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EDITORIAL

IT IS only appropriate to introduce the second number of the magazine with a reference to the school's new motto — "Auctore Deo" — a rendering of Blessed Edmund Campion's confident yet humble claim that his endeavour would triumph, when he said, "The enterprise is of God." Our activities are now directed to realising this objective in the life of the school. We could not wish for a more inspiring watchword.

Since the first copy of the magazine was published last May, we have had a busy half-year, culminating in the official Opening and the celebrations attending it. These events have a natural claim on our space, but they have inevitably crowded out examples of the boys' work. It is not intended that such a situation should continue. In the future the magazine will principally be an achievement of the boys, both in content and sub-editing.

We apologise for again asking a high price, owing to a temporary lack of advertising. The next number will be cheaper.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Charles Jones for his understanding co-operation and to all contributors.



The Formal Opening of The School

21st July, 1963

When Campion opened on Monday, 10th September 1962, there were no celebrations, but Father Fox was already planning a formal occasion. On 8th October, less than three weeks before his death, he wrote to the Member of Parliament for Hornchurch, Alderman Godfrey Lagden, asking him to put forward the request that the opening of the school might be performed by the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Boyle, Minister of Education. On 29th November, Alderman Lagden wrote to Father Webb to tell him that Sir Edward would be pleased to perform the opening ceremony in the middle of July 1963. In reply, Father Webb suggested Sunday, 21st July, as the most suitable occasion, since most of the guests whose presence was particularly welcome would be likely to attend.

To make the preparations for the opening day, the Governors set up a special committee, consisting of two of their number, Mrs. Usherwood and Mr. Hay, two of the school staff, Father Webb and Mr. Brunning, and two of the Parents' Association, Mrs. Catterall and Mr. Dunseath. Mrs. Usherwood, helped by Mrs. Walkerley, our school secretary, undertook the floral decorations; Mr. Hay acted as the Headmaster's adviser on protocol; Mr. Brunning became chief steward of the occasion; the representatives of the Parents' Association concerned themselves mainly with providing refreshments for the guests. Father Webb became

general manager of the affair, a responsibility which included even such recondite tasks as the provision of the spade (suitably polished) with which Sir Edward Boyle would plant a memorial tree. Later on, Mr. McCarthy took over the guest lists, and Mr. Fox and Mr. McNamara saw to altar staff and sacristy.

The special committee met frequently, and settled the details of the varied programme for the week-end, as follows:
Saturday, July 20th.

2.00 p.m. Cricket. Parents vs Boys

7.30 p.m. Parents' Social and Dance

Sunday, July 21st.

10.30 a.m. Pontifical High Mass, followed by Blessing of the School

2.45 p.m. Official Opening Ceremony

5.30 p.m. Gymnastic Display

7.30 p.m. "The Government Inspector", by Nicolai Gogol

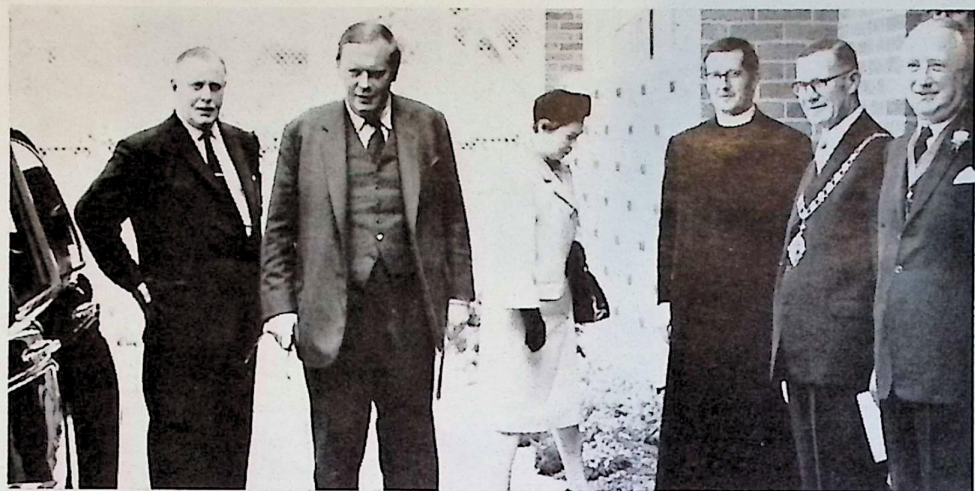
Monday, July 22nd.

Morning. Visits by parents and friends to the school

2.30 p.m. School Sports at Hornchurch Stadium

7.30 p.m. Third Form Dance

The week before the opening was all feverish activity. Here, Mr. Hocking could be seen, sternly licking the choir into shape for their forthcoming rendering of "Let us now praise famous men"; there, Mr. Brunning's voice echoed from the high ceiling of the Hall, as he besought actors to learn their lines properly. The tardiness of boys in bringing notes



The arrival of Sir Edward Boyle, Minister of Education

back from their parents endangered Mr. McCarthy's customary equanimity, as he strove to complete his guest lists in time for the seating plans to be drawn up. The shortage of cleaners in the school caused Father Webb to don old clothes and polish the Hall floor with religious zeal, in the intervals of shouting down the phone to order coaches for the guests, pop and crisps for the boys, and more floor polish for himself.

A fine day for the opening was heralded by a sunny Saturday. The parents turned up in force after lunch, to play three cricket matches. The First Form lost to their parents; the Second Form tied in a thrilling finish; and the Third Form won.

Pontifical High Mass

In the evening, over 250 parents and friends turned up for the dance and social. It was the splendid success that our Parents' Association now takes for granted. Mr. and Mrs. Hayman and Mrs. Catterall and all their helpers worked as if there were nothing to prepare for the following days.

On Sunday, the Hall was filled to capacity with parents and guests for Pontifi-

cal High Mass sung by His Lordship, Bishop Wall of Brentwood. Father Superior was assistant priest, Father Swindells and Father Magill deacons at the throne, Father Brinkworth and Father Hackett deacon and subdeacon at the Mass. We had the expert direction of Father Kearney from Romford as Master of Ceremonies, ably assisted by Father Jacob. In the stalls were Father Howard Docherty O.F.M. and Father Flannery, Father Purnell, Father Leonard, Mr. Enright and Mr. Davies, all from Stamford Hill. The singing was led effectively by the choir, well trained, as always, by Mr. Hocking, with timely assistance from Father Superior. After Mass, his Lordship processed round the school, blessing it. On returning to the chapel, he delivered a short discourse on Catholic education and the part in it that schools like Campion were playing.

As the time for the Minister's arrival drew near, the premises gradually re-filled with a great throng of people. Immediately after the High Mass, a number of volunteers from among the boys had helped to re-arrange the seating, no inconsiderable job seeing that eventually there were more than five hundred people in the Hall.

Sir Edward Boyle had been expected to



Sir Edward speaks of the educational history of the Society of Jesus

arrive at 2.30 p.m., but he was delayed for a few minutes by traffic. The older boys lined both sides of the drive as his car came in, and he went first to the Community House, where the preparations for his reception had been made by Father Kingdon. Accompanying the Minister were Alderman and Mrs. Godfrey Lagden and Alderman Sir George Chaplin. The Minister was greeted at the door of the Community House by Councillor Carroll, Chairman of Hornchurch Urban District Council, and by Father Superior and Father Hackett. Also present to meet the Ministerial party were Mrs. Carroll, Dr. B. E. Lawrence, the Chief Education Officer, Mr. D. H. Wilcockson, Divisional Education Officer, and Mrs. Wilcockson, Rev. W. Maher S.J., the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Very Rev. Canon Hurley, Rev. Thomas Corbishley S.J., Rev. Guy Brinkworth S.J., (then headmaster of St. Ignatius' College, Stamford Hill), Rev. Bernard Swindells S.J., (formerly Rector of Stamford Hill), and Councillor and Mrs. Hay.

