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Mr. F.P. Brazao  
President of the Association

## FOREWORD

With the passage of another year the 1951 issue of St. Stanislaus (College Association) Magazine makes its appearance, serving to remind us of the functions of the Association in its relations with the College.

Many interesting articles appear in the pages of the Magazine, representing a labour of love undertaken with enthusiasm by those who have the welfare of the College at heart.

Unfortunately there are many others outside the Association who should belong to it and play their part in it, but they remain *outside* because, in many instances, they are unaware of their power for good. It should be the present members to encourage those who seem to show indifference, by outlining the activities of the Association, laying special emphasis on "College" which has achieved such splendid results during past years.

"College Aid" has become increasingly important now that the New College Wing is actually being built. On behalf of the Association I wish to thank the Jesuit Fathers for having undertaken this very necessary extension: on behalf of the Association, too, I promise that we shall do everything possible to see that funds are available to complete the work.

The social side of the Association should not be overlooked, as it plays an important part in bringing together friends and acquaintances who have little opportunity of meeting otherwise.

In conclusion, I would like to tender sincere thanks to the firms whose advertisement appear in the Magazine. Without their generous support its publication would have been well nigh impossible. To those members through whose untiring efforts and personal sacrifice the advertisements were secured, the Association expresses its appreciation and thanks for a job well done. Our special thanks to Mr. C.D. Delph and the Chronicle for their help in printing and producing the Magazine.

F. P. BRAZAO, President.

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## **EDITORIAL.**

On September 7th His Lordship, Bishop Weld, and Fr. Adamson celebrated their Golden Jubilees in the Society of Jesus. The one built the present College for us, the other, besides having taught here, has helped us to keep our heads during years of financial struggle. To both we offer our congratulations and our thanks.

The outstanding College event of 1951 is the beginning of the building of the new Wing. The natural growth of the College had reached the stage when the present building was completely inadequate for every day needs. For two years we had managed with a certain amount of inconvenience; this year, with two form 5's, we had to procure more classroom space. Without more class-room we would have had to abolish either Preparatory or Form I; we could not have had both, even though both cater for an essential need of the community. As it is, since the New Wing will not be available until Easter, we were only able to accept new boys (28 of them) in these forms because of the kind hospitality of the Chinese Association.

But these new classrooms must be paid for before we can complete the full plan which includes two new laboratories and an Assembly Hall. We hope that we shall eventually have a small chapel of our own opening off the Hall.

An appeal is being launched for funds. We are confident that the Association, the Old Boys who are not members of the Association, and the parents of present and past boys will give us their help and support,

A thousand extra copies of the appeal to past students and parents have been printed. If you are in touch with Old Boys who are not members of the Association

please pass on a copy of the appeal and get them too, to pass it on. More copies could be obtained either from the School or from the Secretary of the Association.

In the near future the motion of the Hon. John Fernandes will come before Legco., asking that a Government subsidy be given to the College. Please pray hard and often for the success of this motion: it will mean so much to you and your children and your children's children.

The vital importance of the success of the appeal would not be diminished even by a substantial Government grant, That would immediately be swallowed up in the ever increasing running expenses of the College in this age of rising costs and rising salaries. As I have written elsewhere in the Magazine and in College Causerie, a problem that has given us anxiety for many years is the fact that we have not been able to give to the staff salaries, which would justly represent their qualifications and position.

Much has been written in the Magazine and in College Causerie about the very enjoyable visit of the St. Mary's boys from Trinidad. Once more I would like to thank all, especially the members of the Association Committee, who did so much and worked so hard to make the visit such a happy and successful one.

I wish to thank all who have worked for this issue of the Magazine, including those few boys whose efforts were not printed. I had hoped for a special contribution on "Old Boys and Colony Spot" - and very interesting reading it would have been - but the article was not written; nor did I manage to procure "Old Boys in Mary Lands." Some gleanings, however, appear in "The Personal Touch". I will just select a few. Andrew Morrison took his vows as a Jesuit, may others follow his footsteps; Jocelyn D'Oliveira continues to do splendid work at Birmingham University; Leslie Wight continues to make history in Colony cricket; and Miss Evelyn Bettencourt (that was) has not deprived the Association of its indefatigable and ever-reliable Treasurer.

