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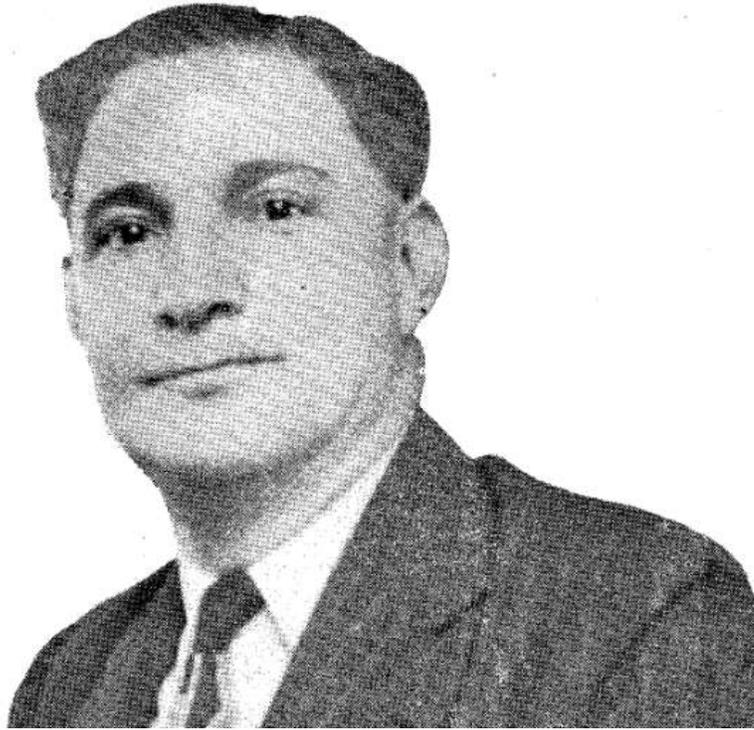
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Mr. J. B. GONSALVES
(President of the Association)

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EDITORIAL ALIAS COLLEGE CAUSERIE

Strictly speaking this is not an Editorial, so let us call it College Causerie, rambling reflections on things of interest to the College and the Association. If this magazine is to appear for the Association Dinner, which takes place as near as possible to our patronal feast, St. Stanislaus Day, then something must be done about it and done quickly.

Keeping in mind G. K. Chesterton's paradox, "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing BADLY," and urged on by the Committee to try and get out the Magazine at all costs, we have gone ahead. Sickness among the Staff - both College Staff and Magazine Staff - and the consequent pressure of work, together with the usual blind buffets of Dame Fortune, have caused the anomaly that this edition of the magazine has not got a real Editor. Consequently we beg the indulgence of our readers, and trust they will turn a blind eye to any errors and omissions.

On this occasion something should be said about WONDERLAND. I am hoping that someone will contribute an article on it. Meanwhile, once more, on behalf of Very Reverend Father Superior and all the Fathers, I wish to thank all those members of the Association who organized Wonderland; that tireless and numberless army of workers who laboured for many months; all those who looked after stalls, games, gates and did the thousand and one jobs which occurred on Wonderland Day itself; the sellers of tickets and promoters of raffles; last and by no means least, the thousands of men, women and children who came, spent money, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As usual, Wonderland was a financial success; about \$5,000 dear profits have been handed over to Fr. Adamson-with which to exercise his wizardry in running the financial side of the College. Hardly anyone ever sees Fr. Adamson, few know what he does, yet without him the College could not go on as sweetly and smoothly as it does. Bookkeeper, secretary, treasurer, guide, philosopher and friend: every cent that comes in, every cent that goes out, all are handled and recorded by Fr. Adamson. To him, the thanks and appreciation of College and Association .

Goings-on at the Sea Wall. At last results are visible: the Pavilion is going up. About a year and half ago plans were discussed; then came the problem of collecting funds; once funds were assured, permissions, permits, rules and regulations reared their heads; materials had to be collected (we did see some of them as the dance floor of Wonderland) and assembled at the wharf. Now the foundations are rising and before long the main construction will begin, for everything is ready. Before we close for the Christmas holidays we should be able to have the opening of the Pavilion. Our thanks, once more, to the Honourable John Femandes, and to all who have helped with the Dance and the Raffles. The Christmas Raffle this year is for the Pavilion: Sheets are already out and over \$200 have come in during the first fortnight. Christmas will soon be here, so don't neglect your "chance."

