

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, 1901.

Clapham College.—Out of the 40 Candidates presented, 32 passed.

SENIORS.—Vincent Cahill, Henry Devitt, William Fitz-Gerald, Charles Gleiser, James Hayes, John Knecht, John McLaughlin, Richard Nance, Sydney Norris, Francis Turner.

JUNIORS.—Louis Beghin, Cecil Bourke, Philip Cuming, Bernard Mare, John O'Shea, Frederick Toleman, Basil Prentis, Edward Fox, James Murray.

PRELIMINARIES.—Edward Andrews, Bernard Carroll, Clement Casey, Conrad Eisenmann, Douglas Gray, Edmund McLaughlin, Emmanuel Niox, Rowland Bourke, James Fox, Thomas Gould, Leopold Secchi, Bower Grosvenor, Joseph Giudici.

Master Vincent Cahill obtained 11th place in second class Senior Honours.

Master Edmund McLaughlin obtained third class Preliminary Honours.

Master Vincent Cahill obtained distinction in Religious Knowledge (1st place), and in English (9th place).

Master Louis Beghin obtained distinction in Junior French (4th place.)

BROTHER CUTHBERT, in the course of an admirable and characteristic reply, thanked the proposer for the able terms of his speech, and the Committee for asking him to respond. He spoke of the absorbing interest taken by the Brothers in the welfare of their former pupils, the great attachment of the "Old Boys" to the Brothers and to their Alma Mater, and the utility of this reciprocity, as evidenced by actual facts. He finally expressed the wish that the "excellent spirit pervading Brothers and Boys, which in the past had been fraught with such great success, may in the future be attended by still greater success." (Loud cheers.)

In proposing the next toast, MR. PERCY A. SPAUL said that, having toasted their friends and former masters, the Xaverian Brothers, he had the pleasure to ask them to drink with no less enthusiasm to the success and prosperity of *The Xaverian Colleges*. He said there was no need for him to tell such a gathering what those great institutions were, what they had achieved in the past, or what they were doing in the present day. He was sure no words of his could adequately express their admiration for them, and for the remarkable progress made within the last few years. If there was one college more than another for which he claimed this progress, it was for Bruges. (Cheers.) Again, in their school days, a Xaverian College in London was unheard of; but Brother Gabriel had established and equipped, within the last five years, a college on Clapham Common, second to none of its kind in London. If he claimed success for Bruges, he knew it had a close rival in Mayfield. (Cheers.) The results of the public examinations constantly reminded them of the place which it occupied among the Catholic schools of this country, and it was his hope that it would go on, and maintain that position. Concluding, he felt sure of the support of this gathering, when he said that, as they noticed daily the efforts made in other countries, more especially in one, to crush out, and abolish such teaching and educational principles as the Xaverian Colleges afford, they appreciated perhaps to a greater extent what those colleges had done for them, and so owed them their utmost gratitude and support. (Cheers.)

BROTHER BERNARD thanked the speaker for all the kind things he had said, and he expressed the great pleasure he felt in replying, because the colleges were at present eminently successful. Mayfield's results and those of Clapham were second to none, and Bruges was constantly pushing out its walls. The present gathering was a proof positive of past success, and a guarantee for that of the future, for what better prospectus could an educational establishment have, than its out-going students? The life of a Xaverian Brother was a laborious one, but gatherings like that of to-night were very

CLAPHAM.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

The chief incident of importance during the autumn term has been the first annual distribution of prizes and certificates, which took place on the morning of December 23rd. Following the lead of more illustrious scribes, we shall reverse the chronological order of events, and shall proceed to speak of that which at present is uppermost in our minds.

The distribution which for the first year was of a semi-private nature, was preceded by a concert, including several quartettes played by the violin pupils, and some recitations from Shakespeare's *Julius Cæsar*. Myers and MacFadden, who have acted wisely in resisting the attractions of melodrama by which they were seduced last term, gave a vigorous rendering of the quarrel between Brutus and Cassius. Myers also contributed Mark Antony's Oration.

