

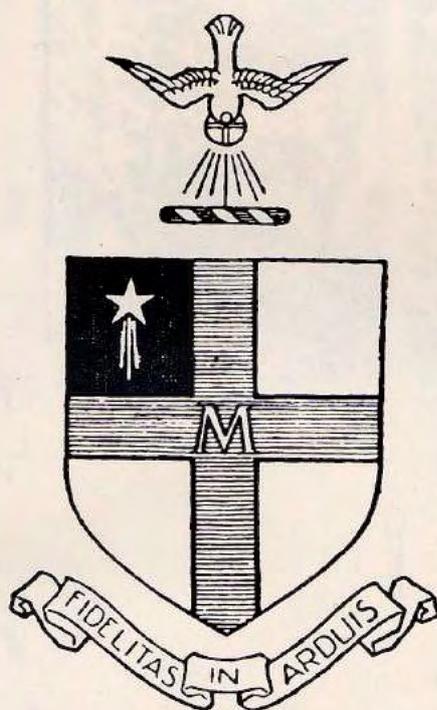


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# Editorial

*Another Annual brings another chronicle of the events during the past year in the College and among Past Pupils. Many of these events cover the development of the pupils as they grow to take their place as Christians in a society which inspires awe at technology, and bewilderment at the apparent chasm between the values of Christian living and the rules of material gain.*

*We were saddened to lose Fr. Hurley from the Community after his seven years with us. He leaves a lasting memory to present and past pupils of his dedicated and enlightened work. We welcomed Fr. Godfrey as Headmaster of the Senior School. He came to us from Blackrock College and during his first year in office has contributed much to the preserving and continuance of the values of St. Mary's. We were also saddened when Fr. Michael Moore had to leave us in the Spring, a humane and kindly Bursar. We welcomed Fr. Milo Smithwick from Ghana in his place and he has energetically taken up the onerous task as Bursar.*

*Earlier mention has been made of the conflict between the old Christian values and the exigencies of modern life and so with the forthcoming first Beatification of a Holy Ghost Father, Fr. James Laval of Mauritius, in Spring 1979, we felt it appropriate to dedicate the Annual to him. He lived in the last century, also an age of change and as a doctor who became a missionary priest, there is much for modern man to learn from the priorities he chose to guide his life.*

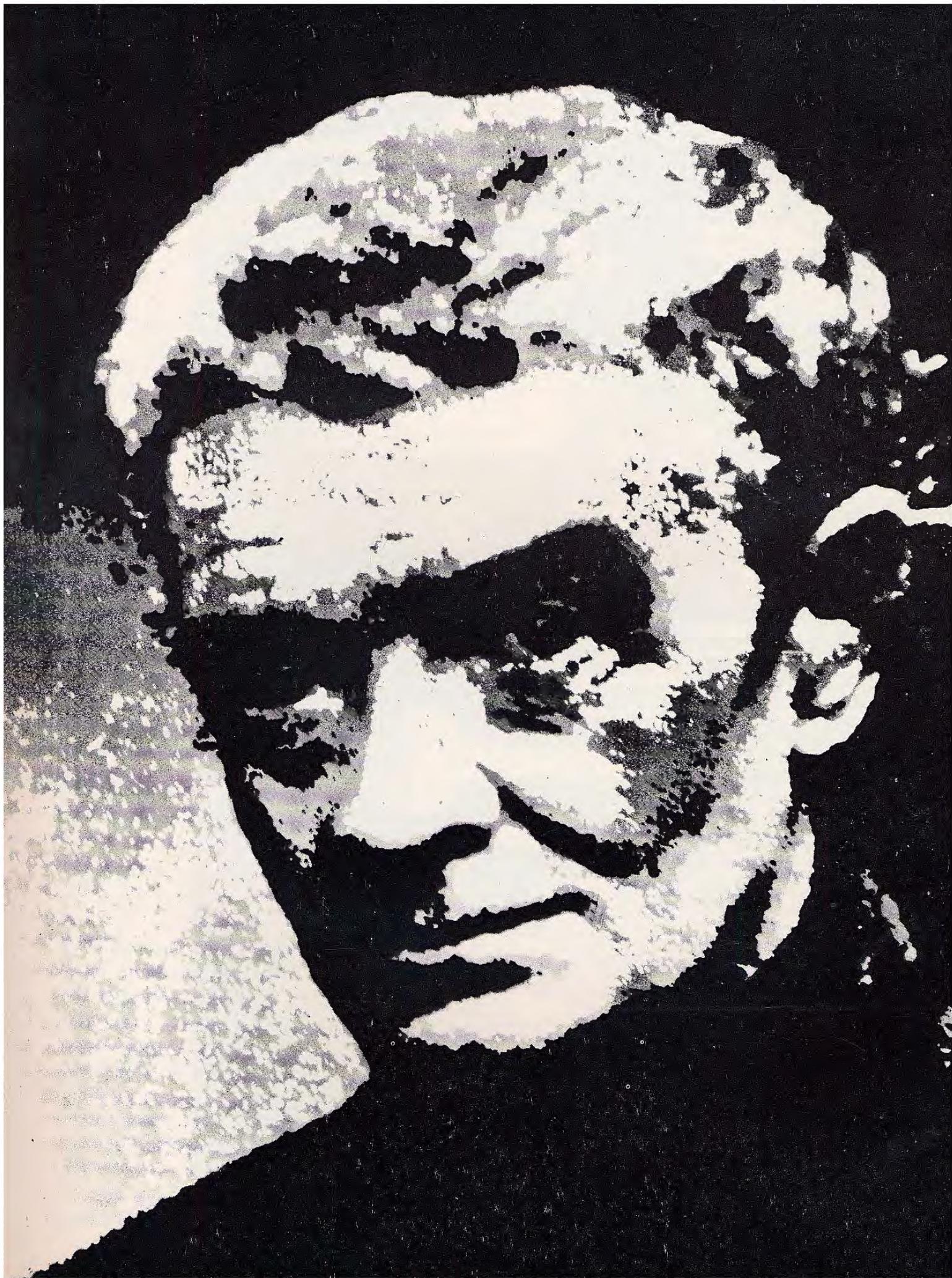
*During his life, two Congregations were being fused, the Congregation of the Holy Ghost and the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so the time is opportune to present a picture of the two founders, Claude Poulart des Places and the Venerable Francis Libermann. Both their lives were a struggle to reach the goal of perfection and dedication. They are an example and encouragement to us to pursue and follow true values in today's world.*

*Our thanks to the many contributors, photographers and artists without whose help and co-operation the 19th Edition of the College Annual would not have been possible. Finally we say a word of thanks to Mr. Patrick Funge and his staff at the Elo Press. The fire which destroyed their premises in mid August meant they had to work particularly hard to produce the Annual.*

EDITOR.

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BLESSED JACQUES DESIRE LAVAL C.S.Sp.  
Born in Normandy on September 18th., 1803. Practised as a doctor from 1830 to 1835. Ordained a priest in 1838 and joined Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary later fused with Congregation of the Holy Spirit. Ministered in Mauritius from 1841 until his death on September 9th., 1864. Beatified on October 2nd., 1978.





### THE COLLEGE STAFF 1977-78

*From Top:*

Mr. N. Doyle, Mr. S. McCarthy, Mr. P. Quinn, Fr. M. Maiben, Mr. J. Lehane, Fr. D. Darcy, Fr. G. Lord.

Fr. F. Barry, Mr. J. Kirby, Mr. P. Henry, Mr. D. Ryan, Mr. C. O'Donnell, Mr. M. Begley, Mr. K. Lewis, Fr. J. Byrne, Mr. J. Gillespie, Mr. B. Maclomhair, Mr. K. Hogan.

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Fr. J. Godfrey, Mrs. U. Wall, Mrs. T. White, Miss E. McCallig, Fr. W. Nugent, Sr. Clare, Miss M. Trundle, Miss F. McLoughlin, Miss M. Lawlor, P. Uas Mac Murchu.

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Very Rev. W. Kennedy, C.S.Sp.

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*Principal Junior School:*

Rev. S. Little, C.S.Sp.

*Vice-Principal Senior School:*

Pól Uas Mac Murchú

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Rev. C. Byrne, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. J. Byrne, C.S.Sp.  
Br. Ignatius Curry, C.S.Sp.  
Mr. M. Begley, C.S.Sp.

Rev. G. Lord, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. M. Maiben, C.S.Sp.  
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Rev. V. O'Grady, C.S.Sp.  
Mr. M. Kilkenny, C.S.Sp.

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Mr. M. Clarke  
Mr. F. Conlon  
Mr. J. Crowley  
Miss A. Deroe  
Mr. N. Doyle  
Mr. J. Gillespie  
Mr. P. Henry  
Mr. K. Hogan  
Mr. J. Kirby  
Miss M. Lawlor  
Mr. J. Lehane  
Sr. Claire Little

Mr. M. Leonard  
Mr. K. Lewis  
Miss E. McCallig  
Mr. S. McCarthy  
Miss F. McLoughlin  
Mr. L. Naughton  
Mr. T. Newell  
Mr. C. O'Donnell  
Mr. P. Quinn  
Mrs. M. Sealy  
Miss M. Trundle  
Mrs. U. Wall  
Mr. F. Wright

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*Swimming:*

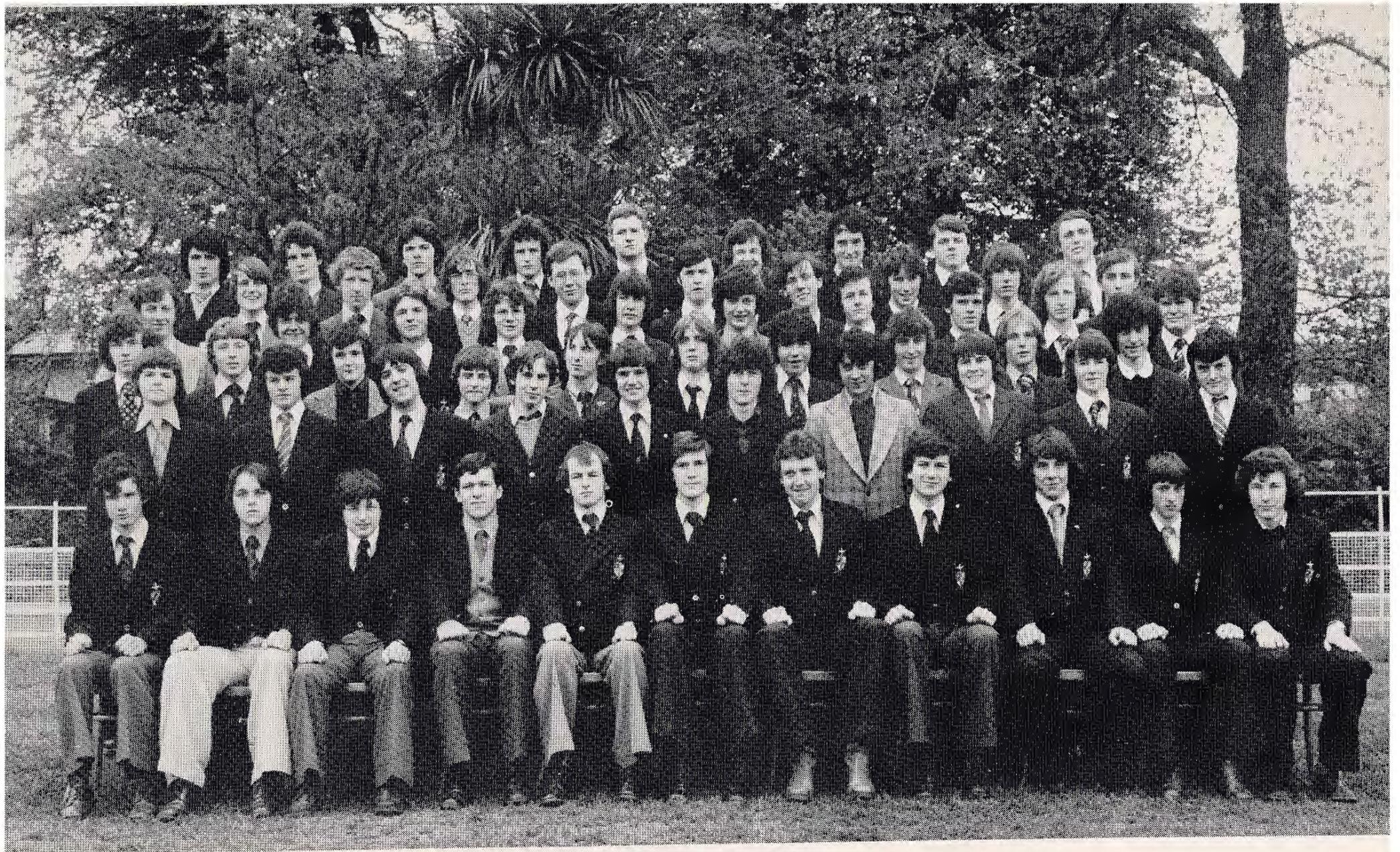
Mrs. A. Collins

*Drama and Elocution:*

Miss M. Cranny

*Music and Drama:*

Mrs. M. Valentine



#### SIXTH YEAR

*From Top:*

M. Healy, P. McShane, L. Connell, P. Bowe, J. O'Connor, C. Curtis, J. Waldron, P. Mulvey, B. Largey,  
S. Fanagan, P. Graham, M. Crosbie, B. McNally, P. Black, A. Kelly, D. Moylette, J. Fitzpatrick, D. Larney,  
B. Byrne, J. Doyle, P. Dean, S. McCarthy, K. Birmingham, T. O'Brien, K. O'Reilly, D. Murphy, B. Sheehan, E. Armstrong,  
M. Hughes, D. Cogley, P. Sirr, L. Tannam, P. MacDonnell, F. Horne, C. O'Kane, B. Leahy, P. Kerrigan, S. McDonald,  
B. O'Connor, D. Maher, D. Butt, D. O'Doherty, B. Coffey, B. Redmond, A. Leahy, T. Lynch, C. Russell, C. Ougley,  
B. Heeny, P. McCarthy, P. Mackey, T. O'Connell, G. Dunne, G. Byrne, I. Dunn, B. O'Moore, P. Thornton, P. Fitzgerald, C. Levins.

# SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS 1978

*Gold Medal for General Excellence*  
Gareth Byrne

*Gold Medal for General Excellence in  
Studies at Leaving Certificate.*  
*Presented by P.P.U.*  
Brian O'Connor

*Gold Medal for General Excellence in  
Studies at Intermediate Certificate.*  
*Presented by P.P.U.*  
William Leo

*Father Ernest Farrell Gold Medal  
Religious Knowledge (Sixth Year)*  
Brian O'Moore

*Silver Medal for Best Speaker  
English Debating Society (Sixth Year)*  
Brian O'Moore

*Silver Medal for Honours List (Sixth Year)*  
Declan Maher



General Excellence Award for Gareth Byrne.  
Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.

## SIXTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Brendan Largey

*Gaeilge*  
Peter Sirr (6A)  
Brian O'Moore (6A<sup>1</sup>)  
Stephen Fanagan (6A<sup>2</sup>)

*General Average*  
6A David Cogley  
Brian O'Moore  
Kevin O'Reilly  
6A<sup>1</sup> Philip MacDonnell  
David Moylette  
Peter Sirr

*Honours List*  
Peter Black  
Ian Dunn  
Brian Heaney  
David Larney  
Mark Hughes  
Brian Leahy  
Patrick Mackey  
Thomas O'Brien  
Brian Sheehan

## FIFTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Declan Sheehan (5A)  
Declan Darby (5A<sup>1</sup>)

## Gaeilge

Conell Mulvihill (5A)  
David Ellison (5A<sup>1</sup>)  
Stephen Donnelly (5A<sup>2</sup>)

*General Average*  
John Ambrose  
Alan Farrell  
Thomas Gray  
William Maguire  
Conell Mulvihill  
Patrick Stephenson

*Honours List*  
Conal Cassidy  
Stephen Donnelly  
Martin Gowran  
John Larney  
Patrick Lonergan  
Frank Murray  
Cormac Redahan  
John Ward

## FOURTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Eamonn Ambrose (4A)  
Paul Bennett (4A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*  
William Leo (4A)  
Junius Horne (4A<sup>1</sup>)  
Rory O'quigley (4A<sup>2</sup>)

## General Average

Paul Bennett  
Colman Corish  
Martin Leavy  
Michael Power  
Stephen Ryan  
Ultan Stephenson

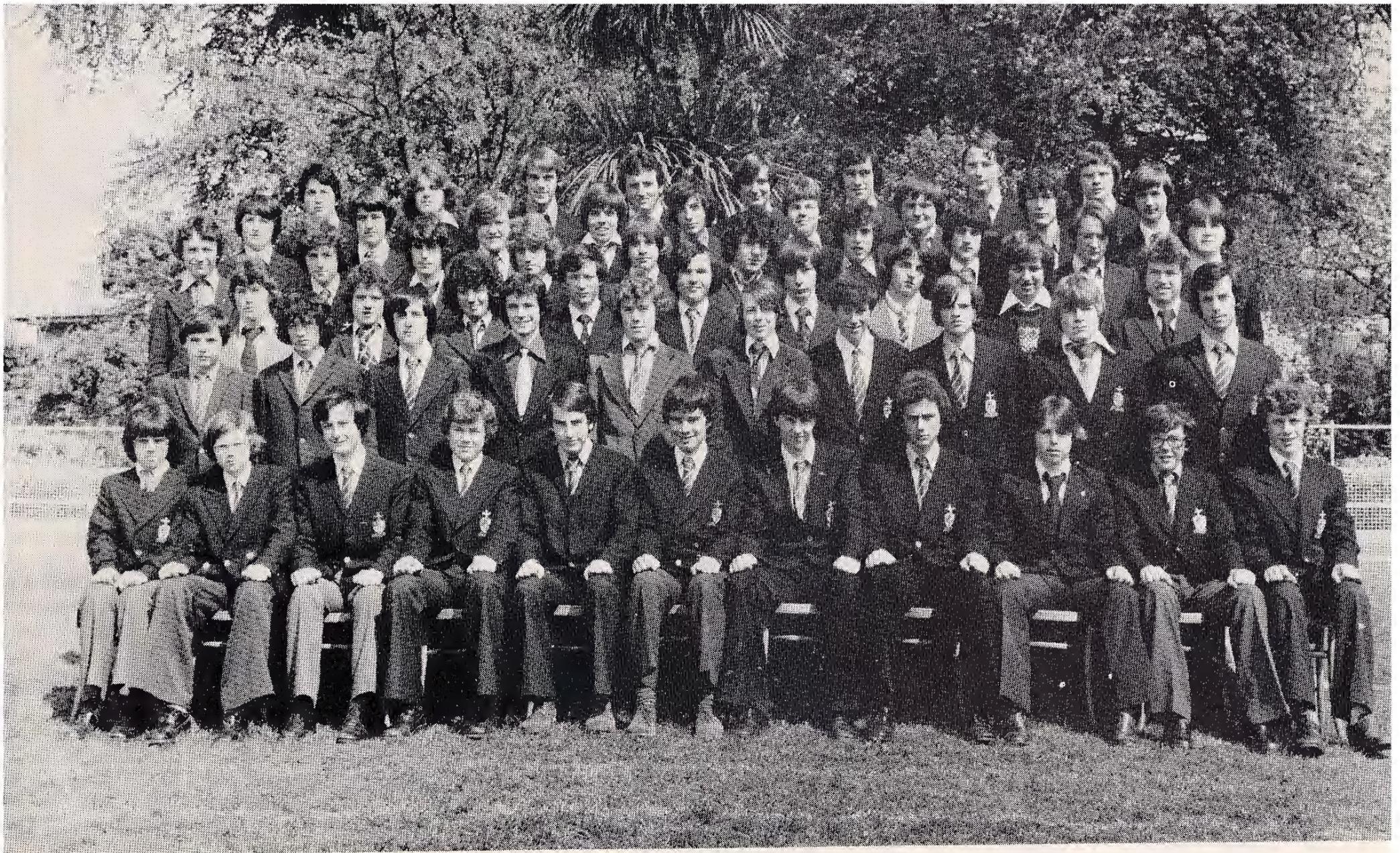
*Honours List*  
James Graham  
Michael Hanna  
Paul O'Reilly  
Michael Sheering

## THIRD YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Mark Redmond (3A)  
Martin Crofts (3A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*  
Mark Redmond (3A)  
Shane Byrne (3A<sup>1</sup>)

*General Average*  
Desmond Fagan  
John Fitzgerald  
David Kelly  
Mark Lawler  
Ruaidhri McSharry  
Mark Redmond



#### FIFTH YEAR

*From Top:*

D. Darby, K. Gannon, P. McGrath, D. Bennett, D. Fleming, C. Doyle, J. Larney, C. Cassidy.  
P. Walshe, P. Devlin, P. Stephenson, F. Murray, W. Maguire, D. Ellison, T. Cleary, R. Byrne, D. Sheehan.  
A. Whelan, A. Farrell, K. Ryan, G. Kinsella, P. Blunden, J. Hartigan, B. Booth, R. Fearon, M. Dooley, E. Robins.  
N. Martin, S. Muldoon, D. Gilligan, S. Donnelly, C. Mulvihill, S. McGrath, F. Kerrigan, G. Lennon, P. Gallagher.  
M. Royanyne, S. Maguire, P. Lonergan, N. Harrington, D. Kerrigan, A. Russell, C. O'Connor, J. Ward, M. Gannon, T. Gray.  
D. Figgis, R. Leo, O. O'Sullivan, J. Ambrose, D. Egan, C. Redahan, H. Delany, M. Gowran, M. Cosgrove, M. Crowe, J. Bennett.

*Honours List*

Liam Byrne  
Eamonn Coveney  
Desmond Foley  
Patrick Keenan  
David Kirk  
Patrick Leahy  
John McGann  
David Raftery

SECOND YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*  
Conan Budds (2A)  
Brendan Ward (2A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*

Brendan Ward (2A)  
Alan Delany (2A<sup>1</sup>)

*General Average*

Conan Budds  
Denis Byrne  
Killian Cregan  
Conor Murphy  
John Nolan  
Brendan Ward

*Honours List*

John O'Connell  
John Russell

FIRST YEAR

*Religious Knowledge*

Brendan Cassidy (1A)  
Tadgh McTiernan (1A<sup>1</sup>)

*Gaeilge*

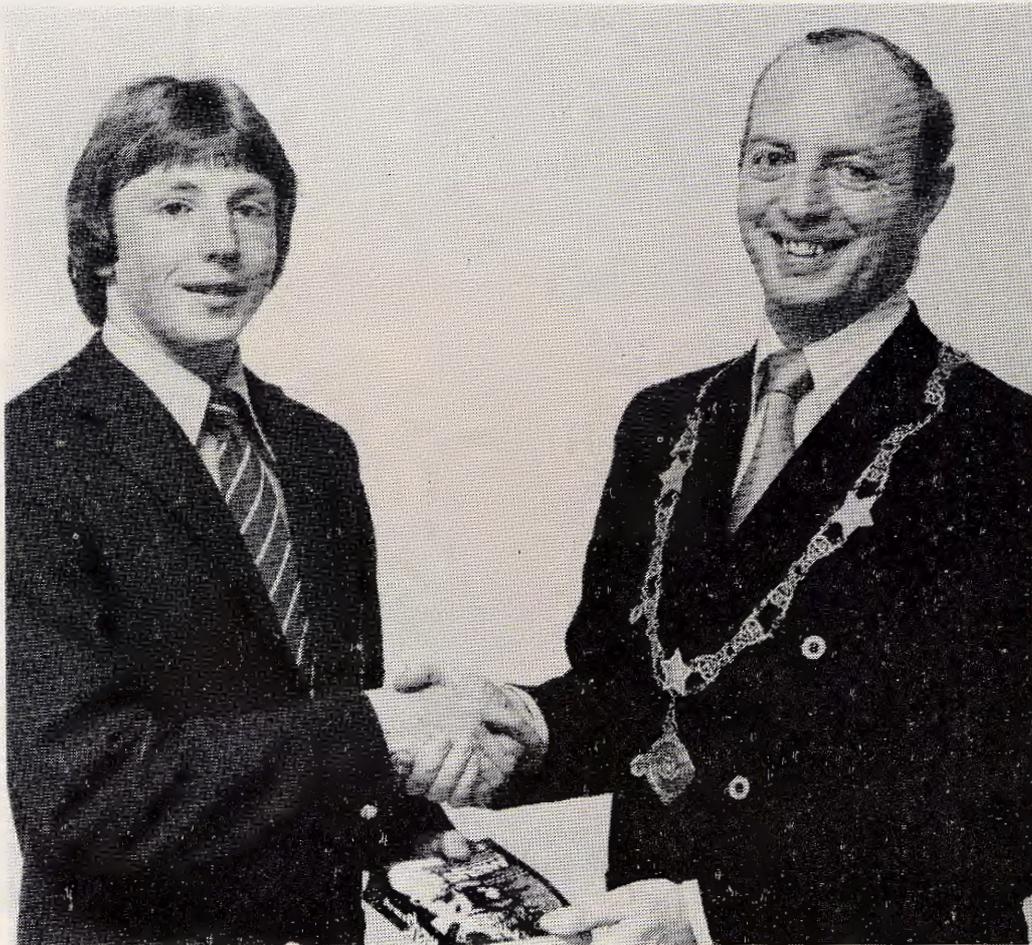
Stephen Gunning (1A)  
Tadgh McTiernan (1A<sup>1</sup>)

*General Knowledge*

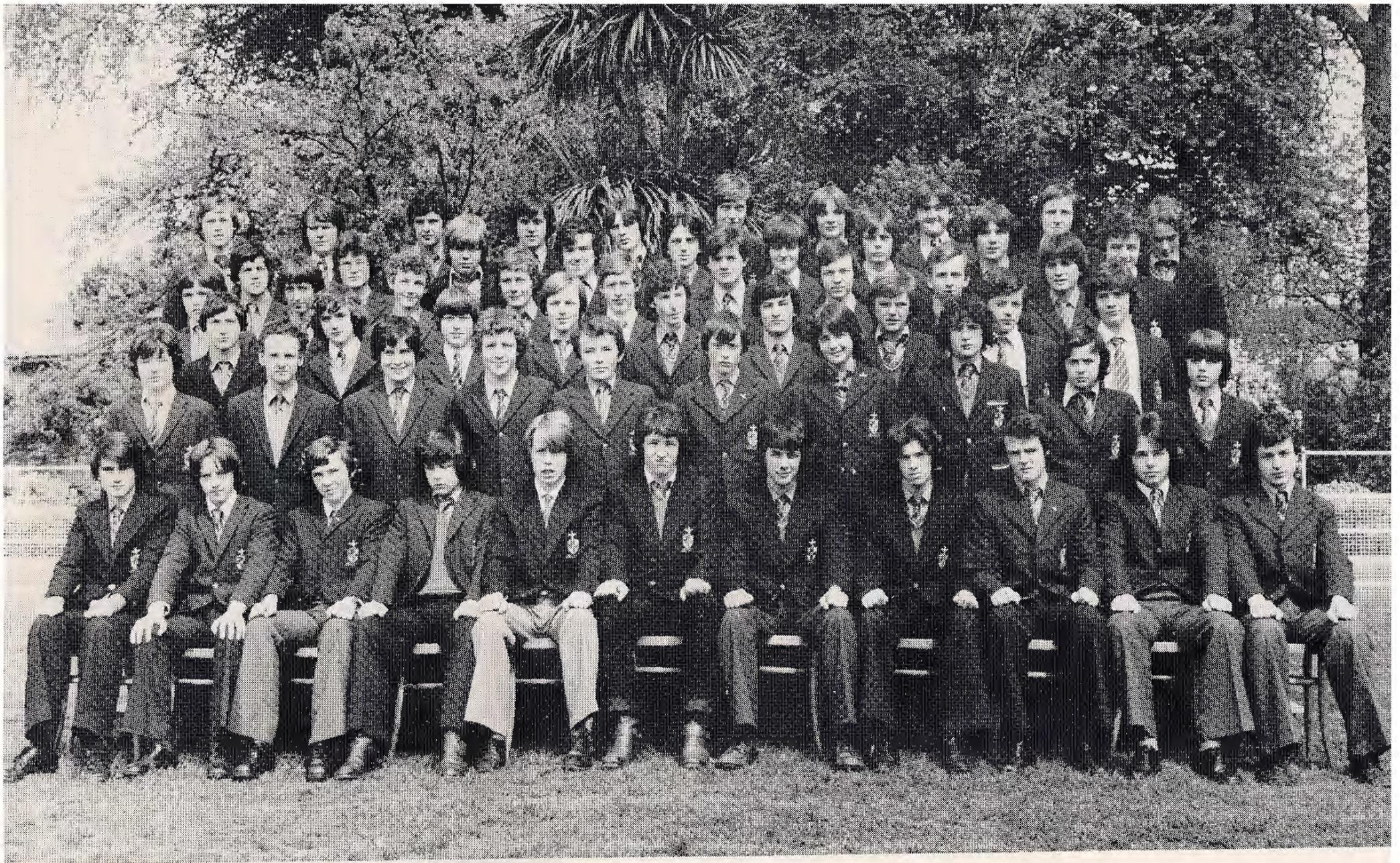
Ian Burgess  
Brendan Cassidy  
James Furlong  
George Reilly  
Timothy Scanlon  
Seamus Yendole

*Honours List*

Kevin Conlon  
Herbert Dennis  
Paul Donovan  
Colm Dunne  
Arthur McCulloch  
Patrick Naughton  
Colm Purcell



David Cogley receiving prize for General Average in 6A from his father Fred Cogley.



#### FOURTH YEAR

*From Top:*

P. Oppermann, G. Fitzpatrick, J. McDonald, M. Leavy, J. Kearney, P. Murray, G. Redmond, P. Barnes, J. McShane, M. Bowe.  
D. Kelly, B. Martin, J. Graham, E. Ambrose, A. Wright, S. Ryan, P. Cassidy, M. Farrell, R. Ougley.  
P. Shaffrey, B. Delany, D. Sweeney, P. O'Reilly, P. Murray, J. Randles, J. Cunningham, F. Conway, J. Sheil.  
D. Tallon, W. Leo, C. Corish, G. Byrne, D. Hammond, I. Farnan, J. Gilsenan, G. Long, S. Cooke.  
S. Drumm, M. McSharry, U. Stephenson, J. Horne, M. Power, S. Daly, R. Mac Donnell, M. Hanna, M. Drumm, Paul O'Reilly.  
F. McDonald, J. Gallagher, P. Bennett, S. Holland, D. Teevan, A. Cowman, M. Sheerin, B. O'Neill, A. McCormack, M. Heffernan, C. Cregan.



Brian O'Connor receives Gold Medal for Excellence in Studies, 6th Year.  
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Brian O'Moore with the Fr. Ernest Farrell Gold Medal for Religion.  
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Silver Medal for Honours List (Sixth Year) presented to Declan Maher.  
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General Excellence in Studies at Inter. Cert. for William Leo.  
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### THIRD YEAR

*From Top:*

D. O'Brien, S. Farrell, M. J. Lynch, N. McEniff, L. O'Flaherty, P. Lucas, D. Kelly, M. Gueret, D. Foley, M. Leo Lynch,  
P. Keenan, R. Meenan, M. Lawler, I. Byrne, L. Branagan, P. McDonald, D. Raftery, N. Gilleese, P. Moylette,  
J. Hassett, E. O'Doherty, J. Woods, J. McGann, E. Byrne, V. Traynor, E. Coveney, S. Byrne, J. Walsh, D. Gallagher,  
N. Cogley, C. Cooke, K. Robins, P. Kelly, P. Donnelly, D. Fagan, N. Randles, P. Leahy, E. Brophy, J. Fitzgerald, M. Redmond,  
J. Nolan, P. Brooder, P. Cosgrove, A. Digby, A. Breathnach, G. Cremin, R. McSharry, P. O'Neill, R. Burgess, M. Crofts,  
P. Barry, L. Byrne, M. Bowe, R. Russell, E. Quinn, J. Burke-Moran, A. Horne, K. O'Flanagan, M. Kearney, M. Murphy, C. Rice.

# SENIOR SCHOOL ROLL 1977-78

## SIX A

Black, Peter  
Bowe, Paul  
Butt, David  
Byrne, Gareth  
Cogley, David  
Connell, Liam  
Curtis, Cathal  
Dunne, Geoffrey  
Fanagan, Stephen

Fitzgerald, Peter  
Fitzpatrick, Joseph  
Healy, Mark  
Heaney, Brian  
Hughes, Mark  
Kerrigan, Paul  
Larney, David  
Leahy, Brian  
Levins, Colin

Lynch, Timothy  
Mackey, Patrick  
Maher, Declan  
Moylette, David  
McCarthy, Patrick  
McDonald, Stephen  
McNally, Brendan  
McShane, Peter  
O'Brien, Thomas

O'Connell, Timothy  
O'Connor, Brian  
O'Kane, Cian  
O'Moore, Brian  
Russell, Christopher  
Sheehan, Brian  
Sirr, Peter  
Thornton, Paul

## SIX A<sup>1</sup>

Armstrong, Edmund  
Birmingham, Kieran  
Byrne, Brian  
Byrne, Diarmuid  
Coffey, Barry  
Corrigan, Peter  
Crosbie, Michael

Dean, Paul  
Doyle, James  
Dunn, Ian  
Graham, Peter  
Horne, Frank  
Kelly, Aidan  
Largey, Brendan

Leahy, Aidan  
Lynch, Patrick  
Mulvey, Peter  
Murphy, David  
McCarthy, Stephen  
MacDonnell, Philip  
O'Connor, John

O'Doherty, Donagh  
O'Reilly, Kevin  
Quigley, Conor  
Redmond, Barry  
Sloan, Carl  
Tannam, Lorcan  
Waldron, John

## FIVE A

Ambrose, John  
Bennett, David  
Bennett, Jonathan  
Blunden, Patrick  
Booth, Brian  
Byrne, Richard  
Cassidy, Conal  
Cleary, Thomas

Cosgrove, Mark  
Crowe, Morgan  
Darby, Declan  
Delany, Hugh  
Devlin, Philip  
Donnelly, Stephen  
Dooley, Michael  
Doyle, Colm

Egan, Derek  
Ellison, David  
Farrell, Alan  
Fearon, Raymond  
Figgis, Daniel  
Fleming, David  
Gallagher, Paul  
Gannon, Kenneth

Gannon, Michael  
Gilligan, Donal  
Gowran, Martin  
Gray, Thomas  
Harrington, Niall  
Hartigan, John  
Keane, Colin  
Kerrigan, Fergus

## FIVE A<sup>1</sup>

Kerrigan, David  
Kinsella, Geoffrey  
Larney, John  
Lennon, Gary  
Leo, Richard  
Loneragan, Patrick  
Maguire, Shane

Maguire, William  
Martin, Neil  
Muldoon, Stephen  
Mulvihill, Conal  
Murray, Frank  
McGrath, Paul  
McGrath, Stephen

O'Connor, Charles  
O'Sullivan, Owen  
Redahan, Cormac  
Robins, Eunan  
Ronayne, Mark  
Russell, Arthur  
Ryan, Kenneth

Sheehan, Declan  
Stephenson, Patrick  
Walshe, Philip  
Ward, John  
Whelan, Andrew

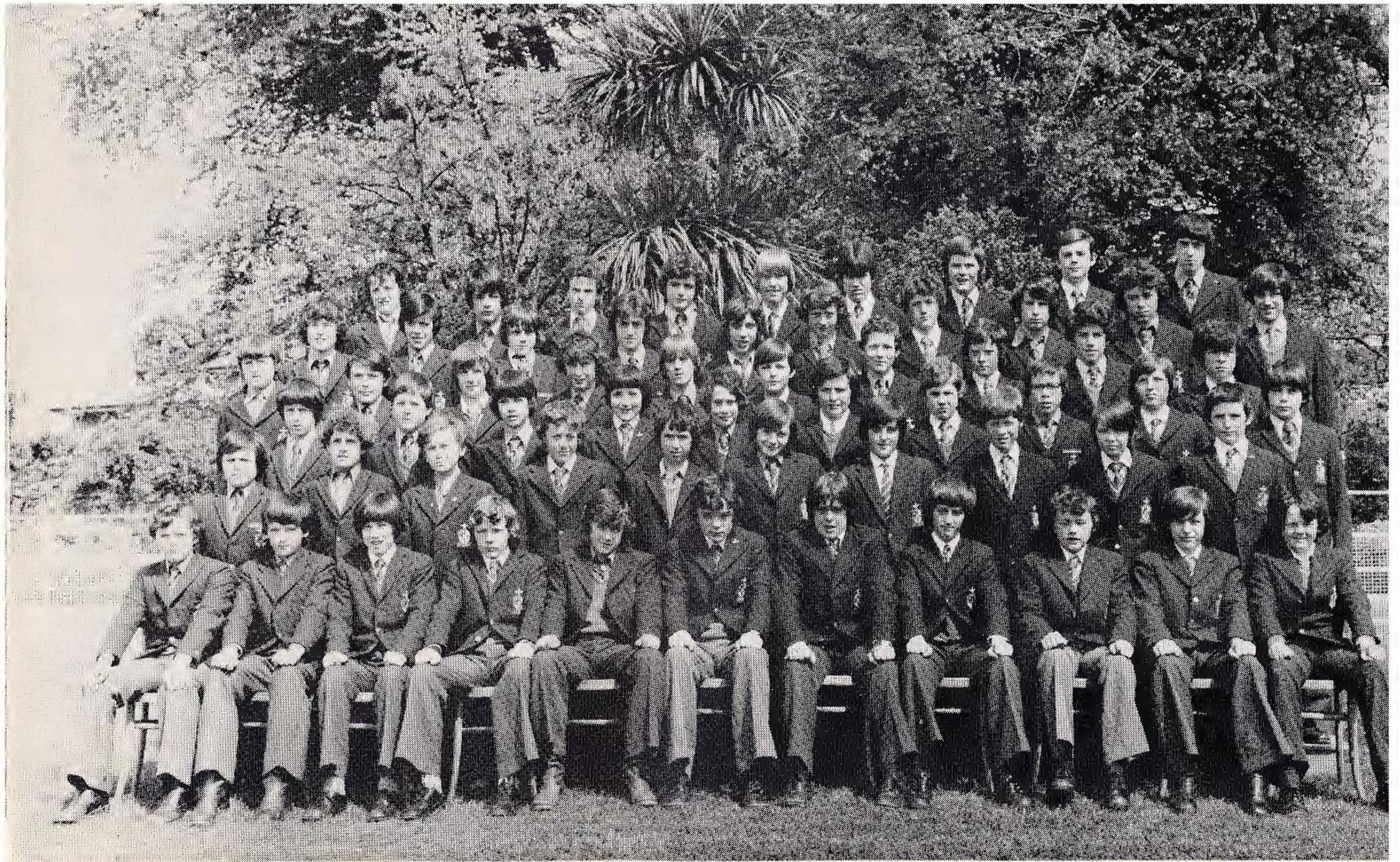
## FOUR A

Ambrose, Eamonn  
Barnes, Paul  
Bowe, Michael  
Cassidy, Paul  
Cooke, Shane  
Corish, Colman  
Cregan, Conor  
Cunningham, Joseph  
Drumm, Michael

Drumm, Stephen  
Fitzpatrick, Gerard  
Gallagher, John  
Gilsenan, John  
Graham, James  
Hanna, Michael  
Heffernan, Mark  
Holland, Sean  
Horne, Junius

Hughes, Kevin  
Leo, William  
Long, Gary  
McDonald, Fintan  
McShane, James  
Martin, Barry  
Murray, Paul  
O'Reilly, Peter  
O'Reilly, Paul

Power, Michael  
Redmond, Gerard  
Sheering, Michael  
Sheil, John  
Stephenson, Ulton  
Sweeney, Derek  
Tallon, David  
Teevan, David  
Wright, Alan



## SECOND YEAR

*From Top:*

K. Regan M. McSweeney, C. McSharry, P. Hartigan, J. Kildea, M. McCarthy, R. Hughes, J. Keogh, M. Geraghty,  
J. O'Connell, G. Clifford, D. McCarthy, C. Tiernan, F. Sheerin, J. Nolan, C. Budds, E. Flanagan, D. Byrne, B. Roantree,  
M. McGovern, R. Power, P. Ronaldson, H. Stephenson, P. Dunne, A. Byrne, B. Hanratty, C. Murphy, P. McCarthy, N. Donnelly,  
A. Delany, P. Mac Giolla Riogh, J. Russell, R. Geoghegan, D. Delaney, G. Graham, L. Conlon, D. O'Kane, J. P. Farrell, J. Kennedy,  
K. Cregan, S. McCabe, J. Dwan, P. Briddock, C. Delaney, B. Ward, M. Byrne, L. Lynch, R. Heron, M. Hanley,  
R. Cousins, W. Foley, S. Farnan, J. Blunden, D. Cantwell, D. O'Byrne, A. Moloney, P. Gray, R. Murray, D. Watts.

