, against Guildford.) Six of the 22 goals went to Wilf. Longmore, who played excellent hockey throughout the season, so good, in fact, that the A2's on several occasions decided to play him in their forward line, leaving us with an important position to fill. Wilf. pulled more than his weight in the A2 finals.

Our next game, against East Cannington, was extremely close, the only two goals of the day coming from Haynes and Longmore in the last five minutes. Lew Jones as usual proved himself too heavy for the East Cannington men, much to their discomfort. This game, taking place during the mid-winter holidays, saw new blood in Noel Hickey, who played exceptionally fast hockey in the right-wing position.

On meeting Scotch Collegians again, we made up for our defeat in the first round. The game was extremely close, but excellent combination between Ted Nash and Patterson resulted in Patterson scoring the only goal. Nash, like Hickey, was down on holidays.

Then came defeat. Engineers, in excellent form, finished with three goals to our one. Cricketers, much improved since we last met them, put up a strong resistance, but superior speed resulted in a 2-1 win for Saints. The next two games proved disastrous, University and Haleians beating us 3-2 and 5-0, respectively.

Getting back into step again we defeated Aquinians, 4-1, and East Cannington, 2-1. "Vesty" Byrne played outstanding hockey in both of these games. Martin O'Toole also played solid hockey in the back line. Engineers again proved that they were too strong for us, and we lost the game, 4-3. Frank Byrne fought a losing battle with very little support from the other backs.

Fate stepped in on our last game of the qualifying round, for three of our "regular" men failed to show up. We went under, 5-1, to Scotch Collegians, whom we met the following week in the semi-finals. Again we missed three "regulars," with Jim Filear ably filling one of the blank positions. Scotch showed superior tactics, and at half-time were two goals to our none. In the second half the pace was furious; with five minutes to play, Jack O'Halloran scored his second goal and brought the scores level. Play resumed with the same cracking speed, but the fatal blow came when Craig (Scotch) flicked the ball just inside the circle. Kennedy, in an effort to save, deflected the ball high into the air; it was over in a flash, Scotch had scored—and won. Saints were out.

O'Halloran, playing centre, was perhaps the best on the field. Others prominent were: Kevin Henderson, O.Toole, Jones, Kennedy, Frank Byrne (backs); Haynes, Gaynor, R. Henderson, K. Campbell (forwards).

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Adjusting themselves better to the wet conditions, College improved and provided much better football in the next quarter.

College's best players were Lardi, Read and Patterson.

Final scores were:—

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**MILING v. COLLEGE.**

Miling, perhaps the weakest team this year, was unfortunate in not having the services of Jim Clune, who proved a tower of strength in previous years. He was mainly instrumental in leading his team to victory in 1938.

THE COLLEGE XVIII.
Back Row: L. Morgan, J. Hay, E. Nash, J. Groves, W. Sheridan, D. Tankard.
Middle Row: P. Cullinane, B. Rohan, P. Bardi, J. Macpherson, B. McKenzie, J. O' Dea, W. Patterson.
Sitting: G. Klarie, D. Read, W. Prosser, B. Lardi (Captain), N. Hickey, E. Hinchliffe.
Kneeling: O. Santich.

Lardi showed some of his best style and gave his side repeated scoring chances, bringing them level at half-time.

In the final quarter College tried spiritedly to reduce Moora's 15-point advantage, but the latter's ability to use the wet ball again came into the play, and with the back lines fighting brilliantly, they held the New Norcia side off to win a splendid game.

Extracts from the only report available of the match against Miling follow:—

"Playing matchless football, the New Norcia College team defeated Miling at New Norcia on Sunday.

"Best players for College were: Lardi (unbeaten all day), Read, Brown and Santich.

"Easily Miling's best was Clarrie Bishop, who despite being the oldest player on the

side, showed more pace and dash than his younger team-mates. Others to do well were Wilson, Brian and Geof. Harrington and A. Ralph.

"Goalkickers.—College: Brown, Nash (4 each), Hay, Tankard, Sheridan and Lardi (1 each); Miling: McCarthy (2), Wilson, Paull, Davie, L. and R. Jones (1 each)."

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**COLLEGE v. MOORA.**

Our first game after the holidays was against Moora in the third round of the competition. Moora, which was short and below strength, found the College team, fresh from their holidays, carrying too many guns for them, and were it not for very poor kicking on the part of the forwards, College must have piled up a huge total.

The game lost all interest after the second quarter so one-sided did it become. The College eased off some of its pace and was content to amble along, giving the forwards every opportunity to shoot goals, but still the kicking was wretched.

A very drab fourth quarter came to an end with the College, 22 goals 26 points, to Moora, 2 goals 5 points.

In the victorious side none played better than Lardi, who was always effective whether on the ball or placed. He was well seconded by Read, Prosser, Patterson and Nash, who gave perhaps his best performance of the season.

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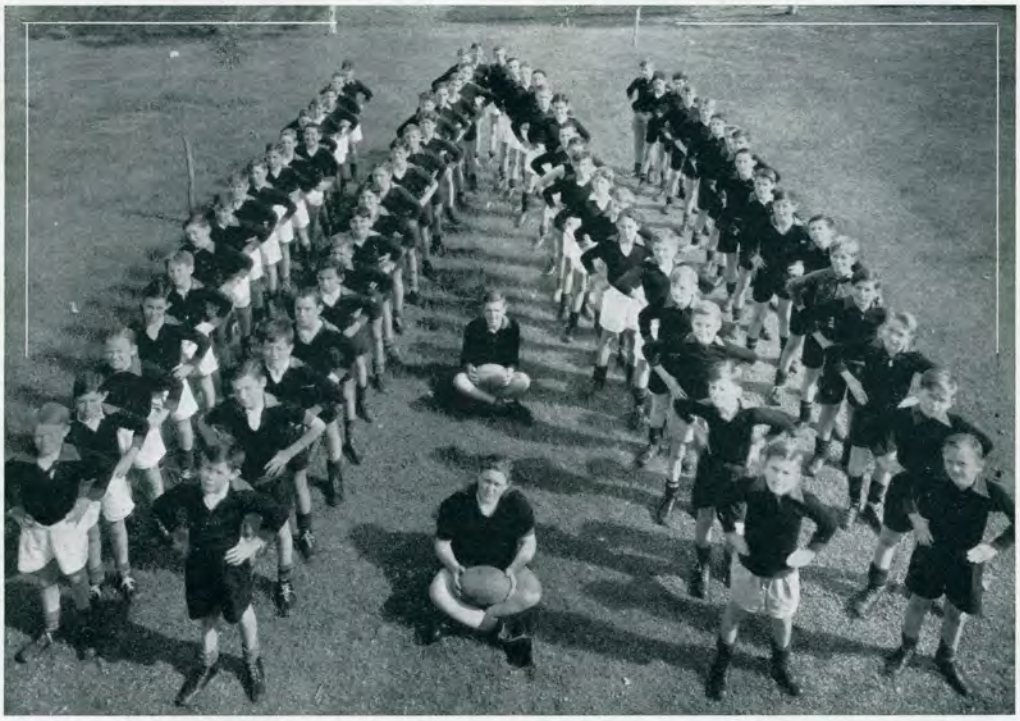
There is little more to tell regarding the competition, though the record would not be complete without mentioning Coomberdale, who probably would have finished runners-up had the season run its course.



FUTURE FIRST GRADE PLAYERS
Photo shows boys who took part in the color competitions during the year.

The climax of the season came when a combined Association team met Three Springs in a return match at Moora. College was represented by the same five players mentioned before. Three Springs again proved too strong. After a gruelling match they emerged winners by about three goals.

At three-quarter time, Mr. Metcalfe, the Association secretary, presented a cup to the College team as Premiers for 1940. This cup is open to constant competition until one team has won it on three successive

occasions. Another cup, to be permanently retained, was also presented to the College.

And so another year's football is completed. A few more bruises and "corks" and gravel rashes have been received and given; a few more boys can sport their "Eighteen" honours on their blazer pockets;

FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP CUP

and a few more football games have been passed on to posterity. We hope, however, that players who leave this year will not be lost to the football world, but will appear under new colours next year to carry on the fine reputation this College has for producing footballers of note.

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**THANKS TO Mr. METCALFE.**

Our thanks are due to Mr. Metcalfe, the President of the Moora Football Association, for the handsome trophy presented by him to S.I.C. for winning the Premiership for 1940. The trophy is of unusual design. A silver football rests on a velvet ground in front of four silver posts, the whole being mounted on polished wood. It is a trophy we are proud to possess.

