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Editorial

We should like to offer our very best wishes to Archbishop Dwyer on his retirement as Archbishop of Birmingham and Metropolitan. He has been a good friend to Cotton and we should like to thank him for all he has done for the School.

For the first time since 1966 there are no Staff changes this year.

Our felicitations to Mr John Dean and Miss Stella Leong, the sister of an Old Boy, who were married in the School Chapel on November 19th last year.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Andrew Woodham on the arrival of Luke, who was born on March 9th, the Headmaster’s Feast Day, when Andrew was away on the Rugby Tour of Cumbria.

Percy Ratcliff, who has been on the domestic staff for many years, retired this year. We wish him every happiness in his retirement.

We acknowledge with thanks the following magazines received during the year: 'The Ampleforth Journal', 'The Baeda', 'The Edmundian', 'The Ellesmerian', 'The Firefly', 'The Oratory School Magazine', 'The Ratcliffian' and 'The Raven'.

Salute


Through His Windows

CLERICAL NEWS

We should like to congratulate Mgr Gavin on his appointment as Co-ordinator for the Birmingham Province (which includes the Dioceses of Clifton and Shrewsbury, as well as our own Archdiocese) for the Holy Father's visit to England and Wales next year. He is tackling this immense task with his customary drive and energy. In spite of the attempt on the Pope's life, Mgr Gavin views it as an act of faith to forge ahead with all speed.

Through the kind offices of Dick Eccles, we recently received a tribute to Mgr Canon Percy Rees. The article was printed in 'Catholic Voice' and commended Mgr Rees's work in the field of education in Shrewsbury Diocese over a period of 32 years. When he began his task the only secondary school education in the diocese was provided in Grammar schools founded and run by Religious Orders. Now there are 94 Primary Schools, 12 Middle Schools, 1 Secondary Modern School, 18 Secondary High Schools and a 6th Form College, all of which provide a Catholic education for over 21000 pupils. The article spoke of Mgr's personal charm and ready smile which endeared him to all with whom he had personal contact. The oft-repeated response to an education problem in the diocese was always: 'Ring the Monsignor'.

Congratulations to three Old Boys recently ordained. On May 2nd at St Catherine's, Bristol Street, Birmingham, Bishop McCartie ordained Desmond Devenney. Among those present were Frs Michael Cottrell, Patrick Mc Kinney, Anthony Jones, David McLoughlin and Anthony Sims. It was good to see Stephen McGill, now fully recovered from his illness. On July 25th at Holy Family, Small Heath, Birmingham, Bishop McCartie ordained Desmond Deviney. Among those present were Frs Michael Cottrell, Patrick Mc Kinney, Anthony Jones, David McLoughlin and Anthony Sims. It was good to see Stephen McGill, now fully recovered from his illness. On July 25th at Holy Family, Small Heath, Birmingham, Bishop McCartie ordained Anthony Meehan. The Archbishop was present and said that, as he had asked the Holy Father to accept his resignation, this would be the last ordination that he would attend. Also present were Frs Philip Parter, Michael Cottrell, Gerard Murray and David McLoughlin, Kevin Kavanagh, Dominic Kavanagh, Harry Curtis and Simon Carter. Many of these again turned out the next day when Bishop McCartie ordained Brian Purfield at The Mother of God Church, Shard End.

We wish them all many happy years in the priesthood.

On Ascension Day we had the pleasure of entertaining Oscott College. Owing to the bad weather, cricket was impossible so they played soccer! Guests included the Rector, Mgr Patrick Kelly, Frs David McCough and David McLoughlin, and Kevin Kavanagh, Dominic Kavanagh, Michael White, Tom Farrell and John Carroll.
George Jeffries has kindly presented the School with the war medals and a citation for Mention in Despatches won by his late brother, Fr John, when he was a Forces’ Chaplain at Alamein during the Second World War. Fr John was later Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Philip Neri, Arundel, where he died in 1966.

We have also heard from Mgr Wilfrid Doran, who has made a great recovery from his illness, and Canon Denis Toplass, who had just returned from a most enjoyable visit to the Holy Land.

News from the Forces’ Chaplains: Fr Chris Bester is at Plymouth in HMS ‘Drake’ and has been finding the scenery magnificent. Life in ‘The Andrew’ is still ‘Great’. Fr Tony Jones finished his stint in Northern Ireland last February and is now based at Bovington Camp, Dorset, with the Royal Armoured Corps. He had been abroad for two and a half years. We should like to congratulate his mother and father on their fortieth wedding anniversary.

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MARRIAGES

John Guyler was married to Miss Elizabeth Bull at St Alban’s, Chaddesden, Derby, on June 13th this year. Fr Kieran Conry officiated at the wedding and guests included George Boucher and Michael Barry. St Alban’s is the parish of Mgr Canon Jack McLean. Again Fr Kieran Conry officiated, at the wedding of Peter Cahill and Joyce Glennie of Edmonton, Alberta, in the College Chapel on November 29th last year. Bill Garvey was married last year at Peterborough. His wife, Maureen, is a doctor and Bill is a nurse, so they have reversed the usual pattern! William Farrington visited us recently. He is a Staff Sergeant with the Pay Corps stationed in Northern Ireland. He was accompanied by his wife, Maria, whom he married in October, 1979. Michael Wheeler, who is a computer audit assistant with Lloyd’s Bank in London, will be getting married on September 5th this year. We have also received news, but no details, of the marriages of John J Twomey, John Jeffries, Peter Atkin and Russell Taroni. We wish them all every happiness.

DEATHS

It is with regret that we record the deaths of parents and relations of past and present Cottonians. Mrs Elizabeth Owen, mother of Father Tony and Terry, died on May 23rd. Her Requiem Mass was at St Peter’s, Bloxwich, where the concelebrants included Frs Quinn (Parish Priest), Owen, Pargeter, Piercy, Sims, P Lloyd, Kearns, Ward, F Jordan and Canon Peter Taylor. Fr Manton was also present in church. Richard Jarvis’s sister was killed in a road accident last summer.

Charles Allen, father of Anthony, Peter, David and Gerard, of Upminster, Essex, died on June 6th. Fr Brian Purfield’s father died in September, 1980. Fr Pargeter was present at his Requiem Mass at Shard End. James Cheadle’s father died in September last year. Malcolm Bridgen (OC 34), father of Nigel, visited us from Spain where he went to live on his retirement. He told us the sad news of the death of his wife in March last year. Mrs Sampson, mother of Jonathan, has died. Mr Wyke, father of Jonathan, died in February last year. Philippe’s Drew mother died in September last year. Philippe is in England at present where he hopes to do a welding course and then return to America. Charles Goodliffe Neale of Alcester died on December 26th last year. He was the publisher of the first Latin-English Altar Missal in the world. Although not an Old Boy, he was a good friend to the School.

To all the bereaved relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy. May they rest in peace.

VISITORS

The Old Boys’ Rugby match brought its usual plethora of welcome visitors. These included: Pierre and Jean Castille with their children, Daniel and Shirley. Jean is now teaching at Ratcliffe where Pierre is Head of Biology; Peter and Pat Vernon (‘Beef’ is a representative for nuts and bolts); Frank and Angela Baxter and their three boys. Frank works in a bank and his brother, Tom, is in a Law partnership in Birmingham. Joe Maguire is at Leicester Polytechnic and had met Mr Leslie Warner. Alan Moore is an area sales manager for a corn firm. Dav Devaney has finished his studies and is now farming at Nantwich; he had recently played rugger against Paul Butterfield who was playing for Wolverhampton 2nd XV. Dav plays for Stoke-on-Trent RFC, in his father Michael’s old position: the back row. James Cheadle, who also plays for Stoke, had unfortunately suffered a neck injury and was out for the rest of the season.
Peter Carroll is a social worker at St Vincent's, Moseley Road, Birmingham. Simon Bamford, a frequent visitor, is at Buxton College doing a Catering and Management course. Ralph Murray is flying helicopters out to oil rigs. Andrew Kirkham is at Leek High School doing English, History and Geography. Brendan Edgeworth is in Law and is going to Amsterdam and then Australia. The three Devaney brothers were also playing. Kieran had just returned from the Caribbean; he is a financial adviser. Des was completing his studies at Oscott, and Terence works at Solihull for Wrigley's Spearmint. He promised us one of the large spearmint packets used in the advertisement! Stan Correia is working for his father's firm in Bermuda. Abe Wossen is working in a London boutique and promised to rig us out. Tony Byrne finished his studies at Newcastle-on-Tyne with a good degree in Psychology and was doing hospital work at St George's in London. His brother, Paul, works for Post Office telephones. Other visitors included the Delf brothers: Kevin, Chris and Mark; Henry and Eddie Soulsby; Kevin Mulchinoch, hoping to go in for nursing; Simon and Mark Ormsby; Andrew and Michael Rudd; John and Michael Scott; Nick O'Brien; Martin McGowan-Scanlon, who is leaving the Army after 4½ years; Tom Farrell, Gerard Cusack and Dom Kavanagh from Oscott; Chris White, Andrew Haigh; and Canon Philip Coyne and Fr Andy Kenny from Coleshill. It took the two Coleshill priests a week to get warm again after the icy blasts of North Staffs.

Mark Walton is at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, in his second year studying Surgery and Anaesthetics; he took part in the London-Brighton road race. Kevin, his brother, is at Chippington Technical College doing an Art portfolio; and Eugene, his other brother, is in submarines with the Navy at Portsmouth. Patrick Lilley is at London University studying Economics. Nick Barnes, with photographs of his epic trip aboard 'Kriter Lady', is at an Art college in Worcester; he may later join the Royal Navy or the Merchant Service. His brother, Jeremy, who plays Rugby for Headingley, is doing Recreation and Leisure Sports at Carnegie College, Leeds. David Lau is at the Blue Coat School, Liverpool, studying Physics, Maths and Economics at 'A' Level. Robert Jones, a seaman in the Merchant Service with the BP Line, has visited many countries. Barry Bridges, who has his own firm, arrived one day with his fiancée in a Spitfire. John McDermott ('Snowy') hooks for Leek RFC, plays squash and does a lot of orienteering. He works with his father in Leek and is studying for his degree in Chemistry at Manchester University. Pat Drury is a member of the Leek Sports Quiz Panel and his specialities are athletics and the Olympic Games.

The Old Boys' cricket match brought Tony McAtamney, Peter and David Moss and other faithful visitors who are recorded earlier. The Association Day production of 'Oliver!' brought Simon Mott, Simon Martin, Alan Campbell and Benny Boulton. Philip Hill, who had a serious accident on his motor cycle last summer, is now playing tennis again and visited us during the Summer Term this year. We were very pleased to see Vic Hermolle on Speech Day, his first outing since his operation followed by seven weeks in hospital. Brian Wordley and his son made history when they both played for Wolverhampton against the School. Bob Coyne, after eight years in the Police Force, is in his final year at Strawberry Hill. He hopes to go on for an extra year to do the B Ed course specialising in Religious Studies. Peter O'Leary, who used to open the First Eleven batting with Fr Peter Ryall, came up in June. He is now an architect and lives in Maidstone. Raymond Overs and his wife, Marian, came in February. He lives in Australia but was on a month's holiday visiting old haunts. He has four sons, the eldest is 28, the youngest 15. Another visitor from Australia was John Davies with his wife and two sons. John is a member of the Stock Exchange of Melbourne.

**NEWS FROM LETTERS AND HEARSAY**

Nick Burchnall gained a 2nd at Exeter University and is now working in Dorking for a life assurance company and training as an actuary. Dominic Clancy is at Liverpool University studying Philosophy with subsidiary French. He has been accepted to study for the priesthood at Ushaw when he completes his degree. Meanwhile he has been very busy as a member of the University Rag Committee. His brother, Justin, is at the Middlesex Polytechnic 'doing something with computers'. Nick Dillon gained his degree from the Bar Society of Georgia; his father, Tony, now lives in South Carolina. Marcel Bahoshy is studying Engineering at Loughborough University. Andrew Burr is doing Classical Studies at Hull University, whilst Sandy Downing is at Bangor University studying Classical Studies and English. Seamus Halton is also at Hull University. Andrew Bray is at Leeds University doing Hispanic Studies and hopes to be a courier during the summer. Patrick Scott gained his degree at Manchester University and is now a doctor; his brother, Kieran, has passed his Law degree at Liverpool University. Franklyn Rodrigues is going to Loughborough University to read Aero-Engineering, and his brother, Ivan, to Chelsea College to read Electronic Engineering. Nick O'Brien is to study Mechanical Engineering at Trent Polytechnic.

Chris Parkes is returning in October to Aston University for his final year when he hopes to do an MSc degree in Petroleum Engineering. For his year in industry he had a temporary job with BP looking for oil in Wrexham and was hoping to go to the Near or Far East at the beginning of the year.

Pat Drury continues to be in the theatrical news. He appeared at the Cottesloe in John Arden's 'Sergeant Musgrave's Dance' in May, and on television as Detective-Sergeant Forsyth in 'Escape', a programme about Lord Lucan, last September. Morton Outram now has two sons, Paul and Simon. Gerald Grant is teaching at St Thomas More, Longton, and he and his wife, Gwen, now live in Weston Coyney. Austin O'Malley is working in London. John Kilgallon (Junior) is a Station-Officer in Fire Prevention in Scotland. Nigel Wood has joined the band of the Prince of Wales Division of the Staffordshire Regiment at Whittington Barracks. He expects to go to Gibraltar then to Germany for two years. Olly Smyth has just finished his teacher-training course in London and hopes by now to be a qualified teacher of French. Andrew Collins is in Cincinnati, USA. John McConnell is now a fully qualified member of the Association of Certified Accountants. Hugh Davies, writing from the heart of Somerset, has entered the property market. He recently spent a few weeks in the Outer Hebrides where Sunday Mass was in Gaelic with the sermon lasting for 3½ minutes. He met some of the extras of that great film 'Whisky Galore' and attended the wake of a 91-year-old sailor who had been sunk eight times in the two World Wars. Pat Love paid an interesting visit to Israel where he revived his Hebrew and was conducted round by an RSM of the infantry reserve. Frank Audley has retired after 35½ years teaching; we wish him a well-earned rest. Billy O'Neill's band has been touring York and Manchester and as they passed the exit for Stone on the M6 he had a nostalgic twinge of 'CB'. Steve Tarpey is enjoying every minute of his studies in Rome. 'There must be a snag somewhere', he writes. Richard McGowan-Scanlon is still navigating the oceans of the world: Antilles, Paraguay, America, Europe. He met his brother, Martin, in Newport, Rhode Island, when Martin was on leave from military
manoeuvres in Belize. George Jeffries, now in his 76th year, has written from Connemara. Two of his sons are Old Boys: Peter, who lives in Galway City and is active in the Scout movement there, has three sons and a daughter; and George, unmarried, is in New Zealand. George (Senior) also has three daughters and another son, and 15 grandchildren. Martin Musker is doing "O" Levels at a technical college and hopes to join the Police Force. Peter Moriarty is now in Nairobi, Kenya. John Lowe writes from Dublin that he is in three musical groups. He and his wife, Patsy, went to California where they met the whole cast of 'Dallas' in the Hollywood Bowl. Our photograph shows them with Victoria Principal (Pamela). He hopes to meet John Killoran who has gone to Donegal to run an inn owned by his aunt. Edwin Chong sent us a card from Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Further news of the Scott family: John is working in Knotsford; Patrick at Arbroath Infirmary (his fiancée is studying at Dundee); the families of Brendan and Eamonn are thriving; Michael is at Burton and Kieran has had a couple of months in Copenhagen before starting his studies to be a solicitor at one of the Law colleges. The Burchiells, in Rome last year, were entertained by Mervyn Smith and met Brian Purfield and Harry Curtis. They attended the Hierarchy's 200th anniversary Mass for Bishop Challoner, saw Bishop McCarrick and met Fr Manion and Richard Brumby. Tim Fitzpatrick wrote from Hong Kong. He hopes to be in England again in 1982 and that his son, Eamonn, will be able to come to Cotton. Tim was going to a St Patrick's Ball with Paul Cullen, in Hong Kong en route for China on business. Virgil Hedd is at the American University in Washington, but hopes to go to the University of Virginia, where Von and Michael Davenport are studying. Russell McCrimmon offers a welcome at his home to any of his former colleagues. His address is: 153, Meadowbrook Drive, Bethel Park, PA 15102, USA, and his telephone number is 412-833-2717. John Davies has written to Mrs Prince and her husband. He is in Varanasi (formerly Benares), India, where he works among the beggars, 50% of whom have leprosy. There are sometimes as many as a hundred dressings to do during the day. He wrote of the pleasure of sleeping on the roof since the temperature is over 100°F. This was marred, however, during the marriage season, determined by the stars of the couples, when as many as five marriages may take place, to the accompaniment of loudspeakers and drums, at 1, 2 or 3 am. The day before he wrote he had been at the bottom of a well fixing a water-pump coupling, and it reminded him of his days with Fr Piercy at Cotton. Stephen Martin wrote from the Falkland Islands where he is on a survey of Antarctica. Peter Fowkes has left the bank and is now in the Police Force. He met Paul Teebay, who is studying dentistry. Chris O'Brien, hoping to go to Hong Kong after his 'A' Levels, has been in touch with Tim Fitzpatrick. Julian Knott has passed as an Able-Seaman First Class and is at sea on his way to North Africa. Chris Lolley, still playing a lot of golf, is a mechanical apprentice with the RAF at Stafford. Pat Butler is working in a bank at Market Drayton and doing evening studies. Brendan O'Gorman is working at the Council Office, Chelmsley Wood. Keith Bear is now Deputy Rector at Our Lady's High School, Brockburn, near Edinburgh. Steve Sidwell is under-manager at 'The Wicket', Hixon. Staffs. Anthony Palmese is working in the silversmith trade and his brother, Dominic, is on computer maintenance. Justin Earley was considering joining the RAF. Mark Ormsby is hoping to go to Middlesbrough Polytechnic to study Art. Andrew Brown came fourth out of eighty and is now an Army sergeant at Dover College.