#### FOUR A<sup>1</sup>

Bennett, Paul  
Byrne, Gary  
Conway, Fergus  
Cowman, Andrew  
Daly, Shane  
Delany, Brian

Farnan, Ian  
Farrell, Malachy  
Hammond, Darragh  
Kearney, John  
Kelly, Darragh  
Leavy, John

Leavy, Martin  
McCormack, Anthony  
McDonald, John  
McDonnell, Rowan  
McSharry, Michael  
Murray, Philip

O'Neill, Brian  
Opperman, Peter  
Quigley, Rory  
Randles, John  
Ryan, Stephen  
Shaffrey, Philip

#### THREE A

Bowe, Mark  
Breathnach, Aodhan  
Burgess, Ronan  
Byrne, Edward  
Byrne, Ian  
Byrne, Liam  
Byrne, Shane  
Cogley, Niall  
Cooke, Conor

Cosgrove, Peter  
Coveney, Eamonn  
Fitzgerald, John  
Foley, Desmond  
Gallagher, Dermot  
Gueret, Maurice  
Hassett, John  
Kearney, Mark  
Keenan, Pdraig

Kirk, David  
Lawler, Mark  
Leahy, Patrick  
Lucas, Paul  
McEniff, Niall  
McGann, John  
Nolan, John  
O'Doherty, Ewan  
O'Flaherty, Liam

O'Flanagan, Karl  
Rafferty, David  
Redmond, Mark  
Robins, Killian  
Russell, Robert  
Walsh, James

#### THREE A<sup>1</sup>

Barry, Patrick  
Branagan, Leslie  
Burke-Moran, John  
Brooder, Paul  
Brophy, Eamon  
Cremin, Gareth  
Crofts, Martin  
Digby, Anthony

Donnelly, Philip  
Fagan, Desmond  
Farrell, Shane  
Gilleese, Noel  
Gogan, Troy  
Horne, Andrew  
Kelly, David  
Kelly, Paul

Lynch, Michael J.  
Lynch, Michael L.  
McDonald, Paul  
McSharry, Ruaidhri  
Meenan, Roy  
Moylette, Paul  
Murphy, Martin  
O'Brien, David

O'Flanagan, Aidan  
O'Neill, Pdraig  
Quinn, Eoin  
Randles, Nicholas  
Rice, Conan  
Traynor, Vincent  
Woods, John

#### TWO A

Blunden, John  
Briddock, Paul  
Browne, Francis  
Budds, Conan  
Byrne, Alan  
Byrne, Denis  
Byrne, Mark  
Cantwell, David

Clifford, Gerard  
Conlon, Louis  
Cousins, Brian  
Cregan, Killian  
Delaney, Conor  
Delaney, David  
Delany, Alan  
Donnelly, Nollaig

Dunne, Paul  
Dwan, John  
Farnan, Simon  
Farrell, John P.  
Flanagan, Eamonn  
Foley, William  
Geoghegan, Roderick  
Geraghty, Michael

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Hughes, Ronan

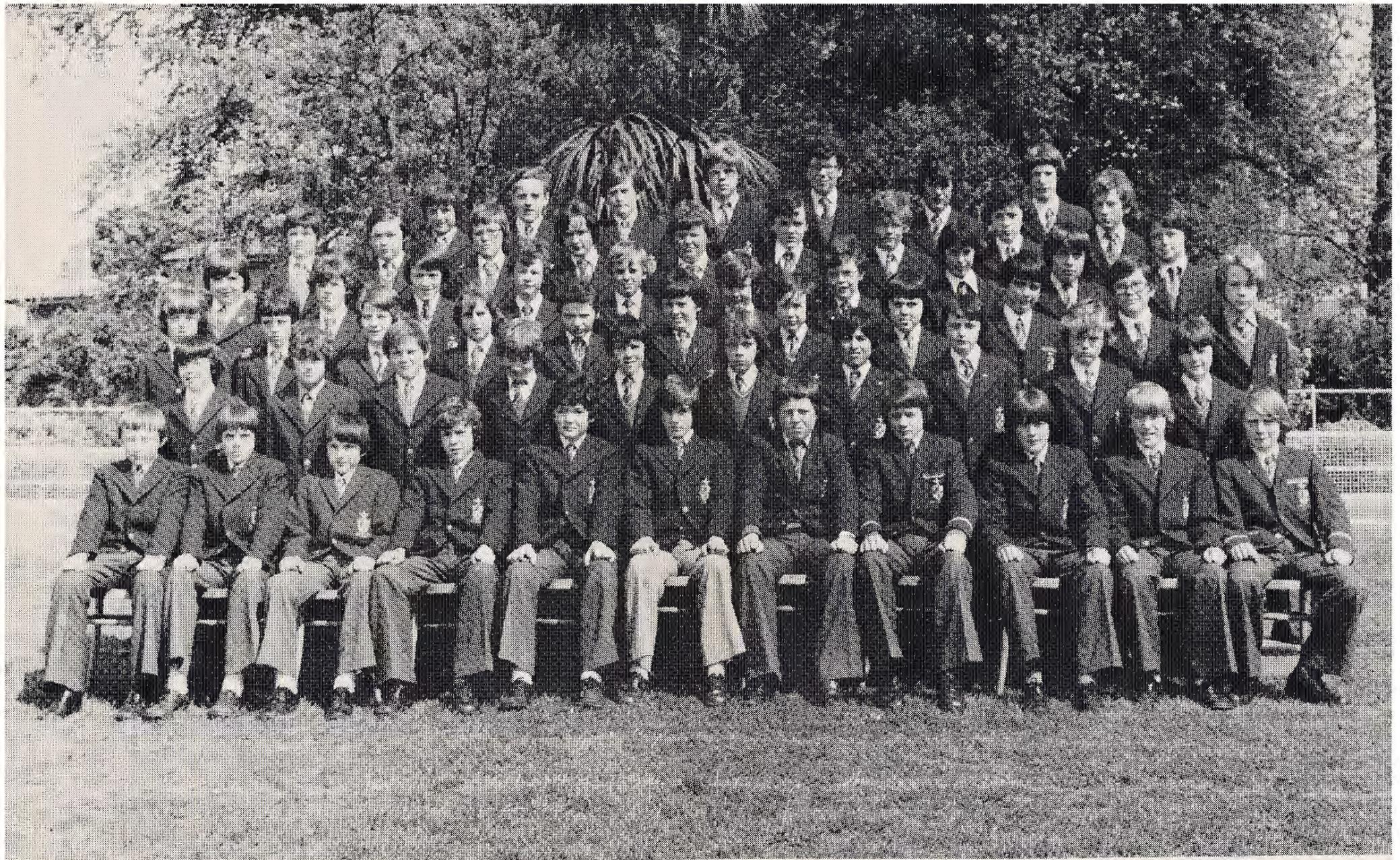
#### TWO A<sup>1</sup>

Kennedy, John  
Keogh, John  
Kildea, Joseph  
Lynch, Leonard  
McCabe, Shane  
McCarthy, Desmond  
McCarthy, Patrick  
McCarthy, Michael

Mac Giolla Rioch, P.  
McGovern, Mark  
McSharry, Ciaran  
McSweeney, Mark  
Moloney, Aonghus  
Murphy, Conor  
Murray, Robert  
Nolan, John

O'Byrne, Paul  
O'Connell, John  
O'Kane, Donal  
Power, Raymond  
Quigley, Dermot  
Quinlan, Michael  
Regan, Kenneth  
Roantree, Brian

Ronaldson, Patrick  
Russell, John  
Sheerin, Fintan  
Stephenson, Hugh  
Tiernan, Cornelius  
Ward, Brendan  
Watts, David



#### FIRST YEAR

*From Top:*

B. Gilsean, J. Furlong, W. Black, R. Teevan, B. Cassidy, G. Morris, T. Millar.  
H. Dennis, M. O'Neill, C. Heslin, P. Byrne, R. Moran, S. Tee, G. Cross, C. Dunne, I. Donnelly.  
A. Lennon, A. McCulloch, M. McDonnell, P. Donovan, A. McEvoy, D. O'Sullivan, T. McTiernan, B. Booth, D. O'Hora, J. Goldrick.  
P. Naughton, M. Hession, D. Tynan, K. Cahalane, G. Maher, R. Crofts, G. Cosgrove, B. Bardin, L. Lynch, H. Mullan, N. Harnett.  
C. Russell, J. Carvill, I. Burgess, K. Nolan, S. Yendole, P. Figgis, L. Avramidis, G. Trant, G. Reilly, M. Watts.  
T. Scanlon, A. Behan, C. Maher, P. McGann, S. Gunning, C. Purcell, G. Hassett, K. Conlon, D. Montague, J. Fearon, R. O'Connor.

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Avramidis, Leon  
Bardin, Brian  
Behan, Andrew J.  
Black, William  
Booth, Barry  
Burgess, Ian  
Byrne, Peter  
Cahalane, Kevin

Carvill, John  
Cassidy, Brendan  
Conlon, Kevin  
Cosgrave, Gary  
Crofts, Richard  
Cross, Gerard  
Dennis, Herbert  
Donnelly, Ian

Donovan, Paul  
Dunne, Colm  
Fearon, James J.  
Figgis, Peter  
Furlong, James  
Gilsenan, Brian J.  
Goldrick, John  
Gunning, Stephen

Hartnett, Niall  
Hassett, Gerald  
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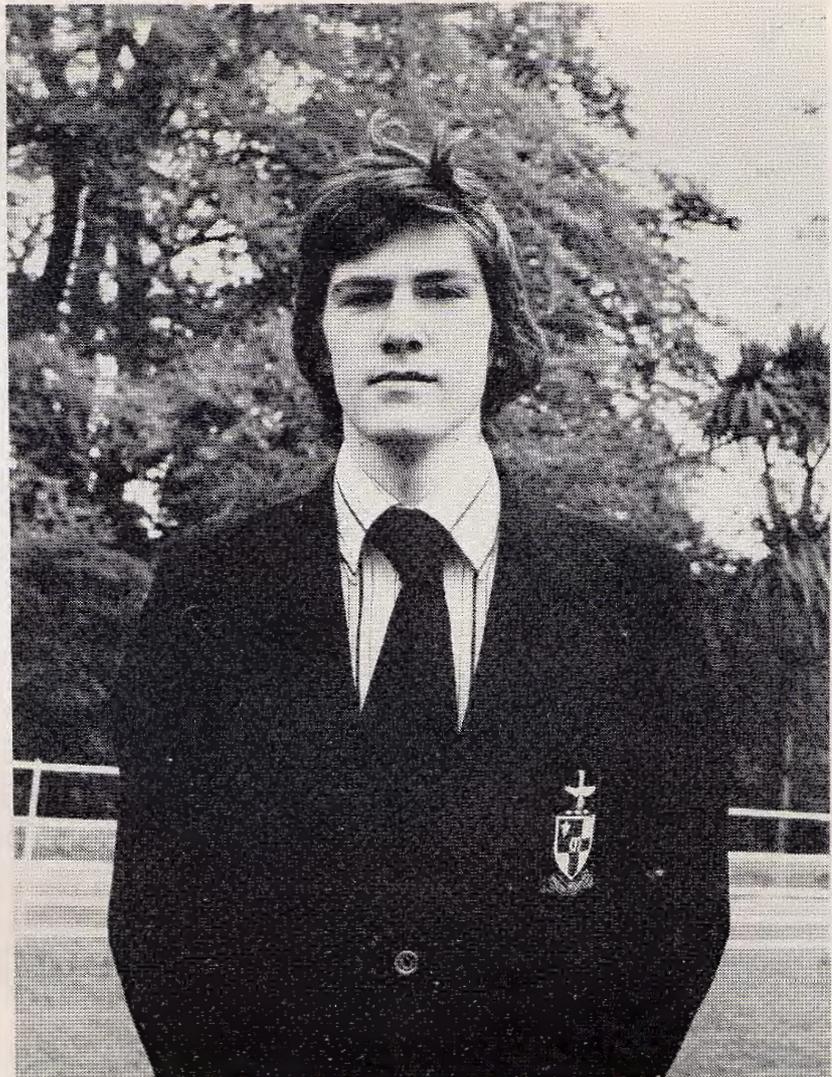
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Maher, Ciaran  
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Millar, Thomas  
Montague, David  
Moran, Ruairi  
Morris, Gerard P.  
Mullen, Hugh  
Murray, David J.

McCulloch, Arthur  
MacDonnell, Michael  
McEvoy, Arthur  
McGann, Paul  
McTiernan, Tadhg  
Naughton, Patrick  
Nolan, Karl  
O'Connor, Robert

O'Hora, Declan  
O'Neill, Michael  
O'Sullivan, Declan  
Purcell, Conor  
Reilly, George  
Russell, Charles  
Scanlon, Timothy  
Tee, Stephen

Teevan, Roger  
Trant, Garrett J.  
Tynan, David  
Watts, Martin  
Wigglesworth, Martin  
Yendole, Seamus



SCHOOL CAPTAIN  
1977-78  
GARETH BYRNE

## ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has had another successful year with a greater number of people taking to the floor to speak. Although we were not victorious in all our debates, it must be said that both speakers and audience found plenty of interesting and entertaining rhetoric. We began in September with a debate against Beauford on the motion that "The days of creativity are numbered". We scored a victory in our first debate.

Many other debates were held during the first term, a number of them were competitive ones. In late October we were competing in the Muintir na Tire competition. William Maguire, Tim O'Connell and Brian O'Moore spoke for the motion that "The Irish mass media performs a worthwhile function". Brian O'Moore qualified for the Leinster

Final as an individual speaker. Early November saw us in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Competition debating against Eccles St., Brian O'Moore, William Maguire and Patrick Stephenson spoke against the motion that "The Irish educational system does not respond to the requirements of this technological age". They won. Then Brian O'Moore and Tim O'Connell competed in the Trinity College Debating Society Competition. The motion was that "Education must be secularized". Each spoke on opposite sides of the motion and both qualified for the next round.

Throughout the term "friendlies" were held against Loreto College on the Green, Mount Anville, Beauford and Presentation Convent, Terenure. Among the many speakers were Connell Mulvihill, Cormac Redahan, Peter



Brian O'Moore receives the Edmund Burke Memorial Trophy from Bank of Ireland P.R.O. watched by Peter Charleton, a Past Pupil, Auditor of the Trinity Historical Society.

Sirr, David Larney, Declan Sheehan, John Larney, Tom Gray, Donal Gilligan, Fergus Kerrigan and Daniel Figgis. As the term drew to an end we had a team in the semi-final of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Debating Society. Tom Gray, Pat Stephenson, Brian O'Moore and Ultan Stephenson opposed the motion "That Irishmen are fashion conscious". They failed to qualify for the final.

In early February Brian O'Moore and Tim O'Connell were involved in the semi-final of the T.C.D. competition. Brian O'Moore won and qualified for the final. We were very proud when Brian O'Moore won the National Final of the T.C.D. Debating Competition. He spoke for the motion "That divorce is a threat to Irish Society".

Meanwhile the "friendlies" continued with debates against Mount Anville, Loreto on the Green, St. Louis, Rathmines, Notre Dame des Mission and Our Lady's. The motions were wide and varied and each debate was

enjoyed by the speakers and the audience. The final debate of the year was bilingual against Our Lady's. On each team there were two speakers from each school and two of the team spoke in Irish on the motion "That this house demands immediate Irish unity". William Maguire and Declan Sheehan defended the motion while Patrick Stephenson and Mark Cosgrove opposed. The motion was carried by a majority of three.

In all a very successful year but it could not have been so without the kind help of Mr. Sean McCarthy and the generous co-operation and interest shown by Rev. Fr. J. Godfrey C.S.Sp. To both of them we extend our sincere gratitude. And we hope that the coming year will see equal interest and success in debating as we have had in the past year.

Declan Sheehan  
Secretary



#### SENIOR SCHOOL PREFECTS

P. McCarthy, E. Armstrong, B. O'Moore, I. Dunn, P. Kerrigan, S. Fanagan.  
T. O'Connell, G. Dunne, G. Byrne, P. Thornton, M. Hughes.

# CHARLEY'S AUNT

by

BRANDON THOMAS

Jack Chesney	<i>William Maguire</i>
Brasset	<i>David Butt</i>
Charley Wykeham	<i>Cormac Redahan</i>
Lord Fancourt Babberley	<i>Declan Sheehan</i>
Kitty Verdun	<i>Edward Byrne</i>
Amy Spettigue	<i>Eamonn Brophy</i>
Colonel Sir Francis Chesney	<i>Edmund Armstrong</i>
Stephen Spettigue	<i>Michael Crosbie</i>
Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez	<i>John Keogh</i>
Ela	<i>Patrick Leahy</i>

Back from the American scene of last year's "Arsenic and Old Lace", we returned to the corridors of Oxford for "Charley's Aunt". The play was produced as Thomas intended, with full script and Victorian stage-background. We had, as usual, to face the difficulties that farce presents to youthful amateurs; tempo, alacrity of diction, split-second timing, subtleties of interpretation and smoothness of movement.

Our team was a good one. Declan Sheehan as Lord Fancourt and the "Aunt", Cormac Redahan as Charley and Bill Maguire as Jack had little adjustment to make from the halls of St. Mary's to the corridors of Oxford. Bill Maguire made Jack the inspirer of all the ludicrous mischief while Cormac Redahan fitted in well, timidly treading his way from one crisis to another, as a natural foil to the optimistic Jack. Declan made an excellent, Jeeves like, interpretation of Brasset ably aided by Eddie Armstrong as the forceful Colonel and Michael Crosbie as the crabbed Stephen Spettigue. There was nothing lacking in our male cast of "Charley's Aunt".

Our "ladies" were voted the best looking "girls" ever made up in College productions. Eddie Byrne's tantalising 'Mona Lisa' smile as Kitty gave credence to the part while Eamonn

Brophy as the gentle, reserved Amy found ample outlet for his talent in a fine portrayal of the part. Pat Leahy as Ela lived up to her description as "the sweetest little girl you ever saw". To John Keogh fell the part of the real aunt and portrayed well the wealthy, cultured, graceful Donna Lucia who has a playful sense of humour.

Once again much credit must go to the behind-the-scenes people. Our stage manager, Conal Mulvihill with helpers, Alan Farrell, John Ambrose, Mark Gowran, John Larney and David Murphy, worked hard to provide three full sets with all the details of furniture and props. Incidental music and sound effects were controlled by Owen O'Sullivan. The stage lighting was admirably efficient in the hands of Eamon Ambrose, Ultan Stephenson and Alan Wright.

Our faithful friends, Mrs. K. Duff, Mrs. D. Smyth, Mrs. M. Traynor along with Mr. Gillespie, Mr. O'Shea and Mr. Walsh showed us how, with make up, a teenager can be transformed into an adult or a beautiful 'girl'. Wigs were by Peter Mark of Grafton Street and the beautiful costumes supplied by Bourke of Dame Street. When the curtain rang down on "Charley's Aunt", we felt that Brandon Thomas would have been pleased.

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- A Jack plots with Lord Fancourt.
  - B Jack makes a point to Kitty.
  - C A surprise for Donna Lucia
  - D Wonder in the air for Brasset, Kitty, Charley, Lord Fancourt and Jack.
  - E Charley, Sir Francis, Lord Fancourt, Jack, Spettigue and Brasset ready for curtain call.
  - F Jack, Brasset and Charley seeking a compromise.
  - G Charley in conversation with Amy.
  - H Ela, Amy, Donna Lucia and Kitty pose before curtain up.
  - I Sir Francis pleads with Donna Lucia.



# SCOUTING

*The 6th/7th/8th Dublin Unit, C.B.S.I.*

Unit Leader: T. Dalton      Chaplain: Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp.

*6th Troop*

S/L: T. Shanahan. Assistants: J. Morris, B. Sullivan, M. Thornton

*7th Troop*

S/L: S. Sheehan. Assistants: G. Coughlan, T. Pacitti

*8th Troop*

S/L: P. Shaffrey. Assistants: J. Keogh, B. Quigley

*Venturers*

V/L: G. McDonald. Assistant: R. Sloan

*Cub Pack*

C/L: E. Redahan. Assistants: A. Costello, D. Davis, I. Delany, M. McDonald, S. Mulcahy

Like scouting in Ireland today, the College Unit had rapid expansion not only in membership but also in projects launched during the past year. We had another successful year with a membership of 180 in the Cub, Scout and Venturer sections. Fortunately the resulting demands on the time and leisure of leaders were met from within and outside our ranks.

Eoin Redahan became new Cub Leader succeeding Pat Shaffrey who moved to the Scout section. Eoin was joined by young lady and men assistants which was very successful and led to a more varied and thoughtful programme for the cubs. The Bronze, Silver and Golden Arrow Test continued as did the Link Badge Scheme introduced last year. There were the usual hikes and tours and the annual picnic which this year had atrocious weather and activities had to be curtailed. The Cub Camp was held in Clongowes Wood College and was the usual great success.

Following the Golden Jubilee Camp at Mount Mellary last year, the three Scout Troops began the year with great enthusiasm and broadened horizons. We took part in the National Orienteering Camp held in the Wicklow Mountains in September while the Sixth Troop travelled to Navan in October for a four day camp. As usual the Unit was well represented at regional events such as campfires, scoutcraft and quiz competitions. Come Christmas the 7th and 8th were hostelling at Aghavannagh in Wicklow while the 6th travelled to Foulkrath Castle in Co. Kilkenny.

After Christmas plans were made for the

annual camp by each Troop. The 6th decided to travel to Guernsey where they also made a trip to the Island of Sark. The 7th were very ambitious in planning to camp near Nuremberg at the invitation of the German Troop which had "twinned" with them last year at Mount Mellary. An enormous fund raising operation was set in motion with the formation of a Parents Committee whose hard work and inventiveness were well rewarded.

The 8th went to the International Camp at Woodstock, Co. Kilkenny and there had the opportunity of meeting some of the Swedish scouts they had stayed with while in Stockholm last year.

The Venturers have grown considerably over the last couple of years and have now been divided into two streams. They had many outings, among them the National Ventact weekend in October and hostelling trips to Wicklow. They had two separate summer camps, one in Co. Kerry and the other at Woodstock, Co. Kilkenny. They must also be thanked for their support to the other sections under our leader training scheme.

The Unit had a very active year, one which placed great demands on the time and abilities of the leaders, parents and boys. Thankfully we were all equal to the task and we all came through the year with our own memories and a sense of achievement. We hope we will always want to see the "other side of the mountain" and have the spirit and ability to get there.

T. Dalton

## 6th Troop Camp in Guernsey '78

The venue for our Summer camp this year was "sunny" Guernsey. It is the second largest of the Channel Islands situated off the coast of France. It was to be the 3rd annual camp of the 6th troop.

After much preparation the big day came. It was Tuesday morning the 27th June as the 6th Dublin troop assembled at Dunlaoire at 7.30 a.m. to take a day sailing to Holyhead. We arrived there at 12.15 and proceeded on our way to Portsmouth some 300 miles away with one break in South Wales for dinner. We arrived there at 10.50 for the 11 o'clock boat. Our boat's engine broke down and we arrived in Guernsey at 8.30 a.m. — 2½ hours late. There were thousands of people assembled in the harbour and a 21 gun salute given as we entered the harbour. The Queen was waiting out in the bay! We waited around for her to come in but after awhile we left for our camp site in the back of a lorry with all our equipment.

The first few days were taken up with setting up camp and getting to know the district. We had a small outing into the local town St. Peter Port on the Thursday. We were given a project which consisted of questions about the island which we had to go and find out about.

The weather was not living up to our expectations, it was dry with very little sun. One or two days were good. On the patrol outings we found out about a Go-Kart track which most of us made a visit to.

The troop outing was to the island of Sark where we went on the Tuesday. A lot of scouts hired bikes and saw how the people managed without cars. It was a very small island. By now the days were getting fewer and fewer. I must not forget to mention the cricket and soccer. The cricket was abolished and the soccer was



A Leader, Pat Shaffrey joins Johnnie Woods, Brian Gilsenan, Robert Davitt and Michael O'Neill for a meal.

B Martin Murphy, Malachy Farrell and Hugh Stephenson prepare a meal.

C Arthur McEvoy flips a pancake watched by Paul Norris and Bill Foley.

D John Thornton and Pat Leahy slice meat while behind them John Burke Moran chops wood.



won by the Foxes led by Michael Sheerin. Wednesday was the P.L.s outing when the A.P.L.s took over. The Treasure Hunt that day was won by the 'Reindeers'. The battle was beginning now for 1st place in the Patrol competition and it was eventually won by the Reindeers led by John Brennan but the marks were very close between 1st and 5th.

On Friday morning we were all packed up and ready to go at 10 o'clock and final inspection was done by Johnny Morris and Bryan Sullivan. We arrived in St. Peter Port in plenty of time for the boat. We had more engine trouble and were two hours late getting to Portsmouth. We had now come to the conclusion we would miss the Holyhead boat. We drove straight there with one stop at Birmingham about 1 a.m. We arrived in Holyhead at 6 a.m. — 3 hours late for one boat and 9 hours early for another! We arrived in Dunlaoire safe and sound at 6.30 p.m.

Our thanks must go to our Chaplain Fr. D. Darcy and our Scout Master Tom Shanahan and to all his assistants who took such good care of us all during the course of our trip.

Pat Leahy,  
P.L. Cheetah Patrol.

## 7th Troop Camp in Bavaria

This year the 7th Troop went on camp hoping for fun, adventure and friendship. In fact we experienced something quite beyond our expectations.

A German Troop, composed of scouts from several different troops of the Diocese of Bamberg of the D.P.S.G. in return for last year's camp, Jamborora '77, invited us over for ten days of camping and seven days of home

- A A group at the S.A.I. Jamboree at Woodstock.  
 B Group on camp at the East German Border.  
 C Leaders, Stephen Sheehan and Gerry Coughlan with some scouts at the East German Border.  
 D A hearty meal on the Nuremburg site.

hospitality. The camp was to take place at Linderberg, a campsite near Ebermannstadt. The latter is situated in Franconia, a region of Bavaria in Southern Germany. We departed from Dublin Airport early on the morning of Friday 28th July. Arriving in Frankfurt, we went by coach to Lindersberg where we received a very warm welcome from the German troop. The short opening ceremony ensued. The setting up of camp began that evening and was completed the following day.

Activities off the campsite included caving, pot-holing and mountaineering. The caves we visited on Sunday and Monday were situated in some nearby mountains. A guide accompanied us and inside the caves he pointed out interesting and strangely beautiful rock formations. The same guide took three different groups of six scouts pot-holing on Tuesday. None of us had ever had the opportunity before and those who went thoroughly enjoyed the new experience. Equally thrilling, exciting and new to most of us was the mountaineering on Sunday and Monday. One of the German leaders brought us to some nearby cliff faces where we attempted some very difficult and frightening climbing.

Another great activity was the overnight hike. The two troops were divided into patrols consisting of eight members — four Irish with their German partners. Special army rations were handed out to each scout to last him for four meals, lunch and dinner on Thursday and breakfast and lunch on Friday. Each patrol was given a different route and questionnaire to fill out on the hike. The hike proved very successful and we learned a great deal concerning the Franconian countryside and its people.

'On the site activities' included the 'workshop'. Here the troops broke up into groups and made various objects with leather, nails and thread, plaster of Paris, dyes, wool and copper which were to be displayed at Ebermannstadt during the festival. A wide game on Sunday was enjoyable. On Monday evening two films were shown. On Sunday 6th August we went to Burg Feuerstein where we had a crazy sports and our troop beat the Germans 2-0 in a soccer game while a scouts-leaders match ended 3-3. There were in addition two folk concerts which were most entertaining. On both Sundays we celebrated Mass in folk-style, one on the site in German and English, the other at Burg Feuerstein with 200 other young Germans.

There was too a tour to Kronach, a very old town with history dating back to the middle ages. The morning was spent at the castle and in the afternoon we went on to the East German

border where our presence seemed to cause a bit of a stir for the East German patrol guards. The open day took place on Saturday 5th. All morning was spent preparing stalls for a festival in Ebermannstadt. We then paraded down to the town on tractor drawn trailers making as much noise as possible. In the town we were joined by a brass-band. We proceeded to the Rathaus i.e. the Town Hall, where we were very graciously received by the Mayor. Afterwards our stalls and workshop displays were set up in the town square where eight of us showed what Irish dancing was all about.

On Monday 7th the camp ended and the home-hospitality began. The closing ceremony was held in the rain as the weather took a turn for the worse. For the home hospitality each scout was paired with a German and stayed in his home for seven days. We stayed in the towns of Hirschaid and Erlangen and the city of Nürnberg. During this time there were three organised activities, a trip to Munich, one to either Bamberg or Nürnberg and finally a closing ceremony festival was organised by the parents at Hirschaid on Sunday 13th which was attended by the deputy Mayor of that town.

On Monday 14th we left Hirschaid for Frankfurt with the thought that this must have been the troop's best ever camp. The camp was successful in all respects but nothing would have been possible were it not for the tireless dedication and hard work of Stephen Sheehan, Gerry Coghlan, Gerry McDonald and Fr. Darcy who was both officer and chaplain. Thanks is also due in no small measure to the diligent efforts of the Parents' Fund-raising committee without whose efforts the camp would not have been possible. Finally our thanks go to Tony Pacitti for producing a series of three newsletters before camp providing us with important information about the camp, German etc. A word of congratulations is due to Derek Sweeney who led the Buffaloes to victory in the patrol competition.

Mark Redmond,  
*Troop Scribe.*

## 8th Troop Camp at Woodstock

This year the S.A.I. were celebrating seventy years of Scouting and the 8th Troop decided to represent our Unit at their International Jamboree. The area selected for this camp

was the scenic grounds of Woodstock House which is near the village of Inistioge.

Last year the 8th Troop camped in Sweden and a group of Swedish scouts came over for this Jamboree. They stayed with members of our troop for the few days before camp and they were with us when we descended upon Heuston Station to board the train which would take us on our way. The train containing many other scouts arrived at Thomastown and we were driven by coach in the lashing rain to our camp. Unfortunately this weather was to prevail for most of the camp.

We chose our sites, erected our tents and began to build our altar fires and our gadgets. We developed our sites in this way for the rest of the day. We were all glad to get to bed that night as we were exhausted and we looked forward to the events of the next ten days.

At 11.00 the next day the camp was officially opened by the President Dr. Patrick Hillery. Music was provided by the band of the Garda Siochana, a balloon was specially launched together with a flock of pigeons, the flags of the 20 countries participating including the Woodstock flag were hoisted and flown and the Tine Uisnigh, the eternal flame, was lit. The 5,000 scouts present put on their subcamp neckerchiefs.

In the next few days we participated in the great and varied amount of special activities which included Handicrafts, Technology, Scoutcraft, Trailing and Canoeing. On Thursday we had a concert in which "Stepaside" were the main entertainers. The Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, visited the campsite on that day. We had a wide selection of games and sports on Friday in which each member teamed up with members of other troops and each team got to know each other during the afternoon's sport. That evening there was an Inistioge evening

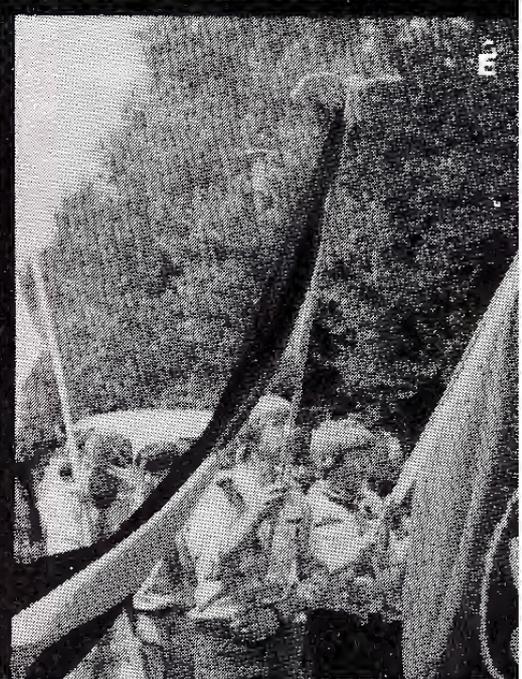
where the villagers of Inistioge visited the campsite. The main event next day was the Aonach Carmain, the International Fair. The scouts dressed up as Vikings and Celts and visited the various stalls provided by the different troops using paper money to pay their way. There were many great activities at the Fair including darts, pancake selling, German and Austrian savouries etc. The next day the camp was invaded by over 1,500 Cub Scouts and there was a ceilidh that evening. Over the weekend thousands of visitors flooded into the camp.

On the next two days the hikes took place. The Senior Scouts hiked up the Blackstairs Mountains while the rest hiked around Brandon Hill. Some of the seniors camped overnight in a bivouac. There was an exhibition of hurling in the village of Inistioge on Monday evening and a concert with the pop group Spud on Tuesday. On the Wednesday the P.L.s had their outing in the village of Inistioge. In the evening the closing ceremony and farewell campfires took place and to round off the evening a magnificent fireworks display took place which was organised by the people who ran the fireworks display at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations in Windsor Castle.

The next day we began to break camp and we brought our rucksacks, tents and equipment to the coaches that afternoon. The patrol competition was won by the Hawks under Rory Quigley with V. Traynor's Badgers second. The coaches took us to Thomastown where we joined the train. We arrived at Heuston Station at 11.00 p.m. We were exhausted, a little grubby but very pleased with a camp which showed the true spirit of friendship in Scouting which exists throughout the world.

Mark Lawler,  
*P.L. Wolves.*

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- A Group leaving Dublin Airport for Frankfurt.
  - B A picture of the Group with the Lord Mayor of Ebermannstradt following a reception.
  - C Some of the Group with two German scouts at the East German border.
  - D Mark Redmond, Mark Bowe and Ronan Burgess look at Gerry Coghlan trying his hand at one of the stalls in Ebermannstradt.
  - E German and our Troup on the way to the market in Ebermannstradt.



# St. Mary's College Past Pupils' Union

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The election of *Fred Cogley* as President of the Past Pupils' Union came as no surprise. He has been a Union member for many years and served on the Committee when Dermot O'Sullivan and the late John Harbinson were Presidents and Ray Joyce was Secretary. He also played for the Rugby Club and has been a Club member for many years. He devotes a lot of time to the Union activities and the Committee. He married Madeleine White, sister of Cyril and Des. His two sons, David and Niall are in the Senior School and his two daughters are ardent St. Mary's fans. With his deep interest in both the Union and the Club we know the College Union is in safe, devoted and competent hands.

## Hon. Secretary's Report, 1977-78

Annual Mass for deceased past pupils and professors of the College was held on Sunday, November 6th, 1977 and was well attended by members and their families.

Annual Dinner was again held in the College on November 25th, 1977 and was attended by 134 members, 5 juniors and 17 guests. To mark the occasion of Fr. J. Hurley's departure from St. Mary's a presentation of a cut glass decanter, suitably engraved, was made by the Union.

Annual Dance was again held in Killiney Court Hotel on February 3rd, 1978 attended by 198 members, their wives and guests. An enjoyable evening was had by all and a special word of thanks to Mrs. Brenda Fearon and her ladies' committee for organising Tombola which raised a substantial sum of money.

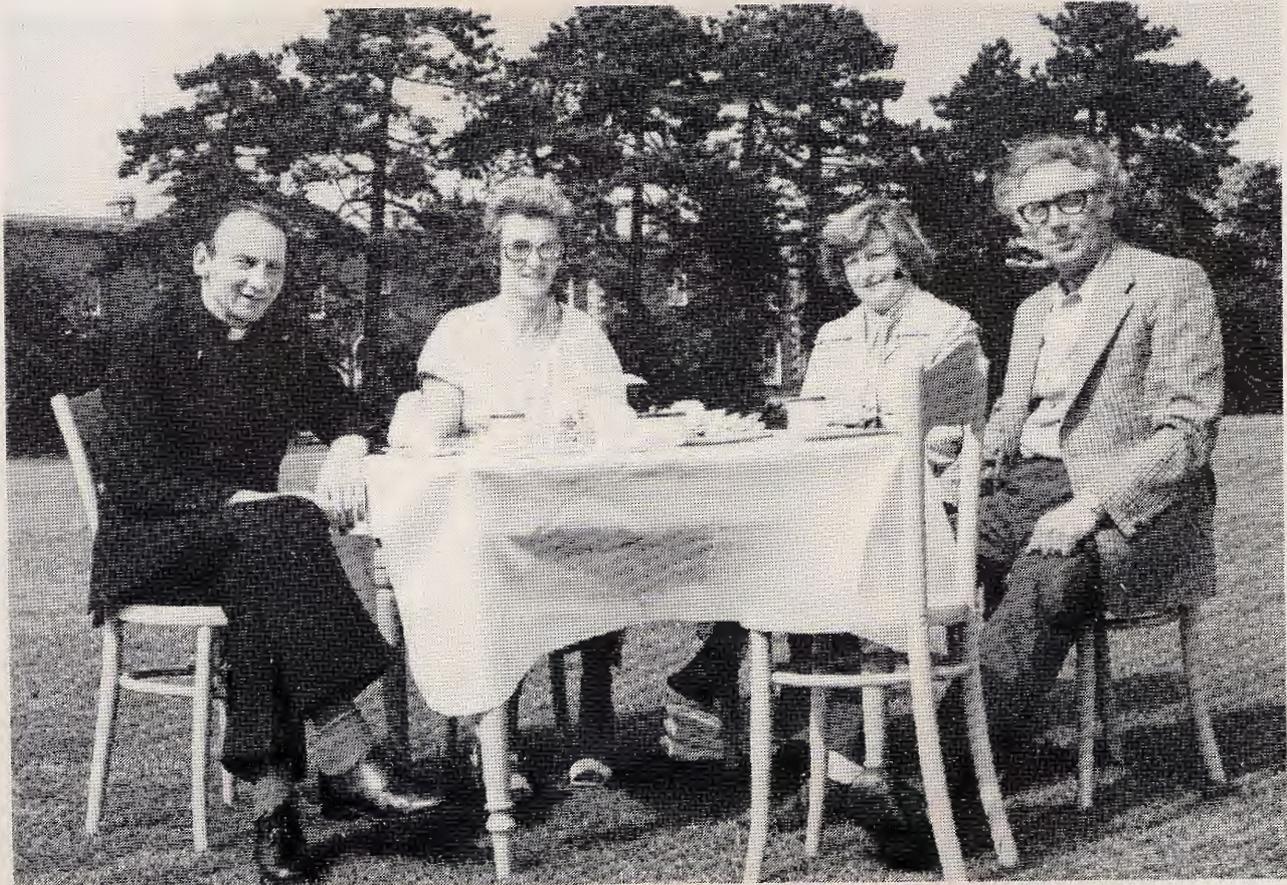
Sports Day, once the Cinderella of functions, was attended by 350 people with Past v. Present games of soccer, tennis and basketball. There was also a cricket game, under the watchful eye of Fr. Barry, between John Hughes' XI and Paddy Fearon's XI. It was amicably agreed

the result was a draw. We owe a sincere word of thanks to Fr. Darcy for his helpful co-operation.