# CRICKET

*(By N. Hickey)*

Prior to the summer vacation, the 1939 First Eleven played throughout the first half of the season without undergoing defeat. On our return, our numbers were depleted by the absence of our captain, F. Clarke; our consistent batsmen, L. Hickey and R. Ashdown; and our useful change bowler, F. Byrne. M. Lowry had also left. However, under the brilliant coaching of Brother Charles, a strong Eleven was soon moulded together, and we felt confident of giving a good account of ourselves. We won all of the five matches played, thus maintaining the good record of last year's Eleven. E. Hinchliffe ably captained our side.

Below are reports, taken from "The Record," of two of our matches:—

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**S.I.C. v. HOSTEL.**

On Easter Sunday afternoon, a team composed of visitors at the Hostel played a cricket match against the College. The visitors were defeated by 132 runs. The main feature of the match was the fine bowling of E. Hinchliffe, who captured 10 wickets for 21 runs off nearly 10 overs.

The Hostel team went in first, and Hinchliffe soon had most of the batsmen baffled. P. Lanigan, with 32, and J. Clune, with 18, were the only Hostel players to reach double figures. The team managed 73 runs.

Ian Brown was dismissed early in the College innings, but W. Patterson and E. Hinchliffe scored freely, the former making an excellent 51. When Hinchliffe went out for 19, Brother Charles went in, and by very hard hitting scored 72. B. Lardi also gave a good display. The last wicket fell at 205.

**Hostel**, 73 (P. Lanigan 32, J. Clune 18).

Bowling: E. Hinchliffe, 10 for 21.

**College.**

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|---|---|
| I. Brown, b G. Clune | 6 |
| J. Hay, run out | 3 |
| W. Patterson, b H. Albon | 51 |
| E. Hinchliffe, st V. Clune, b H. Albon | 19 |
| Brother Charles, st V. Clune, b K. Halligan | 72 |
| O. Santich, run out | 2 |
| D. Read, c and b K. Halligan | 3 |
| W. Fornero, b K. Halligan | 5 |
| B. Lardi, b K. Halligan | 18 |
| J. Hogg, b P. Lanigan | 2 |
| W. Prosser, not out | 8 |
| Sundries | 16 |
| Total | 205 |

Bowling: K. Halligan, 4 for 37; H. Albon, 2 for 21.

### S.I.C. v. PITHARA.

St. Ildephonsus' College cricket Eleven had its third successive win for the year on Sunday, March 17, when it defeated Pithara at New Norcia by 177 runs on the first innings. The College victory was due mainly to the fine century compiled by G. Clune.

The College won the toss, and sent Pithara in to bat, and by lunch time the score was six for 53. Thirty-four more runs were added after lunch, leaving the score at 87.

**Pithara.**

First innings, 87 (C. Bonney 20, J. Leahy 17). Bowling: Brother Charles, 5 for 26.

Second innings, 5 for 122 (E. Bonney 37, E. Leahy 29). Bowling: D Read, 2 for 21.

**College.**

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| I. Brown, b E. Bonney | 19 |
| V. Clune, c Butt, b E. Leahy | 12 |
| G. Clune, retired | 112 |
| W. Patterson, c W. Leahy, b E. Leahy | 27 |

THE COLLEGE XI.
Standing: O. Santich, J. Hay, W. Fornero, N. Hickey (Scorer), W. Prosser, J. Hogg, G. Lanigan.
Sitting: W. Patterson, E. Hinchliffe, D. Read, B. Lardi, J. Groves.

Brother Charles was the College's best bowler with 5 for 26.

Ian Brown and V. Clune opened the innings for S.I.C., and with the score at 27 the latter was caught behind. Then G. Clune came in and took complete command of the bowling. At 112, he retired, having given few chances, but E. Hinchliffe, ably supported by W. Patterson, kept up the fast rate of scoring. After our captain's dismissal at 45, wickets fell rather cheaply, and the innings closed at 264.

Pithara commenced their second innings, and at stumps had scored 5 for 122.

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| E. Hinchliffe, b J. Anderson | 45 |
| J. Groves, not out | 22 |
| O. Santich, c J. Leahy, b J. Anderson | 0 |
| D. Read, b E. Bonney | 13 |
| B. Lardi, c W. Leahy, b J. Anderson | 0 |
| W. Prosser, b J. Anderson | 1 |
| Brother Charles, run out | 2 |
| Sundries | 11 |
| Total | 264 |

Bowling: J. Anderson, 4 for 10.

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Our first game against Mogumber was won by 77 runs—123 to 46. The return match was won by even more—46 to 9 wickets for

274. In both games, I. Brown and G. Clune were the star batsmen. The other match was played against the Miling team. In this game the scores were close—110 to 100. O. Santich batted well, ably backed up by I. Brown. Brother Charles captured 5 wickets for 9 runs.

And so the 1940 Eleven has successfully maintained the good traditions established by its predecessors.

countryside and flora. I. Brown and E. Hinchliffe were top-scorers.

The next two shoots took place from the 300-yards mound, I. Brown and E. Hinchliffe being top-scorers in the first, and I. Brown and B. Lardi in the second.

To increase the interest, and to make the competition keener, the system of teams was revived, and B. Lardi and W. Prosser were elected captains. The teams being duly

THE COLLEGE RIFLE CLUB
Standing: J. Yates, W. Patterson, B. Rohan, G. Bower, O. Santich.
Sitting: E. Hinchliffe, B. Lardi, D. Read, W. Prosser, G. Klarie.

# THE RIFLE CLUB

The College Rifle Club met for the first time this year on Saturday, April 27. Nothing in the way of shooting was done on that day, however, but the "veterans" were commissioned to go out to the range to put things in order. The "new chums," meanwhile, were taught which end of the rifle the bullet comes out, and other things of primary importance.

The following Saturday saw the commencement of the actual shooting, the first shoot taking place from the 200-yards mound. Two of the new members, F. Cargeeg and D. Read, were unable to shoot owing to injuries; a bad wrist in the case of the former, and a sore shoulder in the case of the latter. G.B.'s shooting was surprising, and had a rather devastating effect—not on the target, nor yet the mound, but on the surrounding

picked, the following shoot took place from the 300-yards mound. Brother Norbert and B. Lardi topped the list this time.

The next two Saturdays saw a change of programme. Each member fired five rounds from the 300-yards, then advanced to 200-yards and fired another five. This proved extremely interesting. On both occasions, B. Lardi was top-scorer by a comfortable margin. At the latter meeting, we were honored by the presence of Brother Cletus (who had been a regular member in past years), and he set a fine example from the 200-yards mound by putting four bullets through the bull, all within a square inch. This was the last meeting previous to the mid-winter holidays.

On our return to the College, we found that all our .303 ammunition had been commandeered by the Government, so we had to come down to the use of .22 rifles. On the first Saturday after our return, we shot from

the 100-yards mound. Team scores were not taken, but were resumed the following Saturday, when we shot from 25 yards. Honours were judged only on the shooting with .303 rifles. Also, after mid-winter, additional action was added to our weekly fixtures. Brother Norbert instructed us in the art of using scanty cover to advantage when engaged on active service. This practice continued throughout the remainder of the season, providing us with much entertainment and useful knowledge, which finally developed into the exciting "snoopin'."

Determined not to be unprepared on the possible arrival of invaders, Brother Norbert formed us into a company, and, much to the amusement of our fellow-students, we marched out to the range, had a little elementary rifle drill (after the shooting) and marched home again. On these return marches we proved our worth as vocalists.

We were extremely lucky with the weather, and only on one day was it perverse enough to prevent us from shooting. And so, altogether, we had a very enjoyable season, none the less so for the many novelties introduced, and it is with feelings of regret that at the close of the season we lay down our arms.

# ATHLETICS

*(By Bryan Lardi)*

The day of this year's Annual Sports Meeting dawned amid gusty wind and threatening clouds. However, as zero hour drew near, the sun gained the upper hand and, apart from a slight southerly wind, the day was ideal. Despite the abnormally dry year the track was in good condition, as a few days previously the ground had been well soaked by several showers. Incidentally, so had we, for we had been running heats on that day.

The ground presented the usual gay sight. Alternate gold, blue, and red flags placed at ten-yard intervals marked the 440-yards track. Inside this fluttering oval lay the hundred-yards lanes and the hurdles. A long line of cars indicated an attendance above the usual. The presence of friends and relatives added still more to the efforts of many competitors, although, the team spirit being strong, we needed no incentive to give of our best.