After the certificates and prizes for school work had been given out, the special prizes, of which there were eight, were distributed. R. Myers obtained the Bishop's prize for Religion, the Rev. J. V. Warwick's for the same subject was awarded to V. Cahill. W. R. McLaughlin and R. Myers each received a well-deserved prize for success in the higher certificate examination, the donors being the Rev. Brother Gabriel Xavier and Percy S. Aldridge, Esq., respectively. McLaughlin likewise secured Dr. J. J. Gorham's mathematical prize. The prize for drawing, given by Edward Meade, Esq., was presented to T. Gibbs. There were also two prizes for general good conduct, awarded by the suffrages of the boarders and the day students.

B. McFadden was the recipient of the boarder's prize, presented by A. Kirkham, Esq., the prize for day students was gained by W. R. McLaughlin. On the afternoon before the distribution, the boarders signalled the end of the term by a "high tea" and an impromptu concert, to the success of which nearly everyone contributed, either by offering his services or by his patience in listening to those whose zeal outstripped their capacity.

LIEUT. PERCY HAY HAY-COGLAN.

Our readers will probably have seen account of the death of Lieutenant Percy Hay Hay-Coghlán, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, an old Xaverian, who died at Tarkestad, S.A., from the effects of a gunshot wound. A solemn requiem was sung for the repose of his soul in the College Chapel immediately upon receipt of the news of his death in October. As we mentioned in our last issue, the College has been painted throughout, and special care and considerable expense have been devoted to the decoration of the Chapel, and the result is

a beautiful Chapel of which we are justly proud. The prevailing tone is a pure white, relieved by cream and gold, but in attempting a description, we perceive that we are wandering completely beyond the purview of this article. Us, indeed innocent of its most rudimentary canons, a modest silence befits upon the subject of art, and we hesitate to incur the charge of rushing in where angels fear to tread.

THE RELIGIOUS EXAMINATION.

Our religious examination which took place on November 19th was as uniformly successful, as we have happily been accustomed to expect; Canon Keatinge again complimented the upper classes upon their knowledge of Scripture.

SPORTS.

In football our first XL. have up to the present maintained at least their equality with all comers, playing eight games and losing none. Our team is about as powerful as last year, allowing of course for loss and gain. We append a list of the matches played and their results. From this it will be inferred, and correctly, that the severest encounters were those with Balham School, Manor House School, and the Khedive Club, in the ranks of which last are to be found several former members of the Mayfield team.

Misfortune has several times dogged the steps of the second XL. during the present term. It should be said, however, that they have always acquitted themselves creditably, and that their defeats were accepted mainly from those clubs whose first team differed too inappreciably from their second, and who consequently took ours at an unfair advantage.

FIRST XL MATCHES.

			For.		Against.
Broomwood College	..	..	2	..	0
Lea Hurst ..	..	..	27	..	0
Old Town, Clapham	..	..	7	..	1
Balham School ...	..	..	0	..	0
Old Town, Clapham	..	..	8	..	0
Manor House School	..	..	3	..	2
Montrose College	..	..	3	..	1
Khedive ...	..	..	1	..	1

Cricket.

PAST v. PRESENT.

THE suggestion contained in the last number of the QUARTERLY for a cricket match between an "Old Boys" eleven and the school team at Mayfield met with a ready response, and on the afternoon of Whitsun eve a party of Old Xaverian cricket enthusiasts assembled on the congested main line platform at Victoria Station, bound for the little village situated amidst the Sussex hills.

The following were the members of the team who journeyed down from London: Messrs. A. P. Featherstonhaugh (Mayfield), Captain; Cyril Bonnard (Bruges), H. M. Carter (Bruges), H. W. Davies (Bruges), C. J. Goldsmith (Bruges), P. J. Hayes (Clapham), L. G. Hopkins (Bruges), Norman Howard (Mayfield), and F. A. Quick (Mayfield); and they were accompanied by Messrs. Percy Bonnard and B. & E. L. Heyburn, Messrs. John Hickey (Mayfield), and J. McGillicuddy (Mayfield) joined the eleven at Mayfield in the evening.

