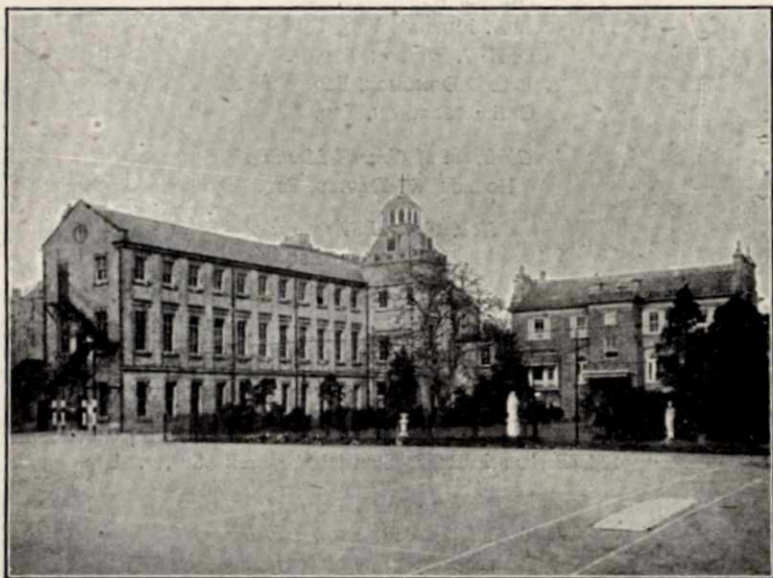


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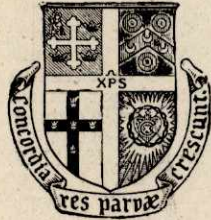
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VICTORY NEWS LETTER.

Dear Members,

After six long and weary years of waiting this is our Victory Issue. We had hoped to produce a really special edition to mark the occasion, but unfortunately Eddie Kachel has had to go abroad on a business trip and he has left me, with his blessing, as sole Editor. For this reason I apologise in advance for the many faults you will inevitably find in these pages. I know that the whole Association, for whom he has done so much, joins with me in wishing him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

The members of this Association have borne their full share of the battle. Ten more deaths have been notified so far since our last issue, making a total of forty Old Boys killed in this war. To their grieving families I offer, on behalf of the Association, our deepest sympathy and the promise of our prayers. We will not forget them, and we will do our utmost to achieve that for which they died.

The Annual Mass will be offered this year on Sunday, 17th February, at 10 o'clock in the College Chapel, and we invite all relatives to attend.

Still more of our Members have won decorations. I offer them our congratulations. We can justifiably feel proud of the many members who have won high honours throughout the war and, considering its size, this Association has a record equalled by few and surpassed by none.

At this point I must say how glad we all are that the School is back in Clapham after its prolonged absence. It is very nice to be able to drop in and have a chat from time to time. This will be particularly good news to the many who have written saying how disappointed they were that, in their short leaves, they were unable to see the Brothers.

I am happy to report that the Association seems to be going from strength to strength. There are more paying members than at any time in its history and they are taking a more active interest in its functions than ever before. Long may this state of affairs continue. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a programme of the social events arranged. At this point I would only call your attention to the Victory Dinner and Dance arranged for the 27th April, at a venue to be fixed. Whatever else you must unfortunately miss, don't miss this. It will be a memorable night.

Finally, thank you once again for your letters. At times you literally swamped us—Kachel tells me he answered ninety in three weeks—but we enjoyed reading every one. Let us have the news again this coming year—even if you are now only in Civvy Street. However badly presented, the matter contained in *Personalia* this year is as full of interest as ever and I wish you all happy reading.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,

Acting Hon. Gen. Secretary.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE.

We deeply regret to announce that, since our last issue, the following Clapham Old Boys have given their lives for their country. We know that all members would wish us to express our sincere sympathy to their families and relations in their bereavement. We shall remember them in our prayers.

ROBERT ANSCOMBE, a Flying Officer in the R.A.F., as the result of a collision in mid-air over England.

LEO BRADY, an Electrical Artificer in the Royal Navy, in action in H.M.S. Courageous in 1939.

DICK ELLIS, a Lance Corporal in the Royal Corps of Signals, in a Japanese Prison Camp in Thailand, shortly before the capitulation.

PERCY HUGHESDEN, a Flying Officer in the R.A.F., formerly posted as missing in action, on air operations.

KENNETH JONES, a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy (Submarine Service) when a Japanese transport taking him from Singapore to Japan, was torpedoed.

RICHARD PEDRAZZINI, a Warrant Officer in the R.A.F., formerly posted as missing, in action whilst on air operations.

JAMES REYNOLDS, a Flight Sergeant in the R.A.F., formerly posted as missing, in action whilst on air operations.

KENNETH RILEY, a Captain in the Royal Corps of Signals, as the result of a flying accident in Italy on his way home on compassionate leave.

THOMAS RYDER, a Sergeant Pilot in the R.A.F., formerly posted as missing, in action whilst on air operations.

LAURENCE A. W. SANDERS, a Sergeant Navigator in the R.A.F., formerly posted as missing, in action whilst on a raid over enemy territory.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

Wilfred Angel.	Arthur J. Galvin, D.S.C.	Dennis Murray.
Robert Ancombe.	Peter Gleeson.	John D. O'Connell.
Ronald Banks.	Vernon Hand.	Desmond O'Neill.
Dennis J. Barclay.	Peter Higginson.	Richard Payne.
Alan Beckwith.	Dennis W. Hodges.	Richard Pedrazzini.
Leo Brady.	Percy Hughesden.	George P. Phillips, M.M.
Richard Clare.	Bernard Jenkins.	James Reynolds.
Terence Clark.	Kenneth Jones.	Kenneth Riley.
Daniel P. Corry.	Philip Jones.	Thomas Ryder.
Dennis D. Daniels.	Peter Keast.	Laurence A. W. Sanders.
Peter Diprose.	Bernard May.	Basil Thew.
Henry T. Downs.	Geoffrey McNerney.	Philip H. Watson.
Dick Ellis.	Malcolm Morrison.	Jack Westwood.
Desmond Firth.		

" They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

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MEMORIAL CARDS.