Due to excellent organisation and co-operation between officials and competitors, the events went off smoothly. As the afternoon advanced excitement was intensi-

THE COLLEGE HOCKEY TEAM.
Standing: L. Morgan, W. Patterson, P. Bardi, J. Macpherson, B. Rohan, O. Santich.
Sitting: E. Hinchliffe, W. Prosser, D. Read, B. Lardi, N. Hickey.

fied as every new addition to the team scores brought new hopes and fears. Perhaps the tug-o'-war caused more excitement among the spectators than any other event.

The day was notable for the large number of records established, the majority among the lower ages. Nash was outstanding. Two notable records were set when he broke the Under-15 100 Yards and 220 Yards records in 10 9-10 seconds and 25 3-10 seconds, respectively. This was followed by a record broad jump of 18 feet 4 inches. Gianatti also set new records in the Under-13 broad jump and hop-step-and-jump by covering 14 feet 8½ inches and 29 feet 5¾ inches.

fight. The winning margin was not great compared with the total marks obtainable. Final scores were: Gold, 808½ points; Blue, 759 1-6 points; Red, 733 1-3 points.

Taken all round, the sports meeting was a great success. Neither spectators nor competitors had a dull moment all the afternoon. Except in one or two cases the winners of each age had to fight hard to gain and keep their position. The times, particularly among the lower ages, were good, and the number of new records was a pleasing feature.

And so another sports day passes into history. Running shoes are pushed into

WINNING ATHLETIC TEAM (Gold)

Back Row: R. Grimsey, G. Tilley, J. Rodin, A. Smith, N. Reynolds, D. Bandy, C. Gallagher, K. Pickering, G. Smith.

Middle Row: V. Harvey, P. Coverley, C. Sharp, L. Hunt, J. Flynn, G. Lanigan, M. Boyle, G. Spencer, K. Fowles, D. Hands.

Sitting: J. Hay, J. Robottom, B. Cunningham, N. Hickey, B. Lardi (Captain), P. Bardi, B. Rohan, G. Bower, P. Lynch.

He also set a new 440 Yards record of 1 minute 11 1-5 seconds. Hickey also did well, securing two records—the Under-16 100 Yards in 11 1-10 seconds and the 440 Yards in 57 3-10 seconds. Among others who set new records or equalled old ones were A. Smith (Under-12 high jump, 3 feet 10 inches, equalling the record), K. Pickering (Under-13 75 Yards in 9 9-10 seconds), and B. Lardi (Open 100 Yards in 10 3-5 seconds, equalling the record).

Despite strong opposition, Gold was the winning team in the Color competitions. Success, however, was only won after a hard

some distant corner until another year passes, when once again we will strive to put in that finishing sprint or clear that extra inch that was wanting this year.

**RESULTS.**

Detailed results are given hereunder:—

**Open Championships.**

100 Yards: B. Lardi, 1; W. Patterson, 2; D. Read, 3. Time, 10 3-5 secs.

220 Yards: B. Lardi, 1; D. Read, 2; W. Patterson, 3. Time, 25½ secs.

440 Yards: B. Lardi, 1; W. Patterson, 2; W. Prosser, 3. Time, 56 3-10 secs.

880 Yards: W. Prosser, 1; W. Patterson, 2; B. Lardi, 3. Time, 2 min. 15 3-5 secs.

Mile: W. Patterson, 1; W. Prosser, 2; J. Yates, 3. Time, 5 min. 9 4-5 secs.

Hurdles: B. Lardi, 1; D. Read, 2; B. Rohan, 3. Time, 14½ secs.

Hop, Step and Jump: D. Read, 1; B. Lardi, 2; E. Hinchliffe, 3. Distance, 39ft. 1in.

Broad Jump: D. Read, 1; B. Lardi, 2; W. Prosser, 3. Distance, 17ft. 11in.

High Jump: D. Read, 1; B. Lardi, 2; P. Bardi, 3. Height, 5ft. 2½in.

Open Champion: B. Lardi.
Runner-up: D. Read.

**Under-16 Championships.**

100 Yards: N. Hickey, 1; D. Tankard, 2; B. Dorizzi, 3. Time, 11 1-10 secs.

220 Yards: N. Hickey, 1; P. Cullinane, 2; B. Cunningham, 3. Time, 26½ secs.

440 Yards: N. Hickey, 1; J. Hay, 2; D. Tankard, 3. Time, 57 3-10 secs.

880 Yards: N. Hickey, 1; J. Hay, 2; T. Sheridan, 3. Time, 2 min. 25 secs.

Hurdles: N. Hickey, 1; J. Hay, 2; P. Cullinane, 3. Time, 15½ secs.

Hop, Step and Jump: N. Hickey, 1; D. Tankard, 2; J. Hay, 3. Distance, 37ft. 8in.

Broad Jump: N. Hickey, 1; B. Dorizzi, 2; J. Coakley, 3. Distance, 17ft. 2in.

High Jump: N. Hickey, 1; P. Cullinane, 2; D. Tankard, W. Sheridan, J. Coakley, 3. Height, 4ft. 8in.

Under-16 Champion: N. Hickey.
Runner-up: D. Tankard.

**Under-15 Championships.**

100 Yards: E. Nash, 1; J. Boland, 2; K. Doyle, 3. Time, 10 9-10 secs.

220 Yards: E. Nash, 1; K. Doyle, 2; J. Boland, 3. Time, 25 3-10 secs.

440 Yards: E. Nash, 1; K. Doyle, 2; J. Boland, 3. Time, 1 min. 2 2-5 secs.

880 Yards: E. Nash, 1; K. Doyle, 2; G. Lanigan, 3. Time, 2 min. 35 1-5 secs.

Hurdles: E. Nash, 1; W. Fornero, 2; N. Belleto, 3. Time, 15 1-10 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump: E. Nash, 1; K. Doyle, 2; W. Fornero, 3. Distance, 35ft. 1½in.

AGE CHAMPIONS
In Front: Ernest Gianatti (under 13 years), Michael Connolly (under 12 years).
Back Row: John Johnson (under 14 years), Noel Hickey (under 16 years), Bryan Lardi (open), Edward Nash (under 15 years).

Broad Jump: E. Nash, 1; K. Doyle, 2; W. Fornero, 3. Distance, 18ft. 4in.

High Jump: E. Nash, 1; E. Fowler, 2; R. Middleton, 3. Height, 4ft. 8in.

Under 15 Champion: E. Nash.
Runner-up: K. Doyle.

**Under-14 Championships.**

100 Yards: J. Johnson, 1; P. Antonio, 2; G. Spencer, 3. Time, 11 9-10 secs.

220 Yards: J. Johnson, 1; G. Spencer, 2; L. McKenzie, 3. Time, 30½ secs.

440 Yards: J. Johnson, 1; L. McKenzie, 2; P. Lanigan, 3. Time, 1 min. 10 1-5 secs.

Hurdles: D. Hands, 1; M. Boyle, 2; J. Johnson, 3. Time, 15 9-10 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump: D. Hands, 1; J. Johnson, 2; P. Antonio, B. Banting, 3. Distance, 28ft. 7in.

Broad Jump: D. Hands, 1; G. Spencer, 2; J. Armanasco, 3. Distance, 14ft. 5in.

High Jump: D. Hands, 1; B. Fairgrieve, 2; B. Banting, G. Spencer, 3. Height, 4ft. 6½in.

Under-14 Champion: J. Johnson.
Runner-up: D. Hands.

**Under-13 Championships.**

50 Yards: K. Pickering, 1; E. Gianatti, 2; H. Duncan, 3. Time, 6 9-10 secs.

75 Yards: K. Pickering, 1; E. Gianatti, 2; G. Tilley, 3. Time, 9 9-10 secs.

100 Yards: E. Gianatti, 1; K. Pickering, 2; H. Duncan, 3. Time, 13 3-10 secs.

220 Yards: E. Gianatti, 1; K. Pickering, 2; H. Duncan, 3. Time, 32 1-10 secs.

440 Yards: E. Gianatti, 1; K. Pickering, 2; K. Fowles, 3. Time, 1 min. 11 1-5 secs.

Hurdles: E. Gianatti, 1; G. Tilley, 2; H. Duncan, 3. Time, 16 1-10 secs.

