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Celebrating 125 years

1897 – 2022

Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians



A letter from the General Superior of the Xaverian Brothers



XAVERIAN BROTHERS

IN HARMONY SMALL THINGS GROW

February 8, 2022

Mr. Don MacDonald
Clapham Old Xaverians Association
Mayfield, England

Dear Clapham Old Xaverians:

On behalf of the Xaverian Brothers, I congratulate you on the 125 anniversary of the foundation of Xaverian College Clapham. From the early years under Brother Gabriel's leadership, the spirit of the school has served as a shining light and a beacon of hope for countless students and their families. Hundreds of Xaverian Brothers have generously served the school. Their legacy continues to be an important part of our congregation's storied history.

All Xaverian Brothers today are deeply grateful to the COX Association as you carry on the spirit and values so beloved by us. Thank you for all that you do to commemorate Catholic education in the Xaverian tradition at Clapham, and for maintaining our brothers' place at Mayfield Cemetery.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Brother Daniel

Brother Daniel Skala, CFX
General Superior

125 Years of Clapham College

Chapter 2-1900 to 1910



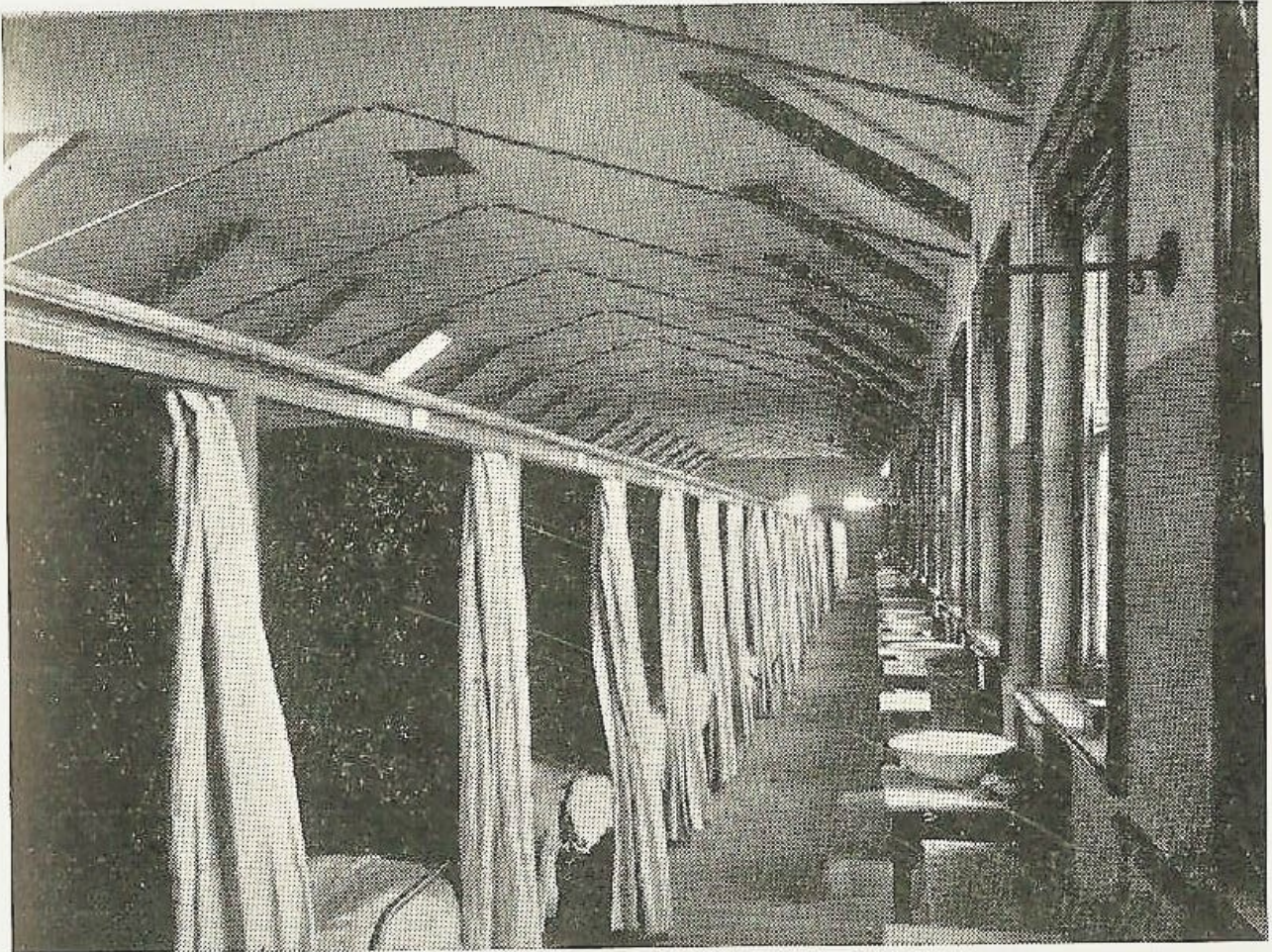
New School, New Century

1. Dawn of a new era at the new College



Starting the second decade at Clapham College with an awfully faded photograph may not seem spectacular, but if you look carefully at the view looking north to the bell tower, it's amazing how much it looks like the view we were all used to Post World War Two, up to the time where they built the "new" school over the play ground and Paddock. You can reel off the classes, 1A, 1 Alpha, 2A, then 1st floor 2 Alpha, 3A, 3 Alpha and then on the top floor Geography Room , 4A, 4 Alpha. The Gym was on the far side of the Tower, then above it the Chapel with 5A and 5 Alpha on the far top floor. I was intending to look at the sartorial elegance of the Clapham Boys in the photograph, when I thought ... were the classrooms built in less than a year?....NO! Therefore what were they used for prior to them being turned into our school? The site was purchased with Broadoak as the main building [home of Sir Thomas Salt's widow], but what on earth would that block been used for. The work in 1897 prior to it's opening was to "convert" the Chapel and Gym and put in the Dormitories on the top floor for the borders [look at the photographs overleaf]. That teaching block, which still exists as offices/meeting rooms at SFX, was not built as classes - therefore what?

2 Brothers Dunstan and Christopher - two Clapham "legends" add to our knowledge



The Fourth and Fifth Forms as they were when in use as dormitories. (See "Early History of the School" by Bro. Dunstan, to whom we are indebted for the use of this photograph.)

Part of Br. Christopher's speech recalling the "Brothers at Clapham"

In 1902 chemistry was started in the demonstration laboratory, the school thus showing itself commendably aware of the trends that education would have in the future. Unfortunately this awareness did not extend into the realms of school planning, for when the laboratory was extended in 1908 it was extended at the width of the existing building. Successive science masters cursed it's narrowness.

In 1905 Brother Cuthbert became Headmaster in succession to Brother Gabriel. He held that position until 1919. Two notable events of his term were the purchase in 1907 of the playing fields at Norbury and in 1919 of the property adjoining the school "Hollywood", so called long before it's Californian namesake achieved notoriety. Norbury was put to use immediately, but Hollywood's lease still had some years to run and it was not until 1924 that the school could start to use the newly acquired house and grounds. In 1925 Hollywood was opened as a preparatory department and fulfilled that function until the 1944 Act forbade the continuance of main schools and prep schools on the same property.

3. Photographs of the 1908 new laboratory extension

Two photographs of the 1908 lab extension. I assume the extension was to the “left” - so the display lab to the right [Br. Dunstan's' must have been the original one. This photography looks like a derelict mill and outbuilding in 1908 - yet it was my Science Lab in the 1960s...were they “all that”?? Interesting the fire escape steps on the 1st Floor [outside 2 Alpha] - do not go up to the second floor as they did to later to the Geography. Room.



XAVERRIAN COLLEGE, CLAPHAM COMMON—FROM THE PLAYGROUND.



That “ominous” black door to the washrooms and those grim outside toilets

THE NEW LABORATORY, XAVERRIAN COLLEGE, CLAPHAM COMMON.

4. Two photos giving a flavour of the College in the “new” Century



Boiler Room 1907 unknown Brother

These two black and white photographs give an insight into the College at the turn of the century. The gloomy boiler room photo gives an impression of the rather bleak Victorian basement. Was the brother “posing” or was he the engineer? This boiler was possibly the reason for those long cold winters in the 1960s, I’m sure it would be the same one!

Clapham College Sixth Formers 1907

This is my first real photo of the ethos of Clapham that still thrives today. The scene is wonderful, the 6th former, casual and up for a bit of fun! Is that their school uniform, or are they off to tennis? The greenhouses and plants in front of those famous hounds impress!



5. Maurice David, Clapham College border from Paris [1902-1903 termly invoice breakdown]. Nice to see the use of Pounds, Shillings and Pence

Mons. David,
37, Rue Caumartin,
Paris,
France.

No. 181.

Dr. to CLAPHAM COLLEGE.