A quick tour of the school followed, and then the platform took their seats on the beautifully decorated stage, for the ceremony, which opened with the singing of "Let us now praise famous men." On

the platform were: Sir Edward Boyle, Ald. Sir George Chaplin, Councillor and Mrs. L. W. Carroll, Ald. and Mrs. G. Lagden, Fr. J. Coventry, Canon V. Hurley, Fr. W. Maher, Fr. B. Swindells, Fr. T. Corbishley, Fr. G. Brinkworth, Fr. T. Lakeland, Fr. J. B. Kingdon, Fr. R. Manners, Fr. P. Hackett, Fr. M. Flannery, Dr. B. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wilcockson, Mr. A. C. Salinger, Mrs. L. Fallaise, Mr. F. G. Broadbent, Mr. D. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Clark, Councillor and Mrs. K. T. Hay, Dr. and Mrs. T. B. McAleer, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mutch, Mr. and Mrs. S. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Usherwood, Mr. A. Woods, Mr. J. P. Worth.

Straight Talking

The first speaker was Father Maher, whose speech was full of good humour and straight talking. He paid tribute to the high public character of the Minister and to his reputation for a deep interest in the needs of education. He proclaimed the high purpose of Campion. He recalled the fundamental part played in the building of Campion by Father Brinkworth, and by Father Swindells, whom he described as the terror of the Ministry of



Pontifical High Mass, sung by His Lordship Bishop Wall of Brentwood

Education on account of his grasp of every detail of the project.

"How ironical it is", said Father Maher, "that Father Brinkworth should have conceived the magnificent school in which we are now sitting, that he should have expended so much energy in the raising of funds for its building, that the Jesuit staff and the parents of Stamford Hill should have been so generous with money for the project, and that, at the end of it all, the problems of education for Catholic boys in Middlesex and Essex have been little, if at all, ameliorated. For Father Brinkworth is still condemned to strive with insoluble problems, amid the sub-standard, pre-Dickensian squalor of St. Ignatius", while the project for the rebuilding of that College has been struck out of the list of approvals for 1963/4."

Simplicity, Sincerity

Sir Edward himself was the next to speak and he endeared himself to his audience by the simplicity and sincerity of his words. He displayed an informed interest in the educational history of the Society of Jesus, even in points of detail, and he charmed us by his references to St. Ignatius and to Edmund Campion, full

of appreciation for their high integrity and noble character. Sir Edward left us in no doubt that he was impressed by Campion School, and of his pleasure in having been invited to open it.

The next speaker was the Very Rev. Father John Coventry, Provincial of the English Jesuits, who spoke authoritatively on the purpose of Jesuit schools. Referring to the newly-adopted school motto, AUCTORE DEO (Father Thomas Corbishley's neat translation of Edmund Campion's words: "The enterprise is begun, it is of God"), Father Coventry entered a witty **caveat** against misinterpretation of the motto. It did **not** mean, he said, "By the authority of the Divisional Education Officer."

Father Provincial was followed by Father Brinkworth, in a speech full of the special flavour of humour and sincerity that he imparts to all his public pronouncements. There was, though, a tinge of sadness in his voice as he pointed out how he had sown what others now reaped. In fact, he said, he had made up his mind not to see Campion until this very day, well knowing that he would never be able to take advantage of what he had created. (Now that Father Brinkworth has retired from the headmastership of

St. Ignatius', after twenty-four years, all who now enjoy the fruits of his foresight and enterprise at Campion join in giving him their thanks for what he has done for them).

The formal speeches were concluded by a few words, first from the Headmaster and then from Alderman Lagden. Father Hackett told his hearers how privileged he felt to have been given the task of guiding the new school into the future, and how much he already felt at home at Campion. Far from taking over the school, he said, he felt that he had been taken over by the school, a fact which showed that it embodied traditions built up by centuries of Jesuit education and by decades of experience at Stamford Hill. The last words of Alderman Lagden's speech were enthusiastically received, especially by the young gentlemen at the back of the Hall. We remember with especial warmth how he turned to the Minister and asked him to give the school as a mark of the occasion, **THREE DAYS' HOLIDAY**. There was no doubt at all about Sir Edward's response to this re-

quest, and the fact that the ceiling was not brought down by the thunderous cheer that followed is a tribute to the work of the builders, whose managing director, Mr. Duncan Horne, was on the platform.

After this, the Minister went to plant the memorial tree, in the presence of the staff and boys. The spade was handed to him by Councillor Carroll, who asked him formally to leave this memento of his visit to Hornchurch.

Food and Exercise

All dispersed for refreshments. Some were catered for at the Community House, others in the Staff Room, where they were looked after by the ladies of the staff. The Catering Committee had made their preparations in three places — the Canteen, the Library and the Woodwork Room. Thus, all were fed without undue difficulty, despite the large numbers present.

The gymnastic display which followed was a real triumph for Mr. Twigg and his

The Minister plants the memorial tree in the presence of staff and boys





Enthusiastic boys line up to see the Minister of Education arrive

gymnasts, who had been practising with stern dedication for weeks. It seemed at times quite incredible that such a show could have been put on by the boys of a new school, few, if any, of whom had experience of advanced gymnastic work. They set a standard that later years will have to work hard to sustain. A record of their feats remains in the colour film of the day's events.

Wonderful Memories

The day ended with the presentation of Gogol's "The Government Inspector." The actors available were only fourteen and fifteen year olds, but Mr. Brunning is an old hand at dramatics and his judgment was sure. The actors excelled themselves, their very youth adding an element of the fantastic and incongruously farcical that might have been missing had the players been older. A full account of the play will be found elsewhere, and it is only necessary to record here that it

was hugely enjoyed by everyone who was there, and not least by the actors themselves.

Tired, but very happy, we finally broke up to go home, with the most wonderful memories of this great day. We have but to put on record our deep thanks to all those back-room boys (and girls) who kept everybody well fed and happy throughout the proceedings. And we also wish to thank the local police for their generously-given help in supervising the parking of the large number of cars that arrived. Without their expert assistance, we might have been in real difficulty. Lastly, we express our warmest thanks to Mr. Charles Jones, the advisory editor of "CAMPION" whose help was so unselfishly given in ensuring that the opening day programme was something to be really proud about.

This account of opening day has gone on long enough, and we refer our readers elsewhere in this issue for accounts of the events on Monday, 22nd July.

A DIARY OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 27th — Back to school, after the half-term break. It is still very cold, with ice on the playground and snow continuing to fall.

Thursday 28th — The Campion ambulance service, operated by Father Webb, transports de Souza to Harold Wood Hospital for attention to his knee, which he has sliced open as neatly as with a knife on a sharp edge of ice in the playground.

MARCH

Tuesday 5th — At the request of a number of parents, who find it hard to get their boys' locks trimmed, a hairdressing service is arranged. Mr. Owen from Upminster will come on Wednesdays to do the job.

Monday 11th — A panorama photograph of the school is taken during the morning, under difficulties. What with the thaw, some rain and a brisk wind, a damp and chilly time is had by all. It is to the credit of the photographers that the photo has turned out as well as it did.

Friday 22nd — Today, after weeks of toil by McDonnell, Read and Wigens, appears the Third Form magazine, "Sententia," with illustrations by Harte. It is a remarkably good paper, considering the difficulties under which it was produced. We await its successor with interest.

Wednesday 27th — The Essex County Smoking-and-Health Unit pay a visit to the school, to put the Second and

Third Forms wise about the possible dangers of taking up the smoking habit. A particularly gruesome adjunct to the talk is the preserved lung of a victim of lung cancer. The demonstration certainly makes an impression, but, boys being boys, the effect is bound to wear off in time. At any rate, some may be deterred from starting the habit.

Thursday 28th — The medical team comes to give B.C.G. inoculations to the Third Form.

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd — As one of his last official acts, Father Webb attends the Junior Speech Day of our friendly neighbours, Hornchurch Grammar School.

Friday 5th — The last day before the Easter holidays begin. Father Webb bids us farewell as acting headmaster and tells us that next term we shall be under the care of Father Hackett, from the Jesuit College at Preston. A good number of us are only waiting for the day to end, so that we may get away home and prepare for the trips to Rome and to Austria organised by Mr. Brunning and Mr. Twigg.

Wednesday 24th — We return for the start of the summer term, many of us with a good suntan and plenty to relate about our travels abroad during the holiday. Father Hackett is on hand to greet us. We like his cheerful and friendly approach and

feel that we are going to get on very well together.