High Jump: E. Gianatti, 1; B. Thompson, 2; G. Tilley, 3. Height, 4ft. 1in.

Hop, Step and Jump: E. Gianatti, 1; J. Connolly, 2; K. Pickering, 3. Distance, 29ft. 5¾in.

Broad Jump: E. Gianatti, 1; K. Pickering, 2; G. Tilley, 3. Distance, 14ft. 8½in.

Under-13 Champion: E. Gianatti.
Runner-up: K. Pickering.

John Johnson, first to breast the tape in the under-14 100 yards race.

**Under-12 Championships.**

50 Yards: M. Connolly, 1; B. Coverley, 2; P. Letch, 3. Time, 7½ secs.

75 Yards: M. Connolly, 1; R. Swan, 2; R. Grimsey, 3. Time, 10 7-10 secs.

100 Yards: M. Connolly, 1; R. Grimsey, 2; B. Coverley, P. Letch, 3. Time, 13 7-10 secs.

220 Yards: M. Connolly, 1; P. Letch, 2; R. Grimsey, 3. Time, 33 2-5 secs.

Hurdles: M. Connolly, 1; B. Coverley, 2; P. Letch, 3. Time, 16½ secs.

Hop, Step and Jump: M. Connolly, 1; B. Coverley, 2; A. Smith, 3. Distance, 25ft. 1in.

Broad Jump: M. Connolly, 1; R. Grimsey, 2; P. Letch, 3. Distance, 11ft. 6in.

High Jump: A. Smith, 1; B. Coverley, 2; M. Connolly, 3. Height, 3ft. 10in.

Under-12 Champion: M. Connolly.
Runner-up: B. Coverley.

Ted Nash leading from N. Belletto and Ron Letch in the hurdles.

**Open Handicap Events.**

100 Yards: E. Hinchliffe, 1; L. Morgan, 2; G. Klarie, 3.

220 Yards: J. O'Dea, 1; J. Yates, 2; G. Bower, 3.

440 Yards: G. Bower, 1; P. Bardi, 2; L. Morgan, 3.

880 Yards: G. Bower, 1; G. Klarie, 2; B. Rohan, 3.

**Under-16 Handicap Events.**

100 Yards: J. Coakley, 1; D. Coffey, 2; B. Sheridan, 3.

220 Yards: B. McKenzie, 1; J. Coakley, 2; D. Coffey, 3.

440 Yards: J. Robottom, 1; Flynn, 2; P. Culinane, 3.

880 Yards: J. Coakley, 1; D. Coffey, 2; B. Dorizzi, 3.

**Under-15 Handicap Events.**

100 Yards: T. Nash, 1; B. Fornero, 2; A. Longman, 3.

220 Yards: J. Coles, 1; J. Gatti, 2; Connolly, 3.

440 Yards: Connolly, 1; A. Longman, 2; J. Kelly, 3.

880 Yards: T. O'Sullivan, 1; J. Lanigan, 2; J. Kelly, 3.

**Under-14 Handicap Events.**

100 Yards: C. Gallagher, 1; C. Guazzelli, 2; Armanasco, 3.

220 Yards: M. O'Hara, 1; N. Reynolds, 2; C. Gallagher, 3.

440 Yards: C. Gray, 1; L. Hunt, 2; R. Hutchinson, 3.

**College Mile.**

J. Hay, 1; J. Yates, 2; B. Thompson, 3.

The "golds" pull their weight in the tug-o'-war.

**Tug-o'-War.**

Red, 1; Gold, 2; Blue, 3.

**Relay Race.**

Blue, 1; Gold, 2; Red, 3.

**Under-13 Handicap Events.**

75 Yards: J. Tilley, 1; J. Rodin, 2; Connolly, 3.

100 Yards: J. Tilley, 1; K. Pickering, 2; H. Duncan, 3.

220 Yards: J. Rodin, 1; J. Tilley, 2; M. Thompson, 3.

440 Yards: Connolly, 1; M. Thompson, 2; B. Hutchinson, 3.

**Under-12 Handicap Events.**

100 Yards: G. Smith, 1; D. Boundy, 2; G. Prior, 3.

220 Yards: G. Smith, 1; G. Prior, 2; D. Boundy, 3.

75 Yards: G. Smith, 1; G. Prior, 2; R. Grimsey, 3.

**Marathon (Two Miles Road Race).**

Open: W. Patterson, 1; W. Prosser, 2; J. Yates, 3; B. Lardi, 4; D. Read, 5; G. Klarie, 6. Time, 11 min. 6 secs.

Under 16 and 15: N. Hickey, 1; E. Nash, 2; D. Tankard, 3; T. Sheridan, 4; J. Hay, 5; R. Middleton, 6. Time, 11 min. 29 secs. P. Coleman, M. Flynn, G. Lanigan, B. McKenzie and R. Wise also scored points for their teams.

Under 14, 13 and 12: V. Fairgrieve, 1; K. Fowles, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. O'Hara, 4; M. Boyle, 5; C. Gallagher, 6. Time, 12 min. 55 secs. Point scorers: J. Armanasco, B. Banting, M. Connolly, E. Gianatti, R. Hutchison, V. Harvey, P. Lanigan, D. McVittie, G. Smith, B. Thompson, G. Tilley.

Bryan Lardi winning the 220 yards from Don Read.

Mick Boyle and Derek Hands clearing the hurdles cleanly.

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## HANDBALL

The handball championships created the usual amount of enthusiasm, especially among the new boys.

Before the commencement of the tournament many a practice game was played—by the beginners to discover and develop their talent, by the initiated to develop their technique and explore the possibilities of strategy. The competitions commenced in earnest about the second week in November.

W. Fornero, W. Prosser, D. Tankard and J. Hay acted as officials in a very efficient manner. The thanks of all competitors go out to them for their devotedness.

The following boys are the age champions this year:—

Singles: Open, B. Lardi; Under-16, D. Tankard; Under-15, E. Nash; Under-14, J. Johnson; Under-13, J. Rodin; Under-12, M. Connolly.

Doubles: B. Lardi and O. Santich.

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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The competition this year promises to be very keen, and the entries are so numerous that our three courts will be continuously occupied once the competition begins. The competition is under way when this copy goes to press, so very reluctantly we shall be obliged to omit this year the names of the winners.

# First Annual Schoolboys' Athletic Championships

Noel Hickey

## St. Ildephonsus' College Worthily Represented

## Noel Hickey Creates Australasian Record

Edward Nash

**REPRESENTATIVES of St. Ildephonsus' College distinguished themselves in the first annual schoolboys' athletic championships meeting of Western Australia, organised by the West Australian Amateur Athletic Association, and conducted at the Leederville Oval on November 9. With boys from sixteen schools competing, the meeting proved an unqualified success.**

**The boys from St. Ildephonsus' College who performed so exceptionally well were Noel Hickey and Edward Nash. Their success was particularly meritorious because they had spent over three hours on a truck travelling from New Norcia, arriving in Perth only a short while before having to compete. Furthermore, being unaccustomed to the running conditions, they had many difficulties to surmount.**

**Best performance was that of Noel Hickey, who won his heat in the under 16 years 440 yards in 54 2-5 sec. This time is an under-16 Australasian record for the distance. The best time for an under-16 440 yards recorded at the W.A. interschool sports is 54½ sec.**

**Tired out after competing in the 880 yards event, Hickey was just unable to make the grade in the final of the 440 yards. The following description of the race is taken from the "Daily News":**

"E. A. White, of Guildford Grammar School, beat N. Hickey (S.I.C.) in a thrilling final of the 440 yards under 16. Half way round, White and Maslin (G.G.S.) took the lead, with Hickey a few yards back.

"Hickey dashed through to the lead and was challenged by White. In the last 30 yards White took the lead and won by half a yard, Maslin being replaced by Smith (Christ Church Grammar School), third." The time was 54 7-10 seconds.

**Also from the "Daily News" is this report of Hickey's winning 880 yards race:**

"A great fight took place between N. Hickey (S.I.C.) and J. B. McLinden (Christian Brothers' College, Fremantle) in the under 16 880 yards championship. Hickey jumped to the front and gained a lead of about five yards at the 500 yard mark.

"Around the back of the field McLinden and McGibbon (Hale School) challenged the leader. Hickey broke away, only to be again challenged by McLinden.

"With about 100 yards to go McLinden again challenged Hickey, but Hickey's big striding style was too much for McLinden, and he went on to win by a couple of yards." The time was 2 min. 9 1-10 seconds.