Name of Pupil	1 st Term	2 ^d Term	3 ^d Term	Term
Maurice				
Date of Birth	17/12/88	From 1 st Mar	1 st Mar	1 st Mar/13
Date of Admission	7/10/12	To 31 st Mar/13	1 st Apr/13	31 st Mar/13
To CLASS-BOOKS AND STATIONERY			8 3	19 9
.. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	1 15 0	1 10 0		
.. POSTAGE		10 2 1/2	9 11 1/2	
.. REPAIRS OF CLOTHES		1 8	4 3	
.. .. SHOES		11 10	8 8	
.. WASHING		15 9	19 4	
.. POCKET-MONEY		1 0 0	1 4 0	
.. GAMES (by special permission)	10 0		Free 3 0	
.. SUNDRIES		1 4 1/2	3 11 1/2	
.. A PAIR OF HOUSE-SHOES			9 0	
.. .. BOOTS football boots		8 11	1 19 6	
.. .. SUIT OF CLOTHES			3 0	
.. TRAVELLING EXPENSES Cab		3 0 0	3 13 4	
.. USE OF LIBRARY	2 0	5 6	5 0	
.. .. TABLE SERVICE, ETC.	1 0 0		4 14 9	
.. Brill Gladstone bag, cap, bag	6 0		1 11 0	
.. Football boots, shirt, belt, cap, bag		15 11	1 10 0	
Total of Personal Expenses	3 8 0	9 9 5	18 18 9	
To one Term's Pension	16 13 4	16 13 4		
Total	20 1 4	26 2 9		
paid	3.9.4	18.0		
	16-12-0	24-14-9		

2^d p per 1/11. probab. money £18.0.0

£18.0.0 paid

Paid 220- 20/11/13

6. Advertisement for the Xaverian College, Clapham

Xaverian College, .

CLAPHAM COMMON,
LONDON, S.W. . . .

High-class Boarding and Day School.
Most healthily situated, facing Common.

Thorough religious and commercial or
classical education. Preparation for
London Matriculation, Higher Certifi-
cate and Oxford Local Examinations.

For Prospectus apply to the
BROTHER SUPERIOR.



CLAPHAM COLLEGE, LONDON.

1908



Exam results contain familiar names from the WW1 Roll of Honour - Fox, McLoughlin & Beghin]; also there **Rowland Bourke** our V.C.]

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, 1901.

Clapham College.—Out of the 40 Candidates presented, 32 passed.

SENIORS.—Vincent Cahill, Henry Devitt, William Fitz-Gerald, Charles Gleiser, James Hayes, John Knecht, John McLaughlin, Richard Nance, Sydney Norris, Francis Turner.

JUNIORS.—Louis Beghin, Cecil Bourke, Philip Cuming, Bernard Mare, John O'Shea, Frederick Toleman, Basil Prentis, Edward Fox, James Murray.

PRELIMINARIES.—Edward Andrews, Bernard Carroll, Clement Casey, Conrad Eisenmann, Douglas Gray, Edmund McLaughlin, Emmanuel Niox, Rowland Bourke, James Fox, Thomas Gould, Leopold Secchi, Bower Grosvenor, Joseph Giudici.

Master Vincent Cahill obtained 11th place in second class Senior Honours.

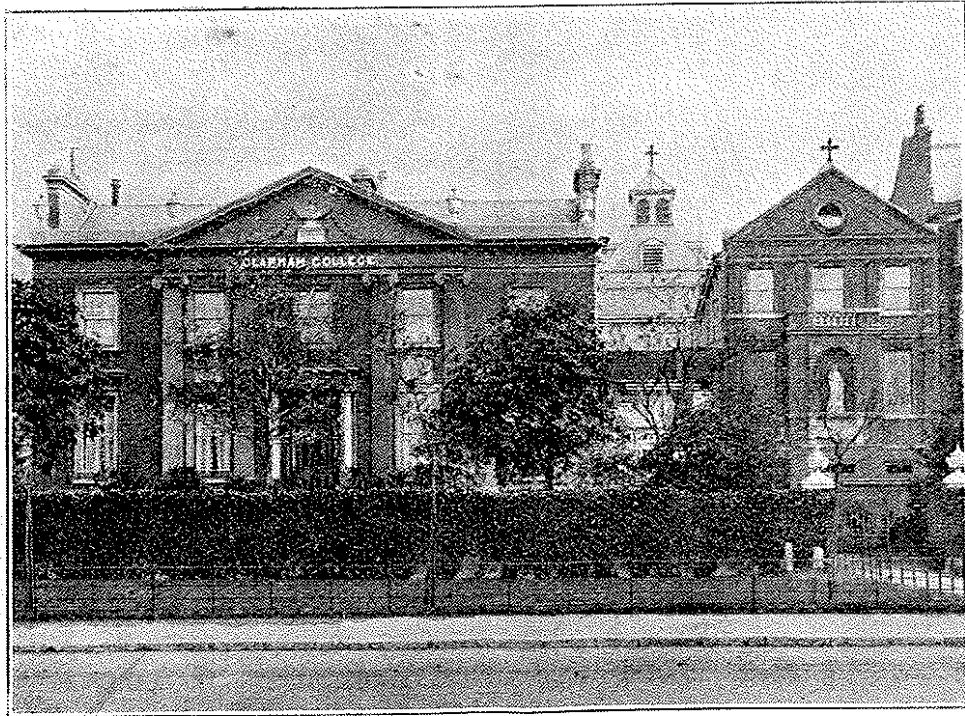
Master Edmund McLaughlin obtained third class Preliminary Honours.

Master Vincent Cahill obtained distinction in Religious Knowledge (1st place), and in English (9th place).

Master Louis Beghin obtained distinction in Junior French (4th place.)

7. Visit of the Bishop of Southwark to new Xaverian College Clapham

Clapham.



Visit of the Bishop of Southwark.

OUR first Communion and Confirmation took place on Friday, June 24th, the feast of St. John Baptist. The Right Rev. Dr. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, accompanied by Canon St. John, arrived at the College shortly before 8 o'clock. A large number of parents assembled in the Chapel, tastefully adorned with a profusion of flowers and many approached the Holy Table with their children. During Mass, His

Lordship, assisted by the Rev. J. V. Warwick, Rector of Balham, administered Holy Communion to 29 pupils. Shortly afterwards, Dr. Amigo confirmed some 34 boys, Mr. John Fitz-Simons standing as Godfather. While the company were at breakfast a concert was given by the orchestra and choir. Replying to an address of welcome from the boys, the Bishop said he had long cherished the desire of visiting the

college and was much pleased with what he had seen. One hundred and fifty was a large number of boys, but he hoped that at his next visit he would find the number greatly increased. He earnestly wished that among those whom he saw before him preparing for commerce or professional careers some at least would be found ready to devote themselves to the service of God as priests or religious, and in this reference His Lordship remarked how, in his own student days, his thoughts had been led from dreams of success at the bar to a higher plane, mainly through Canon

St. John. He concluded by granting a holiday, a thing sufficiently rare in the boys' opinion. The Bishop spent some time after breakfast in conversation with the boys, apparently as happy in their society as they were in his and later in the morning left the College amid the hearty good wishes of Brothers and boys.

Five certificates have been gained this term by our boys at the London College of Music. Our cricket season has not been particularly brilliant. Out of 7 matches we won 5 and lost 2. During the midsummer holidays our boys stayed at Rottingdean.

8. The original “right side” stained glass window in the Chapel - Francis Xavier



Really require a student / expert on St Francis Xavier to get an idea what was on the original stain-glass window in the Chapel [removed by Father Bennett of the Holy Ghost, to be replaced with a stained-glass window of St Oliver Plunkett]. How could the Xaverians allow this to happen [and I mean ALL of us?]. I hope the Francis Xavier window was carefully removed and is in it's glory letting the sun shine through it as we read this piece, hopefully sitting in a Pub window, [would be better than destruction!].

The original right window had the beautiful “Mary and the Arc-Angel” window [above] which was moved to the left to “accommodate” St. Oliver Plunket.

WILFRID HOLLINGSHEAD . 1897 .

Inscribed on the stained glass, **Wilfred Hollingshead**, who also created the War Memorial in the Mayfield Chapel

