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harmony
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Celebrating 125 years

1897 – 2022

Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians





125 Years of Clapham College

Chapter 5 - 1930 to 1940



1. War is on the horizon Inter-War years at Clapham

This was an optimistic decade of growth and science. In peace-time Britain focussed it's energies on trade and improvement. Education was at the centre of this and it ceased being the plaything of the rich and upper classes. Clapham became a focus for more local boys wishing to better themselves; and although the teaching might not have been the best [with educated, but unqualified staff] boys of this period were keen to learn and meet their ambitions.

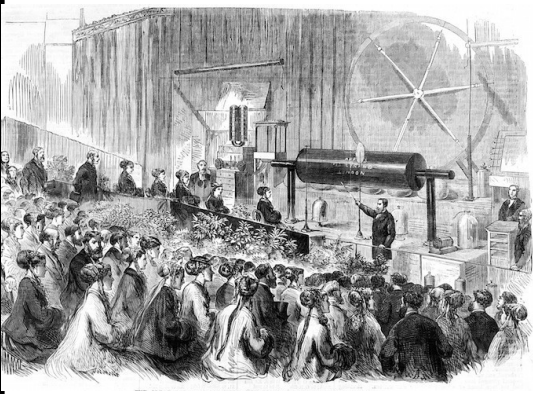
Less and less foreign boarders arrived at the College, addresses ceased to be "Westminster, City of London and the West End" and more "Nightingale Lane, Broxash Road, Ramsden Road and Alderbrook Rd. Local lads were walking to school, rather than coming in by Underground [or tram]. Over the next two decades, the boys themselves made the "interest news" rather as in the previous decade "their parents. We moved from rich, successful parents from exotic addresses and high paid occupations, to the boys themselves who started etching out pathways of their own. Gaining higher qualifications, going to university, or highly skilled training, in some cases the entrepreneurial side of the boys flourished. Many emigrated, Canada seemed the favourite destination.

The views/experiences of the final six decades of Clapham could be shared by those still alive, this is a "living history", it requires many "eyes" and experiences to portray the true story of the College and the Old Boys to us all. The priesthood was still "popular", whilst others went into the Armed Forces, some as "career soldiers" and later as conscripts.

A number were decorated for their bravery in 1939/45, a few did end up as Prisoners of War. These boys travelled and fought all over the world unlike those of the 1914-1918 War. About half the numbers of died from the College died in WW1 then WW2. These in general were educated young men, a large number joined the RAF as officers. In the Army many were officers, possibly away from the front line of battle. Unlike WW1, there were many Old Boys in the Navy and on the Home Front. A different war, therefore, with different circumstances. There were the "Great COXA Servants". "Names" on the COXA Committee I knew, as a 16-year-old. The likes of **Derek Rowe, Denis Quin, Don Mulvihill and Tony Morrish** were known to me, others by reputation; **Brian Sanders ad Ted Hayter, Brian White and Michael Straiton** could be added to my list. Please add to my record!

2. Br. Dunstan at Clapham College - ahead of his time

Brother Dunstan loved his "experiments" - he was ahead of his time - they had to be visual [rather than in a stale book, or chalk on a blackboard]. The editor was at Clapham in the early 1960s and remembers Br Dunstan setting off explosions in the small "observation" Laboratory.. He also produced [with the help of the boys] a "bander" [spirit duplicator] edition of his Scientific Society "news and experiments". He loved his Science and loved "sharing" it.



Scientific Society.
Although the average age of our members has been lower this session our high reputation has been maintained and the session has been a success.
Informative and interesting lectures were given by H. Price, "The Construction of London Tube Railways," "The Motor Cycle" by H. Eames; and Mr. Butler, our Chairman, kindly lectured on "Some practical uses of Electricity."
We paid visits to Hammerton's Brewery and the United Dairies Depot Streatham.
Mr. M. Gleason a former captain of Walsingham, now studying Engineering at London University gave an interesting paper on "Road Construction and Surveying in England and America."
Sixty members attended the Social which was a great success, in the very able hands of Mr. R. Banks. C. NIXON, Hon. Sec.

The Scientific Society was an after school club led by Br. Dunstan - boys and Old Boys were involved in this "ground-breaking Club.

Scientific Society 1932.

This session the society seems to have taken a new lease of life. The average age of the members has increased, and their enthusiasm redoubled. **Mr. Butler** kindly opened the session with an edifying lecture on, "The Discovery of the Circulation of the blood," which he concluded by dissecting a sheep's heart. **N. Comber** gave an interesting lecture on "The History of British Postage Stamps," he traced the postal history of Great Britain, and **D. Hicks** lectured on "Cocoa and Chocolate," in which he gave some account of the cultivation and production of cocoa. A party, from the Society, visited the "Star" printing works, arrangements are being made for visits to local manufacturing firms. **N. Comber**

B.B. Scientific Society 1933. The progress made by this Society during the earlier part of the Christmas Term continued for the rest of the year. The Christmas Term was concluded with an interesting lecture: by **P. Reynier** on "The Manufacture of Soap," in which he explained every little detail.

Owing to the fact that the electric cable to the laboratory was broken part of the time, only three lectures were given during the Easter Term. Br. Dunstan gave a lecture on "Optical Delusions" a subject thoroughly appreciated by all, and especially by the younger members. **N. Comber** lectured on "The Evolution of the Horse," in which he gave a brief outline of the horse from its earliest days. **Dunstan**

3. Brother Dunstan's Scientific Society ..continued

1932 ...continued

D. A. Hicks: gave a lecture on "The History of Buildings in England." In this, he traced building from Prehistoric ages right down to the: present day, paying special attention to Pevensey and District. The session concluded with the annual social, a report of which was given in the Clapham Observer. The catering was arranged by D. Minch and R. P. Banks, and the entertainments by D. A. Hicks. and E. A. Hodges.

D. A. HICKS

O.B 1933 - My knowledge of Old Boys about whom - I could write is somewhat limited, but nevertheless I have resolved to do my best. The story I have to tell concerns an old boy who went to work as a mining engineer on the South African Veld. He was prospecting for minerals and after several weeks spent in fruitless search through uncharted jungle, was accidentally separated from the rest of the party. Some nomadic tribes captured him, and he was confined in a native hut in which the only opening was a small window about six inches square. He was held as a captive in this way for about three weeks when one day the camp appeared to be in a state of great excitement. It seemed that every member of the tribe came, to peer at him through the small window. Finally, he realised that the preparations were being made to sacrifice him at sunrise. That night he was unable to rest, and the events of his life passed slowly through his mind. He thought of his days at Clapham College and suddenly remembered that his annual sub. to the Old Boys Association had not been paid. He "felt so small" that he was able to crawl through the window and was found by a search party the next day. Maybe not a true story, but one to

1933 Pilgrimage to Rome. When the Holy Father proclaimed the Holy Year, he expressed the wish that the faithful should go to Rome in very large numbers to visit the four great Basilicas, and to endeavour to gain the Jubilee Indulgence. Thanks to the very great kindness of some of my friends, I had the privilege during May of making this journey. At the request of the Secretary of the C.O.X.A. I am contributing this article in the hope that it may interest some readers of Concordia and may even be the means of convincing a few that a visit to Rome before the expiration of the Holy Year, April, 1934, would benefit them both spiritually and temporally.

Our Party which consisted of Mr. W. S. Bishop, K.S.G., the supreme Knight of the Knights of St. Columba, Mrs. Bishop, three of their daughters, their youngest son-a pupil of our Preparatory School and myself set out from London on the morning of Friday, 19th May, we decided that we would travel direct to Rome. Our itinerary was as follows: - London, Dover, Calais, Paris, Dijon, Bourg, Aix-les-Bains, Chambéry, Modane, Mont Cenis Tunnel, Turin, Genoa, Rapallo, La Spezia, Pisa, Rome, Regards, Dunstan

Possibly a COXA Trip to Rome might be organised on day.....who knows??

4. The whole School Photo 1933 [Had to split into three]



CLAPHAM COLLEGE
1861 1933

Photo by Thomas Lee, London, W.C.C.

5. 7th Annual Garden Fete, the Paddock, Clapham

The 7th Annual Garden Fete takes place on July 11th, 1931 and we hope that all Old Xaverians will make great efforts to attend.

There will be several new features, notably Miss Dorothy Akhurst who will present her pupils in a number of interesting items. Our patrons will be able to hear the Broadcast of the discussion on "Disarmament" by Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Baldwin from the Albert Hall.

Of particular interest will be an exhibition of cabaret, fine jumping, guarding and criminal work by field and stunt dogs, which have distinguished themselves in Police trials and on the films. Punch and Judy will entertain the children.

The band of W. Div. Met. Police will again play at intervals during the Fete and the Dalec Syncopated Dance Band will lead the dancing in the Hall from 8 p.m. onwards.

The amusement park in the play ground will be under the control of our Old Boys, whom we wish to thank for their assistance

BRO. MATTHIAS, Hon. Sec. Extension Fund.



6. The 1930s Clapham College Fete, hugely popular -
no annotation, please take time to absorb



Awards



7. The 30s School Fete were huge events - big crowds



Spend time looking at the Fete photos in detail - silver cap badge, ice creams and speeches. The Gymnastics Team beautifully turned out. You can “feel” the event.