Each year, when publishing the casualty list, we have promised to pray for those who have fallen. Forty Old Boys have given their lives and, whilst we shall all remember those who were our particular friends, time may in a few years obliterate some names from our memory, however much against our will. The Committee, therefore, intend to print and circulate amongst members Memorial Cards, containing the names of the fallen, as a permanent reminder. We are very anxious that no name shall be omitted and for this reason it is proposed to wait one month before having the Cards printed. In this interval we would ask all members to notify us if they know of any omissions due to lack of information, from the Roll of Honour.



Rev. Br. Nicholas, C.F.X., *Headmaster*,
Appointed 1940.

THE COLLEGE RETURNS.

Five years and a half form a large slice out of our lives, and whatever age we may be we have been deeply and irrevocably influenced by these years of separation and chaotic upheaval.

At this our first peace-time Christmas and in this my first peace-time article to "Concordia", I send my fond hope to all Old Boys and their relations that for them nothing but good may result from the evils of war and that the Prince of Peace with His message of "Peace on earth to men of good will" may set their feet anew on and continue to guide them in the path which leads to true happiness.

We dearly remember those Old Boys whom we shall not meet here again but they are never forgotten in our School prayers and in the Masses in the Chapel.

The School returned to Clapham in April and after a month it was hard to realise that we had ever been away, so naturally did we all settle in. Old contacts were renewed, and a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving for Victory in the School Chapel, two very successful and pleasant Old Boys' Suppers and an Old Boys' General Meeting in the Hall served to restore an almost peace-time equilibrium. We eagerly anticipate a very happy reunion of all those who were still absent from these occasions at the Victory Dinner and Dance next April.

A few words on the position of the School under the Education Act, 1944, will not be here amiss. Taking its place with all the other Catholic Secondary Schools of London, Clapham College becomes a Voluntary Secondary (Grammar) School, which means that the Local Authority is responsible for the fees, salaries, equipment and renewals and at least 50% of all approved alterations and additions. The Governing Body is still responsible for the government and conduct of the School, as heretofore. Pupils are admitted on the results of the Central Examination held annually by the Local Authority, those candidates placed in categories A and B being recognised as most suitable to benefit by a Grammar School education.

The School has ultimately to provide for some 500 pupils, and to all Old Boys it will be evident that major alterations and additions to the College are of immediate concern. To this end the "Clapham College Building Fund" has been inaugurated of which full details will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Under the terms of the Education Act the Preparatory School has not been reorganised.

The Sports Field at Norbury is still requisitioned by the Ministry of Agriculture but after long negotiations we now hope that we may soon call it our own again. Even so, it will be some two years before we shall be able to use it for games and athletics. We are hard-pressed in the interim and if any Old Boy can help in the matter of finding a ground we can rent on two or three afternoons a week we shall be duly grateful.

Our informal Prize Distribution was held on the last day of the Summer Term, when the Rev. Fr. E. Daly, one of our Governors and our Chaplain, presented the prizes.

The Inter-House Challenge Cup for 1944-45 was won by GLASTONBURY HOUSE who also received the Football Shield and Tennis Cup.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE was in the Second Place and CHARTERHOUSE in the Third.

School re-opened on September 7th with 221 pupils and CANTERBURY HOUSE was re-established after being in abeyance during the years of evacuation.

The School Officers for the year 1945-46 are:—

School Captain	...	...	...	...	F. J. Moynihan
Captain of Canterbury	...	...	...	...	P. Brooks
Captain of Charterhouse	...	...	...	...	N. Lynch
Captain of Glastonbury	...	...	...	...	R. Collins
Captain of Walsingham	...	...	...	...	P. Brennan.

For the information of Old Boys who are continually asking after their former teachers is appended the names of the present Staff:—Brs. Alphonsus, Dunstan, Joseph, Damian, Mr. Bambridge, Mr. McNamara, Mr. McLoughlin, Mr. Sheppee (still serving as Lieutenant-Instructor, R.N.), Mr. Bharier and Mr. Laloux.

We welcome Mr. Laloux to the Staff as our Music Master and we have already had occasion to appreciate his excellent work at the two High Masses in the Chapel.

May I personally and on behalf of the Staff and the "Present" take this opportunity of wishing to those still absent a speedy reunion with their families and to you all the blessing of God and the protection of His Holy Mother during the year 1946.

I am indeed grateful to all who helped in any way to make the Xmas Fair and Raffle such a success. The nett profit was £400 5s. 8d.

Br. NICHOLAS, C.F.X.,
Headmaster.

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ANNUAL MASS.

On Sunday, 17th February, 1946, at 10 o'clock, a Mass will be offered at the College Chapel, Clapham, for those Old Boys who have been killed in the war. It is hoped that as many Clapham Old Xaverians as possible will attend.

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REPORT ON CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FUND.

This is the final report on this fund in its present form. I want to repeat my thanks to all those who helped by their generous donations to make it such a success, my sincere thanks to all members, their wives, parents and friends and to the College. All those who were in German or Italian hands received parcels, some being more lucky than others. Unfortunately a proportion of parcels did not reach their destination. To those who were in Japanese hands and to whom we could send nothing, a cheque for £5 has been sent on their return so that they may be able to buy themselves some small memento. They have asked me to express their gratitude and thanks to all who subscribed towards this fund.

As you know I stated when the fund was started that the Association in General Meeting should decide what was to be done with any balance. A meeting was held last October, and it was the unanimous wish of that meeting that the fund should be used to assist any Old Boy or Old Boy's dependents who were in need. I promised then that should such a situation arise, sympathetic consideration would be given. Now the majority of you who subscribed were not at that meeting, and if you have any strong objections to this proposal, would you please let me know as soon as possible. I informed the General Meeting that the Committee could not consider itself bound by the decision of so unrepresentative a gathering. If there is any considerable body of criticism, action in this matter will be suspended until the next Annual General Meeting. I shall be glad to have your views. Once again, thank you all for your splendid support.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,
Acting Hon. Gen. Sec....

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cost of parcels dispatched	5	2	0	By Balance from last Account	39	12	10
" Gifts to repatriated Japanese Prisoners ...	30	0	0	" Donations and College Collections	36	5	6
" Balance in Hand	40	16	4				
	£75	18	4		£75	18	4

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TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE.