Martin Northard captured Notts, Lines and Derby in the Rugby County Championships, and scored against Warwickshire. Pat Doohan, who plays for Birmingham RFC, was selected for North Midlands. John and David Jeffries, twins, have played for Staffordshire Police at rugger. We also heard that they had both played for Staffordshire and that John had represented the British Police. Peter Trinham is the Stourbridge 1st XV hooker.

**Bishop Challoner Bi-Centenary Exhibition**

'There will be a new people'. This is not a quotation from the National Pastoral Congress, but from the writings of Bishop Challoner as he began his mammoth task of guiding the English Catholics of the eighteenth century. It forms the sub-title of the exhibition, opened by Cardinal Hume on June 30th this year, to commemorate the Bi-Centenary of Challoner's death.

Proceedings began with High Mass in Westminster Cathedral during which the Cardinal reminded us in his homily that Challoner was the link between the end of penal times and the new era for the Church in this country, begun at the time of the French Revolution.

Then followed a lecture on London in the time of Challoner. This was given by Monsignor Canon Bartlett, the Parish Priest of Lincoln's Inn Fields, where Challoner spent so much of his life. He described for us the Mass houses and embassy chapels where Mass was celebrated, since it was forbidden to build Catholic churches. We heard of the sermons in the public houses with the beer on the tables to quieten suspicion. Above all we heard of the mission to the poor and destitute of London. After a formal reception, we were admitted to the Exhibition itself. This gave a comprehensive picture of Challoner's life. There were cases of his vestments, but, most important, the books he wrote and his letters of spiritual direction to individuals, and his translations of the classical spiritual writers.

Cottonians were particularly struck by the picture of Sedgley Park and the portrait of John Kemble the actor, one of its Old Boys. Challoner's strength as a catechist, writer and educationalist, labouring zealously to lay the foundations of the Faith again after the disaster of the Reformation, is well brought out by an exhibition which every Cottonian who happens to be in London this summer should certainly visit.

The High Mass ended with a visit to Challoner's tomb and...
the prayer for his canonisation. This exhibition shows, above all, just how worth while that hope is.

J.A.

Three Famous ‘Parkers’

JOHN PHILIP KEMBLE

A book, ‘The Kemble Era’ by Linda Kelly, recently reviewed, calls to mind a famous Old ‘Parker’, John Philip Kemble. He was the son of Roger Kemble, a theatrical manager, and brother of Charles and Sarah, both famous Thespians. Sarah became Mrs Siddons and was painted by Reynolds and Lawrence. When she played Lady Macbeth, the audience refused to leave the theatre until they were assured by her curtain-call that she was still alive. For the thirty years around the turn of the eighteenth century she and her brother, John Philip, dominated the English stage.

John Philip was originally intended for the priesthood. He is described as being tall, stately, dark and handsome with a commanding stage presence. He could terrify audiences and his fellow actors. He studied his profession and was known (in a careless age) for his application. Leigh Hunt said of him: ‘He never pulls out his handkerchief without a design upon the audience.’ On the other hand, there was nothing he would not do — going on in the pantomime as Harlequin as well as making his debut at Drury Lane as Hamlet when he was 26.

When he was 31, he was appointed to Drury Lane as Manager by Sheridan, the owner. The actors begged, pleaded with and threatened Sheridan for their salaries, but he was not a man of business. Everyone went to the theatre and the period saw the beginning of dramatic criticism rather than the ‘puffs’ so cruelly satirised by Sheridan himself.

In 1814 Kemble played Coriolanus again to tremendous applause. He excelled in this role and as Macbeth. However, shortly after this, a new actor appeared who put Kemble and his neo-classical tradition into the past: Edmund Kean. Kemble suddenly became old-fashioned. He retired in 1817 in poor health, honoured and respected and financially pressed, and died in 1823.

WILLIAM JAMES WAINWRIGHT

Through the good offices of Mr Vic Hermolle, we received an article about the artist, William Wainwright.

He was born in Birmingham in 1855 and educated at St Chad’s in Spring Hill before going to Sedgley Park, Wolverhampton, where his talent for drawing was recognised and encouraged. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed to the specialists in stained glass windows, Messrs John Hardman and Co. He soon became responsible for designing some of the finest church windows at St Paul’s and St Mary’s, Coventry.

However, his heart was set on painting, so he left for Antwerp in 1880 and studied at the academy there that had been founded by Rubens. A demand for his work developed and one Birmingham firm of art dealers was prepared to buy all his output. He then moved around, to Paris, then to London until finally settling in Birmingham. He lived and painted in Edgbaston for over forty years.

There are many stories of his kindness, generosity and wonderful sense of humour. Once when he was on the hanging committee at The Birmingham Royal Society the members found themselves short of just one picture to complete the display. Wainwright said he knew of a new artist who had just painted a picture of the required size. He went home, painted one and brought it in for hanging the next day. It was signed ‘Phil A Place’.

He died in 1931, a much respected citizen. His work includes portraits of many eminent priests and bishops and is represented at the Birmingham Art Gallery. At Cotton we have his portraits of Archbishop Keating, Archbishop McIntyre, Bishop Glancy, and Pat Collins, the circus proprietor.

HENRY HUNTER

Mr Frank Roberts had an interesting visitor one day from Tasmania. Mr Barrie Shelton, Nottingham-born but living in Hobart for the last eight years, was back in this country in search of information for a book he is writing on Henry Hunter.

Hunter was born in Nottingham in 1832, son of a builder and timber merchant in that city. He studied at Sedgley Park from 1844 to 1847, then at the Nottingham School of Design before the family emigrated to Australia in 1848.

Henry Hunter then became an architect and went to Tasmania where he became very successful. There are Hunter designed buildings in most of the large towns and many in Hobart. Mr Shelton has written about and lectured on Hunter in Tasmania. He went to a number of archives and libraries while he was here. He was delighted with the information which Mr Roberts found for him. He took several photographs of paintings, including one of the Rev Henry Smith, President of Sedgley Park 1844-48 when Hunter was there. He hopes to be back in England in two years’ time with the book under his arm.
The following Old Boys attended the meeting on May 4th: Messrs N Adams (President), N Baggott, M Bahoshy, F Baxter, P Brain, Mr T Brain, Mr J Brennan, Rev G Brewster, Messrs B Brierley, L Brocki, P Butler, Rev J Callaghan, T Cockburn, Mr A Danson, Rev P Devaney, C Doyle, Messrs D Finn, J Fitzsimons, C Forbes, Rev J Griffin (Chaplain), Messrs J Hardeman, W Harrison, M Halpin, J Hickin, Rev P Holtham, P Howell, Rev J Kearns, Mr P Kennedy, Rev P Lees, Messrs A McAtamney, M & M J McCormick, P & W Maddox, Rev D Manion, T Meagher, Mgr W Moore, Messrs A O'Dowd, P O'Hare, P Oliver, Rev A Owen, Mr W Power, Rev W Quinn, Messrs T Regan, F Roberts, J R Bowland, J & A Rudd, Rev P Ryall, Mr P Sealey, Rev A Snell, Messrs H Soulsby, T Taylor, Paul & Peter Teehoy, Mgr F Thomas, Messrs J E, J H and J D Trinh, Rev J Ward, Messrs M & P Williams, N Wood, P Wright and Rev P Wyles, in addition to the Headmaster, members of the Staff and the Sixth Form.

After the Loyal Toast, Mr Norman Adams, the President, proposed the health of the School. All were in good voice for the School Song, after which the Headmaster replied. He said he felt like the Ambassador in 'The Acharnians' by Sophocles as he had been wined and dined and the next day he had to receive the same treatment at Upholland (Cries of 'Shame!' as he asked for our pity). Dealing with the religious side of the School's activities, he referred to the marriage of Mr & Mrs Dean in the School Chapel and the visit of Bishop Cleary for Confirmation. On the sports field, the First Fifteen had been very successful. They had lost the Wolverhampton Sevens final only in extra-time and by the only points scored against them in the whole competition. He complimented Fr Piercy on all the hours he had put in on the new computers; the only trouble was that one couldn't get cleaner shoes. He recalled the Abbey Rugby team, captained by Norman, whose fixture list had been curtailed by Hitler. He remarked that the system of selecting Presidents seemed to favour geriatrics who had plenty of money but only a year or two of life left. Norman, however, had no money as he could only afford half a pair of glasses (vide his reading at Mass). He mentioned Norman's distinguished Army career which he finished as a Major. He wished him well in his year of office and asked us to be upstanding for the Toast. Mr Jack Trinh, looking more than ever like Patrick Allen, the film and television star, not to be upstaged by the Headmaster's mention of 'The Acharnians', began by quoting from Xenophon's 'Anabasis'. He recalled that he and Norman Adams, the new President, had come to the School in shorts in 1922. They had Canon Hymers as President for two months and then came Thomas Williams. Norman always seemed to have a certain charisma, in fact he had prevented Jack from winning the Best Server's prize on account of his

The Rugby Tour of Cumbria had resulted in two wins, one loss and a baby! He congratulated Mr & Mrs Woodham on the birth of Luke.

Many improvements were necessary in the School, so he appealed to the Old Boys to make covenants to the Endowment Fund for scholarships. 500 Endowment Fund brochures had been printed and he exhorted the Old Boys to take one each. Having thanked the new President for the Toast, he gave way to the retiring President.

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The Old Boys’ Rugby match this year will be on Sunday November 8th. All are welcome. The following played last year: J Carroll, D Devaney, D Devenney, K Devenney, T Devenny, K Delf, C Fitzpatrick, D Kavanagh, P Byrne, M McGowen-Scanlon, M Rudd, Fr K Conry, S Correia and J Maguire.

Mr Norman Adams

PRESIDENT OF THE ST WILFRID’S AND PARKERS’ SOCIETY 1981

Norman Adams was born on June 28th, 1910. He was at Cotton from 1922 to 1929, during which time he was in the First Fifteen from 1927 to 1929 and the First Eleven in the years 1927 and 1928.

On leaving School he joined the Phoenix Assurance Company of Birmingham and continued to play both cricket and rugger regularly. He joined the Territorial Army in 1938 and was mobilised in August, 1938. In February, 1940 he was commissioned and posted to the Royal Warwickshire Regimental Depot where he stayed for twelve months becoming responsible for the training of NCO’s. In 1941 he was posted to Battalion as Company Commander and promoted to Captain.

In 1941 on June 28th, Norman married Miss Kathleen Bowker and they subsequently had two sons. Early in 1943 he joined the Parachute Regiment where he was involved in an accident resulting in damage to both his legs. Accordingly he was posted back to Infantry – 7th Royal Warwicks – and in June, 1944, moved to Europe with the 2nd Royal Warwicks. He subsequently joined the 2nd KSLI in the same Brigade. In 1945 he was promoted to Major.

After the war Norman returned to his civilian occupation and became Manager of his Company’s Coventry branch. In 1947 he joined the Catenians. He was elected President of Coventry Insurance Institute in 1966 and retired in June, 1970.
Jubilees

DIAMOND
Father Alexander Gits SJ

Alexander Gits was born in 1887 and came to Cotton in 1906. In 1910 he joined the Society of Jesus, began Theology at St Beuno's in 1916 and was ordained Priest in 1921.

We have no other information about Fr Gits's career other than that he is now at St Aloysius, Garnethill, Glasgow, whence he wrote the Editor a charming letter recently. We are proud of our ninety-four-year-old jubilarian.

SILVER
Fr Francis Kerrigan, Parish Priest of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford.
Fr Anthony Taylor, Parish Priest of St Anne, Coventry.
Fr John Callaghan, Parish Priest of St Paul, King's Norton, Birmingham.
Fr Anthony Brisland, Parish Priest of Our Lady, Lillington.
Fr William Boyle, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton.
To all, Ad Multos Annos.

Obituary

MONSIGNOR BERTRAM GOULD (1908-13)

An historian of English Catholicism said of the Church in the 18th and 19th centuries that it was the publicans who gave their parlours for the Mass and their sons for the priesthood.

Bertram Gould was the son of a Wolverhampton publican. His whole life reveals his intense love of and dedication to Our Lord, Our Lady, the priesthood and the pastoral office.

He was born in 1894 and came to Cotton in 1908 where he distinguished himself by appearing in several plays and taking 1st Class Honours in the Senior Certificate in 1912. Following his years at Oscott he was appointed to the Cathedral where he said that one of his tasks was to celebrate Mass in the crypt for those, chiefly the very poor, who preferred the relative obscurity of that place.

His administrative talent was early noticed and he was Secretary to Archbishop McIntyre for a year before being sent in 1927 to the newly established parish at Gravelly Hill. As of Sir Christopher Wren, buried in St Paul's Cathedral, it might be said of Mgr Gould: 'If you require a monument, look around'. Schools, church and presbytery were built in the next thirteen years. During his thirty-eight years' pastorate there the Catholic population rose from 750 to 3250, the School roll from 88 to 355, and baptisms from 18 to 126 a year.

Photographs and letters show him as priest and prelate, as a lover of children, at ease and accepted in their company, as a valued Director of the Legion of Mary, as a Master of Ceremonies of outstanding skill, as an organiser of the Lourdes Diocesan pilgrimages — he became a Canon of Lourdes — as one who inspired others to seek the priesthood and the religious life.