8. A sea of hats at the Fete - please zoom in fantastic "insight"

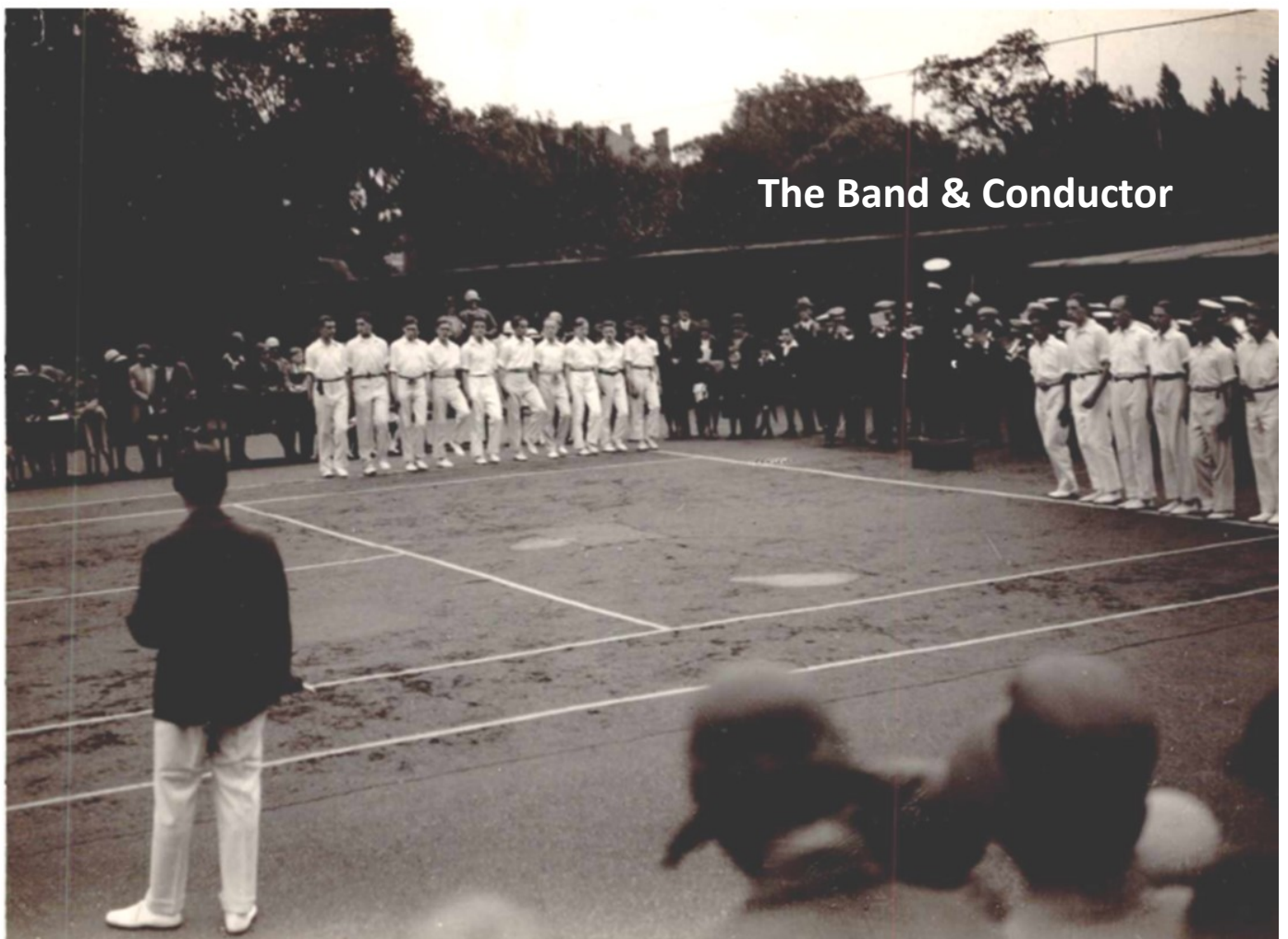


9. The Fete Highlight - "The Flying Xaverians"



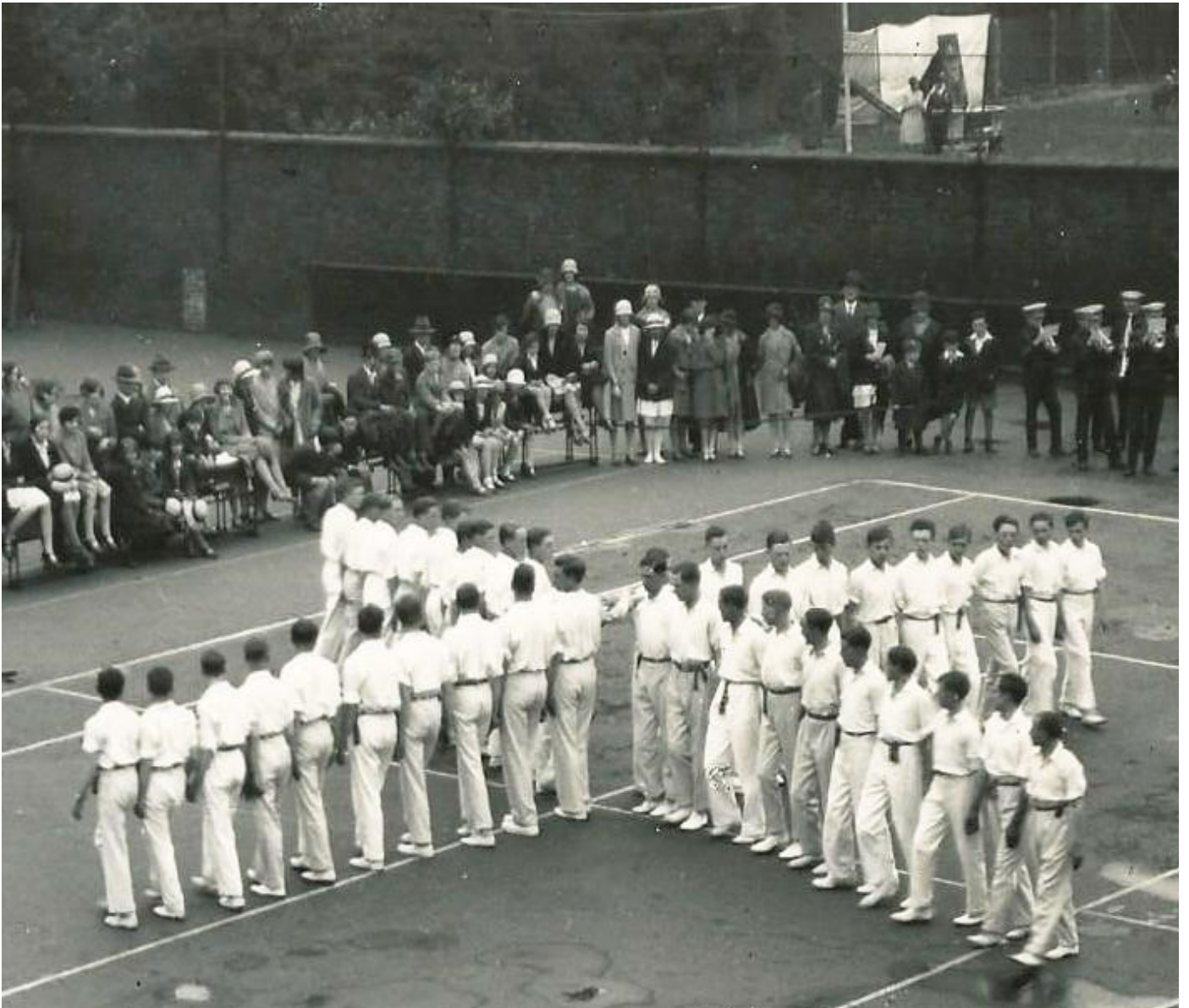
A couple of facts "a true story" as Colin would say. Those straw mats were still there when the editor joined Clapham in the 1960s. At the back one the right is the world-famous tuckshop. A must at break for a variety of confectionary [and violence!].

10. Action at the Gymnastics Display. The "Catherine Wheel" - at the back a "courting couple" a first for Clapham College



11. Fantastic Photo highlighting "The Playground Wall"

The other side was fence. A hundred Clapham Boys could play football, cricket and handball against it. A piece of chalk for the goal or the wicket - who needed Playstations - "hrs of fun"



12. Clapham Tennis and news of the Brothers

22, Briarwood Road,
Clapham Park,
S.W.4.

26th May, 1939.

Dear Gillgrass,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th May. I shall be pleased to arrange for a team (which in all but name will be the Old Xaverians!) to play your Club on the 5th June, with a return match at a later date.

As the match will have to be completed in little more than three hours, I suggest we each put out a team of 4 only, playing 4 singles matches and 2 doubles. It would be well to start at the earliest possible moment after tea, and to stipulate short sets only, but these and other details we could discuss later.

E. Gillgrass, Esq.,
90a, North Side,
Wandsworth Common,
S.W.18.

Perhaps

News of the Brothers 1936

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13. Cricketers in the 1930s had style –those blazers!

1934 Glastonbury College
Cricket Champions

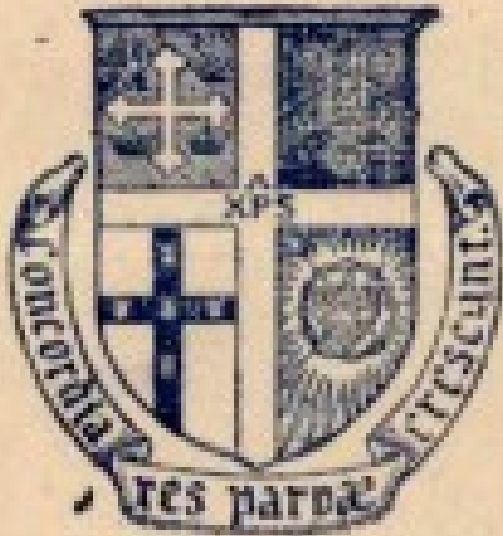


CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS CC ... 1935 ... HOME AT NORBURY



STANDING - W CROMER; BILLY BATES; PHIL TRUMPER; DEREK JONES AND P REYNIER
JOHN WOOLARD; J. J. WILSON; BILL MADIGAN O.B.E.; J 'SQUOSHER' O'SULLIVAN; HARRY ELLIS; JOHN PINDER
OR DU PRES.

14. 1934 Clapham Old Boys socials - good events, low numbers - loss-makers.



The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association

SIXTH ANNUAL DINNER
OF THE
CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION
AT
THE BEDFORD HOTEL, S.W. 12
ON
MARCH 3RD. 1934.

CHAIRMAN
THE REV. BRO. BERNARDINE, C.F.X.

TOAST LIST.

THE POPE AND KING.

Proposed by The Chairman.



THE COLLEGE.

Proposed by Mr. W. Hodges.

Response by Sir Fredk. Barthorpe.



THE BROTHERS.

Proposed by Mr. W. Donovan.

Response by The Rev. Bro. Bernardine.



THE ASSOCIATION.

Proposed by The Rev. Bro. Aloysius.

Response by Mr. W. Holland.



THE CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. J. C. O'Donohoe.

TOAST LIST.

MENU.

Celery Creme.



Fillet of sole au gratin.



Roast Sirloin of Beef.	Roast Lamb.
Yorkshire Pudding.	Mint Sauce.
Cauliflower.	Brussels Sprouts.

Roast and Boiled Potatoes



Ice Pudding.



Cheese.

Coffee.

Biscuits.

15. Xaverian Actors - "big" in the 1930s - The Xaverian Players

If you were an Old Boy in the 1930s, Cricket and Football had just one team each and as usual there were footballer/cricketers, so very few places available. The Ramblers were two weekends a week, therefore if you were a "participating Xaverian", it was the Xaverian Players. It's not really of "our time" - unless you are Wilson Bowers! Large numbers too, there were those "behind the scenes", and female actors too. Would YOU join [not WB!]

" THE XAVERIAN PLAYERS."

We have now been in action for two full seasons and our record to date is :—

" None but the Brave."

" Journey's End."

" Lord of the Manor."

" Tons of Money."

" The Ghost Train."

In addition, we have presented numerous one-act plays and given shows for charities at Camberwell, Bermondsey, Clapham and Bromley. I feel that, with all due modesty, we can look back with satisfaction on these achievements.

Far and away the happiest and most encouraging thing about our small company, however, is the excellent team spirit shewn by all its members. I can safely say that those who " carry the play " in one show are equally willing and keen to " carry the tray " in the next.

In order to appreciate fully the pleasant atmosphere in which we prepare for our shows, you should really be present at one of our rehearsals at Ellison Road, Streatham. There you would observe the hard work of the producer, Miss Amy O'Donohoe and cast—although you would probably think the latter well done by on noticing the goodly " snack " prepared and provided by our popular producer. Finally, if in the mood and provided time permits, one can throw a dart with our champion, Bill Madigan (Derrick Jones is the dark horse at this, not me! *Editor*). But the last words you would hear would probably be to the effect :—" Act II lines must be known by next Tuesday at the latest." And so to the great days (three performances now, you know) when the show goes on. Great stuff this Dramatic!

We ended the season with productions of " Tons of Money " at St. Mary's Hall, Clapham on the 17th April and of two one-act plays (" The Dear Departed " and " Thread o' Scarlet ") at Camberwell on the 26th April.

I shall be most happy to send particulars of the 1936-7 season, as soon as they are ready, to anyone who wishes.

45 Mitcham Lane,
Streatham.

P. A. TUNMER.

St. Mary's New Hall,

St. Alphonsus Road, Clapham Park Road, S.W.4

The
**Xaverian
Players**

in

**TONS OF
MONEY**

A FARCE IN 3 ACTS by WILL EVANS and VALENTINE.

on

FRIDAY, APRIL 17^{TH.} 1936

COMMENCE at 8.0 p.m.

100 Tickets at 6d., 400 at 1/-, 100 at 2/-

TICKETS may be obtained at the MONASTERY, CATHOLIC REPOSITORY and the usual sources.

"Tons of Money"

This criticism of the Xaverian Players' last effort might be headed "Turner's Torso," for it was the appearance of this expanse (which two rowing-boat cushions alone made fit for public exhibition) that raised the heartiest laugh ever provoked by the Players and brought on one Brother's asthma.

"Tons of Money," the Players' fifth production, was presented at the College on March 6, 7, and 8. The Players put tons of gusto into it, but, quite frankly, I didn't think it quite so good as "Journey's End" and "The Ghost Train." The general impression is, I think, that the players shine more in "straight" acting, which, after all, is a compliment.