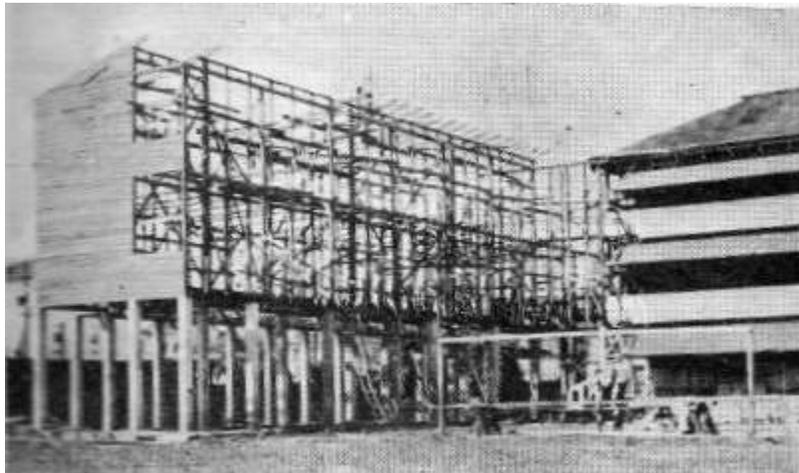
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## APPEAL

### To Former Pupils and To Parents of Present Pupils of St. Stanislaus' College

Friends of St. Stanislaus College, all boys, all parents, must be delighted that the long wished-for New Wing is now at last actually taking shape in concrete and wood. It will provide six fine class-rooms, and, when funds become available, two splendid new laboratories.

In recent years, it has been possible to house the increasing number of boys only by improving class-rooms and enclosing some of the open space on the ground floor. With the New Wing, the College will have ample class-room accommodation for 380-400 boys; our youthful Scientists will enjoy greatly improved facilities for individual work; the Masters will have a larger Staff Room; the whole school will be able to meet in an Assembly Room on the ground floor of the present building; and a small Chapel, opening into the Hall by folding-doors, will enable us to have Mass and Benediction in the College itself, as we have long desired.



Work in progress on the new wing.

Labour and Concrete and Wood mean money. The first outlay for six class-rooms &c. will be \$34,000, and, with the laboratories completed, the final total cost will be \$37,000.

To meet this, efforts in the past and the generosity of our well-loved Fr. Morrison have left us with a Building Fund of \$10,600. Efforts of the present and near future must furnish the remaining cost of what boys of the present and future will enjoy.

We feel that in our need we can appeal to you with confidence. The number of boys has grown till our present buildings can no longer contain us and this term the smaller boys have had to accept the kind hospitality of the Chinese Association until such time as they can work in a home of their own.

For many years we have worked together, without Government aid, to secure a first-class education for the boys at the College. We rely on your co-operation now to ensure that the good work shall continue. Every contribution, however great or small, will be welcome. Cheques may be made payable to the St. Stanislaus College Building Fund.

R. L. GUILLY, sr. Superior.  
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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOR: THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1950

There was no change in the Committee of Management during the year, we have to report that the vacancy caused through the death of Mr. C. N. Delph, one of the Association's Vice-Presidents, was not filled.

## MEMBERSHIP

At the close of the year the total membership was 221 comprising 4 Life Members, 154 Ordinary Members, 34 Honorary Members and 29 Associate Members.

The Committee recommends as a means of increasing membership that the be amended to admit as Country Members, Old Boys, Fathers' and/or guardians; residing in the Country at a Special Subscription rate. It has also proposed to amend the Rule by fixing the subscription payable by Overseas members. It is felt that the membership of the Association should be much greater than the present number and in this direction a circular letter was printed inviting Old Boys, Fathers and or Guardians to join the Association.

## ACTIVITIES

The three main events held during the year were:-

- 1) **A Stag Social on 9th June.** As usual this was an outstanding success and the sketch entitled "D'Arcy Buys a Gun," which was well presented added immensely to a fine evening's entertainment. For this the Committee is grateful Messrs. Walter Rodrigues and John Morrison.
- 2) **The Joint Social and Dance** held on 29th July at St. Joseph's High School through the kind permission of the Sisters of Mercy. It is gratifying - record that 'this, was well attended and provided a fine evening's entertainment, justifying the decision taken at the Stag Social to again include this in e year's activities.
- 3) **The Annual Dimmer** was held on 10th November at the Catholic Guild Club. This was well attended, which is generally so. Covers were laid for 120 and as usual his Lordship the Bishop presided,

It is unfortunate that it was found necessary to Increase the subscription for the Joint Social and Dance as well as the Dinner, but it is indeed gratifying to report that this did not adversely affect the attendance at those activities.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING GROUP

In the past the attendance of members of the Association at meetings of this group had been so poor that it was decided' on October 30th, 1949, to confine its activities solely to the hoys of the senior forms of the College. Accordingly, eight meetings were held during 1950 for boys only. The attendance at all meetings was good and the subjects chosen for discussion and debate proved very popular with the boys and very educational.