Appointed by Archbishop Williams as Diocesan Treasurer in 1940, he brought order and increase to the financial resources of the Diocese and took special interest in discovering property for new parish buildings throughout the Diocese. In recognition of his work in parish and diocese, he was appointed Chaplain of Honour in 1947 and Protonotary Apostolic in 1966. He must himself have greatly enjoyed his ceremonial skill. His copy of parts of the Roman Pontifical record his conduct of the consecration ceremonies of at least twelve bishops — their letters of thanks bear witness to his devotion in all he did — and of the ceremonies involved in the consecration of at least twenty-two churches.

Coming as a very tired man in 1965 to Hampton-on-the-Hill, he ministered there for twelve years, until he was eighty-two. He quickly regained liveliness and activity, frequently being seen in cloth cap visiting and taking part in village events.

No part of his work was without distinction. His clear and understanding mind made it difficult for him to be deceived, made it easy for him to appreciate sincerity in others, and his love for those to whom he ministered was obviously rooted in Our Lord.

In his last three years at Aston Hall he was deeply appreciative of the care given to him. His last will reflected his dedication to the diocese to which he gave his life. He died after some suffering in November, 1980, and was buried from the church at Gravelly Hill.

One in a position to judge well of a priest's work wrote to him: 'Everywhere in the diocese I find traces of your forethought and devoted work'. May he rest in peace and the reward of his labours follow him.

L McRaye

FATHER OSWALD JOYCE (1905-10)

Oswald Joyce was born in 1891 and came to Cotton in 1905. He left in 1910, studied at the English College, Valladolid, and then in 1914 went on to Oscott. He was a very keen and able soccer player and cricketer at Cotton, Valladolid and Oscott. In fact the English College at Valladolid used to train the Spaniards in the arts of soccer.

Ordained on March 24th, 1917, Father 'Ossie' went on to serve at St Francis, Handssworth; Cheadle; Colwich; St Anne's, Birmingham; and Selly Park before he retired in 1955.

He worked with Canon Drinkwater as an Examiner of schools at the time when the 'Sower' scheme was being put into operation, and the Canon always spoke highly of his work. His motor-cycle became famous. He got on tremendously well with children and teachers and is reputed
to have never said an unkind word to anybody. When he retired to Aston Hall he sold his car and took up cycling and tennis, which activities he continued until well on in his eighties. He had a regular list of visits, to Catholic and non-Catholic homes alike.

He died on April 22nd this year, his Requiem Mass took place at the Church of The Immaculate Conception and St Dominic, Stone, on April 28th and he elected to be buried in Stone cemetery so that he could be near to his friends.

FATHER CLIFFORD HOWELL SJ (1913-16)

Clifford Howell, who died on March 15, 1981, in Liverpool, was born in Birmingham on June 2nd, 1902. He began his studies at Cotton in April, 1913, and from there went to Stonyhurst in December, 1916, being, as legend has it, too lively for Sam Myerscough! However that may be, he found his vocation at Stonyhurst and joined the Jesuit novitiate on September 9th, 1919. The normal date for entry is September 7th, but he delayed a few days as his sister, Dorothy, who was an accomplished pianist and composer, was due to have her first major work performed at the Albert Hall; and her family was there in force.

The present writer, who joined the Society about eighteen months after Clifford, was privileged to teach alongside him at Stonyhurst in the days between the wars and was latterly his superior for ten years in Birmingham, remembers him well in those early days. He was as a young man the possessor of very pronounced views, highly intelligent, what we should now call 'bumptious', intolerant of woolly thinking and one for whom the world was either black or white. These traits in a young man could be trying, but they stood him in good stead when he was campaigning against obscurantism and conservatism in the days of liturgical renewal.

Like all his family, but especially like his sister, Dorothy, Clifford was a gifted and natural musician, for whom the piano and the organ were his first loves. However, when he was in charge of the orchestra at Stonyhurst, and was preparing to put on 'The Yeomen of the Guard', he was quite capable of teaching any potential musician any instrument required for the performance. Nothing stagnated in which Clifford had any interest, and timid and incompetent people found a challenge to patience in this whirlwind of a schoolmaster.

After his novitiate he was sent to the Royal College of Science to study Chemistry. Here he gained his MSc for his paper on colloids, and this period was vital for his formation and later life. Firstly he acquired and strengthened his passion for exact and precise thinking; in Science you cannot afford to be vague: things either are or are not. In his research into the roots of the liturgy in later years he was guided by this passion for clear thinking. Moreover his latter-day insistence on minute obedience to the prescriptions of the Liturgical Commission seemed to me to be influenced by this same early training in respect for physical laws.

However, what was more important, he was advised that he would not make real progress in Science without a working knowledge of German, so off he went to learn that language and spend part of his early training among German Jesuits. From this experience Clifford gained a lifelong love for the German people and their language. It was useful when he was a chaplain in post-war Germany, it enabled him to do his final year of Jesuit training (the tertianship) in that country, and he was, more than he could have dreamed at the time, enriched by a gift of friendship with several wonderful Catholic families. Some of them survived Hitler and his war and in later days Clifford used to return to Germany every summer to do a month's supply in one or other parish, where he taught the congregation to sing, led them in the renewed liturgy and, on returning to this country, compared them favourably with English congregations.

He was ordained in 1934 and almost at once discovered his talent for preaching and teaching in missions, and ordinary parish work. Early on as a priest he was appointed to the Holy Name parish in Manchester. Long before he had discovered and studied the works of that major prophet of the liturgical renewal, Father Jungmann SJ, Clifford was developing into a 'minor prophet' in the same apostolate. If the whole religious life of a Christian devolved on Mass, to encourage children and the young to take their rightful share in the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments. It must be admitted that for much of his life his battle for a renewed and living liturgy was carried on with some lack of
gentle tact: he was ready to give and to receive hard knocks (as befits a prophet!)

1939: the war came and Fr Howell was at once appointed as Army chaplain. He served in many theatres of conflict: France, the Near East, the Western Desert, Cyprus, India and the Burmese campaign, being recalled to Germany when that country was occupied by the victorious Allies. There were many stories told of his exploits in these areas: he was thrown about by explosions two or three times, his driver was killed at his side in the desert, he said his Mass in many strange places and circumstances... but all this is common to most of us who were chaplains in those immensely formative years. His months spent in Cyprus form a fascinating tale. Since the terrain was mountainous and rough, he decided that a horse would be more useful than a car or truck. While seeking out his RCs and sight-seeing too -- he realised that it would do no harm to provide the brass-hats at HQ with an up-to-date map of the island and the likely sites for guns, especially as they were expecting that the enemy was preparing to invade as they had done in Crete. So Clifford, while also learning how to groom a horse, to act as his own vet, even to have some ideas about breeding, provided the authorities with a vitally useful map of the whole of Cyprus, which caused raised eyebrows and questions in the War Office.

His main concern was to care for the souls of his scattered flock. He told that on Christmas Day in India he said nine Masses! As it is customary to offer Mass three times on that day, and he as a chaplain had permission to triplicate (3 x 3 = 9), so, with the aid of a light aircraft and an American pilot, he flew about dropping in wherever Catholic troops were gathered and together with them celebrated the Lord's Birthday. (It is a wonder to me that this remarkable and versatile man never learned to fly an aircraft! In latter years his mechanical love was given totally to his ancient Mercedes Benz which travelled nearly a quarter of a million miles before it 'packed up'!).

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excellent foundation for a future historian and archivist. He also took part in various school plays. Although he was a very keen cricket and rugger fan, he never reached the First Fifteen or Cricket XI, possibly because his physique was not equal to his enthusiasm.

He went on to Oscott in 1925 and was ordained Priest on May 21st, 1932. His first appointment was to St Patrick’s, Walsall, until 1937. He was then moved to Shirley for four years, followed by another two years at Meir in the Potteries. In 1943 he went to Boldmere, which was to be his charge for the rest of his life. Here he found a small church with memories of Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman, but more recently served by priests from other parishes. With the fast-rising residential expansion of the new area, a new church was badly needed. (It was typical of Father Denis that when new buildings replaced the old church he persuaded the new owners to put up a plaque to tell the world that there had once been a church on the site.)

The new plan involved a change of access from Jockey Road, just around the corner from the old site. I have no record of the order in which the buildings were put up, but they now comprise the church and presbytery, a roomy hall, a school and a house for the caretaker. The old presbytery and other buildings were demolished, so that there is now a clear view of the church from Jockey Road and a large car park in between. All this naturally meant large sums of money and it was a tribute to the congregation that by the summer of 1980 it was possible for the church to be consecrated. Father Denis loved to see things completed. For some years he had been trying to collect a complete set of the Catholic Record Society publications. He had managed

The one adjective that could never be applied to Horace Relph is “dull”. The phrase that I would choose to sum him up is “that turbulent priest”. Before you reproach me with murmurs of “de mortuis...”; please remember the expression was applied to no less a notable character than St Thomas of Canterbury. So let me justify my choice of description. Horace Relph was intensely English, and intensely a Midlander. He was inordinately proud of being a parishioner of St Chad’s Cathedral parish in Birmingham, and he had all the strengths and weaknesses of the “dyed-in-the-wool” Chaddite. His understanding of the Church and the priesthood faithfully reflected the influence of such men as Mgr Roskell. To him, a fierce parochial loyalty was tantamount to the fifth Mark of the Church.

I have left till last his great love for Cotton. His loyalty to the College and the St Wilfrid’s and Parkers’ Society was immense and practical. Last year the Committee invited him to accept the Presidency of the Society but he said he would much prefer to be its Chaplain. This request was naturally granted, though none of us realised that his tenure of the office would be so short. For some years he had given a prize for Local History. On July 8th, 1978, he had the supreme pleasure of seeing the ordination to the Priesthood of one of his parishioners, Michael Cottrell, who had been at Cotton from 1965 to 1972.

F G Roberts

FATHER HORACE RELPH (1924-31)

He came to Cotton as a Church student in the Headship of Father Thomas Leighton Williams. The Head obviously thought much of him; one strong character acknowledging another. One day in 1929 Father Williams became, to the surprise of very many, not least himself, Archbishop-Elect Williams. When the shock-waves subsided, Father Bernard Manion was appointed as the new Head. Horace Relph often recounted with pride his claim to a place in the Guinness Book of Records. He was the first (of very many) Church students expelled by the imperious new Head. Back he went to Birmingham and sought an interview with the new
Archbishop, determined to give him an uncensored technicolour picture of Fr Manion. But, having arrived at 6, Norfolk Rd, he never delivered himself of his carefully prepared broadside. From the other side of Archbishop Williams's formidable eyebrows came the command: "Young man, there is a train back to Cotton from New Street at 2.35 p.m., and you will be on it." Feeling like a Wimbledon ace "impossibly returned onto the server's base-line, Horace duly re-appeared at Cotton in time for supper. Fr Manion, almost speechless with fury, greeted him with: "Just remember you are not here because I want you to be." The rest of Horace's time at Cotton was spent in a state of armed neutrality vis-a-vis the Power That Was.

From Cotton Horace went to pursue his studies at the English College, Valladolid. I do not know much about his time abroad. He often spoke with relish of a diversionary tactic successfully employed to lighten dull Latin theology lectures given by dull Spaniards. An apparently earnest question about the relevance of the matter under discussion to the "Exercitus Salvationis" never failed. A Christian body with all the best hymn tunes and almost no discernible theology was beyond the grasp of Spanish professors. The gathering storm clouds of the Spanish Civil War forced our student home and he completed his studies at Oscott.

After ordination in 1937, Father Relph spent four years in Stourbridge. The parish had an unusually large number of hospitals to care for, including T.B. centres, in the days when tuberculosis was still a scourge. Here Horace developed one of the outstanding qualities of his priestly life: his interest in and devoted care of the sick. Moreover, through caring for so many dying of wasting diseases, he became an expert at estimating how much longer a patient would live. By the time he came to Silverdale, this gift was so developed that the people thought of it almost as prophetic insight. As was the fashion in those days, many more people stayed at home when they were ill, rather than go into hospital, so there was much need visiting to be done, and what we now call the "sacrament of the sick" was very much "the last rites", only administered if the sick person were in extremis.

There was a common saying in the parish that if Father Relph had anointed anyone, it was time to blow the dust off the insurance policies. He was truly devoted to the sick, and anyone seriously ill had to be visited at least once a day until they died or (very rarely after anointing) recovered. Any failure to visit a sick person meant a curate was sure of the most intemperate recriminations. However, I am anticipating.

From Stourbridge, Horace went to Bearwood, but the war went into its second stage, and he was posted to be where the action was hottest. He volunteered for a Forces' chaplaincy, and saw service as an Army Chaplain in the Far East. He was with General Wingate and the Chindits through Burma and Siam, and in Malaya. He was essentially a "front-line" chaplain, sharing with his men the terrible conditions of jungle warfare, above all providing the Mass and the sacraments that to him were the main purpose of the priesthood. He had great contempt for the chair-borne empurpled clergy admin. men in the Chaplains' Headquarters in Bombay or wherever, far from the firing line.

Horace returned to the diocese in 1947, weighing a mere seven stone, and badly affected by the malaria that haunted him subsequently: and the traditional method of treating it was probably worse than the disease.

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After a year in Dorridge, Horace was given his first parish at Silverdale in 1948. Here Miss Annie Leedham went to be his housekeeper and looked after him devotedly for 32 years. From a dormant Nazareth of the diocese, it was soon turned into a hive of activity. When I joined him he had been there two years, and had already achieved a great deal. He counted his converts by the dozen; and two thriving organisations, one for the men and one for the women, were the leaders in a wide range of parish activities. A tremendous sense of community and communal caring was developed. On me, in my first curacy, this made a great impression. Horace's temper never improved, there was plenty of turmoil and fairly regular volcanic explosions, but no one could deny that there was exuberant life in Silverdale — and Knutton. Horace worked hard to make one community out of two quite distinct villages. By another irony of fate his only other curate, my successor, parted company with him and made Knutton into a separate parish; and by a further irony, Silverdale is now run from Knutton. Sic transit... so end many of our best endeavours.

Horace had no interest in academic or speculative theology, but he was full of pastoral zeal. Getting people to Mass and the sacraments was his purpose. He took a great interest in the children, and it was a common sight to see about a dozen or more crammed into his battered car as he fetched them back from St Mary's School. We never had any hope of a school in our own parish, but St Mary's was just over the border into Newcastle.

And that car — or rather, those cars!!! I have never known anyone own such a succession of battered old weeks. None of them would have passed the M.O.T. test. In my three years as curate, I pushed half a dozen old bangers round most of the streets in the parish — I was a sort of travelling human starter-motor. The first time he had a car that really worked was when his Oldbury parishioners bought him a new one as a Silver Jubilee present. Long before that I had qualified for my own place in the Guinness Book of Records for varieties of races pushed and in which he travelled as a passenger.

In those days I was meek and mild (Yes, honestly!), and had been taught that curates put up with everything P.P.s. handed out. Halfway through my curacy, I developed a severe duodenal ulcer, which was no surprise at all to my doctor. But my successor was made of sterner stuff, and with him the boot was well and truly on the other foot. Well inside the distance he gave Horace a nervous breakdown. He had great contempt for the chair-borne empurpled clergy admin. men in the Chaplains' Headquarters in Bombay or wherever, far from the firing line.

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Horace only occasionally after that, so I cannot speak in
detail about his life in Oldbury. But in my bones I feel sure
he was the same as ever, turbulent but alive, enthusiastic and
enthusing.