After the lapse of many years, we have been invited to bring a team to Trinidad during the Christmas holidays. As the guests of St. Mary's, we shall play them at Cricket and Football and meet them in an Athletic contest. Arrangements have also been made for Tennis and tours.

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AN APPRECIATION



This issue of our magazine will not be complete if we do not take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of Fr. Francis Smith, who as you know after years of hard teaching at the College has been permitted a break to do some parish work. Teaching boys is no easy job, I can assure you, but judging from the results which were achieved during Fr. Smith's term of office as Principal, he certainly made a success of it. It was indeed fitting that in his last year of service in this capacity, the College had the honour of producing the winner of the Guiana Scholarship, (Jocelyn D'Oliveira).

Fr. Francis Smith was Principal from the beginning of the life of the College Association right up to the time of his retirement in July last. As such he was an *ex-officio* member of all the Association's committees

To say that he pulled his full weight on these committees is to put it mildly. His help and guidance were invaluable. We will all miss his cherry smile. I often remember the important part he played in helping his side to win our spelling bee competitions. It is difficult to find one who could spell those tongue-twisters which were given once in a while as well as he did. Fr. Smith was not of the spectacular or dynamic type, he was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, one of those whose work spoke for itself.

I am sure every member of our Association will agree with me when I say that Fr. Smith was loved, respected, and appreciated by all of us. While he has been replaced by a very fine and efficient personality, Fr. Smith will always retain his place in our hearts.

He is at present stationed at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Kitty, and we will all look forward to having him with us at our annual dinner. This time he can really sit and enjoy himself as he is relieved of having to make a speech. We have lost him from the College but we still have him to administer to us spiritually, as no matter to which parish his duties take him, he is sure to find a member of our Association past, or present, among his parishioners. Let us all join in wishing him long life and God's choicest blessings so that he may be with us for many more years to come.

J. B. GONSALVES,
President, St. Stanislaus College Association.

To have borne the burden and the heat of teaching at the College - and it is no mean burden, let those who say that teachers have an easy task, say what they will - to have borne that burden for sixteen years without a break, and for more than eight of

those to have been the Principal, this is what Fr. Smith did. From that far-off day in 1933 when he first went to the College till the end of the school year of 1949 when his direct - but by no means his indirect interest in it ceased - he gave his whole-hearted devotion to the College and to the boys thereof. The war years, as may well be imagined, did not make things any easier. The difficulty of procuring books was sometimes acute. The holding of the Public Examinations in December caused inconvenience to a school whose year runs from September to July. This too was a result of the war. But these difficulties, and all the countless others, were always faced and overcome by Fr. Smith with his quiet determination. He saw the results of the exams get better and better, and he had the consolation of seeing the foundation of the College Association and the loyal and generous support given to the various Wonderlands and Santalands and other expedients necessary to raise funds to keep going a college which has done and is doing so much for the country.

It was not merely to books and studies that his interests extended. Many will remember his keen support of the chess-players, his providing of music by means of records, his concern with the sports. And of course the Principal of St. Stanislaus College has not a little to do with official committees and meetings and such-like things, the activities of which are by their very nature not much known, if at all, by the general public. In all of these Fr. Smith played his part. Mention must be made of his interest in the Literary and Debating Group of the Association. It must have been a sorrow to him to see the pitiful response often made by members to the invitations sent to them to attend the meetings. Why do we B.G. people so often start things with enthusiasm - and then allow that enthusiasm to fade away and disappear after a short time? We have no stamina, no staying-power! Contradict that who dare!

Had Fr. Smith been at the College this term he would have seen one small boy whose father was at the College when he first went there in 1933. During these sixteen years much has happened and there has been many a thorn among the roses that bloom at one end of Brickdam. But when Fr. Smith looks back on those years, may he see the happy events through plain glasses and the less happy ones through tinted glasses, and may he murmur, in the adapted words of a poet, "*Haec meminisse iuvat*".

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Report

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE
ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD
1 ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.**

MEMBERSHIP:

At the close of the year the total membership was 218 comprising 4 Life Members, 149 Ordinary Members, 29 Honorary Members and 31 Associate Members. This represents a decrease in membership of 39 from the previous year, due to the striking off the rolls of Members of many delinquents.

COLLEGE DEFICIT:

Outstanding at present are \$1,894.29 for 1947 and \$1,059.01 for 1948 making a total of \$2,908.30. It is proposed to hold "Wonderland" this year, proceeds from which should serve to liquidate these deficits.