Arthur Turner was quite happy as Aubrey Allington, the soft-headed inventor who endures painful vicissitudes to prevent creditors snaffing his legacy. But not all the Players were so fortunately cast.

Bill Madigan, so excellent in elderly men and Cockney characterisations, was not so comfortable as a shifty crook engaged to impersonate a long-lost relative from Mexico and Peter Tully, whose admirable ease I commented on before, had a less suitable role as an elderly lawyer in "Tons of Money," although I must say he turned in what was perhaps the most interesting performance of the evening. I was reminded, all through his performance, of J. Robertson Hare, of Aldwych fame. Tully apparently took a few leaves from Hare's book and the result was immensely satisfying.

Miss Georgina Trumper, as usual, displayed her understanding of timing and composure. Hers was not a meaty enough role, however, for so capable an actress.

I liked Derrick Jones's little cameos as a doddering gardener—this player suits a dialect-role—while Francis Edgley, as the genuine long-lost relative from Mexico, was very good. Special praise is due for the manner in which Francis Edgley and Bill Madigan were made up to look exactly alike, even to altering the shape of Madigan's nose—this was a very neat piece of work.

Miss Therese Woodman as a deaf old lady with the "screws" and knitting-itis was quite good and well made up; Miss Ida O'Donohoe was adequate in a role which did not allow much scope and Bernard O'Sullivan, as butler, and Miss Eunice Jones, as maid, got the most from the limited opportunities offered.

I particularly liked the scenery—a room in the Allington house—which was built very tastefully indeed. And once again, congratulations to the Man Behind the Scenes for the explosion of the "Allington blasting powder," very convincingly done. The production was stage-managed by Ken Riley.

The Producer was, of course, capable Miss Amy O'Donohoe, and music was by the Xaverian Quartette.

"Tons of Money," the Will Evans and Valentine farce of some years ago, has a style and humour now somewhat "dated," and I don't consider that it offers enough to a capable company.

I should very much like to see "The Wind and the Rain" produced by the Players. This long-running play requires only one simple scene throughout, and the main characters are young University students. I would suggest Arthur Turner in the role Mackenzie Ward made famous; Miss Georgina Trumper as the "love interest"; Miss Therese Woodman as the Scottish landlady; and Bill Madigan and Peter Tully as further students.

Clapham Old Xaverian Association

The Xaverian Players

will present

**The
CREAKING
CHAIR**

A Mystery Play in Three Acts

by ALLENE TUPPER WILKES

on

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY.
APRIL 16th & 17th, 1937**

at

ST. LUKES HALL

RAMSDEN ROAD, S.W.12

at 8.0 p.m.

Doors Open 7.30 p.m.

Proceeds to be devoted to the Funds of The Church of the Holy Ghost, Balham and the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.

Tickets—Price 3/6; 2/6; and 1/- (Including Tax) may be obtained from members of the congregation or by applying at the Presbytery.

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Wale.

At a meeting of the Committee of C.O.X.A., some eighteen months ago, a suggestion was brought forward that a magazine should be started,—carried unanimously! The next item to be discussed was where to find an Editor. The members of the committee were asked one by one to take on these onerous duties, but “ they all at once began to make excuse.” This was of course all part of one of O'D's deep laid traps for the unwary—in this case the writer—who fell for it.

Nevertheless *Concordia* was produced about a year ago, and in the course of time a second number followed. Many factors operated, however, which have made it necessary for me to relinquish with real regret the duties associated with the further production of this magazine.

In vacating the editorial chair in favour of Mr. Pinder, I feel that *Concordia* and its readers are to be congratulated on having obtained his services, (this was another of O'D's deeply laid schemes. *Ed.*), and am happy in the knowledge that my literary offspring will go on from strength to strength and increase its advertising and literary space within very few issues.

The editorial we has now been shed, and reversion has been made in the foregoing to the first person singular. I hasten to point out that I am not a singular person, but merely,

Your humble servant,

W. T. J. DONOVAN.

The size of “ Concordia ” is largely regulated by our advertisers. It is in your own interest to see that they are well patronised. Please mention “ Concordia,” Always

FOOTBALL.

Hon. Sec.: W. J. Dowd, 47 Wroughton Road, Clapham Common, S.W.II.

I should like to open my report by recording my sincere thanks to the College for giving us permission to use Norbury for several Sunday fixtures. Thanks to their help it is possible to run this section. I next had to find my players and I have been successful in securing many of the younger members of the Association.

We have now 20 really keen and enthusiastic players and I am looking forward to this season with great confidence. Our first match took place on October 12th against J. A. Taylor's A.F.C. at Mitcham. Fifteen minutes from the close of play we were losing by four goals to two, but we eventually ran out winners by 5 goals to 4. The fact that our fellows had the pluck to fight back shows that we have the right spirit; and I think that it will last.

I append a list of games already fixed and am arranging further matches.

I shall be pleased to hear from any O.B. interested in football.

Oct.	12th	v.	J. A. Taylors F.C. at Mitcham.	Won 5-4.
"	20th	v.	St. Padua F.C. at Dulwich.	Lost 1-4.
Nov.	9th	v.	St. Mary's F.C. at Norbury.	
"	16th	v.	Clapham College at Norbury.	
"	30th	v.	St. Padua F.C. at Norbury.	
Dec.	7th	v.	Bar-Cochba F.C. at Norbury.	
"	14th	v.	St. Joseph's College at Beulah Hill.	
"	20th	v.	Epsom Ath. F.C. at Epsom (Saturday).	
"	21st	v.	St. Joseph's College at Norbury.	
1931.				
Jan.	11th	v.	J. A. Taylor's F.C. at Norbury.	
"	18th	v.	Bar-Cochba F.C. at Streatham.	
Mar.	15th	v.	Clapham College at Norbury.	
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HYMN TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

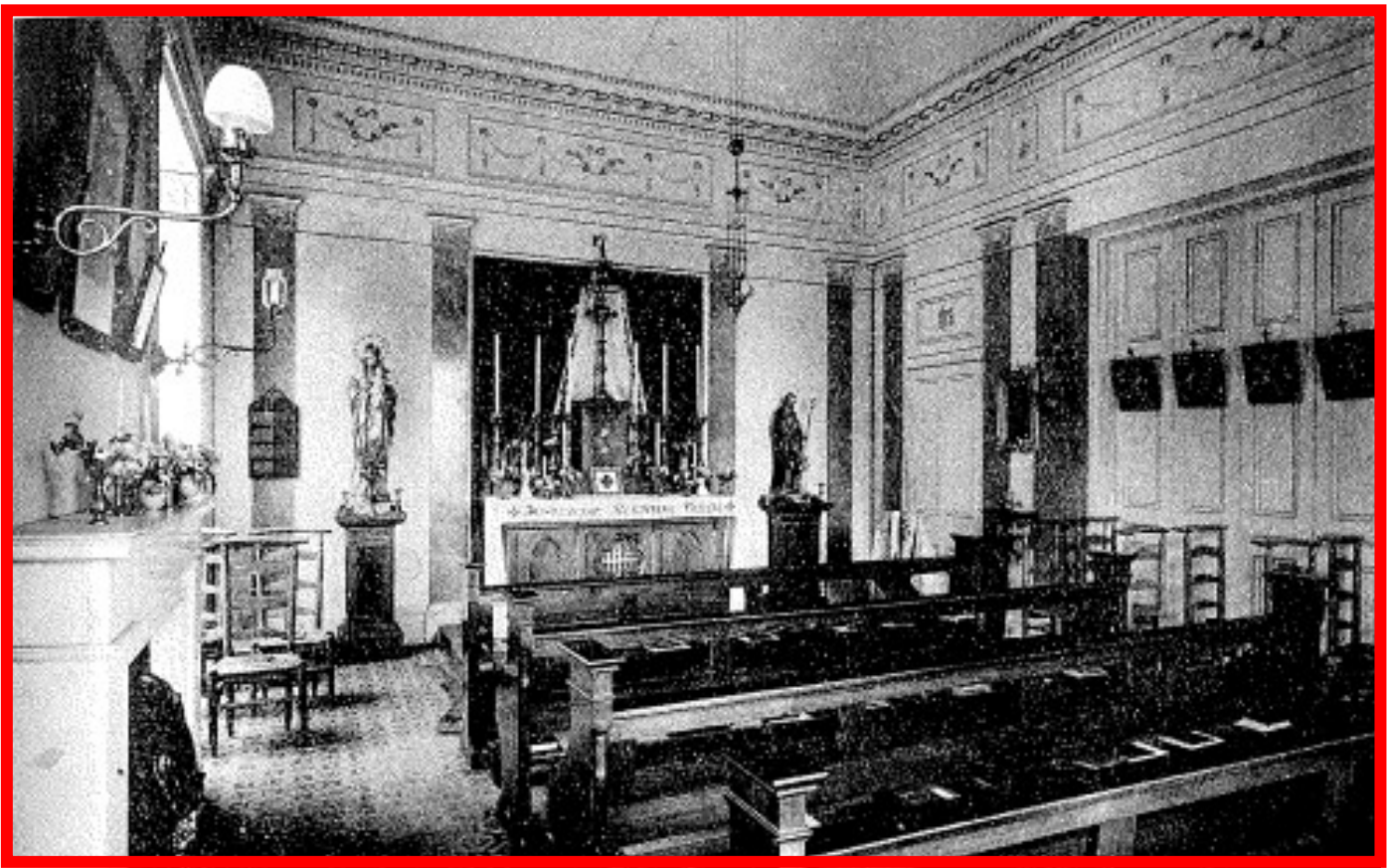
Hail! all hail, Great Xavier!
 Xaverian's Patron hail,
 Christ's hero in the struggle,
 Great Saint all hail! all hail!
 In East and West thy kindly deeds
 Did win the hearts of all,
 How often did thy words of might
 The powers of Hell appal!
 The love of God was in thy breast
 An ever burning fire,
 The saving souls redeem'd by God,
 Thy great thy strong desire.
 With Seraph's love, with Martyr's faith
 Thy earthly course hast run,
 And now bright Saint the Heav'nly crown
 Is thine, so nobly won.

21. The Chapels - we love them - so ornate - so loved

The Xaverian Brothers had beautiful, ornate Chapels built in their schools, at Clapham we have nurtured and refurbished ours, the Mayfield one [below] is intact, but a private residence - the Brighton one [bottom] demolished!



XAVERIAN COLLEGE, MAYFIELD. THE SANCTUARY (SHOWING NEW ALTAR RAILS).



PERSONALIA.

Hearty congratulations to :—

J. J. WILSON, whose engagement to Miss ANGELA PAGE is announced. This is of particular interest to Old Boys, as Miss Page is a sister of Tony Page, last year's Cricket Skipper, and is well known to most of us.

W. PALMER, who was married on April 18th to Miss I. COOKE at Leicester. We do not see as much of " Bill " now as we would like as he is busy fitting sound film apparatus in the Midlands, where he is now living.

G. GANDER (1920-1922) who was married in January to Miss HIERSON.

L. WILSON in passing his Inter Science Exam.

D. J. SMALE, who passed his examination for the Civil Service. We understand that he has already received an appointment.

G. LORRIMAN on his Distinction in Latin at the General Schools Exam.

E. HODGES, who on June 6th won the 440 yds. Surrey Junior Championship at Guildford in the time of 58 secs. Well done Hodges!

The School Relay Team which won the Dempsey Cup at the Gaelic Sports held on Whit Monday at the Woolwich Stadium.

We have heard from M. LALL who is very busy in India just now. He sent us an article for *Concordia*, but we regret that we must hold it over for this issue.

L. O. NOLL (1920-1925), is travelling for his firm in Germany. He has for some time been in Berlin.

News and Notes.

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Since our last issue John Derrington, an Old Boy, has become the proud father of Triplets.

This month L. E. Hobbs, whose father is the famous cricketer won the United Banks 100 yds. championship in 10 1/10 secs.