Mayfield was reached about 5.15, the train being met by Brother Wilfred. The majority of the party were quartered in twos and threes up and down the village, while the Brothers managed to find room for three, although their sleeping accommodation was already strained to its utmost.

After tea at the College, an opportunity was taken of inspecting the pitch, which had been only recently laid down, and the remainder of the evening was passed in chatting over old times.

Next morning was occupied in putting in some practice, and after lunch the game was commenced.

The School team was as follows: Brother Stanislaus, Brother Stephen, C. Clark, N. Del Toso, S. Featherstonhaugh, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Kelly, B. McGuire, F. Parisotti, F. Reich, and W. Trump.

The School won the toss, and put their opponents in. The innings opened disastrously, J. McGillicuddy falling a victim to W. Trump at point with the score at 3, while Mr. Carter, the next man in and the best bat of the eleven, was out first ball. With 5 runs added, C. Bonnard's wicket was captured by the left-hand bowler, and C. J. Goldsmith became associated with L. G. Hopkins. Together they carried the total to 20 before being parted. J. Hickey then came in and enlivened the proceedings with some good off-drives. At 35

Hopkins was unfortunately run out, and 4 runs later Hickey also retired. The last four wickets yielded 14, and the innings closed for 53.

The home team opened in an even less promising fashion than had the visitors, and 5 wickets were down for 10. C. Bonnard was quite in his old form, taking 4 wickets before a single run was made off him. At this juncture W. Trump made a plucky effort to turn the tide, and with the score at 18, H. W. Davies superseded J. Hickey in the attack. Trump hit the new bowler twice for 2, but was immediately afterwards caught in the slips by Hickey. The remaining batsmen failed to arrest the triumphant progress of the bowlers, and the side were all out for 29.

Goldsmith and Hickey started the "Old Boys" second venture to the bowling of Featherstonhaugh and Fitzpatrick, and were both disposed of with the total at 10. Mr. Carter played a careful game, but again failed to come up to expectations. With 8 to his credit Bonnard was given out l.b.w., while Davies made a short stay. Five wickets for 24. On the Captain joining Hopkins, however, things assumed a slightly different aspect. The Old Brugian hit out merrily, and the score was carried to 41 before he received notice to quit. At 43 a shower of rain interrupted the game, and an adjournment was made for tea. On resuming, Hayes, Quick and Howard were easily disposed of, and the Captain carried out his bat for a well-played 11.

With 77 runs to get to win, the School team entered on their task determined to avail themselves of every opportunity, however slight, of getting the runs. Two wickets had fallen for 8 when Brother Stanislaus came in. He immediately set to work and put Hopkins to leg twice for 2 and 3. With the first ball of the next over Clark was sent back. Trump joined Brother Stanislaus, and helped to wipe off 13 of the arrears before he was clean bowled by Bonnard with the last ball of an over. With the first two balls of his next over, Bonnard also dismissed Featherstonhaugh and Brother Stephen, thus performing the hat-trick. Brother Stanislaus meantime was knocking the bowling about to his heart's content, and it began to look as if the School would not find their task over-difficult. At 42, Hopkins gave way to his Captain, who dismissed Del Toso with his first ball. Five runs later Kelly was beaten, and at 53, Brother Stanislaus was out to a catch by Hopkins off Bonnard. The innings closed with the addition of one run, and the "Old Boys" were left the victors by 22 runs.

Throughout the match the fielding of the School team was marked by a want of quickness in picking up the ball, but in other respects there was not much to find fault with. The fielding of the visitors was decidedly good in the School's first

innings, but in the second there was some room for improvement. Brother Stanislaus and Mr. Carter both made excellent wicket-keepers, the latter taking Bonnard's lightning deliveries in good style.