DINNER. A dinner was held at the Alexandra Hotel, on the 28th April, 1945. We were fortunate in having the Very Rev. Br. Aloysius as one of the guests. His interest in this Association never flags. We were also pleased to welcome Bros. Alphonsus and Dunstan, and Mr. W. S. Bishop, a Governor of the College, to this function. We feel, also that we did our bit towards maintaining Anglo-American friendship, as another of our guests was an Old Boy of our College in Baltimore, who was over here serving with the U.S. Forces, and we were very delighted to see him. It was a very friendly and enjoyable function and the evening was rounded off by an exhibition of conjuring by Mr. Vogel.

P.O.W. SUPPER. A Supper was held on the 12th June at the "Brown Bear", High Holborn, to welcome home our Prisoners of War. Unfortunately only three were able to be present—Pat Deasy, Cas Bouneville and Jack Stephens. The others had either rejoined their units or were holiday making. We were pleased to see Br. Nicholas, the Headmaster, and Brian Wilson, the School Captain, among our guests. This was undoubtedly one of our most successful social functions. Bouneville, Stephens and Deasy, saw to it that the evening went with a swing from the word go, and towards the end our Treasurer was heard to mutter, that if his accounts ever balanced he'd be the most surprised man in England.

GENERAL MEETING. The first General Meeting of the Association since 1939 was held once again in the School Hall on Sunday 14th October. It could not be called a truly representative gathering as the 25s-35s were chiefly conspicuous by their absence, yet nevertheless forty members were present when Mr. H. W. Davies took the Chair. It was a lengthy meeting lasting from about 3-30 to 6-45 p.m., tea being served at 4.30. The Acting Hon. General Secretary, Mr. J. B. O'Sullivan, recounted the events of the past six years and Mr. Kachel, the Hon. Treasurer, laid the accounts for a similar period before the meeting. These can be studied by members elsewhere in this issue. The names of the temporary committee elected by the meeting are also published. It is not proposed to give a summary of all the matters discussed but the committee would like it generally known that by an overwhelming majority the meeting voted that the Victory Dinner and Dance should be held in Town at a cost of between 10/- and 15/-.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING. A Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving, to which parents, wives and sweethearts had been invited, was celebrated on Sunday, 21st October, by Fr. Gerard Furey, the Deacon being Fr. John Paine, S. J., of Oxford and the Sub-Deacon Fr. Daly, the College Chaplain. The School provided an admirable choir and to a Chapel filled almost to overflowing, Fr. Paine preached a short sermon. It was a memorable occasion.

INFORMAL SUPPER. Sixty-two members and their friends partook of a very adequate supper at the Brown Bear, on Tuesday, 20th November. This was our largest gathering since 1939, and, but for the threat of fog, it might well have been larger as no fewer than seventy-five tickets had been issued.

We were pleased to see Bros. Alphonsus and Nicholas, and also, a friend of many, Mr. Butler. A warm welcome was extended to Peter Curtin and Philip Fewell, both of whom had been Japanese Prisoners of War. It was pleasant to see so many hailing long lost friends and exchanging reminiscences over a glass of liquid refreshment. This was generally voted a very successful evening.

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FOR YOUR DIARY.

ANNUAL MASS. Sunday, 17th February, 1946, at 10 o'clock in the College Chapel.

DANCE. Friday, 8th February, 1946, at the Hamilton Hall, Balham, from 7-30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets (price 3/- each) are available on request and payment, and numbers will be strictly limited to 200. If you want to come, please apply immediately as a large number of tickets have already been sold. Dress optional.

SMOKING CONCERT. Friday, 8th March, 1946, at the National University of Ireland Club, University House, 13a, Lower Grosvenor Place, S.W.1. This is within five minutes walking distance of Victoria Station and an excellent concert is being arranged. Ladies are invited. To cover expenses a charge of 2/- per head will have to be made.

DANCE. Saturday, 23rd March, 1946, at St. Mary's Hall, Clapham at 7 p.m. The Hall will hold 400 and we want to see it packed. Dress optional.

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VICTORY DINNER AND DANCE.

This will be held on Saturday 27th April, Venue will be announced later.

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CLAPHAM COLLEGE REBUILDING FUND.

Much has been written on the admirable fairness or gross iniquity of the new Education Act. I do not propose in this issue to enter the lists and add my voice to the general clamour. I wish only to state the facts as they affect the College. Under the new Act, the College must be rebuilt at an approximate cost of £40,000. To this huge sum, the Ministry of Education will contribute half—that leaves £20,000 to be raised by the Brothers. Your Committee has promised, in your name, the wholehearted support of the Association for this Fund. The School and the Association working in co-operation, have so far raised just over £400. Set against the sum required, this rather resembles the widow's mite but it is a beginning.

I want to put before you at this stage two ideas:—

(1) A gift by Deed of Covenant for seven years—this applies to those who are fortunate enough to be paying Income Tax at the full standard rate on part of their income. Briefly if you will covenant to pay a certain sum each year for seven years or prior death to the College, the Brothers will be able to reclaim from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue the tax that you will have paid on it. For example at the present moment if you agreed to pay £5—a year then each year the Brothers would be able to reclaim £5—from the Inland Revenue. This would make a gift of £10—. The Ministry of Education as their share would contribute another £10—, so that your £5—would eventually become £20—. We will willingly forward Deeds of Covenant to all those interested and from the financial point of view this is easily the best proposition. The figure of £5—was only used as an example. Any sum of £1—and upwards would be very gratefully accepted.

(2) A simple straightforward donation—nothing will be too small, nothing too large. You do not bind yourself to a fixed amount each year, you just send what you feel you can afford. No tax, of course, can be recovered on these donations

I ask most confidently for a very generous response to this appeal. The School is in danger because if the money is not raised the Ministry of Education will either take it over or close it. Need I say more?

One last word—Dennis Daniels, who died at Arnheim, left the College in his Will the sum of £25—. This was the first contribution to this appeal.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,

Acting Hon. Gen. Sec.

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HON. TREASURER'S NOTE.

Unfortunately I shall not be in England when Concordia goes to print, but I want to take this opportunity of thanking members for their continued support last year. Expenses will be very heavy again this year—Concordia will in all probability cost over £30—and each section as it re-starts will need assistance. So please let me have your subscription—(5/-) again this year. With every good wish for 1946.

E. P. KACHEL,

Hon. Treasurer.

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PERSONALIA.

We are proud to announce that:—

MAJOR F. D. CETRE has been awarded a bar to his Military Cross. He was wounded during the fighting on the Continent but has now made a good recovery. He is reported to be back at the Staff College, Camberley. We offer him our congratulations.