23. 1933 - I AM VERY CONCERNED

I'm very concerned. Over the last decade I've NEVER published anything I don't understand [not even from the Chairman]. However, this 1933 article/comment/advice from **Auntie Ermytrude** has left me in a quandary. I assume it's not RUDE - we are/were a Catholic Association so I reproduced it. Never have solved cryptic crossword in my life. Maybe it's 1930s "rap" - or "in talk" between friends. It normally "youths" that can quite rightly say to us "*You don't speak our lingo*". For once grown men are distributing this inappropriate literature to Grammar School boys - just the translation of the odd phrase would do! Ed

Auntie Ermytrude Replies.

"W.P." (Leicester). Yes, Robbie has now received your cheque for dinner tickets. We hear that Mrs. O'D. had wrapped the butter in it prior to moving to her new home. Robbie has had quite a lot of bread and butter since.

"T.T." (Ohio). O'D. tells me that he is making strenuous efforts to persuade the committee to provide a gavel for the Chairman at the Dinner next year. He feels with you, that a beer bottle while being effective is not wholly consistent with dignity. Besides, he says it sets the beer off.

"Smudge" (Walworth). No, I am sorry to say, Phil Trumper's schoolgirl complexion is not attributable to Palm Olive, but to the fact that he is thoroughly and regularly washed—I believe by his brother.

"Tum-Tum" (Tokio). I am afraid that you are not the only one. O'D. says that as he had three sardine bones, two spoonfuls of soup, and a look at the chicken, he doesn't think the dinner worth 5/6 either.

"Query" (Brighton). No "Squasher" is not an ancient Greek Christian name, nor an impolite reference to the gentleman's facial attributes. I believe he acquired the name through an early habit of vociferously advising all and sundry, when dealing with an opponent at football, to "Squash 'im."

"Cricketer" (Much Wallow). I wrote to Tony for the information you require, but as his reply commenced with an opinion on the weather, I'm afraid I had to burn it. A.E.

(Auntie Ermytrude being quite a genial soul, tells me that she is prepared to consider mothering any O.X. who is going spare or falling into bad habits. All applications which will be treated in strictest confidence, and not published above, should be addressed to Auntie. Poste Restante, Angora.—*Editor*).

24. 1937 School Football and Chess - and "Mark's Cross"

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

We have now come to the end of a not too successful season ; we have played 16 matches and have won 6 and drawn one. We won our rubbers with Manor House and the Old Boys and drew with Streatham Grammar. The Old Boys underestimated our capabilities and fielded a weak team for both matches, which we won 5—3 and 4—1. In the beginning of the season we had a fairly good defence but this was weakened at Christmas when Eaton and Cosgrove left. The return of J. Furey strengthened our attack but it still lacked that scoring capacity necessary for victory. During the season we sustained two bad defeats but these were balanced by two hard-fought and brilliant victories. The chief goal-scorers were Palmer 1, Gerold and Furey.

J. GLEESON (*Capt.*).

CHESS CLUB.

The College Chess Club was formed at the beginning of the Christmas Term, Mr. Sheppee taking charge and instructing the learners, with P. McGee and J. Scannell as secretary and assistant secretary respectively.

In the Inter House tournament each house played every other house twice, with the following results :

Walsingham 11 pts., Charterhouse 6 pts.

Glastonbury 4 pts., Canterbury 3 pts.

The individual championship was won by E. Scannell.

We are grateful to Mr. Ashburner for his present to the club of a magnificent ivory set of chessmen.

Great promise has been shown, especially by those who were new to the game, but many of our experienced players were inconsistent in their exhibitions.

We hope next year to compete in matches with other schools.

P. MCGEE.

Mark's Cross [PTO] was a Junior Seminary, situated a few miles from Mayfield College on the road from Tunbridge Wells. It closed in 1970. I've seen the name Mark Cross on many occasions, but had to research to get it into context.

This is the Junior Seminary where prospective priests from the Xaverian Colleges went to when they were prepared places like Wonerch. The Junior Seminary" of St. Joseph's College at Mark Cross was for thirteen to eighteen year olds.

There are letters and "news" from Mark Cross published in 1930s /1940s Concordias. I think in early days the numbers moving from Mark Cross [juniors] to the main seminaries were almost 100% few seemed to "drop out". I think this changed over time and by the 1960s the school became uneconomic and unviable. Please turn over for reports from Wonerch and Mark's Cross [

Wonersh.

The only person I knew when I first came to Wonersh was an Old Xaverian. He, too, was a new-comer. The result was that we spent our first evening here discussing how a certain master at Clapham (now further afield) with complete disregard of the fact that the coefficient of friction (μ) between smooth bodies is approximately unity, leant back too far in his chair. There was a crash! Over went desk, chair and all! The only thing we could distinguish in the mess was a pair of legs waving in mid-air. Not a titter from the class—we had, just previously, *en masse*, been given a detention. As a result of our marvellous self control, we were excused that dismal hour from 4.15 onwards.

However, that is neither here nor there, as Brother B—— used to say, after having wandered into the realms of physiology during a maths. lesson. Seeing that my junior brethren of Mark Cross have taken up a page in each of the last two numbers of *Concordia*. I see no reason why Wonersh should not have a few paragraphs as well.

At present, there are only two Old Clapham Xaverians studying here—Messrs. R. Hickey and G. Furey, and incidentally, although the Rev. D. Greenstock, at present in Spain, is the Senior in ecclesiastical eyes, R. Hickey is the Senior O.C.X. at present studying for the priesthood.

We all join in sending you our best wishes to the Association.

GERARD FUREY.

Mark Cross.

By the time that this article is in print the Mark Cross students will have ended their summer vacations.

At the close of February last, E. Fairhall was finally accepted as a church student and received the cassock biretta from Fr. Rector. On Whit-Saturday we paid our annual visit to St. John's, Wonersh, to be present at the ordinations, and had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with the old C.C. Boys there. R. Jones leaves us this year to continue his studies at Wonersh.

During a visit to Brighton on July 4th to take part in a service, we had the pleasure of seeing Rev. Br. Aloysius and of having a long chat with him. He is happy at Brighton and is as popular there as he was at Clapham. It may be of interest to some readers to know that Rev. Bro. Anthony has been moved from Brighton to Mayfield. He was at Clapham some years ago.

This scholastic year has ended well, and the four Xaverian Colleges of England now have representatives here. But some of them are going to Wonersh this September, and we are waiting to see if C.C. will reinforce us next year.

C. PRICE

RAMBLING SECTION.

Since the Annual General Meeting, seven rambles have been arranged in various parts of Surrey and Kent.

Unfortunately the attendance has been poor. So far, although about twelve people at the A.G.M. asked to be notified of the Section's activities and were duly informed, the largest "turn-out" has been three, including myself. However, the weather during the past winter has not been very inviting and it is hoped that the warmer and longer days will prove to be more attractive.

At present, the arrangement is a ramble every three weeks but the interval can be decreased if found desirable. The distance covered on each ramble is 15-18 miles, but this may, of course, be shortened by returning from an intermediate point if necessary. So don't be afraid of over-exertion or dragging weary, footsore miles. And bring your friends along, too.

The usual arrangement is for ramblers to bring their own lunch, tea being obtained at some suitable place.

Below is a programme of rambles up to the end of June. (Rail tickets are cheap Day Return unless otherwise stated). A further series will be arranged when the Summer Time Tables are published and if members interested will communicate with me, I shall see that a copy of the programme is sent to them. Suggestions from members willing to lead a ramble will be welcomed.

G. C. H. SHARPE.

This is such a sweet way to present "Personalia" - but not for the 21st Century

Personalia.

Hearty congratulations to :—

Edward Hodges who was presented with a Son, Paul Edward, in February, 1937.

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Ron Trumper who was presented with a Son, Jerome, in April, 1937.

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Peter Tully on his engagement to Miss Eunice Jones.

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Jack Wilcock on his engagement to Miss Molly Page.

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W. A. Crawley on his engagement to Miss Molly Storey of Petersham.

Annual Mass.

A resolution put to the A.G.M. last October that a Mass should be offered annually in the Chapel of Clapham College for the repose of the souls of past Old Xaverians was carried unanimously. Arrangements were made accordingly and Mass was celebrated by Father Austin, an Old Xaverian, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the 18th April.

All members were advised in good time of the arrangements made and, considering the importance of the occasion, a 100 per cent rally of Catholic members was fully expected. Although there was a fair muster, the attendance was disappointing and a big improvement in numbers will be looked for on the next occasion.

After all, just one morning a year for those you knew so well is really not asking much of you.

The fore-runner to the
Remembrance Service [1930]

TABLE TENNIS.

The newly-formed Table Tennis Club has been successful in bringing together those who were already experienced players and in introducing others to the game. There is plenty of talent among the necessarily restricted membership and some have made great improvement in their games. Some beginners, however, did not maintain the enthusiasm with which they started the season.

The Singles Tournament was won by J. Reidy. Charterhouse, represented by D. Travis and J. Jones, defeated Walsingham (Reidy, Coates and Edwards) in the final of the House Championship, an exciting doubles match deciding the issue.

We won the match with Streatham K.S.C. Squires but lost to the Old Boys. I am looking forward to a very successful second season.

D. F. TRAVIS.

CHESS.

The Chess Club has increased a great deal in popularity, as has been shown clearly by the large attendance at every meeting this season. The new members give promise of great ability; some of them have already proved themselves to be very good players. This season for the first time we played outside matches. Two of these were against Holdron's. Though we lost both, we were not discouraged, as the average difference in age between us and our opponents must have been at least thirty years. We lost also our match against Sir Walter St. John's School, but only by a narrow margin. In spite of these defeats, we are confident that with experience of match-play we shall gain successes in our matches next season.

W. PALMER.

LACROSSE.

This season lacrosse was introduced, and proved quite popular. Next season we hope to have regular games and make progress enough to be able to play against other schools.

Table tennis - "big" at the College - but Old Boys di we play? [Brian?]

Chess - not a sport surely a pastime - like golf! But Lacrosse did we ever play?

The Coronation.

The visit to the Coronation commenced, for our party, at nine o'clock and by 9.20 we were assembled at the College. Here a most important ceremony took place, namely the solemn labelling of every member of the party. This done, we proceeded to the Underground Station corner and at 9.25 a small fleet of trams was observed coming up Balham Hill. The car reserved for us, (and two other schools) was M.4, which after a journey of about 30 minutes through a highly decorated South London landed us at the Blackfriars Bridge end of the Embankment.

Here we formed our procession and advanced solemnly up the Embankment behind the official banner-bearer. When we arrived at our stand we saw that it consisted of a wooden stage about six inches high and three feet wide, which appeared to run the whole length of the Embankment. The part assigned for the use of the College appeared to be about four square feet in area, and we placed ourselves upon it as closely together as possible while cartons of milk and bags of potato crisps were handed out to the party. One member seemed a little in doubt as to what the idea was, for he placed the milk and crisps on the ground and sat on them at once, thereby greatly inconveniencing both himself and the carton of milk, which was flattened as if it had been struck by a steam hammer. He rose again at speed.

We had now to contain ourselves as patiently as possible until the long procession passed us on its journey to the Palace. About 10.30 a detachment of Territorials arrived to line the route along the Embankment. At 11 o'clock a school arrived very late and was promptly greeted by a storm of cheers. At 11.45 the procession of military began to pass, and this provided a great attraction. (The Service from the Abbey was relayed to the waiting children by means of loud speakers). This procession formed an imposing sight as the different detachments in their multifarious uniforms filed along the half-mile stretch of the Embankment. The huge column of soldiers was nearly two miles in length, and took a long time to pass.

When the last horse had vanished there was another long wait until the Royal Procession came from the Abbey. During this time the waiting crowd became rather bored and the chatter was so loud as to render the Abbey Service inaudible.

The sky until now had been fairly clear, but at about 1.30 heavy banks of cloud approached from the south-west, the whole sky became grey and threatening and the sun was clouded out. We were asked to fill in the time of waiting by clearing up any litter and placing it in boxes which were provided at intervals along the Embankment.