Golf Society had a very successful year. In the first outing, 78 teed off at Milltown G.C. and 65 had dinner. The President's Prize was won by Peter Thornton. The second outing was at the Grange G.C. with 82 playing and 67 having dinner. The Captain's Prize was won by Martin Murray. Both functions were most enjoyable as also was the dinner thanks mainly to the Hon. Golf Secretary, Barry O'Donovan.

Lawn Tennis Club had a successful if unspectacular year on Belmont Avenue. Regrettably, the St. Mary's involvement was minimal.

Career Guidance continued with sessions between October and March under the direction of Mr. K. Lewis, Career Guidance master, in the College. The Union sub-committee was under the chairmanship of Paddy Fearon. Interview panels were arranged again for 6th Year. To those involved we extend our gratitude. It is interesting to note that both Rockwell and



Fr. Nugent, Brenda Fearon, Madeleine Cogley and Paddy Fearon having tea during Senior School Sports Day.

Castleknock Unions have been in contact with us and are modelling their career guidance activities on the St. Mary's approach.

Marian Boys' Club had a year of dramatic change due largely to the lack of use of the Club facilities. The Management Committee decided to close the Club and re-locate or amalgamate with another similar club. Finally voluntary organisations in the Gardiner Street area were contacted and the Club facilities are now in use five nights per week. The concept has changed from the original one of catering for ex-Artane boys but the Club is still fulfilling a very real need.

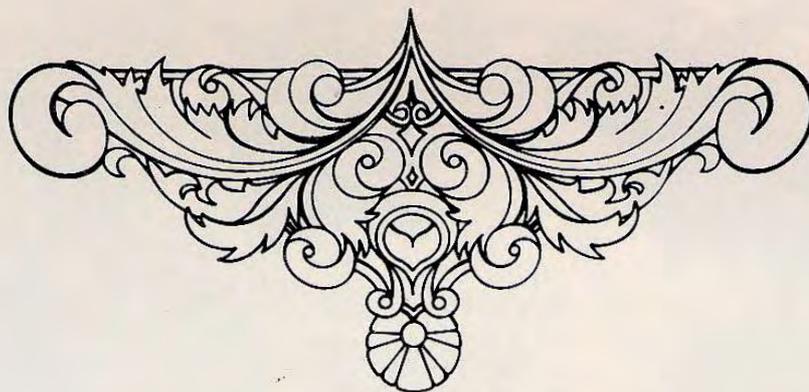
St. Mary's R.F.C. had a truly remarkable season with Tim Brooder as President and Johnnie Moloney as Captain. They began the season with a tour of Russia and then went on to win the Castle Trophy, Senior League, Metropolitan Cup, Junior League, Greenlea Cup, Seapoint Cup and Winter's Cup as well as the Galway, Omagh and Belvedere Sevens. Johnnie Moloney captained Ireland right through the season and our congratulations to him and also to Tim Brooder for his successful presidency.

Jubilee Function was held in the College on Friday, May 5th, 1978 to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Union. A cheque for £2,000 was presented to Fr. Nugent, C.S.Sp., to inaugurate

the equipping of a library in the College. To mark their long association with the Union, a cut glass lamp was presented to Fr. Walter Kennedy, C.S.Sp., and a cut glass decanter to Lorcan Gogan.

St. Mary's College thrived academically with 54 obtaining Honours in the Intermediate Certificate and 21 with Honours in the Leaving Certificate. Brian O'Moore was successful in the Trinity Debate. It is interesting to note that four of the College Staff, Fr. C. Byrne, Fr. V. O'Grady, L. Naughton and K. O'Donnell are past pupils. St. Mary's continues to go from strength under the guidance of Fr. Nugent, Fr. J. Godfrey and Fr. S. Little and their staffs both clerical and lay. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Nugent and the Community, especially Fr. Kennedy and Fr. Godfrey for their help and guidance. A special word of thanks also to the lay staff, in particular, Mr. Mac Murchú and Mr. Lewis, for their interest in the Union and attendance at Union functions. The attendance at these functions also speaks volumes for the genuine efforts of Paddy Fearon in his year of office. Our thanks are also due to Dan Coveney and all the committee members.

Eamonn Fitzgerald,  
Hon. Secretary.



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- A Mr. Fearon addresses Union members on the occasion of the presentations.
  - B Paddy Fearon presents Lorcan Gogan with Dublin Crystal to mark Lorcan's 50 years as a member of the Union.
  - C Paddy Fearon on behalf of the College Union presents a cheque to Fr. Nugent C.S.Sp. for the College Library Fund, to commemorate its Golden Jubilee.
  - D Very Rev. W. Nugent C.S.Sp. watches Paddy Fearon make the presentation to Rev. W. Kennedy C.S.Sp. to mark his 25 years as Secretary to the Union.



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## NEWS OF THE PAST

*Denis Holmes* (1931-1941) has recently been appointed Irish Ambassador to Spain. On leaving St. Mary's Denis took his B.A. and B.Comm. Degrees in U.C.D. as well as the Dip. Pub. Adm. with First Honours in 1944. From 1944 to 1947 he was engaged in Marketing Research in London and Ireland before taking his M.A. He was awarded an N.U.I. Travelling Studentship in Economics to Peterhouse, Cambridge University where he studied from 1948 to 1949 when he joined the Department of External Affairs as Third Secretary serving in Washington, Dublin, Bonn, Stockholm and Geneva. While he was in Bonn, he was joined in the Irish Legation by Brian O'Ceallaigh, his class mate. In 1972 he became Counsellor Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Communities and in 1973 Ambassador to India and concurrently Ambassador to Singapore and Malaysia in 1975. Denis is married and has four children.

*Brian O'Ceallaigh* (1931-1941) has recently been appointed as Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt. On leaving St. Mary's he took his M.A., LL.B. at the National University of Ireland. He entered the Department of Foreign Affairs as Third Secretary in 1949. In 1953 he became Third Secretary in Bonn and First Secretary to the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1961. He then went on to Chicago as Consul General in 1964 and Counsellor, Headquarters in 1964. In 1973 he became Charge d'Affaires, Headquarters and from 1976, Charge d'Affaires a.i., in Cairo. Brian is married and has four children.

*John Hughes* (1938-1948) was recently appointed Secretary to Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann Teo. While in St. Mary's John had a very distinguished sporting career and had the distinction of captaining both the J.C.T. and S.C.T. Cricket teams to victory in the Leinster Cup in 1946 and 1948 respectively. He was also a prominent rugby player and featured for three years in the Under 13 team and three years on the J.C.T. team and two years on the S.C.T. team. After leaving St. Mary's he went to U.C.D. and qualified as a B.Comm. in 1951 before going on to become a chartered

accountant in 1954. He then joined I.B.M., Wavin Pipes Ltd., and later Comlucht Siuicre Eireann. John was President of the Past Pupils Union in 1976/77 and his two sons Paul and Mark are past pupils.

*C. P. "Johnnie" Johnston* (1943), since his return to Ireland has been appointed Chairman of Stan Chart Bank Ireland Limited and Hodge Finance (Ireland) Limited and a board member of Standard Chartered Insurance Brokers (Ireland) Ltd. He is Chairman of Margan Limited and a consultant to Carnation International Foods for African matters.

As a mark of recognition for services rendered to golf in general, and to Professional golf in particular, Johnnie was recently unanimously elected as a Vice-President of the British and



John Hughes



L. to R.: Mr. William Michael Robson, Deputy Chairman, Standard Chartered Bank Group-International. Mr. C. P. Johnston, Chairman Designate, Standard Chartered Bank Group-Ireland. Mrs. C. P. Johnston, Rev. Father P. Murray, Sir Julian S. Hodgé Chairman, The Hodge Group of Companies.

Irish PGA. The latter is an honour but very seldom bestowed by the Professional Association on an amateur. Since his return to this country he has also been appointed the official representative in Europe of the Nigerian PGA.



DAVID SULLIVAN

David Sullivan (1964) entered the White Fathers at Blacklion in 1964. After two years Philosophy there and the Spiritual Year, he did three years Theology in France. In 1970 when he would normally be approaching ordination, he decided to take time out to examine his vocation.

While doing his B.A. at U.C.D. he decided to give up the priesthood. But he was still interested in missionary work. So when he had finished his H.Dip.Ed. in 1974, he went to Uganda as a layman and taught in a school run by the White Fathers. He was fully welcomed into the community and in time began to rethink the question of a priestly vocation. He writes "After a while, I felt that if I were to be really true to myself, and the call I felt within me, I would have to rejoin the White Fathers".

When he had finished his two years contract, he returned to his Theology studies after an absence of six years.

The end of the long road to the Priesthood came on June 25th when he was ordained priest in his home parish in Rathgar.

He has now returned to Uganda as a Missionary Priest. All his friends wish him a long and fruitful ministry. *Ad Multos Annos.*

Michael J. Clancy (1948) has been appointed to a top job in the U.S. oil industry. He is presently Chairman of Esso Teoranta and from October 1st next takes the job of Assistant Controller of Exxon Corporation with worldwide responsibility for planning and budgets. Exxon is the parent of Esso and is the world's largest oil company.

Michael, who has been chief executive of Esso in Ireland since 1975 and chairman since



MICHAEL J. CLANCY

1976, is the first officer of the Irish company to obtain a top job with Exxon (though Exxon chairman Thomas A. Murphy is obviously of Irish extraction).

A Master of Economic Science and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, he joined Esso in 1956 and became secretary of the company in 1961. He has already had top international jobs with the Esso group, having been deputy controller of Esso Petroleum U.K. in 1966 and divisional director in 1969, before returning to Ireland in 1975 to take the helm at Esso Teo.

*Peter Charleton* who captained the College Debating Team in 1974 to win the Safety First Debating Competition was this year's Auditor of the Trinity Historical Society.

*Larry Gogan* who has for some years been associated with light and popular music both in R.T.E. and various Clubs has recently been appointed to a top post in R.T.E.

*James Gogan* was granted the Freedom of the City of London, being named a Freeman at a ceremony in the Guildhall by the Chamberlain. His citation states that he is a Chartered Engineer and a citizen of London. This is an unusual honour for an Irishman resident in Glasgow. He has been associated with the electricity supply industry since before World War One. He was on the generating side at Yoker Power Station from 1915 to 1920 moving

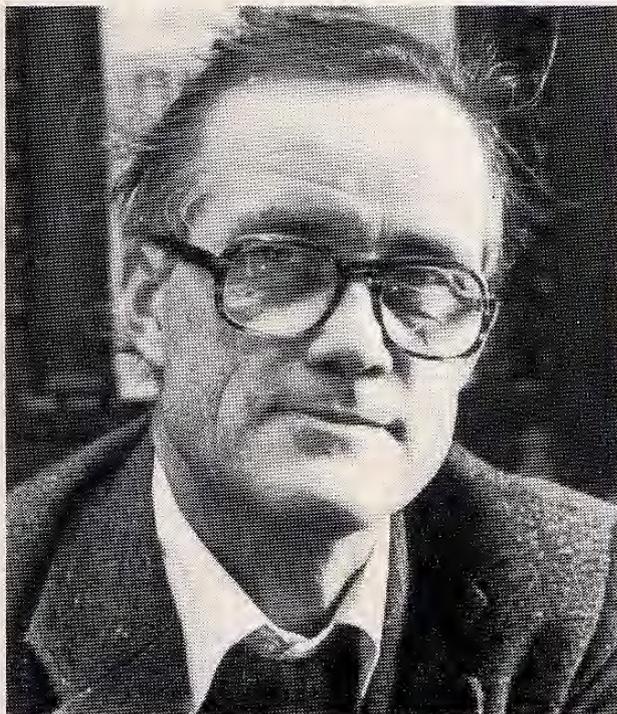
to the distribution and transmission side of the industry and took charge of the frequency change-over from 25 to 50 cycles in the Clyde Valley area. For well over twenty years he has been serving in a voluntary capacity the National Inspection Council for Electricity Installation Contracting in London and has made over 500 journeys between his home and London.

#### **Declaration made upon Admission to the Freedom of the City of London**

I do solemnly declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II; that I will be obedient to the Mayor of this City; that I will maintain the Franchises and Customs thereof, and will keep this City harmless in that which in me is; that I will also keep the Queen's Peace in my own person; that I will know no Gatherings nor Conspiracies made against the Queen's Peace; *but I will warn the Mayor* thereof, or hinder it to my power; and that all these points and articles I will well and truly keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City, to my power.



JAMES GOGAN



ALF MacLOCHLAINN

*Alf MacLochlainn* had a new book called "Out of Focus" published by O'Brien Press this year. In the work he reminisces about Beckett and Flann O'Brien. He is also author of many academic works and many papers on various subjects. Alf is now Director of the National Library, Kildare Street, Dublin and has been associated with the Library for the past 18 years. It is unusual that he is the first Dublin man to hold the position.

*Gerry Duffy* has been one of Ireland's top all-round cricketers in recent years. He scored over 1,000 runs and captured 82 wickets in international appearances between 1953 and 1974. He is a member of Leinster C.C. and has been a leading batsman and bowler not only in the Club but also in Leinster. He has now been elected to the international selection committee for the season 1977-78. A fine distinction for Gerry, St. Mary's and Leinster C.C.

*Thomas Cantwell* was called to the Bar in November 1977. On leaving school, he entered the Civil Service before joining the *Evening Herald* where he still works as a Sub-Editor.

Sean Cantwell, Mr. Cantwell, Thomas Cantwell,  
Mrs. Cantwell, Nuala Cantwell.



## SIXTH YEAR 1952

*Lorcan Bowden* worked in the family business before he emigrated to America and joined the army. He was stationed in Germany and returned to America. Now he is Vice-President of a bank in San Francisco. He married Julie Bridgeman and has one son. The outdoor life attracts him and he is very keen on camping.

*Brendan Byrne* joined the family florist business in South Anne Street, Dublin which he now owns. In 1960 he married Margaret Gavin, has a son and a daughter and lives on Palmerston Road. He is very interested in politics and is a Supervisor of the Rathmines and Rathgar Credit Union which exists to save flatdwellers from money lenders. He also does a lot of work for Madonna House.

*Colm Caffrey* obtained a scholarship to U.C.D. and obtained his B.A. in 1955 and his M.A. in French in 1956. From 1956 to 1958 he studied in the Sorbonne, Paris on an N.U.I. scholarship. He returned to Ireland to lecture in French in U.C.D. but in 1960 was teaching in Rome and also doing film work at Cinecitta. After spending a year in Spain, he returned to become Assistant Principal, Caffrey's College until 1965. Then he went to lecture in romance languages in Pennsylvania University, U.S.A. returning home to Caffrey's College in 1968 until 1973 when he was appointed lecturer in languages at Athlone Regional College. He married Una Lynch from Tuam in 1965 and lives in Athlone.

*Fred Cogley* joined the Irish Times as Sports Sub Editor before joining the Evening Herald with the same position and as Columnist. Then in 1960 he joined the Sunday Telegraph and continues his work for them. He did his first radio broadcast in 1950 when he was in Fourth Year in the College and has been a regular broadcaster since then. He became R.T.E. T.V. rugby commentator in 1962 and was appointed Head of Sport in R.T.E. Radio and T.V. in 1972. He married Madeleine White, sister of Cyril and Des. His two sons David and Niall are in the Senior School and he also has two daughters. When he has a few moments to spare, he likes to golf, play tennis and discuss sport.

*Brendan Corcoran* qualified in Engineering in U.C.D. before going to the Training and Concrete Association in Slough, Bucks. He

pursued his studies obtaining the following degrees — D.M.S., C.Eng., M.I. Struct. Eng., E.M.B.I.M. Then he went to Australia and is in the Head Office of the Australian Dept. of Works. He can be contacted at 17 Yarra Street, Hawthorne, Victoria, Australia. In 1962 he married Judy Harding. For some years he was in the College Scout Troup and held the post of Unit Leader. It was he who organised the first camping trip abroad by the Unit to North Wales in 1956.

*John Doherty* joined the Sign of the Three Candles, and Dollards, to study how ink works in print. Then he joined the family business, Glenside Printing Ink Co., Palmerston. In 1965 he founded the Irish Printing Ink Co., Swords where he is Managing Director. The company is associated with Lorilleux International Ltd., one of the largest ink companies in Europe and South America with 22 different factories throughout Europe. He lives in Kill, Co. Kildare and is a part time farmer, very interested in horses in show jumping and eventing.

*Neil Downes* qualified as an architect in U.C.D. in 1957. Then he moved to Belfast for three years and won the first Arts Council Scholarship in Architecture ever awarded. He spent some years studying modern architecture until 1965. Then he joined the staff in the Architecture Faculty in U.C.D. until 1969. Then he joined the School of Architecture in Bolton Street and also lectures in architecture in the Extra Mural Studies Course in U.C.D. He married Florence Ryan, has two small boys and his hobby is music.

*Noel Farley* qualified with a B.A. in Economics from U.C.D. and went on to take an M.A. and played cricket for Leinster C.C. and many the six he hit. Then he moved on to study in Harvard University in the U.S.A. He married an American girl of French origin, has a family, returns regularly on vacation to his native land and is lecturing in a University in the States, probably in Boston.

*Patrick Fitzpatrick* joined the Holy Ghost Fathers and after his Novitiate, obtained a B.A. from U.C.D. He prefects in St. Michael's and did his H.Dip. in his spare time; then he went to study in the Gregorian University in Rome obtaining an S.T.L. He was ordained in 1963 and the following year joined the staff of the

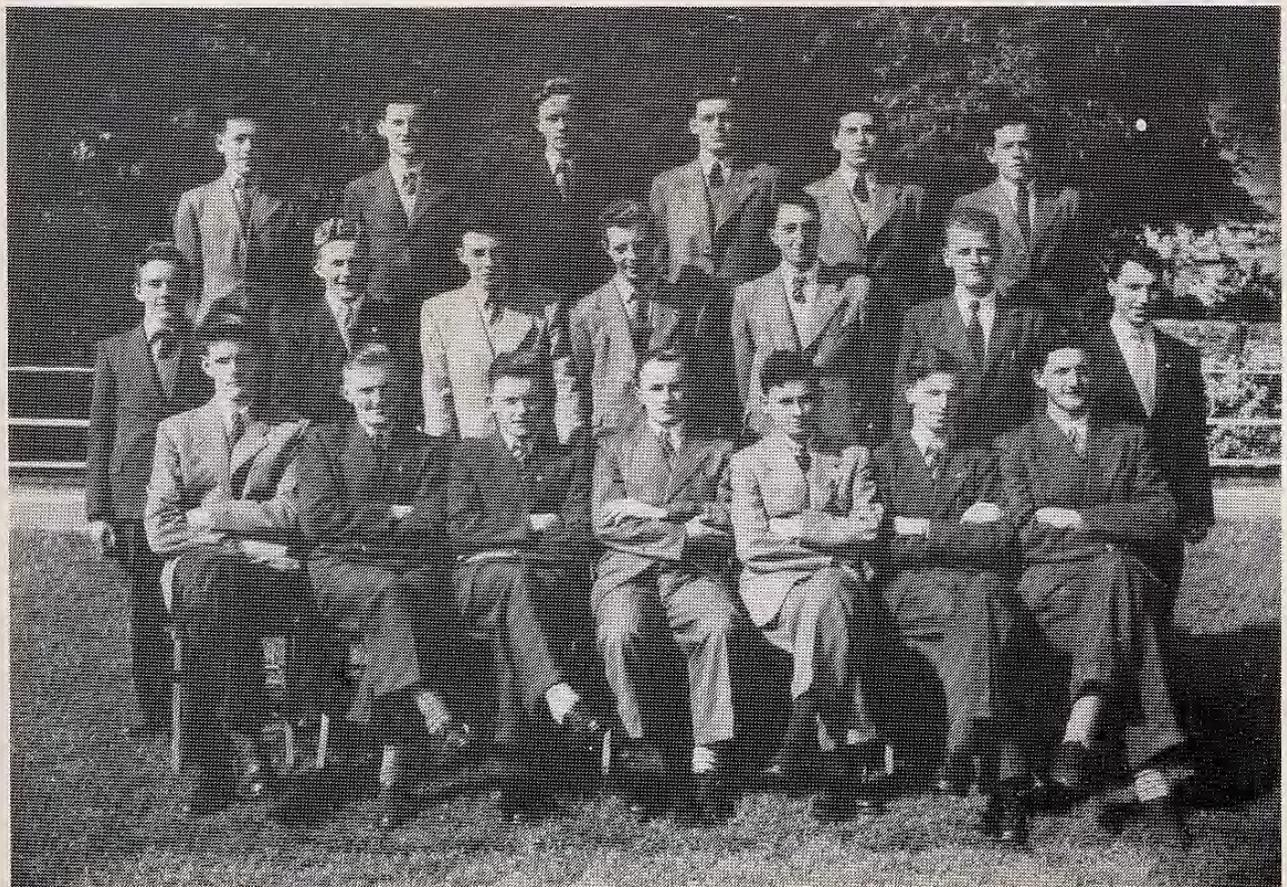
McNeil High School, Toronto, Canada and is still there with a list of Diplomas and Degrees after his name. He is very involved in the Spiritain Foyer fostering Vocations and his main helper is Bernard Kelly, C.S.Sp., a former pupil who left the College in 1950 and both keep up constant links with the College.

*John Hughes* qualified as an engineer in U.C.D. in 1956. Then he did post graduate work in Cambridge University before joining Short Bros. and Harland in Belfast. Then in 1960, he joined the Air Corps and is still there. He married Evelyn Clarke, has five children. Two of his boys are in St. Mary's. Very interested in rugby and he likes a round of golf.

*Brian Hussey* qualified as an engineer in U.C.D. Then he became interested in oyster farming

and studied it for two years. After that he took up farming in Co. Wicklow and is still farming in Donard, Co. Wicklow. He married Susan Minet, has two boys and two girls, is keenly interested in forestry and is President of the Galway Hooker Association.

*Derry Hussey* qualified as a B.Comm. in U.C.D. in 1955 and then did his three years articles in Chartered Accountancy and became a chartered accountant in 1958. Then he joined Dunlops for two years working both in Ireland and the U.K. He then joined Massey Ferguson for three years before joining the Jones Group in 1965 where he is presently Financial Director. He married Gemma Moran, has two girls and his son, Andrew, is in the Junior School. When he has time, he likes to play squash.



SIXTH YEAR 1952

Front Row, left to right :  
J. Hughes, A. Woodhouse, P. Fitzpatrick, V. O'Grady, N. Farley, P. Sheil, and E. Mooney

Middle Row, left to right :  
P. Moore, C. O'Broin, F. O'Brien, F. Cogley, B. Corcoran, V. McGovern and N. Downes.

Back Row, left to right :  
D. Hussey, L. Bowden, J. O'Byrne, D. McArdle, C. Caffrey, B. Hussey.

*Denis McArdle* qualified as a solicitor in 1956. Ever since he has been in practice in Dublin. Presently he is senior partner in McArdle, Kiernan and Partners. In 1961 he married Doris Nicholl and has four children. He lives in Booterstown, his three sons are in St. Michael's College and his daughter attends Muckcross Park. A very keen follower of the Rugby Club is Denis.

*Edward Mooney* joined the Irish Times until 1956 when he joined the Publicity Dept. of Bord Failte. Then he joined the O'Kennedy Brindley Advertising Agency before moving to Cork as General Manager and subsequently Director of O'Kennedy Brindley Cork Ltd. In 1975 he set up his own agency with a partner called O'Kelly, Mooney and Associates in advertising and public relations. He married Patricia McKeon, has two boys and a girl, can be contacted at 43 South Mall, Cork and likes both music and golf.

*Paul Moore* qualified as an architect in U.C.D. in 1957. After a year in Dublin, he went to London for a year and then went to Barbados for three years. Then he spent four years in New York before returning to Dublin where he now lectures in the School of Architecture in U.C.D. He married Elizabeth O'Dea, has three boys and a girl and likes to sail and play squash.

*Fergus O'Brien* became a salesman with a travel agency before joining the staff of the Catholic Truth Society. Then he went on to London where he worked with a meat company. Since 1972 he has been teaching in Presentation College, Bray, lives in Blackrock and his hobbies are reading and golf.

*Caoimhghín Ó Broin* qualified as a dentist in 1962 and has a practice in Dublin. He lives on Greenlea Road, Terenure, married Nuala Murphy in 1962 and has four children. Presently he is President of the Metropolitan Branch of the Dental Association, likes a game of golf and is very involved in scouting having been at one time Assistant Scoutmaster in the College Unit.

*Joseph O'Byrne* joined O'Kennedy Brindley Advertising, studied advertising winning the Conlon Memorial Gold Medal for advertising, having won first place in Ireland. Then he became Director on the Board of O'Kennedy Brindley and also Creative Administrator. Following that he founded his own advertising company called Knight O'Byrne and two years ago founded another company, Barry Healy Associates. He married Conni O'Byrne; his son, Kenneth, is studying medicine in U.C.D. His son, Lorcan is continuing his studies having been also in St. Mary's where you will find his third son, Paul. When he has the time, he likes walking and swimming.

*John O'Donohue* took up farming on the family farm beside Dublin Airport and now owns all of the 250 acres. He farms extensively, concentrating mainly on tillage and loves the farming life. He also established a warehouse complex on the farm. In 1958 he married Miriam Kelly whom he met in St. Mary's Tennis Club on Belmont Road and has two sons and three daughters. He was President of the Rugby Club for two years when the Club won the Leinster Senior Cup in 1974 and 1975 and the All Ireland Centenary Trophy in 1974. He is still very keenly interested in rugby and the Rugby Club and likes clay pigeon shooting.

*Vincent O'Grady* joined the Holy Ghost Fathers and after his Novitiate in Kilshane did his B.A. in U.C.D. and then a year's Prefecting in his Alma Mater. After his ordination in 1962 he went to Kenya and to Tanzania in 1965. He returned from there to become Secretary in the Provincialate in 1970 and moved later to Rome in a similar post. He returned to his Alma Mater in 1974 and professes English and many other topics to the Senior School students.

*Vincent McGovern* worked with a building firm for two years before joining Hibernian Insurance Co. in 1954. Presently he is Marketing Manager of the Company. He has been deeply involved in the Rugby Club and trained the Metropolitan Cup winners in 1970, the Senior Cup winners in 1971 and this year the Senior team won the Senior League and the Rock Castle Trophy under his tutelage. When he has time, he likes to play golf.

*Gerald Reynolds* went to England where he joined the R.A.F. Now he is a Squadron Leader and lives in Harrowgate, Yorkshire. He married Ann Mays, has four daughters and is very interested in photography.

*Patrick Shiel* entered Clonliff College obtaining a B.A. in U.C.D. before going on to Maynooth College to study Theology. He was ordained in Clonliff College in 1960. Having served as curate in several Dublin parishes, he is presently in Delgany, Co. Wicklow. His nephew, John, is in the Senior School and played on the J.C.T. this year.

*Anthony Woodhouse* joined the I.C.I. Co. before going to London and worked with the Lancashire Insurance Co. Then he joined Goodbody Ltd. in Dun Laoghaire as a sales representative. When the company was taken over by Albright & Wilson, he became Sales Director. He married Kitty Grainger, has a married daughter, another daughter doing the Leaving Certificate, a son in Blackrock College and hopes his younger son will shortly be entering Willow Park. A very keen gardener and he also likes a game of golf.



Phillip McDonnell, Captain of Leinster Schoolboys XV with Paul Deán presents the Timothy West Munster and Leinster Schools Rugby Trophy to Fr. J. Godfrey and Fr. D. Darcy.



## Obituary

# Denis Coveney

Tradition has it, though not confirmed, that when St. Mary's re-opened in September 1926, a thoughtful Father kept watch from a front window to see who would be the first boy inside the College gate for the new era, and that the boy was Denis Coveney.

With Denis' passing on to his eternal reward on 27th July, 1978, St. Mary's has lost a good and loyal friend. He was a familiar figure at all our functions, be they at St. Mary's College Church or Hall, Templeville, Donnybrook or Lansdowne Road. His loyalty was recognised and he was honoured by being elected President of St. Mary's College Past Pupils' Union (1965). But for Denis it was always just "Mary's" or a "Mary's man" — something that could occasionally lead

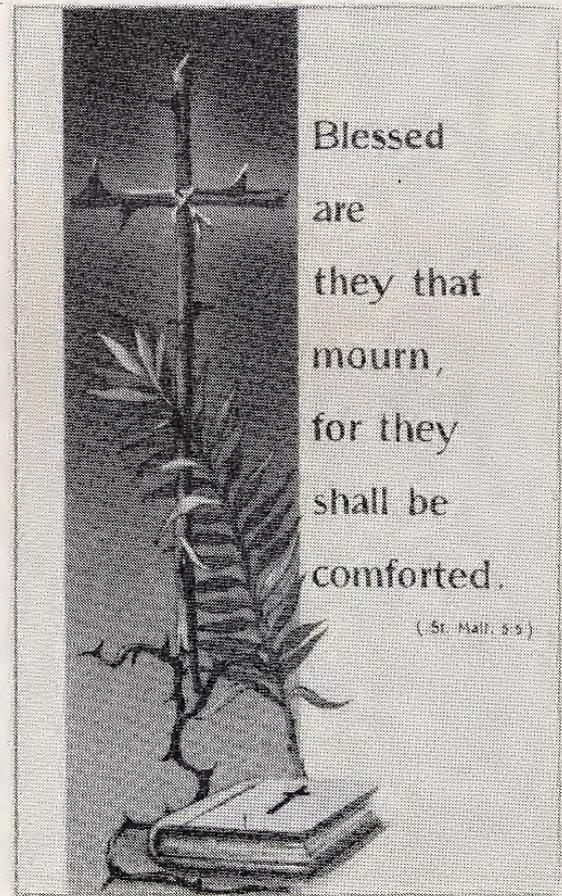
to little embarrassments in the family circle, as his wife and daughter are also Mary!

Knowing that he was, during his University days, a champion boxer and swimmer one might expect to find someone other than the gentle and refined Denis Coveney we all knew him to be. Gentleness and sincerity were, indeed, the qualities we associate with him. Among his business associates in the Accountancy profession he was respected for his integrity and high Christian standards.

To his wife Mary, sons Dan, Brian and Denis, his daughter Mrs. Mary Murphy, his brothers Terry and John and to his sisters we offer our sincere sympathy:

Ag Criost an siol,  
Ag Criost an fomhar:  
In iothlainn De  
Go gceaster sinn, Amen.

J.H.





## Derek Cullen

When Derek Cullen entered the College in September, 1974, his freckled face, infectious humour, a glint in his dancing blue eyes and willingness to participate made him very popular with classmates and teachers. A normal boy, he was full of the zest and energy associated with a seven year old. On the rugby and cricket fields, on the playground and in

the classroom it was non-stop action for Derek.

Little were we to know then that two years later he would be stricken with leukaemia. At first in the early autumn of 1976 we did not think that the fading leaves, ready to fall, were indicative of Derek's short span of life. Hope grew as he spent weeks in hospital and it seemed that the disease had been diagnosed in time and arrested.

During those long weeks of hospitalisation Derek never flinched. Despite the pain and frustration, he retained that good humour and zest for life which not only raised our hopes for his recovery but made him the "darling" of the doctors, nurses and patients in the hospital. In adversity and pain he displayed the same courage and determination that was characteristic of his academic work and displays on the playing fields.

Come the summer of 1977, Derek was able to leave hospital and a visit to Lourdes with his Mum and Dad further raised our hopes of recovery. He returned to the College in September but our fondest and cherished hopes were dashed a fortnight later. His condition deteriorated and all we could do was wait for the end.

Indicative of his loyalty to the College, teachers and classmates was that a fortnight before the end he came in to the College on a Friday, joined his pals for chips in the "chipper" and spent the afternoon with them in class. The telephone call at 7.45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30th saying Derek had passed to his Eternal Reward came as a shock and deeply saddened the Community, Staff, boys and parents who felt that deep sense of loss that such a boy as Derek would no longer be with us. The College Chapel was thronged for the Funeral Mass and as the cortege wound its way slowly down the College avenue and Derek left the College for the last time, the avenue was lined by the Fathers, Staff and the boys of the Junior and Senior School paying their final tribute and sad farewell to a boy who had endeared himself to us all.

To his parents, Kevin and Bonny and to his sister, Niambh, our prayerful and sincere sympathy. Slán agus beannacht a Dheirie agus ar dheis Dé go raibh do anam dílis. Go mheirimíd le cheile arís sna Flaithis.

## Third Level Report

### TRINITY — DUBLIN UNIVERSITY

#### *Medicine*

William Ryan, M.B., B.A.O., B.C.L.  
Patrick Salmon, M.B., B.A.O., B.L.  
Stephen Sheehan, 4th Medicine  
Kieran Bolger, 2nd Medicine  
Eunan Tiernan, 2nd Medicine  
Paul Gueret, 1st Medicine  
Desmond O'Neill, Pre Medicine

#### *Engineering*

John Sheehan, B.A.I.  
Paul O'Reilly, 3rd Year  
Ray Bolger, 2nd Year

#### *Business Studies*

Joseph Doddy, B.B.S.  
Maurice Moylette, 2nd Year  
Conor McCarthy, 1st Year

#### *Law*

Alex Schuster, L.L.B., B.L.  
Peter Charlton, 2nd Year

#### *Natural Sciences*

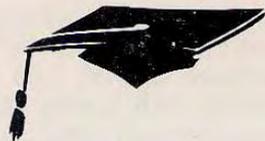
Eoin Rothery, B.A.  
Fergus Sweeney, 3rd Year

#### *Computer Sciences*

Gerald Conheady, B.Sc.

#### *Social Sciences*

Phelim Kelly, B.B.S.



### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

#### *Education*

Gerry Delany, B.Comm., H.Dip.Ed.

#### *Architecture*

Eoin O'Cofaigh, B.Arch.  
Patrick Shaffrey, B.Arch.  
John Keogan, 3rd Year

#### *Law*

P. J. Farrell, B.C.L.  
F. McTiernan, 2nd Year  
Michael Byrne, 2nd Year  
Ian Long, 2nd Year

#### *Economics*

Paul Gormley, M.B.S.  
Ian Delany, 2nd Year

#### *Medicine*

Liam Moore, 4th Medicine  
Declan Sheeran, 1st Medicine  
Stephen Raftery, Pre Medicine

#### *Arts*

Charles O'Neill, 1st Arts  
Colm Sheeran, B.A.  
Bernard Kennedy, 1st Arts



### COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

#### *Medicine*

Paul Byrne, 4th Medicine  
Colin Geoghegan, 2nd Medicine  
Oliver Pomeroy, 2nd Medicine  
Stephen Mulvey, Pre Medicine

### COLLEGE OF MARKETING (Marlboro St.)

Richard Murphy, 2nd Year  
Brian Sullivan, 1st Year

### BOLTON STREET

#### *Motor Management*

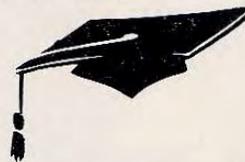
Thomas Shanahan, Diploma  
Raymond Shannon, Diploma  
Barry Quigley, 2nd Year

#### *Building Construction*

Denis Hooper, Diploma  
Colin Redmond, Diploma  
John Redahan, 1st Year

#### *Architectural Engineering*

Kevin Quigley, 1st Year



### COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, RATHMINES

#### *Business Studies*

Stephen Bowe, D.B.S.  
Brendan McGoldrick, D.B.S.  
Lorcan O'Toole, D.B.S.  
Mark Rice, D.B.S.  
Jimmy Crofts, 3rd Year  
Con Davis, 3rd Year

# St. Mary's College R.F.C.

## 1977-78

The season just completed has been a remarkable one by any standard in St. Mary's. First there was the trip to Russia following an invitation from the Russian Rugby Federation. Each member of the party headed by Club President, Tim Brooder, Nicky Corrigan as Tour Manager and Johnnie Moloney as Captain was self financed. Several functions were held to help before the party set off on their historic tour on July, 18th 1977. Two games were played against the U.S.S.R. Senior and Junior Selected XV's and both won by the scores of 32-20 and

20-3. The third game had to be cancelled due to injuries to several key players.

It was then back to training and the players and officials marvelled at the work which had been done during the close season on the pitches. The Grounds Committee comprising Bill Gray, John Carvill and Dermot Duffy spent countless hours planning and supervising the draining and re-seeding. To the lasting credit of the committee the pitches were in superb form through the year and a tribute to them is the fact that during the season matches were



FIRST XV  
WINNERS OF SENIOR LEAGUE AND BLACKROCK FESTIVAL

Back Row (L. to R.): V. McGovern (Manager), S. Deering, J. B. Sweeney, T. Grace, M. Glynn, D. Fanning, D. Hickie, S. Lynch, N. Kenny (Coach).

Front Row (L. to R.): F. Kennedy, A. Andrucetti, D. Deering, T. W. Brooder (President), J. Moloney (Captain), A. Byrne, C. Fitzgerald, G. Browne.

Seated: T. Kennedy, R. O'Donnell.

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*

played on the pitches when every other ground in Dublin was declared unplayable.

In early September the trophies were being won and we had more than reasonable hope that a very successful season lay ahead. Those hopes were reality by the end of the season. The first trophy was the Castle Trophy at Stradbroom. All eyes were on the Under 19 squad, captained by Charlie Barry and managed by George Hook. They had a very enviable record in their friendlies and went out of the McCorry Cup in atrocious weather conditions.

This defeat now released a squad of some 40 players into the stream of the various other Club teams. The various Leagues were soon being played and the Senior XV, Junior One XV and Junior Four XV won their sections. The Junior four XV were beaten in the League Final but the Senior XV captured the Leinster League Cup once more and the Junior One XV also won their League Final and more glory

was yet awaiting them under the captaincy of Cathal Sweeney.

Very shortly it was Cup time and the Senior XV made an early departure from the competition but not so the Junior One XV who went on to win the Metropolitan Cup and complete the double at that level, which was the first time this was achieved by the Club. Other cups were still to find their way to Templeville Road.