ST. STANISLAUS MAGAZINE:

The 1948 number was brimful of news of the Association and College, and the Editors are to be complimented on producing another very attractive edition.

ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE:

It was decided to hold three main activities instead of the customary monthly ones. The first was a social held on the last Friday in May which was well attended and enjoyed by all present. Then a joint social evening with dancing with the Old Girls of the Ursuline and Charlestown Convents was held at the Charlestown Convent, on Friday, 26th July.

This proved to be an enormous success as well over 300 people attended, and it has been suggested that it should become an annual feature of the Association's activities. The third and main activity was the Dinner at the Catholic Guild Club on Friday 12th November, at which covers were laid for just over 100. Fr. John Sullivan, S.J., was our guest of honour and entertained all present with a very witty and clever speech.

LITERARY AND DEBATING GROUP:

This Group was very active as the following account will testify:-

MAY Debate.
Subject: That "British Guiana will be better developed if the Railway be replaced by better roads".

Proposed by Mr. C. C. de Freitas.
Opposed by Hon. John Fernandes.
Result: Victory for the opposition.

JUNE Debate.
Subject: That "Russia is a greater menace to the World than Germany has been."

Proposed by Mr. H. W. de Freitas.
Opposed by Mr. C. F. de Caires .
Result: Victory for the proposer.

JULY "Impromptu Speeches."

AUGUST

Discussion on "Just Payment for Work, Family Wage, Efficiency and Wages" led by Mr. C. C. de Freitas. This subject was selected from a list of subjects which were to be discussed at the Conference of the American Jesuit Colleges' Old Boys" Associations which was held in September, and which was attended by Mr. C. C. de Freitas.

SEPTEMBER

Debate.

Subject: That "We are not wiser than our Grand Parents".
Proposed by Mr. F. I. de Caires.
Opposed by Mr. S. C. Canzius.
Result: Victory for the opposition.

OCTOBER

A Mock Court:

"Indictable Charge against Mushroom Trade Unions for working contrary to the Interest of the Colony".

Counsel for the Prosecution - Hon. John Fernandes .

Counsel for the Defence - Mr. H. W. de Freitas.

Result: Conviction of the Mushroom Trade Unions.

NOVEMBER

Debate.

Subject: That "Law is more essential to the World than Medicine".

Proposed by Mr. C. F. Singh.

Opposed by Mr. Arnold Bayley.

Result: Victory for the Proposer.

DECEMBER

Debate.

Subject: "That the youth of British Guiana is not doing enough to develop the Colony".

Proposed by Mr. S. C. Canzius .

Opposed by Mr. V. Hinds.

Result: Victory for the opposition.

During the year \$1,217.51 was raised towards the building of the new pavilion at St. Stanislaus College,

GENERAL: The year 1948 has been a fairly good one for the Association. The Committee would like to see more interest being taken in the affairs of the Association, as the present tendency is to leave nearly all the administrative work to a few seasoned campaigners; many of the younger members could, with profit both to the Association

and themselves take more responsibility in the coming year. Let us hope that the year 1949 will see much young blood being infused into the management of the Association.

In conclusion the Committee would like on behalf of all the Members of this Association to congratulate Mr. Jocelyn D'Oliviera, a pupil of St. Stanislaus College on winning the Guiana Scholarship for 1948, and Fr. Francis Smith, S.J., and the other Masters of the College on his success. As a mark of appreciation a Pen and Pencil Set was presented to Jocelyn D'Oliviera by the Association.

F. I. DE CAIRES,
President, 11th February, 1949

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THE PERSONAL TOUCH

During the past year there was a constant emigration, a veritable exodus of our old boys from the colony. They have all gone north. After all, there is something called the Magnetic North, isn't there? Our best wishes to them all. ANDREW MORRISON is studying for the priesthood in England, while CECIL DA SILVA and EION RODRIGUES are in religious training at Mount St. Benedict, Trinidad. The 1948 Guiana Scholar, JOCELYN D'OLIVIERA, has gone to the home of English to learn foreign languages. PHILIP BELGRAVE is attending the Spartan School of Economics, not in Greece, but in England. Canadian soil has attracted quite a few lads. FRANKIE VIEIRA, ANTHONY CAETANO, IAN CREGAN and MAURICE CAMACHO have gone to reside on it, while JOEY PIRES is trying to discover what plants come out of it. It still remains a mystery why ARNOLD BAYLEY and IVOR GONSALVES took the trouble of going thither to find the reasons why we all must die. Uncle Sam has recently been blessed with many more nephews from these shores - MALCOLM NEWSUM, DESMOND and DENNIS WRONG, ARNOLD WIGHT, DICK TEIXEIRA, MICHAEL RICHARDSON, ALWYN DENNY and CRADDOCK JOHNSON. The last two mentioned have just completed several years of faithful service as masters at the College. MANNIE DASILVA can now be found engaged at the Trinidad branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, while his colleagues RONNIE GONSALVES and RAYMOND DA SILVA can be seen behind bars in similar institutions in the Bahamas and Barbados respectively.