S. Featherstonhaugh and J. Fitzpatrick both bowled well for the School, the former especially maintaining a good length, and at times sending down some very tricky balls. Among the "Old Boys," Bonnard was undoubtedly the best being almost unplayable in the first innings. A. P. Featherstonhaugh might, with advantage, have put himself on to bowl more often.

"OLD BOYS."

FIRST INNINGS.

J. McGillicuddy, c Trump, b Fitzpatrick	2
L. G. Hopkins, run out	10
H. M. Carter, b Fitzpatrick	0
C. Bonnard, b Featherstonhaugh	5
C. J. Goldsmith, b Featherstonhaugh	4
John Hickey, c Clarke, b Featherstonhaugh	13
A. P. Featherstonhaugh, lbw, b Featherstonhaugh	1
H. W. Davies, c Parisotti, b Fitzpatrick	2
F. A. Quick, b Fitzpatrick	1
J. P. Hayes, not out	5
W. Howard, b Featherstonhaugh	6
Extras	4
Total	53

SECOND INNINGS.

b Fitzpatrick	1
b Fitzpatrick	14
b Fitzpatrick	2
lbw, b Fitzpatrick	8
b Featherstonhaugh	7
b Fitzpatrick	3
not out	11
c Del Toso, b Featherstonhaugh	0
b Featherstonhaugh	0
c and b Featherstonhaugh	3
c Parisotti, b Featherstonhaugh	0
Extras	3
Total	52

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIRST INNINGS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.	
S. Featherstonhaugh	8	1	0	23	5	J. Fitzpatrick	8	0	27	4

SECOND INNINGS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.	
S. Featherstonhaugh	8	5	2	20	5	J. Fitzpatrick	6	0	24	5
W. Trump	2	0	5	0						

THE SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.

F. Parisotti, c Quick, b Bonnard	0
C. Clark, b Bonnard	0
F. Reich, c Quick, b Hickey	3
J. Fitzpatrick, b Bonnard	0
W. Trump, c Hickey, b Davies	9
S. Featherstonhaugh, b Bonnard	0
Bro. Stanislaus, b Bonnard	2
Bro. Stephen, c Hayes, b Davies	3
N. Del Toso, b Bonnard	0
R. Kelly, b Bonnard	0
B. McQuire, not out	1
Extras	11
Total	29

SECOND INNINGS.

b Featherstonhaugh	1
b Bonnard	4
b Hopkins	0
run out	2
b Bonnard	6
b Bonnard	1
c Hopkins, b Bonnard	22
c Quick, b Bonnard	0
b Featherstonhaugh	5
b Featherstonhaugh	2
not out	1
Extras	10
Total	54

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIRST INNINGS.

O. M. F. W.					O. M. F. W.					
C. Bonnard	6	3	3	6	7	H.W. Davies.....	3	0	6	3
J. Hickey	3	0	6	1						

SECOND INNINGS.

O. M. R. W.					O. M. R. W.					
C. Bonnard	8	1	16	5	A. P. Featherstonhaugh	2	5	0	6	3
L. G. Hopkins	5	0	22	1						

In spite of the inclement weather, the outing was most enjoyable, thanks to the kindness and hospitality of the Brothers, and one and all returned to town feeling very much better for the short holiday.

Obituary.

REV. BRO. MATTHIAS.

"Old Boys" of Mayfield, and yet "Older" Boys of Manchester, will grieve to hear of the death of this much-loved Brother at Mayfield, on June 4. Brother Matthias was born at Kirchhellen, in Prussia, February 17, 1835, and entered the Xaverian Congregation in his 21st year. Throughout the 46 years of his religious life, he was, all flattery aside, an humble, cheerful, devoted member of his Community, passing, unscathed and unweakened, through many crises and ordeals that would have broken down men of less faith in, and devotion to, God and his Cause. Twenty-three years were spent in Manchester, a couple of years in South London, another couple in Preston, and some fifteen years in Mayfield. It was whilst Superior of the last-named House that his health failed, about three years ago. His resignation, patience, and docility during his fast-declining days were the joy and edification of his Brethren, and surrounded by them, and in the presence of his Superior-General and old, old colleague, Brother Chrysostom, he peacefully passed away on Wednesday, June 4, and lies buried in the little cemetery at Mayfield. May he rest in peace! His memory and his example will long be treasured by his Brethren as among their most-cherished assets.