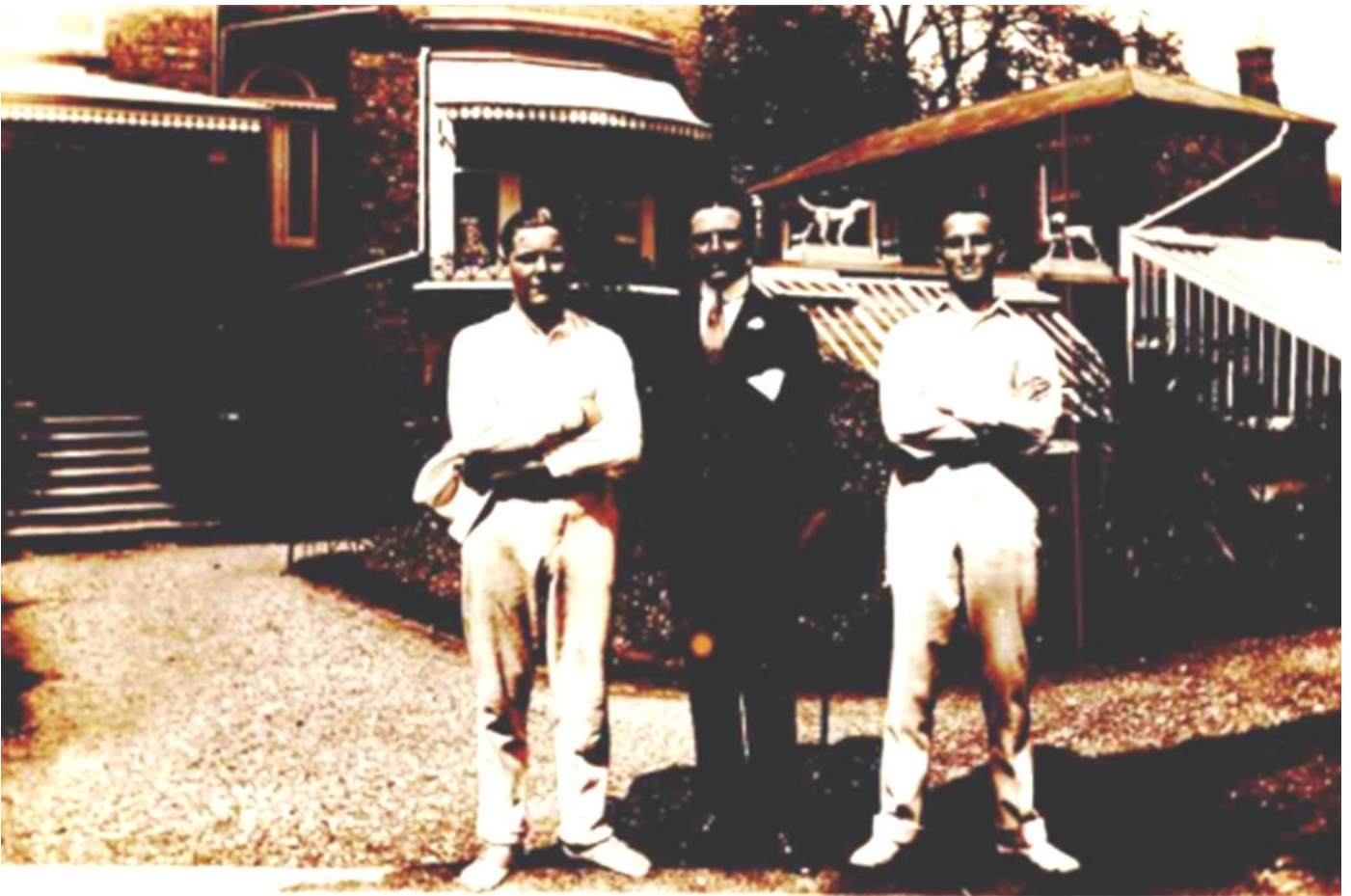
9. Brother Dunstan joined Clapham College in 1901
 1901 [yes 1901 and he was still around for us until 1970]



136	Br. Dunstan	James Hill.
	Was in Mayfield as student in	1898
	Transferred from Mayfield to Clapham	1901
	" " Clapham to Manchester.	14.4.1905
	" " Manchester to Clapham	1913.
	Born Jan. 2nd. 1885	Alston, Lancs.
	Baptised 1895	Alston, Lancs.
	Entered Feb. 14th. 1900	Father: William Mother:
	Received Habit	Sept. 25th. 1902
	Professed	Jan. 1st. 1909.
		Retired at Clapham 1950
		Twickenham 1970
		Bradley House 1972
	Died March 2, 1979 at Twyford Abbey	

BROTHER DUNSTAN (James Hill) Born: Alston, Lancashire, England, January 2, 1885
 Died: Mayfield, England, March 2, 1979. Patriarchal Brother Dunstan died at ninety-four, having been a member of the Congregation for seventy-nine years. He had entered in 1900 from Mayfield where he and his brother John were enrolled. His life had been Clapham College where he taught chemistry from 1914 until his retirement in 1950. He remained on in residence until we disposed of the property in 1970. His subsequent days were a cross of deprivation. Clapham Common, Nightingale Lane, and Clapham College were his sinew and bone. He was lost even at Mayfield, especially when his eyesight failed. Death spared him from his great dread - a nursing home. A true Clapham legend

10 . **Cricket and Football 1905** - the “pose” has not changed a great deal in over 100 years, and neither has the “kit”. Poor quality prints - but too nostalgic to omit. Sport at Clapham was embedded at the College from the start.



11. An article by the RCV. B. Mc. JADEN, remembering his time at Clapham 1901 to 1905

1900 to 1905 In those times the teacher had to pretend to teach all subjects, whether he was able to or not ; and more than that, the boy looked up to him as an infallible guide to knowledge with a sort of "editor's decision is final." It would never do to show a pupil that "teacher" didn't know. He had to know. After a magnificent effort to describe Noah's Ark and the procession of animals into it, on the final day, the thoughtful youth must ask the question: -"Please Bruv, did Noah take fleas into the Ark? " To keep up the aforesaid reputation with suitable dignity and decorum he replied, "Well, I don't suppose He did, but the animals did." The arithmetic lesson does not, usually call for much merriment, but dear old Vallie Napier would always persist in getting millions over, whenever he did a division of money sum. Naturally he was the sort to make his fortune had he not given his life when King and Country called. One question being worded: Give a sketch of Henry, it was a little surprise to see a drawing of the king. Of course, it was teacher's fault for not saying, " Give a sketch of the life of so and so, However, " teacher " merely said, "Can't you do better than that? " and forthwith completed the sketch by adding a crown and then handing in the paper. (That crowned the joke). I wonder if Jim O'Grady's father would be proud of his boy, who declared that Henry the Eighth persecuted the Catholics so much that they hired a boat called the Mayflower, sailed to America on the Pilgrimage of Grace.

The name of Jim makes me think of Jim Murphy relating how he got into the Interpreters' Section in the Great Venture; Anyone who knew Jim's French in class will appreciate my astonishment on hearing it. The officer asked him "Do you speak. French ? " to which he replied, "Like a native, Sir." He did not add "of Oireland." Talking of the Emerald Isle, some remember that dear Dublin' product Louis Phillips, who was never known to smile. When he did forget himself once, the boys benefited to the extent of getting no Mithymatics homework to celebrate such an auspicious occasion. History did not repeat itself; he never smiled again. Louis used to get so annoyed with Harrington's constant digging him in the ribs and pestering him with questions that he meticulously studded a card with drawing pins, points outwards, concealed it in his pocket. On one occasion, I was rather taken aback by the request, " Please, Bruh, can I go home, I've broken my leg? " Bru Hawthorn with his wooden leg had been playing football and, had fallen down. Incidentally this did not detract from his being a good swimmer. Scripture too gets its share of misrepresentation. C. Cuss was reading about Judas going and " hanged himself with a halter and all his bowels gushed out," but turning over two leaves instead of one, it read " and the lot fell on Matthias," but of course "teacher" didn't mind. On another occasion I happened to get 'to the words " Get thee behind me Satan" just as Bob Price strolled in late. Then again Science must take a hand in this. No doubt Lem Essayie will not forget trying to extinguish burning Phosphorus by dabbing his hand on it. That hole in the hand took months to heal. I wonder if the Huns got a sniff of any of Vanek's products! His main object in chemistry seemed to be to invent the most abominable stink conceivable. It is now no wonder that Fred Dallow's imaginative drawings of possible manufacturing methods were not so fanciful or impossible of accomplishment. He is in very truth an electrical expert.

I hope my readers will permit me to add a further one. King Charles was led out to execution on a cold morning ... clad only in his shirt. Cromwell afterwards said he had never seen him look so kingly as on that eventful day. Possibly the foregoing effusion is like the small boy's description of a Parable as a heavenly story with no earthly meaning. . .

Out of the mouths of infants and of sucklings thou hast perfected praise.

A. MYTH.

12. Portrait of Brother Bernard [Headmaster 1909]



The next dozen, or so, sides are news clips / articles taken from the Xaverian Magazines 1904 to 1910. These were the publications that collated news of the 4 Xaverian Colleges of the time, Manchester, Brighton, Mayfield and Clapham. There were huge "lead" features and then a column or two from each of the schools. I have extracted Clapham items". Apologies for the quality - they are over 110 years old, and "copies of copies".

The Xaverian.

THE MAGAZINE OF THE XAVERIAN ASSOCIATION.

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College 1st XI " first club" 1905