For some inexplicable reason, a few who had left these shores, have now returned. JOHN RIX, having won his wings and in addition a charming young lady, is engaged in aviation and to the lady. VIVIAN LEE has decided to introduce into the colony another mode of transport in the form of the well known "Gypsy Caravan". After spending some four years in St. Lucia, GAVIN THOMPSON and IVAN VIEIRA are back, directing planes in flight how not to miss this colossal colony of ours. By the way, IVAN could not have chosen a better better half. Back from his recent study visit to England is ARTHUR ABRAHAM. New roll after new roll of red tape is being produced by him in his new role of acting Colonial Secretary.

Man is a queer being. At first he is lonely. He desires to be sociable and so seeks the company of his fellow creatures. Then before long he finds "the one" who was meant for him and he "lets the rest of the world go by." For the following married couples the rest of the world has already gone by:-

GREGORY GONSALVES	- Rena Bastiani.
GEORGE SUE-PING	- Joyce Loquan.
JOSEPH FARIA	- Veronica Vieira.
JOHN GUNBY	- Eline Van Russell.
CARLTON DE SOUZA	- Maureen Thomas.
COMPTON FISHER	- Sybil Salainalay.
DAVID HOWARD	- Belle D'Andrade;
STANLEY DEVONISH	- Margaret Foo.
LEYLAND ORFORD	- Eloise Kellman.
MIKE DE GROOT	- Jean Bayfield.
DENIS GAGAN	- Leatrice Dione Lee.
JOHNNIE CHRISTIANI	- May Allicock.
EUGENE STOBY	- Mabel Chan.

The rest of the world is now going by for these engaged pairs:-

HILARY GONSALVES	- Joan Thompson.
MICKEY DA SILVA	- Bridget Fernandes.
JOHN RIX	- Elaine Nathoo.
LUIGI PSAILA	- Lurline Da Silva.

The rest of this world having long since gone by for them, the following fathers to whom children were born recently, are probably being bawled into thinking of the next world - ANDY CAMACHO, ARTHUR ABRAHAM, CLEMENT YHAP, BOBBY CAMACHO, VICTOR FITT, WALTER HARMSON and CECIL DE CAIRES.

What fools these mortals be!

Congratulations to the College for having provided the football club that won this year's MacDonald Cup with eight players in the final game - HERMAN McCOWAN, JOHN FERNANDES, JOHN GONSALVES, DESMOND GOMES, VICTOR WALKER, MALCOLM DE FREITAS, STANLEY WALKER and EDDIE CAETANO. The last mentioned player together with MANNIE DA SILVA, VERNON VANIER and MANNIE DESOUZA are members of the Colony Football Team now engaged in a series of matches against South Trinidad.

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India

INDIA – LAND OF CONTRASTS

(By C.A.M.)

It is hardly surprising that a country with an area of about one and a half million square miles and a population of over 350 million people should exhibit such vivid contrasts in relief, scenery, climate and especially in the political, social and religious aspects of the life of its inhabitants. Of course, it should be quite clear that the impressions of a member of a touring team scheduled to play twenty-four cricket matches, including five tests, may be quite different from those of residents of the country. On the other hand, as guests of the India Cricket Board of Control we were privileged to see many more places than the average resident can afford to visit. We literally travelled the length and breadth of India and Ceylon, from Rawalpindi to Colombo and from Karachi to Calcutta.

Our first experience of real hot Indian weather was during the first match which was played at Bombay. The temperature was some 93° in the shade. One stalwart batsman of our side came in for tea. That was the end of his innings, for he never awoke from his faint until the match was over. On the contrary, at Lahore and Rawalpindi, the weather was somewhat English in character and several of us had to don sweaters.