**Edward Nash, our other representative, was placed first in his heat of the under 15 years 220 yards championship, and won the final comfortably in 24.4 sec. He was also successful in winning his heat and final of the 100 yards championship in 11 sec. In this race he lost several yards at the start and came home like a whirlwind.**

**Commenting on the championships, the "West Australian" said:**

"A boy from New Norcia caught the eye of most observers at the meeting. He was E. Nash, who won the under 15 100 and 220 yards events. He won both races in impressive fashion, unwinding a strong finishing run. Experts predict a successful future for him as a sprinter. He adopted the 'Postle' style at the starting line, without the assistance of holes, and it was quite evident that a lot of improvement can be effected in his general running. N. Hickey, another New Norcia boy, impressed in middle-distance races, winning the 880 yards and finishing second in the 440 yards under 16. The performances of these two lads was all the more meritorious owing to the fact that they had spent three hours on a motor truck travelling to Perth in the morning."

# *University Examination Results*

## St. Ildephonsus' College

### Leaving Certificate (1939)

ASHDOWN, Richard: English *(distinction)*, Latin, French, Mathematics A, Physics.

BYRNE, Francis: English, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry.

CLARKE, Francis: English, Latin, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry.

HICKEY, Leo: English, Latin, French, Mathematics A, Physics, Chemistry.

MACPHERSON, James: English, History, Mathematics A, Physics, Drawing A *(distinction)*.

McKENZIE, Vincent: English, History, Geography, Agricultural Science, Drawing B.

PROSSER, William: English, Latin, French.

LOWRY, Michael: English, Geography, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A.

McGOWAN, Barnett: English, Latin, History, Chemistry, Drawing A.

O'SULLIVAN, Patrick: English, Latin, French, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping.

URQUHART, Donald: English, Latin, French, History, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping.

WOULFE, Richard: English, Latin, French, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A.

YATES, James: English, Latin, French, History, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping.

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### Junior Certificate (1939)

CANOVA, Alan: English, History, Mathematics B, Physics, Drawing A, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping.

HENDERSON, Richard: English, French, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A.

HICKEY, Noel: English, Latin, French, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing A, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping

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### Alliance Francaise (1939)

*Grade II.*—Eric Hinchliffe *(distinction;* first place in State).

*Grade III.*—Noel Hickey *(distinction;* first prize); James Yates *(distinction)*, Richard Woulffe *(distinction)*, Don Urquhart *(pass)*, Richard Henderson *(pass)*, Patrick O'Sullivan *(pass)*.

*Grade IV.*—John Hogg *(distinction)*, Ken Loukes *(pass)*, Leo Morgan *(pass)*, Peter Bardi *(pass)*.

# The Prize List

**Leaving Certificate Class**

*Religion—*
B. Lardi
B. Rohan
E. Hinchliffe

*English—*
B. Lardi
E. Hinchliffe
W. Prosser

*Mathematics A—*
E. Hinchliffe
B. Rohan
B. Lardi

*Chemistry—*
E. Hinchliffe
B Rohan
B. Lardi

*Physics—*
E. Hinchliffe
B. Rohan
B. Lardi

*French—*
E. Hinchliffe

*Latin—*
E. Hinchliffe

*History—*
B. Lardi
W. Patterson

**Sub-Leaving Class**

*Religion—*
J. Yates
N. Hickey
D. Read

*English—*
N. Hickey
J. Yates
D. Read

*Latin—*
N. Hickey
J. Yates

*History—*
D. Read

*Mathematics A—*
N. Hickey
J. Yates
D. Read

*Chemistry—*
N. Hickey
J. Yates

*Physics—*
N. Hickey
J. Yates
D. Read

*French—*
N. Hickey
J. Yates
D. Read

**Junior Certificate Class**

*Religion—*
J. Hay
J. Hogg
G. Klarie

**Junior Certificate Class (continued)**

*English—*
J. Hogg
L. Morgan
J. Hay

## SPECIAL PRIZES

**Dux of the School**

(Prize presented by R. P. Rodriguez, Esq.):

**ERIC HINCHLIFFE**

**Good Conduct**

(Gold Medal presented by the Lord Abbot of New Norcia):

**BRYAN LARDI**

**Alliance Francaise**

(Gold Medal presented by T. L. Williams, Esq., Dip. D.S.):

**ERIC HINCHLIFFE**

**Junior Certificate Class (continued)**

*Mathematics A—*
J. Hogg
J. Groves
L. Morgan

*Mathematics B—*
J. Hogg
J. Macpherson
L. Morgan

*Physics—*
J. Hogg
L. Morgan
B. Cunningham

*Chemistry—*
J. Hogg
L. Morgan
B. Cunningham

*French—*
J. Hogg
L. Morgan
J. Hay

*Latin—*
J. Hogg
L. Morgan
J. Hay

*Drawing—*
L. Morgan
J. Hogg
B. Cunningham

*Comm. Methods and Bookkeeping—*
O. Santich
J. O'Dea
L. Morgan

*History—*
L. Morgan } *aeq.*
J. Hogg }
J. Boland

**Sub-Junior Class**

*Aggregate—*
P. Coleman
L. McKenzie
W. Fornero

*Religion—*
P. Coleman
P. Quinlivan
P. Lynch

*English—*
P. Coleman } *aeq.*
L. McKenzie }
P. Lynch } *aeq.*
E. Nash }
D. Tankard