He struggled bravely against increasing ill-health, but
finally he had to retire. In his illness I visited him from time
to time. It was sad to see him decline, when one had known
him in full vigour, but I was overjoyed when the very real
problem of his nursing care was undertaken by the Little
Sisters of the Poor in Harborne. They gave him devoted
attention till his death. It was typical that he left instructions
for his funeral that he wanted a sung Latin Mass, and
definitely no panegyric. But, fortunately from my point of
view, he laid no injunctions against an obituary in “The
Cottonian”.

The Church of England is said to be the natural home of
the eccentric clergyman. Be that as it may, certainly the
Catholic Church has a generous share of powerful, unusual
and unforgettable characters, even if the label “eccentric”
does not fit. Such a one was Father Horace Relph. He
belonged unashamedly to the pre-war type of Catholicism.
As an ex-chaplain, he had no time for the “O.Ds.” He
withered with one fierce blast as from a flame-thrower
my earliest attempt at ecumenism. He would have been
the despair of a professional liturgist, yet fifteen years and more
before Vatican II he had his own ideas about liturgical
improvement, always with pastoral zeal as his driving force.
Sometimes the results were impressive, sometimes hilarious.
We had a day’s retreat for the men, with the women doing
the catering, and a little later, a day for the women with the
men doing the catering. Henceforth “Cordon Bleu Retreats”
should have found a place in the index of every serious
liturgical manual. I shall always cherish the memory of his
“improved” May procession. Maybe the Protestants were
partly right when they accused us of making Christ play
second fiddle to Mary, so Horace would redress the balance.
We had two statues to crown and two to carry, a complete
double ceremony for the price of one. The crowned statues
of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady stood, one each side of
the sanctuary, for some time afterwards to prove Horace’s
point.

If I shall always remember him, so too I know do his
parishioners. In the engaging way of mispronunciation
common in the Potteries, to the Catholics of Silverdale and
Knutton there will never be anyone again quite like “Father
Ralphs.” We pray that he will now truly “rest in peace”,
happily freed from the distress of his long illness. Atque in
perpetuum, frater, ave atque vale.

Walter Jorêt

RAYMOND GREEN (1904-07)

Raymond Green was born in 1892 and was at Cotton in the
early years of the century. He served for four years in the
Machine Gun Section during the First World War, then spent
his business life in the Civil Service.

He was a great amateur stage artist, but steadfastly refused
to turn professional. On some occasions he came up to
Cotton to entertain the boys. He was a devoted son of
Cotton and presented the carved armchair in what is now the
Masters’ Common Room, and a wooden crucifix which had
been handed down through his family from Bishop Glancy of
Wolverhampton.

A man of great talent who always preferred to remain
in the background, he helped many people in his own quiet
way. He died on August 21st, 1980, and we extend our
deepest sympathy to his widow, Florence, and his family.

BERNARD THOMAS (1921-26)

Bernard Thomas was born in Walsall on May 13th, 1911. He
attended a boarding school in Kidderminster, then went to
St Paul’s School, Bloxwich, before coming to Cotton in
1921. His brother, John, joined him here in 1923. He was
keen on sports, Rugby and cricket, and was the Junior
School Victor Ludorum in 1926.

He entered the legal profession and was articled to a law
firm in Walsall in 1927. When he passed his final
examinations in 1932, he worked briefly for the Local
Government authority before taking a private practice in
Wednesbury in 1935. In 1938 he married Miss Anne Patricia
McCormack of Darlaston and they subsequently had two
daughters, Bernardine and Patricia.

In 1941 Bernard joined the 34th Signal Training Regiment. His Army career was spent in Great Britain and by his own account was 'singularly unspectacular'. In 1944 he became a Lieutenant in the Royal Armoured Corps but was soon after invalided out of the Army.

In 1950 he joined the Law Society and worked in the Divorce Department in Birmingham. In 1961 he was appointed Local Secretary in Brighton and worked there until his retirement in 1976.

One of his great interests was sketching and painting copies of originals and the last paintings he did were a series of Welsh scenes in water colours which he did for his daughter. He was indeed very interested in his Welsh background and loved music. Bernard was an intensely loyal Cottonian; he could always be seen at the annual St Wilfrid's and Parkers' Meeting in his black suit and wearing his monocle. A man with a good sense of humour, he loved to meet his old School colleagues and have a chat and drink with them. He helped many people during his life; sometimes they were grateful, sometimes they were not.

His long years of ill health culminated in his death on April 4th, 1981, and to his widow, Anne, daughters, Bernardine and Patricia, and grandchildren we extend our deepest sympathy.

HENRY FRANCIS Bizley (1925-30)

Harry Bizley was born at Pontefract in 1913. From 1919 to 1925 he was at Alton, coming on to Cotton in 1925.

His chosen career was the Army and in 1932 he entered the Royal Tank Regiment. He chose to serve abroad and from 1935 onwards was in India, mostly on the North West Frontier where he took part in tribal operations. In 1939 he was posted to the 3/Royal Tank Regiment in England and a few months later, on the outbreak of war, his unit became part of the British Expeditionary Force in France. In May, 1940, he was involved in the defence of Calais and, after it fell, was evacuated from Dunkirk with the remnants of the battalion.

Back in England, he spent the next four years training for the eagerly awaited 'Second Front' to liberate Europe. He was in the Normandy invasion in 1944 and, with 79 Armoured Division, was in the forefront of the Second Army's advance through Belgium to the Rhine. It was here that an enemy shell ended his career as a soldier in April, 1945. Harry lost a leg and retired in 1946 with the rank of Major.

In order to start a new career, he studied at the London School of Physiotherapy for two years. After qualifying he practised as a physiotherapist in the Farnham group of hospitals for a number of years. He also practised privately until his retirement for the second time in 1964.

In the meantime he had become a Catenian. His interest in the Association went back to his marriage in 1939 to Marie Helen, daughter of the late Alderman J F Myatt KCSG, founder member and one-time President of the Wolverhampton Circle. In 1957 he was enrolled in the West Surrey Circle. Elected President three years later, he went on to Provincial Council and in 1965 became Provincial President. He was elected Grand Director the following year and during his six years in that office he applied himself diligently to his various appointments as Chairman of membership, development and finance committees, and did yeoman work on the re-organisation committee set up some years ago. In 1964 he moved to Lee-on-Solent and transferred to Portsmouth Circle in 1969. As fitting recognition of his service to the Church and the Association, he was appointed a Knight of St John of Jerusalem in 1974 and in the following year a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

Among his outside activities, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Surrey in 1962, transferring to the Gosport Bench in 1968. He was also on the management committee of the Cheshire Homes (Le Court) and served as a County School manager. He was a keen motorist and it was while carrying out one of his many public engagements that he and his wife were involved in a road accident in 1966. Their injuries were so serious that they counted it a miracle that they survived.

Harry was a most loyal Cottonian and over many years he translated his great affection for the School into tangible form by his beneficence. He presented Bishop Milner's pulpit to the School in 1974. In 1971 he was President of the St Wilfrid's and Parkers' Society.

In the last few years Harry's active participation in the Catenian Association was somewhat curtailed by increasing ill-health and his disability, so courageously borne. He died on August 14th last year at the age of 67 and was buried on August 20th after Requiem Mass at the church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Gosport. The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Anthony Emery, Monsignor Gavin and Father Foley, Parish Priest.

We should like to offer our deepest sympathy to his widow, Marie.

Gifts to the School

We should like to express our gratitude for the following gifts: Books for the School Libraries from the executors of the late Fr J D McEvily, and from Mr Ian Shaw.

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School Year 1980-81

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R G Tilt
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B G Helsby
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A O'Callaghan
Librarian
Vice-Captain of Milner
H Ononye
Captain of Rugby
M J Hughes

Speech Day
13th JUNE, 1981

Following the short concert by the School Orchestra, the Headmaster thanked Mr Jones and then welcomed our Guest of Honour, Bishop Cleary. He said that a friend was someone to whom you said: 'We were not going to ask you in the first place, but our original choice cannot come, so will you come now?' Such a friend was Bishop Cleary that he gave an affirmative answer to the question. The Bishop had been

W G Rasaiah, Public Man

SPEECH DAY
Bishop Cleary with Headmaster and Staff
confirming that morning and had been kind enough to come to Cotton in the afternoon, although he had to return to his parish for evening Mass. The Headmaster went on to welcome Messrs John Rudd and Anthony O'Dowd, Governors of the School, and Fr Joseph Griffin, Chaplain to the Old Boys' Society. Since this year marked the Bi-Centenary of the death of Bishop Challoner, the Headmaster would turn first to the worship of the School. This had included Mr Dean's Nuptial Mass last November; Bishop Cleary's previous visit for Confirmation when the School had been seen as part of the parish and Church; new members had been received into the Church at Pentecost and there had been an encore during the following weeks when converts had been received; the School had been represented at the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the persons of the Headmaster, the Matron, some parishioners, and boys who had done yeoman work as brancardiers.

Turning to the academic side of School life, the Headmaster said that seventy boys, about half the School, took 'O' Levels last year. There had been passes on an average of 5.6 subjects per student (in the 'A' stream 7 subjects per boy). Although the 'A' Level results had not been so good, three boys had gone to English Universities, two to Polytechnics and four overseas students to American Universities.

He went on to congratulate Conrad Waters who had been awarded prizes for himself and the School in a competition organised by Barclay's Bank; and Russell Smith who, coming 88th out of 7000, had received a special flying award from the RAF. He stressed the value of the Careers service in the School and urged the boys to consult the Visiting Officer and Mr Woodham.

In the sporting world, the Rugby team had been very successful; one boy had been chosen for the Junior County side, there had been a successful tour of Cumbria, and in the Wolverhampton Sevens they had lost the final only in extra-time. He thanked the coach and the team for their ambassadorship. The Junior team had won matches 40-0, 60-0 and the Wolverhampton Sevens' shield. The Association Day production of 'Oliver!' had involved nearly the whole School, for which he thanked Mr Jones, the Choir and the orchestra. Next year's Speech Day would be near the Golden Jubilee of St Thomas's, whose Master, Fr Pargether, the Headmaster then thanked. He went on to thank the Prefects, Gehan Rasaiah, the Public Man, the sacristans, Martin Orrell and Sean Howe. He now knew where to find Fr Piercy: in the computer room which he had built and where Mr Bodemeid was busy programming the machines. He went on to thank Mr and Mrs Baptie for their gift to the School, Mr Clarke for his indefatigable work concerning Studies, Fr Round, for keeping the School within bounds, and Mr Coggan for organising Speech Day.

After the Distribution of Prizes, Bishop Cleary said how impressed he was by the Headmaster's Report. It was a Catholic school to be proud of, where religious beliefs were integrated into the life of the School. The School's aim was a high standard of education but also the importance of the whole man. At the Reformation Staffordshire had been very Catholic, with 18 monastic houses responsible for education. Within 25 years Challoner had come to live near Banbury, where Lady Anastasia, daughter of Lord Stafford, lived. Challoner later became a professor at Douay and then Co-adjutor to Vicar Apostolic Bishop Petre. Challoner thought it was about time for a Catholic School in England to avoid the necessity of going abroad for an education. There had been a school in Wolverhampton in 1675 but the Titus Oates plot put paid to that. The Bishop said it was our job to make sure that Challoner's work still flourished. He exhorted the parents to support the School and tell others about it if they were satisfied. He congratulated the boys who had won prizes and urged all the boys to be concerned about each other as they were witnesses in the world around them. The preservation of the Faith in the world was at stake.

The Headmaster thanked the Bishop for his speech and invited the parents and guests to tea on the lawn.

**Prize List**

### UPPER SIXTH FORM

- **English**: T Kilkenny
- **History**: T Kilkenny
- **Economics**: T Kilkenny
- **Latin**: A Kirkpatrick
- **French**: A Kirkpatrick
- **Mathematics**: P Bury
- **Biology**: P Bury
- **Ancient History**: R Willis
- **German**: R Murray
- **Physics**: G Rasaiah
- **Chemistry**: K Kwok

### LOWER SIXTH FORM

- **Mathematics**: G Saldanha
- **Physics**: G Saldanha
- **Biology**: G Saldanha
- **Economics**: C Waters
- **History**: C Waters
- **French**: C Waters
- **Ancient History**: F Enwonwu
- **English**: F Enwonwu
- **Latin**: S Shibli
- **Geography**: A O'Rourke

### FIFTH FORM

- **German**: D Rosario
- **Physics**: D Rosario
- **Latin**: D Rosario
- **Mathematics**: D Rosario & M Orrell
- **History**: G Eccles
- **English**: G Eccles & T McGough
- **French**: G Eccles & G McKenna
Doctrine  G McKenna
Geography  C Winning &
Chemistry  W McEvilly
Biology  D Shibli
Combined Science  B Ormsby
Classical Studies  J Gallen
Special Merit  W Foster &

FOURTH FORM
History  C Collins
Geography  C Collins
Latin  C Collins
Doctrine  T Jordan
German  T Jordan
English  T Jordan &
French  T Jordan &
Physics  R Jarvis
Chemistry  R Jarvis
Mathematics  R Jarvis &
Biology  P Thorpe
Classical Studies  C Enwonwu
Woodwork  S Clowes
Special Merit  S Owen

THIRD FORM
Form Prize  J Chetwyn
English  J Chetwyn
History  J Chetwyn &
Latin  J Chetwyn
Mathematics  P Cotterill &
Science  P McNicholl
French  P McNicholl
German  P McNicholl
Doctrine  P McNicholl
Geography  P McNicholl &
Woodwork  C Scramell
Special Merit  C Ononye

SECOND FORM
Form Prize  V Milner
English  V Milner
Mathematics  V Milner
French  V Milner
Geography  V Owen
Science  V Owen
History  D Bermingham
Doctrine  D Bermingham
Latin  D Connor

FIRST FORM
Form Prize  M Prince
Mathematics  M Prince
History  M Prince
Science  M Prince
Doctrine  M Prince
English  D Weston
Geography  D Weston
French  D Weston
Special Merit  P Williams

SPECIAL PRIZES
HEADMASTER’S PRIZE  M Orrell
MONSIGNOR GAVIN PRIZE (Presented by the late R Schenk Esq)  Justin Gallen
O’DOWD DRAMA PRIZE  C Owen
KEMBLE PRIZE (Supporting Actor)  J Mulch sinkock
ARCHBISHOP GRIMSHAW MEMORIAL LATIN PRIZE (Presented anonymously)  G Eccles
ERIC PARTRIDGE ESSAY PRIZE  R Murray
JOHN BYATT ELOCUTION PRIZE  To be announced
RICHARD WEST MEMORIAL HISTORY PRIZE  M Lanyon
LODWIDGE MUSIC PRIZE  D Weston
ULLATHORNE MUSIC PRIZE (Presented by Rev P Sankey)  D O’Byrne
NEILSON MEMORIAL VIOLIN PRIZE (Presented anonymously)  V Owen
MATHEMATICS PRIZE (Presented by B Clarke Esq)  J Cowan
ART PRIZE (Presented by P R Wright Esq)  R Jarvis
ART PRIZE (Improving Artists: Presented by D Rosario & P R Wright Esq)  D Rosario & V Owen
WOODWORK PRIZE  R Harper
LOCAL HISTORY PRIZE (Presented by the late Rev J D McEvilly)  P Baptie
THE BARNES SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR CUP (Presented by Mr & Mrs Barnes)  F Enwonwu
MICHAELMAS TERM

174 boys (152 boarders and 22 day boys) return to find the telephone box by the Badge reminiscent of the set of 'Dr Who'. The Rugby season starts auspiciously with the First Fifteen scoring the first try in the first game – and winning the match too – and maintaining their unbeaten record after the second game. On St Wilfrid’s Day, October 16th, in the presence of Bishop Cleary, Gehan Rasaiah, the Public Man, spoke of many things in an excellent speech. In a sustained metaphor he compared life at Cotton to a journey in a bus. Drivers, crew and passengers change, but the old bus continues, albeit not reserved for non-smokers. He also mentioned the seventeen different national flags at Cotton; the great triumvirate of bells, stairs and cold; and, although the earth has no corners, the microchip reaches four of them. The Headmaster referred to 'The Belle of New York' concerning Mr Dean’s marriage. He spoke of the Geography students whose attempt to climb Everest petered out fifty feet short of the summit when the scaffolding ran out. He mentioned the eminent Old Boy, Canon F H Drinkwater, who celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination that day. Bishop Cleary said he remembered the bells, stairs and cold of Cotton thirty-five years ago when he first came as a visitor. He had been Secretary to Archbishop Williams, former Headmaster.