It is a far cry from the hilly region of the Deccan to the flat country of the Plain of Hindustan, especially around Calcutta. Wooded hillsides are a feature of the former, while the terrain of the latter closely resembles that of our coastlands. Whatever the geological explanation, we found the matting in use at Baroda, Indore, Karachi, Nagpur, Jamshedpur and Allahabad. In general the condition of the cricket grounds in these places was far below the standard of some of the other grounds as in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. The latter are as good as, if not better than, the best in the West Indies.

In India, wealth and poverty, grandeur and squalor, the ancient and the modern exist side by side. We spent a few days almost in princely style in Patiala where the Maharajah spared no pains in making us comfortable. We lounged in his guest house and enjoyed his sumptuous fare. It was from one of our host's planes that we viewed the lofty, snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas. To provide the necessary distance with which to lend enchantment to the view of the various beauty spots of the state, the Maharajah decided to place two elephants at our disposal. On the first occasion that the two stately monsters arrived, they were heartily welcomed. They looked so imposing, with howdas complete and attended by drivers. At the command of a driver, one of the elephants knelt down, and four of us climbed into the howdah by means of a short ladder. The huge animal started to rise, its hind legs attaining a much greater altitude than its fore legs. The result might have been disastrous if the front part of the howdah were not strong enough to bear the weight of four men closely huddled together and hanging on for dear life. We received royal entertainment too at Baroda, but in a few places, we experienced a dire need for even moderate conveniences.

On our way to India, we had the opportunity while in England of inspecting the pavilion at Lord's. In the opinion of the present writer, this building does not bear comparison with the Brabourne Stadium at Bombay. The Stadium is a colossal, modern four-storeyed edifice, with rooming accommodation for more than two teams, each room being elaborately equipped and furnished. There is also a swimming pool. The pavilions at most of the other towns could boast of no more than one storey with modest seating accommodation. In Bombay too we noticed modern structures some six to eight storeys high. What a contrast to the thatched mud-house of the various villages we passed through!

There are very varied modes of conveyance, old and new, today in India. We drove in high-powered cars of the latest design. We also rode in rickshaws and in the strange vehicles shown in the photo. These are merely over-size tricycles. The hirer occupies the back of the vehicle under a small covering, while the hired sits on the saddle in front and produces as much motive power as the fierce tropical heat would permit. There are luxurious air-conditioned trains as well as out-moded ones, rather reminiscent of those to which we are accustomed here. Regular journeys of thirty to forty hours in one of these gave us an experience we are not likely to forget. Big-game hunters like the famous Indian player, the Nawab of Pataudi, use jeeps to journey to the outskirts of the forests and then resort to the traditional elephant while actually on the hunt.

Cottage industries are still largely carried on in various parts of the country, while in others factories of various kinds are predominant. At Jamshedpur are the famous Tata Iron Works. On our visit to these Works we were astounded at the rapidity with which railway rollingstock was being turned out, the installations being of the latest style.

Our visit to India was admittedly made during troublous times and while we were privileged to meet the wealthy maharajahs, we could not help noticing the aged and the hungry, sick and dying by the wayside. The refugee problem is undoubtedly a grave one for the authorities. The various lessons of life we learnt will long outlive the memories of the cricket field, happy as these were. They will remain the lasting souvenirs of our visit to that land of Hindu temple, Mohammedan mosque and Christian Cathedral.