Through the lamentable death of Mr. C. N. Delph, the magazine has lost one of its most ardent supporters; but for the efforts of the Editor, Fr. B; Scannell S.J., and Mr. Douglas Delph of the Daily Chronicle, this year's number would not have made its appearance on the night of the Dinner, and they are to be complimented for having done a fine job of work. In passing, we must record that the price of it was increased to two shillings per copy due to the increased cost of production.

## COLLEGE DEFICIT

After payment of a bonus to the lay staff of the College in December 1950, the College deficit amounted to \$1,733.93, which leaves College Aid funds at credit in the vicinity of \$1,000.00.

## GENERAL

The period under review is considered fairly successful and this could only have been better were there a substantial increase in membership, The Committee had hoped to present a more favourable report, but regrets that there is still quite a number of people eligible for membership who have failed to come forward to support the Association by joining it.

At the present time the Association is paying the tuition fees of two pupils at the College through the award of Scholarships, and this is, one branch of work of the Association that could be developed, by the influx of new members. This should seriously be borne in mind for the future.

The College Pavilion was completed during the year and was blessed by His Lordship the Bishop on April 16th, when it was officially declared open. The long awaited Fathers versus Sons Cricket Match marked the occasion, and proved to be very entertaining. It need not be recorded which side suffered defeat and disappointment,

The Association is grateful to all those who helped to make the year a fairly successful one, especially Fr. B. Scannell, S.J., the Principal of the College, who we found always willing to co-operate whenever the necessity arose, and we also have to thank him for his efforts in furthering the membership drive.

Lastly we have to report that the Secretary of the Association, Mr. Desmond Belgrave is away from the Colony on holiday, so the Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Morrison is acting in his absence.

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N.B.-

Rule 10 of the Association was abolished. and in its stead the following was inserted:-

**Rule 10.**

(a) Members shall pay subscriptions in advance as follows:

- (i) Ordinary, \$2.50 half-yearly,
- (ii) Associate, 50 cents half-yearly.
- (iii) Country, i.e., those residing 3 miles outside the limits of the City of Georgetown, \$2.50 annually.
- (iv) Overseas, i.e., those residing outside the Colony, \$1.50 annually. Provided that in the case of (iii) & (iv) the subscription shall entitle members to a copy of the St. Stanislaus Magazine, postage paid, whenever it is published.

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## ST. MARY'S vs. THE ASSOCIATION

A very large crowd-the largest for the Tournament-saw the visiting St. Mary's boys put up, an excellent display of teamwork and first-class football ability on the G.F.C ground, Bourda, and thereby defeat our College Association team by four goals to one.

Hero of the match was Carl Furlonge, St. Mary's fleetly left-winger, who was always a trouble to our slow defenders. Not far behind him for individual play was their centre-half Gomez and right-half Lopez, whose tackling and dribbling left nothing to be desired.

From the outset it looked as though the Trinidadians were out for a really big score, but Mannie de Souza was mainly responsible for keeping same down.

The visitors first goal came, when Furlonge collected the ball from a kickoff, beat Mickey Da Silva at back, and from the edge of the penalty area, scored with a hard left-foot drive in the far corner of the goal. De Freitas was responsible for the second goal, when off a good mid-field movement, he shot straight to goal-keeper McGowan, the ball rebounded and he just tapped it in. The half-time whistle found our boys two down.

From the kick-off St. Mary's got their third goal, when De Freitas headed in a perfect pass from Roberts on the right wing. Our Association's lone goal came immediately after, as Cyril De Souza raced down the wing to give Norman Wight a chance to beat Steele in goal with a perfect header.

St. Mary's, however, went further ahead when about midway in this half Colin Agostini headed over McGowan's head into an empty goal.

St. Mary's, in attack, looked irresistible as the ocean. When one attacker was in difficulties, two more appeared as by magic, so that one of our defenders was constantly opposed to three St. Mary's boys. That they kept this up throughout the game is evidence of their physical fitness.

The teams were as follows :

**St. Mary's College (Trinidad):** P. Steele; K. Harris, W. Rodriguez; K. Graham, L. Gomez, W. Lopez; W. Roberts, J. Thomasos, W. de Freitas, C. Agostini, C. Furlonge.