*French—*
L. McKenzie
P. Coleman
W. Fornero

**Sub-Junior Class (continued)**

*Latin—*
L. McKenzie
W. Fornero
D. Tankard

*History—*
P. Coleman
D. Gee
D. Tankard

*Physics—*
L. McKenzie
P. Coleman
P. Quinlivan

*Chemistry—*
P. Coleman
D. Tankard
W. Fornero

*Mathematics A—*
P. Coleman, W. Fornero } *aeq.*
C. Gallagher
D. Tankard

*Mathematics B—*
A. Longman
P. Coleman
C. Gallagher

*Business Principles—*
W. Fornero, P. Coleman } *aeq.*
L. McKenzie
P. Lynch

*Drawing—*
P. Coleman
W. Fornero
D. Gee

**First Year Class**

*Religion—*
M. O'Hara
R. Hutchinson
H. Duncan

*English—*
E. Gianatti
M. O'Hara
J. Mayers

*French—*
R. Hutchinson
J. Guazzelli
V. Harvey

*Latin—*
J. Guazzelli
H. Duncan
R. Hutchinson

*History—*
D. Hands
J. Chidlow
E. Gianatti

**First Year Class (continued)**

*Arithmetic—*
H. Duncan
P. Antonio
D. Coffey

*Algebra—*
P. Antonio
D. Coffey
J. Guazzelli

*Geometry—*
J. Guazzelli
R. Hutchinson
B. Farrell

*Science—*
P. Antonio
J. Connolly, J. Mayers } *aeq.*

*Drawing—*
B. Fairgrieve
D. Hands
E. Gianatti

*Bus. Principles—*
P. Antonio
D. Coffey
M. O'Hara

**Sixth Class**

*Aggregate—*
D. McVittie
J. Connolly
F. O'Hara

*Religion—*
G. Tilley
D. McVittie
J. Connolly

*Bible History—*
D. McVittie
F O'Hara
J. Rodin

*English History—*
F. O'Hara
D. McVittie
J. Connolly

*Geography—*
F. O'Hara
D. McVittie
J. Connolly

*Grammar—*
J. Connolly
D. McVittie
K. Fowles

*Composition—*
D. McVittie
G. Tilley
F. O'Hara

*Reading—*
D. McVittie
G. Tilley
J. Connolly

**Sixth Class (continued)**

*Writing—*
J. Connolly
F. O'Hara
J. Rodin

*Spelling—*
J. Connolly
D. McVittie
J. Rodin

*Arithmetic—*
D. McVittie
J. Connolly
K. Fowles

*Drawing—*
D. McVittie
J. Rodin
K. Fowles

**Fifth Class**

*Aggregate—*
M. Connolly
M. Boyle
B. Coverley

*Religion—*
M. Connolly
N. Reynolds
K. Pickering

*Bible History—*
K. Pickering
M Connolly
A. Smith

*English History—*
R. Middleton
M. Boyle
A Smith

*Geography—*
N. Reynolds
A. Smith
B. Coverley

*Grammar—*
M. Connolly
B. Coverley
M. Boyle

*Reading—*
M. Connolly
N. Reynolds
B. Coverley

*Poetry—*
K. Pickering
M. Connolly
A. Smith

*Writing—*
M. Connolly
K. Pickering
B Thompson

*Spelling—*
M. Connolly
N. Reynolds
G. Keamy

**Fifth Class (continued)**

*Arithmetic—*
G. Keamy
C. Gray
M. Boyle

*Drawing—*
A. Smith
M. Boyle
N. Reynolds

**Fourth Class**

*Aggregate—*
N. Boundy
G. Prior
G. Smith

*Religion—*
N. Boundy
G. Smith
G Prior

*Bible History—*
N. Boundy
G. Prior
G. Smith

*English History—*
N. Boundy
G. Prior
G. Smith

*Geography—*
N. Boundy
G. Prior
G. Smith

*Grammar—*
G. Smith
N. Boundy
R. Grimsey

*Composition—*
N. Boundy
G Smith
G. Prior

*Reading—*
R. Grimsey
G. Prior
N. Boundy

*Poetry—*
N. Boundy
G. Prior
R. Grimsey

*Writing—*
G. Prior
G. Smith
R. Grimsey

*Spelling—*
N. Boundy
G. Prior
G. Smith

*Arithmetic—*
N. Boundy
G. Smith
G. Prior

# WITH THE BENEDICTINE MISSIONARIES IN THE FAR NORTH

1. The Church and Monastery at Caloombooroo. The 5000 gallon tank can be seen. 2. A picnic group at Drysdale River Mission. 3. The Caloombooroo Mission, seen from the air. 4. Native children who are cared for by the Sisters. 5. Benedictine Sisters and pupils around the statue of "The Little Flower," Patroness of Missions.

# Drysdale River Benedictine Mission

## Progress During Year

*By D. B. L.*

WHILE nations that pride themselves on having reached the apex of civilisation are devising and bringing into action the surest means of extermination, our Benedictine missionaries spend their energies in building up a Christian people out of the primitive races of the Kimberleys. If anything, the story of carnage and destruction only serves to spur our missionaries on to greater efforts for the welfare, spiritual and temporal, of the natives under their care.

Unfortunately, death from natural causes has claimed a few victims among the aboriginals lately, while the birthrate continues very low. The number of natives under the direct influence of the Mission at present is calculated at 350. This is not many, but quite enough to keep our missionaries as busy as they can be. Nothing will lessen their enthusiasm.

While the older mission-branch at Pago, by the sea, remains the same, the new settlement at Caloombooroo, opened only eight years ago, is growing rapidly into a neat, complete native village. Round about the monastery and church, several buildings of diverse size and design have sprung up. Others will follow in proportion to the Mission's means and the help of kind sympathisers. During this year a number of cottages for the natives have been erected. The important building of the moment, however, is the native hospital, the necessity for which has been felt at the Mission for many years. This building is well advanced already.

Two other buildings badly needed at Caloombooroo are a convent worthy of the name, and a schoolhouse for the children. With regard to the latter, it is gratifying to be able to note that the little "blackies" are beginning to master the initial difficulties of European learning. The proverbial restlessness and inattentiveness of young white children is nothing compared with the exhibition of these two childish defects by the little "blackies." But the inexhaustible patience, truly Benedictine, of their teacher, Sister Mary, is beginning to yield results.

BENEDICTINE SISTERS IN THE FAR NORTH
The Benedictine Sisters patiently and ceaselessly care for the welfare of the aboriginal women and children at the Drysdale River Mission.

Three of her more advanced pupils, girls twelve years of age, have written their first letter to the Lord Abbot of New Norcia. The letters are childish, of course, in style, but very neatly done. It goes without saying that, in the eyes of their elders, these girls are prodigies of Nature who, by their marvellous achievement, have dealt the death-blow to their old admiration for the clever white fellows who could make the papers "talk." It is not so very long ago since the parents of these children gasped in astonishment to discover that a little slip of paper "told" a message better than themselves who had heard it with their own ears and had been given that paper in case they forgot the message on the way. Now their own children can do the trick! There is nothing these proud parents do not expect from them.

The school roll numbers 22—boys and girls. School hours must of necessity be short. As these children are the hope of the Mission, the missionaries are giving special attention to their training, intellectual, moral and physical. Knowing the importance of getting used to work from childhood, the missionaries employ these children in diverse light tasks about the place. But, there is nothing they do so willingly as helping with the watering of the garden, for the simple reason that this work has ceased to be work since the water flows from a 5000-gallon tank which, together with its 15ft. iron stand, was kindly donated by an old benefactor of the Mission.

And thus, while nations fight on, our heroic missionaries by the Drysdale and King Edward Rivers carry on their hidden but highly meritorious work of bringing souls to Christ. May God bless their efforts!

# EXCHANGES

**The following interesting publications, received and read with pleasure during the year, are thankfully acknowledged.**

**Magazines from—**

St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, Sydney.
Marist Brothers' High School, Darlinghurst.
Sacred Heart College, Glenelg.
Marist Brothers' College, Sale.
Sacred Heart College, Auckland, New Zealand.
Marist Brothers' College, Randwick.
Marist Brothers' College, Rosalie, Queensland.
Assumption College, Kilmore.
Marist Brothers' College, Dumfries, Scotland.
Marist Brothers' College, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Benedictine College, Minho, Portugal.

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*Downlands Magazine*, Queensland.
*Muresk College Annual*, W.A.
*Scotch College Magazine*, Perth, W.A.
*Our Alma Mater* (St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, N.S.W.)
*The Swan*, Guildford Grammar School.
*The Australian and New Zealand Travellers' Gazette.*
The Commonwealth *Hansard.*
*The Patrician*, Jesuit College, East Melbourne.
*Kalgoorlie School of Mines Quarterly.*

# New Norcia Diocesan Notes

## Confirmation at Goomalling

ON October 20 the Lord Abbot of New Norcia, Most Rev. Dr. Catalan, O.S.B., visited Goomalling to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-six candidates. During the Pontificial Mass which His Lordship celebrated, fourteen children made their first Holy Communion. To these and the confirmation candidates a thorough instruction had been given beforehand by the Parish Priest and the good nuns of the Presentation Convent. Congratulations!

## New Boarding School for Boys Opened

At 3 p.m. the same day, the liturgical blessing and official opening of a Boarding School for Boys was solemnised by His

The new Boarding School at Goomalling.

Lordship Dr. A. Catalan, O.S.B., in the presence of a large gathering of Catholics and citizens of Goomalling and surrounding districts. The donor of the building is a well known and highly respected citizen of Goomalling, Mr. Roger Gleeson. The Boarding School is in charge of the Presentation Nuns.

It is the Lord Abbot's hope that this school will be a preparatory school for St. Ildephonsus' College. This school will cater for boys from seven to twelve years of age. It is hoped then that they will graduate to St. Ildephonsus' College to complete their secondary education.

All particulars about this school may be obtained by writing to: Rev. Sister Superior, Presentation Convent, Goomalling.

## Late Brother Vincent Quindos, O.S.B.

On August 24 Brother Vincent Quindos died a holy death at the Benedictine Abbey. He was 79 years of age and the oldest member of the Benedictine Community.

Arriving in New Norcia under the late Bishop Torres in 1902, Brother Vincent spent the best years of his religious life in the North-West, as a pioneer of the Drysdale River Mission. The amount of work he did there is incalculable. His courage saved the Mission repeatedly from the attacks of the aboriginals who, during the first five years (1908-1913), stubbornly refused to be friendly with the missionaries, and often attempted to murder them. Returning to New Norcia in 1922, the good Brother continued to live a useful life in the Abbey, his love of work being equalled only by his great piety. He bore the ailments of old age with remarkable patience, and died peacefully after a short illness. R.I.P.

# St. Gertrude's College

THE Christmas vacation over, on February 8 the hallowed walls of St. Gertrude's echoed and re-echoed once again with the happy laughter and chatter of its students. To many this was quite a familiar experience, while for an unusually large number it was their first appearance at S.G.C.

We soon observed the absence of Sister Anthony, who had gone to Merredin, and Sister Francis, transferred to the Eastern States. We hope they may long be spared to labor in Our Lord's Vineyard. These vacancies were filled by Sisters Clare and Benedict.

As the weather became warmer, many enthusiastic swimmers enjoyed a daily dip in the pool.