At two o'clock when people were just beginning to get tired of standing, the Royal Procession (consisting of all those who had attended the Abbey Service) began to pass, and most of the schools settled down with the fixed idea of yelling themselves hoarse in as short a time as possible. As coach after coach went by, the cheers were deafening and they swelled into a roar for Queen Mary and the

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Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. The white plumes of the Life Guards slowly appeared around the bend from the Abbey, the top of the Gold Coach came into view, and as the coach passed and the newly-crowned King and Queen were seen through the window the cheers of the children increased in volume and continued until the long cortège had faded from sight.

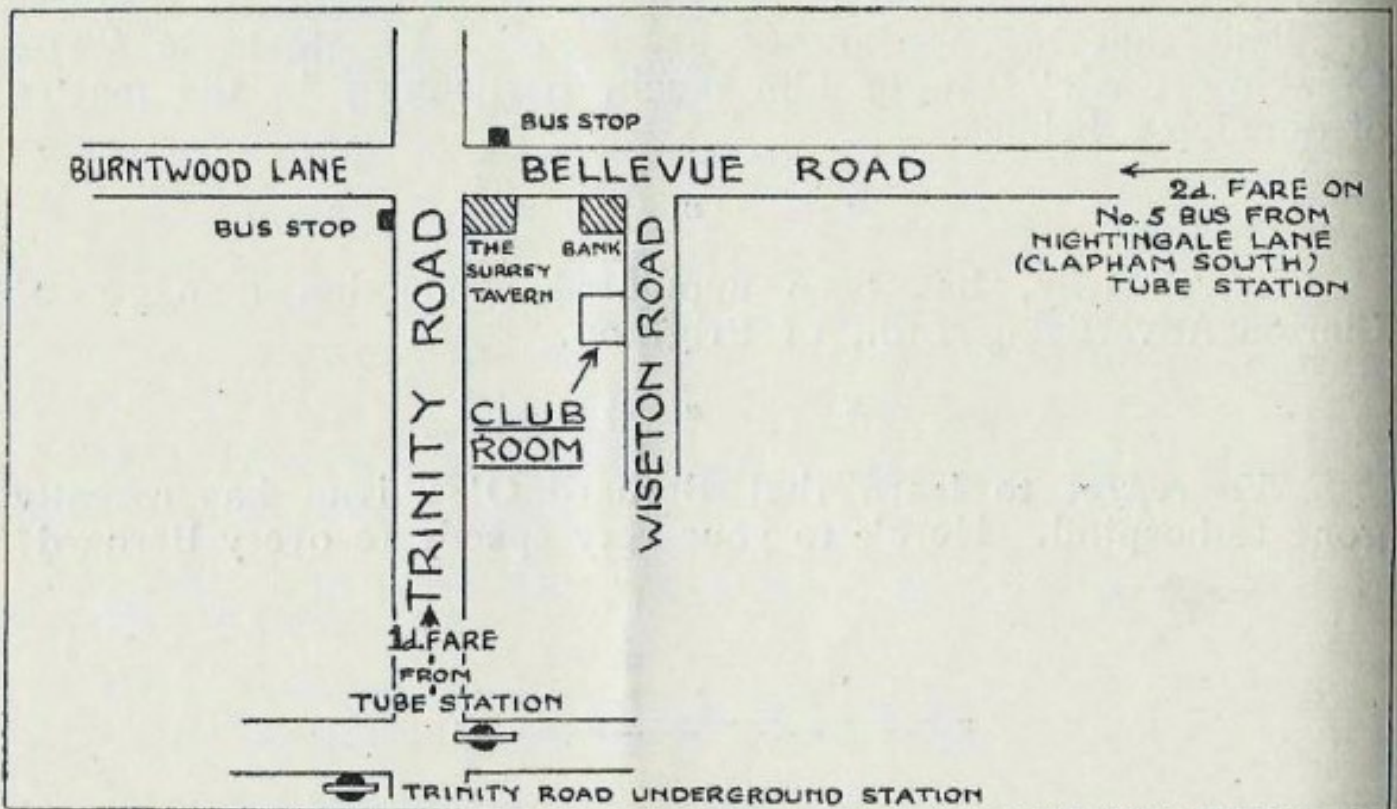
The Guards at the rear of the procession slowly passed and then "the floodgates of Heaven" were opened on London. The crowds of children on the Embankment were soaked through and had to wait in a half-drowned state as the schools marched off one by one. We seemed to be the last and the Brother in charge motioning the banner-bearers to go forward, we began our march to the tram followed by many earnest exhortations from the loudspeakers to "leave no litter." The culminating moment was when an official approached with news that our tram was just starting—the look from Brother's face nearly dried up the rain! We just managed to scramble on to the tram and began our journey homewards with everyone thoroughly soaked.

On arrival at Clapham South we slowly splashed our way into the College and there the party split up, to return to their respective homes and a welcome change of clothing.

30. 1939 The Old Boys Clubroom

Club Room.

1. Address:—Church Institute, Wiseton Road, Wandsworth Common.
2. When open:—Every Monday evening, from about 7 p.m.
3. Amenities:—Full-size Billiard Table (hardly Thurston's, but serviceable), Darts, Cards, Table Tennis, and most popular of all pastimes, gossip.
4. Passing thought:—The Surrey Tavern is practically next door—not that it matters of course, but it is sort of handy, isn't it?
5. Map:—The greatest effort of our time; can you find your way to the Club Room by following it—try!



31 1938 Old Boys Cricket v Brighton & Fixture List



Clapham Old Xaverians (above) v. Brighton Old Xaverians at Hassocks, near Brighton, on Sunday, 31st July, 1938.

Back Row (left to right) : J. J. Wilson, W. J. Madigan, F. Stephenson, P. Newton, T. B. O'Sullivan, D. Wall, C. Higginson.

Front Row (left to right) : R. Pierce, D. Jones, J. Wilcock, K. Riley.

Result : Clapham won, scoring 90 runs to Brighton's 37 runs. (Higginson 5 - 14 : O'Sullivan 3 - 10 : Pierce 2 - 2).

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS CRICKET CLUB — Fixtures 1938.

DATE	OPPONENTS	GROUND	RSLT.	FOR	AGST.	DATE	OPPONENTS	GROUND	RSLT.	FOR	AGST.
SATURDAYS						SUNDAYS					
April 30	Elmers End ...	Elmers End ...	CAN	ELMERS	...	May 15	Wandgas ...	Earlsfield ...	CAN	WANDGAS	...
May 7	Landregis ...	Chiswick ...	DRAW						
14	Watney's ...	Mortlake ...	WIN						
21	Southern Railway ...	Raynes Park ...	WIN						
28	B.B.C. 2nd ...	Motspur Park ...	CAN	ELMERS	...						
June 4	Colonial Office ...	Raynes Park ...				June 5	Cormont ...	Norbury ...			
11	The College ...	Norbury ...				26	Surrey Grove ...	Carshalton ...			
18	Hurlingham Odd's 2nd ...	Mitcham ...									
25	Nestangle ...	Elmers End ...									
July 2	Hartisbury ...	Roeh'mptn Vale ...				July 3	Gafiac ...	Surbury-on-T. ...			
9	Southern Railway ...	Waddon ...				10	B.B.C. 2nd ...	Motspur Park ...			
16	Gaumont British ...	Norbury ...				17	Achilland Sports Club ...	Sutton ...			
23	Elders and Fyffes ...	New Malden ...				24	Gafiac ...	Surbury-on-T. ...			
30	Wandgas ...	Home ...				31	Brighton Old Xaverians	Brighton			
Aug. 6	Hurlingham Odd's 2nd	Home ...				B.H. Aug. 1	Brighton Old Xaverians	Home ...			
13	Colonial Office ...	Home ...				Aug. 7	Achilland Sports Club	Home ...			
20	Watney's ...	Home ...				14	Johnson Matthey ...	Du'wich ...			
27	Surrey Grove ...	Home ...				21	Exempee ...	Home ...			
Sept. 3	Hartisbury ...	Home ...				28	Cormont ...	Home ...			
10	Southern Railway ...	Home ...									
17	Landregis ...	Home ...									

32. Past v Present Cricket Match - impossible in 2022 - would be the “distant” Past v “recent” Past

The “Past v. Present Cricket Match” was played on the College Ground (Manchester), on July 15th, and a very enjoyable game ended in a victory for the “Present” by 16 runs. The scores were as follows:—

PRESENT.

G. De Boute, st Harrop, b Cosgrove	6
B. Dunstan, b Cosgrove	6
L. Riley, not out	10
H. Gilbert, c Masterson, b Cosgrove	0
G. Green, hit wicket, b Cosgrove	0
R. Rojas, b Doherty	11
J. Donnelly, c Harrop, b Cosgrove	1
E. Ross, b Cosgrove	5
J. Eccles, run out	12
C. Thomas, c Masterson, b Doherty	0
H. Chew, b Cosgrove	1
Extras	7
Total	53

E. Cosgrove took 7 wickets for 21.
L. Doherty took 2 wickets for 15.

PAST.

E. Cosgrove, b R. Rojas	2
D. Harrop, c Gilbert, b Rojas	2
L. Doherty, c Gilbert, b Rojas	0
A. Philbin, c and b Rojas	0
W. Pegge, c Green, b Dunstan	5
T. Haynes, c Riley, b Dunstan	0
D. Murphy, c Gilbert, b Dunstan	2
T. Masterson, b Rojas	9
F. H. Earley, b Rojas	7
H. Bryn, c Ross, b Donnelly	4
E. Duffner, not out	2
Extras	10
Total	43

R. Rojas took 6 wickets for 19.
B. Dunstan took 3 wickets for 9.
R. Rojas performed the hat-trick.
After the match Br. Bernadine entertained us to tea at the College.

Low-scoring match

But “High Scores!

Riley 10 [but not out] almost carried his bat if you don’t count “De Boute”.

Rojas [hat-trick man] got 11 [all-rounder?]

Highest score in game Eccles 12 - but “run out”.

Nobody in the “Past” team scored double-figures.

“Extras scored the only other double-figure score.

The “legend” that was **Brother Dunstan**, opened the batting and bowling [was there no end...] battling first and “posting only 54” you’d thought they’d be in trouble, but Rojas 6-19 with a “hat-trick” .. I suppose result was never in doubt.

33. 1938 Tennis at the College

This was "hard-court" tennis on the concrete surface of the school playground. Brother Dunstan himself marked out the courts, but he didn't even play the game!

Tennis.

Tennis weather, 1938, was certainly no better than the 1937 variety. Rain-soaked Saturday followed waterlogged Wednesday all too often,—but somehow we have survived it all. The most hopeful sign for the future of the Section has been the quite remarkable improvement in the play of one or two who last year were not exactly "Grade A" players; even in the singles tournament a couple of giant-killers disposed of opponents who are probably still wondering how it happened!

This year, at long last, we did succeed in beating the College in our annual encounter. We did it properly, too, winning four matches out of seven, and drawing the remaining three; so if old age and infirmity hereafter compel my retirement I can indeed now depart in peace.

Against Chelsea Polytechnic at Merton Park we lost a keen and enjoyable match 3—6; the less said about the return game the better—**one** Chelsea player turned up out of a team of six! Our second team carried all before them in the two matches played, the first team failing to reach a conclusion in either of the corresponding fixtures.

The singles tournament was carried off by M. Eaton, whose considerable match experience, gained in other and more exalted tennis spheres, proved too much for the less businesslike methods of the rest of us. Chris. Higginson, one of the few who ought to have stopped the rush, did not do himself justice in the short and decisive final.

A final personal word of thanks to the member who made our budget balance; he who on not one single occasion throughout the season managed to get to the College and play,—and yet he did not ask for the return of his subscription. Not that he would have got it if he **had** asked—but it was decent of him not to try!

DOUGLAS J. SMALE.