Peter Elliot captained the Junior Four XV to win the Winters Cup. The Junior Seven XV, captained by Gerry Carvill, won the Greenlea Cup which the Club last won fifteen years ago while the Junior Eight and Junior Nine XV's shared the Guilfoyle Cup and were captained by Tom Malone and Barry O'Shea. There were narrow misses for other teams in the Minor Cup, Junior Four League, O'Connor Cup when we had to be content with being runners up. Mention must also be made of three other



SENIOR SEVENS: WINNERS OF BLAKE SEVENS. OLD BELVEDERE SEVENS. OMAGH SEVENS.

Back Row (L. to R.): F. Kennedy, S. Deering, C. Fitzgerald, D. Earley, D. Deering.

Front Row (L. to R.): P. Andrucetti, D. Fanning, J. Moloney (Captain), T. W. Brooder, (President), T. Kennedy, D. Howard.

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trophies won by the Club during the season — the Omagh Academicals Sevens, the Galwegian Blake Sevens and the Old Belvedere International Sevens. The latter trophy brought an invitation to compete in the Bridgeend Sevens at the beginning of the coming season.

Such success was also reflected in the numbers of players being selected at various levels both provincial and international. Johnnie Moloney took over the captaincy of Leinster against Ulster and went on to captain the Irish team in all their matches. Tom Grace resumed his place on the Leinster team while Charlie Barry and Donal Coughlan were capped for Leinster at Under 19 level. Rodney O'Donnell, Eugene Kavanagh and Declan Howard were selected for the Leinster Junior Team and Ciaran Fitzgerald captained Connaught and Ireland B and was a substitute on the Irish senior team. Ciaran Smyth was capped as out half by Connaught.

These honours at club, interprovincial and international level were a tribute to the Match Committee chaired by Tim Harrington. They managed to field ten teams each week end. They have not been resting on their laurels and with an eye to the future have endeavoured to improve and streamline selection procedures and coaching methods so that our strong rugby position will be consolidated in the future. The Club owes a sincere thanks to Tim Harrington and all his coaches and selectors.

Likewise our Club representatives were widely respected at various levels. P. J. Bolger succeeded J. P. Fanagan as our representative on the Leinster Branch and has already carved for himself a niche of respect and admiration at that level. He has served on the Centenary, Youth and Coaching Sub Committees and will shortly become President elect of the Branch. G. K. Boyd continued as Hon. Treasurer to the



JUNIOR 1 XV — WINNERS OF JUNIOR LEAGUE AND METROPOLITAN CUP

Back Row (L. to R.): S. Jennings (Manager), G. Ebbs, F. O'Dea, P. O'Reilly, T. Young, D. O'Brien, E. Kavanagh, D. Deering, T. McGovern, D. Jennings, D. Nagle (Coach).

Front Row (L. to R.): J. Lynch, D. O'Connor, D. Hooper, C. Sweeney (Captain), T. W. Brooder (President), E. Early, L. Crissing, D. Howard.

Seated: J. Greene, L. Naughton.

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Leinster Branch and was also a nominated member of the Branch on the Committee of the I.R.F.U. Tommy Kearns, Paddy Farrell, Denis Nagle and Mervyn Johnson all refereed with distinction with the Association of Referees. Mervyn was selected on the Junior Inter-provincial Panel and was in charge of the Munster v. Ulster game. Dick Whitty and Denis Hooper were also involved in refereeing.

The Management Committee, under the chairmanship of Billy Fagan shared the workload of the daily administration of the Club. They worked unceasingly throughout the year. Tribute has already been made to the Games Committee and the Grounds Committee. The Social Committee ran many successful functions during the year and they blended well with the Ladies' Sub Committee. The ladies deserve our thanks for their invaluable work during the year. Another sub committee headed by Gerry Ebbs

which deserves our thanks is the dance committee. Likewise the Bar Committee comprised of Tony Murray, Henry Roche, Frank Montague and Frank Reddy did much hard work especially as there were fewer members willing to help them.

We express our thanks to St. Mary's College not only for the interest shown by the Community and Staff but also for the constant flow of young players from the College to the Club. Our congratulations to the College on the selection of Paul Dean and Philip McDonnell on the Irish Schoolboys Team.

Finally our thanks to Tim Brooder as President of the Club and to all Officials on the various Committees, the members and to the players themselves who, together as a team, have made this past season a memorable one in the history of the Club.

J. B. Finucane



JUNIOR 4 CUP WINNERS  
JUNIOR 4 LEAGUE FINALISTS

Back Row (L. to R.): L. Roche (Manager), I. Brady, P. McCurtain, J. Murphy, C. Barry, N. O'Dea, D. Mooney, P. Fogarty, R. O'Connor, P. McGrain, F. Doyle.

Front Row (L. to R.): P. Delaney, A. Andrucetti, R. Bailey, P. Elliott, T. W. Brooder (President), P. Mac Artain, E. Mullan, K. Ebbs (Captain).

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JUNIOR 82: JOINT WINNERS SPENCER CUP

Back Row (L. to R.): G. Rafter, B. Bohill, T. Lynch, K. Cassidy, J. Dixon, D. Swift, T. O'Driscoll,  
T. O'Sullivan, M. Johnson (Coach).

Front Row (L. to R.): J. Lynch, J. Quinlan, P. Dixon, T. Holmes, T. W. Brooder, (President), J. Caffrey,  
D. White, L. McMullan, W. Twoomey.

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## Trophies Won 1976-77

CASTLE TROPHY

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE

OLD BELVEDERE

INTERNATIONAL SEVENS

GALWEGIAN BLAKE SEVENS

OMAGH ACADEMICALS SEVENS

LEINSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE

METROPOLITAN CUP

WINTERS CUP

GREENLEA CUP

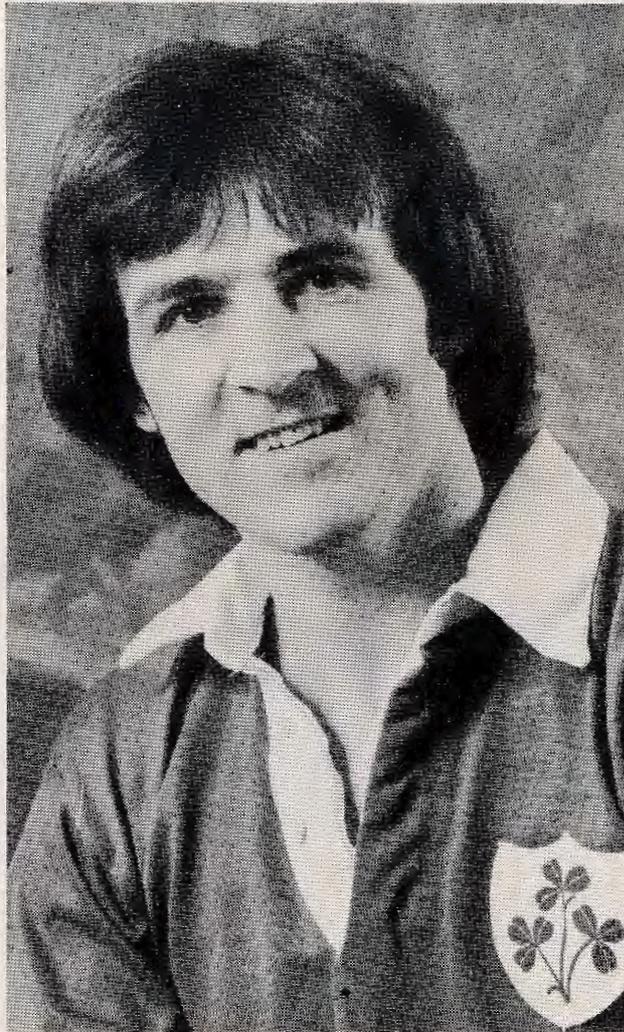
GUILFOYLE CUP



## JOHNNY MOLONEY TONY WARD



There was a time when teams from St. Mary's College were expected to win a couple of Cup matches before going down gallantly. In those days there were few home grown heroes to inspire us and indeed many years were to pass before a St. Mary's clubman was honoured with



**JOHNNY MOLONEY**

an international cap. It was not until 1971 in the match against France that Denis Hickie and Sean Lynch achieved the break-through on the double.

But when I was involved in the J.C.T. and S.C.T. my hero was a Queen's University out-half, Jack Kyle, who was to become a legend as one of the greatest natural footballers Ireland produced. And even though it is 20 years since he last played for Ireland, he is remembered with such affection that he received a five minute standing ovation when he returned from Zambia to accept the Texaco Hall of Fame Award early in 1978.

Kyle scored many brilliant tries; he set up scoring opportunities for others; he kicked penalty goals; he dazzled New Zealanders when he was with the Lions and he brought off innumerable covering tackles to save Ireland's line when all seemed lost. He inspired Ireland to two consecutive Triple Crown triumphs.

And yet he is remembered not for a try here or a tackle there. It was his entire attitude and demeanour on the field which was totally rivetting. Never once did he display impatience, let alone petulance and it was this aura of true sportsmanship — often in the face of violent intimidation to which any star is subjected — that made him very special. And to this day he has retained that basic quality that all true sportsmen share.

Over the years, the same attitude has been demonstrated by a number of players from many countries but it has been rewarding to note that the particular quality of sportsmanship has been notably displayed by past pupils of St. Mary's College, wearing the Irish jersey, and none more prominently than this year's Irish Captain, Johnny Moloney, and the new star of international Rugby, Tony Ward.

Seldom have a pair of Irish half-backs been subjected to such a searching test of character as they reeled back and tried to gather the scrambled possession the harassed forwards

earned. Never once did either player display a flash of bad temper or frustration and neither could have given more in a memorable effort over four matches to revive Ireland's flagging spirits.

For St. Mary's College, the selection of the two at half-back was a source of immense satisfaction but although there was a very real link the two players had not forged that link in the same schools teams. Johnny was starring for the S.C.T. when Tony was only settling into the Senior School and the chances are that the nearest they came to a conversation at school had something to do with the Sixth Years taking over the Juniors' practice ball!

When Johnny left school he quickly made his name as a fine 400 metres runner as well as a scrum-half of the highest class and it was on the wing that he first made an impact on the international scene. In 1970 he came on as a substitute on the Ireland-Scotland team which played England-Wales in England's Centenary Celebration match at Twickenham. He got his first Irish cap in 1972 in his usual position at the base of the scrum and what a memorable debut it was . . . a super try early on to set Ireland on the way to their first victory over France in Paris for 20 years! That was the last occasion on which the Irish played at Stade Colombes and sadly Ireland haven't won in Paris since!

But Moloney's Rugby career blossomed and while he helped the St. Mary's club to a series of successes he toured South Africa with the 1974 Lions. In 1976 his run in the Irish team was interrupted but he came back with a bang in 1978 and helped to end Ireland's long-losing sequence by captaining the side to a victory over Scotland.

Young Tony Ward contributed a great deal to that exciting win against the Scots and few would argue that he had a dream debut in international football. It is interesting to speculate on where fortune would have led him had he chosen to concentrate on soccer when he left St. Mary's. He had a spell with Shamrock Rovers but it was with the oval ball that he had most success. I remember him kicking Munster to within two points of Australia in 1976 and very nearly won the game for Munster.

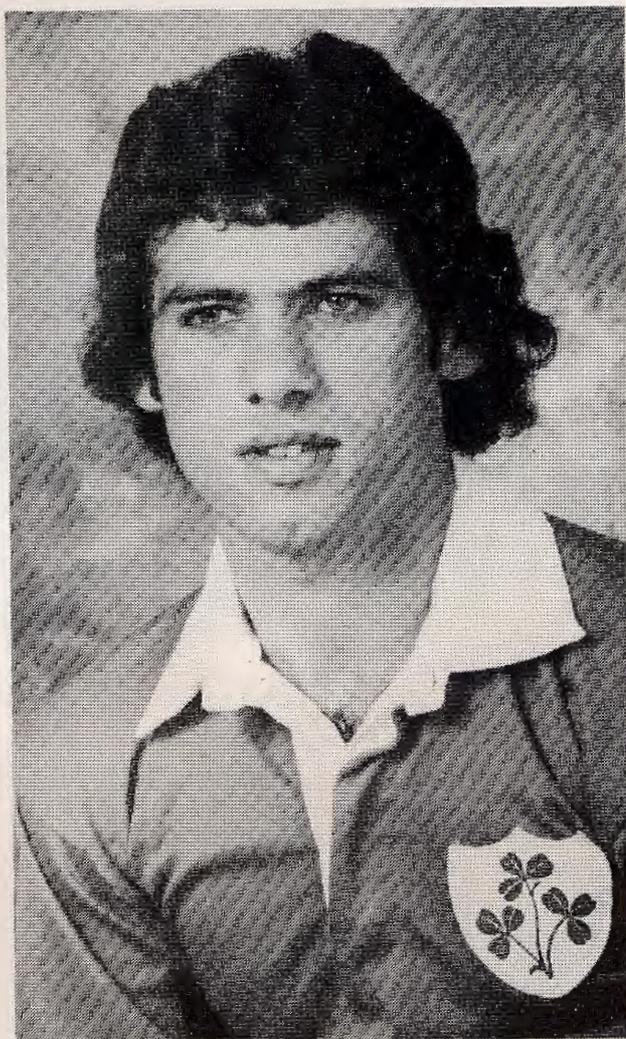
This year he was in dazzling form when Ireland "B" beat Scotland at Murrayfield and it was clear that he was going to be an automatic choice for Ireland in the Championship. And so it transpired although he shared the team's disappointment that they could only achieve one win in the four matches played.

Ward knows only too well how much he owes to Moloney for the protection he enjoyed in

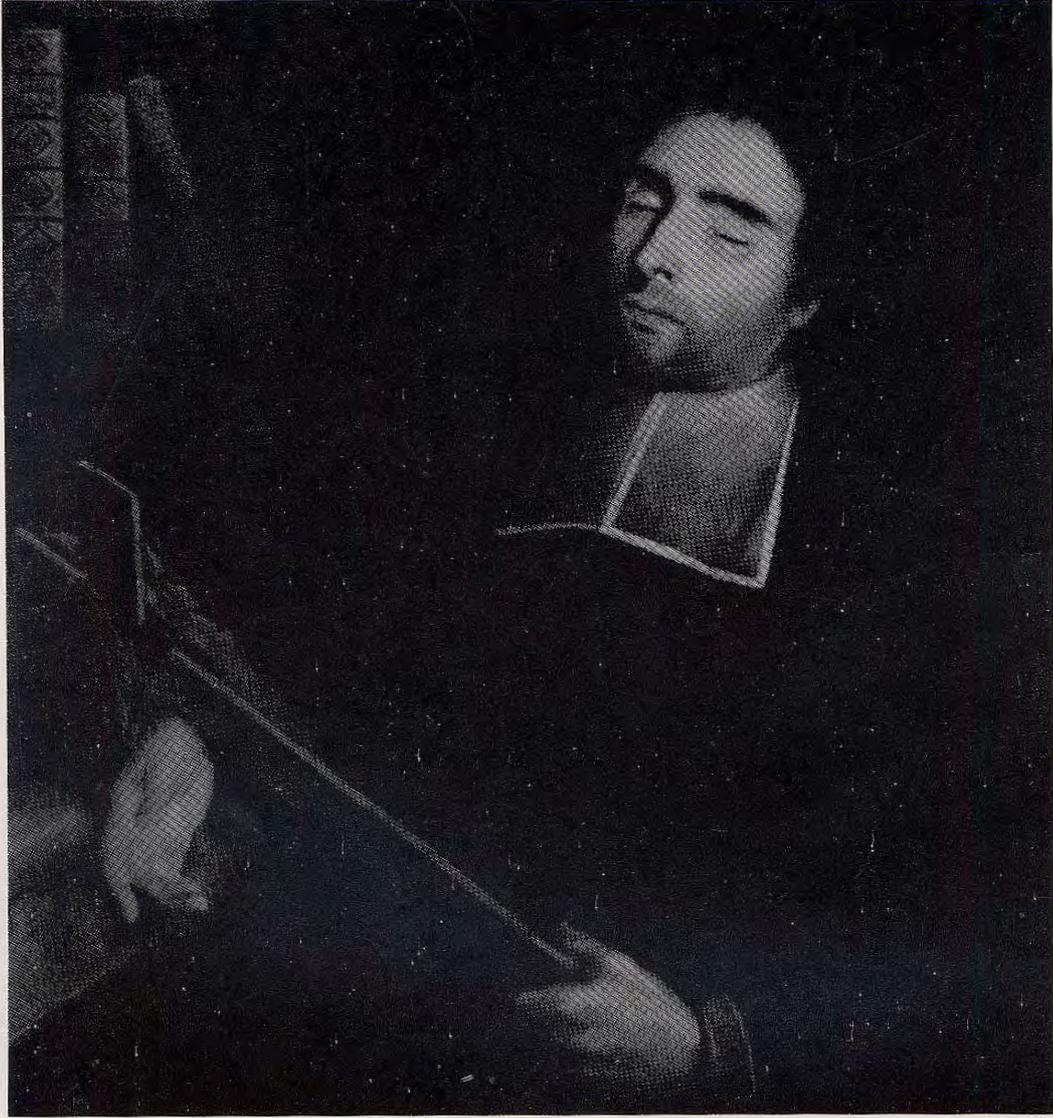
those nervous early internationals. No out-half can shine unless the scrum-half is playing well and when one considers how untidy was the possession won by the hard-pressed forwards and how brilliantly Ward shone then one can appreciate the unobtrusive excellence of Moloney.

Their half-back partnership for Ireland was unique and it helped to demonstrate that while St. Mary's continues to produce Rugby players of the highest quality, year after year, there is a more fundamental consistency of which we can all be proud. They play the game in the same spirit of sportsmanship which we have admired in the greatest players over the years. The example they set for the Wards and Moloneys, who are currently in Junior Two or Junior One, is from the blueprint that inspired Jack Kyle and others before him. Long may we have the pleasure of seeing them in action.

Fred Cogley



**TONY WARD**



## CLAUDE FRANCIS POUILLART DES PLACES (1679-1709)

FOUNDER OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY GHOST

Claude Francis Poullart des Places was born in Rennes, Brittany, France on February 26th 1679 into a family of wealth and influence. His father was a rich merchant, a Director of the Mint and a respected lawyer in the Sovereign Parliament of Brittany while his mother came from a family of noble lineage, the daughter of a prosperous businessman. Claude had a very careful and pious upbringing at home and attended the famous Jesuit Academy in his home town of Rennes.

From the age of eight, he showed academic brilliance and had completed his classical course by the age of twelve. During this time he also showed his interest in serving God. He organised some of his fellow students in Rennes to spend some of their spare time in prayer, penance and devotional exercises. He also came into contact with two men destined to influence him later in Paris, St. Louis de Montfort and Fr. Descartes, S.J.

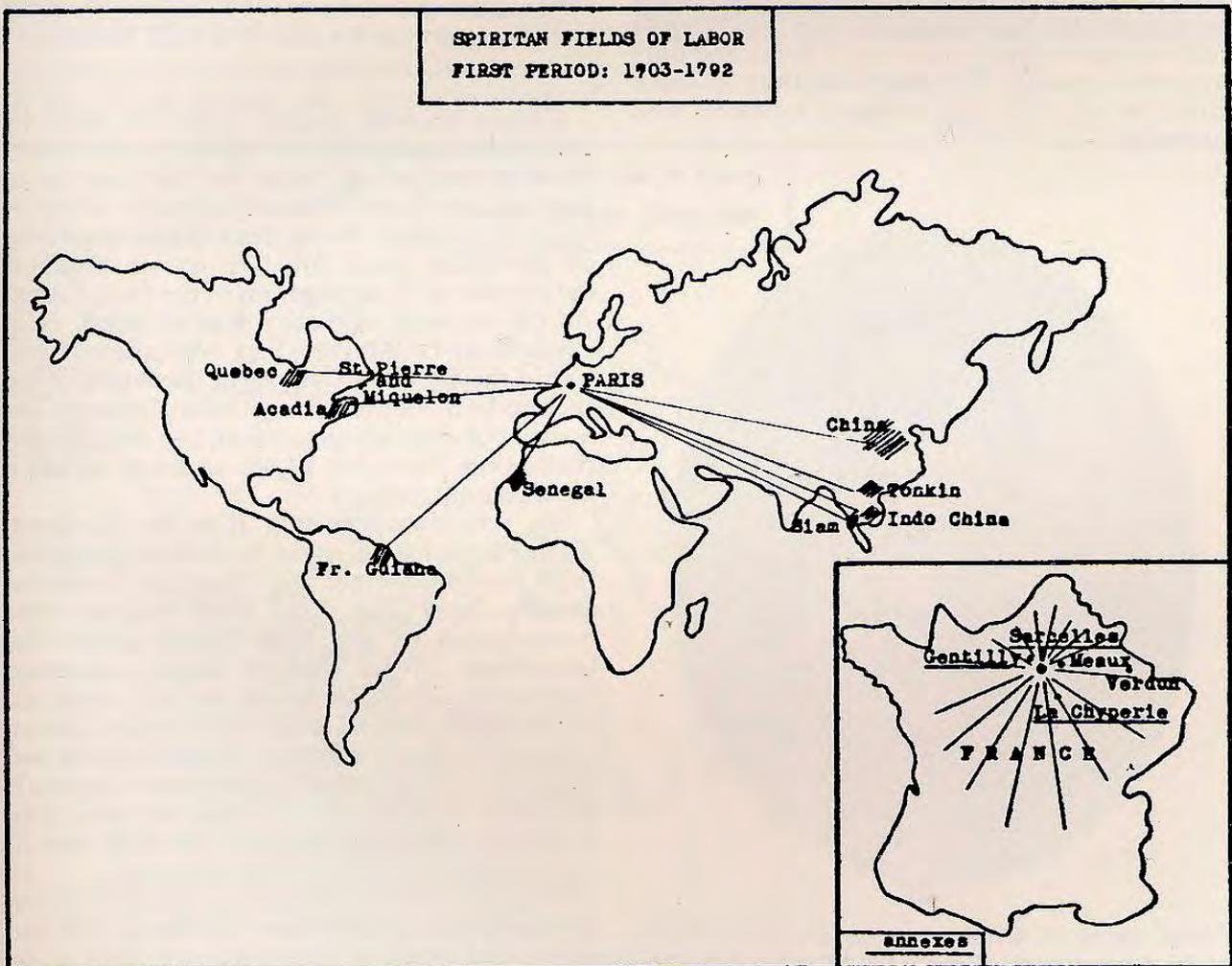
As Claude was much too young for University

life, his parents sent him to the College of Caen to take an advanced course in oratory, a necessary preparation for him to become a lawyer. Once more he spent much time in prayer while displaying remarkable maturity as a student. Then it was back to study philosophy in Rennes and he graduated in 1696 having brilliantly defended his philosophical thesis in the presence of Members of Parliament and the elite society of Rennes. His parents were justly proud of their brilliant son and envisaged him as a lawyer who would become a member of the Parliament of Brittany.

While studying philosophy in Rennes, Claude enjoyed the social activities of the rich. Riding, hunting, shooting and dances were his favourite recreations. The social world was at his feet. Yet he met again with St. Louis de Montfort with whom he often prayed and who gave him an ardent love for Mary. More and more his mind turned to the priesthood which was an

alarming thought for his parents. They sent him to the Court of Versailles in Paris in the service of the Duke of Burgundy, grandson of Louis XIV. There he was an immediate social success but soon he was back in Rennes where, despite a generous allowance from his father, he was soon in debt. This led him to question his social life especially as he knew he had lost his former internal union with God.

After making a retreat in Rennes, once more he decided to become a priest. His father did not wish to discourage him but thought he should test his vocation by studying law. This time Claude went to Nantes University and later to Paris. There he stayed in the Jesuit College of Louis the Great and he paid no attention to the whirl of social activity which beckoned him. He studied in the Sorbonne and qualified as a lawyer in 1700. During his stay in Paris he was very much influenced by Fr. Descartes, S.J., whom he already knew in



Rennes. Not for him was the practice of law but the priesthood. The one remaining obstacle — his parents.

When they saw his resolute decision, they reluctantly gave their consent and he returned to the College of Louis the Great in 1701 to study theology. He did not wish to study at the Sorbonne which was tainted with Gallicanism. Many social eyebrows were raised in Paris at his decision to become a priest. Claude persevered in his saintly path and soon he was the friend and benefactor of the little Savoyards who worked in Paris as chimney sweeps to earn a few sous for their destitute families. With the help of a few friends, Claude taught them reading, writing and the elements of religion.

After receiving the Tonsure in August 1702, Claude's attention was drawn to some of his fellow students who were as needy as the chimney sweeps. Seminaries as we know them today were not the general rule in France at that time. Students attended lectures at the university or other theological institutes but were free to live wherever they wished. There were many poor students who had to do menial jobs to enable them to eke out a living and only attended courses when they had time to spare from the job. This was not good for either soul or body.



Father James H. Garnier, second Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost (1709-1710)



Father Louis Bouic, third Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost (1710-1763)

Claude secretly helped some of them by savings he managed from his father's allowance. Soon he was giving them the food served to him and managed himself with the leftovers from the College. From this humble beginning of providing food for five or six students developed the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. As yet no such objective was in mind. Help came from Fr. Megret, S.J., who allowed him to use the food left over from the meals of the six hundred boarders in the Jesuit College. The number of dependents grew and so did Claude's realisation that many of the students lacked a real spiritual training.

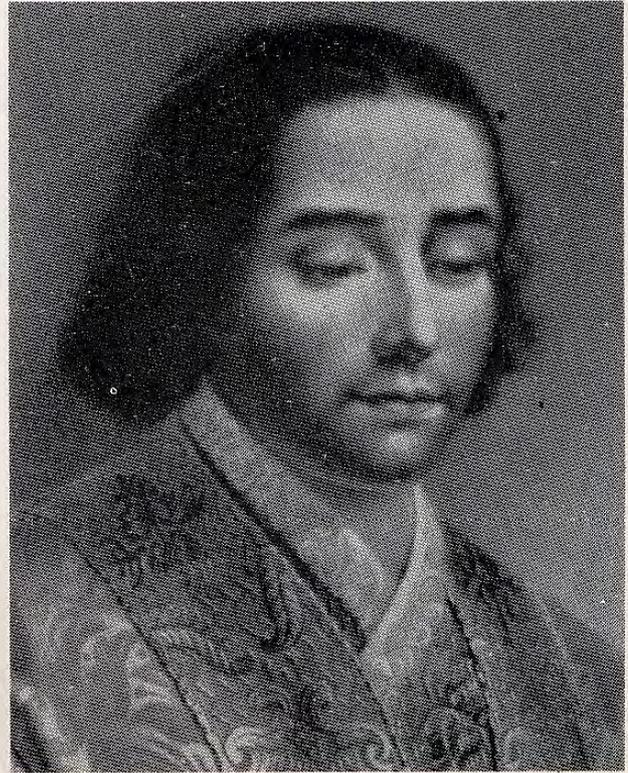
He rented a house in Rue des Cordiers, selected twelve of those he was helping and they joined together for Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th 1703. The seminary was consecrated to the Holy Ghost under the invocation of the Blessed Virgin conceived without sin. Soon the house was too small and the seminary moved to Rue Tournefort. Meanwhile St. Louis de Montfort visited Claude and asked for help to preach missions to the people of France. Claude did not think he was called to preach missions and that his task was to train priests for their sublime ministry.

A candidate for admission to the Holy Ghost Seminary had to fulfill two conditions over and above the usual requirements. He had to be

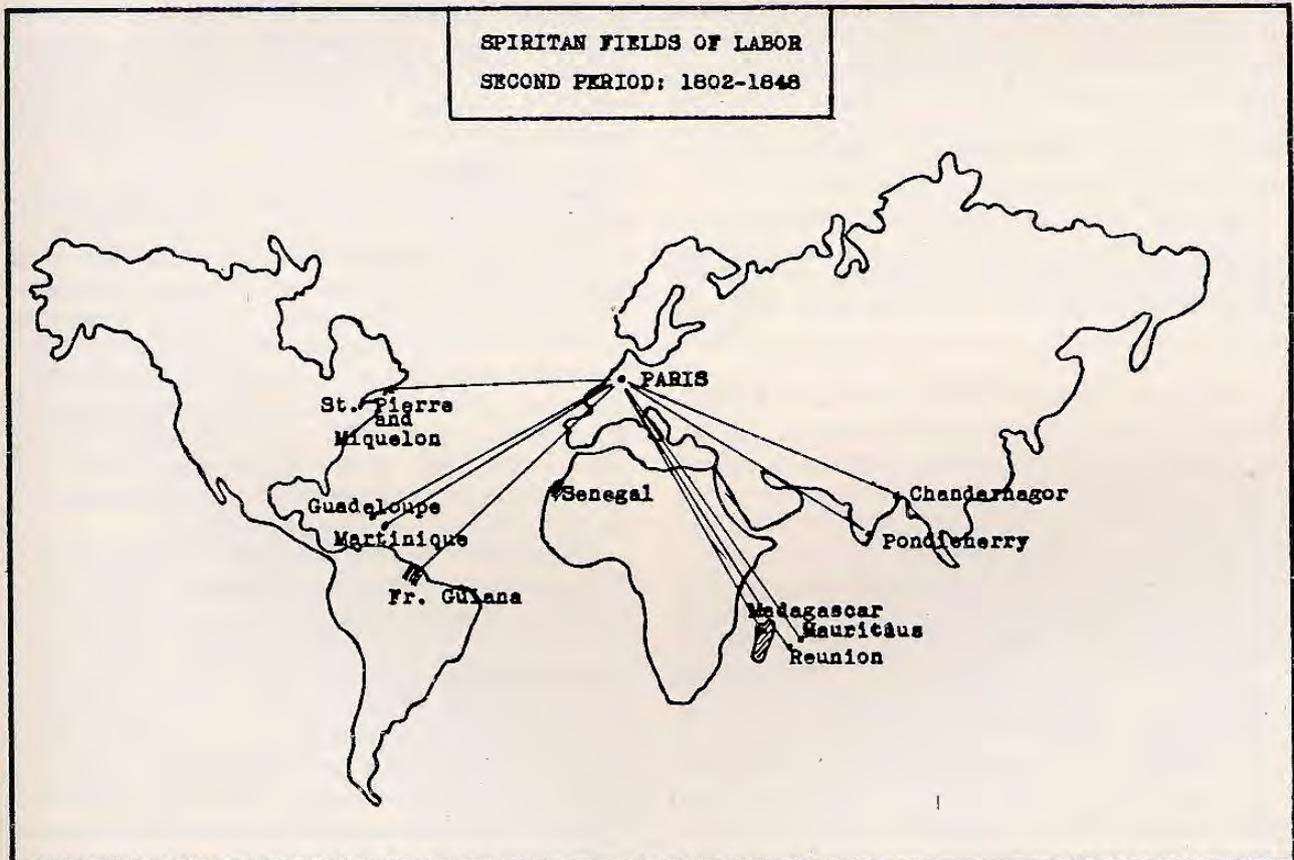
poor and willing to consecrate himself to the most difficult and abandoned works in God's vineyard. The candidates were mainly from the middle class families with large numbers who could not afford to send their sons to private boarding schools. Claude wished to train them in a house which would be in keeping with the modest standard of living at home and instill in them an ardent wish to bring people closer to God.

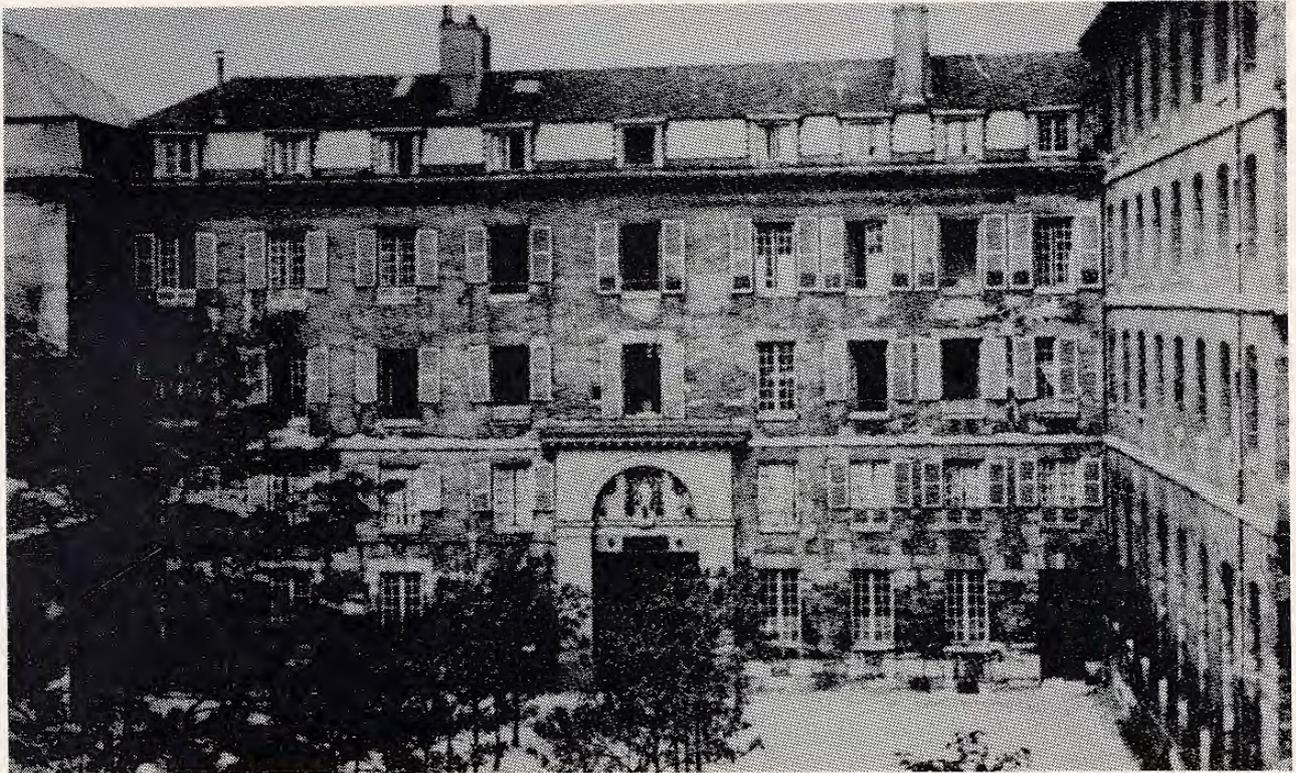
Claude needed the help of senior seminarians in his work and he chose Vincent Barbier and James Garnier as his first official associates in 1705 and after two years they were formally admitted as members of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. Thus there were two distinct though inseparable aspects of his foundation — the Seminary of the Holy Ghost and the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. The Congregation was to remain limited in number as an association of professors and directors whose task was to teach, train and direct future priests.

Thus before he was ordained himself, Claude had founded the Congregation and Seminary of the Holy Ghost. He himself was ordained on December 17th, 1707. He worked tirelessly and led a life of poverty and penance. The members of the Congregation did not have vows of



Francis Libermann





The Spiritan Motherhouse at Paris. Construction started in 1732. The main wing visible in this photo was designed by Chalgrin, the architect of the Arc de Triomphe

poverty but they did live in common, promised obedience to their superiors and surrendered any income from their ministry to the common fund. Worn out by his labours, Claude contacted pleuresy at the end of September and died on October 2nd, 1709 leaving behind him an orphaned Congregation and Seminary.

It may be wondered why Claude did not start a religious order in the sense it is understood today. The first reason was that it was expressly forbidden in France to establish new religious communities and the modern distinction between an 'Order' and a 'Congregation' did not exist. All the great religious foundations of seventeenth century France, such as the Oratorian (1601), the Vincentians (1625), the Sulpicians (1642) and the Foreign Missions (1660) were secular institutes with an intense religious life but without official religious vows.

The work of the Congregation and the Seminary progressed although the second Superior General, Father James Garnier, died in March 1710 and was succeeded by Father Louis Bouic who remained in office until 1763 and consolidated the young congregation. Soon the Congregation was training priests and was given a definite direction. To the Congregation was entrusted the training of priests in Meaux and Verdun and also supplying priests

for poor, abandoned works in various French Dioceses and missionaries in the French colonies. These missionaries were to be found in China and the Far East, in Canada and the Atlantic islands, in Guiana in South America and in Senegal, West Africa.

Disaster struck the Congregation and Seminary with the French Revolution. Since its foundation in 1703 the Congregation had educated and trained 1,600 priests in its Parisian seminary alone. Although the priests coming from the Seminary were not necessarily members of the Congregation, they were known as "Spiritans". Now the Seminary was closed and members of the Congregation were "on the run". When 1802 came with peace once more between Church and State, it was difficult to reassemble the members of the Congregation.

Thus when Francis Libermann founded the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary, with almost the identical purpose as the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, it was decided to fuse both Congregations together in 1848 as the Congregation of the Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Heart of Mary which we know today. The work of Claude Poullart des Places continues today in Europe, North America, South America, Africa, West Indies and Australia with the work of training priests for the Lord in His vineyard.

# FRANCIS LIBERMANN

## THE DECISION TO PRAY

If you have heard of Francis Libermann at all, you probably think of him as the convert Jew, who revitalised the African missions in the middle of the last century. He was the founder of a missionary society, the restorer of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, which in the first half of the last century was in danger of dying out.

Himself marked out by misfortune, he was an epileptic, his heart went out to anyone who was suffering. After several epileptic seizures it seemed that the door had closed upon his hope of ordination to the priesthood. Everything now was tentative, every plan provisional. In this period of difficult self-acceptance, Libermann did not cry out in complaint to God. Rather he came to know in a new way God's Son, who was abandoned in His suffering and death. God came close to him and gave him a share in His peace which no man and no crisis would take from him. He became a friend of the disturbed, who, often after only a short conversation with him, went away at peace.

His illness abated and he was ordained a priest. Then began his principal work: proclaiming the gospel to the underprivileged and the deprived in Africa. Those who were most abandoned beckoned most urgently to him. He, himself, never left his native France, but under his leadership, great missionary strides were made. Libermann was a leader of men. His surprising power of attraction was rooted, not in any advantages of temperament, but in a magnetism that came from his unconditional surrender to God. Everything he undertook was transparently God-centred. People who wanted to spend themselves in the service of God were irresistibly drawn to him. He exercised his authority with gentleness and firmness. He had achieved a simplicity of approach to life that went straight to the heart of the matter. Success did not come easily or quickly but, when Libermann died in 1852, the Holy Ghost Congregation had received a new lease on life and the following hundred years were to be the ones of outstanding achievement.

Winning at Lansdowne Road is a great thrill. Long forgotten is the painful breathing of the first September practice, the forlorn feeling of training in the damp November dark. We know now that Libermann was a winner. But only late in his life was there evidence of some success. This essay is about Libermann as a



*The Venerable  
Francis - Mary - Paul LIBERMANN*

*Born at Saverne (France) April 12th, 1802. Converted from Judaism on Christmas Eve 1826. Ordained to the Priesthood on September 18th, 1841. Died in Paris 2nd February, 1852.*

*In 1841 he founded the Society of the HOLY HEART OF MARY for the evangelization of the black races. In 1848 this Society was united with the Society of THE HOLY GHOST. Father Libermann became the first Superior General of this new Congregation of THE HOLY GHOST AND THE HOLY HEART OF MARY. On the 19th June, 1910 Pope Pius X signed the Decree proclaiming the heroic character of the virtues of this Servant of God.*

young man, about Libermann in training. The big game is in the future, the winning is still a dream.