Friday 26th — When we go into the Hall for morning assembly, we find ourselves looking at a blackboard on the stage, with the words "AUCTORE DEO" chalked on it. The Headmaster tells us that this is the new school motto, a translation by Father Corbishley, the Superior of Farm Street, of some words used by Blessed Edmund Campion to describe his mission to England—"The enterprise is begun; it is of God . . ." By using this motto, we proclaim that our school and all in it are under the protection and guidance of God.

Tuesday 30th — Today, reservation of the Blessed Sacrament began in the Chapel. Thus, Our Lord makes his home amongst us. We are also enabled thereby to have a weekly Benediction on Friday afternoons, just before we leave school.

MAY

Wednesday 1st — The whole school assembles, during the morning break, for the blessing of the Lady Statue and the dedication of the school to Our Lady. During a simple and moving ceremony, Father Superior gives us a heart-to-heart talk on the kind of personal love for, and devotion to, our heavenly mother that we need to develop if our spiritual life is to be a full and rich one. We recall here that the Lady Statue was presented to the school by the Bossy family, in thanksgiving for the ordination to the priesthood of their son, Michael, a member of the Society of Jesus and an Old Boy of St. Ignatius', Stamford Hill.

Saturday 4th — The Parents' Association holds its Spring social, under the genial and self-effacing direction of Mr. Hayman. He has provided a really good band and secured the presence of an expert master of ceremonies. As a result, the two

hundred or so parents and guests who attend have a rattling good time. The lay members of the staff are not to be outdone in gaiety, and one or two who give a somewhat staid impression in workaday conditions rather surprise us by the uninhibited vigour of their devotion to the dance. The catering was again carried out to perfection by Mrs. Catterall, Mrs. Hayman and their helpers.

Tuesday 7th — Appelbee causes some consternation by appearing to be sickening with the measles, and is hurriedly rushed home by an apprehensive Father Webb, fearful of a rash of spots sweeping through the school. During the day, the memorial tablet to Father Fox, designed and cut under the direction of Mr. Hastings, the school architect, is placed in position at the foot of the Lady Statue.

Thursday 9th — It is all a false alarm about Appelbee, who is back among us, looking faintly pleased with himself.

Wednesday 15th — As all have had cause to know during the last few weeks, Mr. Hocking has been preparing an ambitious choral concert, a performance of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater." Now, with the day of the concert only 48 hours away, there is a final burst of rehearsal. Mr. Hocking looks harassed, but we are sure it will be all right on the night.

Friday 17th — It is all right on the night. With the help of some musicians recruited by Miss Cleave, the choir does full justice to itself and to Mr. Hocking's devoted tuition. After the "Stabat Mater," the musicians play Mozart's Clarinet Quintet.

Thursday 23 — Ascension Day and a holiday. It is also the day for the preliminary round of the Hornchurch and District Schools Sports, for which we have entered a number of competitors. What makes the day chiefly memorable is that it rains from morning till night. As the Campion team are allotted an

assembly point outside the limited covered area at Hornchurch Stadium, their dampness and misery through the four hours of the proceedings needs no labouring. Despite the horrible conditions, we are not without some success.

Tuesday 28th — The weekly school Mass this morning is offered in thanksgiving for the happy years marked by the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brunning. Mr. Brunning is already one of those figures whose absence from the Campion scene appears quite unthinkable, and we cannot easily thank Mrs. Brunning enough for the devotion with which she does the donkey-work for CASCAID every week. Their happiness has recently been crowned by the birth of a granddaughter. May they have many more years of joy together.

During the afternoon, Father McCann, S. J., the uncle of one of our Third Formers, and now on leave from the missions in Southern

Rhodesia, gives us a very interesting talk about that part of the world, illustrated by some excellent colour slides.

Friday 31st — The Whitsun holidays begin, a very welcome break in a term that is long and inclined to drag somewhat.

JUNE

Wednesday 5th — Today sees the beginning of a regular morning Mass which is to be said on school days at 8.30 a.m. It is hoped that some boys at least will be able to attend it.

Friday 7th — Fathers Thwaites and Hawe come to give us a Day of Recollection. We hope that all will have taken due advantage of this opportunity to think about some of the really important things in life.

Wednesday 12th — We have to record a wonderful period of sunshine that has lasted since the 2nd. We could do with a lot more of this and it looks as though we shall get it.

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A Correction

Father Brinkworth, late Headmaster of St. Ignatius', has written to draw attention to an error in the first number of the magazine. The paragraph concerned was at the top of Page 8 of that issue.

Father Brinkworth writes: "I would like to place on record that this paragraph is completely wrong. Never for a moment during the eight or nine long years of negotiation and frustration was the school projected in Hornchurch to have been 'the new St. Ignatius', i.e. a replacement.

"Originally it was planned to call this second 'annexe school' — always a second school — 'St. Ignatius' College, Hornchurch, separate from 'St Ignatius' College, Tottenham', AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF BISHOP BECK, who originally had asked for a Grammar School in Brentwood. It was only when Bishop Beck left the Diocese that the Provincial ruled the new name 'Campion' at my suggestion."

To the Parthenon

Golden-yellow in the rays of the
glittering sun,
The noble and majestic temple on the
Acropolis
Dominates the surrounding countryside,
Rousing all the passions in a man's soul.

Such a building is typical
Of the artistic and aspiring Greeks.
Designed simply, lasting and beautiful,
It cannot fail to inspire awe
In all who set eyes on it.

Oh! If only such a work of art could
speak,

It would tell of beauty,
The dawn of Greek civilisation,
Of battles, fire and blood!
All these vanished strivings
Are remembered by the monument
To the glory that was Greece.

M. Coveney 2A

Thursday 13th — We should not have said anything about the weather. It is the feast of Corpus Christi, and a holiday, but it is raining heavily. We shall be more cautious in our forecasts next time.

Sunday 16th — The Headmaster says an Evening Mass in the Chapel for the benefactors who gave the money for the magnificent set of green vestments that Father Fox purchased for the school.

Friday 28th — In the evening Miss Cleave shows an 8 mm colour film which she has made of the school, to a party of guests and friends. Some of the shots, particularly of the school Mass, are very good.

Saturday 29th — Our athletics team goes to the Britannia Sports Ground, Walthamstow, to compete in the Brentwood Diocesan Catholic Schools Sports. Despite our inability to field competitors in every event, we end up as joint winners of the challenge shield, being equal first with Canon Palmer School, Ilford—not at all a bad start to our athletics career.

JULY

Friday 5th — The Headmaster holds a Parents' Night for the parents of boys entering the school next September, to show them the school and explain to them what we try to do for our boys at Campion. The interest of the new parents is shown by a 90% attendance.

Tuesday 9th — The feast of SS. John Fisher and Thomas More, for which we have a holiday.

Wednesday 17th — Today is the start of what the Headmaster calls "Culture Week." Apart from field-days for cricket and Geography, visits to London Airport, The Tower of London and the river, Kew Gardens and the London Museums, there are informal classes in which to give Masters an opportunity of promoting the interest of the boys in extra-curricular subjects. There is also an opportunity for Mr. Brunning and

Mr. Worth to get in extra rehearsals with the actors who will be presenting "The Government Inspector" on the evening of the Opening Day next Sunday, and for Mr. Hocking to practise with his Choral Society.

Saturday 20th to 21st

Monday 22nd — The Opening Triduum, whose highlights are recorded elsewhere.

Thursday 25th — The end of our first year at Campion. What a varied succession of events we have to look back on, so much drama, such sorrow at the loss of Father Fox, so much happiness!

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 12th — Here we are again. Not everyone is exactly jumping for joy at having to start work once more. But at least we have had the summer holiday extended by two days out of the three that Sir Edward Boyle granted us on Opening Day.

There are three new members of the staff: Mr. Cooke, who is to teach Mathematics; Mr. Foster, who will take French; and Mrs. Craft, who was with us for part of our first term and now returns to take Art and Geography.

The school is now divided into three houses: Garnet, under Mr. Brunning; Gerard, under Mr. Catterall; and Southwell, under Mr. Woods. Mr. Allum and Mr. Mack will remain in charge of Second and First Line respectively. On one day each week, the houses will have their own assemblies. The classes in each Form are to be renamed Fisher, More and Fox so as to avoid the invidious distinction of A, B and C.