CAPTAIN JOHN KELLY has been awarded the G.O.C. in C.'s Certificate for Meritorious Service (Western Command). Congratulations, John!

LT.-COL. LAWRENCE MAHONEY has been awarded the O.B.E., for his services in connection with D. Day. We offer him our congratulations.

LT.-COL. DOUGLAS NIXON has been awarded the M.B.E. He has been serving in East Africa but is expected home shortly on leave. Congratulations, Duggie!

MAJOR WILLIAM G. PALMER has been awarded the Military Cross for great gallantry. The citation states that on "22nd May 1945, Major Palmer's Company was ordered to capture two hillocks on a ridge near the west bank of the Irrawaddy in the Kama area. The Japanese were occupying a commanding position which could only be reached along a steep narrow path swept by enemy fire at close range. Major Palmer led his company along this path and captured his first objective with the bayonet. Whilst re-organising for the attack on the final objective, Major Palmer was wounded in the wrist and leg by a grenade. Disregarding this, he led the charge up a steep slope in the face of intense enemy fire at close range. Having captured the feature he continued to command his company and consolidated on the objective until relieved. As a result of this officer's outstanding bravery, utter disregard of his personal safety and his gallant leadership, both objectives were captured within half an hour with comparatively few casualties". He has also been mentioned twice in Dispatches for gallantry. Hearty congratulations, Bill! He expects to be demobbed under Class "B" and resume his training at London University.

Lt. GORDON PEARSON of the Royal Engineers, has been awarded the Military Cross. The Citation states that "on 8th March 1945, the company was in support of 156th Infantry Brigade in the attack on Alpon. During the whole afternoon and evening infantry operations were taking place before the town. Lt. Pearson was in charge of the opening of the road after the passage of the infantry. He advanced his troops to the maximum forward position and awaited his opportunity to carry out the work. He controlled his men while under desultory shell fire, then advanced into an area where the enemy defensive fire was falling and cleared 600 yards of ruined and blocked road under shell fire until stopped by leading Infantry. He then reconnoitred forward to a suspected crater, confirmed and surveyed it, and returned to await an opportunity to fill it which came when the Infantry moved forward. He was hampered in this by a tank driving into the crater in the dark, but succeeded. During the whole period he was under shell and mortar fire.

Lieutenant Pearson's coolness and skill in handling his men and equipment allowed the Brigade Transport to get through at the earliest possible time." He has also been mentioned in dispatches for another operation. Congratulations, Gordon!

PETER CURTIN, we are thankful to report, was safely rescued from the Japanese and we were pleased to see him at the Brown Bear in November. The following story is based on information given by other prisoners. Peter was a Doctor in the Hell Camp at Matoni for a long time. He was suffering from nervous exhaustion and beri beri when rescued, but has made quite a good recovery. Time after time when medical supplies were not forthcoming he would take a beating for kicking up trouble with the guards and authorities and be back for more next day until even the Japs began to respect him. The Americans in the camp "would break hell for him" and have asked their authorities to decorate him for his work on their behalf. These men have seen many with high ideals and spirit broken by physical means, but they were in tears when the time came to part. They tell stories of operations performed with table knives and forks and of beatings taken for demanding anaesthetics for amputations. As soon as he could walk again he would go back and repeat his demands and take yet another beating up until he got what he wanted. He also held secret religious meetings with the knowledge that detection meant death. When rescued, he was taken by hospital ship to Guam where he recuperated. He is now happily re-united with his wife in this Country. We take our hats off to you, Peter.

The following are extracts from a letter written by JIM O'GRADY, another of our Japanese prisoners to his sister from Rangoon "safe at last in spite of all the Japs could do, and they did plenty. I can hardly realise yet that I am free. When I heard the news I was with a party in the jungle about 100 miles N.E. of Benotok, building a camp. A radio set had been smuggled through, despite the fact that being in possession of one was a capital crime. Two P.O.W.'s were beaten to death by the Japs for having one. The Japs immediately changed their tactics and P.O.W. mail was released. We pulled into Bangkok and the R.A.F. brought us here. Our reception has been truly amazing Officers mess and first wheat bread we'd had for three and a half years, real English Players, tea, English papers and tennis shoes. What a sad experience—20,000 good fellows murdered by these swine, building their railway. A party of 10,000 went up on one occasion and only 4,000 returned. The main causes of casualties were dysentery, cholera, malaria and malnutrition. What a horror to be in a cholera camp Jim is now safely back in England and is recuperating at Seaford. Well done and welcome home, Jim!

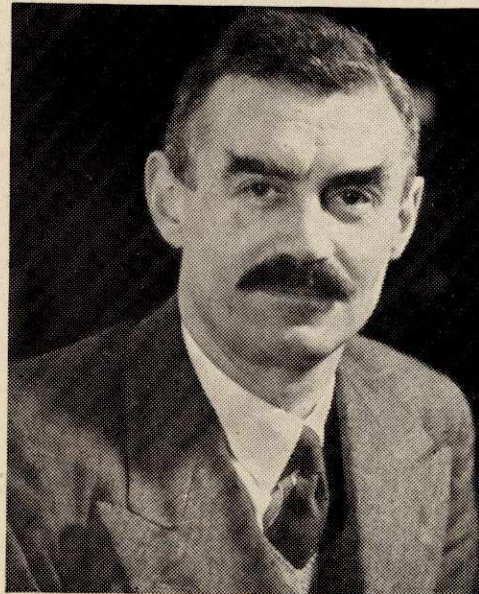
DEREK COSGROVE, another Jap P.O.W., is, we are pleased to say, safely back in this country and tells us that he met Jim O'Grady, whilst a prisoner, but had no idea he was an Old Xaverian. It's a small world! He tells us that most of the time he was a prisoner news was received by means of hidden wireless sets even though the penalty was death. In July last the camp was moved further away from the Burma border. The wireless set was dismantled and arrived at the other end in small parts, some travelling in the Japanese

Camp Commandant's kit. Unfortunately no batteries could be obtained and so for a time the sets were silent. Then came the news that the war was over and the British Commandant took over. One of his first demands was for batteries and were the Japanese surprised when he told them what he wanted them for! Thanks for the news and welcome safely home, Derek.