New Norcia was one of the privileged centres to be visited by the Apostolic Delegate during his tour of the West. We attended a ceremony at which the Reverend Father Prior welcomed His Excellency. The following morning the Apostolic Delegate celebrated Holy Mass in our Oratory, while during the afternoon, accompanied by five priests, he visited our College and spoke a few words to us, finally granting us a holiday and a picnic.

Early in the year the Children of Mary election took place. Molly Scully, Mary Chitty and Roma Keamy filled the offices of president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

The Mother General of the Sisters of St. Joseph (Mother Cyril), accompanied by Sister Mary John, from South Australia, arrived at St. Gertrude's on August 4, and while here visited Moora and Dalwallinu. Mother appeared very interested in our progress, both spiritual and temporal, and urged us to do all our work conscientiously and well.

We all rejoiced at the news on August 8 of the return of the Lord Abbot to New Norcia after his stay of about twelve months overseas.

Despite the pessimism caused by the examinations, we all thoroughly enjoyed our annual picnic, held on September 19. We journeyed early in the morning to the reservoir and returned late in the evening tired but happy.

With the examinations speedily approaching, we conclude this year's chronicle by wishing success to all taking part.

—MARGARET GREGSON.

**SPORT.**

This year the enthusiasm displayed in the various sporting activities has been of the same high standard as in previous years.

Owing to the kindness of the "Old Girls,"

SENIOR GIRLS

JUNIOR GIRLS

our tennis courts have been surrounded with a splendid Cyclone fence. Besides improving the appearance of the sporting field, the incentive to play was much greater. Our thanks are also due to the Marist Brothers and several of the College boys who spent so much of their time in repairing one of the courts with ant bed soil.

With the arrival of cooler weather, our thoughts naturally turned towards hockey. There were many discussions as to whether our hockey would be up to the standard of previous years, owing to the absence of several of our former players. It was not long, however, before many newcomers showed great sporting ability, and once more our reputation as "hockey premiers" remained unbeaten.

Two teams were chosen from a selected number of players, and a keen competition ensued. On June 3 we watched a very interesting match between the present and Old Boys of St. Ildephonsus' College, thus gaining some very useful hints. The Moora Hockey Team challenged us on June 9. The match proved to be very exciting at first, both sides appearing to be even. However, at half-time the score was 2-0 in our favour, and we finished winning, 4-0. Goal scorers were Frances Bellitto and Thelma Rowe. On behalf of the team, I wish to thank Brother Cletus, who umpired the match.

Our annual picnic and sports day was held on September 19. Results of the main sporting events were as follows: Flat Race: 14 years and over, M. Scully; 12 to 14 years, G. Butler and R. Scully; 10 years and over, S. Carroll; 10 years and under, M. Bianchini. Egg and Spoon Race: 13 years and over, M. Baseden; under 13 years, J. Gellately. Three-legged Race: 14 years and over, M. Petroff and J. Green; under 14 years, J. Gellately and J. Hands. Hop, Skip and Jump: 14 years and over, G. Butler; under 14, M. Baseden. Sack Race: 14 years and over, M. Petroff; 10 years and over, K. Fisher.

THE SENIOR HOCKEY TEAM.

With the approach of warmer days ahead, we are eagerly looking forward to the swimming season. We are also looking forward to the daily practice of basket-ball.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my heartiest wishes to the girls of 1941 for a very successful year in the sporting field, and to thank all those who have participated in the various events this year.

—NELA PETROFF.

PORTION OF THE SENIOR DORMITORY

### ANNUAL RETREAT.

Our much anticipated Retreat for 1940, conducted by Rev. Father Morrissey, C.SS.R., commenced on Friday, July 26. The opening lecture was based on the words "My child, give Me thy Heart." Although the idea of the silence at first seemed to us a very difficult task, after the first few hours we appreciated the opportunity afforded to us of being alone with God.

We received full instructions on how to make a good Confession, and were advised to go to Confession frequently and by so doing receive an increase of Sanctifying Grace. The second day was placed under the care of St. Joseph, and devoted to prayer for Foreign Missions and Vocations. The lecture centred around our duties to our parents. Father gave a very enlightening instruction on the Mass, which should result in our attending at the Holy Sacrifice with more devotion and reverence than formerly.

The Retreat concluded in the morning of July 30.

—M. SCULLY.

# University Examination Results

## St. Gertrude's College

### Leaving Certificate (1939)

MORGAN: Mary: English. French, Biology-Botany, Drawing A *(distinction)*, Industrial History and Economics, Music.

MORGAN, Maud: English, French, History, Mathematics A, Biology-Botany *(distinction)*, Drawing A, Music.

CANOVA, Thelma: English, Biology-Botany, Agricultural Science, Drawing A, Industrial History and Economics, Music.

HILET, Joan: English, French, Geography, Biology-Botany, Physiology and Hygiene, Drawing A.

PETROFF, Nela: English, Geography, Biology-Botany, Industrial History and Economics, Physiology and Hygiene.

FITZGERALD, Johanna: English, French, Music *(distinction)* (1938), Mathematics A *(distinction)*, Biology-Botany, Industrial History and Economics (1939).

(All candidates presented were successful )

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### Junior Certificate (1939)

MURRAY, Gladys: English, History, Geography, Biology-Botany, Physiology and Hygiene, Drawing A, Arithmetic.

SCULLY, Mary: English, French, History, Geography, Biology-Botany, Drawing A, Music.

NEUMANN, Joy: English, French, History, Geography, Biology-Botany, Drawing A, Music.

DIX, Theresa: English, History, Biology-Botany, Drawing A, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping.

KEAMY, June: English, History, Geography, Biology-Botany, Drawing A.

ARKELL, Peggy: English, Biology-Botany, Physiology and Hygiene, Drawing A.

CHITTY, Mary: English, History, Commercial Methods and Bookkeeping, Music (1938), Geography, Biology-Botany (1939).

### Alliance Francaise (1939)

*Grade II.*—J. Hilet *(pass)*, M. T. Morgan *(pass)*, N. Petroff *(pass)*, M. D. Morgan *(pass)*.

*Grade III.*—J. Neumann *(pass)*.

*Grade IV.*—J Green *(distinction)*, M. Petroff *(distinction)*, J. Wisbey *(pass)*, M. Scully *(pass)*.

(All candidates presented were successful.)

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### Music

**University of W.A. Examinations**

*Grade II.—(Pianoforte):* Betty Rodway, Margaret Gregson *(credit)*.

*Grade III.—(Pianoforte):* Mary Scully *(pass)*.

*Grade IV.—(Pianoforte):* Joan Lanigan, Hazel Urquhart, Mary Petroff, Joan Green *(credit)*.

*Grade V.—(Pianoforte):* Nola Connolly, Rita Scully, Dorothea Lanigan *(credit)*.

*Preparatory Pianoforte:* Mary Bianchini *(pass)*.

*Grade IV.—(Violin):* Frances Bellitto *(credit)*

*Grade VI.—(Violin):* Dorothy Urquhart *(honours)*.

*Grade III.—(Musical Perception):* Joan Green *(honours)*, Mary Petroff, Joan Lanigan, Mary Chitty *(credit)*.

*Grade III.—(Theory):* Betty Rodway, Margaret Gregson *(pass)*.

*Grade VI.—(Theory):* Nola Connolly, Margaret Thackray, Rita Scully *(honours)*, Dorothea Lanigan *(credit)*.

**Trinity College Theory Examinations, 1939**

*Advanced Junior.*—Betty Rodway, Margaret Gregson *(honours)*.

*Junior.*—Joan Lanigan, Mary Chitty, Frances Bellitto, Valerie Davis *(honours)*.

*Preparatory*—Joan Green, Denise Penton, Mary Petroff *(honours)*, Rita Scully *(merit)*.

*First Steps.*—Nola Connolly *(honours)*.

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# St. Ildephonsus' College

## New Norcia, Western Australia

(*Conducted by the Marist Brothers*)

THE COLLEGE was erected by the late Bishop Torres at an outlay of some £25,000. The structure is Byzantine in style, quadrangular in form, with cloisters and court within, thus ensuring the greatest coolness in all apartments, which are lofty and well ventilated. ¶ The Chapel—a distinctive feature of the College—is a gem of architecture, and runs almost the full height of the building. ¶ The College is beautifully located in the heart of the grand Benedictine Settlement of New Norcia. ¶ The purpose of the Lord Abbot is to bring Catholic Education within the reach of the masses. The aim of the Brothers is to second this laudable design by imparting a truly Christian education and affording every opportunity to their students of pursuing knowledge. ¶ The course of studies comprises a thorough knowledge in Religion, in addition to Greek, Latin, Modern Languages, Mathematics, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Bookkeeping and Drawing. ¶ Students are prepared for the Junior and Leaving Examinations and the Entrance Examination to the Western Australian University. ¶ Exceptional advantages are offered for the study of Instrumental Music.