**St. Stanislaus College Association:** H. McCowan; M. da Silva, M. de Souza; J. Fernandes (Jnr.) Capt., V. Vanier, J. Gonsalves, C. de Souza, N. Wight, S. Devonish, E. Caetano, and O. Arthur.



Photo BY C. F. COLLINS

#### ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL XI

Standing (L. to R.): - C. De Souza, N. Wight, S. Devonish, E. Caetano, O. Arthur,  
Sitting:- J. Fernandes, Jr. (Capt.), V. Vanier, J. D. Gonsalves.  
Front Row:- M. Da Silva, H. McCowan, M. De Souza,

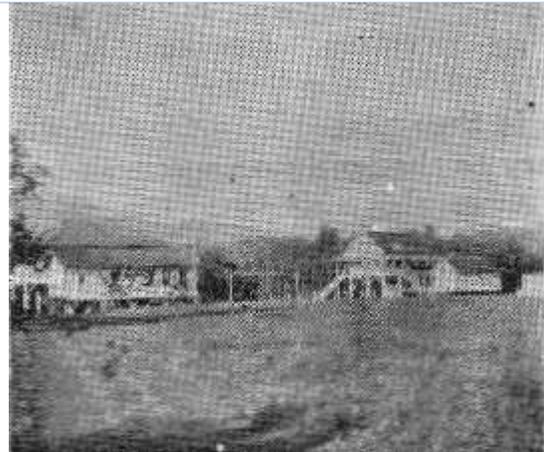


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## A VISIT TO THE B.G. CONSOLIDATED GOLDFIELDS

I recently had the opportunity of paying a visit to the B.G. Consolidated Goldfields, at 111 miles Potaro, and I'll confess that it was with some misgiving that I took advantage of it. The picture, I had conceived in my mind of such a settlement, no doubt implanted by the movies, was that of a rough clearing, with trooly-roofed huts, and men naked to the waist, working with picks and shovels, digging for the precious metal. I had visualized difficult conditions, poor sanitation, if any, and inevitable malaria.

My fears proved to be entirely groundless, for there I found a modern settlement with houses containing all modern conveniences. My first tour around the compound brought to light a well stocked shop, a cinema and club with its library, Juke box et al, an aerated factory and ice-making plant.



2 Views of the Compound of the B.G. Consolidated Goldfields at 111 Miles, Potaro.

As I went further afield I counted three churches and a school, and noted that there was quite an up-to-date hospital. My greatest error lay in the method in which the gold is won from the earth. Instead of sweating men, I found that the work was done easily and efficiently by a dredge. There is an airstrip and E.G. Airways runs a weekly service to bring in supplies and personnel.

The ordinary visitors to the Company would never see a sign of gold, unless he had the privilege, as I had, of entering the gold house and witnessing the retorting operation. During this process, the amalgam (a compound of gold and mercury which is collected from the dredge) is put into a heat resisting pot, which is then placed in a

furnace and subjected to great heat. This causes the mercury to change into vapour and evaporate, eventually leaving only gold in the pot. After this retorting, the gold is then placed into another pot .and again Subjected to even more intense heat, until it melts and after extracting most of the Impurities, it is poured into a mould and made into an ingot.

During my stay in the district, I visited Tumatumari, where the Company had erected another dredge. There I found an even more modern camp under construction, with better houses and workshops. Most of the houses I saw there were built on hills and commanded imposing views of the surrounding area. There is still a great deal of development work to be done and many more houses to be erected, a slow job since all supplies must come from Georgetown.



Some of the new houses erected at Tumatumari

In my three weeks stay at the E.G. Consolidated Goldfields, I did not see a single mosquito, no doubt due to the fact that all the houses and surrounding area had been sprayed with D.D.T. On the whole, I found it most comfortable, and Should I be given the opportunity of making the trip again, I would gladly seize it.

J.H.M.



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## The Personal Touch



Once again congratulations to ROBERT CHRISTIANI on his inclusion in the West Indies Cricket team now on tour in Australia. We sincerely hope he comes out on top "Down Under." Congratulations also to LESLIE WIGHT, NORMAN WIGHT, LENNIE THOMAS, GEORGE CAMACHO and BRIAN PATOIR who have acquitted themselves creditably in recent intercolonial cricket encounters. They have helped B.G. to show her opponents that with Christian in Australia, she has not placed her last Bob.

