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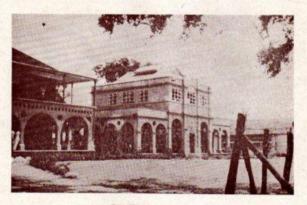
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Editorial

A cathedral is not merely a beautiful edifice in stone, with Gothic arches, ornate rose-windows, high altars, music and ritual. It has besides all these a distinctive individuality of its own, as its devotees know so well. St. Paul's in Rome is very different from St. Peter's. The former is a miracle of simplicity, even as the latter is cumbersome with beauty. Yet both belong to the same religious denomination.

This is true of most living institutions. Public schools are no exception. Tradition is not everything, but it counts for a great deal. During the spacious days of the great Dr. Arnold it was possible to recognise a Rugby schoolboy no matter in what part of the globe he was to be found. Such is school personality! One school may differ from another in glory,—or in the other thing, but there is bound to be marked characteristics. Be the system which governs public schools as uniform and rigid as possible, there will be found what is known in music as overtones, which give distinction as well as distinctiveness. It is something more than school tone. It is by far the most vital part of College life, largely because it is indefinable; and yet it gives a sense of permanency and continuity.

The Headmaster spoke wise words in his Annual Address: "J.C. has been fortunate in her heritage,"—the passing on of experience and value. One is proud of the interest taken by Old Bogs in their Alma Mater." To a comparative stranger it is astonishing to note the number of sons browsing where their fathers thought the thoughts of Youth; as also the younger brothers following in the steps of older ones. They hear anew the words that one by one the touch of Life turns into Truth.

Henceforth the School and you are one, And what you are the race shall be. Two facts bear witness to the truth of this where J.C. is concerned. The first is the imposing list of gifts from Old Boys mentioned on Prize Day: the second is the duplicating of names on the various honours boards in the present registers.

Unfortunately, this happy state of affairs is not general. There are scholastic tape-worms, — parasitical growths, — biological bye-products. These members read, mark, and inwardly digest, — especially the last, devouring all and giving nothing in return. They set renown above the cause, and love the prize beyond the game. The lines from 'Julius Caesar' fit their case nicely.

For lowliness is young ambition's ladder, Whereto the climber-upward turns his face; But when he once attains the utmost round, He then unto the latter turns his back. Looks in the clouds, scorning the base degrees By which he did ascend.

But there is the other side of the picture, presented in Newbolt's poem:

This is the word that hour by hour, While in her place the school is set. Everyone of her sons must hear, And none that hears it dare forget. This they all with a joyful mind Bear through life like a torch in flame; And falling, fling to the host behind: Play up! play up! and play the game!

D. B. J.

Twilight

Along I wait and watch the shadows fall:
The sky that lately wore a saffron hue
Is mantled now in twilight's purple pall,
And lo! the evening star floats into view.
The hours of day are done, and rest has come
To tired hearts and hands that laboured strong:
Man, bird, and beast are fondly wending home,
Glad that these restful hours to them belong.

K. E. HAMILTON.

Chopin's Etude Op 25, No 1 Far in the distance dim is heard Prelusive strains, melodious minglings. In undulating waves they flow,-An ocean of enchanting sweetness. With high melodic themes they weave In silver threads the magic warp. On tapestries of richer tones, Like strains from an Aeolian harp. The senses are benumbed: the mind Drifts into realms of mem'ries and dreams. It wanders near the rushy-fringed bank, Where grow the coxslips and the eglantine. Here is a grotto, where a lively Pan Sitting on leafy islands washed in dew, Plays sprightly on his oaten flute, Oblivious of the gathering storm That rages in the distant hills, Slowly the symphony unfolds, More loud and more insistent till it ends In one grand diapason, rich and rare, Drowning the mind in wondrous awe. The music halts. With melting rapture The dawn breaks. The violets Unfold their purple wings and spray The morning air with fragrant zone. Translucent dreaminess enchants The dawning consciousness, And now An ecstacy that pleases while it pains Possesses the whole Being. All Nature Is awake and hearkening. The rain-washed Earth Lifts up its head in solemn adoration.

ROBERT I. NUNES.

Speech Day: Headmaster's Annual Report

"It is my pleasant privilege to welcome you all on behalf of J.C. to our Annual Prize-giving and Speech Day and to extend on behalf of all of us at the College and of you our visitors a very special welcome to our visitor of the day, Dr. Frederic Benham, Economic Adviser to the Comptroller of the Welfare and Development Fund for the West Indies, and also to his good lady, Mrs. Benham, whom we are also pleased to see."

In further welcoming Dr. Benham, the Headmaster referred in humorous terms to the work of economics and mathematics in general. Coming to the College he went on to say that the academic work was as satisfactory as it had been in past years. Five candidates passed the Cambridge Higher Certificate. Twenty-seven passed the School Certificate Examination and eighteen the Junior School Certificate G, E_I Mills was awarded the Issa Scholarship and had gone to London to study economics. Good news was received of other Old Boys, including A. C. Ellington at Macdonald College, R. E. Glegg at McGill University, and W. A. Scoggin at the University of Virginia. Several boys had gone to Canada and had done very well indeed.

There was another aspect to this specialization which ought to be mentioned. He felt that the academic path trodden by the Students was too narrow and limited. There were certain things lacking,—as for instance, wider reading, general knowledge, real thinking, and an acquaintance with art, music and handicraft. He hoped before long to launch out in this direction. Beginnings had been made through a considerable increase in the number of books both in the reference and fiction libraries. For part of this they were indebted to the British Council and its representative in Jamaica, Mr. Hugh Paget.

In this connection he had to mention the Musical Society which met fortnightly at the home of Mr. Wingfield-Digby, where gramophone concerts were given. In this important work they had the invaluable assistance of Mr. Denis Gick. Lunch hour concerts were being given to the junior school by Mrs. Marson-Jones. The number of boys learning to play the

piano had increased. Mr. Goode had joined Mr. Ellington in training the Choir and the junior school in singing. Dramatics had not wholly been lacking. Form IV. had put up a creditable show in aid of the Red Cross fund.