Greek and Russian are to appear on the blackboards of Campion and clubs of many kinds will soon be springing up in various places and at various times. Apart from the Photography Club, already in existence, we hear rumours of a Pets Club and other projects.

Tuesday 17th — Superintendent Birkenshaw of the Romford Police comes to the school at morning assembly to present National Saving Certificates to four of our boys who were responsible for the arrest of a thief. The Superintendent congratulated Aalders, Hannigan, Field and Frost on their initiative and enterprise in stopping a criminal from getting away with his misdeeds.

Friday 20th — Sgt. Milnes and his colleagues come to give a Road Safety demonstration in the playground. Their equipment, including working traffic lights and portable zebra crossings, arouses much interest. The show is concluded by a spectacular demonstration of braking in emergency, involving the firing of caps discharging blue powder under the front of the car to mark the start and finish of the braking distance. We hope that all have taken due note of the common-sense way to behave on the roads.

Saturday 21st — The Parents' Association hold their first Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday 24th — The school Mass is offered for the intentions of Archbishop Heenan, on the occasion of his enthronement as the new Archbishop of Westminster. A message sent beforehand to tell him about our Mass elicits a charming reply. We have great hopes that, when he is free from the cares of the Vatican Council and settled into his new diocese, he will be able to pay us a long-awaited visit.

Saturday 28th — The Dramatic Society recently formed in St. Joseph's parish at Upminster present two short plays on our stage as their first venture. It is a successful evening, with some two hundred people in the audience, which will encourage the organisers to go ahead.

Sunday 29th — Father Dillon comes from Stamford Hill to give a Day of Recollection for the parents of Campion boys. Some 60 are able to attend—

no doubt there would have been more if boys had been careful to see that their parents were informed in time. The occasion is voted a great success by all present and will certainly be repeated in the future.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 16th — The Fourth Formers' parents come to meet the staff and talk over their common problems involving the young gentlemen concerned. Before the discussion, the gathering is shown the colour film of the Opening Day, which has been edited at high pressure during the afternoon. Particular enjoyment is gained from some shots of spectacular falls into the water-splash during the steeple-chase in the school sports. After the film, and before the meeting of parents and staff, the Headmaster gives a frank talk on the present state of the Fourth Form.

Friday 25th — We have news that Mortlock of 4 Fox has won a Cooking Competition. When asked what interest he had in cookery, he replied: "None. I was bored, so I spent the afternoon trying it out."

Sunday 27th — A memorial Mass for Father Fox is celebrated in the evening at St. Augustine's, Barking-side. About 60 Campion boys attend.

Monday 28th — Project and Practical Week begins. The timetable is reorganised to allow longer periods.

Tuesday 29th — The weekly school Mass is offered for Father Fox. We are glad that his mother and father are able to be present.

During the afternoon, a representative of the Royal Navy talks to the Fourth Formers about a naval career and shows them an interesting colour film of life in the Navy of today.

Thursday 31st — Off we go for the half-term holiday. See you again in the next issue.

The Choral Concert

Music, probably the oldest of the arts, has for long been granted a condescending acknowledgement in many schools in this country, but during the last ten years there has grown a fuller awareness of its value in education. To many of our boys after leaving school, opportunities will occur of exercising judgment on questions of taste, of enlarging or restricting the artistic experience of others, and of setting personal example of a full life.

Towards one group of its pupils — those who will become teachers — a grammar school holds a responsibility of a special character. Whether they will teach in secondary education, where their general knowledge can add much to the life of the school, or in primary, where music is vital in the development of young children, even the elementary skill of singing will be invaluable. It is important, therefore, that music should be allowed to reveal something of its rich diversity of media and forms whenever possible.

Transition period

The choice of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" as the main item of our last concert was dictated by the need to find a work of musical value within the range of the boys' ability. Pergolesi, a composer of the "transition period" of musical history, is known not for his invention of a technical process, but for the vigour, elegance and originality of his works, and the skill and science with which he was able to develop them. It seems probable that the work was originally designed for two singers, but in our performance four items were sung by a two-part choir.

The choir began well and succeeded in capturing the feeling of anguish and mystery in the first chorus of the "Stabat

Mater dolorosa." William Cooley sang confidently the solo "Cujus animam gementem", with an appreciation for the wealth of contrast. The duet "O quam tristis" was bravely attempted by J. M. Walsh and Peter Ward. J. Boyle performed "Quae maerebat", rhythmically moving about some difficult intervals with a good sense of pitch.

Feeling and sense

All the soloists and G. Bishop combined in singing "Quis est homo", but the voices did not blend successfully. The solo, "Vidit suum dulcem natum", a beautiful and delicate composition, was interpreted with feeling and a good sense of pitch and rhythm by Philip Appelbee — an outstanding performance. Walsh's singing improved in "Eia Mater." P. Affleck courageously attempted "Fac ut portem", a very difficult alto solo, but failed to convey the dramatic intensity. Miss Cleave at very short notice sang the duet "Sancta Mater", performing vocal acrobatics between antiphonal parts, revitalising a flagging section.

The two choruses "Inflammatum" and the "Amen" were good. Brian Fuller and Martin Coveney, both with excellent voices, gave an erratic rendering, though their tone was well balanced. Our performance of the work contained some dramatic moments not included in Pergolesi's score, but as many of the soloists obliged by "standing in" during a fortnight of crisis, they deserve much praise. A general criticism of the performance is that it was under-rehearsed, but the inexperienced singers are now wiser and better equipped.

The orchestra was composed of professional and amateur musicians and pupils

from St. Ursula's Convent, Brentwood, and Brentwood School. Without their help the performance would have been incomplete. In a work of this nature, with inexperienced singers, the continuo part is the pivot. Mr. Terence Best, Brentwood School, performed the duty with the discernment of a real musician, giving the assurance much needed in supporting the boys. They and I are particularly grateful to him.

The second part

Mozart's Clarinet Quintet K. 581 formed the second part of the concert and was included, among other reasons, to show how music had developed by the end of the 18th century. The members of

the quintet were Mr. John Alexander, Miss Jennifer Lewis-Jones, Miss Jean Beecham, Miss Helen Cleave and Mr. Robert Gilder, clarinet. Mozart exploits here the full range of the clarinet, from the lowest (chalumeau) register to the highest, and Mr. Gilder gave a very satisfying musical interpretation. The players were experienced and their sense of ensemble was good, though the acoustics of the hall hampered the performance.

Now we have begun, I hope there will flourish an adventurous, competent, happy and enjoyable musical life in the school, supported by audiences as patient and understanding as on this occasion.

D. HOCKING

A May Verse

Cast an eye of pity
On a forlorn child of Eve;
Hear my prayer, O Mother;
You I would not grieve.

Your gracious Son, our Saviour,
Was o'erwhelmed on Olivet,
When He besought the Father
To remove from Him our debt.

You saw the soldiers strike Him;
You saw Him crucified;
You heard the words He uttered;
You saw Him when He died.

So if it be pleasing
Unto you and unto Him,
Grant my prayers be answered,
Even though I sin.

V. Eisenhower 4 More

Our Lady

Her footstool the Earth,
The stars for her crown,
Of glory no dearth
Has this Queen of renown.

O Mother, we bless thee
On our Earth below.
Look on England, thy Dowry,
And the people you know.

Our work and our play,
Our joy and our sorrow,
We offer today,
And will do tomorrow.

For thou art our Mother;
Thou watchest night and day;
Keep us safe from evil, Mother,
To praise thy Son for aye.

P. Death 3 Fisher



DRAMA — Champion's First Major Production

"The Government Inspector"

Campion's first major production was awaited with trepidation. Many thought that the play, Gogol's **The Government Inspector**, would be just beyond the boys' range. Those of us who were happy in this narrow attitude were taken unawares on the opening night. The play, atmosphere and all, was well within the range of the cast.

The story of the play has all the elements of situation comedy. Khlestakov, played by Kevin Daly, is a penniless young man from St. Petersburg who visits a small provincial town. He is there mistaken for a government inspector and treated as a royal guest. As one bribe follows another, ("Let's call it a loan, shall we?"), he sits back to enjoy his unsought eminence. After he leaves, the townspeople stand supremely astounded as the real Government Inspector is announced.