Those of us who met ANDY CAMACHO during the recent visit of the St. Mary's College team to these shores will not be surprised to know that he is the author of a Geometry Book. While he was here, he certainly figured in high circles,

Although nearly the whole world is crying out for the high cost of living, only comparatively few know the still higher cost of loving. The following fathers who had additions to their families during the past year know all about it - VIVIAN LEE, MICKEY DA SILVA, JOSEPH FARIA, CLEMENT YHAP, CARL D'ORNELLAS, DAVID HOWARD, ALVARO GOUVEIA, STANLEY WALKER, CLIFFORD McWATT, JOSEPH MAHANGER.

Those recently married are beginning to realise it. They include:

ANTHONY DE CAIRES	---	Dolores Rodrigues
RAYMOND DA SILVA	---	Dorothy Eckstein
JEROME SIMIONE	---	Alma Pereira
CLIFFORD McWATT	---	Elsie Shaw
HENRY D'OLIVEIRA	---	Adele Fernandes
RONALD MAN~SON-HING	---	Joyce Fung
JOHN FERNANDES (Jnr.)	---	Evelyn Bettencourt
ALLAN DOWNER	---	Margot Nicolas
JOSEPH GONSALVES	---	Thelma Serrao
OLAF MELVILLE	---	Jean Lam
MANNIE DE SOUZA	---	Elinor Cole
LAWRENCE YHAP	---	Esther Chan
DAVID MORRISON	---	Barbara Muss
ALFRED GOUVEIA	---	EdmeeTexeira

The engaged pairs listed below are at present too blind to see it :-

JOHN SIMONE	---	Cynthia Denis
JULIAN FISHER	---	Jean Abraham
GORDON YEARWOOD	---	Myrtle Cole
MICHAEL CORREIA	---	Winifred De France

The B.G. firmament of sport is now bereft of two of its stars. **PETER WIGHT** has gone to the U.K, and **WILLIE MATHIAS** to the U.S.A. The employers of **DERRYCK CORSBIE** noticed that he was rather sweet on sugar, so he was awarded a scholarship to the Imperial College, Trinidad to study sugar technology. **BUNNY JARDIM**, who has been moving around the Caribbean area quite a lot during the past few years, has decided to introduce his "Singers' In the land of Caracas Nights. **ALBINO CHAVES**, too, left "Dear Demerara" to take up employment in Canada.

Our best wishes to them all.

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# ASSOCIATION CAUSERIE

(With apologies to Fr. SCANNELL, S.J.)

When my friend John Fernandes phoned me on Saturday, 29th October and informed me that he and I had promised in the earlier part of the year to write articles for this number of the magazine it certainly came as a surprise to me. I had no recollection of such an undertaking but then my memory is a very poor one. Further, he told me the matter was urgent as the Magazine was ready to 'go to press. Frankly, I can select no suitable subject at such short notice, and you would pardon if I merely indulge in ramifications

I recollect the Annual General Meeting in February or March of this year and the amount of effort I expended in getting Gaston to withdraw my nomination for the Presidency of the Association. He stuck to his "guns" at first but eventually relented. Gaston was unaware that the "Gallup" Poll had clearly Indicated Frank Brazao as President by an almost unanimous vote.

The visit of the St. Mary's Boys under the care of two of their Masters is now history and from every Indication the Tour was a most enjoyable one. I had the pleasure of transporting a car-load to and from the Airport, and it was pleasing to hear such nice things Spoken in appreciation at the end of the Tour. John Fernandes, Jr. led the motorcade chase into Georgetown with yours truly in second berth with the urging for more speed from the St. Mary's' Boys, but young John held on tenaciously to the middle of the road determined to the last that "they shall not pass." St. Stanislaus must be complimented on winning at Football and Cricket, The win at Football was a surprise even to their most ardent supporters. But all credit must be given them for making proper use of the scoring opportunities that came their way. Perhaps, St. Mary's had underrated their opponents, but they took no chances when they played against the St. Stanislaus College Association. It was a case of the St. Mary's Boys making rings around the Big Boys and giving them a lesson in constructive football. I wonder if many of the St. Mary's Boys will realise their hopes of returning to B.G. for Xmas, By now the enthusiasm might have waned and they may be merely looking forward to their next visit on an official tour.

It is pleasing to see how rapidly the new and much needed wing of St. Stanislaus is going up. But, whenever I pass Brickdam to and from my work I cannot help but reflect that as the building is going up, so also is the debt which is estimated to be about \$30,000.00 or more when the building its completed and furnished. After all there is only just over \$10,000.00 accumulated on the Building Fund in the past years and the new wing with furniture and fittings will be over \$40,000.00. When Fr. Guilly attended the last Committee Meeting of the Association and showed us the plans at the same time explaining the serious financial side I ventured to question the irregularity in the spacing of the ferro-concrete columns. Fr. Guilly kindly explained that this was mathematically worked out to the last square foot by Fr. Feeny to best accommodate the Science Labs on the ground floor. Reverting to the debt on the College, I

understand the tireless Fr. Superior will be sending out Letters of Appeal in the not too distant future. I am sure the Association will rise to the occasion as it has done in the past. Hon. John's motion for a badly needed Annual. Grant win soon be coming up for discussion in the Legislative Council. Let's not forget to pray for its success and in the meantime "keep our fingers crossed.'