Photograph taken on front steps

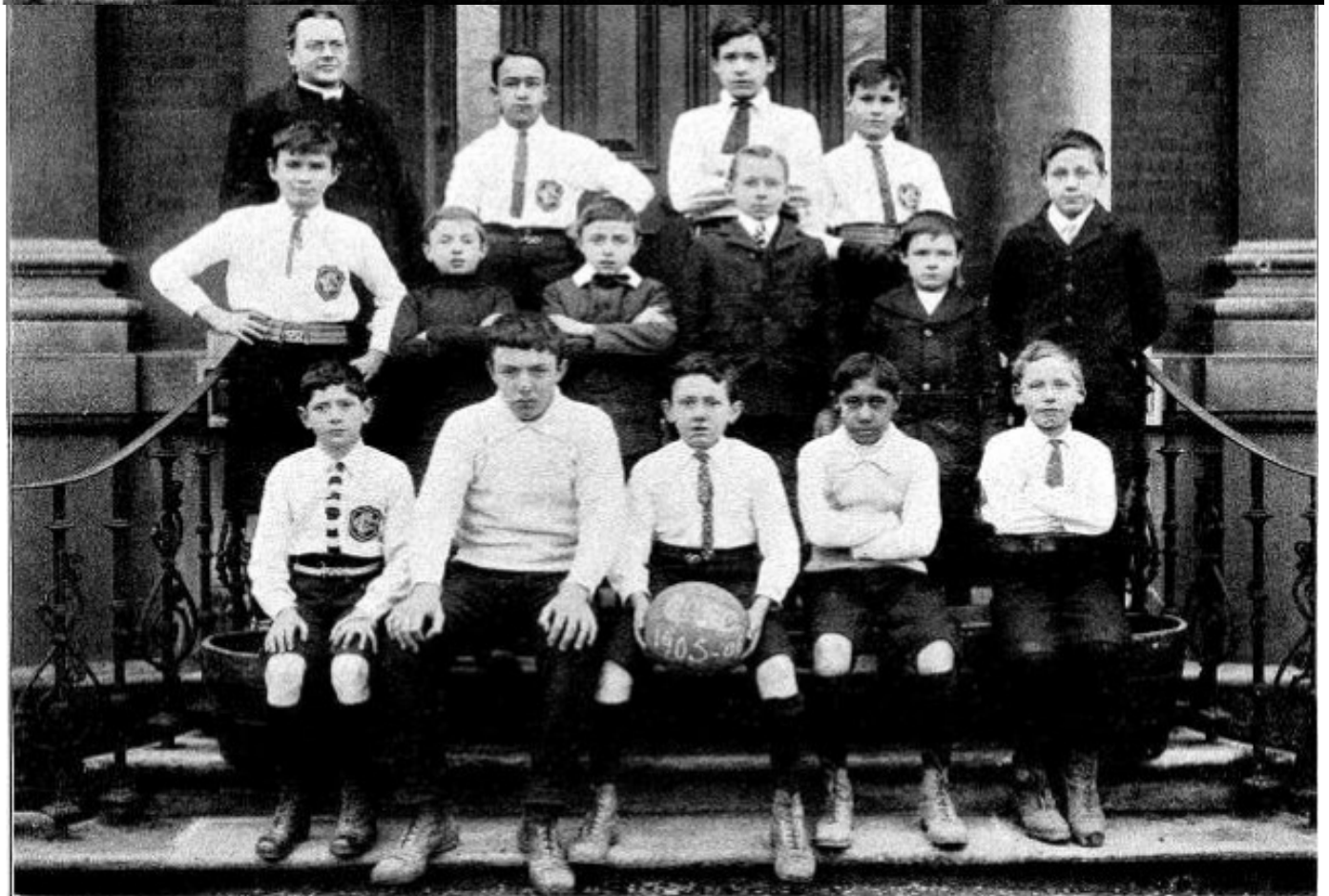
CLAPHAM COLLEGE—FIRST CLUB.

14.

Clapham College 2nd & 3rd Clubs 1905 [the younger lads].

Not sure about wearing the tie with your football kit] -

Bit concerned about the "giant" in the front row of the 3rd team - maybe an early developer [no kit] - or new boy?



CLAPHAM. FOOTBALL. THIRD CLUB.

Love the way the football reporter explains rain, the state of the pitch and postponements due to the weather. **Camberwell Grammar** shut down due to poor academic results obviously! Whatever, were **Old Externs**? Was that **St Marys Clapham**? [so, we thrashed a Primary School !!]. Boring, boring **Salesians**!

Turning to football, we can hardly congratulate ourselves on our success, largely owing, of course, to ill-luck.

1909 Football results

The field is admirably drained, but the quantity of moisture which has descended on it in various forms during the past month has exceeded its capacity for absorption. During the autumn term we did not miss a single opportunity of going to the field, thanks to the sensible behaviour of the elements. This term the case has been different. The following matches have been played:—

FIRST XI.

CLUB.	RESULT.	GOALS	
		FOR.	AGAINST.
St. Kilda's	Lost	0	3
St. John's College	"	0	3
Camberwell Grammar School	"	0	9
Coventry Park	"	0	2
Old Boys	Won	6	1
Elmhurst	Lost	0	3
Cedars	Won	1	0
St. Kilda's	Lost	1	4
Camberwell Grammar School	Won	8	1
Battersea Grammar School .. .	"	5	2
Old Externes	"	10	0
St. Mary's	"	14	1
Old Staffordians	"	8	0
Manor House	Lost	2	3
Salesian School	Draw	0	0

Clapham College,

CLAPHAM COMMON, West Side, LONDON, S.W.

UNDER the distinguished patronage of his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and of his Lordship the Bishop of Southwark.

The College course combines a thorough Religious Education with a sound Commercial Training; English Classics; the English, French, German, and Latin languages, Mathematics, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Drawing, and Instrumental Music. The College is most healthily situated, immediately facing the Common, and is a Centre for the Oxford Local Examinations.

The pension is £35 to £40 per annum. For Prospectus, etc., apply to the Principal.

N.B.—Young men desirous of admission to the Congregation of the Xaverian Brothers are requested to communicate with the Brother Provincial

The Match of the Season.

CLAPHAM v. MAYFIELD.

It was with a prospect of defeat that a party of 70 left Mayfield on the morning of February 14th for the return match with our friends the enemy, Clapham College. A rather heavy fall of snow over-night was the reverse of promising, but the chances of a game went up by leaps and bounds as London was neared, as it became more and more evident that the fall had been merely local to Mayfield and neighbourhood. We were most heartily received by the Clapham Brothers, who did everything in their power for the comfort of their visitors. Full justice having been done to the good things provided in the Refectory, the tramcars were besieged to carry the opposing parties and their respective supporters to Furze Down Park, Tooting. Mayfield, having lost the toss, were set to face the incline. The home team, however, quickly asserted themselves, and the ball was soon hovering dangerously near the Mayfield goal. The backs, unable to hold the tricky left wing, seemed completely at sea, and within the first two minutes, Bro. Matthias opened the score with a shot that Verfaillie could scarcely have seen, far less have stopped. Nothing daunted, the Mayfield players endeavoured to come on equal terms, Casier and Psaila forming the better wing. Fast end-to-end play was the order, but the quick rushes were very effectively stopped by Bro. Stanislaus and Oliver on the one side and Bro. Denis and Bro. Thomas on the other. Again the ball was worked down to the Mayfield goal, where in a scrimmage, Bro. Denis scored and put his side two goals in front. Gonsalves was repeatedly penalised for off-side, a fact rendered easier by the play of the Mayfield backs, who were constantly much too far away from their own goal. Clapham continued to do most of the pressing, and half-time was called with the score 2-0 in their favour.

Resuming, play was of a more even nature, neither side at first appearing to have any advantage. In stopping a rush of the visitors' right wing, Bro. Thomas received a hard knock and had to retire. He resumed after a few minutes, but shortly after, again left the field, leaving his side with ten men. Notwithstanding this, the Clapham team more than held their own, and Bro. Louis added to their lead with a soft goal. This third reverse seemed to waken their opponents, who, not to be denied, worked the ball away, and Bro. Vincent was beaten by one of the few shots he had. Time was called with the score standing 3-1 in favour of the home team. Conspicuous among the winners were Bro. Ignatius at back, Bros. Denis, Louis, Matthias and Thomas; Pereira had plenty to do watching the visitors' left wing. On the Mayfield side, Oliver had more than he could for some time manage, but he improved greatly as the game proceeded. Bro. Stanislaus was most useful in breaking up the combination of the home forwards.

The teams were—Clapham:—Bro. Vincent, Moreo and Bro. Ignatius; Pereira, Bro. Denis and Bro. Thomas; Gonsalves, Brooks, Bro. Stephen, Bro. Matthias, Bro. Louis.

Mayfield,—Verfaillie; Hostens and Laugieri; Oliver, Bro. Stanislaus, Walsh; Hammack, Bro. Andrew, Thompson, Casier, Psaila. Fr. Warwick was referee and gave complete satisfaction to both sides. Fr. Boniface was one of the linesmen. At the end of the game, victors and vanquished and their supporters boarded the electric cars and returned to Clapham College where the most hospitable Brothers had prepared a bounteous "Spread." We had to catch the 5 p.m. train from Clapham Junction, but we did not fail to express our appreciation of the whole-hearted welcome (to say nothing of the "licking") extended to us by repeated and rousing cheers for Bro. Cuthbert, and the Brothers and Clapham College.

MAYFIELDER.

Christi, when a good number of parents were present. Following the usual custom, the Renovation of Baptismal Vows took place later in the day.

The structure of the new laboratory and playroom is now complete and we hope to have them in occupation after the holidays. We are much pleased with the appearance of the building, which is an ornament as well as a necessity. The builders are Messrs.

Holliday and Greenwood, the contractors for the South Kensington Museum.

The Cricket Season, if not brilliant in its success, has being at least enjoyable, and we have had once more reason to appreciate the possession of our own field at Norbury. Would that we could instil the same appreciation into the minds of the day boys. The result of the matches are given below.

FIRST XI.

Date	Opponents	For	Against	Result
May 6	Manor House	48	91	Lost by 43.
" 9	Crystal Palace Eng. ...	46	65	" " 19.
" 13	Sinjun's.....	—	18	Abandoned.
" 16	Kingston Gram. School	76	19	Won by 57.
" 20	Royal Coll. of Science	35	28	" " 7.
" 23	Crystal Palace Eng. ...	39	84	Lost by 45.
" 27	Oxford Classes v. Rest	26	11	O. C. won by 15.
" 30	Old Bonaventurians ...	37	55	Drawn.
June 6	C. C. Old Boys.....	58	29 for 9	Drawn.
" 10	Manor House	64	93	Lost by 29.
" 13	Old Bonaventurians ...	41	37	Drawn.
" 20	Sinjun's.....	32	34 for 6	Lost.
" 24	Kingston Gram. School	80	47	Won by 33.
" 27	Balham Gram. School	88	52	" " 36.
July 4	Caius Old Boys	19	24	Lost by 5.
" 11	C. C. Old Boys	52	78	Drawn.