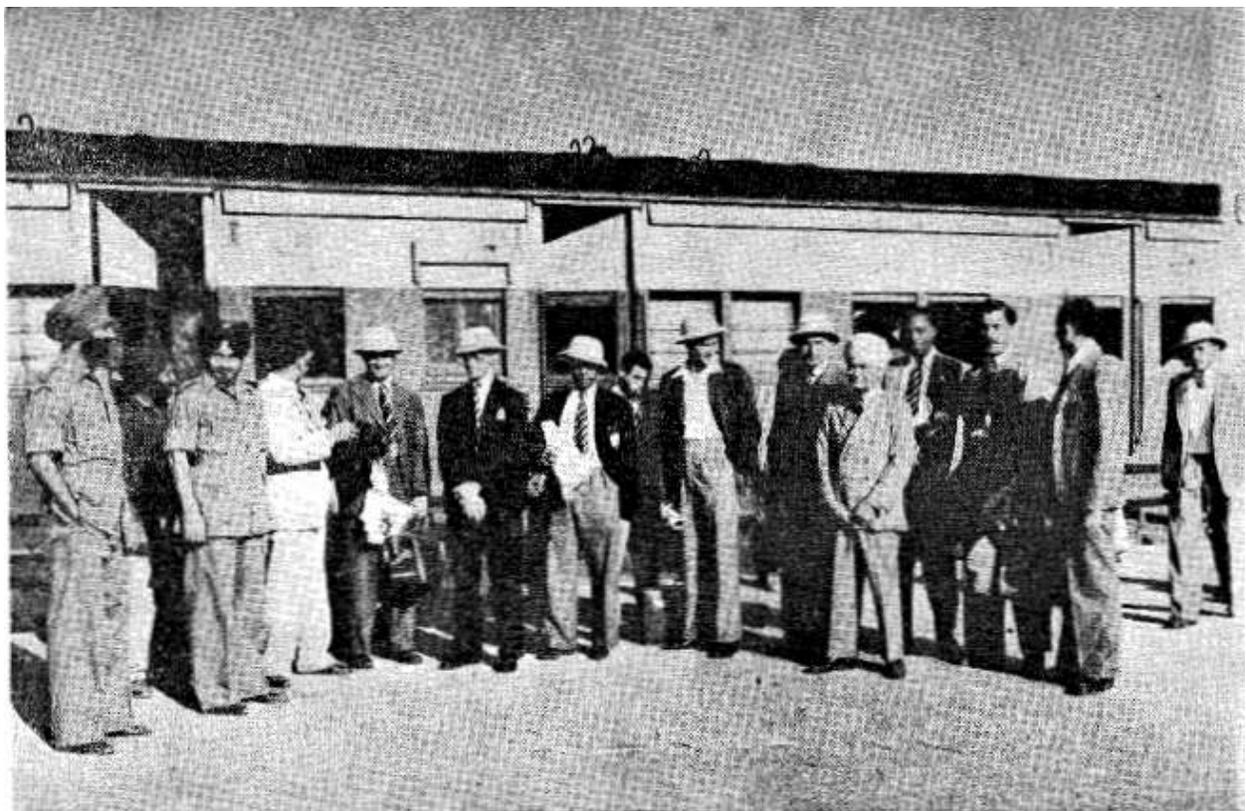
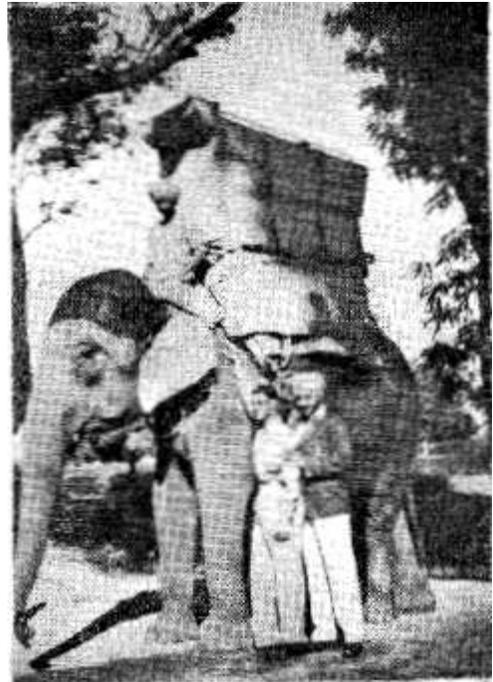
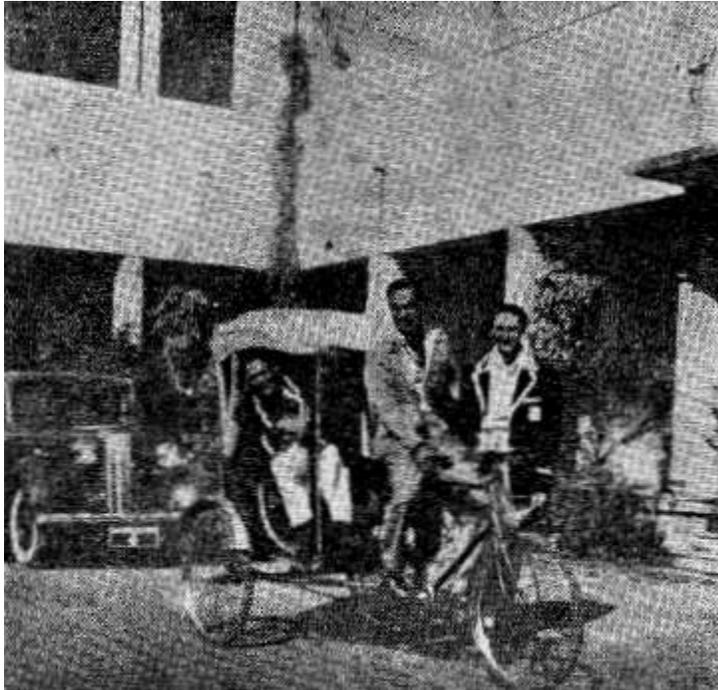
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“THREE-DAY TEST MATCHES”