I was at a meeting the other day when I heard it argued that the young women of this generation were not as capable of effort nor as enthusiastic as those of past generations. What is your opinion? A possible subject for debate! Will the Literary and Debating Group consider it?

C. C. de F.



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## HAVE WE TURNED THE CORNER?

After several futile attempts to win an Intercolonial cricket match B.G. has finally succeeded in gaining their first victory in 14 years by defeating Barbados.

Not unnaturally all Guianese were delighted with this, change of result and in the rejoicing that followed were apt to take too much for granted. The man in the street was convinced that at last B.G. was back in the forefront of West Indian cricket. But is this really true?

Before deciding one way or the other we should examine the facts.

Barbados having supplied no fewer than six players to the touring West Indian team in Australia were compelled to send a much weaker side than we were accustomed to have from them in the Post-war years, After a record opening stand of 390 by Gibbs ,and Wight in the first match we had no difficulty in defeating Barbados by an innings and 10 runs. In the second encounter however we were only able to lead this weak side by a meagre 25 runs. It would therefore appear that from the result of the second match our standard of cricket had not improved so much as we had at first thought.

Further light was thrown on the true value of our victory when a week later an All-Berbice side had the tourists fighting grimly to stave off an outright defeat, even though E. A. V. Williams, their manager, had donned togs to assist them in the struggle,

From the above it follows that if we are to come out successful in the forthcoming series in Trinidad our side must be stronger than the one which defeated Barbados.

To ensure that we will be fielding the strongest possible side available, the selectors would be well advised to scour all over the colony for talent. Recently a few players other than those who participate in cup-competitions in the city were invited to practice, but the search must be a thorough one, to a point where all Guianese, like all Australian sport-writers, would be agreed, on one thing - that no player of talent no matter where he resides fails to catch the selectors' eyes.

Only by this means would we be certain that the best side will be selected and thus our chances of defeating Trinidad will be much greater. Of course, if we score another victory there then even the pessimist would agree that we have turned the corner!

S. SEYMOUR.

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## ON JOINING THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

In times of trial and temptation it is necessary to arm oneself and, in the case of spiritual defence, God's Word, the Sword of the Spirit, is a mighty weapon.

The Movement which we know as the Sword of the Spirit was founded in 1940 by His Eminence Cardinal Hinsley and, although it has gained ground here in British Guiana, it needs continual support.

Well, where can this help be found? Right in our midst. There are many young Catholic boys and girls going out into the business world with its problems, dangers and attractions, What better armour can they use than the Sword of the Spirit ? How good it would be if they attended the groups of the S. O.S.! An ideal group for boys and girls not yet twenty-five years old would be, the Fr. Pro's Group, which has as its President the Rev. Fr .R .L. Guilly, S.J., O.B.E.

The gathering of Catholic boys and girls for spreading God's word by taking an active part in their religion by prayers (especially the Rosary), by good example, by attendance at Catholic lectures, by discussion, by distribution of good literature--this is not only commendable but also a very practical approach to the salvation of one's soul.

By joining the S.O.S., we help to spread our faith in God's word (necessary to life everlasting) like a beam of sunlight which brings us joy. Strangely enough" and yet not so strange to some people, although it demands courage to wield the sword of the spirit (for they are trying times on the way), Yet, women are allowed to hold the flag for valour without much rivalry from men; or, are they men? It is up to them. A word to the wise is enough!

H. BRASSINGTON



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## AROUND THE WORLD IN THREE MONTHS

If anyone had told me that my becoming a member of the St. Stanislaus College Association would gain for me a trip around the world, I would have never believed it, nevertheless, it was exactly what happened.