18. View from the playground 1909 [with fire-escape]



19. Football Results 1907

CLAPHAM.

During the recent Eucharistic Congress, His Lordship the Bishop of Bruges, and about forty priests, mostly from the diocese of Bruges, were entertained at the College. The results of our Public Examinations were very satisfactory, as far as they went, but it is to be regretted that so few boys remain to take the exams. above the Oxford Senior.

We had a large exodus at Midsummer, nevertheless our numbers keep up pretty well. There are at present more than 160 boys, including some 50 boarders.

The new playroom and science laboratory are complete structurally, and the work of fitting up is now in hand. In the playroom each boy is provided with

a locker a great convenience for the reception of the numerous odds and ends which every school boy religiously accumulates.

The present football season is a very agreeable one. Almost every half-holiday has its match for at least one team, and much interest is shown. Unfortunately the mass of the day boys still stand aloof; however, we get on very well. Our first team remains much the same as for the past two years; we have lost the Gonsalves, who were invaluable in both football and cricket, and have Bacon, O'Dea and Johnston as new men. So far only one match has been lost by the first XI, and that to a team containing many Old Boys.

The following is a list of the Chief Matches:—

2 1/2

FIRST XI.

Date	Oponents	Result	For	Against
Oct. 3	Lucien Athletic	Won	4	3
„ 14	Manor House School ...	„	2	1
„ 24	Caius F.C.	Drawn	2	2
„ 31	„ „	Won	3	0
Nov. 4	Russell House.....	„	2	1
„ 7	Tooting Park	Lost	0	4
„ 14	Elmhurst F.C.....	Won	4	3
„ 18	Manor House	„	4	3
„ 21	Kenilworth	„	1	0

SECOND XI.

Oct. 7	Balham School	Lost	0	2
„ 21	Balham Gram. School...	Won	4	1
„ 28	Manor House School ...	„	4	1
Nov. 14	Balham Gram. School...	Lost	0	1



West House purchased by Br Cyril in Rottingdean on the South Coast [near Brighton] as a retreat for the Xaverians by the seaside! Alright for some!

Just recently we have had the pleasure of a visit from his lordship, the Bishop of Bruges, who has been spending some days in England. His lordship celebrated mass on the feast of SS. Peter and Paul in the College Chapel.

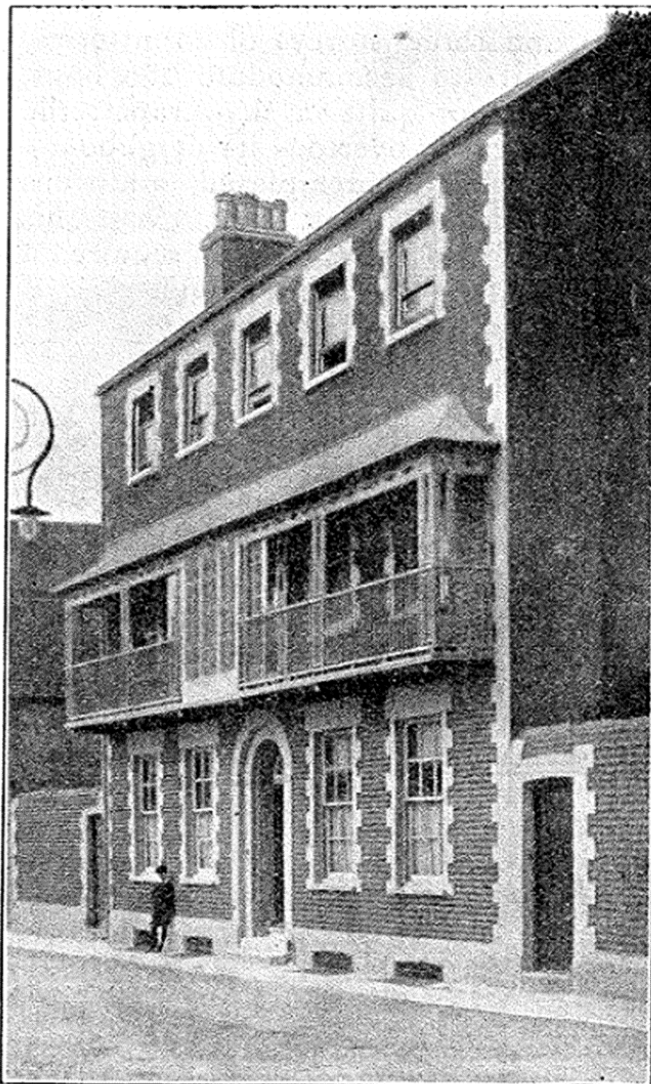
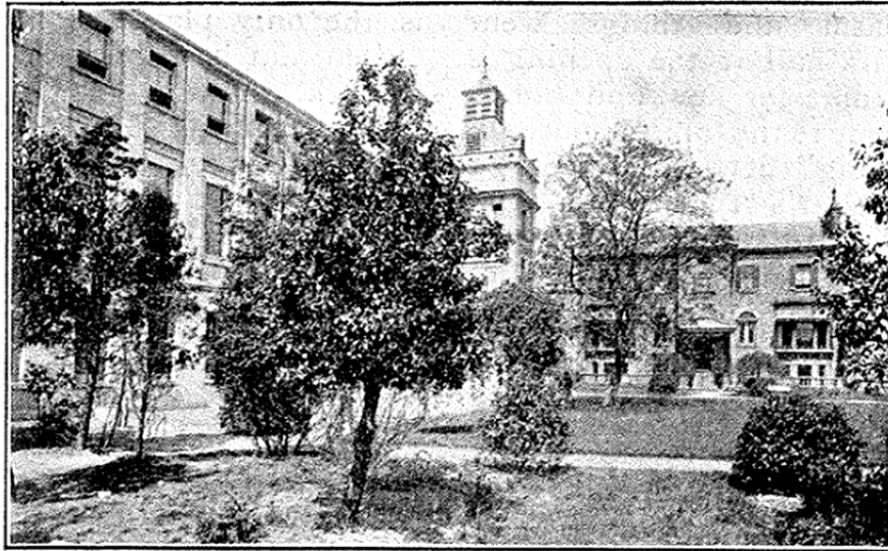
Fifteen boys made their First Holy

Communion on the feast of St. Aloysius, June 21st. The ceremony was quiet and the renewal of Baptismal Vows took place at 10.30, when there was a large attendance. Our first Annual Sports took place on June 20th and 21st at the Garden Party held at Springfield, Atkins Rd., Balham, in aid of the Balham Mission. As this was the first occasion that the College had held Sports, some were chary of entering for them, though the number of entries was large. So successful and enjoyable was the result and so pleased and surprised were the winners with their prizes, that there will probably be very few slackers next year. The events being of the usual kind and no records being broken, there is no need to dwell further upon this topic than to say that the sports-field was thronged with an appreciative gathering which included many of the parents. This season is the last, we hope, during which we shall have to suffer from the want of a private ground. At the end of March we had to give up our field at Furzedown Park for building purposes and at the beginning of the cricket season were left stranded. Negotiations had been in progress since February for the purchase of a piece of land at Norbury but it was not until the latter part of May that we came into possession. This was too late for making pitches and so we have not been able to play matches with outside teams on our ground. In its present state the ground is well fitted for football, being perfectly level and by next spring will be admirably adapted for cricket. It comprises more than seven acres and is situated between Norbury and Thornton Heath Stations facing the L.B. and S. C. R.

A most enjoyable day was spent at Mayfield on Ascension Day, when the match between the Schools resulted in a win for Mayfield by three runs, the scores being fifty-two and forty-nine. However we had our revenge (in a Christian spirit, of course), when we welcomed Mayfield here on June 27th,

This looks like a popular topic as the "Brothers House" in Rottingdean features in another article in in the Xaverian - 1908. Possibly the other Colleges were a little envious of the expansion of Clapham College to the South Coast. Br Cyril, based at Clapham and overseeing the English Province at this time had great vision, but burdened the Xaverians with debt.

Clapham Notes.



WEST HOUSE, ROTTINGDEAN.

DURING the early part of the present term we had the pleasure of welcoming to the College the Right Rev. Mgr. Wafflaert, Bishop of Bruges. After spending some days in London, His Lordship in company with M. Van de Velde, Chaplain of the English Convent at Bruges visited our schools at Mayfield and Manchester and furthermore journeyed to Scotland. On his return to the College, Mgr. Wafflaert dined with his Grace, the Archbishop of Westminster. Our Religious examination took place on Nov. 4th. Fr. Wilderspin expressed himself extremely pleased with the boys.

Up to the present, we have played few matches of importance in football. Our first XI is of its usual strength and has scored 33 goals against 7, in 5 games. The game with Manor House, usually one of the best, resulted this season in an easy win 12 to 0. Balham School likewise were beaten 10 to 0. Two other games, those with Melville F.C. and Balham E.C. were decided in our favour by 2 to 1 and 7 to 0 respectively. Our first defeat is at the hands of Battersea Grammar School, who won against us by 6 to 2, though even then we had the best of the play.

Some ten or twelve of our boarders spent their Midsummer Holidays most happily at our house at Rottingdean.