The actors generally made the most of this story. Any actor has a difficult task: he must put on a mask and become for a few hours another personality. One saw this identification, this sympathy with

another's individuality, in Daly's Khlestakov and in J. Richardson as Yosif the servant. Daly did however take some time in settling down. Both were expertly made up. The contrast between their positions was accentuated by the way they spoke: Yosif with a Cockney accent, Khlestakov in well-bred tones: a subtle touch on the part of the producers.

Difficult parts

With L. Burzynski as the Mayor and M. Slater as his wife Anna, the mask fitted but not always well. They both had difficult long parts and their movements and gestures were good. But they shouted! There was too much Burzynski and too much Slater in their voices, and not enough Anna and the Mayor. Their daughter Marya, played by M. Coveney, had the voice and he acted intelligently. But there was neither life nor movement in his hands. His Marya would have been twenty times more effective had he made gestures as well.

As Dobchinsky and Bobchinsky P. Watmough and P. Walsh added much to the

sparkle of the evening. Both played to the gallery and got rounds of applause. C. Flattery took the part of the Magistrate calmly. M. Hamilton was uneasy at first as the Warden. Some screaming moments were supplied by Miller and Edwards as the Sergeant's wife and the Locksmith's wife respectively.

Polished production

The producers, Mr. D. Brunning and Mr. P. Worth, finely welded the five-act play into a smooth and polished production. Their hours of work (and those of the boys) were well rewarded. However the drunken scene in Act III struck me as being slightly unbalanced. Khlestakov grabbed at the wine, glass after glass. After about the fourth glass this ceased to be funny. One felt that the comedy could have been sustained if the wine were taken to the others in the room. As it was the tray seemed anchored to Khlestakov and this was not his best moment.

The final scene, riotous as the Postmaster reads an intercepted letter from

Khlestakov, was handled just a little too fast. Handled more slowly, the crowning coup would be thunderous (it was just less so), as the real Inspector is announced.

These considerations appear only on reflection. They do not detract from the total effect. It was a success, a joy to watch. With this talent (and much more elsewhere, I suspect, in the school) we look forward no longer in trepidation to Campion's next play.

Conference and Consternation



The Cast

THE MAYOR	L. BURZYNSKI
THE MAGISTRATE	C. FLATTERY
THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	P. HAYES
THE WARDEN OF THE FREE HOSPITAL	M. HAMILTON
THE POSTMASTER	T. ADAMS
BOBCHINSKY	P. WALSH
DOBCHINSKY	P. WATMOUGH
A CONSTABLE	F. MORRISSEY
THE CHIEF OF POLICE	D. GRICKS
ANNA, THE MAYOR'S WIFE	M. SLATER
MARYA, HIS DAUGHTER	M. COVENEY
OSIP, MAN-SERVANT TO KHELESTAKOV	J. RICHARDSON
KHELESTAKOV, A YOUNG MAN FROM ST. PETERSBURG	K. DALY
A WAITER	J. SULLIVAN
MISHKA, MAN-SERVANT TO ANNA	M. McDONNELL
THREE MERCHANTS	A. WIGENS
	V. EISENHAEUER
	K. HARTE
THE LOCKSMITH'S WIFE	M. EDWARDS
THE SERGEANT'S WIFE	P. MILLER
WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	T. COLAHAN
PRODUCERS	J. P. WORTH, D. T. BRUNNING
STAGING AND COSTUMING	K. FOX S.J., R. WALKERLEY, P. READ, M. McDONNELL
MAKE-UP	Mrs. G. CRAFT

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster of St. Ignatius' College, the Headmistress of The Ursuline Convent, Ilford, the Montclair Players and various parents for the loan of costumes and properties.

The Enthronement of Archbishop Heenan at Westminster Cathedral

As 24th September was a dull, wet day, it was with relief that we finally arrived at the Cathedral. We reached our places in time to see the Provost and Canons of the Metropolitan Chapter go in procession to the great door, to await the arrival of the Archbishop. By five to eleven we had managed to get to the front of the crowd and had an excellent view of the High Altar and aisle. We were also lucky enough to be beside the commentator and his monitoring screen.

At a minute to eleven the organ and choir heralded the approach of the Archbishop. After what seemed a long delay, the procession passed up the nave. The Cathedral Chaplains were followed by the Canons of Westminster, the Provost, and finally Archbishop Heenan in a magnificent gold-and-white cope under a glittering canopy. At a point opposite the pulpit the procession proceeded to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. Soon the Archbishop took his place with the Provost before the High Altar. The Provost said the prayer of Enthronement and afterwards led the Archbishop to the Throne, where he recited the traditional formula in the following words:-

"I, George Craven, Bishop of Sebastopolis, and Provost of the Metropolitan Chapter of Westminster do enthrone thee, the Lord JOHN CARMEL, Archbishop in this Church of Westminster, in which may our Lord Jesus Christ guard thy going in from henceforth, now and for evermore."

The Provost, Canons and Cathedral Chaplains then paid homage by kneeling and kissing the Archbishop's hand. After the singing of the "Te Deum", Dr. Heenan celebrated Pontifical High Mass and preached a short sermon, in the

course of which he referred to some of the moral problems besetting our country.

The whole ceremony was majestic, the variety of the habits of the religious orders and the colour of the vestments contributing to the splendour of the scene. All of us were impressed by the importance of the occasion and prayed for the Archbishop's welfare in the high office he was assuming. At the end of Mass the Cathedral emptied rapidly, leaving behind the usual sightseers, who meandered round the various chapels and porches, while the blinding floodlights were extinguished. We left the Cathedral to find newspapers featuring the event already on sale.

Anthony Wiggins 4 More

The Flying Saucer

She hovers silently over a world of
silence,
Without a movement or trace of wind.
But wait! Something moves,
In among the boulders,
Strewn as if by an angry giant.

The something flits from boulder to
boulder
As if it . . . or he . . . were a fly.
The something approaches . . .
unnoticeably.
But now the visitant retreats to the rocks
And advances once more,
Like a fish eyeing the bait.

The men from this strange craft,
Scientists one and all,
Rush out like excited puppies
Greeting their master home.
Quickly they take photographs,
Re-embark and are gone.

D. Coogan 3 Fisher

The School Trip to Rome

This is not an itinerary. Too many days and weeks have passed to recall the facts: the times of trains, the numbers of buses, the places we visited and when we visited them. Time dulls the recollection of detail. But it does not cancel the memory of an experience. In this good world of ours an experience is significant and enduring. Time cannot touch it. The Roman holiday (no allusion here) belongs to this category and as such merits attention.

We were an eager group who left cold London last spring. Easter it was, to give it its religious connotation. What would we find in this land that is embraced by the left arm of Le Grand Charles? Would we be lost?

The Continent

The Channel was in her usual mood: tantrums. France was not different, new. Switzerland was strictly grand. Its beauty appealed to the mind, not to the heart. Immense mountain ranges, ice-tipped lakes; you could be lost here. But in Italy the train seemed to slow. The sun was not here a remote factor in the sky that sometimes bent to smile. The warmth now seemed to rise from the fields and the orchards. The colours were no longer dull green or frozen blue, but light colours of young-green trees and unworried skies: the lovely colours of a land that is so eternally old that it is everlastingly young.

At last we arrived at the end of our journey, Rome. Mr. D. Brunning led the party; boys went to him for their money and their geography. Mrs. Brunning was the interpreter, who came to be called "the Signora." Boys went to her when the wine disagreed with them, when they needed to know the price of stamps and how to say "How Much?" After the day's sightseeing there was the retelling

of the day's adventures: how someone bargained the price of a bracelet from 500 lire to 250; how someone else found an inexpensive souvenir shop with a sympathetic assistant behind Santa Maria Maggiore; how we all enjoyed ourselves.