Way back in 1913 it was absolutely impossible for me to do any public speaking, but thanks to the Debating Section of the College Association, I overcame this shortcoming. It was hard work, but I enjoyed it. I well remember my first attempt: I had to speak for three minutes, but in spite of the fact that I had the moral support of the back of a chair, I found that three minutes was exactly two minutes too long, for at the end of the first minute I could find nothing more to say. Anyway, I persevered and as time went by learned to collect my thoughts more easily and express them better until during November 1947, I found that I was able to face more than a thousand people in the Astor Cinema during my election campaign and speak convincingly enough to prove to them that I was the best candidate. This resulted in my becoming a member of the Legislative Council. By my further ability to express myself during Legislative Council debates, I was able to convince sufficient members that if I were sent to New Zealand to represent British Guiana at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Conference, I would acquit myself creditably and I would not let this country down.

So I was selected and that is how I got the opportunity of proving for myself that the earth is round. If I had not become a member of the Association I would never have become interested in taking part in debates and it seems obvious to me that I would never have become a member of Legco and would still have been in doubt as to whether the world is round or not.

I left British Guiana on Sunday, October 15th by plane and flew one hop to Curacao. I then joined the New Zealand Steamship "Rangitoto" on the 17th. The Panama Canal was reached on the morning of the 20th, and we proceeded through it right away and arrived at Balboa on the Pacific side at 3 p.m. the same day and spent the night there. Opportunity was given to all passengers to visit Panama City. We left Balboa at 10 a.m. on the 21st bound for Wellington, New Zealand. Just more than half way on this long ketch we had a short stop of four hours at Pitcairn Island, the home of the descendants of Roger Christian and his associates who settled there after their Mutiny on the Bounty, the story of which you all know.

These people were very interesting and came aboard to sell fruit, curios, etc. They live on Pitcairn Island without any police or courts of law. All they have is a church. They are all Seventh-Day Adventists and seem to take their religion seriously enough to enable the two hundred of them to live peacefully and from all appearances very happily. Their only contact with the outside world is, I am told, the New Zealand Steamship Company's ships which call there once a month each way. These ships bring to them what little they need from outside and take their fruit in exchange.

From Pitcairn we wended our way to Wellington and arrived there on Sunday, 5th November ; but as everything in New Zealand is closed on Sunday, we did not disembark until Monday morning. My associates and I started our tour of the South Islands of New Zealand with what is called a trip on the ferry-boat. This ferry left Wellington at 8 p.m. and arrived at Lyttleton at 7 a.m, next morning. What a Ferry Boat! It was as big as the Lady Boat, carrying sleeping accommodation for nearly eight hundred passengers. I am going to omit details of this, tour but I must say that we covered 1,400 miles by Motor Coach in sixteen days. Many of you have had the opportunity of seeing the film "Meet New Zealand", which gives quite a good idea of what the country is like.

I returned to Wellington on the morning of the 24th of November and attended the opening of the Conference that day. It ended on the 1st of December and on the morning of the 2nd I started my 19,000-mile journey home going west all the time. I toured the North Island of New Zealand for three days ending- up in Auckland, New Zealand's largest and busiest city. I remained in Auckland for three days and left on December 8th for Sydney, Australia, where I visited the St. Ignatius' Jesuit College, the Sydney counterpart of St. Stanislaus College. Father Fitzgerald, the Minister of the College, showed me around. He is the brother of Mother Ignatius Fitzgerald of the Ursuline Convent, Georgetown.

At this stage I was invited by the Australian Government to tour Australia as their Guest. This, you call well imagine, was a glorious opportunity, one which I will never get again, but {because of the fact that I had planned to visit Rome before the end of the Holy Year in order to make my Holy Year Pilgrimage and that I had also; promised my daughter, who is an Ursuline Nun at the Forest Gate Convent in London, to spend Christmas day with her, I had to resist the temptation of accepting the Australian Government's invitation. I, however, enjoyed their hospitality for six days. As I pulled out of Sydney on the morning of the 14th after changing planes at Batavia in Indonesia, I arrived in Bangkok, Siam on the evening of the 15th. I spent the next day visiting my good friends, the Ursulines, at "Mater Dei Institute." I met Mother Marie Gabrielle Prilaux whom many will remember for her production of the Ursuline Centenary Pageant here in British Guiana a few years ago. When my wife and I saw Mother off at Atkinson Field on the first leg of her journey to Bangkok, I never expected to see her again, She was very pleased to see someone from B.G. and asked for all her old friends.

I left Bangkok on the morning of the 17th for Rome via Calcutta, Karachi and Bagdad and arrived there on the 18th after flying continuously, day and night, stopping for refuelling only. In Rome, thanks to Mr. Benedict Singh, who is a student at Collegio de Propaganda Fide studying for the priesthood and a brother to Mr. Singh, a master at St. Stanislaus, I was privileged to have had a general audience with the Holy Father in St. Peter's on Wednesday, and a private audience along with eleven others in the Vatican on Saturday. At the Special Audience, the Holy Father-spoke to each of us individually for a few seconds in our own language, and he gave me his blessing for myself, my family and the people of my country. Those were his exact words; Words that I could never forget.