We were also pleased to see PHILIP FEWELL at the supper at The Brown Bear. Despite his long captivity in Japanese hands he looked as though he was making quite a good recovery from a nasty and lengthy attack of amoebic dysentery. He, too, told us that despite all the Japanese could do they managed to receive news on radios hidden—well, perhaps we had better not say where. This, he says, was one of the main factors in keeping up morale. He was on Singapore Island the whole time and tells us they were informed by the Japanese that they would all be shot directly any landing attempt was made by our troops, as they knew too much about the defences. He and Peter Curtin had the same opinion of the Japs . . . ! ? ? A very warm welcome to you, Philip.

TED MOREL, was captured at Singapore on the 15th February, 1942 and was sent up to Siam where he worked on the Siam—Burma railway until 1944. He was then sent back to Singapore to be shipped to Japan. As the allied fleet was in the Pacific they did not get away for about five months and worked during that time on the docks. Then came the voyage to Japan. 1,300 prisoners and 300 Javanese coolies were packed like sardines into the holds of a 4,000 tonner. On the third night out they were woken up by the sound of gun fire and in the morning found that, out of three cargo boats and three escorts, two escorts and his own cargo boat was all that was left. Owing to this action they pulled into Saigon where he remained until rescued. Welcome home, Ted! The Morel family have just staged a grand re-union, as his brother, GEORGE, was back from Italy, waiting to be demobbed and his brother GERALD was back from Germany nursing a broken ankle. We hope you have made a good recovery, Gerald.

We heartily congratulate MAURICE GORHAM on his appointment as Director



of Television. By kind permission of the B.B.C. we reproduce this recent photograph. We understand that boxing, walking and criminology are among his hobbies. Prior to his latest promotion, he was in charge of the B.B.C. Light Programme.

CHARLIE PICKERING, as far as we know the only Architect in the Association, has set up in private practice in partnership with a friend. We wish him all the very best of luck in his new venture. He has several big contracts and his main difficulty, we understand, is that 24 hours are not enough for one day—something nearer 40 would be his ideal. If any of our younger members or any of the present school are thinking of taking up his profession, Charles would be only too pleased to give them the benefit of his advice and experience. He is to be the architect for the new School building.

BILL MACER, has been married for some time now. Belated congratulations, Bill! He has just been demobbed from the R.A.F.

We were pleased to report that our Secretary, PHIL TRUMPER, came safely through the fighting. He was in the Tanks, in a flame thrower, and took part in Monty's now famous crossing of the Rhine and sweep across Northern Germany. He has now transferred to the Army Education Corps. We saw him on his last leave and must report that he looked extremely fit, although perhaps a bit feverish when we got on to politics.

Hearty congratulations to ELIZABETH and ARTHUR TUNMER on the birth of twins, a boy, Andrew Patrick, and a girl, Lynden Elizabeth, on the 7th April last. Arthur is now back in this country and hopes to be demobbed in the early spring. We hope he will help us to resuscitate the Dramatic Section after all his experiences abroad. We can promise a warm welcome to him, his wife and the twins.

ERIC GREEN is home on leave from the Gold Coast. We were delighted to see him at the supper in November, looking very fit and very smart in his slouch hat. He is now a Captain.

We offer our congratulations to FRANK EDGELEY, who was married on the 23rd June, to Miss Edith Archer. We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Edgeley has had a serious illness and we are pleased to report that she has made a good recovery.

NEALE DAWE dropped us a line from out of the blue and we learn that he is now a Captain in the Royal Marines, stationed in this country. He should be demobbed by the time that this is in print and we hope to see him at some of our functions in the New Year.

JOHN H. PRICE, (Herbert to you), is now a Lieutenant and is at the Reconnaissance Training Centre at Catterick Camp. He has just been made Secretary and Treasurer of their Old Comrades Association. He went over to France on "D" Day, with the 50th Division and stayed with them until September 1944 when, in the Albert Canal zone, he ran over a mine on his motorbike. He suffered multiple wounds in the back and was evacuated to this country, where he made a good recovery. He tells us that running over mines is not a pastime to be recommended and, for our part, we are quite prepared to accept his word for it. He was married in Hertford in July 1943 and we offer him our rather belated congratulations. His brother, ERIC, was discharged from the Army on medical grounds, having joined up at the beginning of the war. He is now with the Rover Car Company and we have to congratulate him on the announcement of his engagement, although unfortunately, we don't know the name of his lady.

WAL DAVEY, from whom we have just heard, joined up early in 1940 and was manning a gun in the Shetland Isles. Then he went down to Southampton in time to see a spot of action there, before leaving England in December for Sierra Leone, where he was stationed for three years. He spent awhile in hospital and who should he run into but DON MULVIHILL, of the R.A.M.C. We hope that he saw you had all that you wanted, Wal. He also met one of the Crook's at Mass in Freetown. He returned to this country in time to go over with the B.L.A. and is now in Germany, amusing himself in his spare time, painting murals for a recreation room.

Congratulations to BARBARA and FRANK WOODMAN on the birth of a son and heir, David Austin, on the 9th August last.

JOHN PINDER, who was in the N.F.S., is now once again a pillar of the Insurance World.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN joined the R.A.S.C. in 1941 and was discharged on medical grounds in 1944. Since then he has been with the Ministry of Fuel and Power. He tells us that E. H. RODWELL is serving with the R.A.F., but unfortunately we still haven't his address.

JOHN JONES, was married on 4th August to Miss Margaret Baldwin. Congratulations, John! It was an all R.A.F. wedding as the bride was a W.A.A.F. He is now serving in Hongkong.

BILL HOLLAND has gone into Germany with the Allied Military Government. He was at Belsen when our troops took over and writes of the horrors of typhus, dysentery, T.B. and mass burials. He was present at the ceremonial burning of the worst huts, complete with Nazi flag and a picture of Adolf. He found himself president and sole member of the Camp Military Court. He has had quite a time trying to cope with people of a dozen different nationalities and we are thankful to report that at the time of writing he had managed to escape infection himself.

LESLIE DONOVON is back in this country after many years in the Middle East and, as reported elsewhere, acted as M.C. at the Mass of Thanksgiving.

JOHN DIMMICK, who, in our days, was a force in the School Debating Society, is now Acting Principal of the Norwood Technical Institute. He is a Bachelor of Science, an Associate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, a full member of The British Institution of Radio Engineers and the holder of a University Diploma in Pedagogy. He tells us that he has had a thousand students a year at Norwood and, in addition, made a substantial contribution to the Special Training of Army and R.A.F. Radio technicians and air crews. It was very nice to hear from you after all these years, John.