The Pope

On Wednesday, a day not to be forgotten, we took part in a general audience at St. Peter's. The whole world seemed to come along. One had to fight one's way. Nuns, normally such timid beings, now assumed the dangerous pose of boxers as they jostled, pushed and punched for a vantage point. Our group (not normally such timid beings) gained a good position between the Bernini Altar of the Confession and the Altar of the Chair. At the stroke of noon a hush fell on the vast concourse and then thunderous applause began as the Papal cortège was seen. It was so moving. This man, Pope John, meant so much—the direct appointee of Christ, Peter. He spoke facing us not far away, said that he was Father and so welcomed us. It was so simple. He asked us to pray for the General Council, as he smiled, joked and laughed. With a strong voice and

Three of the boys at the Colosseum



compelling gestures he held our attention. As he was borne away we shouted, because we wanted him to, "Long live the Pope." Perhaps he does. One permanent trace remains: the blessing of Good Pope John.

Gift of Tongues

Rome is not a beautiful city. The plundered Colosseum once prompted a London woman to remark, "Oh, you had the blitz here, too." Baroque art, with its ultra-naturalistic realism invades some of the better-known churches. The new mingles uncomfortably with the old. But because its beauty is imperfect it is a human city. We Anglo-Saxons had never seen a human city. With a verve that would have disquieted the staunchest Babelite we went and talked with people in a confusion of tongues:

part French, part Latin, a stuttering of German, most English. Every tongue almost, but Gaelic. The amazing thing is that we were understood and we ourselves understood. At the beautiful, uncluttered St. Paul-outside-the-Walls we met some Texans. When we visited the Catacomb of St. Callistus, an English-speaking guide led us. Back at the pensione a volatile padrone awed us.

On a Monday we left. We had thanked the seminarians of the English College who were unpaid guides. Fr. Robert Murray, a Jesuit who spent much of his time with us, came to wave goodbye at the station. So the long journey began. Heavy hearts, however, were lightened by some charming companions. It had been a holiday of holidays, an Easter to remember. I did not throw any coins in the Trevi Fountain, but it was not because I disagreed with the sentiment.

Social Occasion

First School Dance

Last July the school held its first dance in the school hall on the evening of Sports Day. Members of the 3rd forms invited girls from the Brentwood and Ursuline Convents, and some of the Governors.

Local Youth Clubs had been more than generous in the loan of records, and Mr. and Mrs Twigg had given freely of their time as dancing instructors. Armed with a record player from Mr. McCarthy and a goodly supply of plastic discs, we had the edge on David Jacobs.

The dance began; the girls were sophisticated and pretty; the boys varied from casual to plain terrified, but the earnest business of dancing had to be tackled, and tackled it was with a will. Waltzes and Quicksteps were danced and the Twist was well and truly bent on several occasions. The advantage of this last exercise is that no previous knowledge is required, and if you don't wish to talk to your partner there is no need

— she has probably forgotten that you were her partner anyway, once the message has been received.

The interval arrived after a variation of musical chairs and everybody looked relaxed (exhausted) and the best of friends. Quiet descended as Mrs. Catterall's excellent buffet was being sampled and as Salmon (3C) said: "Thank you" the general agreement was noisy and definitely one sided.

Serious business

Again the serious business of becoming gentlemen was continued, but at ten o'clock, when success was almost assured, the end had come. After a wait for the coach, good-byes were said and the girls departed for Brentwood via Upminster. The boys seemed to live that way, too. Next day's verdict was that the hundred or so had been determined to make a success of it and had succeeded.

Ski Trip- Easter 1963



Forty-two boys and five members of the Staff left Victoria on April 6th, clad in as motley a collection of ski-wear as could be imagined, surmounted by a Champion school scarf for identification, which led to some hectic colour clashes.

After a largely uneventful journey, discounting a lost passport and various cases of sea-sickness, the illicit acquisition of couchettes, and the delightful acquaintance of girls' schools, we arrived at Bludenz, some twenty hours later.

Bright and early the following morning, we were all on the slopes with our instructors. Willi and Sep. We soon found that ski-ing is not as simple nor snow as soft as either appears. We quickly split into two parties and that afternoon made our first expedition on skis.

After the first two days we were all sunburnt and making rapid progress, even managing the ski-hoist without falling off before the half-way point.

Unfortunately, it then rained and we spent a very strenuous morning ignoring the rain, tramping cross-country through deep drifts after Mr. Twigg. In the course of this we saw a number of deer and even rescued one from the river. That night saw us in bed earlier than usual and in an exhausted sleep well before rounds at 9.30 p.m.

All-day Sorties

We now progressed to the higher slopes and made all-day sorties on the Niggenkopf, ascending by cable-car and descending on skis in easy stages.

The end came all too soon, with its testing for medals and the award of diplomas. This was done on a timed run over a slalom course.

We were very sorry to leave Brand behind us, with the kindness of Herr

Schwarzler, the excellent food, the friendliness of all the villagers and most of all the joy of hurtling down a sunlit slope.

The return journey without the stimulus of excitement was tedious and uneventful, despite a further lost passport and the re-opening of friendships with our fellow-travelling girls' schools.

We look back on the trip with many happy memories of people, places and incidents. Many of us hope to return there again someday when finances permit, and envy those who will be setting out at the end of March, 1964.

THE RUINS

Lonely against the sky they stand;
Lonely amongst the desert sand.

These weathered columns
Might have been part of a city,
A city that stood
Amid green fields and water-courses.
But these now have gone;
Desert now claims the good land.

The murder of the city
May have been by foreign soldiers
Out to kill,
To burn or plunder.
They may have belonged
To some mighty emperor
Bent on conquest.
But now there is only sand;
And all is quiet and forgotten.

M. Sugrue 3 Fisher

GYMNASTICS

and Cross Country

Since the last edition, most of our time has been taken up by the preparation of our display for the opening celebrations. In the process many of the Gym Club learnt that movements which seem effective are not always difficult, whilst easy-looking moves are often very hard indeed.

In the event, the display went off very well, though some of the activities which looked like deliberate mistakes were not rehearsed. Perhaps the highlight was the vaulting over the high horse, in which our then first-formers were clearing almost nine feet. We should be very pleased to see any photographs that have been taken of this event.

The following persons took part in the display:

M. Twigg	Quinlan	Scully	Boyle
C. O'Shea	O'Docherty	Insall	Stanton
Girvan	Gould	Fuller	
Hannigan	Langdon	Ruffell	
Zumbuhl	Lawford	Manning	
Frost	King	de Wolf	
		Armstrong	

Two competitions

In addition to the display we took part in two other competitions: the Romford-and-District, in which we came third after Quarles and North Romford Comprehensive, and the Essex County Competition, organised by the British Amateur Gymnastic Association, in which we had two teams, who came third and fifth respectively. This was a particularly good effort by our B team, who did very well indeed for so young a group. Zumbuhl did well to come 4th equal in the individual competition.

As a result of a course for boys selected at the Essex Competition, Frost has been chosen as reserve for the Essex Under-16 team to represent the County in the

Eastern-Counties final at Norwich in January, and Lawford just missed being selected.

During the summer Vacation two of the club went off on a one-week course at Swaylands in Kent, where they had a most enjoyable time and learnt a good deal. Unfortunately they have been unable to attend the club since, so we have not had the benefit of their knowledge.

Inter-house competition

We held an inter-house competition on Vaulting, Floorwork, Rings and Pommel horse at the end of last term. After some very good efforts, particularly by O'Shea on the Pommel horse and Lawford on the Floor, the final results were:-

Inter-House:

1st	Garnet	272½
2nd	More	263
3rd	Gerard	253½

Individual:

1st	Zumbuhl	81½
2nd	C. O'Shea	79½
3rd	J. Frost	78

As a result of the inter-house re-organisation we shall be holding a further inter-house contest, in two parts, during the last fortnight of this term. The first part will deal with trampolining, and the second with all the items of Olympic Apparatus, some of them very improvised, that is Vaulting, Floorwork, Rings, Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar. Each competitor will have to perform a set routine on each piece of apparatus and a voluntary sequence of activities in addition. There will be six boys in each team and one must be from each year.

In this context we hope that the parallel bars the Division have promised us will arrive in the near future and the re-

placement horse, which is to Olympic specifications.

Our other major activity has been training for the proficiency-award scheme of the British Amateur Gymnastic Association. We now have almost 20 boys who have gained the third-class award in Vaulting and Agility, whilst some of them have also passed in Trampolining and Pommel horse. Before the end of this term we hope to have half-a-dozen second-class awards and some thirds on rings and parallel bars.