34. Inter-House Competition 1939

Inter-House academic and sports competition. I had no idea they "tallied" the points. Why were there so many points for Academic Studies. No wonder Walsingham won, I thought the rumour that all the fat boys were put in Walsingham explained their sporting failures! Had no idea they might have been the "brighter ones"! I thought it was the brainy priests!

TABLE SHOWING POINTS GAINED.

	<i>Canterbury</i>	<i>Charterhouse</i>	<i>Glastonbury</i>	<i>Walsingham</i>
Studies	5378	5186	5280	5704
House Football	—	—	50	100
House Cricket	50	100	—	—
School Football	112	94	154	238
School Cricket	84	136	124	208
Sports	10	30	100	60
Tennis	—	50	—	25
Swimming	25	—	50	—
Chess	—	—	50 ^a	25
Table Tennis	—	50	—	25
Total	5659	5646	5808	6385

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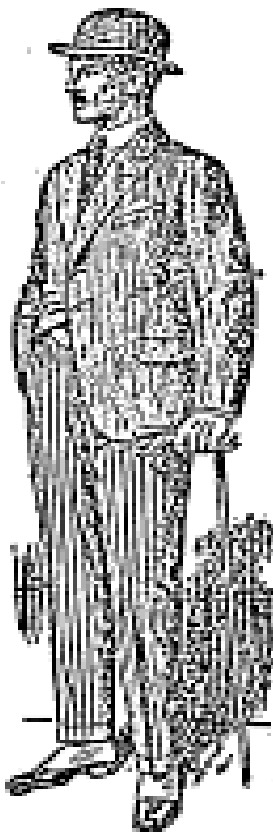
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35. 1935 Look at the number of events in 4 months!

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- Nov. 27—DANCE. LOCARNO.
 29—Extension Fund Concert.
- Dec. 3—Debate. Club Room.
 6—Extension Fund Whist Drive.
 13—C.O.X.A. v. College at Football followed by an Extension Fund Dance.
 17—"Smoker." Club Room.
- Jan. 7—Whist Drive. Club Room.
 17—Extension Fund Whist Drive.
 21—Table Tennis Tournament. Club Room.
 24—Extension Fund Dance.
 31—ANNUAL DINNER (provisional).
- Feb. 1—Extension Fund Concert.
 4—Bridge Drive. Club Room.
 7—Extension Fund Whist Drive.
 14—Extension Fund Dance.
 18—Informal Debate. Club Room.
 21—Extension Fund Concert.
- Mar. 4—"Smoker." Club Room.
 14—Extension Fund Whist Drive.
 18—Whist Drive. Club Room.
 21—Extension Fund Concert.



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COLLEGE NEWS.

Examination Results, 1938.

University of London, Higher School Certificate:

- Group B. W. PALMER (English, Modern History, Latin, French) Exemption from Inter Arts.
R. PIERCE (English, Modern History, Latin French).
J. REIDY (English, Latin, Pure Mathematics, Physics) Exemption from Inter Arts.
A. THOMAS (English, French, Pure Mathematics, Physics).
Group D. J. FOULGER (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry) Exemption from Inter Science.

University of London, General School Certificate :

School Certificate and Matriculation :

- W. ANGEL (Credit in English, French, History, Mathematics, Physics).
A. LINDSEY (Credit in English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; Pass in History).
C. O'SULLIVAN (Credit in English, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics).
F. STAKEMIRE (Credit in English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry).
F. ROSE (Credit in English, Geography, History, French, Mathematics, Physics; Pass in Latin).
C. TIMS (Credit in Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics; Pass in English).

School Certificate :

- J. COVELL (Credit in French, Mathematics; Pass in English, Geography).
P. DIPROSE (Credit in Latin, French, Mathematics; Pass in English, Physics).
P. HOULIHAN (Credit in Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics; Pass in History).
M. MORRISON (Credit in Geography, French, Mathematics; Pass in Physics).
J. O'CONNELL (Credit in Geography, French, Mathematics; Pass in History, English).
T. O'KEEFE (Credit in English, Geography, History, Latin, French).
J. O'REILLY (Credit in French, Mathematics; Pass in English, Geography, History, Physics).

Cambridge.

A piece of advice that we were often given during our period of training for the Priesthood at the Seminary was to keep a close guard over tongue and pen. I am beginning to wish that I had remembered that advice when, as part of the padding required to stretch out a letter by a few extra lines, I promised the ex-editor, Bill Madigan, to write something on Cambridge, and now the blighter has called on me to make good my words—so with much trepidation here goes!

It is rather a difficult job to write the usual type of "Cambridge Letter" that one usually finds in the Boys' magazines giving news of the doings of other Old Boys, as so far as I know, there are not any here. In fact, I am wondering if I am not the first C.O.X. to join the ranks of the light blues. It seems rather a presumptuous assumption on my part but I should be glad to hear of any others who have read for a tripos here in the past.

I was sent here after ordination by the 'Archbishop-Bishop of Southwark to read for a Natural Science Tripos, having rather foolishly dabbled a little in that branch of learning under the Scholarly guidance of Mr. Butler and Bro. Bernadine at Clapham. I am not exactly blaming them but as the work to be got through mounts up in geometrical progression I rather wish they had not been so successful (sic) in their efforts to pump knowledge into me.

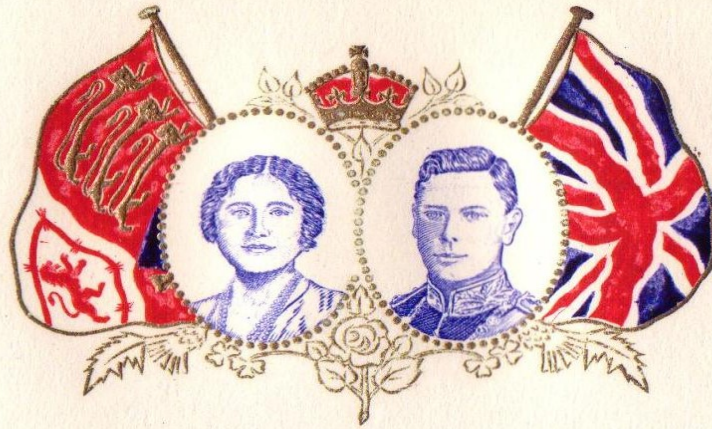
Previous to coming here I had a vague idea that life at a university was a fairly easy-going one—an odd lecture which was attended if one was in the mood, plenty of rags, etc. The first indication on arriving that such an impression was quite false were gathered when, in answer to several queries as to what I was "reading" the reply "Natural Sciences" evoked a queer look of sympathy and some remarks as, "Poor devil." The idea was finally dispelled when my tutor handed me my time table—lectures from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. with a "supervision" of an hour thrown in on three evenings a week, the result being that during the eight weeks term one accumulates reams of notes which have to be absorbed during the so-called recreation. Consequently when anyone comments "How nice it must be to have holidays for six months of the year," I feel like wringing their necks.

So much for the lighter side of life. There is a more serious side and especially for a Catholic, Cambridge has many points of interest. These would require more space to deal with than the editor can at present afford. Perhaps at some future date he may be at loss for an article, but before I know where I am I will be making another rash promise.

As this year is the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Xaverian Brothers, I cannot but conclude by wishing the Order every blessing and success, both spiritual and temporal.
Ad multos annos!

REV. G. FUREY.

St. Edmund's House,
Cambridge.



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Xaverian Centenary's Celebration In London

This week the Xaverian Brothers, the famous teaching Congregation which has many houses in this country and other parts of the world, attained the centenary of its foundation.

The English celebrations, held in London, opened with Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the church of the Holy Ghost, Balham, in the presence of the Archbishop-Bishop of Southwark (Mgr. Amigo) and members of his Chapter. Of the large body of clergy present, about thirty were Old Boys of the Xaverian Colleges. Present also was the Very Rev. Bro. Aloysius, C.F.X. (Provincial), members of the Committee of Clapham College—the London centre of the Order—Brighton, Mayfield (Sussex), Manchester, Deeping St. James and Foxhurst, among other places.

The celebrant of the Mass was Canon Wm. Thompson (Rector of Balham), assisted by Fr. Warrillow, O.S.B. (Deacon) and Fr. R. Madden (Sub-Deacon). The music of the Mass was rendered by a choir from the Xaverian College, Mayfield.

In his sermon, Archbishop Amigo congratulated the Xaverian Brothers upon their centenary and upon the great educational work they had done, and were doing, in his diocese and in other places.

The clergy and other visitors were later entertained at luncheon by the Brothers in Clapham College.

Bro. Provincial, C.F.X. (Provincial) presided, and before proposing the Loyal Toast read messages of felicitation from the General of the Xaverian Congregation in Rome, and from the Houses of the Order in U.S.A., Belgium and the Belgian Congo, etc.

ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE

Archbishop Amigo, proposing the toast, "The Xaverian Brothers," said he had known the Brothers and their work for a very long time, and in this connection alluded especially to

the zeal of Bros. Paul and Bonaventure at Hammersmith and Bro. Cyril as Provincial.

The Xaverian Brothers did well to start in Catholic Lancashire, he said. They began there in a small way and now had a most efficient college at Manchester. He admired their work, not only in Catholic Lancashire, but also at Mayfield, in the Southwark Diocese, where they started in 1868, and at Clapham and Brighton.

The Brothers were wonderful people. He was glad to see present that day many priests, secular and regular, who had been trained by the Brothers. His Grace concluded by wishing the Brothers every prosperity, and he prayed that all their colleges might flourish and promote many more vocations.

50 OLD BOYS NOW PRIESTS

Bro. Provincial, responding, expressed thanks to the Archbishop for his many kind references to the Brothers and their work. On their part, the Brothers were most grateful for the fatherly encouragement he had always given them. The presence that day of so many clergy was surely evidence of the fact that the Brothers had their goodwill and that they were appreciative of the work being done by the Brothers.

The Brothers had been able to send out invitations to more than fifty priests and religious who had received their early training in one or other of the Southern Schools of the Order.

Bro. Cyril, C.F.X., who has spent 53 years in the Order, proposed the toast of "The Guest of Honour," and spoke in reminiscent vein on the progress of the Congregation in this country and the efforts of the Brothers in fostering vocations to the priesthood.

Fr. E. L. Loman, M.A. (Battle) also spoke, and the Archbishop briefly replied.

Subsequently, there was Benediction in the college chapel, and at the close of the service the *Te Deum* was intoned.

41. Xaverian Centenary Programme

J. M. J. X.

A. M. D. G.

SOUVENIR
OF THE
FIRST CENTENARY



OF THE
XAVERIAN BROTHERS,
1839 - 1939.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION

MIDSUMMER, 1932

F R E N C H

Examiners { Mrs. E. C. BEARMAN, M.A.
A. H. SLEIGHT, Esq., M.A.

TUESDAY, June 21.—Afternoon; 2 to 5

[N.B.—Great importance is attached to the English rendering of Section I and to grammatical accuracy in Sections II and III.

Candidates are strongly recommended to spend some time in studying Sections I and II before beginning to write.

All sections of the paper are to be attempted, and each part of Section I should be started on a fresh page.]

SECTION I

Translate into English :—

(a) Je m'étais assis à la terrasse d'un café; je me trouvais dans cet heureux état d'âme qui vous intéresse à tout, — à la feuille que le vent emporte, à ce monsieur inconnu, là-bas, aux moineaux qui grattent le pavé. Je me mis à regarder les voitures. Une venait assez lentement, la rue à cet endroit montant un peu; et, par la portière de gauche, s'envolaient des morceaux de papier déchirés menu.

Tout à coup, — ceci est long à raconter, mais dut se passer en moins d'un quart de minute, — tout à coup je vis s'échapper de la portière non plus de voltigeants petits papiers, mais une lettre tout entière, froissée, roulée en boule.

Au même moment, la tête du voyageur apparut: un lorgnon, un cigare, et des moustaches noires. Regrettait-il un moment d'impatience? Voulait-il retrouver

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[TURN OVER

How hard was this??

43. The Xaverian Players were busy - but were also in competitions

BRITISH DRAMA LEAGUE

COMMUNITY THEATRE FESTIVAL.