*Applications for admission and further particulars to be made to the*

*BROTHER DIRECTOR*

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

TO

# St. Ildephonsus' College

NEW NORCIA (W.A.)

*Name in full* .....

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*Day, Month, and Year of Birth* .....

*Religion of Boy* .....

*Name of Parent or Guardian* .....

*Postal Address* .....

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*Place of previous Instruction* .....

*Standard attained at last School* .....

.....

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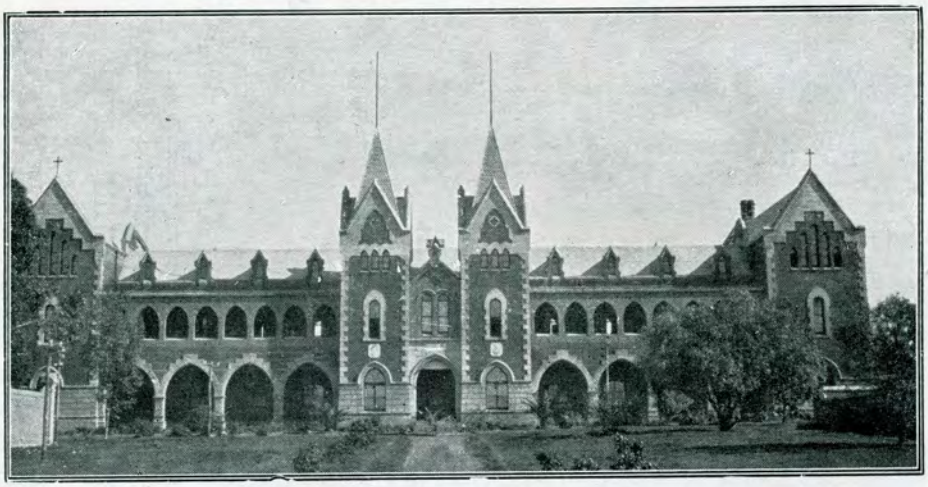

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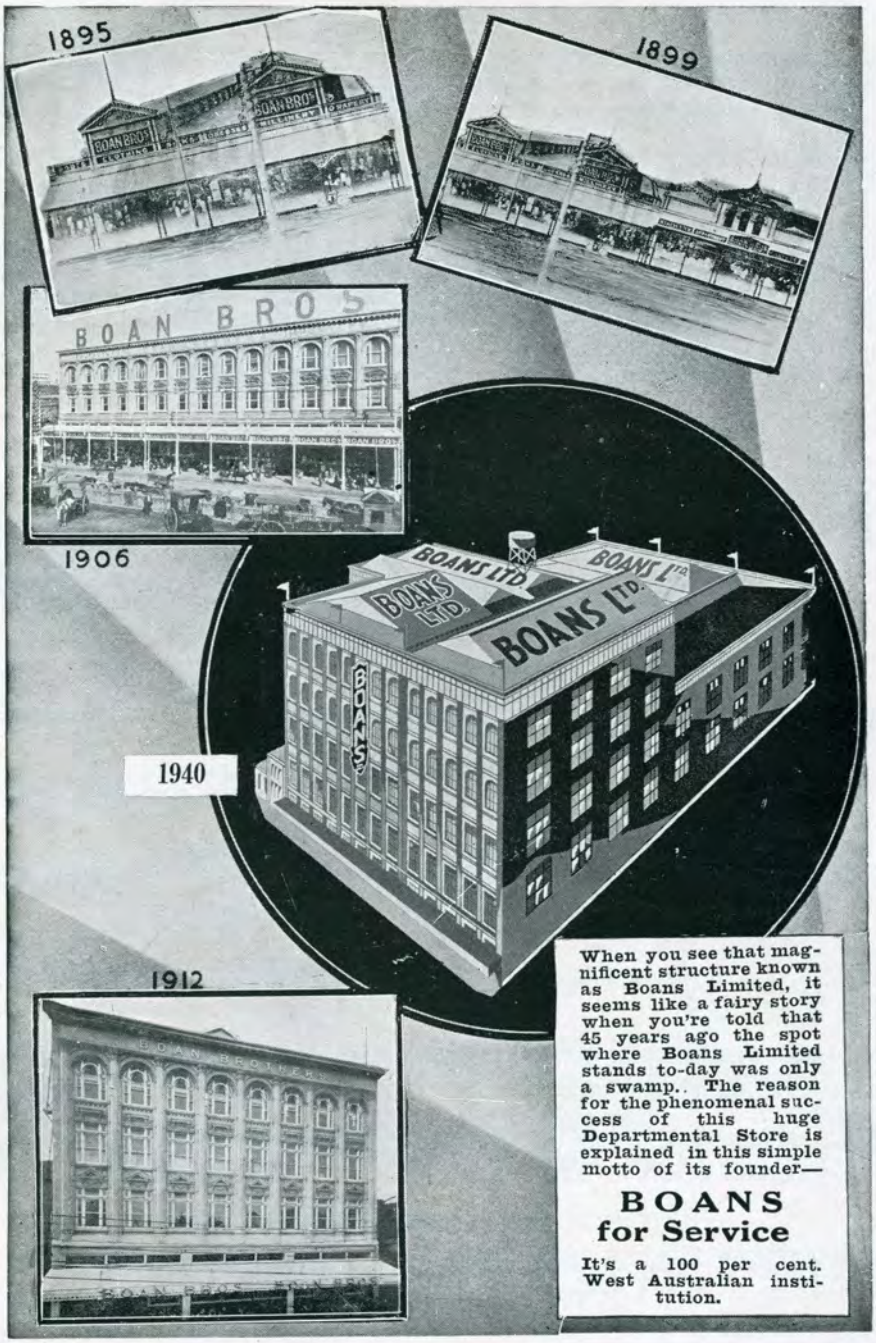
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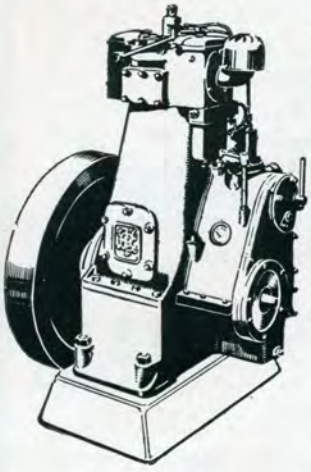

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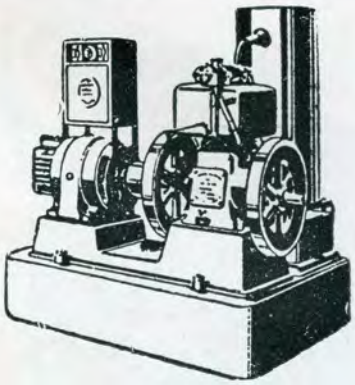

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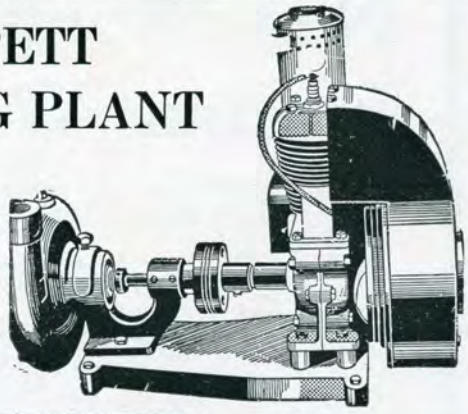

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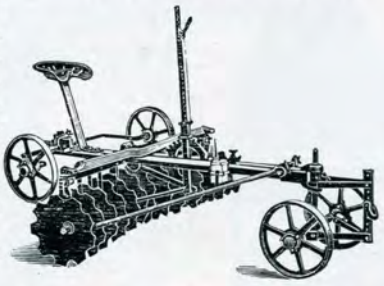

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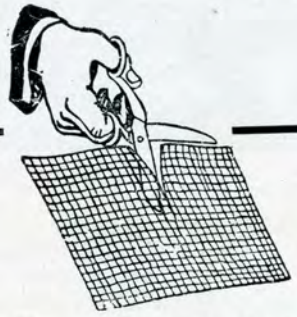

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