## OBSERVANCE AT SAVERNE

Francis Libermann was born in Saverne (France) in 1802. His father was the rabbi of the town and he dreamed of having a son a rabbi like himself. Francis was the fifth son, another son and daughter came later. Francis' mother died when he was 11. The most influential people in his young life were his father and his eldest brother, Samson, who was twelve years older than him.

The Libermann family lived in the Jewish ghetto. They did not suffer any great hardship, but their's was a confined existence and they were looked down upon by other townspeople. In 1791 the government of the Revolution had granted citizenship to the Jews in France. Since

then, technically, the ghettos no longer existed but people who have grown apart cannot be brought together by the stroke of a pen. Francis grew up in a situation of segregation. The Jews and Christians in Saverne lived in peaceful, if precarious, co-existence. However, lack of contact meant that mutual understanding was replaced by mutual imagining. From the stories of the ghetto, Francis became convinced that Christian society was hostile.

The turbulent period of the French Revolution followed by the military campaigns of Napoleon increased the uneasiness of Francis' father, Lazard, about the value of his new French citizenship. Samson, on the other hand, felt that it was the moment of opportunity for the Jews, their chance to take their rightful place in society. He soon tired of his rabbinical studies and, to the horror of his father, turned to the study of medicine. Lazard now redoubled his care in the education of Francis, whom he felt to be his last chance of having a son a rabbi. Francis gave himself to the study of the Talmud with complete dedication. He showed great promise and was remarkable for his shrewdness of judgement. The Talmud was

also the measure of his behaviour. Samson wrote of him: "Until the age of 18 or 20, he practised the precepts of the Talmud with a scrupulous exactitude".

Francis lived at Saverne until he was 20, when he went to the Talmudic School at Metz. He had been happy at Saverne and between him and his father there was a deep bond of affection. Lazard was highly regarded in the Jewish community. He was staunchly conservative in his views. He believed that the only hope of fidelity to God lay in the isolation of the ghetto. Those who plunged into the activities of the wider society lost their faith. Francis' faith in God grew strong at Saverne but in a very sheltered atmosphere. He absorbed much of his father's narrowness of outlook, his tendency towards exact observance. Lazard's attitude of distrust towards the contemporary society was exemplified by the fact that he never learned French. Francis began his study of French only when he left Saverne to continue his rabbinical studies at the Talmudic School. He set off for Metz with the warnings of his father about the dangers of secular culture ringing in his ears.



Fr. Bernard Kelly C.S.Sp., extreme right, with postulants to the Holy Ghost Order in Canada

# Irish C.S.Sp. Locations 1976



## REVOLT AT METZ

Francis arrived at Metz with great expectations. He was 20 and feeling his strength. A little spice was added to the venture by the fact that in a recent drawing of lots for military service, he had drawn a lucky number, which entitled him to exemption. He welcomed the challenge ahead, the chance to match wits with the other students and hopefully bring credit to his father by his performance. He brought with him two letters of reference to rabbis in Metz, friends of his father, the elder of whom would keep an eye on him and report on his progress. The younger rabbi had been a student of his father and had frequently been a guest of the Libermann household in Saverne. Francis approached him with confidence but was greeted with such coldness that he was deeply hurt and he never returned. The elder rabbi, a conservative like Lazard, showed some interest in him at first, but this waned when he discovered that Francis was studying French.

Disappointed by the coldness of his reception, Francis received help from an unexpected quarter. A Catholic student of education offered to give him free language lessons. Francis had been taught to expect no good from Catholics. Other things bothered him. The solidarity of the Jewish community at Saverne was missing. At Metz, there was quite a separation between rich and poor Jews. There was a rift between progressive and conservative Jews, which extended to the teaching staff of the Talmudic School. Francis became aware of his very limited experience. He found himself ill-equipped to deal with the problems that were presenting themselves. Cracks began to appear in the worldview that he had received uncritically from his father. His faith did not have answers to the new questions that were continually arising. He began to read the French authors of the day. Rousseau in particular interested him. He turned to literature more than to the bible. The God of his father became a stranger to him.

The real bombshell of his time at Metz was the news of his brother Samson's conversion to Catholicism. In trying at this time to put into words his own thoughts about God, he found that he himself no longer believed. In a letter to Samson he speaks about "the chains of religion" and "the fables" which the Bible contains. "All that God demands of us is to acknowledge Him, to be just and human." Francis had put aside his biblical faith in favour of the gospel of humanism, with its emphasis on justice and how we treat each other. He could not accept that God would intervene in

history in favour of a particular people, would perform miracles in their midst. This would be unjust on the part of God. All organised religion, both Jewish and Catholic, was mistaken. A fellow student asked his help with a Hebrew text, which turned out to be the gospel. He was very struck by the text but the profusion of miracles that Jesus performed repelled him.

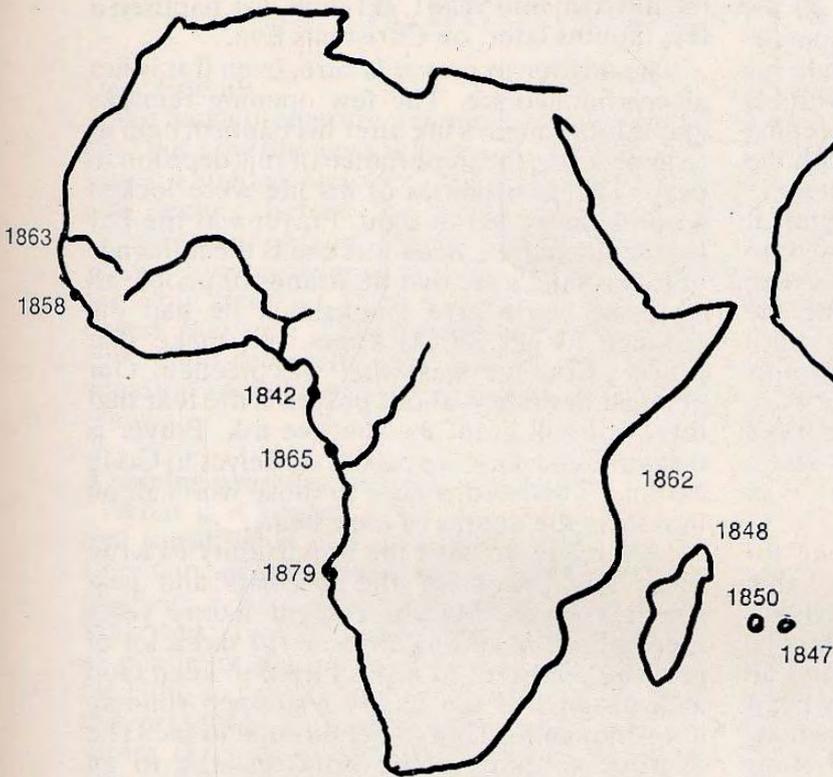
At this time Francis was experiencing the excitement of taking a personal stance in the world for the first time. He had been forced to call in question what he had inherited from his family and had found it wanting. At the same time he was experiencing a painful confusion. The good habits he had acquired at home had not been broken. Even though he was mentally adrift, his conduct remained exemplary. His deep love for his father had not lessened. His main rebuke to Samson about his change of religion was the heartbreak it would cause Lazard. He was now four years at Metz and he felt that a summons to return home was imminent, especially if reports had reached Saverne of his change of attitude.

## PRAYER IN PARIS

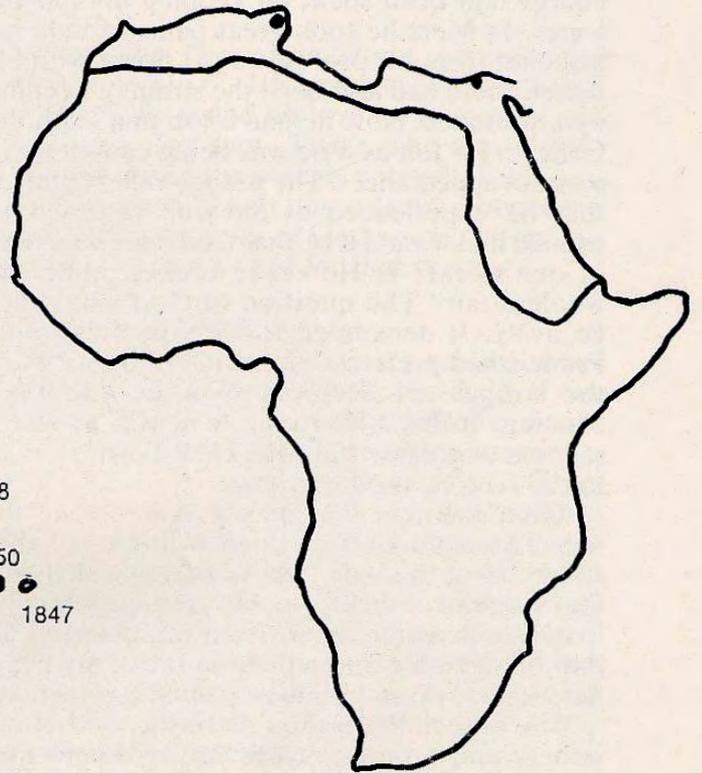
Francis decided to go to Paris and there to try to find a way out of the confusion that was overcoming him. But first he must visit his father and seek his blessing. He approached Saverne full of apprehension. To reveal his true situation would break his father's heart. To hide the neglect of his talmudic studies would be impossible in the face of his father's questioning. His worst fears were realised when, on the very evening of his arrival, his father introduced a discussion on the Talmud. To his great surprise he experienced a strange enlightenment which enabled him to answer with ease the most intricate questions about passages that he had scarcely read. Lazard was overjoyed. He rushed to embrace Francis and brought out a bottle of his best wine to celebrate the occasion. Francis left for Paris with a blessing. He was greatly relieved. He was also perplexed by the thought of the strange enlightenment.

Francis spent the first few days in Paris with his brother, Felix, who had recently become a Catholic. Felix' obvious happiness impressed him but, Francis tells us, he was very far from taking a similar step himself. He visited the local rabbi, as his father had recommended, and borrowed a book, which he returned a week later. This was no sign of the renewal of religious interest, but rather a diplomatic move to prevent unfavourable reports reaching his father.

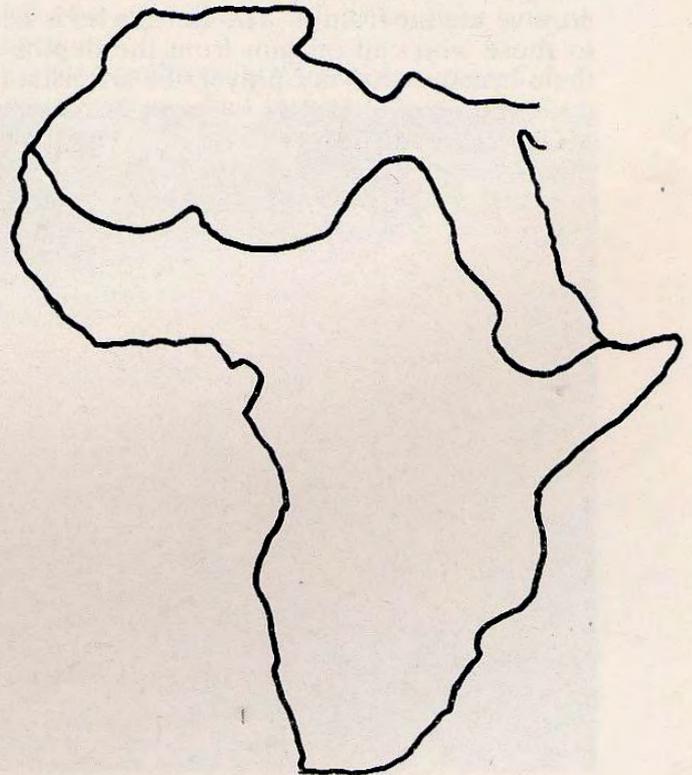
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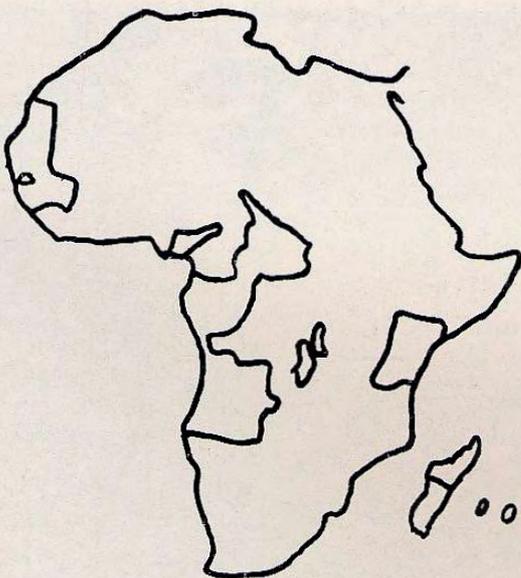
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BEFORE THE ARAB INVASION



AFRICA AFTER FOUR CENTURIES OF  
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The strain of this 'diplomacy' was beginning to tell on Francis. For some time now all his energy had been spent on keeping up appearances. In Metz he took great pains to hide his disbelief from his professors. At home with his father, there had also been the strain of keeping up a pretence. Now he had a job in a Catholic College. He felt as if he was being caught up in a web of appearances. The strange enlightenment that he experienced at Saverne returned to trouble him. Could it be that God does intervene in our world? Is He really orchestrating the whole affair? The question of God would not go away. It demanded a decision. Until now Francis had preferred the strain of duplicity to the struggle of decision. Now he was tired running. In his attic room, a weariness and a sadness overcame him. He knelt down to pray to the God he used to know.

"That moment was a very painful one for me. The sight of that deep solitude, of that room where the only light was from a skylight; the thought of being so far from my family, from my acquaintances, from my country, all that plunged me into a deep sadness; my heart felt weighed down by a most painful melancholy.

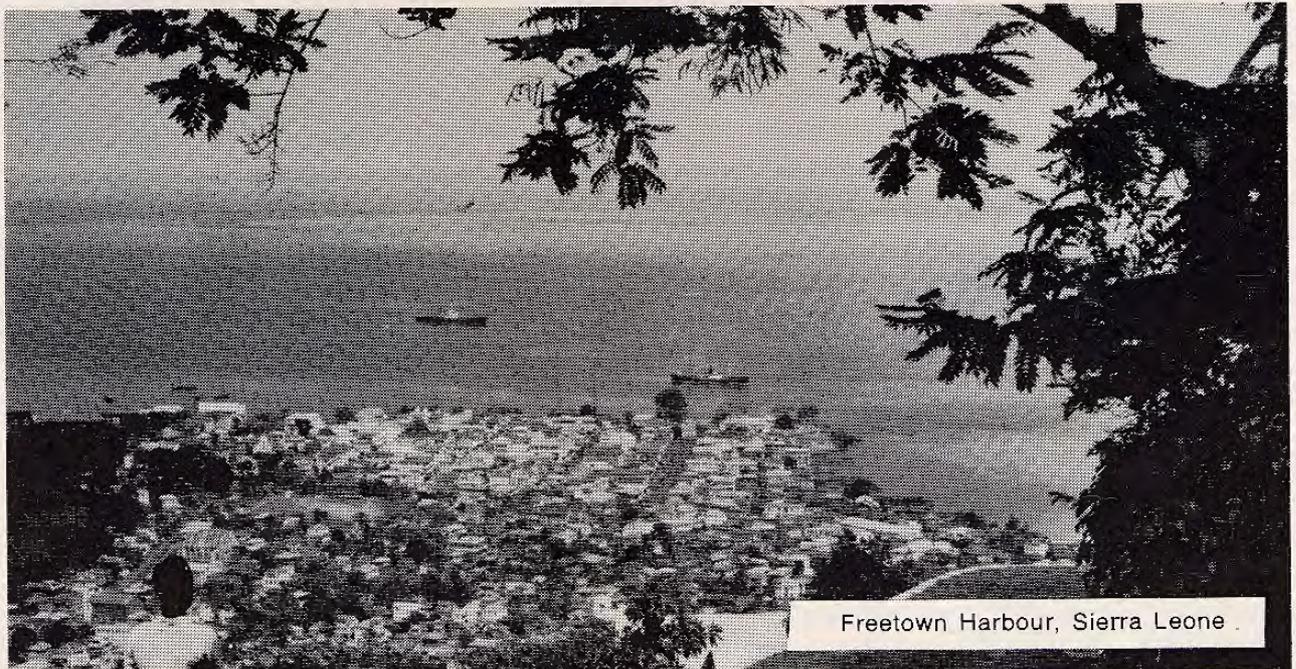
"It was then that I thought of the God of my fathers and I threw myself on my knees and begged him to enlighten me concerning the true religion. I prayed to him, that if the belief of Christians was true, he would let me know and that if it was false, he would at once remove me far from it. The Lord, who is near to those who call on him from the depths of their heart, heard my prayer. In an instant I

was enlightened, I saw the truth: faith penetrated my mind and my heart." Francis was baptised a few months later, on Christmas Eve.

The answer to prayer is sure, even if it is not always immediate. The few opening remarks about Libermann's life after his baptism help us to appreciate the importance of this decision to pray. The possibilities of his life were locked securely away out of sight. Prayer was the key that set them free. Such was and is the influence of Libermann's life that thousands of people all over the world give thanks that he had the courage to get on his knees and make that prayer. Courage was what was needed. Our greatest hesitation about prayer is the fear that the Lord will grant us what we ask. Prayer is dangerous because we expose ourselves to God's action. "The Lord is near to those who call on him from the depths of their heart."

I am happy to have the opportunity to write these few pages for the students and past students of St. Mary's. I spent happy years there as a boy and as a teacher. I did a lot of growing up there. At times I tried to keep God at a distance. I am happy I stopped running long enough for Him to get through to me. The decision to pray is the breakthrough to an exciting life, whatever the Lord calls you to. The Lord's promise is for everyone and He keeps His word: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." (Jn. 10:10)

Bernard A. Kelly, C.S.Sp.  
Edmonton — May 1978.



Freetown Harbour, Sierra Leone

## A BROTHER AT OUR SIDE

Dear Friends,

We had a premature announcement two years ago, but now the news is sure and "official": on Mission Sunday, October 22nd, the Holy Father will declare before the whole Church that "*The Servant of God, Jacques Laval, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost and of the Holy Heart of Mary, can from now on be called Blessed*". This happy event will shed light upon the entire year 1978. It will be an occasion of thanksgiving, of pride, of interior renewal.

### A shining presence of God among us

What is a Beatification? Or rather, in very real sense, what is a saint in the midst of the Christian people? Few of us will have the privilege I have had of experiencing this in Mauritius: a saint is a person who has become so pliable in the hands of God, so transparent for Him, so taken over by the Holy Spirit, that the presence of God — the saving-God — shines through him in an extraordinary way. The veil is lifted and we get a glimpse of what can happen when a man opens himself to the Holy Spirit who makes all things new. It is in this way that the Lord becomes present through Jacques Laval, our brother. In such a case, death is a small matter; it simply means that God's power has come and broken open the shell.

A hundred years after his death, Father Laval is still God's witness, missionary, sign of hope, peace-maker, bond of unity, God's messenger to hundreds of thousands of men who for generations have never stopped coming to his tomb. In a country which has suffered from racial and ethnic tensions, he alone succeeds in bringing together in peace and in prayer around his tomb, Christians, Moslems, Hindus, Animists. As a witness to the Gospel and after the example

of Christ, he "*brings together the scattered children of God*". His prayers — so fervent during his life — and his love for men still seem tangible in that spot. That's why they come. The intuition of the poor is not mistaken.

Beatification is only the solemn recognition of a shining presence of God among us and an invitation to thank God for that presence.

### A companion of the journey

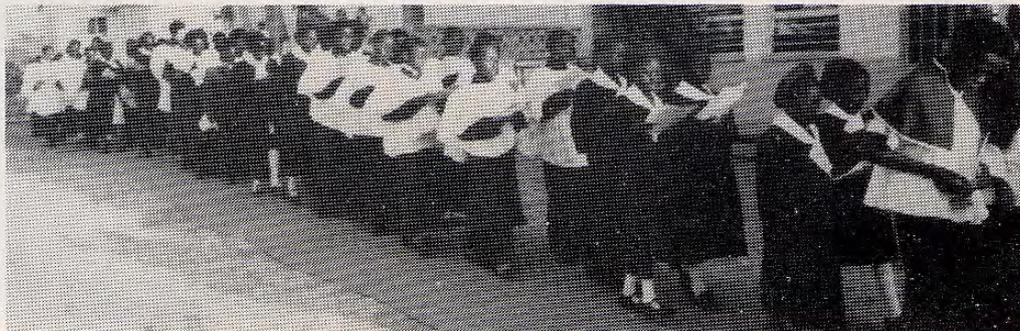
The communion of Saints is a reality of our faith which does not enter into the field of our experience every day. A beatification also means that "He who presides over our visible communion here below" says to us: "*Your brother is living with God and among us*"! We would do well to meditate upon this, we who have such great need on one another in our meeting with God and in our service to the Mission. Father Laval lived according to the Spiritan missionary which is also ours. He drew from the spiritual spring that Libermann is — that same source that many Holy Ghost Fathers are rediscovering in our own day with great eagerness.

Father Laval lived out his mission in the midst of social and political changes which are not without some resemblance to those we live through today. His times, like ours, were the dawn of a new epoch, full of promise and of uncertainty.

Father Laval is truly "*A Brother at our Side*", in whom we can find inspiration, in whom we can discover the Spiritan adventure in all its freshness and all its demands. What is more; he can take us by the hand and lead us towards intimacy with God, because he lives there himself.

### A prophetic vision

Sometimes we need the celebration of a feast to help us bring out the true colours



Procession on Mission Fields

which day to day remain in the shadow and can appear dull and faded. As a Spiritan family we have had our "cries". Who can say whether our days of trial are over now? This feast of the Beatification does not have its principal reference to the past, but much more to the realities of *today* and to the *future* that God holds out before us, with Laval, alive and walking on ahead of us.

*"The charism of a founder places him much less in the past than in the future — it has much more to do with a plan, a hope, than a memory. It is by this prophetic gift that a founder remains alive among his sons."* (I/D, n°15, p3).

We are invited to allow ourselves to be challenged by that charism so that we may better live according to it. It is *prophetic*, because it unveils for us what the Will of God is for us at present. It displays before our eyes how the various elements which constitute our world come together to form a whole, how they take

on a meaning "for us" which becomes our true vocation. That meaning, that vocation, comes less from a call in the past than from the *unknown* in the future. It is dynamic and challenges our creativity and our ability to be renewed. It is enlightened by our heritage, but today it acquires new vigour from the existence of Laval, from the existence of Libermann who inspires it, from the existence of many others among us.

#### **A call to interior renewal**

This Beatification also calls upon us to be converted, to renew ourselves interiorly. If that does not happen, it will have little meaning. This is a time of grace in our Spiritan history which we must recognise and take advantage of.

Frans Timmermans, C.S.Sp.,  
Superior General,  
Holy Ghost Congregation.



Archbishop Brosnahan of Freetown and Bo, Sierra Leone addresses his flock

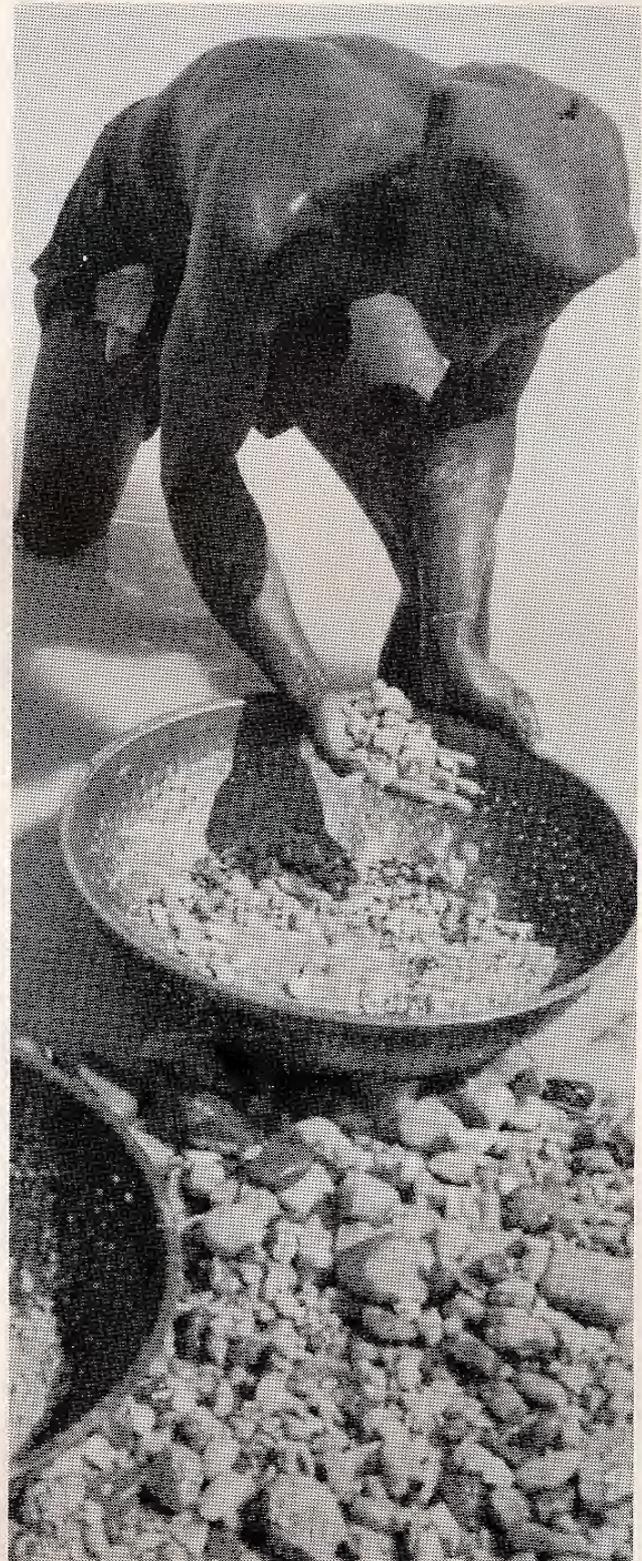
## MISSION ACTIVITIES AMONG PARENTS

*"As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethern you did it unto Me." (Matt. 25)*

So generous the response, so helpful the aid given the previous year, that early last September two parents held separate cake sales in their homes to continue their help in the education of African Youth. Both were highly successful thanks to the great support given. Proceeds from these sales amounting to £236.00 went to Fr. Henry Moloney, C.S.Sp., of Bo, Sierra Leone who undertook to pay school fees, buy books and pay for the medical and other needs of boys who would otherwise receive no education or much needed assistance. Letters of appreciation from some of the boys helped, show what our efforts mean to them. In November a group of parents organised another cake sale in St. Mary's which realised £160.00. This time the money went to help Brother Cammillus, C.S.Sp., of Moyamba, Sierra Leone to purchase carpentry and metal work equipment for the technical school there. As a bonus in December, Miss Jacqueline Pomeroy brought her choir — The Dublin Chorale — to St. Mary's to put on a concert of Christmas Carols in the Chapel in aid of the missions. Our only regret was that this concert was not better supported — it was a wonderful treat for all who attended and our gratitude extends also to the Gibney family who rendered wonderful interludes on the piano, flute and cello between items. However, all will have another chance on 10th December this year when Miss Pomeroy makes a return visit to St. Mary's with her choir to give another concert for the missions. Last December's proceeds went to Fr. Peter Casey, C.S.Sp., of Mattru Jong, (again in Sierra Leone) who was planning to build a church at the time and was badly in need of funds. This coming December the concert is also in aid of our adopted mission of Sierra Leone — for that area or Father who has the most pressing needs and our help is required most. To all who supported us in 1977 a very sincere "thank you" and to those who just couldn't make it we ask you to come along this year when you get the notice and share in this wonderful privilege of ours — that of helping the missions.

"You are not, never can be, forgotten in all my prayers for you form part of my own missionary life of union with Him whose missionaries we all are . . ." (Bishop J. Shanahan, C.S.Sp.).

Gloria Leahy



# BLESSED JAMES LAVAL, C.S.Sp.

## Doctor — Priest — Blessed

Father James Laval, C.S.Sp., will be beatified in Rome (during the Spring of 1979), the first Spiritan to be so honoured. He lived a most dedicated life some of which was spent as a doctor in Evreux, some as Cure of the parish of Pinterville, both places in Normandy. Most of his life was spent as a missionary on the island of Mauritius which lies in the Indian Ocean, off the island of Madagascar and the coast of East Africa.

On September 18th 1803, Jacques Desire Laval was born into a wealthy Normandy family in France. He was the fourth of eight children and grew up in the atmosphere of an excellent Catholic home. After completing his classical studies in Paris, he joined the Faculty of Medicine. Then he set up practice in the Normandy town of Evreux, situated half way between Rouen and Paris.

It was in Evreux that James's life took a dramatic change. As a doctor he had become well known for his charity and frugal life but an accidental fall from a horse was the turning point of his life. Seeing the hand of God in his escape from certain death, he gave up his practice as a doctor and entered the seminary at Issy from which he went to St. Sulpice. Those days in the seminary were to have far reaching effects in later years.

In St. Sulpice, James Laval came under the influence of Francis Libermann, a convert Jew, and organiser of the "Bandes de pieté" and founder of the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary. The spirituality of Libermann, centered on complete dependence on God which in turn led to humility and an ardent love for others,

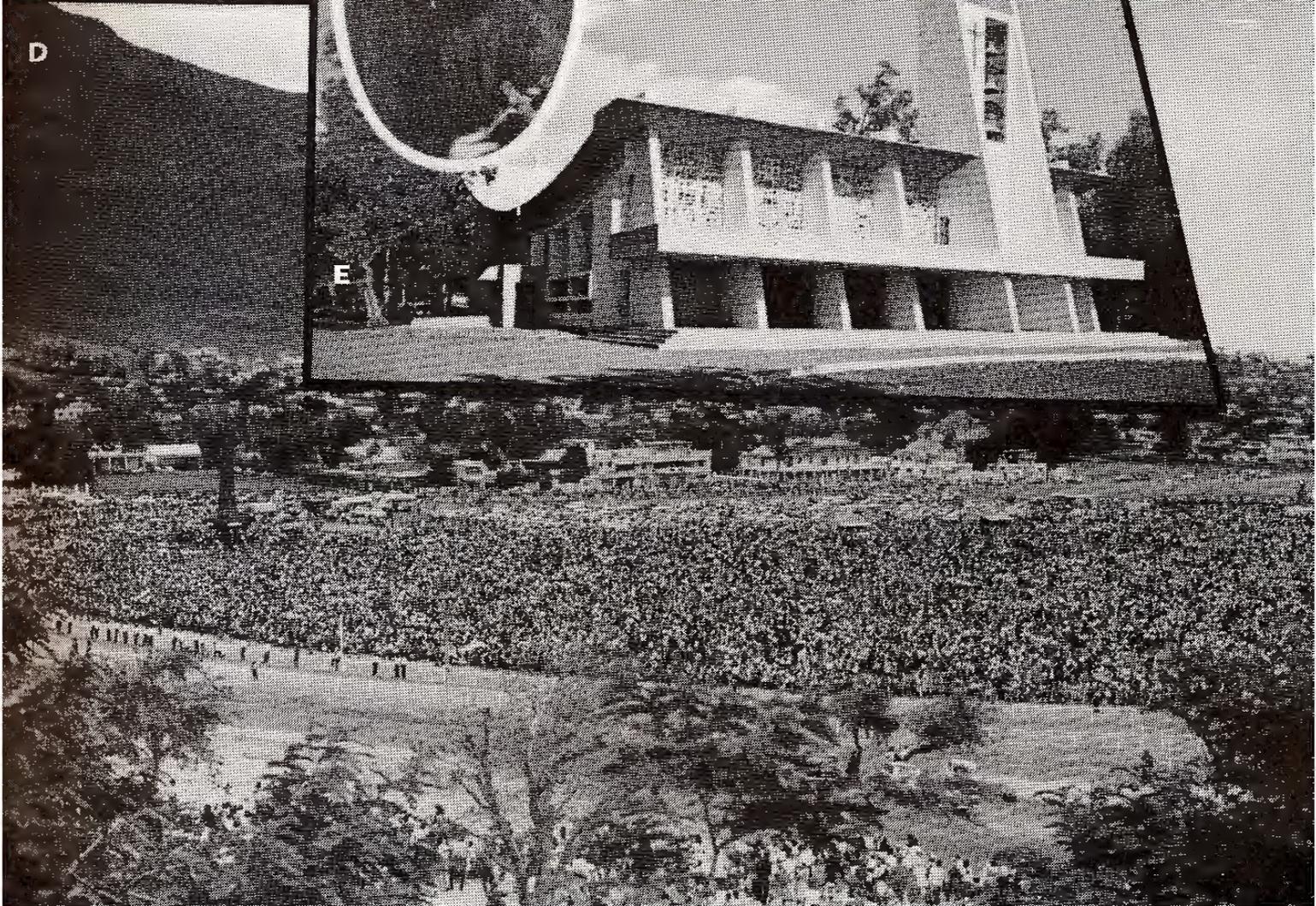
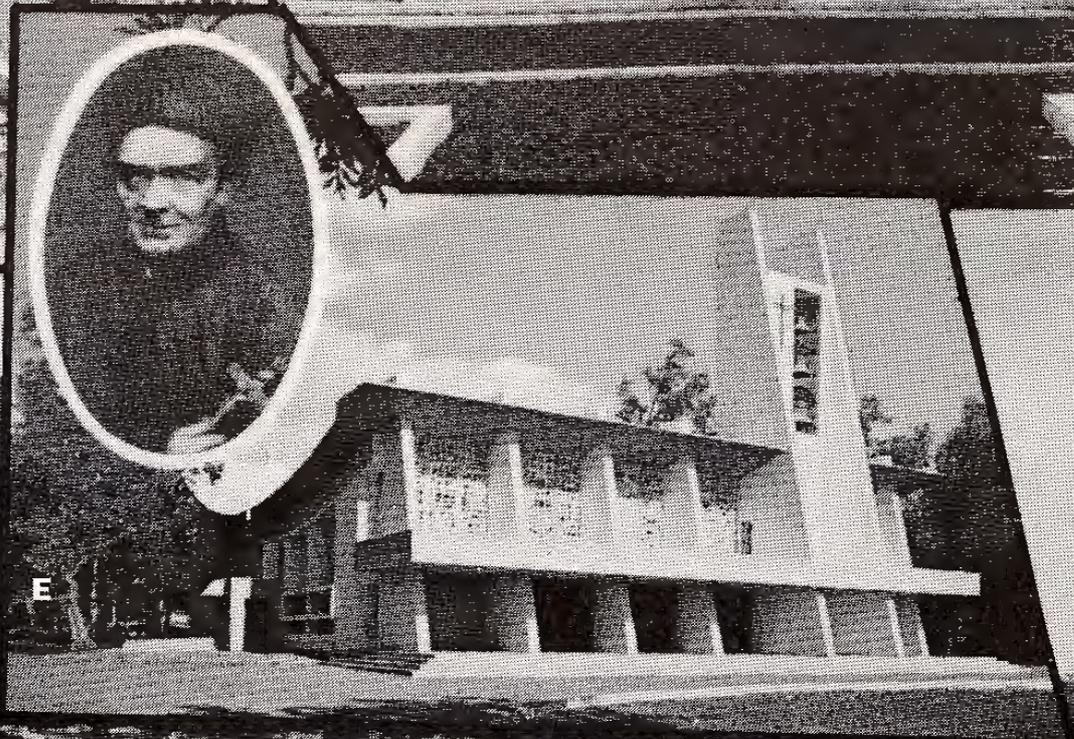
had a deep effect on Laval. So too did Libermann's concern about abandoned souls especially those in Africa where the abject poverty, both spiritual and material, even of liberated slaves, needed the work of priests who would have a thankless task but who had complete dependence on God and burning charity to overcome what looked like an unsurmountable obstacle.

James Laval, the doctor, was ordained a priest in 1838 and went to work as Cure of Pinterville in the Diocese of Evreux. Once more the charity and simple way of life of James Laval as a priest became as well known as it had been during his days as a doctor in Evreux. But the influence of Fr. Libermann and the call of the abandoned souls in Africa drew Laval to a further change in life. The doctor had become a priest and now the priest became a missionary. He volunteered for work in Africa, joined the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary which later fused with the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.

The year was 1841 and on June 14th, James Laval left London with Monsigneur Collier, the Vicar-Apostolic of Mauritius, to work as a missionary on the island. On arrival, he found that the nine priests already there had been confining their ministry to the white population. He chose to live in a poor, wooden shed near the Cathedral in Port Louis, capital of the island. The coloured people received his full attention for they were the abandoned souls he had heard so much about from Libermann. His days were given over to prayer, catechism classes and the thousands of liberated slaves who never had a priest to minister to them.

Visiting them in their huts, in hospital, in

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- A Former tomb of Fr. Laval over which present tomb is built.
  - B College of Holy Ghost Fathers in Mauritius.
  - C Holy Ghost Fathers graveyard in Mauritius.
  - D Thousands at the Centenary celebration in 1964, of Fr. Laval's death.
  - E The new church of Fr. Laval.



prison, he built chapels near the capital and then further afield. His presbytery in Sainte Croix became a haven of refuge and peace. Catechizing endlessly, never taking sufficient food or sleep, spiritual guide and confessor of rich and poor alike, it is estimated that his ministry was responsible for the conversion of 60,000 people. His zeal and energy knew no bounds yet he managed to spend hours in prayer each day. Libermann's ideal of dependence on God coupled with ardent love for others became the reality of Laval's life.

This also showed in his apostolate. His converts were trained to pray, to be apostles, to devote themselves to their brethren and to be models of the Christian Life by their ministry and generosity. All this took patience as there was strong opposition in the beginning but gradually he succeeded in building up a fraternal pattern of getting along together between peoples regardless of class or colour. He brought people

of every race, religion and colour together. A remarkable achievement for the doctor who became a priest and then a missionary.