MARKING SHEET

FESTIVAL at London Eastern area D. Division DATE. 18th February

TEAM Clapham Old Xaverians Dramatic Society.

PLAY "Saturday Night" by Philip Johnson.

MARK
AWARD

CHOICE OF PLAY MAXIMUM 10

This play if somewhat crude in its drama, is undeniably effective, and provides excellent scope for good dramatic acting. The cast, however, is small, and from the production point of view it can therefore be regarded as a fairly easy piece to present in a high degree indeed for the team to get really high marks in this category, for it is on the performances of two individuals in particular that the success of the play really depends.

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STAGE PRESENTATION. MAXIMUM 10.

The producer made practically no effort to decorate the stage in a manner appropriate to the type of play he was presenting. Not even the furniture was correct. It is only because of his comparative success in other directions that such startling incongruity did not distract the audience throughout.

PRODUCTION. MAXIMUM 30.

The play was excellently produced with regard to pace (in which admirable speed, coupled with plenty of variety, was achieved), and also with regard to excellent shading of tone which the actors employed.

It seemed to me that the actors in this play were not up to their producers standard, for the faults in the performance could not be laid at the producers door, but were partly technical acting faults, and partly a certain lack of depth in the playing.

Try to read this awful copy it's the only one - but it tells a tale.

**CLAPHAM COLLEGE,
S.W.4.**

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

By

His Lordship The Bishop of Southwark

PROGRAMME.

THE PURPLE ROOM *by* Eden Phillpotts.

Characters in order of appearance:

<i>Alfred Bassett—a valet</i>	H. HUGHESDON
<i>Reginald Smith</i>	D. TRAVIS
<i>Parambo</i>	P. GORNER
<i>Fitzdoodle</i> } <i>spectres</i>	E. GREEN
<i>Ann</i> }	D. CORY

Scene—*A haunted room at Roborough Castle.*

Time—*After midnight.*

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of London, Higher School Examination (June 1937)
P. MCGEE (English, French, Modern History, Latin;
special credit in oral French, exemption from Intermediate
Arts).

University of London, General School Examination (June 1937)
(i) *School Certificate and Matriculation.*

F. BALDWIN	(Credit	English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.)
E. BECKWITH	(„	English, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.)
P. GORNER	(„	English, History, Latin, French, Mathematics.)
E. GREEN	(„	English, History, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.)
A. HUGHES	(„	English, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.)
H. HUGHESDON	(„	English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.)
E. LEGGE	(„	English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.)
K. LEWIS	(„	English, History, French, Mathematics, Physics.)
D. NICHOLSON	(„	English, History, Geography, French, Mathematics, Physics.)
P. NYLAND	(„	English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics. <i>Pass</i> History.)
B. ORCHARD	(„	English, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. <i>Pass</i> French.)
G. PIERCE	(„	English, History, Latin, Mathematics, Physics. <i>Pass</i> French.)
B. STEVENS	(„	English, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.)
D. TRAVIS	(„	English, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics. <i>Pass</i> History.)

(ii) *School Certificate.*

W. ANGEL	(Credit	English, Physics. <i>Pass</i> History, French, Mathematics Chemistry.)
M. CLARKE	(„	French. <i>Pass</i> English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.)
J. CROOK	(„	English, History, Geography, Physics, <i>Pass</i> French, Mathematics.)
J. HANDLEY	(„	English, French, Mathematics. <i>Pass</i> Latin, Physics.)
J. KEAST	(„	History, Geography, French, Physics. <i>Pass</i> English Latin, Mathematics.)
B. MAY	(„	English, French, Mathematics, Physics.)

HOUSE TROPHIES

<i>Championship</i>	Walsingham
<i>Football</i>	Walsingham
<i>Cricket</i>	Charterhouse
<i>Sports</i>	Glastonbury
<i>Tennis</i>	Charterhouse
<i>Swimming</i>	Glastonbury
<i>Chess</i>	Glastonbury
<i>Table Tennis</i>	Charterhouse

PRIZES.

CLASSWORK AND EXAMINATIONS.

Form VI.

P. MCGEE	J. REIDY	A. THOMAS
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Form Upper V.

F. BALDWIN	H. HUGHESDON	B. ORCHARD
E. BECKWITH	E. LEGGE	G. PIERCE
P. GORNER	K. LEWIS	B. STEVENS
E. GREEN	D. NICHOLSON	D. TRAVIS
A. HUGHES	P. NYLAND	

Form Lower V.

F. STAKEMIRE	C. O'SULLIVAN	F. ROSE
A. LINDSEY		

Form IV.

D. CORY	J. REYNOLDS	M. MCKAY
A. HOOLE		

Form Upper IV A

B. FAIRHALL	L. SANDERS	P. UPTON
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Form Upper III Alpha

B. FINCHAM	P. ROGERS	B. GRIFFIN
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Form Lower III.

J. GUALZATTA	J. DOYLE	B. CENTENARI
C. GONET		

The Boys of the 1930s

Here is a 10% sample of the boys of the 1930s

Priests

Of the selected 10% sample, a dozen were priests there were about two dozen in the full cohort. Looks like three trained at Seminaries, but never actually became priests. They all seem fairly “interesting”. We have to start with **Cyril Murtagh**, who was a working priest until just recently. His funeral attracted over two dozen priests and three bishops to Portsmouth Cathedral, he was a well-liked and hugely experienced priest and a member of the famous **Clapham College Murtagh Clan**. Cyril was at the College from 1937 to 1944 and was in the “As” [and Glastonbury]. He got a prize in the 3rd Year at Clapham and went on to be Head Boy. He passed his exams and went on to university at Oxford, where he excelled in his studies, and as a rower! Leaving with his degree Cyril did a little teaching, before going onto the priesthood, where we was an expert on Canon Law. Cyril was a active Clapham Old Boy, and attending Chairman’s Lunches and events.



Eric St John Foti, was at Clapham in the 1930s and was evacuated to East Grinstead. He flew in RAF Pathfinders at the end of WW2 and trained to the priesthood at St Joseph’s Seminary. He never completed his training but went on to lead a full and interesting life. He was Norfolk entrepreneur and inventor, died at the age of 94 in 2012 from Covid. With his wife, Marion he raised 8 children of his own and fostered another 24!

He was born on January 13, 1926 and when he died, on January 4, was nearly 95 years old. Eric was an inspiring and generous character who loved nuns and had brought up his large family in Arundel Priory, part of Arundel Castle. So, when moving to Norfolk after WW2, to Downham Market, he soon made friends with the Sisters from Sacred Heart Convent, Swaffham. He had a small chapel with the Nativity always on show, he took retreat days there, [Hermitage Hall]. Eric involved a primary school in his many projects and children came to hand roses to Dame Barbara Cartland [opened “The Pink Room] dedicated to her. Actress Lisa Goddard visited, driving his Sidley Armstrong cars. Freddie and the Dreamers were one of the bands to perform. On a trip to Turkey, and the House at Ephesus where Mary lived, he was inspired to replicate the shine in Norfolk. In order to build a replica, he brought back photos and stones, the shrine was blessed by very own **Bishop Peter Smith**. Eric started a brewery, a TV Station in Felixstowe and flew light aircraft - maybe the priesthood would have been a step too far for him!

46. Personalia on the Boys of the 1930s

Reginald Pierce and his brother **Gary** both went to Clapham College, both became priests, and both served in WW2. **Gary Pierce** ended up a canon in Guildford. Both were trained for the priesthood at St Joseph's Seminary in Up Holland Lancs. Both were Walsingham House and there seems to have been competition between the siblings; Gary was stated as being "bright" at College [maybe that's why the "canon" and the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Army] whereas Reg [in Military Intelligence] fought against the Japanese at **Imphala** and was "mentioned in dispatches" for his bravery at that Battle. I suppose Reg won the "battle of the brothers" with his Prize for Art in the 3rd Year at Clapham!

The "**Tobin**" brothers, **Kevin and "S"** [only Clapham College would record a Christian name with a letter rather than the full names ...Stephen, Simon, Stanley, Sean??... "please!"]. The **Tobins** 1931 – 1937 were both in **Walsingham** [a trend here "the Holy House"] and went off to train together a Wonersh, lived in Upper Tooting Park Road a short walk from the College.

John Patrick Friene another priest at Clapham in the early 1930s,, whose brother **Joseph** also joined the priesthood, they were brought up in Wandsworth and eventually ended up in Guildford parishes.

James Furey joined Clapham in 1931 and left just as the College was evacuated to East Grinstead in 1939, training at nearby Mark's Cross. **Patrick Best** joined the College in East Grinstead and stayed until 1945, when he moved on to St Joseph's Seminary, once a priest he served at the Holy Ghost in Balham and passed way in 1969 at his Dover parish.

Kenneth Arthur Bell started at Clapham in 1937, lived in Stockwell, there stops on the Northern Line! He was evacuated to E.G. and joined the Welsh Fusiliers in WW2 being part of the Army that crossed the Rhine into Germany, he tried his hand at mining in Rhodesia, before settling back to the priesthood in his Bromley parish. [*Just love the idea of these adventurous, soldier priests!!*]

One of my favourite priests is **Patrick Houlihan**, who was a White Father missions in Africa, a long way from being brought up in Calbourne Rd, Balham, a Holy Ghost boy. Patrick had a full life and it started with a bang after leaving Clapham College and training in Paris. He was interned at the start of the Second World War by the Germans, [for being British]. Something Patrick took exception to due to his Irish Heritage. Eventually the Germans must have got fed up with him, they released him after a while and he returned to *ENGLAND* to complete his training, being ordained in 1946 then going off to the "missions".

Michael Curtin Clapham 1931 to 1939, trained at Wonersh and looks like the first Glastonbury priest; his parish was Purley [Croydon]. His claim to fame at Clapham was a part of a soldier in the play "Charles 1st"; probably wasn't a "talking part"!

Patrick Bailey ends my "sample" of the 1930s priests, there were others. He started at Clapham in the mid-1930s, was evacuated to E.G., left in 1941 for St Joseph's Seminary [again]. Did his "stint in the Army in WW2, before returning to take on the Blackfen Parish in Sidcup.

Armed Forces

This was the generation that "Went to War". The vast majority of the Clapham Boys joined up, most happily volunteered, they became the intellectual, brainy combatants. They filled high flying roles in "Intelligence", Commandos, RAF and were Captains of Warships and High Ranking Officers in the Forces. There were some PoWs, but far fewer than the WW1 conflict, they were stationed far and wide across the world. Their skills were so refined compared to their colleagues in the First World War, but they made the same sacrifices. In general it seemed that they gained more satisfaction from "Their War" than those of WW1, most of whom never really saw any end product to enlisting - they were rarely "in action".

47. The Boys of the 1930s - as War approaches



Prisoners of War

The nature of war was different, but within this group are the usual stories of tragedy, turmoil and heroism. The Clapham Old Xaverian Association supported these confined soldiers, trying to make their plight a little more bearable, with the “PoW Fund”, fund -raising and collections - packages sent out for much needed solace.

Three of the four PoWs I decided to include here were the same age all starting at the College in 1933. All were just twenty years old and all in PoW camps in Germany. **Henry “Harty” Rouse** [RAF] was from Dulwich Rd and was shot down over Germany, **John O’Reilly** from Alleyn Park Rd, almost a neighbour of Henry, was also confined there too captured serving in the Army; **Desmond Coates** was also in the Army and captured in Crete, transferred to Germany. **Peter Cussac** looked like a fairly unique PoW, but now I know there were THREE Clapham boys, all independently visiting France at the time of the German Invasion. Peter was actually visiting his Aunty in France and was captured by the Germans and spent six years in various PoW Camps in there. On his safe return Peter was employed as a receptionist [I suppose his skills in German and French, from his “Time behind the Wire” would have helped!].

Interesting Xaverians

Are these interesting, famous or talented individuals? No matter what you call them, they are worthy of note. Not forgetting the 70 names I’ve selected from the many hundred are not a complete list, always happy to add morelets start with a typical Clapham Lad...