CLAPHAM.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes took place on Thursday, December 20th, 1906. Though there had been five distributions previously, this was the first occasion on which parents had been invited to see their children receive their prizes and to hear them sing. It was intended to hold the distribution at the Balham Assembly Rooms but the Hall was not available on the required day; proceedings were therefore conducted in the usual place, namely, the Lower Class Rooms. From the large number of visitors it was evident that parents had been debarred from previous functions through no fault of theirs. The concert preceding the giving of the prizes was, as may be expected, the best ever given at the College. An orchestra was engaged, which supplemented our own efforts and also contributed selections from its repertory. The visitors were frankly surprised and delighted at the singing, and confessed that they had not anticipated such perfection. The *pièce de resistance* was Mozart's "Splendente Te, Deus," familiar to those of our readers who were at Mayfield in the early nineties. In addition to this the choir sang Hatton's "Pearl Divers," Meyerbeer's "List the Trumpet's thrilling sound," Adam's "Comrades in Arms," and a "Plantation Sketch" by an author whose identity is thinly veiled under the name Xaverian. T. Ritchie was warmly applauded for his rendering of "La Serenade," by Von Anhe Carse, and for his playing of Tolhurst's "Reverie," a duet in which he was joined by his violin professor, Mr. Frank Richards. C. Martin played "Reverie," a pretty piece by Mr. Richards. Mr. H. Heydemann contributed a piano solo, and his pupil, N. Pereira, showed to advantage in Nevin's "Narcissus."

In the distribution which followed the Special prizes were awarded as follows: The Bishop's Prize for Re-

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overleaf*

ligious Knowledge to F. Brooks, Fr. Warwick's for the same to K. Byrne; Matriculation Prize to A. McAllan; Dr. Gorham's Prize for Mathematics to A. McAllan, who likewise carried off Mr. Meade's Prize for Drawing. Mr. Kirkham's Prize for Good Conduct was secured by E. Reis among the Boarders, the Day Boys' Prize going to K. Byrne. Dr. Dupigny's Prize for General Proficiency in School Work and Excellence in Sports was awarded to F. Brooks, and Mr. Richard's Violin Prize to T. Ritchie. The prize-givers, except his Lordship the Bishop, were present, and presented their own prizes.

After the annual General Meeting of the Xaverian Association, the members were invited to tea as usual, and a concert was provided which was much appreciated. On Shrove Tuesday there was the usual miscellaneous entertainment.

We were much pleased to meet so many Old Boys from Clapham at the Annual Dinner, and hope that the number will increase at future gatherings of the sort. Of this we have no doubt, since we have such energetic newly elected members on the Committee as H. I. Devitt and W. P. Fitzgerald, together with Cecil Warre, our old established representative.

It is perhaps somewhat late in the day to mention our new College cap, which is now a rather familiar sight in these suburbs. We do not attempt to describe it with any degree of nicety; to our untutored sense the design, orange rings on a blue ground with the badge XCC worked in, appears very effective and much preferable to the former.

Besides providing a sports ground, everything possible has been done on our part to make the games as enjoyable and successful a feature of school life as they deserve to be, and it now rests with the day-boys to join in larger numbers. The result of the appeal made in our last issue for better co-operation on their part shows that up to the present we have been crying in the

wilderness and wasting our sweetness on the desert air. But to proceed. The ground at Norbury needs no improvement for football, but for cricket a pitch has been made, and we are now looking forward to a season when we shall be able, for the first time, to invite other teams to play on our own ground. The structure, which was originally erected as a shelter against rain, has been so far improved that it may now be dignified with the name of pavilion. The floor has been asphalted and a dressing-room provided for visitors; seats and accommodation for coats, etc., have been furnished. Whether it will be safe to leave cricket things in the pavilion is a question that must be decided by experiment.

The results of the matches played since the appearance of our last number are:—

St. Hugh's	...	...	won	11	goals to 1
Old Bonaventurians	...	...	lost	0	" " 1
Balham School	...	...	won	3	" " 0
St. Kilda	..	...	drawn	1	" " 1
Glendale	...	...	won	4	" " 2
Old Externes	...	...	lost	3	" " 4
Balham Grammar Sch.			won	2	" " 1
"			won	2	" " 0
Cedars F. C.	...	...	won	2	" " 1
Battersea Grammar Sch.			lost	2	" " 6

Up to date:—

Played 23, won 16, lost 6, drawn 1.

A Tale from School.

It was the time allotted for physical exercise at a day school, and a line of little boys was ranged down the centre of the playground. "Toe the line!" was the command. A shuffling of feet indicated obedience. The master inspected the line approvingly until his eyes rested on an urchin so far behind the others as to be almost out of sight.

"Jenkins!" he cried, "why don't you toe the line!" "Pleath, thir," he lisped, "Aa am toeing it, but Aa've got dad'th boots on!"

"Rustic Rambles" *Original.*

"Hark to the sound of the Cheerful Horn" *Original.*

"Off in the Morn" *Original.*

The Orchestral pieces included—"Navaho" (*Van Alstyne*), "Close to the Threshold" (*Parker*), "Benedictus" (*Poole*), and "The Husking Bee" (*Thurban*).

The special prizes were awarded as follows:—The Bishop's for Religious Knowledge to W. MacDonagh, Fr. Warwick's for the same subject to A. McAllan, to L. Beghin for passing the London Matriculation, Dr. Gorham's prize for Mathematics to F. Brooks, Mr. Meade's for Drawing to N. Downey, Mr. Richard's for Progress in Violin to D. Gonsalves, Mr. Kirkham's for Good Conduct to L. Yeats among the Boarders and to W. MacDonagh among the Day Students.

A new prize was that for General Proficiency in School Work and Excellence in Sports, presented by Dr. Dupigny and awarded to F. Toleman.

In the beginning of February a retreat of four days was given to the boys by Fr. Burke C.S.S.R., who complimented them on the earnestness and attention they had manifested throughout the exercises. There have never been so many communicants in the College Chapel as at the 8 o'clock Mass on the closing day of the retreat. After Mass the Papal Blessing was given by Fr. Burke. The day was kept as a whole holiday, an occurrence sufficiently exceptional to merit recording.

We are glad to be able to state without undue self-appreciation, that the College continues to flourish like the bay tree. The boarders now number 63, which is perilously near high-water mark, if that term may be applied to a bay.—The day boys exceed 80, we can however do with more than this number. The College has been in existence long enough to furnish considerably more Old Boys than were present at the Annual Dinner in January. This is much to be regretted and we shall have to organise a battle to secure a larger attendance next time.

We had the pleasure of entertaining on Feb. 14th, some 70 visitors from Mayfield. After lunch everyone proceeded to Furzedown Park to witness the football match, the ostensible raison d'être of the visit. The party, about 150 strong, invaded and monopolised the Electric Cars, to the amazement, if not amusement, of intending passengers. There is no need here to say more about the game than that our eleven won by 3 goals to one.

Unfortunately it was not in our power to entertain our visitors with a concert, as the train service to Mayfield is one of the few remaining things not for the best in this reputedly best of possible worlds, but our efforts in other directions seem to have met with some measure of success, though as our own boys co-operated so willingly in showing appreciation of the good things, it would be invidious to institute any comparison.

Our first XI. have not lost a match this season.

Among their successes this term are the games with Battersea Grammar School, and two with Nightingale Wanderers 2 to 0, and 1 to 0 respectively. The second XI. lost against the Salesian School by 5 goals, scoring none, but won against Battersea Grammar School Reserves 5 to 1, and Camberwell Grammar School 3 to 1. Our third team also beat the corresponding Camberwell XI. by 4 to 3.

Results of Examinations.

Louis Charles Beghin passed the London University Matriculation in the Second Division.

Bryan McGuire passed the Higher Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Examination Board.

John Clarke passed the Preliminary Examination of the Dublin College of Physicians and Surgeons.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, 1905.
SENIORS.

I. Kenelm Byrne.

2. Nathaniel Downey.
3. Joseph Fletcher.
4. Alexander Heslop.
5. Alan McAllan.
6. Willaim MacDonagh.
7. Patrick O'Connor.
8. Stanley John Webster.

JUNIORS.

1. Edward Cloney.
2. Manoel Gonsalves.
3. Henri Loir.
4. Francis McLaughlin.
5. John McKenzie.
6. Walter Meynell.
7. Henry Wallack.

PRELIMINARY.

1. Maurice Beghin.
2. Bernard Boase.
3. Clifford Buchanan.
4. Alexander Barlerin.
5. Aloysius Brooks.
6. Denis Gonsalves.
7. John Heiliger.
8. Otto Kuss.
9. Isidore Leadbitter.
10. Robert Cuming.
11. John Sutherland.
12. Eric Palmer.

N.B.—The above Lists are not arranged in order of merit.

Honours.

Master Alan McAllan obtained 3rd Class Senior Honours.

Master William MacDonagh obtained 3rd Class Senior Honours.

Master Bernard Boase obtained 1st Place in 2nd Class Preliminary Honours.

Master Robert Cuming obtained 3rd Class Preliminary Honours.

Master Clifford Buchanan obtained 3rd Class Preliminary Honours.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ART EXAMINATIONS, 1905.

1. Masters Nathaniel Downey, Louis Charles Beghin and Joseph Smith obtained a Second Class in Free-hand (in outline).
2. Masters Nathaniel Downey, Alan

McAllan, Kenelm Byrne and Stanley John Webster obtained a Second Class in Model Drawing.

PITMAN'S EXAMINATIONS IN SHORTHAND.