We were very delighted to see BILL BOOTH at the General Meeting. He tells us that he lost three stone whilst in Burma, now turning the scale at a mere fourteen stone. We have little doubt that by the time he has finished auditing the Association's accounts for the past six years, he will have lost quite a lot more. He is now demobbed and is back at his old job in the Westminster Bank. He tells us that MICK TULLY, his co-auditor, is now back in this country from the Far East and will be demobbed before the end of December.

Heartly congratulations to LESLIE RILEY on the birth of a second daughter.

KENNETH BELL wrote us a very interesting letter from Germany. He is stationed in a rural district in that country and saw large CORPUS CHRISTI processions, which he hopes are symbolic of the birth of a new and better Germany. He has met no werewolves yet but, as he says, conditions vary in different parts of the Country. His demob number is 61! Don't despair Ken, we shan't forget you.

We are very sorry to report that DERRICK JONES was wounded rather badly in the leg during the fighting in Holland, just before V.E. Day. He spent five months in hospital as a result, but we were more than pleased to see him at the General Meeting, at which he was elected to the Committee. Since then, unfortunately, he has had to return to hospital for a further operation but is now making quite good progress. You'll still be tweaking them out next season, Derrick.

JIMMY PENDLEBURY played what we think may be his first and last game of rugby in Belgium. The main purpose of the game, according to Jimmy, was either (a) to screw his neck off his shoulders or (b) to trample him into the ground. He hitch hiked his way back after the game and got a lift from a Belgian civilian. By an amazing coincidence the civilian turned out to be an Old Xaverian, DE QUETTA. He had been at Clapham for about a year and talked to Jimmy about Bros. Bernadine, Aloysius, Alphonsus and Dunstan and also Mr. McLoughlin and Mr. McNamara. We've heard of Old Xaverians running across one another in all sorts of unexpected places, but this certainly is one of the most extraordinary meetings to date.

JOHN O'REILLY wrote to tell us that he was safely back in England after his long captivity in German hands and asked us to thank everyone for the parcels he received whilst a prisoner.

PETER SAVILL joined the Navy in June last. Good luck, Peter!

Congratulations to GERALD CRAWLEY on his marriage to Miss Betty Martin. He is a Flight Sergeant in Transport Command and has been posted to India where he is helping to repatriate the Army.

GORDON BLACKIE has announced his engagement to Miss Austin, of Shrewsbury. Congratulations, Gordon! He is busily engaged in instructing young cadets to fly in the post war R.A.F.

We were pleased to see GERALD HATICH again after so many years, and hope to see him at some of our functions in the near future.

Congratulations to MAUREEN and DES. COFFEY on the birth of their daughter, Patricia Mary, on 13th August last.

TONY PAGE is now demobbed and is back in Leeds with the Yorkshire Electrical Power Company.

BRIAN LAWLOR was married on the 28th July last at St. Michael's Church, Huntingdon, to Miss Joan Conquest, of that town. Congratulations, Brian! We certainly hope to see you both at some of our social functions in the New Year. His brother, RAY, is with a native corps in East Africa and is keeping very fit. We are glad to hear that he should be home soon.

JOHN VEASEY is now a Warrant Officer and is in charge of R.A.F. movements at Nairobi. Prior to this, he was in Alexandria as an instructor, having finished his tour of operations in Italy.

JACK O'DONOHUE is now back at this old address in Streatham from the Midlands and we were pleased to see him at the supper at The Brown Bear.

Very belated congratulations to HARRY ELLIS on his marriage to Miss Patricia Leat and also on the birth of his son, Anthony John, now a strapping two year old. Harry was flown out to the Middle East to take charge of a clothing factory employing some 3,000 people. He was a Major when he was demobbed.

HENRY PETERSSEN returned to Canada at the end of October and will be demobbed shortly.

PHIL NEWTON wrote us a long and interesting letter, in which he said that reading Concordia amid the heat and mosquitoes of India and Burma made him remember the College lawns and Garden Parties, cricket on Sundays, and pleasant evenings with the Dramatic Section. He says he can imagine the "when I was in—" conversations that will be taking place when we all get together again. He was in Burma when he wrote and we wish him a safe and speedy return to this country.

JACK DOYLE, now a Petty Officer, was on a Minesweeper when last we heard. His ship took part in the landings in the South of France and on the Piræus but he was complaining of the awful monotony of mine sweeping. We can imagine, however, many more boring occupations.

SHAUN WILTSHIRE is now with the Eastern and Azores Telegraph Company in, strange to relate, the Azores, helping to maintain communications with the Pacific. He reports that life out there is slow, uninteresting and monotonous, the only excitement being provided by some earth tremors. He tells us that men still risk their lives fishing for whales in small boats from the Islands. We hope to see you when you get some leave, Shaun.

ARTHUR HUGHES thinks that his many friends at Clapham will be surprised to hear of his engagement to Miss Dorothy Godbolt, of Chelsea. Congratulations Arthur . . . most of us fall sooner or later.

We were pleased to receive letters from DENIS HICKS. Denis is now a Sergeant Instructor in Political Science in the R.A.F., with a Category A marking—the highest possible.

BILL RAFFIELD is still globe-trotting. He went to Belem, near the mouth of the Amazon from Canada, with R.A.F. Transport Command. He tells us that the climate was particularly trying. He was then sent to the other extreme of climate and was stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador and is now en route for Jamaica.

PETER BRADSHAW, we learn, is with S.E.A.C.

BERNARD GRIFFIN is a Corporal in the R.A.S.C. and is now stationed in Malta.

We were pleased to run into BILL HODGES, a Sergeant in the R.A.F., at Mass on one or two occasions.

F. L. GORDON-CUMMING, (1915-1919), went on to St. Aloysius' College after leaving Clapham. He is now secretary of their Old Boys' Association and is making a very fine job of it. It is largely thanks to him that we have established such friendly relations with his own Association and that of the Old Ignatians. He sends his kindest regards to BERT and DERMOT WHITE, ALAN CUNLIFFE, THOM, HENRY BOAS and LES DRYSDALE, whom he knew at the College.

BERNARD FRANCIS, of the R.A.F., is in the Cocos Islands, midway between Ceylon and Australia. His brother, GEORGE, is in a camp near Southampton. We are pleased to hear that they are both in good health.