The Cadet Corps had had a good year and was now eighty-two strong, with four officers in command. A full number of the Corps went to Camp. This proved a valuable experience to all. In games they had also done well, continuing to play the leading schools and clubs. The schools still played competitively, but not in Leagues and Cupties. Each match was played for the sake of the one game and not to subscribe to the aim of finding the best school in the Island, to the satisfaction of big crowds and the gambling instincts of many. In football the College had played ten excellent games and had lost only two. The 2nd XI and Colts had had their quota of games. Cricket had been a little disappointing. Swimming as always had been excellent. Boxing and track events had proved satisfactory and Hockey had made a promising start. Inter-House events were not neglected.

For all these and kindred efforts he had to pay a tribute to the spirit of the students themselves as well as to the various officers concerned. In staffing they were fortunate in having qualified and long-experienced teachers in charge of the various subjects. Seven of the Staff had full degrees and four had some twenty years teaching experience. He paid a most sincere tribute to the two senior masters, Mr. Sleggs and Mr. Chambers for their devotion to J.C. Also to the other members of the Staff who were not less devoted. They all had to carry increased loads of work due to the exigencies of the war, but the work was accomplished with cheerfulness and competence. Nor should the doctor, matron and nurse, and those associated with that side of College life be forgotten. He finally wished to thank the ladies of the P.T.A. who so kindly helped with the tea.

The deep gratitude of the College was due to the J.C.O.B.A. which was more closely associated with it than ever. Two of that day's prizes were donated by Old Boys, — the Cowper Medal for Art and the Murray prize for Mathematics. There were also two new awards, —a shield for inter-House swimming, to be called the Callaghan Shield; also a shield to be awarded each term to the most industrious form: this was to be called the Drax Shield. In addition to these gifts there was also one from Mr. Aquart. —a fine cup for inter-House football. And last but not least, Mr. da Costa, president of

the Old Boys' Association and Mr. N. H. Ashenheim, a member of the J.C. Committee, had each given a hard tennis court. For all these generous gifts they were indeed most grateful.

To their Chairman, the Director of Education, and to the members of the Jamaica College Committee and the Schools Commission they were deeply indebted for their time and interest which enabled them to carry on the work.

Mr. Hardie then referred to the broader aspects of College life. J.C. had been extremely fortunate in her heritage of services through the self-sacrifice of his predecessors, staff and Old Boys. This he maintained, was true education — the passing on of the experience and values of the human race, which today inherited from past civilizations values which were eternal and indestructible. These were to be honourably preserved and guarded, fought for when necessary, and transmitted, as a sacred daty, by each generation. He went on to emphasize the primary importance of continuity in this, and the supreme value of a tradition of public voluntary service and responsibility. The eternal motive of civilization

was the spirit of Christianity.

Referring to the maintaining of education, he quoted Sir Stafford Cripps as saying that control was only a means to an end—the end of freedom. Uniformity killed, like the letter of the law: diversity gave life, even as the spirit. But the qualities of diversity had to possess a broad loyalty to the whole main plan. One had to remember that education dealt with human beings,—diverse and with complexities defying classification—and that each school to live had to be an organism with its own purposeful life.

The Secondary Schools in Jamaica were closely akin to

the Grammar Schools of England. They were endowed schools. As yet there was no state system in Jamaica. Let them therefore preserve their Grammar Schools with their liberal traditions—and to continue to produce leaders, whether they influenced society unobtrusively or in a more direct manner. Their schools were essentially democratic in origin and function: they were brought into being by citizens actuated by a spirit of public responsibility,—to preserve scholarship and to hand on the true qualities of life. At a time like this, they were to be valued and cherished, and it was the duty of those associated with them to perform faithefully the task of adjustment to the needs of the hour.

"In conclusion, J.C. is symbolised by its great Ficus Trees. Planted by a kindly hand, they grow towards the light, their branches giving shelter to all and sundry who come year by year to grow and play beneath them: the trees are old; their hearts are big; and their roots are established. They have withstood the passing storms and wind and hurricane: they have the dignity of Age and the vigour of Youth. They can be destroyed at no time by a choking creeper or a perverted growth. A good gardener will encourage their growth, watch over them and preserve them. The winds of heaven and the vigour of earth, and the good rains help them to grow upwards towards the light. May J.C. continue to grow with the beauty and solidity and dignity of Age,—with the vigour of Youth, and ever towards the Light."

Cornscation

The futility of this metre

And the lasciviousness of the streets

Mingle with the promiscuity of women

And my dreams of the to-be;

For the music of drunken coteries

Bias the ingenuousness of a setting-sun . . .

Still the crows circle.

While the synthesis is inadequate.

The answer, -

Not in the streams nor in the hills,

Not in the subject or the non-ego.

Nor in the attributes of,

Nor the meretriciousness of.

Nor in the hideous laughter of,

Protra-ctcd mental enigmas:

But in the infinite divisibility

And ultimate indivisibility

Of Time.

N. A. D.

A Lament

Yet once again is Lycidas Re-incarnated in my memory, Dear friend! the truest of the true, The bravest of the brave that's dead! Ye gods perverse, do ye not mourn The loss of Nature's brightest son? And was old Neptune lost in sleep Lulled by the foaming billows deep When cruel seas engulfed my friend? He is not dead, for I shall spread His fame abroad, until the stars Themselves proclaim his very worth. When first we met within the close, We . learned to sing in unison The tuneful strains of comradeship. Oh happy days! those happy songs Ane flit across the mind Like perfume - tinted zephyrs. Although thy days on earth are spent, I know thy spirit is content.

Vivas aeternum, amice O requiescat in pace!

V. H. ENNEVER.

If you did not like a person in those piratical times, at least you did not have to be annoyed with his presence,—a pistol ball in his head or a knife in his throat would take care of him. It was really a glorious time.

H. R. WILLIAMS.

Annual Prize Day

This important event in the College calendar was held outside the Assembly Hall on Friday, December 15. It was attended by a representative gathering of parents, friends and Old Boys. The students were there in full force.