48. More on the 1930s Clapham Boys

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A close-up of the 1931 whole-School Photo



Masters and Staff in 1931

- 1 Brother.....
- 2 Brother.....
- 3 SisterNurse
- 4 Mr.....
- 5 Mr Ashburner Art
- 6 Mr McLaughlin English (Clocky)
- 7 Bro. Alphonsus Latin (Doggy)
- 8 Bro. Silvester English Maths
- 9 Bro. Bernadine Head Master
- 10 Bro.
- 11 Bro. Dunstan Chemistry (Dunty)
- 12 Mr Butler Physics (Bony)
- 13 Mr Macnamara History Geography
- 14 Mr Saunders Music
- 15 Miss..... Secretary or Matron
- 16 Bro
- 17 Bro Xavier French (Zavvy)

Peter Kellagher [a whole-hearted Xaverian], who died in 2016] did something in his nineties that some of us would struggle [ever] to do. He was a member of Eddie's parish and gave him two annotated drawings which related to 1931 "Whole-School Photograph. I have added a close-up of the photo, which hangs above the Bar at Norbury. Peter went on to draw the "outlines" below and then gave a list of those in that photo....unbelievable..

On the next page, Peter drew his outline of the School Photograph of 1934. The fact that he was in these photos was amazing [1931 and 1934]...more amazing was Peter's skills and sharpness of mind in his nineties].



49 1930s ...continued

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Raymond Oliver 1932-1938, a chef owed and ran his own restaurant in Paris and Crockford's Club Ascot, interviewed on TV many times.

John Cowell 1932-1936 WWII pilot emigrated to Canada and worked on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Ray Brookes [1933-1940] was a Captain in the Royal Artillery, who in his spare time climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. Whilst serving in India he developed jaundice.

Brian Walsh [1933-1940] was a bright lad, [Glastonbury] who went on to live in Bath and work for the Atomic Energy Authority. He was on the War Office Selection Board.

Denis Gonet was only at Clapham College from 1933 for only 3 years, went on to become a popular opera singer [living in Canada]. He was a child prodigy. Watch on [https://www.youtube.com/watch ..](https://www.youtube.com/watch..)

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THEY LOOKED AT BEHIND HIS HAIRY SAID A WORD SINCE THE BALL GOT LOST IN THE GRASS!

BEAN TOWN ROVERS Vs DANDY UNITED
LOOK BY TIMOTHY BARTLEY, SUMNERLAND. PHOTO BY JONATHAN AND KATY MARTIN, ONELEYWOOD.
ADAM CHARLTON, GRIMSBY.
SOBBY, SON BUT YOU NEED A PERMIT TO FISH HERE!
THANKS! ALL THE SAME BUT I'M DOING QUITE WELL WITH A WORM!
MY NEIGHBOUR HAD HIS WINDOW REPLACED FOUR TIMES BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS BROKEN THEN HE DISCOVERED THERE WAS A CRACK IN HIS SPECTACLES!
WELL NOT TRY OUR HALF PRICE HALF SIZE PIES AT HALF PRICE THEY'RE NOT HALF GOOD.
A CROSS BAR! BWH!
THE LAST PAST!

BE NICE TO TREES.
BANG! BANG!
GILES WILLET, LETTINGWORTH!

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50 - Interesting Clapham Boys of the 1930s

Gordon Gompers 1936 to 1938 was only at Clapham for a short time and then his family was evacuated to Chichester, whilst the College moved to East Grinstead. He returned to London after the War and worked at South London Magistrates Court. Unexciting until you discover he was Chairman of the **Denis the Menace Fan Club** [previous page].

Robert Collins [1933-1938] emigrated to Australia; **Paul Sawyer** [1933 to 1939] emigrated to Canada as a Geologist.

Bernard Hodges [1935-1942] Head Boy, Head Glastonbury, outstanding sportsman and athlete. Educated Worcester College, Cambridge, teacher, physicist [worked at helping to develop radar, [brother Edmund].

Allan Hall [1938-1943], another of the East Grinstead evacuees, nothing to report on an undistinguished time at Clapham College, but as Chief Cashier of the Bank of England he did get to have his signature on hundreds of millions of **one-pound notes** in the 1950s.

Frank Anderson [1938-1943] wanted to join the RAF, just missed out because of his age, but he did reach his goal of getting his “wings”. He flew a variety of different types of light aircraft, mainly in flying competitions, before a premature death at aged 25.

Noel Ettore Isotta [1938-45] E.G. evacuee. Noel was from a famous Italian family and went on to be a Squadron Leader in the RAF after WW2. He was captain of Glastonbury, returning to his Italian roots as a plenipotentiary... obviously**Google it!**

“A plenipotentiary is a diplomat who has full powers—authorization to sign a treaty or convention on behalf of his or her sovereign. When used as a noun more generally, the word plenipotentiary can also refer to any person who has full powers”.

Vincent Gornor [1938-1943] went on to train as a Primary School teacher, travelled to Brazil in 1953, where he became good friends with Maria Bueno, [Wimbledon tennis champion]. He taught her to speak English [came back to teach at Holy Ghost in Balham].

Clive Taylor [1938-1944] after leaving Clapham he joined the Clapham Observer as a junior reporter. His interest in sports reporting led to a quick acceleration to Cricket Writer for the newly formed “Sun” newspaper. Later he worked with Jimmy Greaves [Spurs and England] on his book “A funny thing happened to me on the way to Spurs”.

Francis Currie 1937-1943 a famous, but tragic Clapham College name, he was killed by the German bombing raid of the Whitehall Cinema in East Grinstead. He was a Charterhouse boy and at his funeral, the whole school turned out to pay their respects, he was buried in the Xaverian Cemetery at Mayfield.



51. Clapham Boys who went on to be War Heroes

Heroes

All these lads from the 1930s were heroes, in their own way, but there were some “outstanding examples”.

Leslie Norman Heasman [1931-1935] was quickly promoted through the Royal Medical Corps to Major, where he was “mentioned in dispatches” for carrying on operating on wounded soldiers whilst under enemy fire. He served for six years in many battlefield areas throughout WW2.

Peter Higginson [1931-1938] worked hard to switch for the regular army into the commandos. He achieved his life ambition whilst training for the Normandy Landings. He landed in Ranville on the French Coast on D-Day, but lost his life in June in fierce hand to hand fighting.

Kevin O'Sullivan [1931-1936] At Clapham [a Glastonbury boy] he was “a very bright lad” who loved cycling holidays in Devon and Cornwall. Kevin joined the RAF and was a real-life “ACE”, he shot down five enemy aircraft, damaging several others. He ended the War as Flight-Lieutenant.

William Palmer [1931-1939] was a Canterbury boy, good at Art, Prize CC in 1938 and moved with his brother to the Isle of Wight. During the War he was promoted to Major and fought against the Japanese at Irrawaddy, Burma, where he was wounded and won the *Military Cross* for his bravery.

George Phillips [1933-1939] Lawyer in play Charles I, several Certificates in Public Exams, bright lad. Was from the Elephant and Castle {Irish family, joined the Irish Guards and won the Military Medal for his bravery.

Peter Gleeson [1934 -1938] Flew Blenheim and Lancaster Bombers in the RAF He was awarded a DFC, after his aircraft was shot down and crashed during a bobbling raid over Hohenhausen in Germany [1944] only 21 years old.

Paul “the Tank” Travers [1938-1942] a war hero, permanent commission army

[The archive says “he was knighted Lt Gen. Sir Paul Anthony Travers” cannot at present be verified!]

COXA Committee Members

This was the era that a group joined the COXA Committee and made a mark with their actions, that set up the Clapham Xaverians as a entity into the 21st Century. True Pathfinders. **Patrick Griffith** [1938-1943] another East Grinstead Evacuee – became an estate agent was a GLC Rent Officer [and **COXA Chairman**] – lived in Tantallon Rd, off Chestnut Grove.

Tom Ennis [Clapham College 1937] was **COXA Chairman** [brother Chris also at Clapham].

Freddie Baldwin [1931-1937] Canterbury [demon fast bowler] RAF [radio operator] WW2, Italy Star. Started his own Legal firm, employed **Harry Mellor** [Christine Keeler, Profumo Scandal case]. Brother at CC. **COXA Committee**.

John Crouch [1934-1939] **COXA Chairman**, a “knight” in the Canterbury Tales, was in Canterbury. Joined the 1st Bat. Parachute Reg. in WW2 rank of Captain. Worked in the ILEA as an Education Officer, another **COXA Chairman**.

52. More interesting Xaverians - Committee Members

Alan Thomas [1937-1943] Bright boy was a Prize Winner in 1938 [Walsingham boy]. Scholarship to the Sorbonne second Clapham boy to do that. In the Navy in his National Service [worked in the Admiralty], **COXA Chairman**.

Terry Wallace [1937-1944] E.G. evacuee; lived in Casewick Rd, Norwood SE27. [Canterbury boy]. Joined RAF, then trained as a chemist. He was the main **architect and mover on the construction of the Norbury Clubhouse**. Sold his MG bought Rolls Royce whilst on the Committee, very, very bright.

John Le Gros Clark [1934-1938] Sergeant Navigator RAF, served in the Middle East and Italy. **COXA Committee** [MC at events]

Derek Harry Rowe [1935 -1944] was Derek at Clapham for 9 years? I did ask him; it was around those times he said! A legend as Football Sec, to all of us. "Monday night team-sheets and "scores for hospitality please". Accountant Milk Marketing Board, Clapham's Rep. on League Management Committee.

Joseph Cernuschi [1935-1940] Long Jump Champion 1938 Goalkeeper –1939] **Old Boys Committee** [two brothers and Mum - Old Boys legends]

John Cernuschi [1935-1940] see above – 1st XI Captain [football]

Bruno Centenari [1936-1943] Glastonbury [Head Boy] RAF ground crew; priest in Canterbury Tales.

Daniel Corry [1931-1940] **Head Boy** – top part in play "Trial of Charles 1st" talented football bright lad. Flying Officer RAF, shot down over Malta, crashed, died and buried there. Aged only 23.



Kenneth Cleche Prince [1937-1944] one of five Clapham College brothers - **Head Boy** - Walsingham. RAF Palestine Intelligence Corps.

Roy [Peter] Katin [1940-1943] Talented musician - Wigmore Hall Recital age 18 - a concert pianist. Another evacuee

Brian White [1940-1946] Holy Ghost [Charterhouse] Still an active Xaverian at 93 [in 2022] E.G. evacuee, smallholder farmer - Merchant Banker

The 1930s were an exciting and expanding time for the College and the Clapham Old Xaverians. I've added no words to the photo on the next page as the image sets the pattern for the 1940s and impacted so heavily on the ambitions of the crop of boys of the 1930s and the College.

53. DARK IRK



Thus ends the fifth Chapter on the History of Clapham College and the Xaverians, nearly half of the content came from old copies of Concordia. Therefore as one “wandered through the decade”, more and more content turned up leaving us with the largest “chunk” of Clapham content to date. This was such an optimistic decade, exam results, sports, expanded activities, Dinners/Lunches and boys focussed on travel, new horizons and new occupations and business ideas. The Xaverian Players attracted many Old Boys and the College grew as a place for boys to show off their skills and talents at Prize Days and Gymnastic Displays. Emigration seemed to be the choice of many Canada by far the most popular, but many chose Australia and South Africa. Many had just arrived in their new homes when they would have heard of Hitler’s progress across Europe, Dunkirk and then the “Call to Arms” for Commonwealth troops. This was a group with so much to offer and then WW2 impacted heavily on them so that 50 didn't survive the next decade. Those who did went on to major successes in all sorts of fields. Lord only knows what they would have achieved without the “distraction” of War. What the 1930s lads did was to lay the foundations for academic and sporting success at the College and the Old Boys built the solid grounds for the next 100 years of Clapham Old Xaverians, that we still benefit from..... Thanks.....