Correspondence.

AN APPEAL.

(To the Editor of the XAVERIAN QUARTERLY.)

The Xaverian Brothers respectfully venture to make an appeal—their first—to the parents of their present and past pupils, to their "Old Boys," and to all their friends and well-wishers, to help them to provide a much-needed new altar and new organ in the School Chapel. The joint cost of these will be, approximately, £600 (six hundred pounds), and the Brothers are induced and encouraged to make this appeal by the fact that a most generous benefactress has given £300 (three hundred pounds) to the Funds.

The Brothers believe that parents and former students will be disposed to make willingly what might be termed a thank-offering for what the school has done, or is doing, for their children or themselves.

Any donation will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Brothers, who will not fail to keep their benefactors informed of the progress and completion of the works.

Signed on behalf of the community.

Xaverian Brothers' School,
Mayfield, Sussex.

BRO. CYRIL
(Superior).

Donations can also be addressed to the Editor, 1, Worcester Gardens, Clapham Common, S.W.

Ascension Thursday, 48 boys received their first Communion from the hands of his lordship the Bishop of Bruges, and were afterwards confirmed. Before Benediction in the afternoon, the young recipients, strong in the saving grace of which they were sharers, solemnly renewed their Baptismal Vows and girded themselves with the Sword of Faith for the fight they must begin to wage.

CLAPHAM.

ENTERTAINMENTS—SHROVE TUESDAY AND BRO. GABRIEL'S FEAST.

We fear that our chronicle of the past term will be as jejune as that of a mediæval annalist, or perhaps, as interesting as the history paper of the average schoolboy, degenerating, as it must do, into the barest mention of the few occurrences of an uneventful term.

The only events which we find worthy of immortality during this period have been the two concerts, on Shrove Tuesday and on Bro. Gabriel's feast.

The Shrovetide concert, like the one which took place on the Sunday preceding the prize distribution at Christmas, was quite informal, the boarders being responsible for its production. It gave great satisfaction, and was a marked advance on its predecessor. The entertainment given on the evening of March 18th, the feast of St. Gabriel, was without question the finest we have had in the College. We spare the reader the tedious enumeration of the items of the programme. There was the usual number of instrumental pieces, both for violin and pianos, which are the *sine qua non* of these performances. Myers and MacFadden, our heroes of a hundred stage-fights (notably in the sanguinolent tragedy of the preceding year) both scored in humorous recitations. It will not be contested, we think, that the play and the plantation scene were the most acceptable parts of the programme to the boys—and possibly to the others. The "Turned Head," always popular at Mayfield, has renewed its lease of life here. The concert concluded with the plantation scene, in which some two dozen pupils took part. They were coated with a preparation which was easier of application than of removal, and wore that expression of unctuous happiness which is usually attributed to the indigenous product. The scene included some very well rendered choruses and nigger songs.

Mr. Austin Kirkham, our genial Chairman at the Old Boys' Dinner, and a benefactor of this College, has recently severed his connection of many years' duration with Messrs. Gillow, of Oxford Street, and has established himself in business in conjunction with Mr. John Watson, of Orchard Street, W. All Old Xaverians will, we feel sure, unite with us in wishing Mr. Kirkham every success.

Obituary.

REV. BROTHER JEROME.

Many an "Old Boy" will experience surprise and regret at the news of the death of this well-known and highly-esteemed Brother at Mayfield on the 25th of October.