Presiding over the gathering was the Hon. B. H. Easter, O.B.E. Minister of Education. The guest of the day was Dr. B. Benham, Economic Adviser to Sir Frank Stockdale. Among the distinguished audience were His Grace the Archbishop of the West Indies, Canon Evans, Canon and Mrs. Lovel, Mr. Neville Ashenheim, Mr. Justice McGregor and Mrs. McGregor, Mr. Cawley, Canon and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. W. G. Hardie, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Captain and Mrs. Thelwell, Rev. Brassington, Major Michael de Cordova, Dr. Dickenson, Mr. A. B. Rennie, Dr. and Mrs. Chambers, Mr. da-Costa and Dr. Cory.

The Headmaster opened the proceedings with a hearty welcome to all. His report of the year's activities is recorded elsewhere. At the conclusion of his address he called on Dr. Benham to distribute the prizes. This done, the Doctor addressed the students.

He congratulated them on the beautiful surroundings in which the College was situated. They were extremely fortunate to be educated at Jamaica College, to judge from the Headmaster's report. He urged the boys not to think that because they had the great privilege of a secondary education that they were entitled to a living and that a good one, without special endeavour on their part. He advised them to use their brains. They would have to work hard in the world following the war. He hoped that they would be kind and tolerant to the under-privileged, — those who were not so fortunate as themselves.

In lighter vein the Doctor advised them to gain a complete mastery of the English language. Once he had nearly won an English prize, but he lost it through some dispute with the English master. He hoped that his hearers would cultivate a clear-cut style of expression. Among other things he hoped they would use their prepositions correctly, for they were bad things to end a sentence with. He advised them not to accept anything they read or heard without close investigation. They were to develop the critical sense. Ideas in particular were to be understood. They should find great

avenues of enjoyment in Art. They ought to hear good music whenever possible. In conclusion, he thanked them for their kind invitation. He very much appreciated the Headmaster's speech which he supposed was a hardy an-(Applause). nual. The Director of Education, in moving a vote of thanks to Dr. Benham, said that it was a rare and refreshing occasion for him to be able to sit back and listen to others talking. He was aware that events such as that were often made excuses for Headmasters to air their grievances and make a public statement of their complaints. Often he had to listen to a list of statistics ending in platitudes. But he had been saved that ordeal for once. He could assure the Headmaster that though the schemes were laid aside for the time being it was only shortness of cash which prevented them from being implemented. He congratulated the College on the fine turn out of the Cadets. He thanked the Staff for the arduous work they had put in under difficult conditions. He had a word of praise for the Old Boys who were doing their duty abroad. He sincerely hoped that there would be some

The playing of the National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

compensation for missed opportunities, and that their heroes would not be cheated out of four or five years of their lives.

Surely they deserved the best the country could give them.

Speech Day: Prize List

Form III b

Form IV

1st prize A. C. Panton Form I 2nd prize D. L. Fong

Form II a L. U. C. Kong 1st prize H. G. Coore 2nd prize 1st prize Form II b J. Stockhausen D. R. Hart 2nd prize Form III a

1st prize

2nd prize

1st prize D. G. Hargreave 2nd prize H. A. Hall J. D. Fulford 1st prize

E. R. Leahing 2nd prize N. A. White

H. T. Owen

Form IV sc.

Form V.

Form VI a

Form VI b

Form VI b

Form VI b

2nd prize 1st prize

2nd prize

History prize

1st prize

S. E. Jacobs J. B. Silverman

K. A. Smith

A. E. Robinson

E. S. Harrison

V. H. Ennever

Form VI a Form VI a

Physics Geography

English

History

Physics

R. McLaughlin

E. A. Kean R. II. Williams

R. H. Williams

D. U. Lowe

R. H. Williams

N. A. White

Special Prizes

Silverman prize for history

Murray prize for mathematics

Cowper medal (Arts).

R. A. Irvine VI A. R. K. McLaugh

Moody prize. (English Composition)

Class A.

Class B.

A. J. A. McHardy B. C. E. Levy

N. A Dawes

Simms medal (chemistry). For service and leadership:- R. A. Irvine

Harty Bowl Lady Musgrave Medal

III. Lower School

E. A. Kean E. A. Kean

H. G. Coore

Reading competition.

R. D. B. Roper

I. Upper School II. Middle School S. M. Hall Holiday Reading Prize List.

Form	\mathbf{IV}		*****	*****	*****	E. F. Kelly
**	IV	sc.	*****			L. G. Graham
,,	111	a		*****	more	S. M. Hall
92	ш	b	*****		*****	J. H. Bertram
"	11	a		******	******	H. G. Coore
**	11	b	******	******	*****	D. R. Hart
**	1	4		-		P. M. Lambert

The Moody Competition:

A "Prizeless" effort

Dancing is the spontaneous physical reaction to the influence of a strong emotion, — joy or exultation, grief or sadness. The dance can be considered independent of music, and yet it is rare to find dancing without some form of accompaniment. Both are sister Arts and both have sprung from the same source. Even in the most primitive dances rhythm is essential, especially to mass dancing. A regular pulsation on a drum supplies what is needed. Anyone who has witnessed an African dance must be impressed by the sensitivity to rhythm of the performers. This interweaving of motion and sound is most gratifying.

The primitive dance has certain social association and obligations. For instance, it arouses the warlike instinct. It gives point to the legendary lore of the tribe; and it certainly is an impetus to sexual life. Higher than these is the religious dance — dance unto madness, into ecstacy.

The best example of an intense religious dance is the pocomaniac. This is a form of self-hypnotism. It is infectious, not only to the partakers of the rite but also to the onlookers. There is a magnetic and irresistible emotional force consuming its devotees. And did not the Israelites of old dance their way into the favour of their Most High?

The modern dance is more intellectualised and not so emotional. There is the ballet, with its elaborate stage pre-

sentation, with its outward grace and refinement and symbolism. We have again the national dances—hedged in by local prejudices and sentiment, and according to custom lacking in spontaneity. The Spanish Bolero with the guitar strum-strumming, the Scottish reel, the Irish jig,—these at the present time may lack certain emotive qualities which originally gave rise to them.

Then come the modern ball-room dances,—the waltz and its variations. This has not yet been outdated by the jitterbug class. Then we have the two-step which has little beauty of movement and is decidedly monotonous. Yet it is an essential progression on the waltz and prevents monotony in the programme of any ball. Now the evolution of the dance is a fascinating subject, too long to be more than touched upon here.