The hearts of the First Fifteen quail when they hear that Pete Perera is playing for the Old Boys. He didn’t, but Stan Correia did – all the way from Bermuda. The horse-box being towed by Joe Prince’s Land Rover detaches itself and hits Mr Cahill. He is back at school three days later. Fred Enwonwu escapes a charge of arson when a boy on Top Bounds, taking a walk during classes, sees smoke coming from his curtains via his hair-drier. Sunday morning transferred to the afternoon when Bishop Cleary comes for Confirmation on November 30th. With ‘the bug’ depleting School and Carol Concert, exeunt omnes in snow.

HILARY TERM

The Sixth Form offer a novel raffle prize at their concert. The winner is to be allowed to pour two jugs of custard over the most hated member of the Sixth Form. Ray looks like Charles I at the scaffold as he ‘but bowed his comely head, down as upon a bed’ (Marvell – please note 6th Form!). On St Valentine’s Day, apart from all else, we play our first and last hockey match of the season against Abbottsholme. On Shrove Tuesday Bowdon take the Pancake with £41, £108 being raised by the three Houses. On the Headmaster’s Feast Day, March 9th, Fr Piercy covered many subjects: the different shades of meanings of words (was the metric system or Vatican 2 to blame?); the purpose of art to enhance by concealment (with a passing reference to ladies’ fashions); how not to express gratitude to one’s host (here he was on safer ground by quoting Evelyn Waugh). He concluded by hoping that Fr Austin’s plantation would prosper, the sun would be reflected in his windows and the plaster would not fall on him. April 4th brought the Retreat and Fr Michael Wall from Allington Castle, Kent.

TRINITY TERM

A group of boys visit the Stoke City football ground and collect nearly £300 for the Samaritans; one of them received police protection. Ascension Day and Oscott come for cricket but finish up with soccer and tennis. Le Fevre arrives from France in the early hours of Speech Day; at 3 o’clock that afternoon he is playing in the orchestra before the assembled throng of parents and guests. How’s that for a quick recognition of talent? In June, after the cricket match with Oakamoor, low flying relics pass overhead: Spitfires, Hurricanes, Fortresses, Lancasters. The term ends with Cyril Enwonwu entered for the Junior Superstars Competition, and Conrad Waters lined up for the Passport to Europe Essay Prize from Barclay’s Bank. During the holiday he received a cheque for £25 and a present of books to the value of £15 for the School Library. The Headmaster travelled many miles to be present at the reception and buffet lunch at the head office of Barclay’s Bank, Midland District.

St Thomas’s 1980-81

MICHAELMAS TERM

When we returned from the summer holidays we found the First Form to be again very small in number with one third of the members day boys. St Thomas’s itself had only 36 boys as most of the new boys in the Third Form had gone to the big world of St Wilfrid’s. A lot of our new boys were from overseas, some with fathers in the forces but the others were from as far away as Venezuela. Miguel Hervas came from Spain for his second stay at Cotton – though he didn’t stay very long before he was whisked into hospital to have his appendix removed!

The best full day of the first half-term was St Wilfrid’s Day. We got up at 7.50 (the normal holiday time). After Mass most of the house went out to Rugby with Mr Cahill. It was raining hard and not really one of the day’s high-lights. But the food at lunch made up for it!

About a fortnight before half-term a mysterious illness spread around St Thomas’s. The infirmary soon filled up and so the beds in the dorms found themselves occupied both by day and by night. Oddly, the sickness vanished without trace on the morning before half-term. Perhaps it was helped by
the appearance of the Second Form's newspaper 'School - Daze' - at 10p per copy. It was good value as the contributors kept telling us.

At least four members of St Thomas's made regular appearances in the School Under 14 XV team - Celestine Ononye, Danny Soares, Michael O'Brien and Philip Cotterill, all of whom played very well. The first snow of the term came at the end of November and was much enjoyed, especially by Fernando Justicia and Desmond Rosario who had never actually seen it before. On November 30th by four o'clock in the afternoon a lot of people had gained extra names - one result of their having been confirmed by Bishop Cleary. A week later, obviously strengthened by the sacrament, a goodly number of them went on the term's 'long walk' which set off at 2 o'clock under the care of two Sixth-Formers, Mark Harbour and Russell Smith. Fading daylight caused both Fr Pargeter and Mr Jones to go out searching but it was not until 4.30 that a gang of tired but happy youths strolled into view - having spent the afternoon engaged in horse-play on Oakamoor's picnic centre!

On December 8th the Annual Fayre was held after tea. In addition to providing a good deal of fun, it also raised £21.98 for charity.

The customary end of term examinations were accompanied by another mysterious illness which vanished as quickly as it had come as soon as the exams were over. Only Mr Jones's Carol Service suffered any ill effects.

LENT TERM

When we returned we found that we had only one newcomer in our midst, Andrew Vale, Philip Vale's elder brother. As usual, the term started by passing slowly and then seemed to go more quickly. The term's sport was cross-country mixed with Rugby. (No prizes awarded for guessing the rules!).

On the 27th of January the Common Room gained a new attraction - in the form of a snooker table. The Bursar spent a long time cutting down an old table so as to give it strong legs. Father Pargeter found it useful as a method of punishment - a threat to remove the snooker balls would bring even the wickedest member to heel.

Five weeks after the start of the term a new arrival, Derek Lee from Singapore, came to the Second Form (talk about goozing!). During this half-term there were two closely-fought Rugby matches for the Under 13s in which the captain, Danny Soares and the pack-leader, Declan Bermingham, did very well. Towards the end of half-term a chicken-pox epidemic struck (sounds familiar?)

Soon after our return Form 1's number leapt to nine with the coming of Philip Williams. He was followed by Lent - the usual resolutions were made and mostly broken before the week-end. Both St Thomas's prefects went away on the School Rugby tour of Cumbria so Tom Kilkenny very kindly came out of retirement to look after us on the Sunday and showed that he had lost none of his skills.

On March 9th we celebrated the Headmaster's Feast. Once again we played games in the rain but after a big lunch most people went on to Privs.

Towards the middle of the second half-term most of St Thomas's were involved in the seemingly never-ending rehearsals for 'Oliver!' The week in which the dress rehearsal was held and three performances were given saw all the dormitories occupied and chaos reigning up above! But the opera was a great success and well worth all our efforts. Dominic Weston did very well as Oliver and Calvin Owen once more stole the show as the Artful Dodger.

April 3rd saw the Lower School cross-country race which was won by Nigel Connor. Martin Elwood was second and Celestine Ononye third - a triumph indeed for St Thomas's.

As usual we took our exams which seemed to last for ages. The Retreat, however, was for one day only. The talks were given by Fr Wall who told us stories about the Church, Jesus and the London Irish Rugby ground. The final day and a half before our departure went very slowly but eventually we left for our Easter holidays.

SUMMER TERM

We returned through floods, snow and fog to start our summer term. St Thomas's had acquired a French flavour in the form of Philippe Voisin who had come to learn English - with Maurice Champeau available as an interpreter. Barely a week had passed before our first holiday - Old Boys' Day - which gained us a Mass concelebrated by fourteen priests and a full day out. The weather during this first part of the term was cold and wet, though we did manage some Athletics' fixtures including a match with Ratcliffe in which Elwood, McAdam and Tuohy were usefully employed in the long-distance races. Not much else happened out of the ordinary apart from the appearance on Sunday evening of a mobile fish and chip shop outside St Thomas's front door! And very popular it was too until the Powers That Be descended on it and caused it to be moved elsewhere.

Half-Term came and went - a mere four days for most of us though Vincent Owen (on pilgrimage in Lourdes with the Headmaster and the Matron) and Damien O'Brien (the uncharitable said he was goozing!) managed longer. Two days after our return, the Rector of Oscott came with a big number of students. We had a late Mass and then watched an exhibition of football in the mud.

At High Mass on Whit Sunday Fr Pargeter received into the Church Philip Cotterill and his mother, and later in the day we watched the Old Boys' cricket match on the square - well, we were supposed to watch but some found frisbee - throwing more exciting.  

River Churnet
June 13, Speech Day, gave us yet another chance to go out for lunch with our parents. We had tea on the lawn and the sun actually shone. Four days later St John's, Alton, brought a team of cricketers to play the Under 13. Because the fields were still too wet, the match was played on Top Bounds. St John's batted first and made 138, then it was our turn, Danny Soares made 59 not out but, in spite of that, we failed by 18 runs to win. Next day was Corpus Christi which meant an expensive afternoon in Alton Towers and then on June 19th a team of swimmers went over to St John's to compete. Philip Vale did well but the cold water put the rest of us off and we returned defeated.

On June 23rd Mr Hendshaw and Mr Goodwin took a mini-bus load of First and Second Formers to Ironbridge. The day was half-educational – History and Geography mainly – the other half fun. More fun occurred on June 29th when Mr Jones and Mr Goodwin took us on the Choir Outing. Lunch was good but the time spent in the River Dove was better. Michael O'Brien swam down the river and stayed in the water longer than anyone else, though Edward Kendall almost equalled his record. Very odd items of clothing did not return with their owners!

Exams started on July 3rd with lots of cricket and one gruelling run (in summer!) to distract us from our work. G.H.I. on July 9th was greeted with much joy.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Birmingham Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes took place this year from 23rd to 30th May. Over a thousand pilgrims joined the trains at Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Nuneaton for the journey to Newhaven and then by French Railways ferry to Dieppe.

It was good to note that Cotton was well represented. As well as the Matron, several parishioners and the Headmaster, who were with the main body; three of the students, Anthony O'Rourke, Stephen Owen and Vincent Owen, were kept very busy as brancardiers and did fine work with the sick throughout the week. The Owens were to be seen marching up and down the French train with urns of tea, and a certain mouth-organ played a prominent part in the entertainment on the last night of the term. Anthony O'Rourke makes many a journey to Lourdes with the sick and once again his expertise was well to the fore.

After a beautiful crossing and successfully dealing with the coughettes on the French train, we arrived in Lourdes to a wet reception from the weather on the Monday morning. The torch-light procession that evening was swamped by a sudden storm. By mid-day on the second day, however, the weather was changing for the better. This pleased us particularly because the Blessed Sacrament Procession was conducted by Cardinal Hume, who was also the main celebrant at the international Mass on Ascension Thursday. This was a fitting tribute to the very large numbers of English – speaking pilgrims there that week.

The rest of the pilgrimage passed happily. We went to Bartrès where Bernadette lived and worked as a shepherdess immediately before the apparitions, and where the Headmaster preached at the Mass for the sick. We did the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Hour and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon excursion to Gavarnie or Pont d'Espagne before returning home on Friday evening. Here we had an unexpected and unwelcome extension to our journey in the form of a couple of hours' cruise round the entrance to Dover harbour where a 'go-slow' delayed our entrance to the port and made us three hours late arriving home.

During the week the Headmaster was asked why we did not have more students to help. Perhaps this will be an encouragement to others. There are already signs of interest for next year.

The Computer Club

The sound of saw and hammer emanating from the Dark Room earlier this year heralded a new era. 1981 has seen the introduction of computers to Cotton with the arrival of three Sinclair ZX80s, a Tandy TRS-80 and the relatively large and powerful 56K 380Z from Research Machines.

The old Dark Room has proved to be a popular centre of interest with queues forming to obtain a time-slot on the booking list. No wonder, since Cotton versions of Space Invaders and Adventure have been devised already. Apart from producing numerous games, the computers have also been programmed to categorise stamps, give statistical information on cricket and Rugby games, work out personal bio-rhythms and analyse, update and record test results.

Some members of Staff have already shown a great interest in the project. Mr Bex has obtained a disc which can be used on the 380Z to simulate Physics experiments. Mr Jones is busy devising routines to assist in the teaching of Music, and Fr Piercy can be found at all hours coaxing and guiding students through their own programmes.

Parish Church, Bartrès

Sheep Fold, Bartrès
Half of the Third Form have also used the random number generators in their designs of practical probability experiments, and a great number of applications is planned in a variety of subjects.

P.B.

Music Notes

The musical life of the School is expanding, as gradually more and more boys are becoming interested in playing instruments or singing. There are at present thirty-five boys learning musical instruments, and twenty-seven in the Choir. The cast of 'Oliver!' involved some fifty-five boys, some of whom perhaps have not the most pleasing voices to listen to, but who nevertheless swelled the ranks to provide a firm chorus for the production.

The Choir have worked hard throughout the year with musical results. The very favourable comments received after the Confirmation Mass and Mr and Mrs Dean's wedding are to their credit. Music in the church has been a popular item, must be 'Father Almighty', an Entrance Processional by Dom James Walsh OSB, and the motet 'Jubilate Deo' by Mozart, both being what may be termed a 'good sing'. The Brass Group played with the Choir during 'folk' hymns with guitar accompaniment. The two most popular items must be 'Father Almighty', an Entrance Processional by Dom James Walsh OSB, and the motet 'Jubilate Deo' by Mozart, both being what may be termed a 'good sing'. The Brass Group played with the Choir during 'folk' hymns with guitar accompaniment. The two most popular items must be 'Father Almighty', an Entrance Processional by Dom James Walsh OSB, and the motet 'Jubilate Deo' by Mozart, both being what may be termed a 'good sing'. 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I thank the Choir for their loyal efforts, especially Justin Gallen and Dominic O'Byrne who are leaving this year.

There was only one concert trip during this season's Hallé concerts in Hanley. A party of boys and Staff attended a performance of the 'Emperor' Concerto by Beethoven and Brahms's Second Symphony. This writer was foolishly too late to book for the following concert of classical 'pops'.

The visiting Music Staff of the School are able to offer tuition in most instruments. The incentive of one term's free tuition on an instrument for any new boy has increased the number of boys learning. Six boys who were new to the School this year found themselves in the Wind Band for the Speech Day Concert.

The following short concert was given as a prelude to the speeches:

The Wind Band — 'King Arthur's Processional' (Parcell)
The Brass Group — 'Battle Galliard' (Scheidt)
The Wind Band — 'Jazz on a Lazy Day' (Kinyon)
Trumpet Solo by John Maher — 'Scherzo' (Browne)
Horn Solo by Paul Stanton — 'Romance' (Schumann)
The Wind Band — 'Bugs that bug me' (arr Sebesky)

Instrumentalists:

Flutes: C Gil, W Lingard
Oboe: P McNicholl
Clarinet: Fr Round, Mrs Prince, P Willis, M Prince, P Walton
Saxophone: A Allen
Trumpets/Cornets: J Maher, P Voisin, D Soares
Tenor Horns: P Stanton, V Milner
Baritone Horn: N Connor
Trombones: Mr Dean, C Owen
Tuba: S Owen
Percussion: P Baptie, D Weston, V Owen, D Connor

There are few string players in the School at present of sufficient standard to try to form a full orchestra, although this will soon be rectified.