I left Rome on Sunday, 24th December, for London and arrived there at 9.25 p.m., five minutes earlier than I had planned to do before I left British Guiana. I kept my promise of spending Christmas with my daughter at Forest Gate whom I had not seen for nearly 4 years. As I had a lot of business to do In England. I remained there until January 12th. During this time I took the opportunity of visiting two old boys, Luis da Silva who was at that time at Manresa in London, and Andrew Morrison, at Harlaxton Manor in Lincolnshire. They are both, as you know, studying for the priesthood and are doing en and asked to be remembered to all the members of the Association.

I crossed the Atlantic on the night of the 12th, arriving in New York next morning. I proceeded to Toronto, Canada, on the 16th. There I met Buster Crum Ewing, Ian Cregan, Tony Gaetano and Stanley Walker, all ex-St. Stanislaus boys. They all seemed very happy, though working hard and they saw me off by train back to New York on Thursday' 18th. I left Ne-w York on Saturday 20th and arrived back home on Sunday, 21st January, after having completed the circle around the world in just a few days over three months. I started by going west and continued westward with slight variations until I reached back home.

I will ever be grateful to St. Stanislaus College and its Association for making this possible by preparing me in several ways so that I could take advantage of the opportunities which came my way and which culminated in my wonderful trip around the world. You can imagine how disappointed I was when I tried to resuscitate the Debating Group to find the response so very pool'. Our younger members should take more advantage of the benefits which I know they can derive from it. They should take an active interest in this activity of the Association. They, too, may get a trip around the world one of these days indirectly as a result of their attending these Debating Group meetings. But even if similar good fortune did not come their way, nevertheless they would benefit considerably by the improvement in their ability to express themselves in public.

HON. JOHN FERNANDES.

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## THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Perhaps such a title is somewhat ambitious and a little misleading, as will appear presently. But it is a convenient one and may be adopted "with reservations". The following lines will explain the origin of the Society and give a brief account of its achievements.

On October 28th, 1949, there was a meeting of the Literary and Debating Group of the College Association at which there were present mostly boys who were still at the College. Mr. John Fernandes spoke of having meetings of that kind, which would consist only of "present" boys. This, one might say, was the planting of the seed. On February 17th, 1950, the first meeting took place, in the form of a Quiz, at which some 20 boys from Forms VI and V were present. In March there were speeches on their future careers. The next session in May, was devoted to a discussion on Federation in the West Indies (and British Guiana). The last Meeting of the year consisted of a Reading Competition. Thus far, then, the name of a Debating Society has hardly been vindicated!

In the new school year, 1950-51, the Society began with another Quiz, and there were about 25 present. (We should not omit to mention that half-way through the proceedings there is a break-the pause that refreshes). And then, at last, in November, came the first Debate-about a Bridge across the Demerara. There were not as many present as on the previous occasion. In December there was a Spelling Bee, while in February a dozen boys took part in Impromptu speeches: a talk on a given subject after a brief preparation of perhaps two or three minutes. March saw the second Debate-about Science, or scientific inventions having done more haw than good in the past 50 years. In April we devoted our energies to the answering of the questions of a Quiz, while the May meeting was taken up with Prepared Speeches. Excellent prizes were given to the best speakers. June brought our activities to a close with a Discussion: The Future of British Guiana lies in the Interior.

Has the name of The Debating Society been earned? If not, what are we to call ourselves, or it?

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## EXCHANGES

We are grateful to the Editors of the following magazines for sending us copies during the year:

- The Catholic Standard.
- Queen's College Magazine - British Guiana.
- St. Mary's College Annual - Trinidad.
- The Combermerian - Barbados;
- The Lodge School Record - Barbados.
- Annual Magazine of St. Mary's College - St. Lucia,
- The Stonyhurst Magazine - England.
- The Mountaineer - England.
- The Beaumont Review-England.
- St. Aloysius' College Magazine - Glasgow, Scotland.
- St. Aloysius' College Magazine - Malta.
- Preston College Magazine-England.
- B.H.S. School Journal - British Guiana.
- The Ignatian - North Tottenham ,England.
- St. George's College Chronicle - Salisbury, Rhodesia.
- Wimbledon College Magazine - England
- St. Michael's College Magazine - England\
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