What is known as "jitterbugging" asks for some explanation. It is the creation of the American negro. It is an escape to freedom. Complete abandon is its characteristic mark, as if the dancer were transported to some celestial realm. The spirit of the modern city with its neon lights and its clanging streets fits into the jazz. In most of these dances movement begins in simple figures, increases in intensity and complexity, and finally demands an amazing sense of time. This is especially so when there is a particularly gratifying musical figure or phrase which is reiterated.

The negro has happened in civilization—he has had no hand in forming it. It is natural therefore that while conforming to custom, he should retain a distinct primitive trait in his character: and this trait an impulse to give physical expression to musical emotion. The civilised dance presents a great deal to those minds trained to appreciate and affords no doubt much intellectual satisfaction. But would it be too presumptious to desire the perpetuation of the dance, primeval, fundamental and instinctive?

N. A. D.

To Solitude

Maybe you have not felt an evening breeze
Fanning your cheek and ruffling your soft hair?
Maybe you have not closed your tired eyes
And let the hurricane your body tear?
Maybe you have not walked the path alone
Or scrambled up a bared and ragged tor?
Or lain upon a cool and dampened ground
To gaze upon the undulating moor?

If you have laugh'd and frolic'd in the wind
And sniffed the freshened, salted, sea-filled breeze,
And let your eyes ramble among waving palms —
Yours is the pleasure of true solitude.
To be alone, — to hold your secrets dear
And clasp your whims and fancies to your heart,
Thus to be alone is perfect company
When every moment is a golden day!

A Soldier's Letter

I have loved with a love unrelenting;
I have loved with a love strong and true:
And the love that I bare will always be there
To God, dear my country and you.
I have fought with the strength of a lion;

I have sought with one object in view:

And my heart will be burning till I am returning

To God, dear, my country and you.

E. KELLY.

S. M. HALL.

The Moody Competition:

A "Prizeless" entry

The light-fingered touch of late evening caresses the countryside. In a short hour the transformation is complete. The scorching brilliance of a tropical day is changed into a blanket of absolute blackness—restrul and easy. Such are Jamaican, like all tropical twilights, swift and catlike, with velvety, soft padding feet, overtaking Nature.

With the coming of night all Nature assumes a state of suspended animation. Not Death: for now the warm breath of land breezes ruffles the stillness—a breath of the forest and of the hills, bearing the essence of wild flowers and of warmly-rotting undergrowth,—a woody fragrance imparting an almost sensual pleasantness to the night air.

Soon to be heard are the typical noises of the darkness. Cutting through all is the shrill, persistent and irritating chafing of the crickets, not unlike a string of z's, either non-stop or with a noisome, harrowing intermittency. In contrast is the weird gurgling croak of the tree toad, with its strange ventriloquist effect, leading one to think that it comes from here, there, or anywhere. Soon the accommodating ear becomes attuned to this cacophony of sounds, and all becomes of a piece with Night itself.

High above is the sparkling brilliance of the starry vault in glorious disorder. This is more than a Vision; rather is it an experience to be enjoyed. The soul is caught up in an infinite longing to be with the gods whose golden thrones the stars are.

Far below, the earth has taken on a new significance. Freed from the presence of distracting detail and bewildering colour, the eye sees in the commonest bush an expression of symmetry and grace. All landscape has become as one. Nothing strives for individuality, but one and all shade off into restrained portraiture.

And if the bowl of Heaven has its lamps, so has the Earth. From the hollow ground below there rise myriads of tiny darting lights — "blinkies" skating here and there with unerring haste, their phosphorescent glow showing the way to dusky passion. On these and a score of wonders Science

gozes speechless, like an imaginative child, asking no question, for it knows no answer.

Thus into the forest of Night the mind strays, tripping up here and there over some new revelation, until, exhausted, it loses itself in the still blacker and more unfathomable recesses of Sleep. Night with its train of stars and its great gift of Sleep!

Lecture by the Chief Census Officer

A most fascinating Lecture was delivered to the Senior students by Mr. A. J. Pelletier, the master organiser. His combing-out of the Island is acknowledged by everyone to be one of the most brilliant undertakings here.

On February 20 he talked to the scholars about this excellent piece of work. Most of the facts he gave have already been given to the public both in official documents and through the daily press. But the conclusions he drew from the facts were both original and interesting.

There was the question of longevity. One prominent politician gave it as his opinion that the average age of a Jamaican was round about forty years. Says Mr. Pelletier: there are 10,000 people over eighty years of age, — 3000 men as against 7000 women. Twenty eight are over the hundred years mark. Of these only three are men. Another example of the value of a strenuous life!

Again, illiteracy, illegitimacy, overcrowding and a poor standard of living seem to hang together. A poor school attendance also comes into the picture.

Most valuable data had been obtained on agriculture, facts which will be useful for our legislators in framing new laws. So also the statistics dealing with the commercial life of the island.

Not only business, but also religion, and the social side of the people came under observation, throwing light in dark places. Old controversies were based on ignorance and distortion. All these have been removed to the plane of facts and figures. Mr. Pelletier pointed out that figures cannot lie,—especially his figures. For that one may be truly thankful.

As an exposition of clear thinking and cogent reasoning the lecture was greatly appreciated, and thoroughly deserved the warm thanks of the Headmaster at its conclusion.

School Notes

We welcome on the Staff this year Mr. Jackman, Mr. Boardman Jones. Mrs. Hughes of Wolmer's Boys School. Much to our regret Mrs. Sleggs and Mr. Hamilton left us at the end of the Easter Term. At the close of the second term we bade adieu to Messrs. Jury, Campbell and Hall. Our deepest sympathies go to Mr. Hall on the passing of his father, Dr. J. M. Hall, an Old Boy. Mr. Hall has joined the ground staff of the R.A.F.

The College did very well in the Cambridge Examinations. All candidates in the H.S.C. were successful, while there was a satisfactory percentage of passes among the Seniors and the Juniors. This year the School will not take part in the Junior Certificate.

In April we were visited by members of the Higher Education Commission. They spoke to the Sixth Form and pointed that it was not only desirable but essential that a West Indian University should be founded. But they also mentioned the difficulties which would accompany its formation.

