

when seventeen boys, after careful preparation, approached the Holy Table for the first time. As is always the case on such occasions, the Chapel was profusely decorated with flowers, many of which were brought by the boys. During the Mass, Fr. Moynihan made a practical exhortation to the intending communicants. Later in the morning followed Benediction and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Unfortunately, rain marred the enjoyment of the day.

The Sports were held this year for the first time at Norbury. In previous years they formed one of the attractions of the Balham Garden Party, but the grounds chosen this year, though admirable in other respects, were not large enough to allow the holding of the Sports. Therefore, on June 29th, after an early lunch, we adjourned to the field, where the Sports began at 2 o'clock. The weather had given some cause for anxiety, as there had been much rain for a long time previously. However, doubtless in answer to the prayers sent up during the preceding week, after a drenching thunderstorm of two hours in the forenoon the rain stopped, and as the afternoon wore on the sky became beautifully clear. The number of visitors was large, though many were kept away by the fear of rain. From the early afternoon till after seven the field presented an animated scene. Events succeeded one another rapidly, but the programme was not finished when we were compelled to interrupt it to catch the train. On the following afternoon the events were resumed and the programme completed. The entries were much more numerous than in past years, and more enthusiasm was displayed. The Championship of the First Section was won by W. Bacon with 20 points, of the Second by Leseure with 14, of the Third by W. Brind with 12, and of the Fourth by M. Summers with 9

points. Of the races, the half-mile was won by O'Dea and Roberts in the First and Second Sections respectively, and the quarter-mile in the Third by W. McLoughlin. The 220 yards was won in the First by Corea, in the other Sections by Leseure, W. McLoughlin and B. Cox respectively. The winners in the 100 yards were Bacon, da Silva, May and F. Yzanga. The high jumps were remarkably good, and the victors were O'Dea, W. Sullivan and F. Towle. Prizes were awarded for the broad jump to O'Dea, da Silva and Towle. The prizes may be described in the invariable formula of the wedding reporter as "both numerous and costly." They were, perhaps, too numerous and too costly, seeing that the Sports annually involve us in a considerable deficit, which would not be the case were a more general response made to the appeal of the Committee. The ladies and gentlemen, to whom (to quote the programme) the Committee "tender their sincere thanks for so generously contributing," are mostly shadowy personages whom it is difficult to materialise, but they include some to whom we are distinctly grateful.

The Cricket Season has been sufficiently unfortunate. There are several contributory causes, the chief of which is the weather. For those who have lived in England during the recent June no explanation is necessary. Furthermore, we are suffering from a dearth of good cricketers, and, to make matters worse, the day boys in general stand aloof as much as ever from the games. The following is the record of the season to date:—

1st XI.—Drawn: Holy Trinity, Manor House, Clapham Crusaders, Actors' Union, Lucien Athletic.
Lost: Caius Old Boys, Crystal Palace Engineers.

2nd XI.—Won: Balham School (twice), Streatham Grammar School.