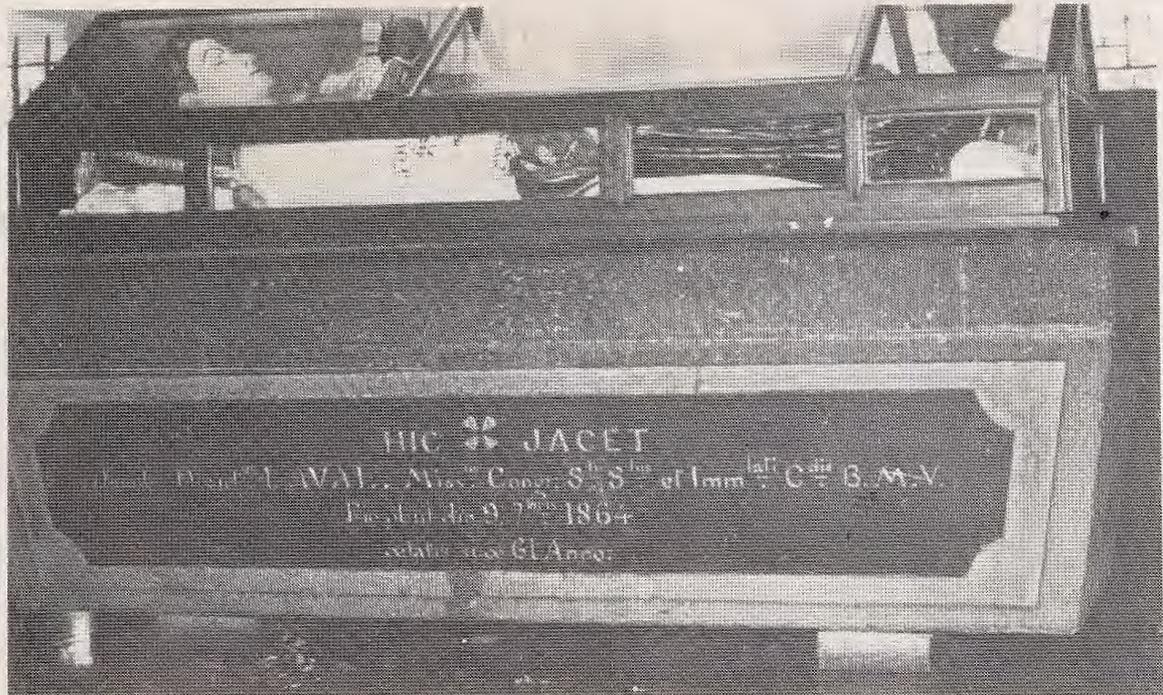
In these days of lay missionaries who devote themselves to the development of an area for two or three years, one may well ask could not James Laval have sanctity as a doctor in Evreux or on the island of Mauritius? Of course he could but he chose to abandon medicine to become a priest-missionary. He might well have done much work for the poor on the island as a doctor but his decision was that only as a missionary could he help them attain the healing of their souls and gain entry to the Kingdom of Heaven. On October 22nd the Church will indicate God's approval of James Laval's decision to minister to the abandoned people as a priest-missionary.

Worn out by his work and after having five attacks of apoplexy in as many years, he died on September 9th, 1864. Mourned by many, his



The area round Rouen, Normandy, where Fr. Laval practised medicine in Evreux, (halfway between Rouen and Paris).

Present tomb of Fr. Laval.

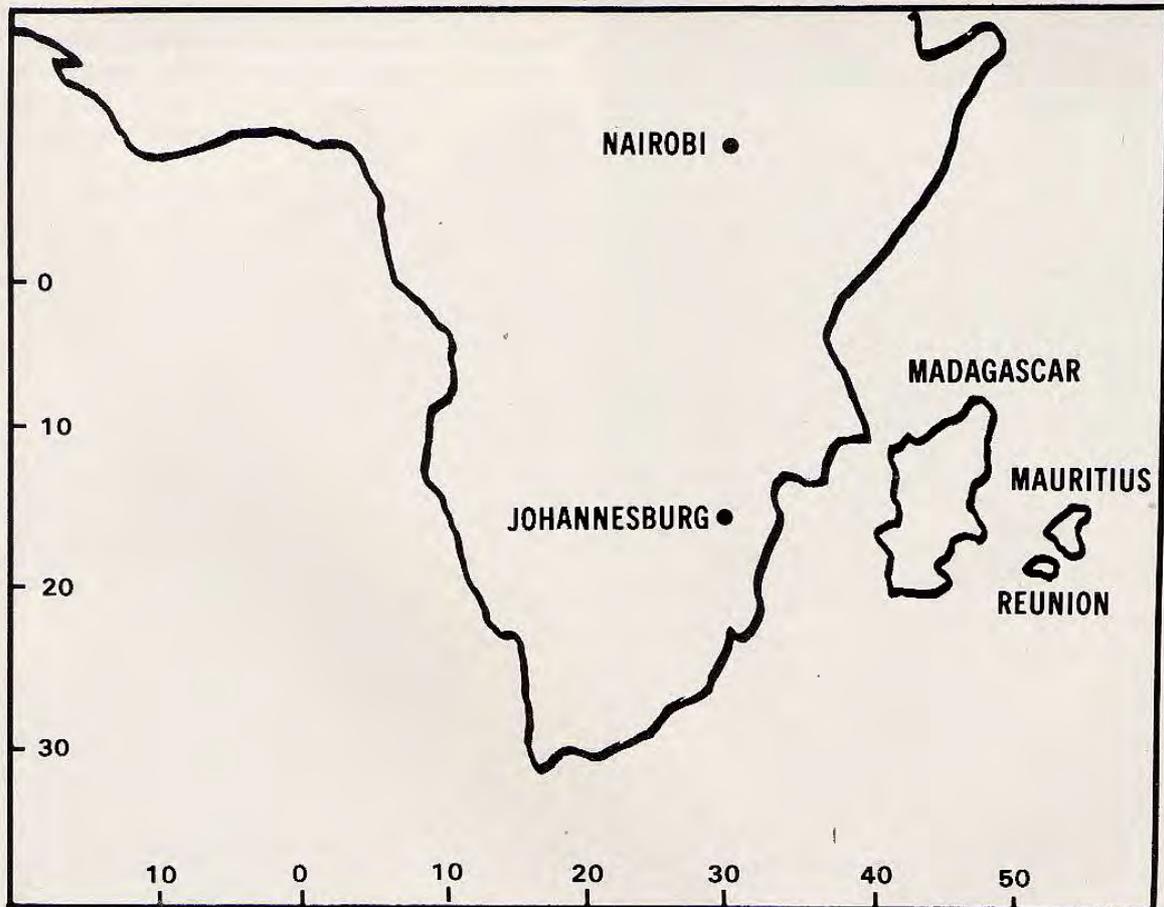


cortege was followed by 40,000 people from the Cathedral to Sainte Croix, where he was buried. The tomb soon became famous for favours granted there and was visited by thousands of Mauritians of all creeds and colour. Today the tomb is a shrine visited by over 4,000 people a week including Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus who make up half of the pilgrims.

James Laval is still a creator of unity among the various communities of the island. The Government of Mauritius acknowledged this last year when they added the 9th September — the anniversary of Fr. Laval's death — to the list of public holidays. Come Spring next year, not only will Mauritians honour their own apostle but the whole world, at his Beatification, will acclaim the sanctity of the priest-missionary, James Laval C.S.Sp.

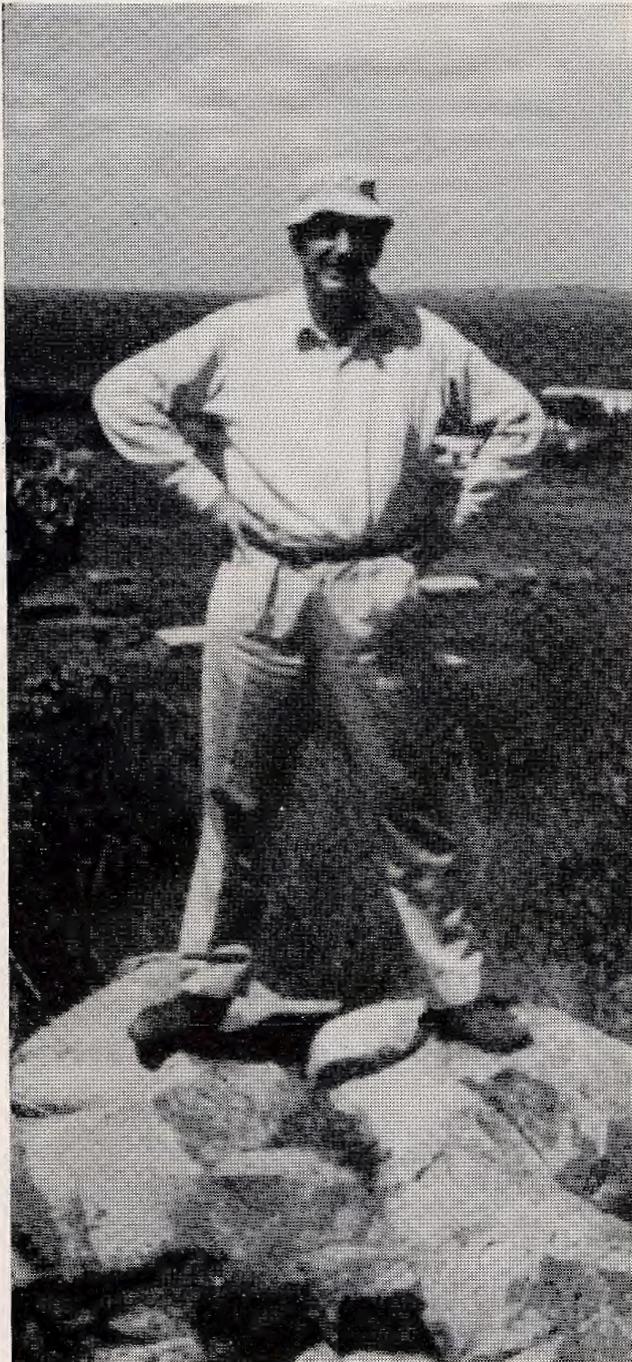


The old church destroyed by cyclone.



# PENTECOST AT KIP

Fr. Brian O'Rourke C.S.Sp.



In a dark, dimly-lit eating place up on the north side of Chicago not far from the Lake Michigan shore, I celebrated Pentecost last year with some American confreres. Some of them were old Tanzania hands and as a matter of course, we dictated the topics of conversation. There seems to be a conspiracy in many interiors in America to keep out God's own daylight and fresh air. The lighting was mostly concealed and what could be seen was by the flickering candle lights vainly trying to cast fitful shadows on the darkened wall.

My mind goes back to former Pentecosts. Those in the seminary I hardly remember except for the blaze of red and faultless liturgy. In the early sixties in Kilimanjaro and Bagmoyo each community seemed to hold its own self-sufficient celebration. Later, when Spiritans were thinner on the ground, we used gather together on the evening of Pentecost Sunday at Korongoni parish, on the outskirts of Moshi, have our sundowner on the baraza and watch that sun go down across the grassy air-field and the darkening uninhabited blue-black hills in the distance to the south-west. In Zambia we were fourteen Holy Ghost Fathers strung out on a line five hundred miles long but we would gather together at Kasiya mission, sit in front of the blazing wood fire supplemented by some road-droppings from the Maamba coal mine and digest the on-the-spot-reared chickens. The house was built for two residents but a bed or two could be fitted into an odd office or store and the corridor was long.

In Kipalapala, near Tabora in central Tanzania, the nearest Holy Ghost communities were four hundred miles to the south in Mbeya, four hundred miles to the east in Morogoro, four hundred miles to the north in Arusha and I believe, four hundred miles to the west across Lake Tanganyika in the Shaba province of Zaire. The first year there were only five of us — four scholastics and myself. So we all fitted into my Toyota saloon. The following year the family had grown so we hired a mini-bus to go out and celebrate Pentecost. The third year (1976) there were so many of us that we decided to go on a walking picnic instead, up to the top of the hills looking down on the seminary and its surroundings. Besides this was thought to be more in accord with the evangelical lifestyle.

Early on Pentecost Sunday morning, after the liturgy, the expedition gathered together. Buckets of water had to be collected and wide saucepans for cooking. The main, if not sole, item on the menu was goat. Then the procession set off. In the interests of energy conservation the goat

was led along with a string. Rather than hauling goat meat up a hill, it is far better that the animal walk to its own slaughtering and cooking site. I missed this part of the agenda as I was celebrating the Eucharist at an outstation fourteen miles away on the other side of Tabora. When I got back we loaded the beer and soft-drink crates on to the car and took them to the foot of the hills. Then I had to drive back and leave the car at the seminary for in order to conserve petrol. Sunday driving after 2 p.m. is forbidden in Tanzania.

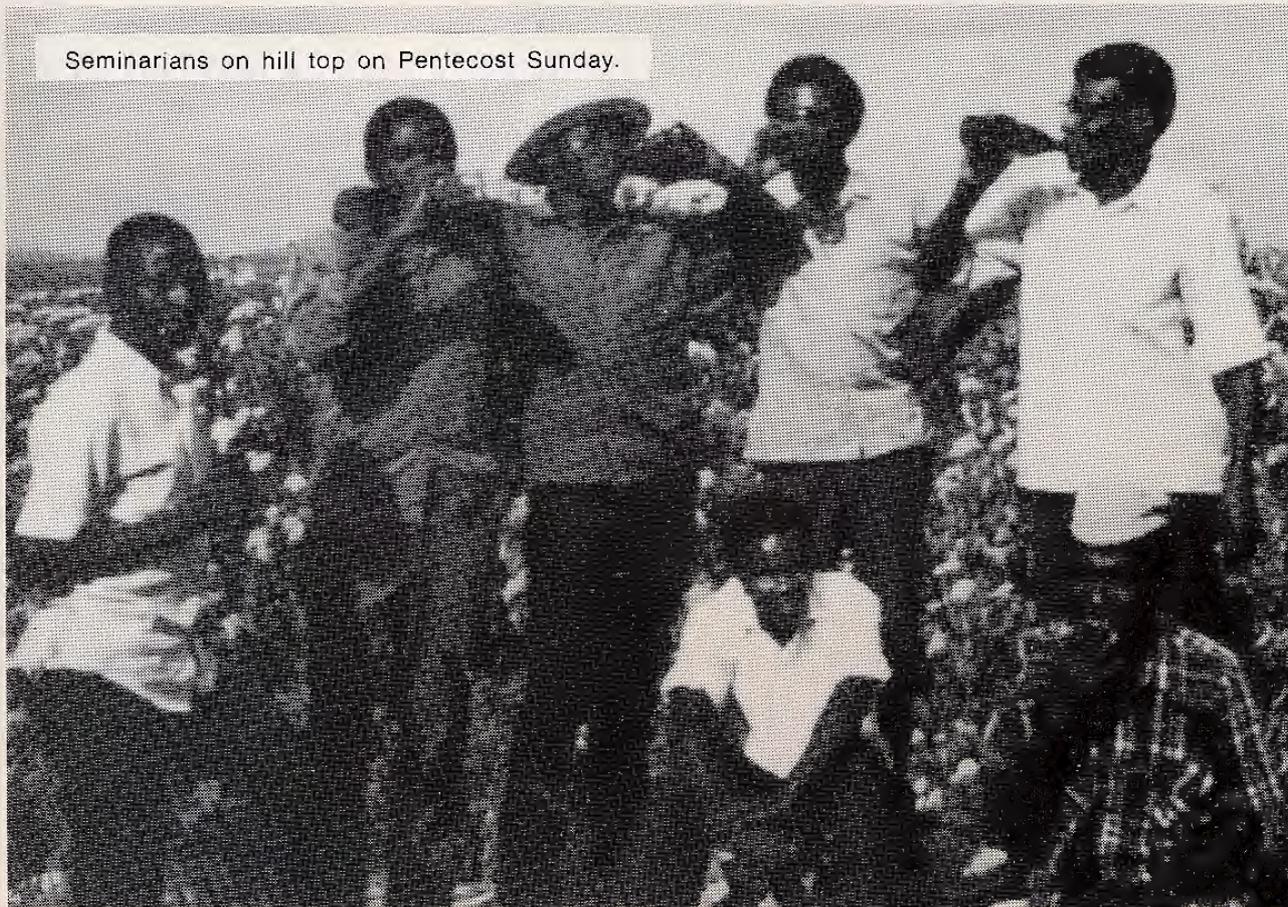
When I got back on foot the crates were mercifully already on the hill-top. To keep the bottles cool you have to dig a hole in the sandy soil and bury them, throwing some of the precious water on the lot. The goat was already dismembered and four pots of meat were merrily sizzling on two fires, four different ways of preparing the same basic food. At this stage it was largely a waiting game with lots of advice proffered and neglected. The first dish was a kind of soup made of the goat's blood and called *Aspro*. It demands an acquired taste. Then came the main dishes. This called for silence on the part of all. Later we could relax and chat away. We spent the whole afternoon there on

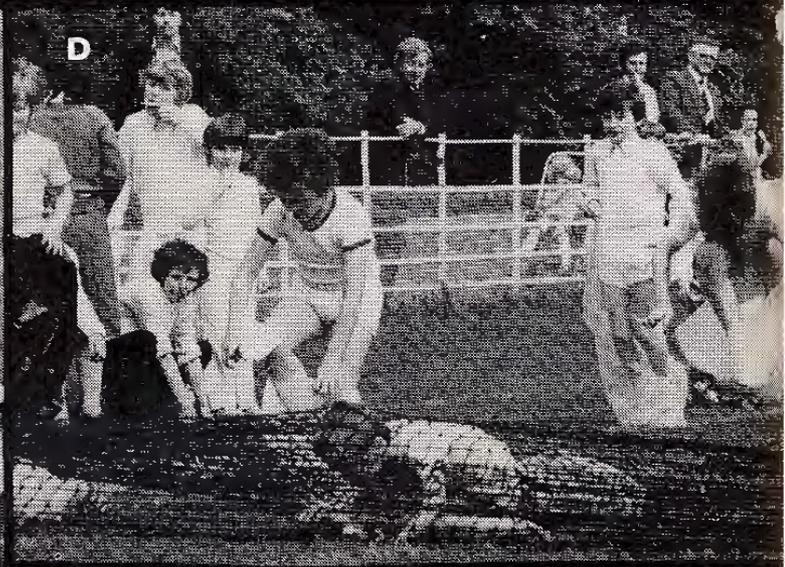
the sun-baked rocks, trying to fit into the constantly shifting shade of the scantily-leaved thorn trees. It was a time for expansiveness and shared confidences.

Reluctantly, at evening we collected our empty containers. Past memories from the early fifties of singing the Magnificat on Wicklow mountain-tops during long walks from Kimmage impelled me to call for a moment's pause. We sang a Swahili hymn. Then we set off down the narrow trail in single file and along the lengthening shadows of the tall palm trees. Tomorrow would be another day. Monday morning. Back to class. The new liturgy has done away with the Pentecostal afterglow of a free day on Whit Monday. We did not say much. We did not have to. We were well satisfied with the day, with ourselves, with our cooking skills. Satisfied too with the envy we were arousing in the eyes of the other seminarians, who were standing around and watching our return. Satisfied, indeed, if we may dare say so, with the good Lord Himself, who had invited us on this occasion to share so largely in His bounty.

Fr. Brian O'Rourke, C.S.Sp.

Seminarians on hill top on Pentecost Sunday.





**JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS**

A John Byrne and Paul Whelan receive the Victor Ludorum Cup from Mrs. F. Cogley.

B Form 3<sup>d</sup> Sack Race, Henry Bruce leads Tom Dillon.

C Form 3<sup>d</sup>, Henry Bruce, Gregory Traynor, Paul Kennedy,

Paul Roantree and John Dwyer enjoying themselves.

D Form 2 Obstacle Race has David Brabazon in the net,

Jack Condon about to enter, Darragh

Condren follows as Robert Tighe struggles to get out of his sack.

E Form 3 line up for Sack Race.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS 1978

*General Excellence*  
Niall Budds

*Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy*  
Gerard Dunne

*Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy*  
Peter Mahoney

*Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy*  
Paul Naughton

*Sportsman of the Year*  
Ian Ronayne

## CLASS PRIZEWINNERS

### FORM 6

Thomas Coman  
John Loughrey and  
Brian Moore  
John Bagnall and  
John Thornton

### FORM 6<sup>1</sup>

Niall Budds  
Ian Ronayne  
Peter Mahoney

### FORM 5

Peter Cross  
James Fitzgerald  
Vincent Cunningham

### FORM 5<sup>1</sup>

Mark Bevan  
William Crowe  
Michael Reid

### FORM 4

James Scanlon  
Alan Maguire  
Donal Loughrey

### FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

Neil MacDonnell  
James Flynn and  
Aaron Sweeney  
Raymond MacDonnell

### FORM 3

Norman Byrne  
Niall Funge  
Robert Daly

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

Ciaran Keogh  
Troy Lavin  
Barry Brennan

### FORM 2

Laurence Doddy  
Mark Thorne  
Rory Byrne



The General Excellence Medal is presented to Niall Budds

## EXCELLENT LIST

### FORM 6

Patrick Rennick

### FORM 6<sup>1</sup>

John Byrne  
James Coyne  
Rory Murphy  
Anthony O'Regan

### FORM 5

Declan Fee  
Ronan McNulty  
Kilian Murray  
Garrett Ougley

### FORM 5<sup>1</sup>

Niall Corish  
Paul McSharry  
Conor Tee

### FORM 4

Cormac Byrne  
John Deasy  
Jonathan Donovan  
David Lucas  
Niall Lucas  
Brian McEniff  
Eamonn McSweeney  
John Massey  
Liam O'Donohue  
Noel Peare  
Declan Rennick  
Niall Tracey  
Paul Whelan

### FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

Seamus Byrne  
Michael Higgins  
David A. Kelleher  
Gerard McGann  
Aidan Montague  
Paul Ruane  
Thomas Stuart  
Kevin Twomey

### FORM 3

Ciaran Budds  
Dara Flood  
John Higgins  
Roland Keogh  
Cormac Kissane  
Ronan Murphy  
Ronan Smyth

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

Henry Bruce  
Pearse Byrne  
Thomas Dillon  
John Dwyer  
Andrew Hussey  
Derek Lyons  
Michael McGill  
Declan McGuinness  
Andrew O'Donovan

### FORM 2

Rory Byrne  
Darragh Condren  
Alan Cooke  
Gregory Gannon  
Brian Mulvihill  
Brian McCarthy  
Liam McEniff  
Paul McNally  
Barry O'Donohue  
Rossa Ward



JUNIOR 6 AND 6'

*From Top:*

J. Gogan, N. Budds, G. Dunne, R. Mockler, P. Fleming, S. Cowley, P. Naughton, M. Fearon, A. O'Regan, J. Dunne.  
J. Doyle, R. Davitt, L. Murray, R. Murphy, P. Norris, S. McCambridge, G. Callinan, D. Evers, Conor Jones, P. Whelan, D. Culleton.  
P. Mahoney, P. Rennick, I. Bowden, D. Crowe, C. Burgess, J. Coyne, O. White, J. Byrne, E. Byrne, T. Rice, D. McDonald.  
D. McSweeney, S. Cunnane, I. Ronayne, J. O'Connor, J. Mooney, Chris. Jones, B. O'Neill, M. Waldron, W. Corrigan, J. Loughrey, V. Merriman.  
M. Turley, J. Thornton, M. Crosbie, J. Muldoon, D. Hughes, C. McArdle, J. Bagnall, B. Kerrigan, A. Dean, P. Kennedy, C. Gilligan.  
J. Heron, B. Moore, T. Coman, B. Kenny, G. Byrne, Mr. R. Hughes, Mr. D. Ryan, N. Briddock, C. Hanratty, C. Murphy, D. Naughton, J. Glynn.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL ROLL 1978

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 Davitt, R.

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 Fearon, M.  
 Fleming, P.  
 Jones, C.  
 Jones, C.  
 Kenny, B.  
 Kerrigan, B.  
 Loughrey, J.

Merriman, V.  
 Moore, B.  
 Murphy, C.  
 McCambridge, S.  
 McCarthy, T.  
 McDonald, D.  
 McSweeney, D.  
 Norris, P.  
 O'Halloran, B.

Rennick, P.  
 Thornton, J.  
 Turley, M.  
 Waldron, M.  
 Whelan, P.  
 White, O.

## JUNIOR 6<sup>1</sup>

Bowden, I.  
 Budds, N.  
 Burgess, C.  
 Byrne, J.  
 Callinan, G.  
 Coyne, J.  
 Cremin, N.  
 Crosbie, M.  
 Culleton, D.

Cunnane, S.  
 Dean, A.  
 Dunne, J.  
 Evers, D.  
 Gilligan, C.  
 Glynn, J.  
 Gogan, J.  
 Hanratty, C.  
 Heron, J.

Hughes, D.  
 Kennedy, P.  
 McArdle, C.  
 Mahony, P.  
 Mockler, R.  
 Mooney, J.  
 Muldoon, J.  
 Murphy, R.  
 Murray, L.

Naughton, D.  
 Naughton, P.  
 O'Connor, L.  
 O'Neill, B.  
 O'Regan, A.  
 Rice, T.  
 Ronayne, I.

## JUNIOR 5

Brady, S.  
 Browne, E.  
 Condron, J.  
 Conway, K.  
 Cross, P.  
 Cunningham, V.  
 Donnelly, G.  
 Doyle, D.  
 Dunne, O.

Farrell, C.  
 Fee, D.  
 Fitzgerald, J.  
 Flood, E.  
 Gannon, P.  
 Kennedy, J.  
 Keogh, G.  
 Kerrigan, D.  
 Kilmartin, D.

McDonald, B.  
 McGreen, B.  
 McNulty, R.  
 Maher, C.  
 Montague, M.  
 Mulvihill, W.  
 Murray, K.  
 Q'Connor, F.  
 O'Donovan, D.

Quigley, G.  
 Reilly, D.  
 Roantree, P.  
 Ronaldson, J.  
 Shanahan, L.  
 Tynan, M.



Sportsman of the Year, Ian Ronayne, receives his medal.



The Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy is presented to Paul Naughton.



JUNIOR 5 AND 51

*From Top:*

D. O'Donovan, P. Roantree, J. Condren, G. Keogh, G. Donnelly, M. Montague, C. Foley, K. Murray.  
B. Dunne, C. Ward, C. Farrell, K. Naughton, E. Browne, B. McSharry, B. McGreen, R. McNulty, M. Nolan, J. Kennedy, M. Stapleton.  
B. Kennedy, G. Quigley, M. Reid, S. Brady, N. Corish, E. Flood, P. Gilligan, C. Maher, P. Cross, C. Funge, W. Kearney.  
K. Conway, M. Bevan, L. Shanahan, G. Winston, D. Kerrigan, P. Gannon, C. Tee, I. McCulloch, J. Ronaldson, P. Rahilly, D. Fee.  
E. Murphy, N. Sweeney, F. O'Connor, J. O'Kelly, V. Cunningham, B. McDonald, D. Doyle, T. Keane, B. McDevitt, M. Tynan, W. Mulvihill.  
A. Kelly, D. Kilmartin, P. J. Harty, P. Keogan, E. Donnelly, Mr. T. Mallon, D. Reilly, B. Smith, W. Crowe, P. Kearney, D. Doyle, T. Pierce.

## JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

Bevan, M.  
Corish, N.  
Crowe, W.  
Donnelly, E.  
Doyle, D.  
Dunne, B.  
Foley, C.  
Funge, C.  
Gilligan, P.

Harty, P. J.  
Keane, T.  
Kearney, P.  
Kearney, W.  
Kelly, A.  
Kennedy, B.  
Keogan, P.  
McDevitt, B.  
McSharry, P.

McCulloch, I.  
Murphy, E.  
Naughton, K.  
Nolan, M.  
O'Kelly, J.  
Pierce, T.  
Rahilly, P.  
Reid, M.  
Smith, B.

Stapleton, M.  
Sweeney, N.  
Tee, C.  
Traynor, R.  
Ward, C.  
Winston, G.

## JUNIOR 4

Byers, D.  
Byrne, C.  
Conlon, D.  
Cosgrave, J.  
Cullen, D.  
Deasy, J.  
Donovan, J.  
Finn, P.  
Fitzsimons, D.

Hoey, A.  
Kennedy, D.  
Kennedy, J.  
Loughrey, D.  
Lucas, D.  
Lucas, N.  
McCarthy, B.  
McEnniff, B.  
McSweeney, E.

Maguire, A.  
Massey, J.  
Murray, P.  
O'Donohue, L.  
O'Hora, B.  
O'Keeffe, C.  
Peare, N.  
Purcell, S.  
Rennick, D.

Roche, P.  
Scanlon, J.  
Tracey, N.  
Watts, J.  
Whelan, P.  
Wright, J.

## JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

Byrne, S.  
Flynn, J.  
Gannon, D.  
Gogan, A.  
Hickey, K.  
Higgins, M.  
Hughes, N.  
Kelleher, D. A.  
Kelleher, D. P.

Kelly, B.  
Kennedy, R.  
Kilmurray, P.  
Montague, A.  
Lowry, M.  
MacDonnell, R.  
McDonnell, N.  
McGann, G.  
McGovern, A.

O'Brien, B.  
O'Brien, J.  
O'Donohue, R.  
O'Neill, F.  
Persse, R.  
Raymond, G.  
Reeves, P.  
Rice, D.  
Ruane, P.

Russell, J.  
Ryan, D.  
Ryan, E.  
Stuart, T.  
Sweeney, A.  
Tracey, S.  
Turley, N.

## JUNIOR 3

Beirne, J.  
Boland, J.  
Budds, C.  
Byrne, D.  
Byrne, N.  
Carvill, K.  
Crowe, P.  
Daly, R.  
Dowling, J.  
Dromey, J.  
Dwan, M.

Flood, D.  
Fogarty, D.  
Fox, N.  
Funge, N.  
Herriott, B.  
Keenan, M.  
Keogh, R.  
Higgins, J.  
Kissane, C.  
McDermott, C.  
McKenna, D.

McNulty, F.  
Murphy, R.  
O'CoFaigh, C.  
Purcell, C.  
Rice, C.  
Roantree, F.  
Rossi, S.  
Ryan, G.  
Smyth, R.  
Wall, D.

## JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

Brennan, B.  
Bruce, H.  
Byrne, P.  
Clarkin, J.  
Coman, W.  
Cowley, R.  
Dillon, T.  
Dolan, F.  
Dwyer, J.  
Fogarty, D.

Hartigan, B.  
Healy, J.  
Hogan, T.  
Hussey, A.  
Kelly, E.  
Kelly, J.  
Kennedy, P.  
Keogh, C.  
Lavin, T.  
Lee, P.  
Linnane, B.

Lynam, E.  
Lyons, D.  
McAvinne, B.  
McGill, M.  
McGuinness, D.  
Moloney, J.  
O'Donovan, A.  
O'Flaherty, C.  
O'Kane, J.  
Traynor, G.  
Traynor, P.



Peter Mahoney receives the Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy.



JUNIOR 4 AND 4'

*From Top:*

B. McEniff, N. Hughes, A. McGovern, G. McGann, A. Hoey, R. Morton.  
M. Higgins, J. Deasy, A. Montague, P. Whelan, N. Tracey, P. Kilmurray, J. Cosgrave, D. Gannon, D. Conlon, K. Hickey.  
J. Massey, E. Ryan, M. Lowry, S. Purcell, D. Lucas, A. Gogan, N. Lucas, A. Sweeney, P. Murray, T. Stuart.  
C. Byrne, J. Flynn, D. Fitzsimons, R. McDonnell, S. Byrne, B. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, L. O'Donoghue, R. O'Donoghue, B. O'Hora.  
N. McDonnell, P. Roche, J. Russell, J. Watts, D. Rennick, D. A. Kelleher, C. O'Keefe, S. Tracey, D. P. Kelleher, J. Donovan.  
P. Ruane, D. Loughrey, J. Scanlon, G. Raymond, R. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, D. Kennedy, D. Byers, D. Ryan, N. Turley, F. O'Neill.  
P. Reeves, B. Kelly, R. Persse, D. Rice, K. Toomey, Mr. J. Crowley, Mrs. U. Wall, P. Finn, N. Peare, E. McSweeney, A. Maguire, J. Wright.

## JUNIOR 2

Brabazon, D.  
Byrne, R.  
Callinan, C.  
Cole, P.  
Conden, D.  
Condon, J.  
Condren, D.  
Cooke, A.

Delaney, D.  
Doddy, L.  
Fitzsimon, J.  
Funge, P.  
Gannon, G.  
Kilmartin, R.  
Leo, M.  
Lucey, C.

McCarthy, B.  
McEnniff, L.  
McNally, P.  
Maguire, B.  
Maher, D.  
Mulvihill, B.  
Naughton, A.  
O'Donoghue, B.

O'Neill, E.  
Regan, M.  
Rice, F.  
Ruane, D.  
Shanahan, A.  
Thorne, M.  
Tighe, R.  
Ward, R.



Gerard Dunne receives  
the Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy.



Niall Funge is presented with  
his prize by his father.



JUNIOR 3 AND 3'

*From Top:*

F. Dolan, C. Budds, D. Fogarty, E. Lynham, R. Keogh, C. O'Flaherty, D. Byrne, F. Roantree, J. Dwyer, J. Healy, S. Rossi.  
J. Kelly, F. McNulty, J. O'Kane, R. Smyth, D. Flood, N. Fox, A. Hussey, G. Ryan, D. McGuinness, J. Dowling, T. Hogan.  
K. Carvill, M. McGill, T. Lavin, J. Clerkin, B. Linnane, N. Funge, G. Traynor, N. Byrne, T. Dillon, B. Hartigan, M. Keenan.  
C. O'Colfaigh, C. Rice, R. Murphy, P. Lee, J. Dromey, P. Kennedy, C. Purcell, P. Byrne, D. Wall, B. McAvinnue.  
C. Kissane, H. Bruce, P. Crowe, J. Moloney, J. Higgins, B. Brennan, D. McKenna, D. Lyons, R. Daly, C. McDermott, E. Kelly.  
W. Coman, R. Cowley, C. Keogh, A. O'Donovan, J. Beirne, Miss E. McCallig Mrs. T. White, P. Traynor, M. Dwan, J. Boland, B. Herriot, D. Fogarty.

# Junior School Rugby

During the year much progress was made, new ground broken and most important the boys learned the skills of the game enjoying every single moment. Such advances would not have been possible without the devoted work of Mr. Begley, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mallon of the Junior School Staff. With them were dedicated parents, many of whom are members of the Rugby Club, who gave up their leisure time to coach the various age groups.

The Under 12's were trained by John Carvill and Dr. Brendan Deasy. Both of them ensured that we had teams worthy of the traditions of the College and arranged several fixtures with Colleges in the metropolitan area. They also arranged fixtures against Garryowen and Kilkenny while the trip to London was the first such venture by a Junior School rugby team. The squad not only enjoyed their two fixtures, one against St. John Fisher and the other against Donhead, but also the boat and train journey and sightseeing in London.

Mr. Begley looked after the Under 11's and was helped by John Cunningham and Frank Montague. Thanks to them both the A and B

teams played very well and apart from fixtures in the Dublin area, there were games arranged against Garryowen and Kilkenny. The Under 10's were in the care of Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mallon helped by Christie Maguire and Frank Montague. Both squads, A's and B's, had either training sessions or fixtures against other schools. The "babes" of rugby, the Under 9's took time to take shape as many of them were new to the game. Eventually Don Purcell and Jim Byrne imparted the necessary skills before playing outside fixtures.

The internal Leagues were of much interest and benefit with the games played on Wednesdays. The minor league was won by Fergal McNulty's team in the final against Ciaran Budd's team. In the Junior League, James Flynn's squad were victorious against Sean Purcell's team. The Holy Childhood League built up to a great climax with Wales, captained by John Bagnall, facing All Blacks with Paul Norris as captain. A close contest was expected and the game was very close with Wales winning 14-12. Our thanks to Mr. Begley, Dr. Deasy, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mallon for organising and running the leagues.



HOLY CHILDHOOD CUP WINNERS

P. McSharry, C. Foley, P. Rennick, P. Fleming, C. Ward, K. Naughton.  
D. McSweeney, E. Byrne, T. Pierce, J. Bagnall (Capt.), F. O'Connor, N. Briddock, J. Loughrey.



JUNIOR 2

*From Top:*

D. Condren, R. Ward, F. Rice, M. Leo, B. Mulvihill, J. Condon, Miss M. Trundle, G. Gannon, R. Tighe, B. McCarthy, M. Thorne, R. Byrne,  
P. McNally, L. McEniff, L. Doddy, R. Kilmartin, A. Shanahan, P. Ruane, A. Cooke, D. Conden, J. Fitzsimons.  
A. Naughton, D. Maher, D. Delaney, M. Regan, E. O'Neill, C. Callinan, C. Lucey, B. O'Donoghue, P. Funge, D. Brabazon, B. Maguire.



UNDER 12's

B. Moore, P. Rennick, M. Fearon, T. McCarthy, P. Fleming, S. McCambridge, P. Naughton, Conor Jones.  
 J. Muldoon, P. Whelan, J. Bagnall, P. Mahoney (Capt.), I. Ronayne, B. Kerrigan, N. Turley.  
 D. McSweeney, V. Merriman R. Davitt, P. Norris



UNDER 11's

C. Foley, B. Roantree, J. Fitzgerald, N. Budds, G. Keogh, M. Montague, G. Donnelly.  
 K. Murray, V. Cunningham, P. Kearney, R. Murphy (Capt.), C. Funge, F. O'Connor, J. Byrne.  
 D. Naughton G. Byrne



UNDER 10's

A. Maguire, S. Purcell, J. Flynn, D. O'Donovan, P. McSharry, A. Hoey, J. Deasy, L. O'Donoghue.  
 D. Ryan, D. Loughrey, P. Cross, B. McDevitt (Capt.), J. Donovan, P. Roche, P. Whelan.  
 J. Massey, D. Doyle, E. McSweeney, R. Morton.



UNDER 9's

D. Wall, J. Dromey, F. Roantree, R. Keogh, N. Byrne, F. McNulty.  
 N. Funge, C. Rice, K. Carvill, C. Budds (Capt.), J. Higgins, C. Purcell, J. Dowling.

## Junior School Cricket



The cricket season began on Wednesday, April 5th, with conditions more favourable for rugby than for cricket. The weather was cold and the Front Field had taken quite a hammering during the rugby season owing to a combination of snow, frost and rain and constant use. It was difficult early on to even find a suitable crease for any of the four games in progress.

The season can be easily divided into two sections — the leagues and coaching. Under the direction of Murrough McDevitt, members of Leinster C.C. came each Saturday morning from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. to coach the boys. They used the playground or in cold or dampish conditions the gymnasium. There were some very useful sessions and the use of tennis balls and perforated plastic ones taught the boys the rudiments of batting, bowling and fielding. The boys really did enjoy the sessions and soon the labour of the coaches became evident in the leagues.

The Forms 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> League was supervised by Dr. Brendan Deasy and before long it became apparent that favourites were Australia (Capt. Brian Kerrigan), England (Capt. Patrick Rennick), Lancashire (Capt. John Muldoon) and West Indies (Capt. Ian Ronayne). They met in the semi-final with Australia defeating West Indies and England accounting for Lancashire. The final was eagerly awaited as both had scored over 100 runs in the semi-finals. England batted first and were bowled out for 54 but soon the Australian wickets began to tumble and with only three wickets standing had to score 11 runs for victory. Stephen Cowley hit 10 and John Loughrey 1 to leave Australia the victors.

In the Forms 5 and 5<sup>1</sup> League both New Zealand (Capt. Conor Foley) and West Indies (Capt. Vincent Cunningham) were favourites and they duly met in the final. This produced a nail biting finish with New Zealand chasing a total of 53. In the last minutes excitement rose but they managed to hit the necessary runs giving victory to New Zealand. The Forms 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> League saw West Indies (Capt. David Ryan) gain a comprehensive win over India (Capt. David Gannon) while in the Forms 3, 3<sup>1</sup> and 2 League, Ireland (Capt. Henry Bruce) easily accounted for Pakistan (Capt. Collie Rice).