BILL MADIGAN is now a Captain with the East Surreys, having reached that rank barely a year after being commissioned. We are sorry we shan't see his cheerful countenance at any of our functions for some time, as he is going abroad. Rumour has it to the Far East. Good luck, Bill!

DOMINIC PRIEST is a Flight Sergeant in the R.A.F. and is on the same station as DOUGLAS WOODRUFF. We understand that he is keeping very fit.

PHILIP HOSKIN was in Bergen, Norway, when last we heard.

L. LERUX is with the Army Film Unit, stationed at the moment in London.

We were more than delighted to hear once again from FRANK SUMMERFIELD, whom many of our cricketers will know as a cunning slow bowler. We are sorry to hear you've been so seriously ill, Frank, and sincerely hope that your recovery is now both complete and permanent. Even though you are living in the wilds, we expect to see you at our Victory Dinner.

THOMAS SHAW, who left in 1943, is now in the R.A.M.C., and is stationed in this country.

GERALD HOY was waiting to go overseas, when last we heard. He, unfortunately, is in the redundant air crew category and is unlikely to do any flying. Bad luck, Gerald!

We also hear that it is unlikely that ANTHONY MOYNIHAN will now be trained for air crew duties. Once again, we offer our condolences, Anthony.

TOM PALMER, who is now a Major, is back in this country from the Far East. His brother, JAMES, is a Sergeant with the Army Education Corp in Belfast.

We learn that RAYMOND HILL was married about a year ago. Congratulations, Raymond! He is now out in the Middle East.

We were very pleased to see RON COURSE once again. He is now a Warrant Officer with the R.A.F. Ron transferred to the R.A.F. after two years with the Army and has been flying with Coastal Command. He has been stationed in the Bahamas, Northern Ireland and the Azores, where he managed to get some cricket. He is now with Transport Command and has been busy taking troops to and from India. Yes, Ron, J. J. is still cricket secretary and is very grateful for your offer of a bat for the club. We hope to run an eleven next season and will be delighted if you can manage to turn out occasionally. He tells us that DAVE WALL, another cricketer and an excellent raconteur, joined the Navy and spent a long time at sea in a small ship, The Northern Spray. Can anyone tell us where Dave is now?

BERNARD HEMMINGS celebrated V.E. Week with his brother-in-law in Alexandria. We gather from his letter that most of the time was spent eating chickens, steaks, mixed grills and luscious fruits and cream. Must you, Bernard? The only satisfaction we derived was in reading that the beer tasted like gear oil, and in our opinion that was far too good a drink. His brother LIONEL, is with the B.A.O.R.

DOUGLAS WOODRUFF tells us that he was married in February last. Congratulations, Douglas! He took part in the celebrated raid on Berchtesgarden and helped sink the Admiral Scheer. He is now busily engaged instructing the young idea and hopes to take a permanent commission.

We were very pleased to see PETER CUSSAC again. He was, unfortunately, in France during the time of the German occupation. We feel that he has a story to tell but he just won't talk!

HARRY ROUSE has returned safely to this country after his long captivity. He was married on the 12 June (the date of the P.O.W. Supper) in Northampton. Congratulations, Harry!

JOHN WILSON has been discharged on medical grounds from the Army and has since been ill. He seems to be fairly fit again now and is very anxious to start up the cricket section again. He would be delighted to hear from all cricketers, particularly from our younger members, to whom we all look to carry on the club's traditions. Will those interested please drop him a line as soon as possible.

We congratulate BERT KRESSIG on the safe arrival of his second daughter, Joan Leslie, on the 7th March last. We were sorry to learn that he had a serious operation but we are pleased to report that he is fit again now and he was a very welcome sight at the supper at The Brown Bear in November.

FRED STAKEMIRE was married in South Africa to Miss Stella Camp, of East London. Congratulations, Fred! They became the proud and happy parents of a son, Michael Laurence, on the 16th September. Once again, congratulations. They are now all in this country. Fred tells us that HAROLD HUGHESDEN is on his station at the moment.

VICTOR SMITH, was back in this country, after a long spell in India. After a short leave he was posted to the B.A.O.R. We are very pleased to hear that he has not lost his interest in cricket and football and hope that, by the time he is demobbed, cricket will be in full swing.

REGGIE MOUNDE tells us that he is still wandering around Scotland on work for the Admiralty.

BERNARD CENTENARI (School Captain 1942) has been called up for the R.A.F. After being accepted for air crew duties, he has been grounded, owing to the large numbers of redundant air crews. Bad luck, Bernard!

JOHN CROUCH was with the Royal Norfolks with S.E.A.C. He tells us that he just missed REG PIERCE on two occasions. During the Imphal Show John was in Kohima and Reg at Imphal—at opposite ends of the battle. He tells us that the fight for Mandalay was quite a party compared with Imphal. They succeeded in meeting eventually just before John returned home on compassionate leave. We offer you our very sincere sympathy on the death of your father, John.

Congratulations to LAURENCE CROTON on his engagement to Miss Heather Percy, of Shirley. He hopes to be married in December. Best wishes, Laurence! He tells us that BERNARD FINCHAM is in Germany with the R.T.R. and, we hear, finds time hanging rather heavily on his hands.

We are pleased to report that TONY HOOLE has made a good recovery from his wound but, as a result, has been down graded and has had to leave the London Irish. He has just successfully completed a course for the Army Education Corp and is now awaiting a posting.

MICHAEL BOXALL is taking a commission in the Army and, we hear, is thinking of taking up soldiering as a career.

We were very sorry to learn that ALPHONSE JURGENS has had a long and serious illness. He is still very far from fit. We would ask those who knew him at the College to remember him in their prayers. He would be very glad to hear from any of his contemporaries and we will gladly forward any letters.

LEN CHARLTON is now demobbed and is busy looking for a house for himself and family in South London. Any offers?

Belated congratulations to DENNIS and PAMELA KEATING on the birth of their son, Peter, on the 3rd March 1943.

RAY BROOKS is now a Captain and, unfortunately, has been in hospital at Banchi (200 miles N.W. of Calcutta) with jaundice. We wish you a complete and speedy recovery, Ray.

FRED ARNOLD, was married on the 9th June last to Miss Madeleine Sigg. Congratulations, Fred!

GERARD WALKER, one of our prisoners of war, was at the General Meeting and at the supper. We were pleased to hear that he has made a good recovery from his wounds and offer him a very warm welcome home.