In conclusion we should like to welcome to our ranks a number of the new first form who are making steady progress and bid farewell to our instructor Mr.

Twigg who leaves us at Christmas for his beloved West country. We look forward to working with Mr. Powell, who we hope will be coming to judge the inter-house competition in December and to coach us next term.

Cross Country

This will take place in the last week of term over a longer course than last year. Mothers will be glad to note that the "smelly bog" of last year is omitted. The worst hazard will be the river crossing. There is, however, a great deal of very sticky mud on the course at the moment, and our seniors have almost 5 miles to cover.

SHORT STORY

THE HUNTER

The hunter turned incredulously to his native guide and pointing to the buckled breech of the gun spat at Naqua's feet. "You've bust it, you useless cur you . . ."

"I no break it, master," whined the wretched Indian, "but I take it back Fort Howe, eh?"

"You bet you will!" rejoined the hunter, throwing the gun at the cringing Navahoe. "Clear out . . . now!"

The Indian mumbled incoherently and cleared out. The hunter, cursing the loss of his only weapon, lay down in his bed-roll.

Some hours later he woke from his fitful sleep as he heard a twig snap noisily. Grabbing his belongings, he made off in trepidation to the canyon. The hunter

was now hunted, whether by a mountain lion or a hostile Indian he did not know. He ran until the sweat poured down his forehead. For a moment he stopped to gain his breath, but was off again when he heard a noise to his left.

Eventually he reached the canyon, where he sat down exhausted in a shady spot behind a towering cactus. He was so tired that he could run no further. Even when he heard heavy panting behind him, he merely closed his eyes and determined to die bravely.

Then he was conscious of a feeble voice, stammering out between laboured breaths, "Master, why you run? Me got gun." Naqua was back!

Stephen Mahoney — 4 Fisher

School Sports Day

Hornchurch Councillor Presides at Meeting

The first School Sports Day can reasonably be set down as a success. On no future occasion shall we be able to say that every event produced a new record.

Great efforts were made by everybody, but two events were unquestionably the highlights. These were the Steeplechase, in which Green showed great potential, particularly in his fine action at the water-jump; and the Tug of War against the Parents, which the School surprisingly

won very easily.

Councillor S. E. Legg, accompanied by Mrs. Legg, represented the Chairman of the Urban District Council of Hornchurch in presiding at the meeting and presenting the trophies. His presence was the more fitting as the Sports, as well as most of the training, were held at the Hornchurch Stadium. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Legg for the encouragement of their presence and interest.

Results: Open events

High Jump		2 Mahoney S.	
1 McCausland M.	4ft. 7½in.	3 Scott J.	
2 Salmon P.		880 yards	
3 O'Shea C.		1 Girvan M.	2m. 21.75secs.
Pole Vault		2 Stammers S.	
1 Andrews B.	5ft. 1in.	3 Field B.	
2 O'Docherty W.		440 yards	
3 Lavender K.		1 McCausland M.	54.7secs.
Long Jump		2 Girvan M.	
1 Jones D.	17ft. 2½in.	3 Salmon P.	
2 Stephenson M.		220 yards	
3 Isherwood L.		1 Carter N.	
Discus		1 Gricks D.	23.5secs.
1 Jones D.	91ft. 5in.	3 McCausland M.	
2 Isherwood L.		100 yards	
3 Lavender K.		1 Carter N.	11.0secs.
Shot		2 Gricks D.	
1 Girvan M.	34ft. 7½in.	=2 McCausland M.	
2 McCausland M.		220 yards hurdles	
3 Gricks D.		1 Gricks D.	30.9secs.
Javelin		2 Manning R.	
1 Salmon P.	85ft. 0in.	3 Dantzie R.	
2 O'Connor T.		75 yards hurdles	
3 Turner D.		1 Jones D.	11.0secs.
Triple Jump		2 Gricks D.	
1 Jones D.	34ft. 7½in.	3 Aalders I.	
2 Quinlan J.		1 mile walk	
3 Rooney S.		1 Curtis M.	8m. 50secs.
3 miles		2 Affleck P.	
1 Frost J.	17m. 16.2secs.	3 Field B.	
2 Turner D.		Steeplechase	
3 Scott J.		1 Green A.	5m. 55.4secs.
1 mile		2 Brown M.	
1 Stammers S.	5m. 33.4secs.	3 Frost J.	

Under 13 events

High Jump		Triple Jump	
1 Whatnell P.	4ft. 3in.	1 Lawford P.	29ft. 2½in.
2 Galise C.		2 Langdon M.	
3 Hutchings J. }		3 Emmery J.	
Langdon M. }		440 yards	
Long Jump		1 Coveney V.	64.8secs.
1 Twynam M.	15ft. 4in.	2 McMahon D.	
2 Langdon M.		3 Tittley M.	
3 Ticehurst J.		220 yards	
Discus		1 Twynam M.	27.7secs.
1 Twynam M.	72ft. 0½in.	2 Davison J.	
2 Beagle A.		3 Tittley M.	
3 Whatnell P.		100 yards	
Shot		1 Twynam M.	11.7secs.
1 Beagle A.	31ft. 4in.	2 Hutchings J.	
2 Galise C.		3 McEvoy W.	
3 Whatnell P.		5 yards hurdles	
Cricket Ball		1 Armstrong A.	13.1secs.
1 Beagle A.	135ft. 2in.	2 Emmery J.	
2 Steele A.		3 Mills J.	
3 Smith R.			

Relays

Open 4 x 440		2 More	
1 More	4m. 24.2secs.	3 Fisher	
2 Gerard		Under 13 4 x 110	
3 Garnet		1 Gerard	62secs.
Open 4 x 110		2 Fisher	
1 Gerard	53.5secs.	3 Garnet	

VICTOR LUDORUM: McCausland M.
HOUSE SPORTS SHIELD: Gerard.

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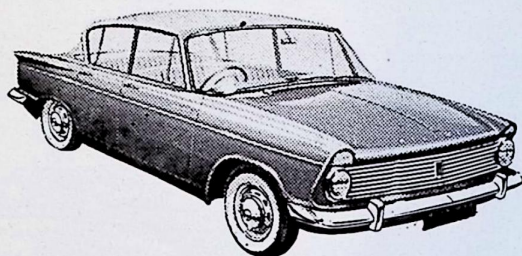
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ATHLETICS

Our first season was more successful than we had dared to hope, for training facilities were almost non-existent at the school, and our fortnightly trips to Hornchurch track all too limiting.

However, thanks to tremendous efforts on the part of competitors, we did succeed in tying with the Canon Palmer School for first place, with 142 points, in the boys' section of the Brentwood Diocesan Secondary Schools Sports. Individual winners were:

880 yards: Stammers, S.

100 yards: Gricks, D.

High Jump: Hayes, M.

100 yards: Twynam, M.

Shot: Beagle, A.

High Jump: Galise, C.

Long Jump: Parker, P.

Relay 4 x 110: Gricks, D.; Fletcher, G.;

Kelly, M.; Carter, N.

The meeting was won by teamwork

under the able captaincy of Gricks.

In the Hornchurch District Sports competition was stiffer, and we came fourth in track events, with 37 points (the winning school gained 42), and fifth in field events, with 24½ (the winning school, 38). This was out of a field of twelve. Outstanding performers were: Gricks D. in the 100 yards, Carter N. in the 220 yards, and Jones D. who won both the Long Jump and the Triple Jump. Jones was chosen by the Division for the County Sports.

Father Webb acted as team manager at both of the above meetings, leaving Mr. Twigg free to organise and officiate, a task in which he showed his usual self-sacrifice and efficiency.

We sent, by invitation, an Under-15 relay team to run against St. Ignatius' at their Sports Day. Rather to our surprise, our team won.