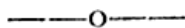
1. "THEORY." Masters Alan McAllan, Kenelm Byrne, Bernard Boase and Clifford Buchanan.
2. "ELEMENTARY."—Masters Gerald Leonard, John McKenzie, Alexandre Barlerin, Gustavus Rickman, Isidore Leadbitter, John Head, Frank Hooper, Eric Palmer, Francis Leonard, John Fox and Charles Downey.

EXAMINATIONS IN PRACTICAL MUSIC.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

1. PIANOFORTE PLAYING.
Intermediate. — Master Clarence Mangan, 1st Class.
Elementary.—Master Oscar Moniz, 1st Class.
2. VIOLIN PLAYING.
Intermediate. — Master Clarence Mangan, 2nd Class.
Master Camile Stockman, 2nd Class.
Elementary.—Master Arthur Banti, 1st Class.

Our Quiet Corner.



Of your Charity Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

PHILIP WINTER TRUMP,

Who died on October 10th, 1908, at Barbadoes, British West Indies,

In the 23rd year of his age.

The pages of "The Xaverian," which was always so warmly welcomed by him, should surely contain a brief tribute to dear old Winter Trump. He spent some four years at Mayfield ('98-'02) and it was the writer's privilege to be his teacher. Trump was a real, live schoolboy, equally devoid of cant and guile. He was not a brilliant scholar, but made solid progress and kept a good place amongst his fellows through his dogged industry. Very keen on sports, he excelled as a fine footballer and an expert cricketer. Of a bright and sunny disposition, he was respected and liked by Brothers and boys. His temper was quick, and he was not exactly an utter stranger to the noble art of fisticuffs, but his wrath came and went with equal rapidity and he was prompt to make friends with his adversary. After leaving Mayfield, we received occasional letters and visits from him. Last November, he secured a lucrative post in Barbadoes, and, before sailing, came to bid us all "Good-bye!" From his subsequent letters, we learnt with pleasure that he was well and happy, but, early in October, he was stricken down by Yellow Fever, and, after a brief illness, passed away, fortified with the Rites of the Church. Letters since received tell us that he was quite resigned to God's Will and passed away peacefully, like a child going to sleep. His fellow-clerks of the Bank carried the coffin to the grave, and 30 carriages followed. These facts bear eloquent testimony to the respect and affection in which he was held by his neighbours to whom he had been known but for eight short months, and, perhaps, "the brief and simple annals" of gentle, kindly Philip Winter Trump remind us that we may look for inspiration and encouragement and example to others than those whose position renders them great in the eyes of their fellow-men.

BROTHER CYRIL.

May he rest in Peace. Amen.

Think I prefer **Phillip Winter** to **Donald John**

Winter is primarily a gender-neutral name of American origin that means "The Season".

26. Old Boys and Their Doings.

Albert Asfar (Clapham) has been decorated with the Cross of "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" by His Holiness, Pope Pius X. It is interesting to remark that Albert Asfar's father has been created a Roman Count by His Holiness, for "his good works and moral dignities." The title is hereditary.

Edmund McLaughlin (Clapham) has secured a first Division in the recent London Matriculation.

Henry Devitt (Clapham) obtained 13th place in the Examination for Second Class Clerks for Post Service in the Department of His Majesty's Customs.

Edmund Downey (Clapham) has obtained a clerkship on the Board of Trade.

Bernard Hierchner C.B.E. was at Clapham from 1903 to 1909. He took up journalism as a profession but this required a high standard of education so he came back to C.C. in 1913 where he passed his London Matriculation. In 1914 he joined the Forces and was wounded in the arm. After the War he became a newspaper editor working in India with **Rudyard Kipling**, acquiring fame as a poet and writer.

John Creamer Clapham Col 1909 edited a School magazine, "The Preliminary Chronicle" aided by **McGrath and W. Donavon**, it was produced surreptitiously. When Creamer left Clapham he went to the Falkland Islands, sheep farming and eventually married'. During World War I, John and his wife by chance spotted three foreign war vessels cruising round. They passed their suspicions on to the authorities which led to the

Nathaniel Downey (Clapham) has secured a position in the War Office.

Conrad Eisenmann (Mayfield and Clapham) has just completed his course of Studies at the Agricultural College, Newport, Shropshire, and is now employed as Assistant to a gentleman farmer.

Louis Beghin (Clapham) is at present in Stuttgart. He is engaged as English tutor. The career of Louis Beghin at College was most brilliant. He secured the Preliminary, Junior and Senior Oxford Local Certificates with honours and distinctions, the Higher Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Examination Board and the London University Matriculation Certificate. He obtained, likewise, Pitman's Short-hand Certificates and the Drawing Certificate awarded by the Board of Education.

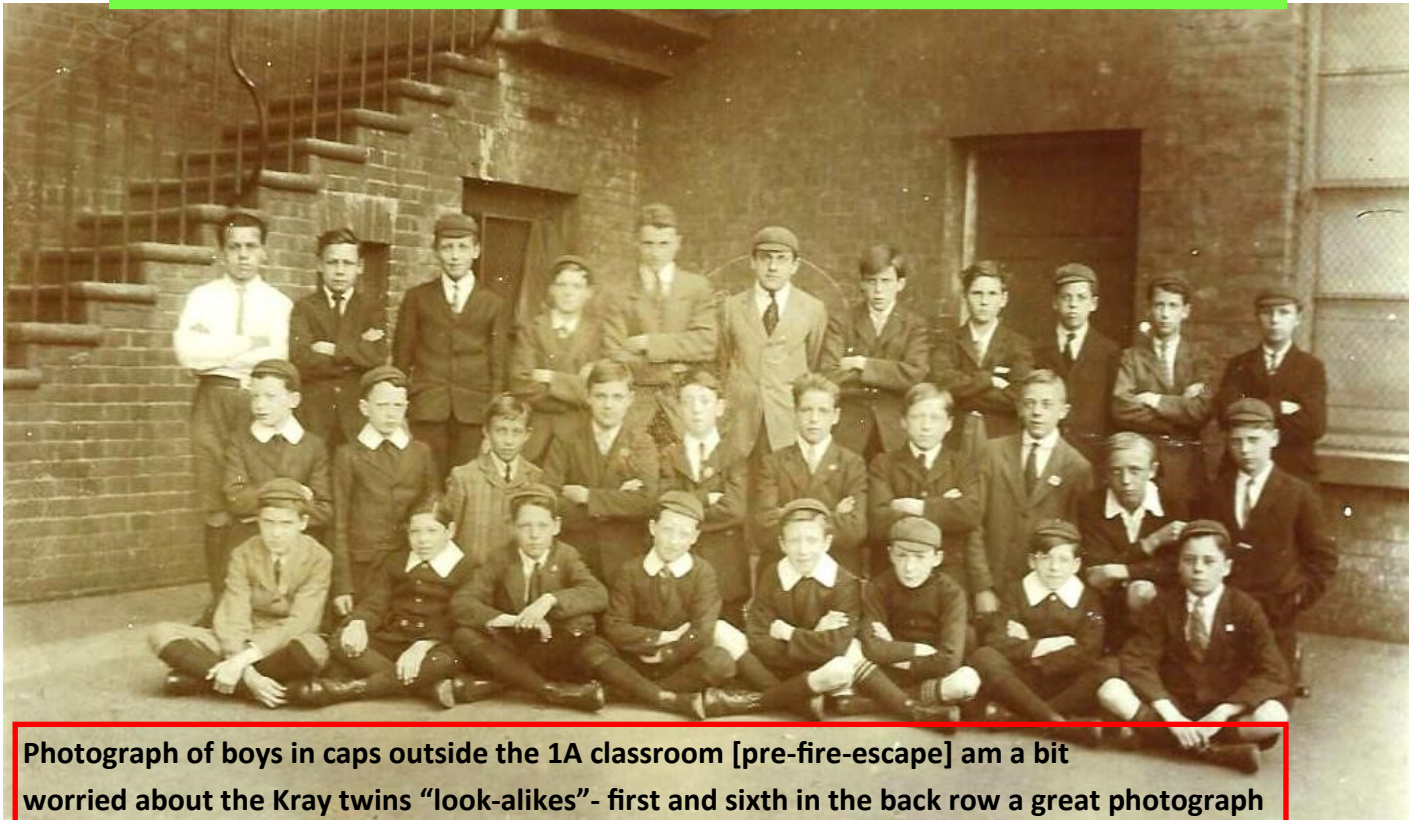
William McLaughlin (Clapham) who, it will be remembered, passed successfully the London Intermediate Science Examination some time ago, is brilliantly continuing his career as Electrical Engineer at Yarrow's Electrical Works, Isle of Dogs.

Philip Cuming (Clapham) has lately obtained a good position with the firm of Jacobson & Co., Stock Brokers.

Leo Yeats (Clapham) holds a good position. He is employed by Jacob Walter & Co., Billiter Square, London, E.C.

Battle of the Falkland Islands and the sinking of the three German cruisers, **Sharnhaust, Greissnau and Von Moltke**. The Creamers received a reception and a presentation from the Islanders for saving them from invasion.

27. Two sets of schoolboy photographs 1904



Photograph of boys in caps outside the 1A classroom [pre-fire-escape] am a bit worried about the Kray twins "look-alikes"- first and sixth in the back row a great photograph



Brother Vincent's class at the Xaverian Summer Vacation House in Rottingdean.

28. An analysis of the 1897-1900 intake at Clapham

So, who were the “boys of 1900 to 1910” at Clapham College? Well there was a range of “ages from seven to twenty, a fee-paying boarding school had some leeway with the age of the intake.