The Music report cannot be complete without mention of 'Oliver'! Many Staff and boys worked very hard to ensure that the production was a great success. A final thanks to the ten members of the orchestra who travelled (in some cases many miles) to Cotton for the dress rehearsal and three performances, for little more than expenses.

The Society of Saint Gregory

The School was host to a meeting of the Society on June 20th. Mr Philip Duffy, Master of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, gave a lecture demonstrating entitled 'What shall we sing on Sunday, Father?'.

Approximately ninety guests attended the highly successful meeting. After a splendid tea, provided by the Bursar and the hard-working ladies of the domestic staff, the participants rehearsed for the closing event: Mass in the Chapel with Mgr Thomas as chief celebrant. A few of the Choir attended the whole meeting and several of the boys attended Mass, although I doubt if they expected so much music of such high quality and variety of styles.

The Society is concerned with the promotion of good liturgy and music in the Church's worship. Fr Austin is to be thanked for his hospitality to the Society which gave many parishioners from near and far an opportunity to benefit from Mr Duffy's musical and liturgical experience.

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House Notes

Bowdon House

House Master: Mr T P Owen
House Captain: R G Tilt
House Vice-Captain: R J Murray

As Cotton College wears away into the last of the geological ages, the familiar orange and black colours will still be seen on the Rugby and athletics pitches.

Although this year we failed to conquer in a sporting sense, we did, however, win the Pancake. The colours of this year's product matched our colours, but not our determination. Underdogs in the Rugby and in the first round draw, we tactically avoided the threatened pounding to be delivered by Challoner and the Captain of Rugby. With an inexperienced team we battled from whistle to whistle and were a far better side in both handling and mauling. The sheer size of the Challoner pack did not daunt us and it was only the weariness of our less experienced members that told in the end.

The cross-country was never ours, but a few individuals emerged, as Jeffs and Butler, the Vice-Captain of Rugby, had done in the Rugby match. A Bowdonite (Murray - ED) won Upper School and all ran spiritedly.

We again had to play a fully experienced side in the cricket final; Challoner no less. We put up a good fight with good performances by Murray, Tilt and S Shibli in the bowling, and D Shibli astounded us with his Boycott-like competence.

Our next objective was athletics and here we were led by the brilliant athleticism of Butler, an understudy of Daley Thompson. However, though there were spirited performances chiefly by Butler, Carr and A Lettington, we again fell to Challoner. All those who competed for Bowdon showed true spirit and typical courage.

One can say that indeed we bowed down to the superior quality of Challoner and Milner in the sports, but where quality counts we had it. After all we can eat pancakes.

R Murray

Challoner House

House Master: Fr A G Sims
House Captain: M J Hughes
House Vice-Captain: A O'Callaghan

This year was a very successful one for Challoner. We started by beating Bowdon in the semi-final of the Rugby and then we went on to demolish Milner decisively. We then turned our hand to hockey, in which we would have prospered had it been played. In the cross-country we were overwhelmed by greater numbers in all three schools.

We had our best term in the summer when we won both the tennis and cricket. Although we lacked numbers in the athletics our superb individuals, O'Callaghan, C Enwonwu, M Tilt and J Harper, pulled us through to a good victory.

Martin Hughes and I would like to thank Rasiah, O'Callaghan, Drummond, Saldanha and J Lettington for help in running the House.

House Colours were awarded to: J Hughes, M Harbour, Saldanha, Cowan, J Doran, M Tilt, Orrell, J Gallen, C Enwonwu and B Purchase.

B G Helsby

Milner House

House Master: Mr P Jones
House Captain: R E Willis
House Vice-Captain: H Onyone

This year was not a very successful one for us, although a few individuals did excel.

We lost the Rugby in the final, after gaining the bye, to an incredibly powerful and fast Challoner side. Although we did lose fairly heavily, it was a good effort by those concerned considering that the team was a fairly young one. The Juniors put up a better performance by beating Challoner in the first round, but once again losing to a very talented young Bowdon side.

The House cross-country proved to the sporting high-light of the year for us. N Connor and McGough did well to win in Lower and Middle School respectively. Good runs in Upper School by Cox and Woodcock helped to build up a very good score that enabled us to win the overall event.

Most of all the cross-country showed that when the House worked together then it achieved its goal; something to be remembered for the future perhaps.

The House cricket was also quite a surprise. Although we were knocked out in the first leg, we lost to a good Challoner side in a very exciting and close match. The House athletics was rather a disappointment. Although we had a few good performances, like that of Modebe in breaking the Upper School Discus record with a throw of 30.07 metres and that of S Cotterill in Middle School, we seemed to lack the depth of talent needed to win.

The House play in the Christmas term was a success with good performances coming from Howe and McGough.

I should like to thank Mr Jones for the considerable amount of work he has put in on behalf of the House. My thanks also to F Enwonwu, Woodcock and H Onyone. I wish the House a better year next year and that they receive the reward for hard work: success.

R E Willis
Plays:

'Oliver!'

Cast:

Oliver Twist
Fagin
The Artful Dodger
Bill Sikes
Nancy
Bet
Mr Bumble – The Beadle
Mrs Corney
Mr Brownlow
Mr Sowerberry
Mrs Sowerberry
Charlotte Sowerberry
Noah Claypole
Dr Grimwig
Mrs Bedwin
Old Sally
Old Sally's Friend
Rose-Seller
Milkmaid
Strawberry-Seller
Knife-Grinder
Long-Song-Seller
Charlie Bates
Landlord
Dominic Weston
Dominic O'Byrne
Calvin Owen
Mr Andrew Woodham
Mrs Sheila Alcock
Maurice Champeau
Mr John Dean
Michael O'Brien
Justin Gallen
Mr David Coggan
Vincent Owen
Daniel Connor
Anthony O'Rourke
John Mulchinock
Daniel Soares
Paul McNicholl
Michael Prince
Desmond Rosario
Stephen Owen
John Rudd
Mark Merry
Russell Smith

Chorus of Workhouse Brats:

Fagin’s Gang:
Damien O'Brien, Vincent Owen, Daniel Connor, Daniel Soares, Andrew Manton, Paul McNicholl, Patrick McCarthy, Damien McAdams, Declan Bermingham, Mark Merry, Casey Collins, Peter Baptie, William Foster.

Chorus of Street Vendors, Bow Street Runners, Crowd etc:
Anthony Cox, Anthony O'Rourke, Russell Smith, John Mulchinock, John Rudd, Reginald Egbury, Paul Gurney, Robert Hamilton, Anthony Kenyon, John Maher, Paul Milne, Stephen Owen, Andrew Tovey, Paul Walton, Nigel Connor, Fernando Justicia, Arthur Tye, Martin Elwood, Lee Paul Jeffrey, Edward Kendall, Vincent Milner, Desmond Rosario, Daniel Tuohy, Michael Prince, Andrew Drummond.

Set:
Fr Pierce, Justin Gallen, Derek Rosario, Guy Eccles, and others.

Lights, Stage management etc:
Martin Hughes, Jonathan Lettington, Patrick Burke, Russell Smith, Anthony Cox, Andrew Drummond, John Rudd, Fr Round.

The Orchestra
Continuing the musical tradition re-established last year with "The Mikado" Mr Jones and Mr Woodham picked a certain winner in 'Oliver!' for this year's big production. The recipe of well-known and tuneful songs, of boys being boys, of Dickensian grotesqueries and a colourful London scenario is unlikely to fail, and within the constraints imposed by schoolboy productions this was a resounding success. It was said that no fewer than 54 pupils were involved in some capacity, and though, as on previous occasions, rooms were turned into theatrical wardrobes, members of Staff were hounded for the clothes they stood in and St Thomas's sometimes resembled a music palace everyone survived the hard work and fatigue.

Mr Jones himself seems possessed of quite extraordinary stamina - not only is he Jones the pianist and Jones the conductor, but Jones the set designer and painter. His energy and enthusiasm clearly rubbed off on the cast. Mr Woodham too as producer had devoted enormous amounts of time to the enterprise and secured effects on stage which brought out well the humour and vigour of the script. As the villain of the piece, he evoked general menace and looked suitably evil even though not shaving for a week still failed to make him look really rough. Once again he had been suffering from an indisposition and coped admirably in the circumstances.

If one moves straight on to his doxy, it is because Mrs Alcock did so much to hold certain parts of the action together and contributed so much through her splendid stage presence and fine singing. The hackneyed 'As long as he needs me' was never allowed to become over-sentimental. Dominic O'Byrne also brought the benefit of experience and an innate theatrical ability to his role as Fagin. He was never less than first-rate, reacting well with his 'pupils' in the scenes in the thieves' kitchen and always looking entirely at home on stage and in his part.

Mr Dean had perhaps the smallest transition to make from his role in last year's production, there being a strong similarity between Pooh Bah and Mr Bumble. By turns pompous, outraged, licentious and bullied, he was all the part ought to be. He also underwent personal physical risk for the sake of drama at the hands of Michael O'Brien as the shrewish Widow Corney. The latter was characterful and competent in a difficult role, Vincent Owen appears fated to play female parts for some years to come after his delightful Mrs Sowerberry, putting up with jugs of cold water, though he was not the only victim of Charlotte's attacks in the excellent coffin scene. The first half of the scene was pure joy as Mr Coggan employed his full range of comic talents as the lugubrious undertaker. It would be good to see him more fully involved in any future production, if he is asked again.

Somewhat unfairly there had been cries of typecasting when it was announced that Calvin Owen was to play the Artful Dodger. As it was, he continued from where he left off last year, charming and entertaining the audience and generating an endearing stage presence. He and Oliver seemed to strike just the right sort of musical partnership in their celebrated duo, which swept quite brilliantly into the full street scene with its neat choreographic touches. Maybe much of this sort of thing was derivative but there were other points which were both imaginative and original. Set and props, including Fr Round's patent brazier and the lamp near London Bridge, would be hard to fault.

As for the cause of all the trouble so to speak, rarely can the Cotton stage have seen such confidence in so young a boy. Dominic Weston deserves the highest praise for his
‘Off the Rails’
By John Waterhouse
Presented by Milner House
November 28th 1980

CAST:

Harry Bentwhistle        S D Howe
Maudie Bentwhistle        A Kenyon
Gladys Bentwhistle        A R Tovey
Percy Hollis             T P McGough
Bertha Keeblebright      J Rutter
Colonel Throgmorton OBE  B D Ormsby
Miss Hickory             D J Soares
Aneurin Jenkins          B Wright
Sam McNab                A J O’Rourke

Seldom, if ever, had we to wait so long for drama in the Autumn term at Cotton — on stage that is. However, Milner, for the third year running under new managership, gave us a worthy start to the season, and an appreciative audience enjoyed to the full what was sub-titled on the programme ‘A Railway Comedy’. This was not to be mistaken for an attempted train journey from Uttoxeter to St Pancras on G H, but a light, in parts, comedy centring on an incompetently run station in Yorkshire — are there any competently run ones in that part of the country? In common with all plays written in the last few years this one had its usual ration of sex, violence and drunkenness. I particularly liked it for the realistic portrayal of the last of these by O’Rourke who acted as if he had ample experience.

The name of this all too familiar station was Much Straining which is often what audiences at House plays have to do, but certainly not in this one which was distinguished by its audibility. Where this may more appropriately be levelled, however, is at the author’s humour in various places. A fair number of his jokes fell rather flat even on this unsophisticated audience, and some of the others did not quite make their impact because they were not delivered with sufficient snappiness by the cast. A play like this, with feeble plot and a fairly predictable outcome, needs a momentum to carry it along, and this was sometimes absent, especially in the third act, understandably less well-rehearsed than the other two in an otherwise very carefully prepared production.

The hand of Howe (which sounds like a promising title for a horror film) was clearly to be seen in all this. He kept the whole thing together, knew his part thoroughly — and it was certainly the biggest — and maintained a good consistency in his characterisation of the vernacularly spoken Yorkshire stationmaster. Obviously Mr Jones had been hard at work on him with his best ‘Trouble at mill’ recollections from his early Barnsley days. I was less happy with Kenyon’s portrayal of the wife. The Monty Python way of doing it is funny the first time — well just about — but it becomes rather tiring after two hours, andKenyon himself must have felt exhausted at the end. He does seem to get all the impossible parts in House plays, however, and he deserves much credit for the ways in which he tackles them. Perhaps next year he will get a better opportunity.

It was probably the first time in his life that McGough managed to remember so much, and he drew admiration from every quarter for the way he did this. Of course he starts with many inbuilt advantages when it comes to comic actions and his repertoire was fully in evidence in this part. At times I thought he overacted, but then perhaps not. We hope to see him again on stage, braces and all. Was Ormsby
guilty of the same fault? No, it is not in the Lancashire temperament. He handled his part with confidence and was clearly audible. This was not always the case with Soares, coping courageously with a female role, but it is never easy the first time (as I discovered last summer). The shapeliness of his legs was considered his outstanding feature by the P.E. master.

For quite a while I was unsure about the sex of the character played by Rutter, but the programme revealed it to be female, and female rather than feminine. Though he was in command of his part, the fact that he tended to sound like the parakeet which lives along Cotton Lane was slightly disconcerting. As for Tovey there was general agreement that he ought to have let himself go a lot more, or to put it another way just be himself, that is, quite funny. He knew how to exploit the young lass potential in the role during his first appearance but he failed to follow this up and become fully involved with what was going on.

And that just leaves the much imitated elder of the brothers Wright, and Tony McRourke. What with Scotsmen, Welshmen and a Tyke there was not much genuine English on show. It seems that it is our Stretford End supporter's lot to have the part of Welsh troublemakers thrust upon him and in this play he portrayed a smart trade unionist with smoothed up hair. His accent was sustained quite well but he appeared not altogether sure of the meaning of some of his speeches. The same could not be said of O'Rourke who was totally in control of his part and was splendidly entertaining, resisting the temptation to go over the top in his scene of total inebriation.

The set men had done their job well and the sound effects came over most impressively, evoking fond memories for train-spotters of the steam age. All in all, a production of which Milner House could be proud.

**SPORT**

**FIRST FIFTEEN**

 resultados:

**Benrose**

H Won 16 – 6


**St Bede's**

H Won 32 – 4

Bury – T, Shibli – T, Butler – T, C Enwonwu – 2T, Drummond – 2T,

J Lettington – 2C, P

**Madeley**

H Lost 9 – 21

Rasaiah – T, Goodwin – P, J Lettington – C

**Ernest Bailey**

A Won 17 – 0


**Campbell**

H Lost 21 – 13


**W'ton RUFC**

H Lost 21 – 15

Walker – T, Goodwin – T, P, 2C

**Abbotsholm**

H Won 46 – 7

Hughes – 2T, C Enwonwu – 2T, Butler – 2T, Jeff's – T, F Enwonwu – T,

O'Callaghan – T, C, Drummond – C, J Lettington – T, C

**Ratcliffe**

A Lost 18 – 0

C Enwonwu – 2T, O'Callaghan – T, Butler – 2C

**Marshlands**

H Won 16 – 6

O'Callaghan – T, Shibli – T, Butler – P, C

**Ellesmere**

A Draw 13 – 13

**Hymer's**

H Lost 7 – 0

**Mount St Mary**

H Lost 36 – 0

**Newcastle**

A Lost 18 – 6

Butler – 2P

**Old Boys**

H Lost 25 – 12

F Enwonwu – T, A Lettington – T, Butler – 2C

**Abbotsholm**

A Won 14 – 3

C Enwonwu – T, Hughes – T, J Lettington – T, C

**Walton**

H Won 16 – 0

Jeffs – T, Hughes – T, J Lettington – T, 2C

**Denstone**

A Lost 30 – 8

C Enwonwu – T, Walker – T

**Ogston**

A Won 20 – 0


**SCRUFC**

A Won 14 – 4

O'Callaghan – T, Hughes – 2T, J Lettington – C

**Cheadle Hulme**

H Won 20 – 6


Cotton were also runners-up in the Wolverhampton Schools Seven-a-side.