So ended the season and our thanks to Dr. Brendan Deasy, Mr. Michael Begley, Mr. Richard Hughes and Mr. Thomas Mallon who so successfully umpired all the league games. A final word of thanks to Leinster C.C. for their most successful coaching on Saturday mornings.



David Ryan, Captain of West Indies receives his medal from his mother as his father and Fr. Nugent look on.



Brian Kerrigan receives the Form Six Shield from his mother.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

This year the Junior School Sports built up to a great crescendo. Who was going to win the Victor Ludorum? Hot favourite before the heats was Darrell Crowe but as he did not qualify for the 220 yards, the field was open. As many as six could have won the coveted award. The excitement was intense after Darrell Crowe notched up 3 points in the 100 yards and John Byrne had 2 and Peter Mahoney had 1.

Further drama was to follow in the 150 yards with Owen White with 3 points, John Byrne had increased his number of points to 3 as well and Paul Whelan appeared on the scene with 2 points. The final of the 220 was a real race and the result was that both Paul Whelan and John Byrne were equally 5 points. So the Victorium Trophy rests with both of them this year. A nerve tingling end to what we knew was going to be a real contest. In their future years in St. Mary's, Paul and John will have Darrell Crowe and Owen White breathing down their necks and Peter Mahoney and David McSweeney.

Next year's Victor Ludorum may well be Peter Cross but he will have to keep a very close eye on Paul McSharry, Vincent Cunningham and both Cormac Funge and Cormac Ward. Two years ahead we wonder about the battle between Eamonn McSweeney and Sean Purcell. Both are fine athletes. But they will have to contend with James Scanlon. In three years time the Victor Ludorum could be David Wall or Fergal McNulty but they will have to contend with Norman Byrne, Dara Flood, Colm Rice, Roland Keogh and many another emerging athlete we have yet to discover.

Three years ahead it may be Eoghan O'Neill but he will have ample competition from Alan Naughton, David Brabazon, Robert Tighe, Mark Thorne, Laurence Doddy and at the age of seven plus, we just do not know how each boy is going to develop.

Our thanks to the Junior School Teachers who acted as starters, judges, invigilators and recorders. Without their help the Sports would not have been possible. Our thanks to the parents who supplied teas and various "goodies" in aid of the Venturers. Our thanks also to our three photographers, Fr. V. O'Grady, C.S.Sp., Douglas Thornton and Richard Leo. Many thanks also to the immaculate Announcer, Declan Sheehan, of the Senior School, who remained cool and unflappable during the four hours. Beside him was Gary Lennon, also of the Senior School, who set up the broadcasting equipment and specially taped the music used.

Special mention must be made of the College Scouts who gave invaluable help. Not only did they prepare the College for the Sports, bringing down equipment, arranging chairs and benches, but also leaving late in the evening with the College looking as though no "litter-bugs" had been around. Our groundsman, Dick McKeever, was as faithful as ever and as "guardian of tidiness" in the College the whole place was as neat and tidy as it had been at 10 a.m. when work started. Parents and pupils coming back an hour later for the production of "A Royal Jester" could not believe it was possible. For all that much thanks to Dick McKeever and the Scouts led by Gerald McDonald.

A final word of thanks to our President, Rev. Fr. W. Nugent, C.S.Sp., for presiding. Alongside him was Madeline Cogley who so very graciously presented the prizes. A great day enjoyed in sultry, balmy conditions. Quite a change from the Arctic and East Wind conditions of the previous weeks. With the present victors mentioned, we just wonder about the future winners. But Sportsday was a great success thanks to all who were involved.

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# Junior School Sports Prizewinners

## VICTORUM LUDORUM

John Byrne Paul Whelan

### 100 YARDS

#### JUNIOR 2

- 1 E. O'Neill
- 2 A. Naughton

#### JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Wall
- 2 F. McNulty

#### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 E. McSweeney
- 2 S. Purcell

#### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Cross
- 2 P. McSharry

#### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Crowe
- 2 J. Byrne

### THREE LEGGED RACE

#### JUNIOR 2

- 1 A. Naughton, R. Tighe
- 2 D. Brabazon, M. Thorne

#### JUNIOR 3

- 1 C. Purcell, N. Byrne
- 2 D. Flood, C. Rice

#### JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. McGuinness, T. Lavin
- 2 G. Traynor, P. Kennedy

#### JUNIOR 4

- 1 E. McSweeney, D. Rennick
- 2 R. Morton, P. Whelan

#### JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Ryan, K. Hickey
- 2 M. Lowry, P. Kilmurray

#### JUNIOR 5

- 1 K. Conway, M. Tynan
- 2 P. Cross, D. Doyle

#### JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 M. Bevan, M. Reid
- 2 B. McDevitt, P. Kearney

#### JUNIOR 6

- 1 P. Norris, D. Crowe
- 2 R. Davitt, J. Thornton

### JUNIOR 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 R. Murphy, N. Budds
- 2 P. Mahoney, C. Hanratty

### OBSTACLE RACE

#### JUNIOR 2

- 1 D. Brabazon
- 2 A. Naughton

#### JUNIOR 3

- 1 F. McNulty
- 2 M. Dwan

#### JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Keogh
- 2 E. Lynham

#### JUNIOR 4

- 1 S. Purcell
- 2 J. Deasy

#### JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 J. Flynn
- 2 M. Lowry

### 150 YARDS

#### JUNIOR 2

- 1 E. O'Neill
- 2 A. Naughton

#### JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Wall
- 2 F. McNulty

#### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 E. McSweeney
- 2 S. Purcell

#### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Cross
- 2 P. McSharry

#### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 O. White
- 2 P. Whelan

### EGG AND SPOON RACE

#### JUNIOR 2

- 1 L. Doddy
- 2 E. O'Neill

#### JUNIOR 3

- 1 F. McNulty
- 2 R. Keogh

#### JUNIOR 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Kennedy
- 2 T. Dillon

#### JUNIOR 4

- 1 E. McSweeney
- 2 J. Scanlon

#### JUNIOR 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 K. Hickey
- 2 K. Twoomey

#### JUNIOR 5

- 1 V. Cunningham
- 2 D. Kilmartin

#### JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Funge
- 2 C. Ward

#### JUNIOR 6

- 1 B. Kenny
- 2 P. Rennick

#### JUNIOR 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Culleton
- 2 P. Mahoney

### 220 YARDS

#### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Cross
- 2 V. Cunningham

#### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Whelan
- 2 J. Byrne

## MUSICAL CHAIRS

### JUNIOR 5

- 1 J. Fitzgerald
- 2 V. Cunningham

### JUNIOR 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 W. Kearney
- 2 C. Foley

### JUNIOR 6

- 1 P. Norris
- 2 D. McSweeney

### JUNIOR 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Mahoney
- 2 I. Ronayne

## RELAYS

### JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Purcell, N. Funge, C. Kissane, R. Smythe
- 2 N. Byrne, C. Budds, P. Crowe, M. Dwan

### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

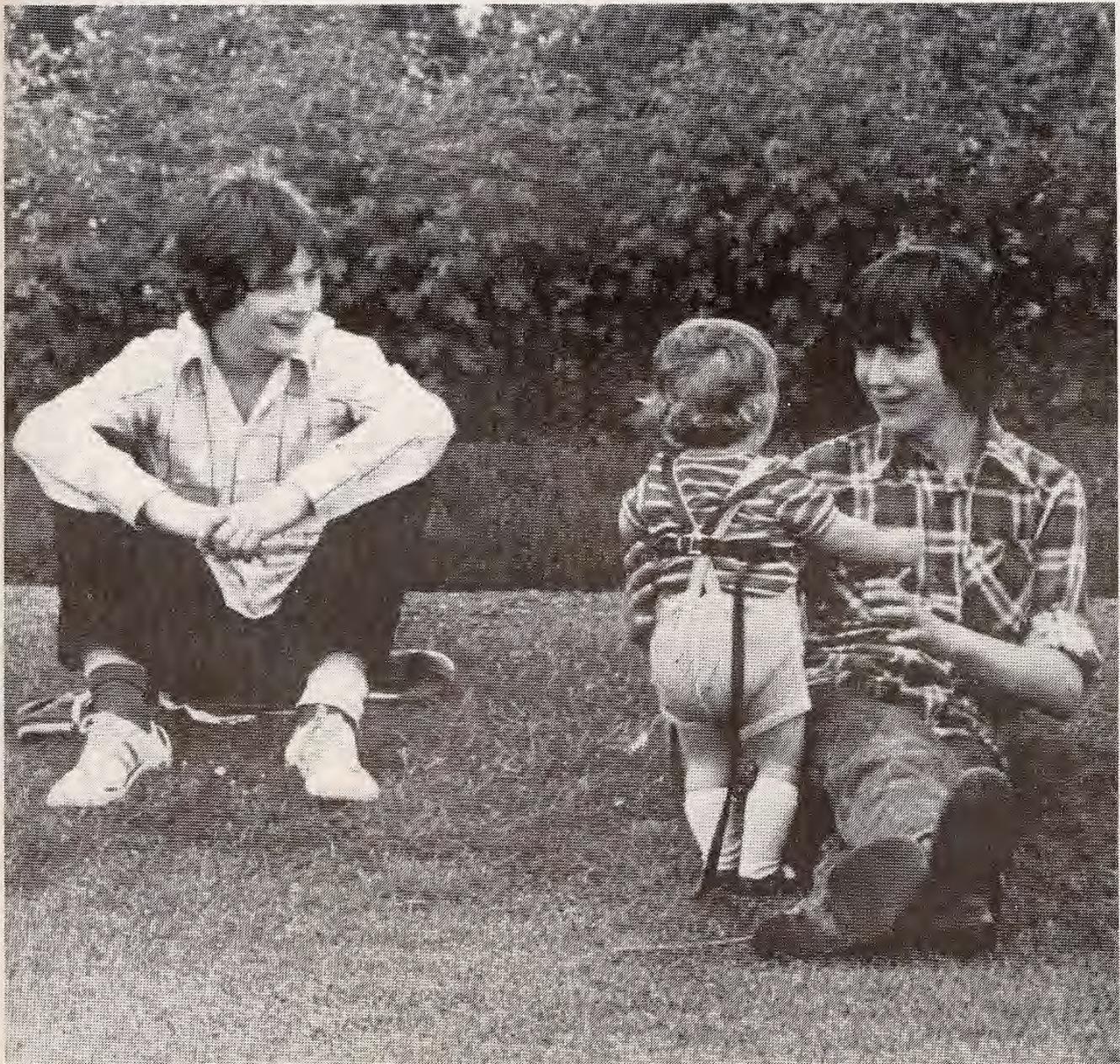
- 1 E. McSweeney, C. Byrne, J. Kennedy, D. Loughrey
- 2 S. Purcell, J. Donovan, P. Roche, N. Tracey

### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. McSharry, N. Corish, P. Kearney, B. McDevitt
- 2 P. Cross, S. Brady, F. O'Connor, M. Tynan

### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. McSweeney, J. Doyle, G. Dunne, P. Norris
- 2 D. Crowe, R. Davitt, B. Kerrigan, J. Loughrey



Liam O'Flaherty plays with his nephew, watched by Killian Robins.

# “A ROYAL JESTER”

## DRAMATIS PERSONAE

King Ortensis (An “is” who ought not to be) . . .	<i>PAUL FLEMING</i>
The Royal Jester (An “ought to be” who isn’t) . . .	<i>IAN RONAYNE</i>
Queen Zitania . . . . .	<i>MARK TURLEY</i>
Chancellor of the Exchequer . . . . .	<i>MARK CROSBIE</i>
Lord Chancellor . . . . .	<i>ROBERT DAVITT</i>
	<i>DAN CULLETON</i>
Prime Minister . . . . .	<i>GARRETT QUIGLEY</i>
Court Astrologer . . . . .	<i>PAUL NORRIS</i>
Lord High Executioner . . . . .	<i>DAVID McSWEENEY</i>
	<i>JOHN DUNNE</i>
Commander in Chief (of a non-existent army) . . .	<i>JIM COYNE</i>
Admiral of the Fleet (at the bottom of the sea) . . .	<i>THOMAS RICE</i>
Usher . . . . .	<i>CIARAN McARDLE</i>
Princess Sylvania (of Hilaria) . . . . .	<i>JIM FITZGERALD</i>
Puck (Spirit of Mirth and Laughter) . . . . .	<i>PAUL KEOGAN</i>
	<i>RONAN TRAYNOR</i>
Ladies in Waiting . . . . .	<i>JODY RONALDSON</i>
	<i>PETER CROSS</i>
	<i>DARA KILMARTIN</i>
	<i>RONAN McNULTY</i>
Court Ladies . . . . .	<i>GERARD BYRNE</i>
	<i>BARRY O’HALLORAN</i>
	<i>NEIL BRIDDOCK</i>

Quips and Cranks, Pages, Gentlemen, Royal Guards

### ACT I

Scene: The Palace of Printania (Interior — Court being held)

### ACT II

Scene: The Enchanted Forest of Hilaria, Home of Quips and Cranks

### ACT III

Scene: The Palace of Printania (Court being held)

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- A Quips and Cranks at their antics.
  - B The Jester (Ian Ronayne) explains his plight to the Princess (Jim Fitzgerald) as the Shepherds and Sheperdesses listen.
  - C Prime Minister (Garrett Quigley) consults Lord Chancellor (Robert Davitt).
  - D The King (Paul Fleming) and Queen (Mark Turley) hold court. |
  - E Commander in Chief (James Coyne) describes his army.
  - F Puck (Ronan Traynor) explains his philosophy of life.



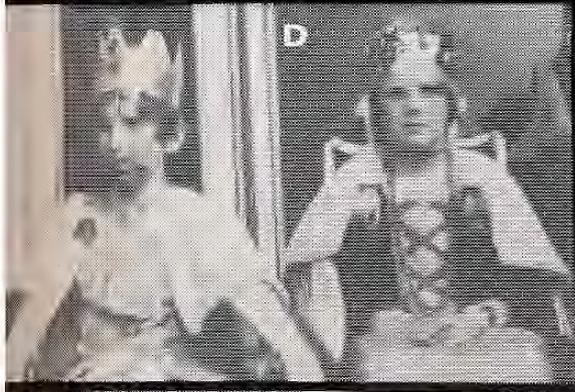
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**Form Two Choir**

*From left:* D. Brabazon, R. Byrne, C. Callinan, D. Condren, J. Condon, D. Condron, A. Cooke, D. Delaney, L. Doddy, J. Fitzsimons, P. Funge, G. Gannon, R. Kilmartin, M. Leo, C. Lucey, D. Maher, B. Mulvihill, B. McCarthy, L. McEniff, B. Maguire, P. McNally, A. Naughton, B. O'Donohue, E. O'Neill, M. Regan, F. Rice, D. Ruane, A. Shanahan, M. Thorne, R. Tighe, R. Ward.



**The King orders his chefs to bake the blackbirds.**

*From left:* Gregory Gannon, Mark Thorne, Padraic Funge, Declan Condren, Barry O'Donohue, Paul McNally, Darragh Maher, Conor Lucey, Donal Delaney, Aidan Shanahan.

## "A ROYAL JESTER"

Once the new piano had been installed, the way was clear for a full scale production of an Operetta. Over the last couple of years both Miss Cranny and Mrs. Valentine had put on long productions such as "The Christmas Pageant" and Excerpts from the "The Mikado". These and other productions gave the boys some experience and with the new piano all was set for an operetta. "A Royal Jester" was chosen as it was the last one produced in the Junior School way back in 1955 by the late Fr. J. Gilmore, C.S.Sp. and Miss Cranny.

The show played to a packed hall on three nights and not only did the boys put on a superb show but their parents and friends really enjoyed every moment of it. All the principals sang and spoke with confidence, melody and resonance. The various choruses moved well on stage, sang very sweetly and showed a maturity which belied their tender years. Even their dancing was a revelation and it was difficult to imagine rugby fanatics tripping so merrily on the toe.

Another feature of the production was costuming and make up. Here the parents really rallied round. Many of the costumes were made by mothers and if a costume had to be hired from P. J. Bourke, then the parents paid for the hire. Parents had a lot to do with the make up too and again it was difficult to imagine that the Ladies in Waiting and the Court Ladies were really boys. Support from the parents was not just because their son was in the show but also because the proceeds were for Sierra Leone, West Africa, one of our missionary outposts. We were pleased to be able to send them £600.

The show would not have been possible without the artistry and dedication of Miss Cranny and Mrs. Valentine and Rita English who did the choreography. Fr. Barry, C.S.Sp. was stage manager ably helped by Eamonn Ambrose, Ultan Stephenson and Alan Wright. The Assistant Producer was Richard Mockler from Form 6<sup>1</sup>. To all of them and the cast our thanks for not only reviving the operetta in the Junior School but also giving us three superb performances.

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The Percussion Band from Form 3<sup>1</sup> give their performance.

*From left:*

G. Traynor, P. Kennedy, J. Moloney, T. Lavin, F. Dolan, B. Linnane, D. Fogarty, A. Hussey, E. Lynham, C. O'Flaherty, J. Clerkin, J. O'Kane, A. O'Donovan, T. Dillon, D. McGuinness, B. Hartigan, M. McGill, C. Keogh, W. Coman, J. Dwyer, D. Lyons, R. Cowley, J. Kelly, B. McAvinnue, E. Kelly, P. Lee, P. Traynor, T. Hogan.

*Narrator:* J. Deasy. *Conductor:* D. Lucas.

# PRIZEGIVING CONCERT — FORMS 3, 3', 2

## PROGRAMME

FORM 2 — Songs: The Toy Drum Major  
The Parade of the Tin Soldiers  
Play: Blackbird Pie

FORM 3' — Song: The Lamb  
The Emperor's Rhyme (*A. A. Milne*)  
Percussion Band  
Tunes from a Toyshop

FORM 3 — Play: The Cherry Tree  
Percussion Band  
Waltz in A Flat (*Brahms*)  
Polka (*Tchaikowsky*)  
Song: The Fisher Song  
Recorders: Sarie Marais  
Minuetto  
Farewell

*Production: Maureen Valentine*



The blackbirds in the pie.

From left: Maurice Leo, Gregory Gannon, Mark Thorne, Padraic Funge, Barry O'Donoghue, Declan Condrón, Paul McNally, Darragh Maher, Conor Lucey, Donal Delaney, Aidan Shanahan.

## S.C.T. RUGBY

This season the S.C.T. made their exit from the Cup at the quarter final stage. We met Roscrea in the first round, the venue switched at the last minute from Athy to Newbridge. After a slow start to the campaign, the team picked up momentum and finally emerged worthy winners. In the second round we met Blackrock and this was our best display of the season. Hard, fast, uncompromising rugby from both pack and backs meant the opposition from the start was reeling and we were 12-0 ahead after the first quarter. This was to be the pattern of the game with quick succession of attack. The victory margin of 15-6 was truly merited.

Then to the quarter final against St. Michael's and the form shown in the previous round could not be reproduced against a spirited team. They attacked from the kick off and after four minutes we lost our captain and out half, Paul Dean, and the team never really settled. Carl Sloan was the replacement and Philip MacDonnell took over as captain. It was a cruel blow so early in the game and the team never recovered. St. Michael's emerged as winners and we were left to think of what might have been.

The early part of the season had two unusual features. One was a trip to England after a lapse

of ten years. During the Hallow E'en break, the team travelled to London to play two games both of which were won. We defeated Douai by 28-3 and Blackheath 13-12. Our two hosts treated us to great hospitality and Blackheath returned during the Christmas holidays for a return match. Full credit for the squad for their exemplary behaviour both on and off the field. Our thanks to Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp., without whose assistance and encouragement the tour would never have taken place. Our thanks too to Mr. N. Doyle, the other staff member who travelled and his help was invaluable.

The second unusual feature was a new fixture against an Ulster team, Methodist College. We lost the game but we enjoyed the experience of meeting a new team and from the North of Ireland. All season was very enjoyable for all the squad members involved. They trained hard, committed themselves to the game and enjoyed it.

Congratulations to Paul Dean and Philip MacDonnell on retaining their places on the Irish Schoolboy XV and both played no small part not only in the success of the National Side but also with S.C.T. 1978.

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S.C.T. RUGBY

P. Opperman, D. Darby, P. McGrath, C. Cassidy, J. O'Connor, D. Bennett, P. Mulvey, B. Largey, M. Hughes.  
D. Ellison, C. Sloan, P. MacDonnell, P. Dean (Capt.), P. Thornton, A. Whelan, S. Muldoon.  
H. Delany, M. Gannon, P. McCarthy, G. Kinsella.

## Second Senior XV

The season '77/78 was one of mixed fortunes for the Seconds. Injuries at Senior level always affect the Seconds. One particular Wednesday morning — the 18th January to be exact — the team to play Terenure College that afternoon was pinned up. It was a strong Seconds. By 12.00 however, for one reason or another, but mainly as a result of injuries to the Firsts, five of the picked team were forced to cry off. This was rather exceptional but the number of injuries was unusually high throughout the first term. Another feature of this year's Seconds was the large number of 4th Years on the panel, and no matter how skillful or courageous under sixteens may be if they are up against a heavy under 18

pack, they are in trouble. This fact was borne out in the matches throughout the year. Against a team where weight and age were not the determining factors they were a team capable of playing some very fine rugby.

The year started on a good note with a win against Blackrock. After that we had a series of defeats and three draws, with a particularly heavy defeat by Terenure and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Terenure on their victory in the Second's League Cup. They were a formidable team. Our match against St. Michael's showed real potential. The forwards supported and covered and showed a willingness to run themselves while the three-quarter line moved with great confidence. After that match we registered more wins and ended with the tally — won 10, lost 9, drew 3.



SECOND SENIOR RUGBY

D. Darby, P. Bowe, P. McGrath, C. Cassidy, J. McDonald, K. Hughes, D. Fleming, J. McShane, G. Kinsella, D. Kelly, E. Robins, N. Martin, C. Sloan (Capt.), J. Ambrose, M. Cosgrove, M. Bowe.

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- A Front row, Peter Mulvey, Michael Gannon and Brendan Largey ready to pack down and David Bennett, David Ellison and Pat McCarthy get ready.
  - B David Bennett and Pat McCarthy move in to tackle.
  - C Philip McDonnell gets his pass away.
  - D Stephen Muldoon grounds his man while Hugh Delany moves in.
  - E Brendan Largey's try against Blackrock.
  - F Brendan Largey on the ball supported by Michael Gannon.
  - G Pat McCarthy and David Ellison follow the ball.
  - H Good tackle by Peter Mulvey watched by John O'Connor.
  - I Paul Thornton clears.

Photos: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P. and the Irish Press



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Our run in the League Cup was short. A good win against Wesley left the decider in our section between Blackrock C and ourselves. A heavier and more mature pack and some silly mistakes on our part like letting a team off the hook when you have them under pressure by giving away unnecessary penalties gave Blackrock a deserved win. But the picture is far from gloom. There were a big number of players on the Second's panel who, with a little weight and maturity, will make very fine First's players in the next year or two.

I intend to mention two players by name — both were in 6th Year and this was their last year to play School's Rugby. Carl Sloan was Captain and had all the qualities of a Captain and Paul Bowe, who improved with every game. If his defence had been as strong as his running and his ability to see a gap in the opposition, he would have made a strong challenge for the First's panel.

To Carl and Paul, Good Luck and may you have many days of Rugby with the Club. To the rest of the panel I want to say a special Thank You. At my own request I will no longer be involved with the Second Seniors. Over the last five years I have had some wonderful moments and there are memories I will always carry. This last year has been as enjoyable and rewarding for me as any other year. We may have had some heavy defeats but we also had some good wins, and we always came back fighting and that was the tradition in the Seconds — thus a special thanks to this panel that has made this last year with the Seconds as rewarding and enjoyable as the first.

N. Doyle

## Third Senior XV

As we were anxious to do well in the Third League Competition, there was much emphasis on fitness and when possible we joined the S.C.T. in their pre-practice warm up. We also played friendly matches against the Seconds. All this was of great help to the squad.

We began the season with the traditional fixture against Blackrock who proved too strong. During the rest of the season we had six wins and eight defeats. The highlight of the season was the trip to Roscrea. Not only did we all enjoy the outing but also our 17-12 victory. Our



best performances were against Kings Hospital winning 24-4 and our second game against Blackrock which we lost narrowly by 10-12.

The squad really tried very hard. It is difficult to keep a Third side together with so many calls on personnel for the Seconds and on occasion for the S.C.T. We were strongest in the pack. Junius Horne was captain and also pack leader and filled both roles with distinction. He was ably helped by Dermot Byrne, Richard Byrne, Joe Fitzpatrick, Kenneth Gannon, Derek Egan and Stephen McGrath. Others to play were Eddie Armstrong, Tom Cleary, Gerry Redmond and Philip Walsh.

Scrum half Shane Maguire played many a fine game and scored some good tries. David Teevan filled the role as out half. Our main strength was on the wings and full back. Both

Patrick Blunden and Tony McCormack showed a clean pair of heels to many an opposite number while John Gilsean was a rock of solidity at full back. Our usual centres were Eunan Robins and Shane Cooke who showed lots of promise. They were sometimes replaced by either Stephen Donnelly or Donal Gilligan.

The League started after Christmas and we now had Michael Sheerin, Conal Cassidy, David Fleming and Darragh Kelly available in the forwards and Tom Gray in the centre. Our first game against Blackrock was an even, well contested game which we lost 9-13. Then came another narrow defeat by 12-14 against Belvedere. Our final game against Castleknock was not played as it was too late in the season and Belvedere had already won the section. A very enjoyable season.



THIRD SENIOR RUGBY XV

D. Byrne, D. Gilligan, S. Cooke, K. Gannon, S. Fitzpatrick, R. Byrne, D. Fleming, M. Sheerin,  
P. Blunden, D. Teevan.

S. Donnelly, E. Robins, A. McCormack, J. Horne (Capt.), D. Kelly, J. Gilsean, T. Gray.

## J.C.T. RUGBY

When training started in the new school year for the juniors, there was little confidence that this year's side was going to figure prominently in the Leinster Cup. A twenty-five point defeat by Blackrock in the semi-final of the Cup should not come then as a surprise but such a comprehensive defeat in fact surprised everyone for this side had progressed all the first term into a position of joint favouritism with many shrewd judges. It was a bright, happy, intelligent team that loved to run and throw the ball around and while not wanting to exaggerate, it was a pleasure to train this side and watch it in action on one of its many good days. It is hard to beat a quick heel from the ruck and fast passing across the field to the left wing especially if you have a flyer on the left wing. That is precisely what we had for Mark Redmond has balance and poise and courage as well as a great turn of foot. His thirty-two tries must be one of the highest recorded and these all against good opposition.

But to get back to September! Paul Bennett and Andy Cowman were elected captain and vice-captain and right good choices they proved to be. Paul led the team on and off the field in his own quiet but very determined manner. He is a hard running centre with surprising acceleration on the burst and his tackling has always been on a par with his running. Andy led the pack from the back row, usually from the wing forward position. As well as being a great defender, his jumping in the lineout is extremely well timed and his setting up of the ruck is quite masterly.

With quite a good choice for us in the forwards, it was surprising how quickly several boys made positions their own in the pack. Rory Quigley for instance never missed a game as hooker. His commitment to the game was marvellous and his striking in the scrums very fast for a big boy.

Gerry Fitzpatrick was rarely if ever bested in a set scrum while Michael L. Lynch's razor edged shoulders made him an ideal partner in the front row though he started the season as a lock. His speed round the field too was rather noticeable especially in getting him close for one of those bone-shaking tackles. Leslie Branagan and Eamonn Ambrose deputised on many occasions in the front row and would have been automatic selections in a leaner year. Niall McEniff was outstanding in the second row. Few bettered his clean catching in the lineout while his work rate over the field was first class. His score in the Cup was no more than he deserved. His partner, David Raftery, kept improving the whole season; he was always in the hunt for the ball and ran well as well as rucking well. Unfortunately both himself and Niall were extremely light for lock forwards and we really met our Waterloo in the scrums against Blackrock in the Cup. J. Shiel was an ideal type flanker who played an intelligent part in defence and attack and never spared himself. Paul Barnes, our number eight, was good in lineout; in fact Paul was good all round the field and lacks only weight to be an accomplished player. Unfortunately for the team, he had a bout of 'flu for the last two games of the Cup. His replacement, James Walsh, acquitted himself well. James broke a finger early on in the season and while he got many games afterwards, he never quite made up the leeway.

Supply of talent in the back division was scarce. Barry Martin was an obvious centre partner for Bennett with his strong defence and determined running. Between them they accounted for more than twenty tries. Other positions had to be filled the hard way and in fact were manned by boys who knew nothing about the positions in September. Mark Lawler was the complete surprise packet. His coolness

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- A John Fitzgerald gets in his kick.
  - B Andy Cowman about to set up a ruck.
  - C Barry Martin passes to Andy Cowman.
  - D Killian Robins gets the ball away.
  - E Forwards reaching for the ball.

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at cricket and tennis prompted a trial at full back and once given the chance, Mark never looked back. His defence and hands were impeccable and eventually he learned how to be an attacking full as well. John Fitzgerald was a great find as outhalf. His intelligent reading of the game got him out of difficulties on numerous occasions while he surprised many bigger boys by decisiveness in the tackle and darting run through the gap. Killian Robins must have delighted even himself by the way he changed over from wing forward to the base of the scrum. He worked hard on his passing till he had it right while his concentration on the ball behind the ruck was enormous so that he was rarely taken with the ball. More confidence on the break should make Killian a real good prospect for the coming year as he is still under age. There were several candidates for the right wing but the place went to the player most prepared to train, Niall Cogley. In fact once Niall got confidence in his own ability, he turned out a good winger for he has speed and acceleration and besides he kicked a very valuable penalty in our first cup match. S. Holland, C. Cooke, C. Rice, D. Gallagher, M. Drumm

and D. Kirk got several games each on the wing or in some other back position.

As I said at the beginning, our first term friendly results surprised even the most optimistic of our supporters. Fifteen games were won, five lost while we averaged seventeen points a match. We ran in four or five tries against such strong opposition as De La Salle, Pres. Bray, C.B.C. and Templeogue and scraped home 11-8 against eventual Cup winners, Terenure. When Blackrock only beat us 7-6 and 7-3 we began to think we had a real chance of the Cup. While unfit during the holidays we broke new ground by playing Campbell College, Belfast and while we lost 28-10 it was extra experience. It is history that the weather broke in the middle of January and training became extremely difficult for all our teams with our lack of alternative pitches. Without at all reaching our best we did score one really good try against C.B.C. in the first round of the Cup at Williamstown when M. Redmond came in to make the extra man and B. Martin took a return pass from P. Bennett to score. We went forward to meet High School with a 7-4 victory.

It was really at this stage that the weather



J.C.T. RUGBY

M. L. Lynch, G. Fitzpatrick, J. Shiel, M. Lawler, N. McEniff, P. Barnes, E. Ambrose, L. Branagan, R. Quigley,  
J. Walsh, B. Martin, A. Cowman, P. Bennett (Capt.), D. Raftery, C. Cooke, S. Holland.  
K. Robins, N. Cogley, J. Fitzgerald, M. Redmond.

seriously interfered. Our second round game was postponed four times over a period of more than a fortnight. When eventually played on a heavy pitch at Donnybrook, our backs failed to get up sufficient speed and while having the better of the game we left the pitch with a scoreless draw. Four days later on a good day for rugby the team really clicked again and in running in six tries we saw what it was really capable of. All four three quarters scored and Cowman and McEniff joined in. Our 26-0 win should have been just the ideal boost for our semi with Blackrock and we went to Donnybrook on a fine day hoping for victory. It was our third cup game in eight days and whether this factor can be given as an alibi or whether it was the controlled brilliance of the Rock pack, our forwards could never get the required possession and even when balls did come the way of the backs they made uncharacteristic mistakes with them. Our defence held out to one forward's score till half time but we had had wind advantage. Peculiarly enough our team settled a bit better in the second half but in trying to run the ball against the wind we made mistakes and Rock went home with a surprising 25-0 win. It was just one of those days but in all fairness it

must be said that our side would have had to reach almost unprecedented heights to have toppled Rock that day, as this was a dedicated and physically powerful Rock side that made few mistakes.

## Under 14's XV

The limited panel and the decision to let them try various positions meant that it was Hallow E'en before the team really took shape. The same two factors make it difficult just about "A" team as players shared playing also in the "B" team. The results of the "A" team do not truly reflect the keen courage of the regular members and perhaps the "B" team fared better as they won more matches.

Our Captain, John O'Connell and Vice-Captain, Paul Brooder gave the team good service. John was an inspiration in the forwards and found valuable help forthcoming from Brian Cousins, Dermot Quigley and Gary Graham. Paul Brooder was a valuable team-man with ability to fill a number of positions, mainly out half and scrum half. Donal O'Kane as full back and Eoin Quinn as hooker proved that courage



UNDER 14 RUGBY

K. Cregan, V. Traynor, E. Byrne, P. McDonald, I. Byrne, R. Hughes, C. Cooke, D. Quigley, J. Kennedy,  
D. O'Kane, E. Quinn, P. Ronaldson, J. O'Connell (Capt.), J. Kildea, J. Keogh, D. Kirk.  
M. McSweeney, C. Murphy, K. Robins, G. Graham.

and enthusiasm go a long way to compensate for lack of stature. The scrum half position was also filled by Killian Robins before he went to obtain his place on the J.C.T. and also by Vincent Traynor and Carl O'Flanagan.

The "A" team came up against some very big teams culled from larger panels in other schools which is to their credit as they never became downhearted and always played as a team to the final whistle. A new venture this year was the visit to play Roscrea away; the first such visit to that College by an Under 14 team. Despite losing by 22-16 in a downpour, the team enjoyed the trip and we hope it will become an annual fixture.

The "B" team were very enthusiastic and did not stint of training and practice during the season. They reaped their reward by a number of good victories. Our thanks are due to Mr. K. Lewis and Rev. Fr. J. Godfrey, C.S.Sp., for their help and encouragement during the season. It was a very happy, enjoyable season and we all enjoyed the games and the training. That is what rugby should be at this level.

J. Gillespie

## Under 13's

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The Under 13's did not have a very successful season this year. As can be seen from the above table, the majority of games were lost but apart from the many injuries which plagued us during the season we did score over 200 points. The constant change in personnel owing to the injuries meant that the team was never knit closely together and there was a subsequent lack of flair and determination.

We started the season with a game against Willow Park and were beaten convincingly. It was mid-October before we had our first win against High School. Our early games showed that concentration was lacking and this continued through the season during which we could not field a settled team. The first injury was Gerry Cross's fractured arm. Then it was the turn of Tom Millar to be sidelined and the last straw was when our Captain, Peter Mac Giolla Riogh, had an emergency appendix operation just before the Cup campaign.

Raymond Power took over the captaincy and our first cup match was against Templeogue College in dreadful conditions which made it

*one hundred and four*

virtually impossible to play rugby. That defeat was followed by another against St. Michael's and a heartening feature during that game was the spirit shown by the side. They continued to play their hearts out right to the final whistle. This was followed by the game against Willow. We pressed very strongly in the first half but failed to score. In the second half we soaked up a lot of pressure and held out until five minutes from the end. A draw would have been a fair result.

The final cup match was against Blackrock. In the first half 'Rock dominated but the second



Philip MacDonnell and Paul Dean  
Irish Schoolboy Internationals



UNDER 13's RUGBY

H. Mullen, M. Wigglesworth, B. Gilsean, D. McCarthy, T. Millar, R. Teevan, B. Roantree,  
 G. Hassett, R. O'Connor, A. McEvoy.  
 T. Scanlon, R. Power, P. Naughton, P. Mac Giolla Riogh (Capt.), J. Nolan, M. Hanley, P. Byrne.  
 G. Morris, W. Black, J. Fearon, G. Cross.



SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS

J. Ward, D. Darby, D. Bennett, J. Larney, T. Lynch, M. Ronayne.  
 P. McGrath, P. Graham (Capt.), N. Martin.

half produced some fine rugby with both sides scoring three tries each. So ended a season that was most frustrating because of all the injuries. The full team rarely played together and all the chopping and changing plus the loss of our captain were very costly. The team never had a chance to settle together regularly and play as a combined unit.

M.L.

## Senior Rugby League

This year's league was more in the nature of a blitz run over three days at the end of the second term than the usual term league. Six sixth years picked seven-a-sides and the full programme of short matches was played. At the end of the league section, P. Graham moved into the final with full points while his nearest challengers G. Byrne and B. Heeney played off to see who deserved to contest the final. The final was marred by the non-appearance of one of Gareth's players while Peter happened to have eight players on his side. Nevertheless the

early stages were quite close and T. O'Connell gave his side an early lead. Apart from the extra two men that Peter had, he had very powerful players in D. Bennett, D. Darby and P. McGrath and when the opposition had run out of steam they ran in score after score. N. Martin, T. Lynch, M. Ronayne and J. Ward also played their part for the easy winners.

## Junior Rugby League

For the second year running, the captains asked to pick the league for this group failed to come up with evenly matched teams. It was obvious from the first series of games that D. Quigley's Lions was superior to D. O'Kane's Springboks while the latter was the proverbial mile ahead of P. O'Byrne's Barbarians and M. McSweeney's All Blacks. It is a tribute to the keenness and enthusiasm of all the boys in second year that the full league was played out and interest maintained to the end. The final placings were Lions 12 points, Springboks 8, while Barbarians and All Blacks shared the bottom with two points by recording one victory



INTER RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS

A. Digby, V. Traynor, M. Leavy, J. McDonald, J. McShane, G. Long, E. Brophy,  
E. Quinn, N. Cogley, S. Cooke (Capt.), D. Raftery, R. Russell.

each over the other. It was a pity that there could be no final as a final is always an exciting affair with plenty of support from the sideline. However, Mrs. Quigley kindly presented the cup and medals to Dermot and his team after their last league match. As well as Dermot himself, J. O'Connell, P. Mac Giolla Riogh, B. Cousins and particularly J. Keogh were outstanding for the winning team.

## Inter Rugby League

This league seemed to suffer more than the others from the rather bad afternoons during the year. Many games had to be postponed and several took place without the full complement of players. After struggling through four matches apiece, D. Tallon's Wesley and S. Cooke's Pontypool had six points, J. Gilsonan and M. Power had four and F. McDonald and P. Cassidy had two. Quarter finals were arranged between the fours and twos and these in fact turned out to be the best matches in the competition. Gilsonan beat McDonald in a 22-18 thriller while Power came from behind to pip Cassidy

24-20. The semis turned out to be disappointing for neither Gilsonan nor Power was a match for Cooke or Tallon respectively.

A misunderstanding about the day of the match deprived the final of some of its glamour. Four of the Wesley side failed to turn out and a very one-sided affair was a possibility. Some sterling performances by David himself, M. Bowe, C. Cooke, D. Foley and F. Conway saved the match aspect and it was not till towards the end that Pontypool made the cup its own. Among its very strong players were S. Cooke, J. McShane, J. McDonald and G. Long while there was also J.C.T. players D. Raftery and N. Cogley for the last two games. In fact Cogley scored three tries and converted several while Raftery also was among the scorers. Other try getters were Cooke, McShane, McSharry and Quinn. D. Tallon scored a very good try in the first half to leave his side trailing 16-6 at the interval, while B. Delany's score left it 20-10 with a few minutes remaining. Late pressure saw Pontypool add a few more and even a well deserved last minute try by Bowe left Wesley 34-14 losers.