Many were foreign nationals drawn by the leafy suburb of Clapham, the stately home and the nearness to the centre of London. The fact this was a Catholic school too, with brothers from France and Belgium were other reasons for the magnetic nature of this new boarding school. The Xaverian Brothers had a reputation as teachers [even though many had no formal training or qualifications]. The house, Broadoak, at Clapham and the grounds were majestic [the classrooms, facilities and sleeping dormitories were far from luxurious!]. Still they came in their hundreds from India, Brazil, Colombia, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Turkey, Grand Canarias, Sweden, Ireland, Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana, Portugal, Denmark and Cuba..... what, why, how..... they came from all parts of the world [except the USA!]. Our “little school” had a world-wide reputation.

About one hundred of the boys were subject to this analysis – the “Bs” alone give a great insight into the origin of the Clapham Boys.

Beghin, Maurice

Behaeghe, Gaston

Behaeghe, Walter

Bicknell, Ernest Elvery

Blumenthal, Sydney

Boase, Oswald Stephen

Bodega, Joseph

Bodega, Ronald

Bon, Bernard

Bonnaire, Victor

Borella, Joseph James Bernard

Bowker, Arthur Herbert

Many boys were French and Belgian, a few Brazilians and Columbians and four had “domestic servants”. Another lived at Clapham Mansions next to the College and two gave their addresses as hotels in the West End [did you know boys like that when you were at Clapham?]. We know there were nine **Cummings** brothers at the school [4 priests], also six **Flanagan's** from Londonderry, **Willi Makein** [Marseilles] had 4 brothers there, there were 4 **Nolan** brothers [Eire], **Antonio De Thendonca** [Portugal] had four brothers at the school, and finally there were the five **Pettersen** boys from Sweden.

More detailed information of about 20 lads of from the 1900 to 1910 intake

Probably the most important comment on the boys who attended Clapham College from 1900 to 1910 would be “**heroes**”, the bulk of the Clapham Boys who fought in World War One were in these cohorts. The majority fought on the Somme, a hundred, or so, miles from Clapham [as the crow flies!]. The names that fill the World War One boards on the Chapel came from the boys in these classes.....

We ALL owe them a great debt of gratitude: -

John Patrick Coleman, later CBE [AFC], Air Commadore awarded wings in 1917 [France] retired to Italy.

Lewis Wilmot-Johnson, fought France, mentioned in “dispatches” by Field Marshall Douglas Haig

Captain John Clifton Andrews, [Military Cross] on College Roll of Honour

Dermot Patrick O'Connor, Military Cross, mentioned in dispatches – wounded yet continued his duties

Maurice Beghin & Gaston Behaeghe were French boarders, who fought and died for France in WW1.

Lieutenant Alec Barthorpe, died in France his father - a Knight & Chair of Governors at Clapham Col.

Guy Herbert Ralph De Normanville, great name a New Zealander, joined the Kiwi Forces - died France.

Sydney Blumental & Otto Levey, were two Jewish boys at Clapham, both were Sergeants, Sydney fought with the London Regiment; Otto, conscientious objector, in the Labour Corps. [non-combatant].

Isidore Cuthbert Leadbitter, joined the ranks of Coldstream Guards, fought in France, captured - PoW.

29. More Analysis of the Clapham Boys 1900 to 1910

A little more on boys in the Armed Forces

Robert de Breville, served in the RAF in WWII - was shot down and a PoW in an SS Concentration Camp, Natzweiler Struthof in Neckareiz [awful, awful tragic place].

John Witchelow, whose brother died in WW1, spent WW2 as a corporal in charge of an anti-aircraft Barrage Balloon, by a coincidence, near Clapham College.

Walther Mauser [German] of the famous Mauser family, who manufactured pistols. Walther gave his name to the Walthur 38 [Lugar] carried by Luftwaffe pilots in WW2.

Other interesting College boys 1900 to 1910

Hugh Douglas Lloyd was an interesting character, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute, he changed his name to

Douglas Wilson and late in 1948 was the Overseas Manager of Cross & Blackwell!

The Clapham Old Boys Association was set up in the late 1920s, two of the founder members were at the school at this time, **Henry Elis Rowe** was on the first COXA

Committee as was **Arthur Herbert Bowker** who was the Editor of the very first **Concordia**.

Harold Patrick McAllan was one of Clapham's very youngest pupils joining at age **EIGHT**.

Hubert Collingwood Haddon was not your usual Old Boy, he emigrated to Canada to join the Gold Rush on the Yukon, he didn't strike t rich, but ended up living in a remote log cabin in the forest. He wrote diaries about his pioneer life which were published as a book "*Wishes, Fishes and Fruit*". He died of pneumonia in the Yukon, a true backwoodsman.

Laurence Good died of leukaemia in 1908 at only 16, whilst still at the College.

Jean Julpinck Van-de-Kerckhove [Belgium] had the most interesting name of the cohort.

Donald Rocka Wildsmith [fine name] was registered as a "Farm Boy" whilst at Clapham.

Eric Whittingham Royce [actor, stage name Randall] home address was given as the Empire Theatre Shaftsbury Lane, he worked on cruise ships in South Africa in the 1930s.

Horace Sinclair joined the Forces and ended up playing in the Royal Marines Band.

Fernando del Valli Yanga was a Cuban-United States boarder in the 1900s at Clapham.

Fernando was from one of the richest New York families, owning Cuban sugar plantations.

Benoit Guise was a Danish boarder from Copenhagen, who came from a Circus Family.

After leaving Clapham he went on to perform with his family in the Tournaire Russian Circus in Paris. Known on circus he billboards as **Mons. Benoit**, he was a trick rider and gave grand equestrian displays in which he did light balancing and plate spinning on horseback, as well as juggling cups, balls and sticks. His black stallion Rienzi could march, trot, gallop, waltz, dance, pirouette, balance and do high leaps [all bare-back, no saddle].

Charles Riviere came from a famous Wine Merchant family, in his boarder's notes at Clapham [on his interview], it state "If this boy wants beer, give it to him" - fairly unique!

Clapham College attracted all types from all areas [no change there then]

30. Letter from T. R. RITCHIE (1906 - 09)

“FORTY YEARS ON”

At Harrow they have a school song " Forty Years On ".

Although Clapham College may not have. the same, I recently came across a programme dated 20th March, 1908, of a school entertainment given on the occasion of the Feast of St. Cuthbert, together with one of a concert at the school in December of that year. on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Old Boys.

The Headmaster in 1908 was Bro. Cuthbert, whom many will remember with affection as a learned' and jovial personality, 'and an accomplished musician. The school had an Orchestra and Choir. trained under his able direction, which he conducted left-handed. Items of his own composition were often included in the programme under the thinly-veiled pseudonym "Xaverian"

The piece-de-resistance of the Choir in 1908 was " Splendete te Deus ", and splendidly indeed was it played and sung. In this same year the school from the exterior looked much the same as today, but it had the use of a good football pitch on the Common opposite the entrance. Games were coached by two stalwart Brothers, one of whom in earlier years had played for Preston North End. [*Preston - [priest town] where the Xaverian brothers led by Theodore James Ryken first started teaching. Many Xvaerian Brothers who taught at Clapham College were recruited from Preston and Manchester*]. Besides Bro. Cuthbert, the leading lights of the teaching staff were Brother Bernadine, Master of Classics, Bro. Vincent, later to be Headmaster, and Bros: Lewis, Stephen and Xavier. In this era of rationing, austerity forbids any quotation from the refectory menu provided for the Feast of St. Cuthbert. But the school certainly did the Old Boys proud in 1908 ! The names of the boys individually taking part in the two performances mentioned were C. McKnight, Cyril Martin, F. Moss, Albert Fisher, Terence Wheatley, J. Rogerson, Johnny Heileger, Johnny Ritleng, W. Bacon, and, and.. I'm so sorry my memory fades with time, but my memories of Clapham will live on forever....

T. R. RITCHIE (1906- 09).

The end of a strong decade for the College

So we reach the end of 1900 to 1910 at the College, a time where the College cemented itself into the South London Community. Its fame spread far and wide around Europe, and the World. Boys became priests and Xaverian Brothers, they joined the Armed Services and became successful businessmen. Clapham College purchased a Summer House on the coast near Brighton, a great retreat, but led to bankruptcy for the Order.

Boys were entered for the Oxford Examinations and were quite successful. Prize Days were introduced as was the choir, orchestra and plays. Benefactors were attracted to the College and visits from Bishops and Archbishops further built on the reputation of Clapham College.

Brother Dunstan arrived at the College; I'll repeat that, Brother Dunstan arrived at Clapham College, in 1901 He was there observing the Zeppelin Air Raids, shooting at them with a broom handle! After the teaching Chemistry for decades he retired; with the loss of various "digits" and the legacy of hundreds of boys frightened to death by his "explosions". He stayed at the College as long as he could, he loved the place, the boys and his Xaverian friends. Every "Old Boy" who returned as a man, to visit the College wanted to see "Dunny" and he remembered them all, so he said!.

Norbury was purchased, as our Sporting Mecca, and still survives today. Football, cricket, athletics and tennis [yes, tennis, after all Clapham is a "stones-throw" from Wimbledon] thrived - scholars and Xaverian Brothers threw themselves into competition. What comes through strongly in the second decade was the bond between "Boys" and "Brothers" and their love of Clapham College.