Brother Jerome (William Mary Tippling) was born at Alston, Lancashire, on October 5th, 1845, and joined the Xaverian Congregation in his 24th year at Manchester. In 1872 he made his Religious Profession at Mayfield, and, some few years later, was called by his Superiors to Bruges. However, in 1880 he returned to Mayfield, and worked there strenuously and unassumingly, gaining the golden opinion of his brethren and pupils, till 1893, when he was transferred to Hammersmith. Thence, in 1897, he passed to the then newly-opened Clapham College. In 1899, when ill-health rendered the Superiorship at Mayfield too onerous a burden for good Brother Matthias, Brother Jerome was sent to replace him, but his untiring industry and weighty cares had at last undermined his health, and in September, 1900, he was seized by a paralytic stroke. For two years he lingered on, always patient, bright, and resigned, till the morning of Saturday, October 25th, when he peacefully passed away.

The Requiem Mass and funeral, simple and impressive,

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took place on October 28th. The community and pupils of the School were joined by the Rev. Brother Chrysostom, Superior-General of the Congregation, and by the Rev. Fathers Duggan, Stapley, Warwick, Almond, Hughes, and Castaing. In the course of a simple, unaffected oration on the deceased Brother, Father Warwick eulogised his single-minded devotion to duty, his devoted attachment to his Congregation, and his unfailing solicitude for the Boys who come under his charge, and held him up as a bright example at his brethren and scholars.

" His work well done,
His race well run,
His crown well won,
Now let him rest."

CLAPHAM.

The results of the Oxford Local and Higher Certificate Exams. (found in another column) will, we are sure, be received with great pleasure, not only by former pupils of Clapham, but also by all Old Xaverians. We have been exceptionally fortunate in honours and distinctions, and the general character of the passing is decidedly above the average, "scrapes" being the exception. We congratulate especially those who have passed so difficult an examination as is the Higher Certificate.

The First Communion this year took place on June 23rd. In the evening his Lordship the Bishop of Southwark confirmed thirty-one of our pupils, of whom sixteen were First Communicants. Mr. F. J. McLoughlin stood as sponsor.

Former pupils of Clapham will learn with great regret of the death of Rev. Bro. Jerome, which took place at Mayfield on October 25th. During the two years he was in residence here he made himself universally esteemed by his unobtrusive kindness. A fuller account appears elsewhere. R.I.P.

GAMES.

Beyond the fact that our first XI. did not lose a match during the past season, there is nothing of importance to chronicle in cricket. After the summer holidays, cricket rapidly reaches the seventh stage of life, and after a period of dotage, fizzles out in doddering senility. During the summer term a welcome innovation was made by the introduction of swimming. On Saturday afternoons, the boarders, or as many of them as wished, visited St. George's Baths, in Buckingham Palace Road.

OLD XAVERIANS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the meeting for the formation of an O.X. Football Club, held at the College on October 12th, it was arranged that a match should be played on the following Saturday between the newly-formed club and our first XI. The visitors who took part in the game were Messrs. E. Heyburn, L. Hopkins, and C. L. Ratcliffe, of Bruges; W. Cooke, L. Dawson, A.

Hatch, G. Rochford, and H. Rochford, of Mayfield; and C. Warre and F. Loughbrane, of our own College. As no eleventh man appeared, the Old Boys accepted a substitute from our present pupils. The result of the game was a defeat for the visitors by eight goals to two. The disparity of the figures, however, affords no data from which to gauge the play, which was of the best. We did not expect to be beaten by a team whose members had never before played together, but we anticipate that the score will become one of less inequality after they have had the opportunity of practising combination, in which at present they are defective. Among the Old Boys there are many who at school were prominent members of their first XI. We trust that they will join the new club, and that very shortly we shall have the pleasure of allowing it to redeem its first defeat by a draw. The Old Boys stayed to tea, after which the boarders, with unerring instinct, scented their opportunity and extorted a "free night," a *rare avis* in our land.

Matches have also been played with Streatham Hill College and Manor House School. We won the former by 4 to 1, but regret that the latter team beat us by 1 to 0.