RUGBY

The last report was written during the ice-bound days of February, but the thaw did come and more school matches were played. The full results for 1962-63 are given below:

3rd Line vs

West Hatch	A	Lost	10-17
Westcliff CHS	A	Lost	12-20
St Ignatius' A	H	Drew	9-9
St Ignatius' B	A	Lost	0-25

2nd Line

Wanstead CHS	A	Lost	3-11
Westcliff CHS A	A	Won	12-8
Westcliff CHS B	A	Won	3-0
Bishop Ward	A	Won	18-0
East Ham GS	H	Won	18-8
St Ignatius' A	H	Drew	6-6
St Ignatius' B	H	Won	19-6
Beal GS	H	Won	6-0

1st Line

East Ham GS	H	Won	9-0
St Ignatius' A	A	Won	6-0
St Ignatius' B	A	Drew	3-3
Beal GS	H	Drew	3-3

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CRICKET

Five defeats, two of them by more than a hundred runs, and one victory, did not make an impressive start to Campion's record in school cricket. The opponents were St Ignatius' and Westcliff CHS. 2nd and 3rd Line teams played St Ignatius' at Hornchurch in June, and both lost. In July they went to Tottenham, and there the 3rd Line won by six wickets — thanks to the batting of Stephenson and Parulis and to the generosity of the opposition in playing to a finish in steady rain; and the 2nd Line had the better of a drawn game.

Two of the matches against Westcliff are best forgotten by the record-keeper, though not by the teams. The 1st Line may now know that two slips and a gully are of little use against a batsman who is striking the ball hard through and over mid-off and mid-on; and the 2nd Line bowlers who were hit for a century will surely never again so feed a batsman whose strength is clearly in the pull and the sweep — they bowled outside his legs with an accuracy that he could hardly hope for in net practice. To the credit of the junior teams, however, must be placed the style of Goggin's batting and the force of Twynam's, the wicket-keeping of K. P. Hurley and M. Gallagher, and the exciting possibilities of two leg-break bowlers, Davison and Coates.

Best Game of the Season

The 3rd Line game against Westcliff was the best of the season. Good bowling, chiefly by Parulis and Paul Adams, and excellent ground fielding (the catching was not so good) put Westcliff out for under seventy. But the pace and accuracy of the Westcliff bowling was too great for our batsmen ever to master it. Of the two real stroke-players in the team, one,

Parulis, soon mistimed a drive and was caught at cover, the other, Mahoney, was bowled playing a perfect backward defensive stroke — to a yorker. After this, steady batting by Field (who showed the value of playing fast bowling with a straight bat down the line of the ball), Curtis and McCann, and some firm hitting by Isherwood and Stammers were not quite enough to pull the match round. It was lost, in the last over, by twelve runs. The ability and promise shown by this team, led by McCann, and by its reserves are most encouraging.

Domestic cricket was run in a house league. The results were:

3rd Line	1st More (21 pts)
	2nd Garnet (12)
	3rd Gerard (9)
	4th Fisher (1)

2nd Line	1st Fisher (18)
	2nd More (12)
	3rd Gerard (7)
	4th Garnet (0)

TOTALS

1st More (33)
2nd Fisher (19)
3rd Gerard (16)
4th Garnet (12)

The Grammar School boy of 1963 cannot (unfortunately?) be asked to take literally W. G. Grace's advice: "Never read print; it spoils your eye for seeing the ball." But he can be asked to use in his games a little, at least, of that power of concentration which academic study is meant to foster. Games, any and all of them, would then be played with more spirit and more intelligence; and for the boys, whatever their ability, with more success and more enjoyment.

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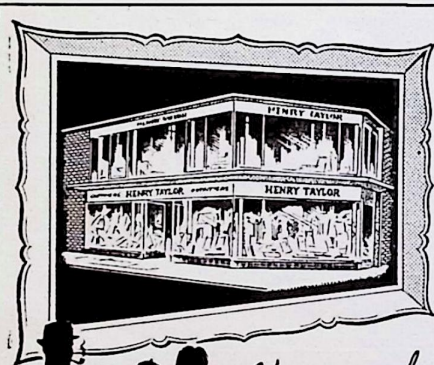
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School Activities

Photographic Club

The Photographic Club was started during the summer of the first school year. Since then it has flourished, and has to date about 20 members. We are lucky to have in the school a fine darkroom, complete with safe-lights and ample cupboard space. Many boys in the school are interested in photography, and our first job, which we have already started, is the teaching of technique in developing and printing a roll of film. We have had so far three lectures and demonstrations on this subject. It is hoped shortly to contact the Hornchurch-and-District Photographic

Society, who already have indicated their desire to help us. For this we thank them.

Apart from this, any member may use the darkroom on a week night and apparatus has been freely lent, including an enlarger. The making of solutions has been in the hands of R. Weedon (4 Fisher), who has done his job conscientiously and well.

The results of our first competition will be known at Christmas. We look forward eagerly to them.

R. Weedon 4 Fisher
P. Walsh 3 More

Biology Club

When the Science Club was formed at the start of the school year, a group of Fourth-year boys together formed a Biology Section. The section at the moment is necessarily small, although there is a great deal of interest. Activities include the keeping of small animals: hamsters, a guinea pig, a pair of mice, together with toads, newts and goldfish.

The club is open daily to the rest of the school. We hope that by doing so we may stimulate interest in the keeping of

pets as well as increasing knowledge among the boys of the habits and behaviour of animal life. We are in need of cages and would like to increase our animal population. Should any parent wish to dispose of either a cage or a suitable animal, we would be pleased to know.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Linnen for their great help in caring for the animals.

S. Redman 4 More

Cascaid

At the end of its first year of operation, the Promoters of the Campion School AID Fund can say that a great deal has been achieved. There is, however, still room for expansion.

The competition did not start until well into the 1962/3 season, and then came the long period of bad weather, when no football could be played. In spite of this, the year ended with £554 16s. 10d. distributed in prizes, £475 given to

the school, and a comfortable balance remaining in the bank.

This is a good result, by any standards, and the number of subscribers is increasing gradually each week, but at the time of going to press the 1,000 mark has not quite been reached. A letter is being sent out by the Chairman of the Parents' Association which, it is hoped, will have the desired effect.

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The Parents' Association

At the time when the last issue of CAMPION was going to press, arrangements were well under way for the May Social and Dance. This time, no difficulties barred the way. There was an excellent band, a highly-competent M.C., so everything went with a swing. Most of those present met Father Hackett for the first time, for he had taken office only a short time before.

About this time, sketch plans were being made for the official school Opening, which precluded any large-scale Association activities, apart from providing the refreshments at Mr. Hocking's delightful Musical Evening, and sending a few members to welcome new parents at their own Open Evening on 5th July. One purpose was to discover their aptitude for helping with the catering, cake-making, Committee work and so on. The new parents showed great enthusiasm. There was a 95% attendance and more than half of those present said they were prepared to help in one way or another.

Financial success

On the first evening of the three-day programme for the school Opening, the Association held their second Social and Dance. The effects of the afternoon's cricket matches with the boys were disregarded, for another success, both socially and financially, was recorded. The Catering Committee worked unceasingly throughout the three days, which culminated in the Third Form dance, to which girls from the convent schools at Brentwood and Upminster were invited.

The Autumn Term started almost immediately with the Annual General Meeting, held on September 21st. Letters were sent to all members, asking them whether they wished to serve on the Committee. In the event very few

nominations were received and the majority of the previous Committee were re-elected.

Although profit is not the primary motive of the Association, it was in fact more than self-supporting throughout the year, and was able to purchase £20 worth of crockery and cutlery for use at the functions, as well as a Challenge Shield and medals for prowess at sports. The Association also gave Father Hackett £20 towards the expenses of the school Opening. After all this, there were still about £15 left to carry forward to the next year. Thanks must go to all parents and staff who supported the functions, to those who, without a murmur, missed half the fun, because they were busy preparing refreshments or washing up, to those who stayed behind to put the tables and chairs away, as well as to those indefatigable regulars of the Entertainments and Catering Committees, whose energetic efforts defy description.

The Retreat on Sunday, September 29th, was a day that will be remembered for a long time by the 60 or so who attended. It was conducted by Father Dillon of St. Ignatius', Stamford Hill. The theme of his three talks was Faith, Hope and Charity, but here conventional presentation ended and his absorbing stories about people, their lives and problems—a lantern-slide in words, as it were—kept his listeners enthralled.

Altogether, it has been a satisfactory first year, and arrangements are well in hand for the next Social and Dance on November 9th.

The Constitution of the Association, as agreed at the Annual General Meeting, differs only slightly in wording from the draft made in the first Committee. The spirit remains unchanged—may enthusiasm remain unchanged also.

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