We are also pleased to welcome MICHAEL CLARKE safely back to this country after his long imprisonment.

REG PIERCE wrote to us from Colombo where he was staying en route for Malaya. He particularly asked us to correct an error in our last issue—he was mentioned in dispatches once not twice. Sorry, Reg! We were also sorry to hear that you had had a bout of jaundice and trust that you have made a complete recovery.

RONALD WESTWOOD met ERIC FOTI in Calcutta and, we are pleased to say, found him in good fettle. Ronald is now in Burma and tells us that he himself is keeping very fit.

We are sorry that we missed seeing PETER TULLY when he was in this country on leave. He is now back in Rome.

FREDERICK NICHOLS is a member of the general committee of the London Teachers Association.

L. E. POWELL is at a pre-Octu and expects to be going overseas shortly. He spent part of a recent leave with DENNIS HOOK, who he reports, is now back from the U.S.A. and is another victim of the drastic cuts in air crews.

We must apologise to G. O'DOWLING, who wrote to us last July from H.M.S. Nairana, asking for books on English, Maths, Chemistry or Physics as he is swatting for the Higher Schools Certificate. Unfortunately, we could contact no one who had any of the books required. We are very sorry to have fallen down on this.

We are pleased to report that BERNARD MACARTHY is now back in this country and were very sorry that he just failed to make the supper in November.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following who have recently left the College.

Patrick Best.

Emile Guillet.

Stephen Ward.

Paul Ellis.

Hubert Hicks.

Brian Wilson.

Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Noel Isotta.

Thomas Wood.

TONY REYNOLDS was married in April last to Miss Elizabeth Nicholas, of Norwood. Congratulations, Tony! He has since been to Norway and is now in Palestine with the 6th Airborne Division.

MICHAEL HABERLIN was married in April last at St. Bartholomew's Church, Norbury, to Miss Olive Viney. Congratulations, Michael! Michael is now a Warrant Officer in the R.A.F. and is acting as an Instructor at Jurby on the Isle of Man.

LIONEL HEMMING has been home on leave recently and is now a Captain.

MICK O'DONOHUE is now in India with the R.A.F.

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FR. B. J. CAHILL, has been Diocesan Financial Secretary of Southwark for the past ten years. He recalls among others, Jack Creamer (is this the Creamer who is now Shipping Manager in the Falklands—see "Concordia" 1943), W. McGrath, Donovan and Joe Young.

FATHER GEOFFREY DOWSETT, O.M.I., is teaching at St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, and, we learn, hopes to be coming over to this country in the not too far distant future. We hope that he will manage to find time to look in at the College and give us some more news of himself.

REV. PAT HOULIHAN, had the great grace of receiving the Subdiaconate on 29th July and the Diaconate on the 15th October. He hopes, with the Grace of God, to be ordained next July and has promised to say a Mass at the College.

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My sincere thanks to Mrs. Betty Trumper and Mrs. Angela Wilson. In the absence of our Hon. Treasurer, they rallied round most nobly and typed the whole of the manuscript of this issue for the printers. Thank you very much, Angela and Betty.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,
Acting Hon. Gen. Secretary.

THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE SIX YEARS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

To CONCORDIA:

1940	...	...	...	...	...	4 14 9
1942	...	...	...	...	...	9 10 0
1943	...	...	...	...	...	12 10 0
1944	...	...	...	...	...	14 17 6
1945	...	...	...	...	...	22 19 0

64 11 3

.. STATIONERY AND DUPLICATING:

1940	...	...	...	...	...	1 18 1
1942	...	...	...	...	...	1 7 6
1943	...	...	...	...	...	2 13 0
1944	...	...	...	...	...	5 7 0
1945	...	...	...	...	...	7 7 11

18 13 6

.. POSTAGE:

1940	1 18 1
1941	2 1
1942	3 8 5
1943	5 13 5
1944	6 11 10
1945	10 14 5

28 8 3

.. CLUBROOM:

1940	4 3 0
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4 3 0

.. SUNDRIES:

1940	5 6
1942	10 0
1943	13 0
1944	10 3
1945	2 0

2 0 9

.. DINNER:

1944	1 19 0
1945	...	...	...	...	...	1 13 6

3 12 6

.. DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS:

1940	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0
1943	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0
1944	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0

14 0 0

.. BALANCE—SURPLUS:

1940 deficit	...	...	...	...	...	3 10 10
1941	...	...	...	...	...	3 2 11
1942	...	...	...	...	...	12 1
1942	...	...	...	...	...	2 17 1
1944	...	...	...	...	...	4 2 3
1945	...	...	...	...	...	13 5 2

20 8 8

£155 17 11

By DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED:

1940	...	...	...	...	...	11 17 0
1941	...	...	...	...	...	2 12 6
1942	...	...	...	...	...	14 5 0
1943	...	...	...	...	...	26 10 6
1944	...	...	...	...	...	37 3 6
1945	...	...	...	...	...	54 10 0

146 18 6

.. INTEREST RECEIVED:

1940	...	...	...	...	...	12 7
1941	...	...	...	...	...	12 6
1942	...	...	...	...	...	13 0
1943	...	...	...	...	...	13 0
1944	...	...	...	...	...	18 4
1945	...	...	...	...	...	1 12 0

5 1 5

.. ARREARS FROM FORMER YEARS:

Cricket	...	...	...	...	...	10 0
Table Tennis	...	...	...	...	...	5 0
Dramatic	...	...	...	...	...	1 2 0
Dinner	...	...	...	...	...	1 16 0
Dance	...	...	...	...	...	5 0

3 18 0

£155 17 11

THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE SHEET 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

Balance, 1st October, 1944	...	...	...	74	7	11
Add, Surplus for year to 30th September, 1945	...	...	...	13	5	2
				87	13	1
SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE	...	...	...	3	12	0
CENTENARY FUND	...	...	...	71	11	2
PRISONERS OF WAR FUND	...	...	...	69	18	10
CLAPHAM COLLEGE EXTENSION FUND:				25	0	0
(Dennis D. Daniels Donation)	...	...	...	25	0	0
				£257	15	1

ASSETS at written down value

CASH:

Post Office Savings Bank	...	...	...	212	4	1
Midland Bank Ltd.	...	...	...	44	1	2
In Hand	...	...	...	9	10	
				256	15	1

E. P. KACHEL.

Hon. Treasurer.