This is the most absorbing topic of the day whenever lovers of the grand old game of cricket meet. You will hear the opinion expressed freely by nine out of every ten persons you meet, that three-day Test matches are a farce, but the powers that be, continue to perpetuate this farce, as it is so aptly called.

Obviously there must be some reason for persisting with three day Tests despite the overwhelming opinion against them of so many lovers of the game. Up to the present the powerful Australians alone have been able to upset these conditions, which proves that rules can be amended to suit, when sufficient pressure is brought to bear. The only sane reason for three-day Tests that has been advanced, is that the Counties have to lose their star players for two matches, instead of one, when Tests of longer duration are played. This surely is a small price to pay to ensure the public witnessing a game, instead of the dreary exhibitions of recent years, where all interest in the game is lost after the first day's play is over and the policy of both teams is not to lose on any account. More often than not you will see the opening batsman bowling after tea on the third day's play and most people looking longingly at the clock for the termination of this travesty of the game, so they can be about their normal mode of life.

In these days of over prepared wickets it is almost impossible to finish a Test match in three days, unless the weather takes a hand, in which event it may finish in two days if the wicket is badly affected. The public in England are very long suffering and though you hear many angry comments all around, they still continue to support the game by attending in increasing numbers.

The New Zealanders have just concluded a very successful tour but all the Tests they played were drawn with monotonous regularity. One gets the impression that most people go to see the players and not the match, so that the game is being relegated to second place. It is really very depressing when one attends a test match to see the pattern being unfolded in the same way every time with the inevitable "game drawn" at the finish.

In conclusion one can only wonder how long this state of affairs will continue. Of course so long as plenty of money is accruing the authorities will be satisfied and continue to impose their will on the public,. It seems a pity that the game itself should be subject to so many influences. The whole matter can be summed up by the fact that you hear nearly everyone saying "I must go to Lords to see the Test match" as I have never seen Donnelly, Sutcliffe or Compton or Hutton" instead of "there should be a very exciting match at Lords today and I think England will win."

The old adage comes very readily to mind.

"He either fears his fate too much
Or his deserts are small
Who dares not put it to the test
To win or lose it all."

CAMBRIDGE REPORT ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER

Vigorous criticisms of the work of Cambridge Senior pupils are contained in a "report on the work of candidates in the West Indies in English language at the 8 school Certificate examination of December 1947," which has just been received by the Director of Education.

The report supplied for Cambridge Syndicate's remarks on the work of B.G. candidates revealed that "very few candidates could construct a complex sentence and the punctuation was senseless, and haphazard style was disjointed and monotonous and imagination and freshness almost entirely absent "

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Reporting on standards in Trinidad the Syndicate found standards "extraordinarily low much of it quite illiterate .. the use of wrong plurals ...• ,

Following is the full text to the report received in British Guiana:

VARIED

PART I.

The quality of the compositions varied very much from island to island. To generalise as far as possible, the work did not reach a satisfactory standard. There were a few notably outstanding compositions which were fluently and intelligently written with some originality. Of those which ranked as fair to mediocre, the matter was given in a series of simple sentences, the style was disjointed and monotonous and imagination and freshness were almost entirely absent. Often there was a tendency to be pompous and to introduce ill-conceived humour. In the weakest, the matter was thin, childish and often irrelevant; common errors abounded, making the whole crude and awkward.

Very few candidates could construct a complex sentence and the punctuation was senseless and haphazard. The vocabulary, as a rule, was not happy and many words were misused. The chief faults were wrong concords, misuse of prepositions (especially of time), wrong sequence of tenses and incomplete sentences.

BETTER

PART II.

Generally, candidates produced better work in this part than in Part I; even so the low level of comprehension of the passage and ability to express themselves coherently emphasised the candidates' backwardness. The summary was rarely written as a

unified conditions passage; it was badly expressed and badly punctuated; many important points were omitted and in the weakest scripts there was complete failure to understand the original passage. The comprehension questions were very fairly well answered by many candidates and they gained more mark; on the vocabulary test than on any other question in this part of the paper. Paraphrasing was not popular and the few who attempted it wrote awkward and clumsy explanations.