This term Mr. Harry Vendryes has been giving some interesting lectures on Jamaican History. We hope that these lectures will make more students desirous of learning more about the history of our island. Earlier in the year, Mr. Innis from the Laboratory lectured on bauxite.

The musical evening held at the end of the Easter term was very successful. Group singing by the boys was most pleasing; while Mr. Ellington's impersonations called forth not a little laughter.

In December of last year dinners held by Forms VI and Form V were greatly enjoyed by those who partook of them. We would not say, however, that the "cups" of which diners drank so freely, were those that cheer but not inebriate.

The Tennis Club has been in abeyance since the courts were damaged at the beginning of the year. Two Old Boys have kindly donated the money necessary to establish two courts, which we hope will be laid out in the near future.

To A Nightingale.

O nightingale in thicket wild, My heart with ecstasy dost fill! Each golden moment is a part Of th' eternity we covet still. Not of the earthly toil of man, Nor of the strife and din of war Thou tellest aught, but from afar Thy melody does aye enshrine Whate'er is lovely and divine. Who listens to thy dulcet voice Stands at the gates of Paradise.

V. H. Ennever.

Dramatic Entertainment

Last year's Form IV produced "The Tarnished Witherspoons," a Farce. Two performances were given—one at the College and the second at the Webster Memorial Hall in aid of the Red Cross. Both were well attended and delighted the audiences. The cast in order of appearance was as follows:—

Grandma	00014	515.60	00000	P. Bourke
Grandpa				M. Harty
Margaret		44.1	4000	E. Kelly
Henry	Acres	9930		O. Polack
Helen	*****	Anne	2200000	M. Wickers
Charles				N. Malabre

School Activities: Cadet Corps

The College unit of the Jamaica A.A.C.F. has completed a year that has been full of activity. But it is rather disappointing that we have not been up to full company strength during this period. This is due possibly to mistaken ideas that the Corps fosters militarism and that membership of the Corps carries with it an obligation to join one or other of the armed services. Nothing could be further from the truth. What it does do is to give some training in preparedness. No one can deny that if all the peace-loving nations were even half-prepared five years ago, the real militarism would not have been given the opportunity to spread ruin and destruct-

ion. Even now there is in certain quarters an alarming complacency that was nearly the undoing of the Allied nations. The Cadet Corps does foster a sense of alertness and prompt action,—a sense of leadership and co-operation. In the near future we hope to begin a period of reconstruction,—a period in which each one must learn to obey and be obeyed—the one a necessary complement of the other,—a period in which Jamaica will require young men of sound judgment, who will understand the meaning of co-operation. In this training the College corps can play a very real part.

The strength of the Corps is now eighty-five. Our regular parade day is Monday, while a period on Fridays has been devoted to elementary map reading. Miniature Rifle Shooting takes place on Saturday mornings by the boarders and on Wednesday afternoon by the day boys. Our routine training has occasionally had very welcome breaks in visits of instructors from the Camp Command School. We trust that these visits will continue.

In April the officers attended a training course conducted by the Command School at Januaica College, and had the unusual experience of being hustled and doubled round. A ten-day training camp for N.C.O's at Drax Hall was full of strenuous work, and those who experienced it have returned full of confidence. Thirty-nine Cadets attended, and all, except one, successfully passed War Cert. A. That experience has since been passed on to others. By this time a number of Part I. Cadets will have passed on to the more advanced course. We hope that on the completion of this arrangements will be made for more advanced training on the Air Force side of the Corps.

We have to acknowledge insertion in the daily press of photos of group of officers and students.

Officers

Seniors: Company Captain Chambers; Company Lieu. Hardie; Company Lieu. Halliday; Company 2nd Lieu. Jackman

Students:

C.U.O's:— Kean E. A.; MacGregor C. G.; Roper R. B.

W.O.'s :-C.S.M. Bates D. J.; C.Q.M.S.: White Sergeants -- Higgins, V. T.: Kieffer, J. G.; Winch

H. C. C.

Hockey

The introduction of Hockey in January was welcomed with enthusiasm. As a new sport to nearly everyone the standard reached by the 1st. XI was most commendable. To the onlooker it must have been interesting to note how the game evolved from a confused mass of individualists to an orderly Team working in co-ordination.

The credit for this rapid progress goes entirely to the Headmaster—himself an enthusiast and a Welsh international player. Thus we were excellently coached, not from the touchline but from the field itself.

Altogether we played eleven games. We won five, lost five and drew one. The first matches were against a British Overseas Team. The experience was invaluable, and it helped to mould us together into a workable Team. Later we put it across the same Overseas team, which was a fine tribute to their training. As novices we were not averse from pitting our strength against two XIs in the Cecilia League and against a Wolmer's Team. These we defeated.

The match of the season was against our formidable opponents, Munro College. This game, played on our ground, proved to be very interesting. The visiting team with good combination and more experience than ours were on top for most of the game, but we managed to score two goals near the close of the play.

Throughout the season we were handicapped in having some of our men ill at one time or another. No fewer than seven of our eleven were down with chicken pox, and this interfered with the practices. In spite of that the players deserve great praise for the way in which they worked.

This season we hope to get the junior teams going. Another field will be available, and with good coaching a good standard of play will be expected.

Our prospects for this season are rosy. The players are keen, and the novelty of the game has not lessened.

More attention is given in the Old Testament to the af; flictions of Job than to the felicities of Solomon,

Track Athletics

This has been a most successful season. There were a number of records broken. Equally satisfactory was the keenness shown by the majority of the Students and not by a specialist few, as in past years.

Compulsory training was instituted, and the Houses had the use of the track in rotation on two afternoons each week. Mr. Campbell was the energetic supervisor and associated with him were the House Track Captains. The system worked well, especially among many boys who had hitherto regarded Sports as a semi-professional game, to be indulged in by only the "cracks". The organization of the College Sports from the point of view of House activity rather than on individuals helped to attract many.