Record:

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23 12 1 10 349 265 65

Those who played were:

M Hughes (Capt.), M Butler (Vice-capt.), P Bury, S Cotterill,

J Cowan, D Devaney, A Drummond, C Enwonwu, F

Enwonwu, J Goodwin, P Goodwin, M Harbour, R Harper,

B Heisby, J Hughes, T Jeffs, J Kenyon, M Lanyon, A

Lettington, J Lettington, R Murray, A O'Callaghan, B

Ormsby, B Purchase, G Rasaiah, G Saldanha, S Shibli, R

Smith, M Tilt, R Tilt, J Walker, R Willis, A Woodham.

**FIRST RUGBY SQUAD**

Back Row: A O'Callaghan, J Cowan, W G Rasaiah, A Drummond,

A Lettington, R Smith, M V Harbour, R E Willis

Middle Row: J Hughes, P Bury, M J Butler, M J Hughes, J Lettington,

F Enwonwu, T Jeffs

Front Row: G Saldanha, R Murray, S Cotterill, R Harper, C Enwonwu,

S Shibli
FIRST FIFTEEN

While one always hopes that the younger players from the previous year's 1st XV will return to School in September, it is only when the School list is published that one has an inkling of what the new team might be like. Even this is often a poor guide; consider, for instance, the case of a new boy in the Lower Sixth. What is he like? Where does he come from? Will he fit in? Is he any good at rugger? Where does he play?

This year the answers were: Big and strong; Ratcliffe; Yes; Yes (very); In the forwards — hooray! Simon Shibli is one of the best bits of luck to happen to the Cotton side for a long time. Not only did he arrive with all the requisite skills of a forward but by example he let every one else know how to play as a forward and with what attitude to play. On this foundation we built one of the best sets of forwards Cotton has had for many a long year. Combining this with a talented set of backs we had an extremely good team and a good season.

A win at the beginning of the season is always welcome and, while we realised that Bemrose was not the strongest team we should meet, it was a good morale-booster. When we lost to Madeley College it was not without a fight and we went to Ernest Bailey, a side which we had never beaten and which was used to giving us heavy thrashings, with a certain amount of confidence. We won!

Camp Hill beat us but we had both Wolverhampton and the Old Boys worried by leading in both those matches at half-time. They both beat us in the end but both were really exciting games. Other games that we lost happened in a short period in the middle of the season and were quite frankly disappointing as we did not play at our best against the best teams that we met. A bit later, however, the game against Denstone, which we also lost, was a lot closer than the score would suggest.

Perhaps the most exciting game was that against Ellesmere. For some reason we always perform well against this school but never seem to get anywhere near them in the score-line. This time, having been 13–3 down, looked like being a repeat of previous years. Then a push-over try gave a bit of hope and in the dying minutes Tony O’Callaghan ran in a try right in the corner. Mike Butler, who had earlier missed the relatively easy conversion, put over a beautiful kick to tie the match at 13–13.

The high-light of the season was without doubt the tour to Carlisle which is reported separately but also worth mentioning is the fact that Cotton lost the Wolverhampton Sevens final only in extra-time in the “sudden death” situation.

The addition to the Staff of Mr Paul Goodwin has undoubtedly had a lot to do with the improvement in the fortunes of the side. As a regular player at club level (he seems to have a regular column in the local paper!) his experience has made his coaching that much more forceful and pertinent.

Martin Hughes was a tough, forceful and enthusiastic captain who kept his team up to the mark in no uncertain way. I hope he will not mind my saying, however, in the interests of future captains, that I thought he concentrated on the tough, forceful side a bit too much, neglecting the encouragement and chivvying of the team when they were down. Nevertheless, he and his vice-captain, Mike Butler, are to be congratulated on their work in running and helping to produce such a fine team.

Of the other personnel, special congratulations go to Tony O’Callaghan as the top scorer of the season and to Cyril Enwonwu, only in the Fourth Form, as second highest scorer. Fred Enwonwu also ran in quite a few tries and between them these three made up the basis of a very speedy three-quarter line. They had their off days, but when they were on form they were brilliant.

The fourth regular back, Mike Butler, had to move to stand-off when Gehan Rassiah injured his knee, putting him out for the rest of the season. This was bad luck as he looked like shaping up to be an extremely competent player. Timmy Jeffs played most of the season at scrum-half and his special brand of madness combined with half-sense brought him five tries. However, week by week he seemed to be passing the ball out to a different fly-half and truth be told this was one of the weaknesses of the team. Not that it was the fault of the players, but you need a steady pair of half-backs to make a stable link between forwards and backs. On the occasions when Jeffs moved to flanker, Gerald Saldanha capably filled in as scrum-half.

SEVENS SQUAD
Back Row: A Lettington, S Shibli, G Saldanha, A O’Callaghan, C Enwonwu
Front Row: P Bury, F Enwonwu, J Lettington

The praises of Simon Shibli have already been sung but Martin Hughes, Andy Drummond, Andy and Jonathan Lettington, Russell Smith, John Walker and Robert Willis must be mentioned as being members of the best scrum I have ever seen at Cotton, while I think that Paul Bury is the best schoolboy hooker I have ever seen: a sentiment echoed by several staff members of other schools — including ones that beat us.

Several younger players made their mark in the few games they played, notably Steve Cotterill, Richard Harper, Barry Purchase and Bruno Ormsby and I hope to see them back to play full seasons next year. Still, I will just have to wait until the School list is published........

A.C.W.

FIRST FIFTEEN TOUR TO CUMBRIA

The following boys went on the Tour: M Hughes, S Shibli, A Lettington, J Lettington, R Willis, R Smith, P Bury, J Walker, A Drummond, J Hughes, T Jeffs, G Saldanha, S Cotterill, F Enwonwu, C Enwonwu, A O’Callaghan, R Harper J Cowan, B Ormsby, J Goodwin

RESULTS
v Austin Friars Lost 4 – 10
v Wigton Colts Won 21 – 6
v Trinity School Won 31 – 3

After a period of intense training, interspersed by normal fixtures, the squad departed to sample the style of Rugby
played by Cumbrian farmers. Since we had already lost Rasaiah earlier in the season, it was with regret and apprehension that, because of injury, Butler was left behind.

The School lost the first fixture despite long periods of pressure exerted by the forwards, superbly led by M Hughes. Time and again the pack peeled and rolled from ruck and maul only to be held up just short of the line. However, in desperately wet and muddy conditions, Austin Friars held on to win, although injury struck again when M Hughes sustained a twisted knee just before the end which prevented him from taking any further part in the tour.

It was local gossip and belief that the All Blacks could learn a thing or two from Wigton Colts, and, although the team was in high spirits, the fact that key players were missing meant a difficult task ahead. It was, however, the ability of the players to adapt and play out of position, coupled with the quality of the squad as a whole, that was to bring success to the tour. In a courageous performance the School achieved a great victory with forwards and backs combining successfully. This match exemplified the season in the way the players fought hard for each other, with tackling of an extraordinarily high standard.

The final match of the tour and season produced a fine display of running Rugby to score six tries against Trinity School. This performance provided a fitting end to a wonderful tour, with Rugby played in festival style involving all fifteen men. Rather than mention any individuals, I should like to pay tribute to all members of the squad who managed to make the tour so successful and enjoyable for all.

SECOND AND UNDER SIXTEEN FIFTEENS

The following boys played: R Willis (captain), R Tilt, Cowan, Saldanha, M Harbour, Ormsby, R Harper, Lanyon, R Smith, D Shibli, Howe, P Willis, P Cheng, Fagan, J Hughes, R Murray, Helsby, H Omeoye, Orrell, Jones, Okeahialam, M Tilt, B Purchase and Rudd.

After the first few matches, R Harper and R Smith were selected to play for the First Fifteen on a regular basis.

RESULTS

Bemrose St Bede's Adams’ GS Ernest Bailey’s Ratcliffe Marshlands Ellesmere Mount St Mary’s Newcastle HS Walton HS Newcastle HS Denstone Cheadle Hulme

H Drew Won 52 – 6
Drew 4 – 4
Cancelled
H Won 14 – 0
A Drew 12 – 12
A Won 7 – 0
A Won 21 – 10
A Lost 6 – 12
A Lost 0 – 7
Cancelled
H Drew 8 – 8
A Lost 0 – 42
H Won 14 – 12

Five wins, three draws and three losses prove that these sides were reasonably successful.

Howe fought especially hard in the St Bede’s match. As the score of 4 – 4 indicates, it was a very evenly-balanced game. We should have won if our pack had risen to the occasion early enough in the game.

Against Ernest Bailey’s the story was different. Their boys were bigger and should have won on strength alone, but we robbed them of victory because we were better drilled. This time the pack responded well. R Tilt played, coming into the line, at full-back, and Ormsby scored two tries one of which came after a long throw-in over the pack and was quite spectacular.

Our game was scrappy against Marshlands. P Willis was lucky to score a try, but Lanyon was injured and had to come off. Saldanha took over at scrum-half and this proved to be his natural position.

The first half of the Ellesmere match was unexciting. Cowan, however, brought the game to life by scoring a try after a run down the wing.

The Mount game was a real cliff-hanger. R Tilt converted
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two penalties but we lost too much ball in the line-out and scrum. It must be admitted that the Mount team was marginally better than our team.

We played Newcastle twice: once as an ordinary fixture, the second time in the Staffordshire Schools’ Cup. The second time we drew and, since we had played them at home, they went through into the next round.

The last match against Cheadle Hulme was strongly contested and provided a very exciting end to the season.

**UNDER 15 FIFTEEN**

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The following boys played: B Igwe, S Clowes, B Purchase, D Rosario, M Soares, McGough, O’Hara, M Doran, Jones, A Bury, S Cotterill, G Eccles, P Stanton, B Wright, Samunyai G Clowes.

As the results suggest, this was not a particularly successful season. However, they scarcely reflect the training and dedication of the team.

It was well into the season before a victory was recorded, against Abbotsholme in a very welcome fashion. This brought confidence to the team and inspired some good mid-season Rugby. In a tremendously hard-fought encounter against Ellesmere, the School narrowly lost despite a brave performance. Further success followed with a prestigious win against Mount St Mary’s and another against Abbotsholme.

Close analysis of the team showed that basic skills and knowledge of team play were weak. However, on an individual level, the side did have a number of very good players who will prove this at higher levels in the next year or so.

The season did finish on a high note when the Sevens team managed to win the Staffordshire Shield. This was a tremendous achievement and B Purchase, McGough and S Cotterill deserve special mention for their performance in this competition, and their efforts throughout the season.

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**UNDER 14 FIFTEEN**

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The Under 14 enjoyed one of its most successful seasons for many years. An excellent team spirit, a keen sense of discipline, dedication to a demanding training programme, individual players of quality, a strong will to win, a first-rate captain on and off the field: all these factors working in combination were keystones to the squad’s success. For he who coached, some of the games and notable tries scored will provide most pleasant and enduring memories. The tries of Knott and Champeau against Mount St Mary’s and Carr’s try against Cheadle Hulme immediately spring to mind.

The captain, Champeau, played every game as if his life depended on the outcome. He showed the way by outstanding example, shirking nothing, always willing to take on far more than his share in the hard, grafting, contact play of mauls and rucks. He was ably supported by a mobile, hard-working pack whose cover-play was first-class. Invidious it may be, perhaps, to spotlight individuals in the pack but mention must be made of remarkable efforts of our non-stop ‘engine-man’, open-side wing-forward Knott: a veritable clock-work at support and cover-play.

The backs too were excellent. Newcomer Carr quickly settled in. His speed, balance and positional sense resulted in a string of tries, his tally finally reaching 104 points. Next to him, C Oonyne had a wonderful season, scoring over 90 points. All in all, a happy, enjoyable, successful year, with all the away games won.

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**UNDER 13 FIFTEEN**

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The following boys played: Bermingham, C Owen, Jeffrey, Elwood, Tuohy, A Purchase, M Champeau, McNicholl, McAdam, D Soares, Corallo, Delf, Weston, V Owen, C Harbour, P Baptie.

An increase in the number of fixtures played by the Under 13 brought mixed results. Two heavy defeats by Bishop's Court and Cheadle Hulme were compensated for by victories against St Edmund's, St Joseph's and St John's, the last two matches providing close and exciting contests between evenly-matched sides.

Throughout the season the squad worked hard at developing their individual and team skills which resulted in some very creditable performances by the pack. The enthusiasm and will to win was evident in every player, which augurs well for next season when this will provide the nucleus of the Under 14.

**CROSS-COUNTRY**

This was a year when we seemed not to have such a strong team as before and in which rather more Rugby was played in the cross-country term than usual. We were, however, not plagued by bad weather or by the usual influx of injuries after the first match.

It is always a great boost to win the first match, and this was even more the case as it was an away match at the MOUNT. It was here that we saw a win by the U16s, destined to be one of the strongest teams seen at Cotton for many years. U14 runners such as McAdam and Elwood, new to the ranks of Cottonian cross-country runners, proved a force to be reckoned with; and Browne won the Junior event. The Seniors won also, thanks to the great efforts of S Cotterill and M Tilt, both U16 runners.

DENSTONE COLLEGE was our next venue where we raced against six other schools. Our Juniors did not fare too well owing to the race being a shorter and therefore faster one than trained for. Our U16s, however, did excellently, producing a brilliant result by McGough, by now an up-and-coming runner.

After poor showing at RUGELEY (the Inter-School Rugeley Bowl), we took two teams of four to the LICHFIELD Relay. Our A team ran very well and came 27th out of 45 teams: not a bad result, improving 18 places on our 1979 result. The B team, helped by D Shibli, managed to steer clear of last.

UPHOLLAND was next on the list but, because of the over-confidence generated mainly as a result of some success in the season up to then, we were thrashed and came home with our tails between our legs.

The spirit was re-engendered for the HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY and plenty of surprises occurred. Middle School was tied by McGough and M Tilt, two excellent runners. The brilliance of Cotterill was, however, missed owing to injury. Lower School was won by N Connor and in Upper School the standard had so improved that competitors coming 12th in the previous year came lower down the order this time.

Loughborough always poses something of a problem since it is a nasty course and no one particularly wants to run there. However, driven by Ft Piercy in the mini-bus, we fielded two strong sides and, after being the first visitors to the £500,000 gymnasium complex, we lost the Juniors but won the U16s.
think who will win the various challenges next year. My thanks to all who helped; to Mr Clarke, the backbone of the School cross-country club; and to the individuals who helped by competing and adjudicating.

R Murray

ATHLETICS

RESULTS

v Ratcliffe at Cotton
Under 20: 1. Cotton (75); 2. Ratcliffe (54)
Under 17: 1. Cotton (77); 2. Ratcliffe (63)
Under 15: 1. Cotton (70); 2. Ratcliffe (61)

v Denstone at Cotton
Under 16: 1. Cotton (83); 2. Denstone (40)
Under 15: 1. Cotton (78); 2. Denstone (54)

v Ellesmere v Repton at Repton
Under 20: 1. Repton (129); 2. Cotton (82%); 3. Ellesmere (67)
Under 17: 1. Cotton & Ellesmere (96 each); 3. Repton (84)
Under 15: 1. Repton (121); 2. Cotton (80); 3. Ellesmere (67%)

v Upholland at Cotton
Under 20: 1. Cotton (82); 2. Upholland (49)
Under 17: 1. Cotton (93); 2. Upholland (39)
Under 15: 1. Cotton (72); 2. Upholland (72)

v Mount St Mary's Match cancelled.