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Much more, attention must be given to sentence construction. The long formless and often involved simple sentence must go; the complex sentence must be used more frequently. Candidates must be taught to think out their treatment of a subject before they write and so avoid ragged slipshod and incoherent method. . Constant practice in punctuation is required. In summarising, candidates must realise that a mechanical cutting down of the original passage does not show that its meaning has been grasped.

Here are excerpts from the report on Trinidad:

The handwriting, the examiners stated, was quite illegible and the setting out slipshod. Rubrics and instructions were ignored and it was common for a candidate to attempt every part of every question. The report goes on: "It is evident that the subject has been neglected and that candidates have been left to their own resources and methods, and their object, apart from playing havoc with the p3Jper, seemed to be the bewilderment of the examiner."

The examiner found, however, that a few of the English Compositions were competently written. They were short and rather slight in matter, they said, but showed some regard for language and style. The remainder, they added were, for one reason or another well below the expected standard. The examiners found that they varied from "long breathless gallops", ill-punctuated and rambling; in which words were used without being understood, to short scrappy snippets, sometimes florid, making crude and awkward reading.

"It is quite evident," the report went on, "that some of the boys had no idea of writing English. Glaring faults found were the misuse of the definite and indefinite article, the confusion of tenses, the use of wrong plurals, the omission or the wrong use of prepositions, a lack of punctuation and verbosity, presumably to disguise a vacant mind."

Last criticism was that all the answers disclosed showed that their expression of what little the students grasped was appalling.

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A PERSONAL APPEAL

J.F. (Snr.)

As I look back on the first years of the life of this Association, I well remember the bumper attendances at all its activities. It was so different to what it is today. During the last two years the lack of interest has been progressive," until now only a few die-hards attend anything other than the socials. Even the dance at the Mercy Convent which proved such a popular attraction last year was poorly attended this year. Strange enough though, in spite of this, the collection of subscriptions has not suffered seriously by this apparent lack of interest in the affairs of the Association.

I have been trying for a little while to see if I could find the reason why Members give the impression of being uninterested, I say, give the impression because if their response to my appeal for help and the work they did in connection with the staging of Wonderland is taken as a guide, they are really a very interested lot, and as I have said before, their prompt payment of their Association's dues also proves their interest. The only conclusion I can arrive at is that our activities are not as interesting as they used to be. Some suggest that it may be because the senior boys were permitted to take part in all activities except the socials and dances . It is felt that men do not like to associate with the boys. Others feel that we have never really recovered from the loss of Caesar De Freitas organising ability for our activities. There can be no question that Caesar's departure was a great loss to the Association. Others feel that the counter attractions have got the better of us. Still others say that when our activities became irregular, one this month and none for the next two months and so on, we started on our down grade as regards attendances. Whatever the reason is, I am' sure that we could stage a complete comeback, and once more have well attended and interesting meetings and activities, if only *you*. will lend your help,

How can you do this? Why, it is not difficult. In your leisure hours think over ways and means of bringing it about and send your recommendations in to the Chairman of the activities Committee, for the improvements of this section and to the Chairman of the debating group for improvements in his section. This Association belongs to every Member, every Member has equal rights, and in a like manner' should be pleased to help in its rejuvenation. Having sent in your recommendations, do not stop there, but make every effort to attend the first activity staged. You can do even more; you can encourage your friends who are Members to come along with you, If you are not pleased with the efforts of rejuvenation, by all means tell the committee you think they need changes: I am sure they will welcome constructive criticism. We should all realise that the best way to keep our minds young is to keep up our friendships and associations of our School days, and I venture to suggest that the simplest and easiest way to do this is through the Association of our Alma) Mater. St. Stanislaus College. You pay your subscription, so why not benefit to the fullest by attending all of its activities? Let us pull together for the good of our Association.

A strong College Association could be of immense help to Fr. Scannell and his staff and of real benefit to ourselves. I am going to make my first suggestion for an activity, which I hope will take place before the close of this year, and that is that the New Pavilion, which is now in the course of erection, be opened with the long-promised Sons *versus* Fathers match. It is hoped that this pavilion will be completed before Christmas, so we would be afforded a grand opportunity of ending the match with a real Christmas party, which should instill in us the desire to strike out on the comeback trail in the new year. Do me the favour of thinking seriously over this appeal. Will you?

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