FIRST YEAR RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS

K. Cahalane, P. Figgis, J. Fearon, B. Cassidy, C. Heslin, H. Mullen, P. McGann.  
D. O'Hora, I. Donnelly, J. Carvill (Capt.), P. Byrne, G. Cross.

## Minor Rugby League

It was decided not to exclude any under 13's from the first year league this year and the experiment worked quite successfully. There were four teams of fourteen and they were evenly matched. At the end of the first round D. Tynan's France and I. Burgess' Wales had four points while T. McTiernan's Ireland and J. Carvill's New Zealand had two apiece. The second round followed somewhat the same pattern and so top of the table France was paired with bottom of the table New Zealand while Wales and Ireland with six points each made up the other semi-final. Both matches were very close. Not unexpectedly France went into an early 10 nil lead in the first game and looked as if it was all set for the final. Ten minutes from the end J. Carvill got his side going and in the last second New Zealand equalised. A penalty in extra time gave a surprise win to the bottom of the table team. It was hard luck on David and his many good players especially T. Millar, P. Donovan, R. Teevan and B. Gilsean. One try by T. Scanlan was

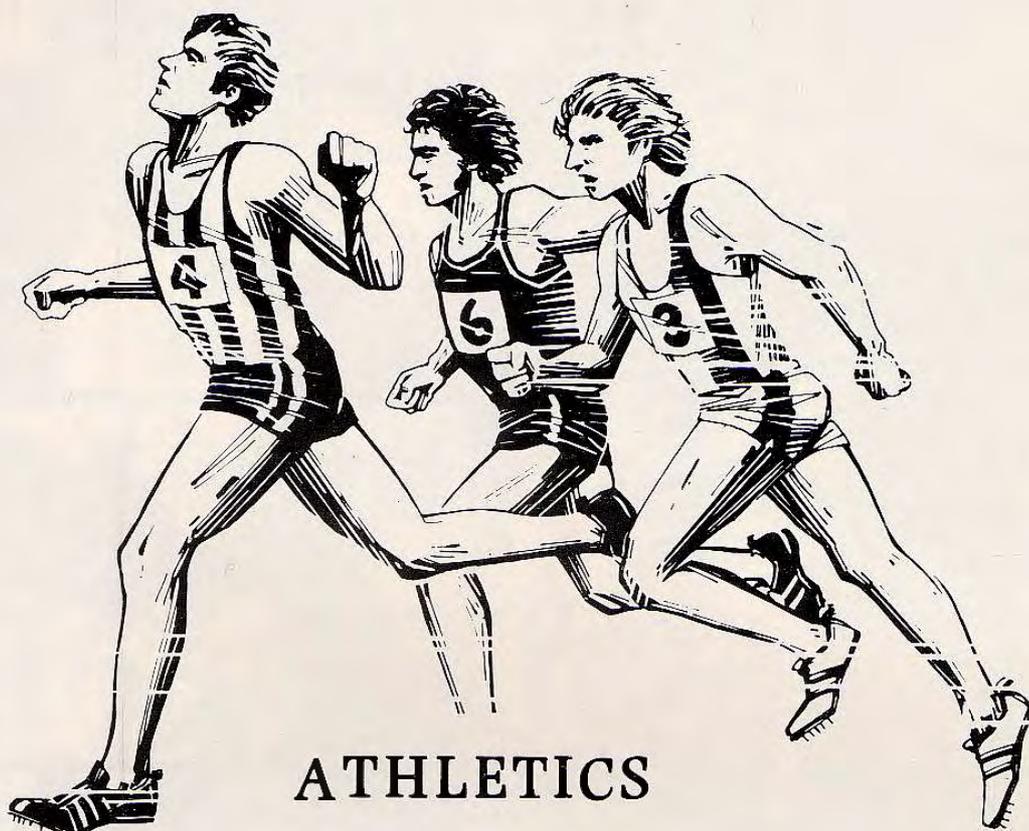
sufficient to see Ireland through against Wales in the other game, despite great efforts by A. McEvoy, R. O'Connor and S. Tee.

The final was marred somewhat by a galeforce wind but it did not deter the enthusiastic participants. Mr. O'Donnell refereed the very even match. Ireland played down hill and wind in the first half but it was New Zealand that scored first. A series of mistakes by the Irish backs allowed C. Heslin in for an easy try. Two minutes later S. Yendole made a half break and C. Purcell ran strongly to score beside the posts but the convert was missed. A good kick ahead got J. Carvill in trouble and Yendole was on hand to make it 8-4. The four point interval lead looked precarious and so it proved. Having stoutly defended for half the second half, the Irish defence was pierced by a good run from J. Fearon and G. Cross gave his side the lead with the well struck conversion. Before the end, D. O'Hora made it 14-8 when he was accredited with the push over try. For Ireland, T. McTiernan, T. Scanlan, C. Purcell and S. Yendole were outstanding but J. Carvill spurred on his somewhat better all round team to victory that was well deserved if a little surprising.



SECOND YEAR RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS

J. Farrell, B. Ward, L. Conlon, R. Murray, P. Briddock, P. Mac Giolla Riogh, G. Graham, P. Ronaldson,  
D. Watts, J. O'Connell, D. Quigley (Capt.), C. Budds, J. Keogh.



## ATHLETICS

Quite a few of our athletes entered the zone especially at Intermediate level but only David Cogley reached a Leinster final. He took a creditable fourth place in the 100m there but it must be said that Tony McCormack was dreadfully unlucky not to have been awarded 2nd place in the 200m zone final for only two go to the Leinster final where Tony would almost certainly have been placed at least.

There was little interest in the senior section of our own sports and entries even smaller than usual though in fact possibly because people weren't fit, competition was keen amongst the small group. Inches separated the first five in the 100m and Ian Dunn shaded the verdict. He had previously won the event usually associated with the sprint, the long jump. Tony McCormack moved up to the senior section and ran really well to take the 200m while David Cogley made up for not winning the 100m by taking the 400m in good style. Mark Redmond exposed the seniors by easily taking the 1500m open to inters as well as seniors. Paul Dean was the real surprise packet. He first put the shot feet further than anyone else, followed up with the 800m and went on to win the high jump

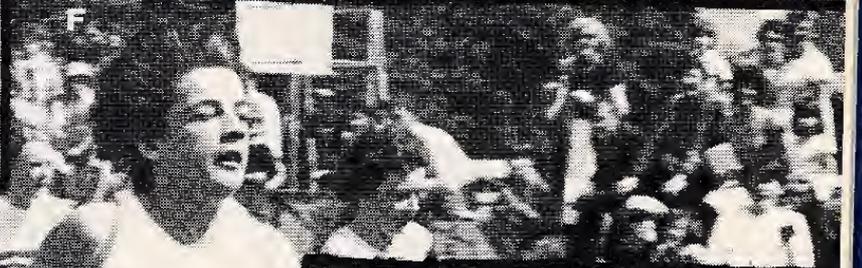
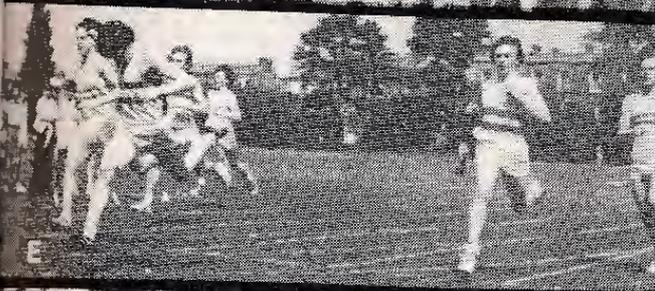
on Sports Day. He thus had two points to spare over I. Dunn for the Victor Ludorum and no one begrudged it to him for he contributed handsomely to all sports during his six years in the senior school.

With McCormack out of the inter division, it was all too easy for M. Redmond. He won all seven events for which he entered and even led his relay team to victory. Mention must be made too of M. L. Lynch who broke one of the long standing records in the shot. M. McSweeney was outstanding in the junior area. He set new figures in the 100m and long jump and also won the 200m and shot. P. Hartigan had a nice double in the 800m and 1500m junior while T. Millar did exactly likewise in the juvenile division. C. Purcell went one better here in taking the 100m, 150 championship and the long jump. Sports day itself was quite a success and the weather once again was very kind to us. A word of thanks is in order to all who helped in any capacity including Michael Stephens, who keeps the ground in such good order. Maurice Hogan again started the races for us, Mr. Dan Lennon set up our loud speaking system and Mrs. Cogley kindly presented the trophies.

# SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WINNERS 1978

Victor Ludorum — Paul Dean

SENIOR	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR	JUVENILE
<b>100m</b> 1. I. Dunn (equal record) 2. P. Blunden	M. Redmond  N. Cogley	M. McSweeney (12.2 record) P. Hartigan	C. Purcell  T. Millar
<b>200m</b> 1. A. McCormack 2. P. Blunden	M. Redmond P. Bennett	M. McSweeney D. Kirk	<b>150 Yards</b> C. Purcell T. Millar
<b>400m</b> 1. D. Cogley 2. A. McCormack	M. Redmond David Kelly		<b>Sack Race</b> R. Power P. Naughton T. Scanlon
<b>800m</b> 1. P. Dean  2. G. Kinsella 3. K. Gannon	M. Redmond (2 min 14.3 record) N. Cogley M. Lawler	P. Hartigan  F. Sheeran C. Murphy	T. Millar  H. Dennis M. McCarthy
<b>1500m</b> 1. M. Redmond 2. N. Cogley 3. P. Dean		P. Hartigan D. O'Kane C. Murphy	T. Millar P. Naughton M. Hanley
<b>Long Jump</b> 1. I. Dunn  2. D. Cogley	M. Redmond.  J. Fitzgerald	M. McSweeney (18' 1" record) J. O'Connell	C. Purcell  M. Hanley
<b>High Jump</b> 1. P. Dean 2. D. Cogley	M. Redmond D. Raftery	K. Robins C. Cooke	B. Roantree C. Purcell
<b>Shot</b> 1. P. Dean  2. D. Bennett	M. L. Lynch (39' 8" record) K. Hughes	M. McSweeney  I. Byrne	I. Donnelly  J. Goldrick
<b>Relay</b> I. Dunn D. Bennett M. Cosgrove C. Doyle	M. Redmond D. Gallagher M. J. Lynch E. Coveney	P. Hartigan J. Kildea J. Keogh D. O'Kane	B. Roantree K. Conlon G. Maher C. Russell
<b>Cycle</b> 1. K. Gannon 2. A. Farrell 3.	J. Fitzgerald P. Barnes	M. Quinlan C. McSharry W. Foley	<b>Slow Cycle</b> T. McTiernan C. Russell P. McGann
<b>Relay Past Team</b> P. Andreucetti W. Ryan L. Grissing C. Sweeney		<b>Musical Chairs</b> 1. K. O'Regan 2. P. O'Byrne 3. D. Quigley	J. Fearon R. O'Connor S. Gunning
			<b>Consolation</b> 1. B. Gilsenan 2. D. Montague 3. W. Black



**SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS**  
 A Father Darcy has a word with Paul Dean and David Cogley.  
 B Paul Dean receives the Victor Ludorum cup from Mrs. F. Cogley.  
 C Gerry Lennon, Brian O'Moore and Declan Sheehan with the microphones.  
 D Conor Murphy leads the field.  
 E Mark Redmond wins followed by Niall Cogley and Paul Bennett.  
 F Mark McSweeney wins well from Michael McSharry.  
 G David Cogley receives cup from his mother.



## CRICKET

### Senior XI

Captain: Hugh Delany  
 Vice-Captain: Mark Hughes

P	W	L	D
8	5	1	2

Under the captaincy of Hugh Delany, we got off to a good start in 1978 despite the cold, dismal weather. By the end of April we had won our three matches against Leinster C.C., Phoenix C.C. and College of Surgeons. Rain prevented our fixture with Pembroke C.C. and caused our match against the Leprechauns to be abandoned. Hugh Delany was in fine form with the bat with his brother, Brian, getting lots of wickets and Philip MacDonnell in good form with bat and ball.

So we faced our first league game against Belvedere with confidence. After making a good total of 135 for 3, Hugh Delany 79 and Philip MacDonnell 39, we were in a good position but Belvedere managed to hold out for

a draw making only 50 runs in 35 overs. Then it was King's Hospital for our next league game. Things looked ominous when we were all out for 53 and they reached 29 for 2, but Brian Delany in an amazing bowling spell took five wickets for six runs and they were all out for 39.

Back then to Kenilworth to meet Sandford Park and we made a respectable 125. This time Mark Lawler made 29 not out and Philip MacDonnell after contributing 32 runs, took seven wickets for 35 runs. This meant we had to face Belvedere again to decide the winners of our section. The game was in Kenilworth but we only managed 72 runs with Philip MacDonnell making 45. Our total was not enough and Belvedere, who went on to win the final, knocked up the necessary runs for victory.

Our team was not the best that represented the College and it was a pity that some valuable players did not make themselves available. This meant that we could not field a Second XI. But our thanks to the fine Senior XI who did so well this year. They were very well led by Hugh Delany. A special word of thanks to Philip MacDonnell who had a long, demanding rugby season representing his province and Ireland and then played cricket so well that he and Hugh Delany were honoured with places on the Leinster Cricket XI.

*one hundred and twelve*

# Junior XI

Captain: Mark Lawler

Vice-Captain: David Raftery

P	W	L	D
11	4	6	1

Rarely have we had a 'nicer' Junior team in St. Mary's. The panel was small but what we lacked in numbers we made up in quality. Practices were well attended, our batting was strong but our weakness proved to be bowling. Our early, limbering up matches produced a win over St. Paul's, three matches lost in a row against Belvedere, High School and Wesley and for the first time in St. Mary's cricket history a tie with Terenure each side scoring 111 runs.

Our first league game was against St.

Columba's who had home advantage. We were put into bat on a sodden pitch but with Mark Lawler hitting 39 and Johnnie Woods 52, we had a fine score of 126 for 7 wickets. Alan Delany with 7 wickets for 35 runs meant the opposition were all out for 89 runs. Hopes were high against Belvedere especially as they managed 113 for 6 wickets, a figure not outside the capabilities of our team. We made a paltry 33. Against High School we made 142 for 7 and took the field with confidence. A catch missed here and there, a possible run out fumbled and we allowed them to win in the last over. Next match was against the highly fancied St. Andrews and we had them fighting desperately at 54 for 7 but they pulled the game out of the fire making 116 to our 33.

Our remaining matches were against Clongowes and Gonzaga and in the latter game Mark Lawler and John Woods made over 40 runs each. Our batting had returned to form



S.C.T. XI

O. O'Sullivan, F. Murray, M. Lawler, S. McDonald, P. MacDonnell, B. Delany, J. Woods.  
S. Donnelly, J. Bennett, H. Delany, M. Cosgrove, S. Maguire.

but too late to win the cup. We had a good season with our ups and downs but the team deserved better fortune than they had in the cup. Surely, to use a cliché, 'that's what cricket is all about'.

## Under 14 XI

Captain: Conor Murphy  
Vice-Captain: Liam Byrne

P	W	L	D
11	3	6	2

Captain Conor Murphy had his hands full trying to steer his young, inexperienced team through eleven matches. Liam Byrne, Peter MacGiolla Riogh, David Quigley, Patrick

Ronaldson and Con Tiernan formed a nucleus around which to build. There were many from First Year who joined the squad and Ian Burgess, Gerry Cross, Ian Donnelly, Arthur McEvoy and Hugh Mullen gradually proved themselves worthy of a permanent place on the team.

We had five friendly games winning three against King's Hospital, Stratford College and Terenure. Conor Murphy was our steadiest bat with scores of 44, 19 and 23. David Quigley had 52 against King's Hospital, the only 50 of the season, and Peter MacGiolla Riogh had solid double figure knocks. So with some confidence we faced St. Columba's in our first league match. They scored 130 for 8 while we could only muster 34. Then on to Belvedere who scored 50 for 4 against our total of 49. We settled for a draw against Clongowes. Against St. Andrew's we made 86 only to see them



J.C.T. XI

C. Murphy, J. Fitzgerald, J. Woods, L. Branagan, J. Nolan, E. Coveney, M. Crofts.  
M. Kearney, D. Raftery, M. Lawler, M. Redmond, C. Tiernan.

notch up 182 for 6. Our last game was against Sandford who made 144 for 9 and our reply was 89.

In view of the introduction of an Under 13 league next year, we had four such matches winning three of them. The season was not the best weather wise. Nevertheless, we played all our matches. Practices were well attended and good progress maintained. Ian Burgess and Arthur McEvoy emerged as steady batsmen, Hugh Mullen bowled himself to a standstill well aided by Laurence Lynch and Ian Donnelly. The 1978 Under 14 team under captain, Conor Murphy, was a fine one.

### JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE 1978

Most of the matches were played early in the last term when the weather was not

always favourable for cricket. Nevertheless there was nearly always a full turn out and many games were very close and exciting. The six teams included many of the under fourteens and since sometimes there were clashes of loyalty there were a few surprising results. Still two teams stood out from the start D. Cantwell's W. Indies and P. Briddock's Ireland and it was no surprise that these were the eventual finalists. At the end of the league section D. Cantwell had full points, P. Briddock was two behind, A. Moloney had six while S. Farnan, J. Nolan and J. Keogh just managed one win each. Probably the most exciting match of the league was a bottom of the table clash when S. Farnan's side hit the winning runs with the last ball of the twenty overs match after J. J. Keogh's side looked unbeatable with over a hundred runs on the board.



UNDER 14 XI

I. Donnelly, D. Cantwell, C. Tiernan, J. Nolan, D. Quigley, G. Cross.  
H. Mullan, J. Keogh, A. McEvoy, C. Murphy, L. Byrne, I. Burgess, P. Mac Giolla Riogh.

*one hundred and fifteen*

The semi-final between A. Moloney and P. Briddock on the other hand was a bit one-sided with the bowling of Briddock, I. Burgess and L. Lynch too powerful even for batters like P. Hartigan, A. McEvoy and B. Cousins. The final on a beautiful afternoon was a much more delicately balanced affair. Ireland batted first and lost wickets fairly rapidly. However, captain Briddock played a magnificent innings hitting seven fours in his 43 but only G. Clifford and I. Burgess with 7 and 5 respectively gave any real support. Still 77 was a fair target for W. Indies. They looked early on as if they would make it. D. Cantwell hit a nice 13 and A. Behan 15 and defied all efforts to get rid of him. However, it soon became apparent that his rate of scoring was

too slow and with Briddock and Burgess bowling very accurately runs were hard to come by. Eventually the end of the twenty overs saw only 52 on the board and while several wickets had yet to fall it was of no avail. The best all-round team had won and besides those mentioned, G. Hassett was a good wicket-keeper, B. Cassidy, W. Black, R. Hughes, A. McCulloch and P. Figgis contributed handsomely to a fine team effort. Mention must be made of fine bowling by H. Mullen all through the competition for the losers who it ought to be remembered had already beaten the eventual winners in the original part of the league. Michael J. Lynch umpired the final and many other games in the league and we are grateful to him for taking on the thankless job.



## Tennis

Once again the season was slow to get under way but the last few weeks of May were good and a fair bit of tennis was played. With most of last year's senior team available, we had high hopes of winning the second senior tournament. A bye took us to the second round where we were unfortunately very narrowly beaten by St. Gerard's. The singles were shared but we lost the odd doubles. J. Ambrose and P. Thornton both won 6-3, 6-4 at three and four respectively but surprisingly P. Macdonnell lost the top

singles after winning the first set and B. Coffey lost 3-6, 5-7. The doubles matches were even closer. MacDonnell and Coffey lost in three sets again after taking the opening one, Ambrose and M. Bowe won but our third doubles of Thornton and T. O'Connell went down 4-6, 5-7. St. Gerard's went on to the final but lost narrowly to Clongowes seconds.

Our under 13s were very inexperienced and lost very heavily to Clongowes. They had a very enjoyable match with Gormanston at

Kenilworth where B. Roantree won the top singles 6-0, 6-4 and R. Power and M. McGovern lost after good performances. Meanwhile B. Gilsean and C. Maher lost the third doubles 6-4, 6-4 and so defeat seemed inevitable. However with R. O'Connor joining Roantree in the top doubles and Power and McGovern combining well a really absorbing battle took place. In fact both three setters came our way for a creditable 3-3 result.

For the first time in many years we won a section and advanced to the semifinal when our juniors beat O'Connell's and Gormanston before going under by a very narrow 4-3 to Newbridge in the semifinal. M. L. Lynch, J. Burke-Moran and P. Brooder all won their singles against O'Connells. Lynch and C. Cooke lost the first doubles, Moran and Brooder won and S. Holland and P. Cosgrove also came through easily. Burke Moran and Brooder won comfortably against Gormanston too but Lynch lost a close three setter. Joined by Cooke however in the first doubles he had a good win and while our third doubles lost, Burke Moran and Brooder clinched the 4-2 win easily. Clongowes generously provided the setting for a thrilling semifinal with Newbridge. Lynch lost, Burke Moran won, C. Cooke won the extra singles and while Brooder played brilliantly to take the first set, his consistent opponent wore him down and so we lost a great opportunity to take a clinching lead. Cosgrove and D. Foley lost the third doubles, our seconds won as usual but the vital top three setter went to Newbridge. However, Burke Moran, Brooder, Cooke and Foley are under age for next year again.

The tournaments were very slow in being completed. Only the senior came near completion by the end of the year. P. Thornton beat an out of practice P. Dean and the M. Cosgrove in the semifinal while only J. Ambrose caused any problems to P. MacDonnell in the other half. John himself had already beaten T. O'Connell and T. Lynch on the way. An interesting fact was that Templeogue L.T.C. offered free membership for two years to our two finalists in the senior tournament.

M. Bowe beat M. L. Lynch in three sets and then P. Brooder 6-4, 6-4 in reaching the Inter final where his opponent was J. Burke-Moran who beat S. Cooke in three sets in the semi. In second year, J. O'Connell beat B. Hanratty 6-2, 7-5 in the final. Ladder winners included J. Ambrose, P. Brooder, M. L. Lynch, J. O'Connell, I. Burgess and R. O'Connor.



J.C.T. TENNIS



UNDER 13 TENNIS



## GAELIC

Like last year we entered the proper gaelic football league organised for rugby playing schools at the beginning of the last term. Numbers were slow in coming forward for the senior event but eventually we managed to field a full side against Terenure and De La Salle. Both schools were naturally too

strong for us, but good individual performances were given by P. Dean, M. Dooley, P. Blunden, A. Whelan and J. Doyle. The juniors enjoyed themselves even more and had quite a few good practices as well as games with C.U.S., De La Salle, Templeogue and Pres. Bray. Our best players were nearly all playing cricket also and we missed them on occasions. M. Lawler, D. Raftery, J. Fitzgerald, N. McEniff, N. Cogley really took to the game in a big way as well as old campaigners C. Cooke, A. Horne and K. O'Flanagan but we had too many smaller boys and so were unable to cope with the bigger all-round opposition. However, all agreed that the experience was a very well worthwhile one and it is just a pity that several others who are doing little in the sports field at that period of the year are not willing to try out their national game. Prejudice dies slowly.



S.C.T. GAELIC

J. Horne, D. Darby, K. Gannon, J. Larney, G. Byrne, C. Cassidy, R. Byrne, D. Fleming, P. Blunden,  
D. Byrne, J. Ambrose, P. McGrath, P. Dean, D. Ellison, A. Whelan, G. Kinsella.



#### J.C.T. GAELIC

J. Kennedy, P. Leahy, G. Fitzpatrick, E. Ambrose, P. Lucas, C. Cooke, K. O'Flanagan, P. O'Neill.  
 J. O'Connell, J. Fitzgerald, N. Cogley, N. McEniff, D. Raftery, M. Redmond, D. Kirk.

## Volleyball

### Senior

Confined in the main to those not participating in rugby teams, there was just enough for four teams in this league. C. O'Connor and S. Donnelly both won their first two matches and it was clear that theirs were the best sides. In a close contest between the sides, Donnelly was successful and went to the top of the table. After a few second round games, the return between the top side was hailed as the final. There was no change of result with Donnelly winning even more easily. R. Byrne, J. Larney, F. Murray, D. Gilligan and P. Walshe made up the winning side.

### Inter

Seven teams got four matches each in the league before the end of the second term. S. Holland, R. Quigley and M. Farrell with only one victory to their credit were then eliminated and semi-final pairings were B. Delany v. V. Traynor and P. Bennett v. P. O'Reilly. Fittingly, Delany and Bennett who had been on top of the table reached the final. B. Delany, C. Cooke and M. Lawler were good players but P. Bennett had more depth in his team of D. Kelly, K. Robins, P. Donnelly, M. Hanna and E. Coveney and although losing the initiative in the second set Bennett's side ran out easy winners in the third set.



## BASKETBALL

### SENIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE 1978

Seven sixth years picked teams in the long last term and quite a successful league was run off. At the end of four rounds, D. Byrne, P. Graham and K. O'Reilly had six points while G. Byrne and T. Lynch were in touch with four points. So B. O'Connor and E. Armstrong were eliminated and the teams with four points played a quarter final. Here G. Byrne turned the tables on T. Lynch with a narrow win and followed this up with another two points win over P. Graham. P. Dean was expected to spear-head a D. Byrne victory in the other semi final but the all round speed and ability of K. O'Reilly's team just managed to prevail with a 14-13 win.

Fr. C. Byrne refereed the final on a fine warm afternoon and the weather seemed to bring the best out of the contestants. It was a fine, open encounter but again it was the agility and quick thinking of all Kevin's team that was the deciding factor. G. Kinsella, A. Farrell, C. Doyle and R. Fearon all contributed handsomely while captain Kevin is quite an accomplished performer himself. G. Byrne tried very hard as did D. Bennett, P. McGrath, D. Gilligan and M. Crowe but their moves were not as slick as the opposition and the final score of 20-10 tells its own story.

### FOURTH YEAR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A rather disappointing entry of twenty five gave us just the five teams for this year's summer league but then maybe the quality made up for the quantity. In fact it was a

*one hundred and twenty*



SENIOR BASKETBALL

K. O'Reilly, R. Fearon, G. Kinsella.  
A. Farrell, C. Doyle.

good league run off at the beginning of the term. The games were very close but S. Drumm and M. McSharry always seemed to be able to pull out the bit extra at the finish. J. Leavy finished his programme of matches with three points, his brother Martin had two while S. Ryan just managed the one draw. Drum and McSharry did not meet in the league proper for having won their respective matches they were obvious candidates for a final. Mr. Leonard looked after this fine game of basketball and it was no disgrace to M. McSharry and his team of E. Ambrose, J. McDonald, F. Conway and G. Redmond to be beaten 21-10 by S. Drumm's team. Stephen had the assistance of K. Hughes, P.

Murray, P. Cassidy and D. Tallon and individually and collectively these were a good group of players with plenty of speed and skill not to mention height.

### THIRD YEAR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

There were only six teams in the league this year and after a little while one wondered why even many of these boys gave in their names for a voluntary league. Many of them turned up very late for the matches while some rarely turned up at all. Those who did turn up enjoyed themselves no end for basketball gives plenty of enjoyment and exercise in a brief space of time. All teams savoured some success and after the complete league the positions were L. O'Flaherty 2, P. Lucas and P. McDonald 3 each, D. Kelly and

D. Gallagher 6 while N. McEniff had a great unbeaten run and finished with ten points.

A semi-final gave a 6-4 victory to D. Kelly so the latter got another tilt at N. McEniff. What a tight match it proved to be! I. Byrne took C. Rice's place for D. Kelly and played splendidly as did P. Brooder, R. McSharry, J. McGann and in particular David himself. No less eager were K. Robins, D. Kirk, E. Coveney and P. Leahy for the opposition while Niall himself made great use of his height and catching ability. At halftime the score was two apiece, at full time it was six each. Extra time saw David score a good basket himself but Robins equalised on the stroke of time. A sudden death was agreed on and it took quite a while for David to net himself and give the ever so narrow victory to his own side. We thank James Graham for refereeing this final and so many other games in the leagues.



## SWIMMING

The long awaited swimming pool at Williams' Park in Rathmines is at last a reality and it is a real beauty. The senior school had its use on Thursdays 3.30-4.00 and on Fridays 3.00-4.00. First year used it during last class period on Fridays and it proved a great success while big numbers of third and second years and a few fourths came at 3.30. Those who used it enjoyed it no end but it was a bit surprising that so many never even went to have a look at it considering it is so convenient and the times should have suited most.

An informal gala was organised for the last two swimming days and this proved quite a success. Competition in first and second years was very keen and not many managed to win two medals. J. Carvill proved the best in first year taking the freestyle and breaststroke. D. Teevan was easily the best in the older divisions for he was not only one of the oldest in the group but also the most accomplished swimmer. Mention must be made of three good swimmers in sixth year Peter Mulvey, Brendan Largey and Brendan McNally who came along to many of our sessions and helped many of the boys to improve their technique.



# SWIMMING RESULTS 1978

## FREESTYLE

### 1st Year

1. J. Carvill
2. I. Donnelly
3. R. Teevan

### 2nd Year

1. M. McSweeney
2. W. Foley
3. D. O'Kane

### 3rd, 4th Year

1. D. Teevan
2. K. Hughes
3. M. L. Lynch

## BACKSTROKE

### 1st Year

1. R. Teevan
2. B. Gilsenan
3. A. McEvoy

### 2nd Year

1. J. Keogh
2. K. Regan
3. R. Hughes

### 3rd, 4th Year

1. D. Teevan
2. M. L. Lynch
3. J. Shiel

## BREASTSTROKE

### 1st Year

1. J. Carvill
3. A. Behan
3. P. McGann

### 2nd Year

1. D. Quigley
2. W. Foley
3. J. Keogh

### 3rd, 4th Year

- D. O'Brien
2. D. Teevan
3. G. Fitzpatrick

## RELAYS

### 1st Year

- R. Teevan  
K. Nolan  
B. O'Connor  
A. McEvoy

### Other Years

- F. Conway  
D. Quigley  
K. Regan  
D. O'Kane  
P. McCarthy

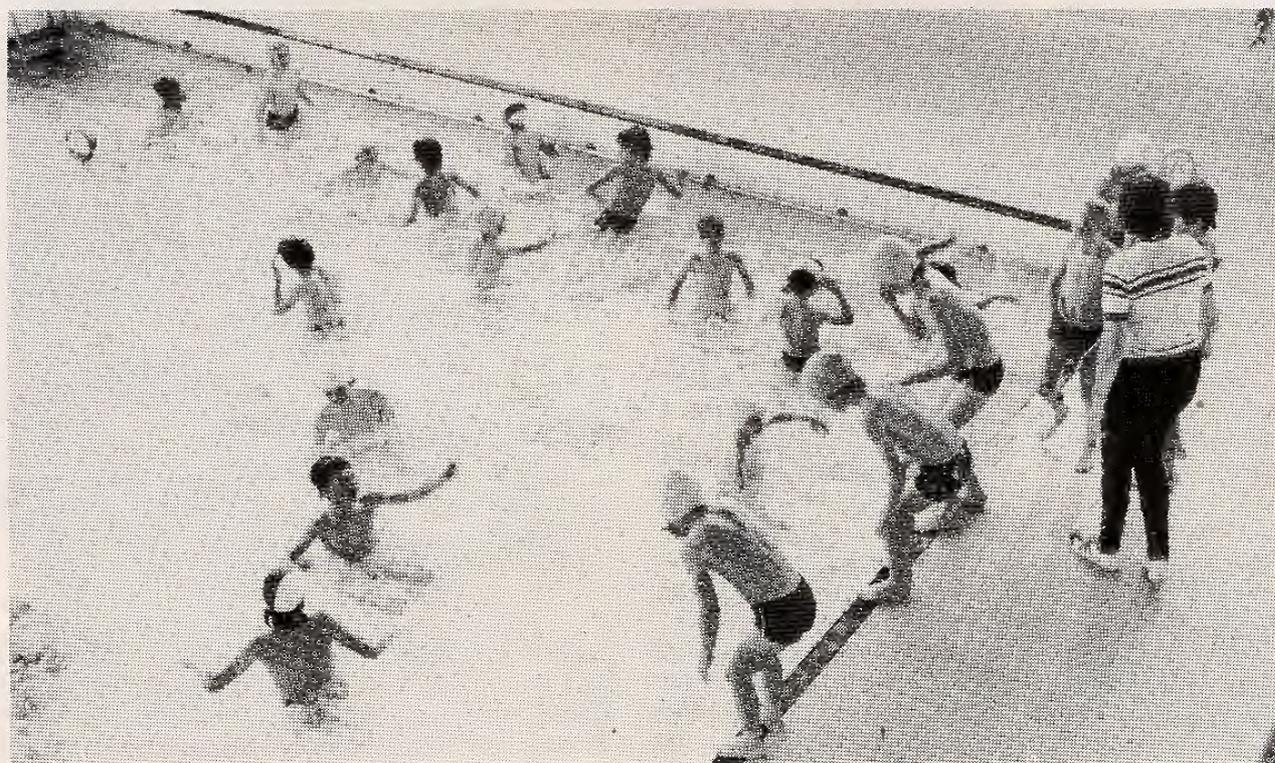
## MEDLEY RELAY

### 1st Year

- P. McGann  
A. Behan  
W. Black  
I. Burgess

## BEGINNERS RACE

1. J. Furlong
2. C. Dunne





## Soccer

### Senior Soccer League 1978

The senior league was always very close and at the end of six matches, Gilligan and Crowe led with 8 points apiece closely followed by Ronayne, Farrell and Devlin with 7. O'Sullivan stayed with the pack on six and Russell and Cosgrove were left to bring up the rear. In the play offs of this always unpredictable league both the favourites Crowe and Gilligan were knocked out, leaving the final between P. Devlin and O. O'Sullivan.

The final itself was a very close-fought affair with Devlin finally winning 4-3. The goals came from Devlin himself, Whelan and two from S. Maguire, his outstanding player. S. McGrath, P. Walshe and T. O'Brien provided a strong defence for Philip. Owen's team which fought hard all through the match replied with goals from Fleming, Harrington and Moylette. In the long run however, Devlin just about deserved to win. Thanks are due to D. Gilligan who refereed the final and put this article together.

### Inter Soccer

There were 6 teams in Section A, Borussia captained by R. McDonnell, Anderlecht by S. Holland, Sligo by P. Murray, F.C. Bruges by G. Long, Benfica by J. Gilsenan and Shamrock Rovers by P. Bennett. In Section B there were five teams, Ajax led by F. Conway, Cork Celtic by S. Cooke, New York by J. Horne, Juventus by J. Gallagher and Cork Alberts by M. Heffernan. As matches were played it was clear that the two teams in each section which would play in the semi-finals were Benfica and Shamrock Rovers from A and Juventus and Cork Alberts from B. The draw paired Juventus and Benfica and Cork Alberts and Shamrock Rovers.

The Juventus-Benfica match was a very closely fought contest between two teams which were unbeaten so far. A blow was struck very early in

the match when J. Gallagher of Juventus drove home a shot which despite the efforts of J. Fitzgerald went in. Nearing the end of the first half, D. Foley blasted a shot from outside the penalty area beating J. Fitzgerald. In the second half Benfica started to apply the pressure and only for the brilliant goal keeping of M. Lawler, Juventus could have found themselves 3-2 down. A minute from full time, C. Cooke chipped over Mark's head for Benfica's only goal and so Juventus went through 2-1. The other semi was an even game as the 3-3 score suggests so a second game had to be arranged. This also ended in a draw 1-1 and it wasn't until the second half of extra time that Cork Albert's P. Barnes drove his shot past D. Kelly giving his side a place in the final.

So the final was Cork Alberts v Juventus who had drawn with each other previously. As in their semifinal, Juventus scored first very early in the game through J. Gallagher from a pass by P. O'Reilly. Despite this early lead it took J. Hassett, P. McDonald and J. Gallagher a while to settle down because Cork Albert's P. Barnes, E. Coveney and R. Russell were causing a few problems. Once the Juventus defence settled down, only a few attacks got through and these came to nothing. Just before half time Juventus scored again through J. Gallagher whose shot scraped through the legs of the Albert's keeper G. Fitzpatrick. In the second half Juventus attacked for most of the time but were stopped by good defensive play by M. Heffernan, G. Cremin and S. Byrne. Despite this, J. Gallagher scored early in this half giving his side a 3 nil lead. Juventus were pressurising the Alberts' defence and it was only a matter of time before number four was scored when a badly cleared ball fell to K. O'Flanagan who volleyed it into the back of the net. Juventus were not finished yet. J. Gallagher got the ball and scored number five. P. Bennett was top scorer in the league with 13 goals. Our thanks go to S. Maguire for refereeing the final and to Fr. Darcy for arranging yet another enjoyable league.

J. Gallagher.

## Junior Soccer

With the longer than usual summer term, we were able to have an eight and seven division this year and both sections completed all their matches. The winners of the sections were to play the runners up in the other section and this helped to keep interest to the end. Notts Forest, Arsenal and Q.P.R. under the guidance of P. MacGiolla Riogh, B. Roantree and J. O'Connell respectively quickly established themselves in Section A. Arsenal eventually lost to both the others and while Notts Forest lost 2-1 to Q.P.R. and dropped a point to P. Dunne's Liverpool, Q.P.R. were beaten 1-0 by F. Browne's Chelsea. So Q.P.R. topped the table with 12 points, one better than Notts Forest. In Section B, K. Cregan's Leeds and J. Russell's Blythe Spartans always looked likely qualifiers though C. Murphy's Coventry also did very well and in fact Coventry and Leeds played a draw in the very first match of the tournament. This was the only point that Leeds dropped while Blythe lost only to Leeds.

The Leeds-Notts Forest semi-final was a very lively and extraordinary affair, At full-time the score read 1-1. In the ten minutes of

extra time, Pat Naughton really came to life. In the space of one minute, he tore the Leeds defence to shreds twice and placed P. Donovan and J. Fearon for two beautifully executed goals. A good goal by A. McEvoy for Leeds only inspired Notts Forest further and MacGiolla Riogh scored himself before Naughton sent Leeds crashing 5-2 to their first defeat. The other semi-final was close too until the last few minutes but Q.P.R. beat Blythe Spartans eventually 4-2. On the other hand the final went one way from the start. Naughton again gave the body blows for he was through himself for a goal in the first minute. MacGiolla put a lob across from an acute angle a few minutes later and it deceived everyone to go into the top corner. Naughton made it three and Fearon four before R. Power got one back for Q.P.R. before half-time. The second half was a formality and Naughton helped himself to two more goals, the first one a one-two with Donovan while he headed home a beautiful cross later. O'Connell put in his best work at the end. Though he missed a penalty, he headed a nice goal and finished off with a last minute goal. As well as those mentioned, G. Hassett was a good keeper for Forest and P. Byrne and D. O'Sullivan determined full backs and they certainly deserved the victory. S. Farnan, R. Power, P. McCarthy and D. Delaney tried hard for Q.P.R.



SENIOR SOCCER XI

J. Ward, O. O'Sullivan, D. Moylette, J. Doyle, P. Graham, P. McGrath, F. Murray, D. Cogley, K. Gannon.  
D. Darby, C. Sloan, B. Leahy, P. Fitzgerald (Capt.), D. Ellison, E. Robins, Bro. Ignatius, C.S.Sp.  
M. Ronayne, J. Gallagher.