The Annual School Sports were most enjoyable. Most of the events were keenly contested. McKenzie B. and Kean of Class 1 provided some thrilling finishes in the 100 yards, 220 yds. and 440, the former winning all three in fine style. The time for the 100 yds. was 9.9 secs. M. Robotham, for the second year in succession, won both the 880 yards and the mile. Hamilton did well in both open and flat events, and was the champion of Class II. Much credit is due also to the younger boys, who showed much ability and keenness.

The many relays were an outstanding feature of the day, as was also the tug-of-war. Individual prizes took the form of certificates. Scotland House, (captain Kean) won the cup by a small margin from Musgrave House (capt Ashenheim) and Simms House (capt. E. Rodgers.)

Some two weeks later we competed in a triangular tourney against Wolmer's and Munro at Wolmers. Munro, with a five-man team won on points; we were the runners up. Here our comparative weakness in field events and in the longer flat races was evident. A second meet, held at J.C. with the Technical College, Kingston College and ourselves taking part, resulted in a victory for us.

With real talent evident in many of the younger boys, the prospects for the future of J.C. athletics are bright. Two points should be noted, however: 1. More boys should overcome their dislike for long distance running; and, by cross-country runs gain the stamina necessary for sustained effort. 2. Determined and diligent practice is essential for success in this field of sport.

E. K.

Boxing

We are indebted to the enthusiasm and training of Mr. Hall for the revival of Boxing in the College. The Students show great keenness in spite of discoloration and swellings and soreness. Scotland House emerged victorious in the Inter-House competition held at Easter. Simms House was placed second. After three weeks of specialised training we competed against Wolmer's School, losing to them by a single fight.

Several of the younger boys showed marked ability; and if they continue with the practices they should develop into fine boxers.

K. N. W.

Swimming

Because of the drought swimming practice did not begin as early as we would have liked. The pool was filled only after three weeks from the beginning of the term.

Contrary to expectation, the cancelling of competitive sports did not in any way lessen the enthusiasm of the boys. We lost our coach, Mr. Chaplin, who was mainly responsible for our success in swimming. Nevertheless, we carried on under the guidance of Mr. Hall.

Inter-House Swimming Gala was held on Wednesday June 28. Simms House annexed the Cup with 104½ points; Scotland House came second with 96 points. McKenzie B provided the outstanding performance of the day by setting up a new record of 1 min. 24 secs. in the breast stroke. Williams K was Class 1 champion. At the close of the day the certificates were distributed by Mr. Fletcher, Secretary of the Old Boys Association.

On July 1 a Swimming Meet was held at Bournemouth between Wolmer's Girls and St. Andrews. The Headmistresses kindly invited us and St. George's College to swim a number of relays. We tied with St. George's, obtaining a total of 48 points. Thus ended the season, a very successful one indeed.

K. N. W.

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without adversity.

FFOLKES.

The Debating Society

The Society was re-organised at the beginning of the year. Dawes was elected President and McLaughlin, Secretary. Only two meetings were held in the Easter and Midsummer term of last year. This was due partly to the departure of Mr. Hamilton and a general lack of interest. This term the society has received a new lease of life, partly due to the help of Mr. Jackman. The following meetings have been held:

- Sept. 23. A General Meeting was held, at which the programme for the term was discussed. Six impromptu speeches enlivened the meeting.
- Sept. 30. A debate was arranged. The Subject chosen was "Co-education and its adoption in the secondary schools of Jamaica." Speaking for the motion, Messrs. Harty and Bourke thought that co-ordination would lead to a better understanding between the sexes, and prevent shyness between boys and girls. Opposing the motion, Messrs. Owen and Powell questioned the last statement, and pointed to several members present as examples in support of their contention. The motion was lost by sixteen votes to thirteen.
- Oct 14. Three papers were read. "An introduction to Ethics," by Mr. Jackman. "Music with special reference to jazz," by Dawes. "Roosevelt or Churchill, which is the greater statesman," by Dodd. The speaker seemed unwilling to give a definite decision; but the House appeared to favour the American.
- Oct. 27. A Mock Trial was arranged. Miss Yvonne Luschim (Duncombe) sued Mr. Gerald Fopp (Ennever) for £1900 for breach of promise of marriage. Sir Cedric Windybag K.C. (Dawes) successfully defended his client (Fopp) against Sir Robert Grumbleton (Kean). Much amusement was caused by Fopp's chauffeur-butler, Donlook Peeps, and Sergeant Bluffer, who ejected a member of the Staff for eating in court. The society looks forward to an active session in the coming year.

D. Lynch

C. Magnus

M. Hollinsed

Roll Of Honour.

KILLED IN ACTION

Reported Missing.

J. Somerville.

B. E. Burrowes.

M. R. DeRoux.

R. W. Ashman.

D. E. Fonseca.

C. H. Phillips.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn."

Serving Overseas

Royal Air Force

K. G. Anthony C. L. Robinson J. Barton E. W. Chambers K. D. Barton D. Chance K. Bodden R. D. Clerk R. D. Brown H. R. DaCosta R. W. Butler J. M. Farquharson F. J. Cameron R. S. Fox K. Cardozo D. J. Hall J. M. Hall D. E. Roberts J. E. C. Hearne M. P. Robertson J. M. Hunt H. Robison A. E. Latibeaudiere R. P. Rubie

Royal Canadian Air Force.

V. L. Grant E. Matalon

F. L. Murray

B. McFarlane

E. B. Powell

M. N. Manley J. D. Robertson

K. Sutton-Brown

P. R. Winch

H. O. Wynter

Royal Navy.

J. Baxter F. Soutar P. W. Brassington

B. Diaz

D. C. H. B.	M. G. Smith
D. G. Hall	D. Walker
A. Harty	R. Walker
R. C. Humphries	J. A. Worlleds
P. R. Miller	A. M. Young
J. McRobertson	T. R. Gideon
R.A.M.C.	
Dr. D. S. Gideon	Dr. R. K. Levy
Other Units.	
C. Miller	
A. G. Cameron	R. F. Rainnie
ar, G. Cameron	A. O. Scoogin

Caribbean Area.

A. C. Campbell

J. R. Butler

P. R. Johnson

Army

B. C. Burke
W. Duncombe
O. D. Sharpe
G. A. George
M. Smith
E. N. Hastings
W. D. Soutar
D. O. Lopez
G. C. Winch

Cross Country Race, 1945

It was Wednesday, the 21st, of February, and the long awaited cross-country race was about to begin.