Despite the atrocious weather limiting the use of the running-track, the School enjoyed an extremely successful season as the results testify. With Butler and F Enwonwu setting a fine example, the team members worked hard, often in their own time, to maintain the required standard of fitness.

For the Seniors, F Enwonwu was consistently successful in the sprint events, the same applying to Butler in the middle-distance events. O'Callaghan (High Jump), Modebe (Shot, Discus) and Drummond (Javelin) could also be relied upon to score highly in the field events. The only defeat came at the hands of Repton when, almost to a man, the team performed below par. It must be said, however, that had the squad reached the normal standard they would have succeeded in only reducing the margin of defeat, as Repton had a very strong side.

The Intermediates swept all before them to finish the season unbeaten. This was largely due to C Enwonwu who recorded the fastest sprint times throughout the School at some meetings, and S Cotterill, continuing his success as a junior, doing the same in the 800m and 1500m events. A Lettington proved to be a fine all-rounder in the field events, ably helped by B Purchase in the 'strong-arm' events. Strength in depth was the key to success with M Tilt, Howson, and Ormsby performing well and improving as the season progressed.

While the Juniors did well as a team, Carr dominated the events, being unbeaten in the 100m and Long Jump all the season. McAdam also deserves special mention for honest endeavour (I hope he has forgiven me for making him run the 800m immediately after he had won the 400m at Leek).

Overall this proved to be a memorable season and, although athletics is a very individual sport, there was great spirit and enthusiasm among the team.

Full Colours were awarded to: C Enwonwu, A Lettington, M Tilt and S Cotterill.

Half Colours were awarded to: Carr.
A fortunate break in the weather allowed the House Sports to take place in fine conditions. After the 'qualis' had been added up, Challoner led, 3 points ahead of Bowdon and 22 ahead of Milner. Over the two days, competition was fierce, developing into a two-horse race between Challoner and Bowdon. This reached its peak on Wednesday afternoon when the overall result hinged on the Relays, which were all won by Challoner, thus bringing them victory.

After a successful athletics season, the internal competition was expected to be of a high standard, but, as the number of broken records shows, the championship even exceeded that. Congratulations are due to all those who broke records but particularly to O'Callaghan who now holds Junior, Intermediate and Senior High Jump records, and Carr who broke four track records. Matching his times against the schools we competed against showed that if it were possible to do them all, he would have won every track event except the 800m throughout the season. This was a fine performance indeed.

Milner were unfortunate in having F Enwonwu absent from their team, although this helped Butler to take the Senior Victor Ludorum in great style. The Middle School Victor Ludorum was C Enwonwu, with Carr being Junior Victor Ludorum.

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

RESULTS

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1

v King's Macclesfield (A) Drawn
- King's 196 for 6 dec. (Woodcock 5 for 73)
- Cotton 91 for 2 (Rasaiah 67 n.o.)

v Ratcliffe (A)
- Lost by 95 runs
- Ratcliffe 144 for 4 dec.
- Cotton 49 (Clowes 26)

v Royal Wolverhampton (A)
- Lost by 45 runs
- Royal Wolverhampton 106 (Woodcock 4 for 37)
- Cotton 61

v Old Boys (H) Abandoned
- Old Boys 114 for 7 dec. (Fr McGough 62 n.o.) (Woodcock 3 for 18)
- Cotton 50 for 1 (Rasaiah 27, Cox 16 n.o.)

v Mount St Mary's (A) Drawn
- Mount St Mary's 117 (Drummond 4 for 5, Cox 3 for 13)
- Cotton 53 for 3 (Cox 15)

v Oakamoor (A)
- Lost by 115 runs
- Oakamoor 149 (Eccles 5 for 37)
- Cotton 34

v Staffs Gents (H)
- Lost by 54 runs
- Staffs Gents 184 for 7 dec.
- Cotton 130 (Rasaiah 47)

v Staff
- Won by 8 wickets
- Staff 55 (Mr Clarke 25)
  (Woodcock 5 for 21) (Purchase 5 for 25)

Cotton 56 for 2 (Rasaiah 38 n.o.)

CRICKET XI

Back Row: J Cowan, H Oonye, R Harper, S Shibli, M Tilt,
A Drummond
Front Row: S Woodcock, G Saldanha, W G Rasaiah, T Jeffs, G Eccles

Though there was an increase in the number of matches played compared with the previous year, 1981 brought the worst weather seen at Cotton since the summer of 1972. The result of this was that the First Eleven played more fixtures than it actually had practices on the square, which until the end of June remained impossibly soft. In these circumstances performance in the field was bound to be less than adequate, and though the catching was often quite good the ground-fielding was not. On top of this a weakish batting line-up relied heavily on Rasaiah for a reasonable total, and this hardly made for a surfeit of winning positions.

The captain's batting was the best part of the cricket with his innings at King's Macclesfield his highest ever, though...
perhaps the most satisfying was his 47 against the bowling of Staff's Gent. For the first time in my recollection this match saw Cotton for a time in a position where victory over the Gent was a real possibility. Of the bowlers, Woodcock was the most successful, Eccles the most unlucky and Shibli a useful acquisition. All of them tended to bowl too short and against the stronger sides paid the penalty.

Full Colours were awarded to Saldanha and Half Colours to Cox, Drummond, Woodcock and Eccles. Next year we look forward to at least three days in the summer term which would be a distinct improvement on this year.

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Woodcock 87 22 239 19 12.6

**CRICKET**

**UNDER 14**

It has become customary in recent years to preface any summary of Cotton cricket with an account of the season's weather. Boring as this is, it has the virtue, at least, of being relevant! Hard, true pitches are essential if schoolboys, especially the very young, are to learn to play forward and have the confidence to drive. Most of the Under 14's practice this year took place on Top Bounds on rubber matting over concrete; we even played one School match there rather than cancel the fixture. This made it possible to maintain enthusiasm while the grass pitches were awash, but of course, no adequate substitute for the real thing, as the confined space made it difficult to practise field-placing and the surface bore little resemblance to the wickets encountered by the team in their matches against Ratcliffe, St Bede's, Royal Wolverhampton School, Mount St Mary's, and Denstone, all of which we lost heavily.

Looking to the future, however, there were encouraging performances with the bat by C O'Callaghan, P Cotterill and D Soares, while the bowling of Soares and A Vale showed great promise. The latter, in particular, looks likely to develop into an extremely useful leg-spinner with the height to make the ball bounce and extract life from the wicket. O'Callaghan, P Cotterill and D Soares have also improved greatly over the season as wicket-keepers.

P Cotterill must be congratulated on the way he captained the side and maintained a keen enthusiasm throughout the season despite the discouraging weather.

A final word of thanks to Justin Gallen and his ground staff, who worked so hard to make the most of the more favourable conditions at the end of the season.

**TENNIS**

Since there were only two arranged matches and one surprise match, against Oscott, the team had no real chance to air its full potential. Against Wolverhampton and Mount St Mary's, Rasaiah and Woodcock were both absent, which undermined the strength of the team.

One is left with the feeling that if D Stanton's batting and the bowling of S Clowes and Collins developed more discipline then the group of boys could make a useful contribution to the First Eleven next season. Clowes in particular has a natural ability but is desperately short of coaching.

**TENNIS TEAM**

Back Row: J Harper, M J Butler, A O'Callaghan, S Cotterill
Front Row: S Woodcock, F Enwonwu, N Ballard, C Ballard
The adverse weather conditions at Wolverhampton affected both sides, but Cotton took a longer time to settle down to the slow surface of the gravel courts. Wolverhampton’s three pairs beat our three pairs.

The match against Mount St Mary’s proved to be another defeat for the three pairs. The friendly doubles match against Oscott was played by F Enwonwu and Woodcock who lost in four sets.

The internal tennis proved to be interesting with the favourites, Milner, losing to Challoner in the finals. The Senior Singles tournament was not completed because of revision and examinations.

The short tennis season was enjoyable, but, with the talent that is in the School at present, it should be taken a little more seriously.

F Enwonwu

BASKETBALL

The following boys played: C Enwonwu (captain), R Harper, G Eccles, Howe, M Soares, Ho, J Hughes, A Lettington, M Tilt, Ormsby, D Rosario and Jones.

Played 5 Won 4 Lost 1

A confident side faced Leek High School in the opening match only to find themselves down at half-time to a team to which they were superior; however, in the second half justice was done. Inspired by this victory after coming from behind, we went to Thomas Alleyne’s where a combination of a new coach, a captain afraid to make substitutions and a very large strange court assisted in our loss by quite a large margin.

A determined side face Endon, who had beaten Thomas Alleyne’s, at home and right from the start we worked hard, and eventually won comfortably. We were then promised a play-off if we beat Painley. We did this when Howe scored his two free throws in the last thirty seconds. The play-off never materialised so we settled for a tie for the championship. We then won a friendly match against Upholland.

M Soares

Valete

BOWDON HOUSE


C ARACKA (1979-80).

W ARACKA (1979-80).

P A MILNE (1979-81) — Play: ‘Oliver!’.

E IBARRA (1980-1).

D J CARR (1980-1).

CHALLONER HOUSE


V A ONONYE (1979-81) —


M V HABOUR (1976-81) — GCE O-Level 1979-81 —
J WALKER (1976-81) – GCE O-Level 1981
L F TIERNEY (1979-80).
T C SAMUNYAI (1980).
C KENYON (1978-80).

MILNER HOUSE

G T O’HARA (1977-81)
EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following Fifth year students gained “O” levels (A B or C grades) or the equivalent (CSE grade 1):

Ballard C  - Mathematics (C)
Cheng P  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), Latin SCP (A), Latin Language (B), German (A), Mathematics (B), Additional Mathematics (A), Biology (A), Chemistry (A), Physics (A), Human Biology (1), Technical Science (A), French (C), Chinese (A)

 Cotterill S  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), Classical Studies (C), Mathematics (1)
Curley P  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), Classical Studies (C)
Doran M  - English Language (C), Classical Studies (C)
Eccles G  - English Language (A), English Literature (A), Latin SCP (A), Latin Language (A), History (A), Geography (B), Combined Science (B and B), Mathematics (A), Human Biology (1), French (A)

 Evans S  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), Technical Science (C), Classical Studies (C)
Fagan L  - English Language (C), History (C), Classical Studies (C)
Foster W  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (A), Geography (C), Biology (B), Human Biology (1), Classical Studies (B)
Gallen J  - English Language (C), Technical Science (C), Classical Studies (C)
Gillespie D  - Human Biology (1), Technical Science (C)
Harper R  - English Literature (C)
Howe S  - English Language (A), English Literature (A), Latin SCP (C) Latin Language (C), History (B), Geography (C), Human Biology (1), Mathematics (C), Combined Science (C and C), French (C)

Howson P  - English Language (C), History (C), French (1), Human Biology (1), German (A), Mathematics (1)
Igwe F  - Chemistry (1), Classical Studies (C)
Jones I  - English Literature (B), English Language (B), Latin SCP (B), Latin Language (A), History (A), German (A), Biology (B), Chemistry (C), Human Biology (1), French (B)

McEvilly W  - English Language (A), English Literature (B), Geography (1), Biology (C), Human Biology (1)
McGough T  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), Mathematics (1), Classical Studies (C)
McKenna G  - English Language (C), English Literature (B), Latin SCP (B), Geography (C), French (1), Mathematics (B), Biology (A), Chemistry (C), Physics (B), Human Biology (1), Technical Science (A)

Ormsby B  - English Language (A), English Literature (A), Latin SCP (B), History (C), Geography (C), Mathematics (C), Combined Science (C and C), Human Biology (1)

Orrell M  - English Language (C), English Literature (B), Latin SCP (C), History (C), Geography (C), Mathematics (1)
Rosario D  - English Language (A), English Literature (A), Latin SCP(A), Latin Language (A), German (A), Mathematics (A), Biology (A), Chemistry (A), Physics (A), French (A), Technical Science (A), Human Biology (1)

Shibli D  - English Language (B), English Literature (A), Latin SCP(A), Latin Language (C), French (A), German (A), Physics (A), Mathematics (A), Chemistry (A), Technical Science (A), Religious Studies (A)
Smith P  - English Language (B), English Literature (B), Latin SCP (B), Latin Language (A), German (C), Mathematics (C), Biology (B), Chemistry (C), Physics (B), Human Biology (1), Technical Science (B)

Soares M  - English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Mathematics (1), Human Biology (1), General Science (C), Classical Studies (B)

Tilt M  - English Language (C), English Literature (B), Latin SCP (C), Latin Language (C), History (C), German (C)
Winning C  - English Language (B), English Literature (B), Latin SCP (A), Latin Language (C), Geography (B), Mathematics (A), Biology (B), Chemistry (C), Physics (A), French (C), Human Biology (1), Technical Science (A)

Wong A  - Mathematics (B), Human Biology (1), Chinese (B)
Young D  - English Language (B), English Literature (C), Biology (C), Mathematics (C), Physics (B), Human Biology (1), Technical Science (B)
The following Third year students gained “O” levels or equivalent:

Justicia F — Spanish (A)
Manton A — Spanish (A)

The following Fourth year students gained “O” levels or equivalent:

Baptie P — Classical Studies (C)
Enwonwu C — Classical Studies (B)
Illidge I — Classical Studies (C)
Sacco J — Classical Studies (A)
Thorpe P — Classical Studies (A)

The following second year Fifth students gained “O” levels or equivalent:

Harbour M — English Language (C)
Hughes J — English Language (C), English Literature (C), Human Biology (1)
Mulchinock J — English Language (C), English Literature (C), Biology (1), Classical Studies (B), Religious Studies (C), Human Biology (1)
Willis P — English Language (C), English Literature (C), Biology (1), Classical Studies (C)
Woodcock S — English Language (A), English Literature (C), Afrikaans (C), Mathematics (C), Additional Mathematics (C), AO English Literature (C)

The following second year Sixth-formers gained “A” levels:

Bury P — Biology (A2), Mathematics (D), Chemistry (E), (General Paper:B)
Cheng J — Mathematics (E), Physics (D), Chemistry (E)
Doran J — JACT Ancient History (E)
Gallen J — JACT Ancient History (E)
Helsby B — Economics (E)
Hermolle R — French (D), English Literature (C2), Economics (E), (General Paper:C)
Hughes M — JACT Ancient History (E)
Kilkenny T — English Literature (B2), History (C), Economics (E), (General Paper:A)
Kirkpatrick A — Latin (E), French (D), English Literature (D), (General Paper:B)
Kwok K — Mathematics (B), Physics (B), Chemistry (D)
Lanyon M — English Literature (E), History (C), (General Paper:B)
Lee P — Biology (E), Mathematics (D), Chemistry (C)
Lettington J — Physics (C), (General Paper:C)
Modebe S — History (E)
Murray R — English Literature (D), (General Paper:C)
O’Byrne D — English Literature (D), (General Paper:C)
Ononye H — History (E), (General Paper:C)
Rasaiah W — Mathematics (D), Physics (A), Chemistry (D), (General Paper:C)
Tilt R — (General Paper:C)
Willis R — JACT Ancient History (C), History (C)

The following first year Sixth-formers gained “A” levels:

Cox A — JACT Ancient History (D)
Enwonwu F — JACT Ancient History (B)
Mulchinock J — JACT Ancient History (C)
O’Callaghan A — JACT Ancient History (C)
Okeahialam C — JACT Ancient History (E)
Shibli S — Latin (D)
Smith R — JACT Ancient History (E)
Waters C — History (B)
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