One competitor attempted to "pick" the start; the consequent laughter eased the tenseness among the runners. There was no other delay, however, and we started at a brisk pace up the watercourse and into the Hope Gardens. The pace was maintained along the road beside the reservoir and out on the Hope Road just below the Farm School.

On entering Mona lands the boys were still bunched together but now they began to string out and the pace slackened somewhat. We were now passing through the difficult waist-high guinea grass. The journey from Mona Hotel gate to Kilmurley was down hill, but being along asphalt, proved hard going. As far as Kilmurley the race was comparatively easy; the real test started on entering the T.B. ground, where at least 440 yards of uphill had to be traversed before the watercourse was reached, at a point behind the School Infirmary.

From there the boys ran up to and across the College garden, swam across the pool and finished on the playing fields.

Williams K. maintained a steady pace throughout, showing great determination and finishing well ahead of the others. Miller did well to come second and is to be congratulated, considering his age and size.

Everybody ran well and showed plenty of pluck. The winning House was Scotland House, with 58 points. Next came Simms House, and Cowper and Drax followed.

A good race, equal to anything that had taken place in previous years. Well done, J.C.:

Jamaica College Old Boys' Association

February 26, 1945.

The Editor, Jamaica College Magazine, Kingston.

Dear Sir:

I sometimes wonder whether the Present Boys of the Jamaica College know anything about their Old Boys Association.

It has occurred to me that there is little or no liaison between our Association and the Present Boys, so I propose to suggest at our next Annual General Meeting which takes place shortly, that three boys from the sixth form be elected by their contemporaries and form part of the Committee of the Old Boys Association. In this way we will be assured of effective liaison and these boys will help the Association by bringing in new recruits.

When everything is said and done, we need a strong Association, strong numerically and strong financially, because our aim after we have amassed sufficient money from which the interest on investment can pay for one or more Scholarships is—

- (1) To offer such a Scholarship
- (2) To have the Committee of the Old Boys Association the Governing body of Jamaica College.

Broadly these aspirations should commend themselves to all of us, and I bespeak your co-operation.

Yours very truly.

G. M. DACOSTA, President J.C.O.B.A.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.

The Jamaica College Old Boys' Association has pleasure in reporting the following activities for the year ending March 31st 1945.

The officers and Committee for the year under review are as allows:-

President		******			G. M. DaCosta
Trian Thomas	******	*******	67-111	0.00013	
Vice President	*****	121100		*****	V. C. McCormack
Treasurer	-	NAME:	tions.	*****	F. N. DaCosta
Secretary	Heren	31100	******	201444	D. V. Fletcher
Asst. Secretary		******	******	*****	A. L. Hendricks

COMMITTEE: J. W. Hardie, J. C. Sleggs, N. N. Ashenheim, Leslie Cawley, Lynden Cawley, H. F. Edwards, E. C. Sutherland, Dr. H. D. Chambers.

The Association decided to accept the Headmaster's invitation and celebrated Drax Day at the school with a service in the Chapel, followed by a luncheon at which Mr. N. W. Manley, K.C., one of our most outstanding old boys, was a special guest. After lunch the Past and Present Cricket Match was played, which resulted in the winning of the Old Boys.

During the year the Association has presented the school with three prizes to be competed for bearing the names of three of the school's benefactors: the Callaghan Shield for inter-house swimming, the Drax Shield for Inter-form industry, and the Murray prize for Mathematics. The Association will donate also a portrait of Dr. Callaghan to be hung in the school.

One of the projects to receive immediate attention from the Association is the founding of a School Museum in which the history of the school may be preserved. It is proposed that anything of historical interest to the school should be included in the Museum, and the Association will be grateful to those who can donate such articles (pictures etc.) for the purpose.

At a special meeting of the Old Boys' Committee held on July 5th 1944 it was decided that any Old Boy who had taught for at least years, had passed his Inter B.A. or Inter B.Sc: and intended to make teaching his profession, may apply to the Committee for assistance to obtain his degree. The Committee may then, at its discretion, award such assistance up to £150 or such sum as may be decided. If on his return to Jamaica the beneficiary is appointed as an Assistant Master at the school and serves well for five years the assistance shall be deemed a gift—but the Committee shall be entitled to require repayment of the assistance without interest within a specified period for any reason whatever.

The Annual Dinner was held at the school on December 16th and there was a good attendance of Old Boys. Many fine speeches were delivered. Especially worthy of note were those by Dr. Mc-Culloch, Mr. Leslie Ashenheim and the Reverend R. W. Davis, Mr.

Hardie's speech was probably one of the most interesting and lively ever delivered by a Headmaster of Jamaica College and it was followed by one from Kean, the headboy, which "brought the house down" more than once. The fare provided by the Matron and her staff was excellent, despite the misleading menu card.

All told the Association feels that it has had a satisfactory though not spectacular year and hopes to continue in its appointed task of taking great interest in school activities and serving Jamaica

College as far as possible.

SPOTLIGHT ON OLD BOYS

Every school takes pride in the achievements of its Old Boys. Therefore we should like to give brief summaries of the achievements, particularly the more recent ones, of some of the Old Boys who by public service play important parts in the life of our country.

- G. M. DACOSTA: A Popular, successful merchant, he has been of great service in the work of sport and is the Vice-President of the Jamaica Football Association. He is also the President of the Kingston Cricket Club, having been its Secretary for many years previously. We are proud to have him as the President and an honourable life member of our Association.
- V. C. McCORMACK: Well-known businessman and famous cricketer and Sportsman; is Vice-President of the Cricket Board of Control. He is very interested in Jamaica College's welfare and is a Commissioner of the School Committee, and the popular Vice-President of the Association.
- A. O. RITCHIE: A former President of the Jamaica College Old Boys' Association and one of the three Honorary Life Members of the Association. He is a very well-known and popular sportsman, and has just retired after years of valuable service, from his post as Administrator General for Jamaica.
- HON. F. A. PIXLEY: A popular lawyer, and former cricketer and footballer. He is the Labour M.H.R. for Central Kingston, is an ex-officio member of the K.S.A.C. Council and serves on Jamaica's Executive Council as the Minister of Social Services.
- G. G. R. SHARP: A well-known business man who now holds the important position of Competent Authority and Chairman of the Imports, Exports & Prices Board.
- H. W. STOCKHAUSEN: Second in command on the Imports, Exports and Prices Board. He is now acting as Competent Authority in Mr. Sharp's absence.
- DR. SIDNEY FERREIRA: Jamaica's expert in control of Venereal diseases, he has been recently appointed Assistant Director of Medical Services.
- R. C. MARLEY: Popular cricketer and footballer, he is the Deputy Administrator General—and is now acting in the higher position since Mr. Ritchie's retirement.
- H. O. A. DAYES: One of Jamaica's finest tennis players, and a prominent Solicitor. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the People's National Party, and has recently been elected to the K.S.A.C. Council:

- N. W. MANLEY, K.C. Jamaica's leading barrister, he is a former Rhodes Scholar and was an outstanding athlete. One who has served Jamaica faithfully and well for many years, he is one of our most progressive thinkers and is both Leader of the People's National Party and Chairman of Jamaica Welfare Ltd.
- N. N. NETHERSOLE: Former Rhodes Scholar. Prominent Solicitor and famous cricketer, he is a member of the K.S.A.C. Council, Deputy Leader of the People's National Party, and is actively connected with the Trade Union movement.
- H. R. FOWLER: Former Ethodes Scholar. A progressive thinker, he is very interested in education and last year founded the Priory School.
- H. C. CHAMBERS: Popular sportsman and well known mathematics master at Jamaica College. He has served Jamaica College for over twenty years and has earned the gratitude and respect of the hundreds of boys whose characters he has helped to mould
- J. C. SLEGGS: Not an old boy, but one who deserves recognition here for his twenty-old years of service as Science master at Jamaica College. With Mr. Chambers he has done a great deal for Jamaica College Boys in the classrooms and on the field; together, they have been the backbone of Jamaica College for many years. He is a member of the Managing Committee of our Association.

We should also like to mention G. E. Mills, former School Cricket Captain and head boy, who has been awarded the Issa Scholarship for 1943, and also I. D. Campbell who won the £80 scholarship for 1944.

There are many other prominent old boys, several serving ir other countries, and in the next issue of the magazine we will

combine the "Spotlight" feature of the Old Boys Column.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The following books have been presented to the College by the British Council through its representative in Jamaica, Mr. Hugh Paget. They represent only a portion of the generous gift. We are deeply indebted to the British Council for its assistance.

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The Whig Supremacy, 1714—1760	Williams Strachey
The Origin and Growth of Greater Britain Poems, 1909—1935	Eliot
Letters, Nelson The Essential Shakespeare	Wilson
England under the Tudors and Stuarts History of British Commonwealth History of Scotland	Ramsay
Making of British India British Colonial Policy	Muir
Economic Development of the Empire 100 Years of British Empire Economic History of Britain	Knowles Newton

Life and Labour in the 19th Century	Fay
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GREAT LIVES SERIES.

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Stanley	Burns	Gordon
Reynolds	Gray	Thackeray
Napoleon	Haig	Dumas Pere

Backfiring

la canne a peche	the can of peaches.
les hoissons chaudes	hot blossoms. As I had neither the time nor the mind to do such a thing, I considered it not proven.

A. B. is respectfully equal to P.Q. and B.C. respectfully equal to P.R.

An atrium is what a rich man and a nobleman carry in front of them.

Plato was a king: he was a Roman.

Monte Cassino was where the Normans beat the English. Constantinople is the name of the missionary who came

to convert the Britons.

Great verbosity has been known to be expelled from speakers on both sides.

Mohammed was a Christian. In 622 he flew from Mecca to Medina.

les boutiques et les magazines

books and magazines.

Flashes

Nearly everyone of these beliefs has a spark of scientific truth in it.

W. KIEFFER.

All in all I think that the Choir should get more than one half-holiday per term.

MEEKS.

It makes you feel very cosy when the daring pirate captain, after a thrilling deed, evades the law

H. WILLIAMS.

A person is never really strange: he only seems different from YOU. Hence you regard him as being strange.

MILLER.

Whatever mood you are in, the Hope Gardens is the place for you

BINNS.

One has to make allowances for shy and self-conscious people.

MILLER.

Boarders practise to become perfectly unbearable characters.

Hendricksen.

Her long lashes fluttered gently, as if tossed by a gentle wind. She came slowly in, turning her head from side to side and caressing her lovely white foxcoat, which matched her ensemble perfectly. She gave icy stares at everyone she saw . . . When she looked at me, her blue eyes glinted coldly like polished steel; and then quietly, with a jerky movement, she passed on to her next victim. Presently the girl gave a gaunt smile, which crossed her lips like a tear in a silk stocking.

LYONS.

Seldom, if ever, does the light of glory shine upon a living man.

SIMMONS.

Man is still an apprentice to God's work of art.

CAWLEY.

The fact slowly dawned on his slow-working little grey cells.

WAECKERIN.

To quote from a great author, — man cannot live by bread alone.

Bourke.

A smooth sea never makes a skilful mariner.

FFOLKES.

Germany was defeated in memory every time a Frenchman spoke to a German.

Dodd.

The shining face of a man obsessed by an idea he is striving to make an actuality.

JACOBS.

Choir Notes

At the end of the first Term, the Choir rendered on Palm Sunday Hopkins's "Be glad, ye children of Zion." This was their first attempt at full part-singing, and they came through the ordeal with credit.

For the Michaelmas Term the Choir prepared Brewer's Service in F. In this they improved on their previous at tempt and sang with more confidence.

Prepared and accompanied by Mr. Goode the Choir gave a Carol Service at the end to the Term.

Mention must be made of the improvement in the singing at the morning services in Chapel. Mr. Ellington deserves great praise for his work in connection with these and other services.

D. B.J.

"O mistress mine, where are you roaming? Just wait, and hear your loved one calling."

DONALDSON.

IN MEMORIAM

HEDMANN, GOLHARD CLINTON,

who died

February 13, 1945.

(Founder and Editor of the J. C. Magazine,

1898 - 1904.)