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NAME OF COLLECTION	BEHAN, JOHN CLIFFORD VALENTINE
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HISTORICAL NOTE	The first Victorian Rhodes Scholar (1904), Behan read Law at Oxford, was admitted to the Bar, and lectured at University and Worcester Colleges before returning as Warden of his old college, Trinity, in 1918. He remained in the post until 1946.
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NATURE OF RECORD: Certificates and Testimonials submitted by J.C.V. Behan for the Rhodes Scholarship, together with newscuttings concerning his marriage and career, 1890-1924; Diaries 1921- 1941.

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Application of J.C.V.Behan, M.A., LL.B., Originals of Certificates and Testimonials, 1 vol.

Loose inside:

University of Melbourne Certificate of examination results (stamped "Registered.... Oxford") 8 August 1904

Trinity College Dialectic Society in the University of Melbourne. Certificate of Proficiency in Oratory 1901.

Printed sheet setting out qualifications of Candidates I, II and III under headings "Scholastic", "Fondess for and Success in Manly Outdoor Sports", "Manhood etc.", "Force of Character", "Testimonials". Printed covering letter from E.D.Verich, Ormond College, 15/7/04, commencing "Sir, Perhaps you will be interested in a summary of the records presented to the Victorian Rhodes Scholarship Committee by the three candidates reported to have been in the final selection for 1904", and continuing with criteria for selection according to Rhodes' will.

Undated newscutting concerning arrival at Freemantle of J.V.Behan; first Rhodes Scholar from Victoria, and his impending marriage to Miss Caldwell during his brief visit to relatives in Melbourne.

Undated newscutting concerning Behan's speech made at his wedding during the previous week.

Attached inside front cover: Matriculation Certificate (?), Oxford, 25 Oct. 1904 (in Latin)

In body of volume:

Education Department, Certificate of award in Feb. 1894 of a State Scholarship tenable at Caulfield Grammar School. June 1904.

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Education Department, Notification to Behan of award of an exhibition and examination 14-15 January 1897. He may enter Melbourne University in February term this year 2 Feb. 1897.

University of Melbourne Matriculation Certificate, 4 February 1898.

University of Melbourne record of honours gained, 1898-1904, 8 June 1904.

Caulfield Grammar School Certificate with places gained in certain subjects 1894 and 1895 (the latter also notes that he was Dux of school)

[continuation of loose paper]

Cutting from Leader, July 1907: Photographs of Behan and Miss Caulfield with caption: "A Rhodes Scholar's Marriage".

Cutting from Australian, July 1907, describing Behan wedding at Presbyterian Church, Middle Brighton.

Cutting (paper unspecified) describing wedding on 30 July.

Article (from English paper?) The Rhodes Scholars at Oxford; mentioning J.C.V. Behan's successes, and the protest meetings at Melbourne University held "on the ground of his deficiency in athletic prowess". Cutting from unspecified paper, referring to Behan who is now "at Hertford College, Oxford. Cutting from unspecified paper, re Rhodes Scholarships.

Paragraph on Behan "made an Honorary Scholar of Hertford".

Paragraph from unspecified paper referring to coming wedding (evidently that of Behan) after long engagement.

Paragraph concerning the Behans, honeymooning in Sydney and shortly to return to Oxford where he will take up lectureship.

Democracy on Trial, Great War Issue. Report of interview with Behan, returned to become warden of Trinity. Herald, c. April 1918. His impressions of war-time Britain. 4 copies. Announcement of Behan's election as dean of University College, Oxford, n.d.

Paragraph re: flattering reference by Dr.Parker, Secretary to the trustees of the Rhodes bequest, to the two Victorian Rhodes Behan and Dr. Harvey Sutton n.d.

J.C.V. Behan, Trinity College, to Edition of "Punch", 26 May 1918. Tribute to previous Warden, A.Leeper, offered as corrective to Punch's article on Behan which Behan thought somewhat slighting to Leeper. "Punch's reply below.

Law Quarterly, April 1924 (typed copy). Review of The Use of Land as affected by Covenants and Obligations not in the Form of Covenants. London, Sweet and Maxwell (2 copies)

Photograph, from unspecified journal, of W.A.Barton, son of Sir E., winner of N.S.W. Rhodes Scholarship

Diaries

1920

Found in Jan.11-12, 1921

2 loose typescript pages : 'the case of H.F.S.Mair'

March 17th 1921 : Dr. Leeper had refused in 1920 to grant Mair exemption from Chapel etc. Behan takes same stand. (Mair claimed to be an agnostic).

(Refs. to Mair margined in red).

Mar 14-15 Univ. year begins - notes on certain students.

Diary sets out daily routine, hour to hour.

Good description of day to day (hour to hour) administrative routine at University.

March 28th, Accounts

Committees-Library, Educational, Sewing Club,

Emphasis on Chapel Attendance and Maintenance.

Cricket Match v. Ormond.

Behan re-engages Gardner after sacking him for impertinence.

Circular April 12, 1921, re: meeting of the Library Committee being held in "Leeper Library."

Mention of meeting in Leeper Library 15 April, 1921.

10 May, 1921 "Master of Ormond - to see Dr.Leeper regarding G.Leeper's work in Pure Mathematics".

19 May, 1921 "Leeper to Breakfast".

8 June, 1921 "Leeper and Bloomfield absent through illness - chicken pox - Rooms to be kept locked."

17 June, 1921 "Mr Stock at 395 Collins St. - agreed that Leeper's letter of June 14 should be left to him to deal with."

18 Sept., 1921 "Orr and Leeper reported - ignorance of cause of damage to their bookcase."

13 Oct., 1921 "Alcock re: Leeper's letter respecting ammends honorable made by Alcock in Diocesan Synod behalf of W.Leeper. Alledged that Alcock had been misinformed respecting facts."

19 Oct., 1921 "Mr Joseph Riddle explained that Doyle's (right) is in the name of Dr.Leeper. W.undertook to get it transferred into new names and have the policy of insurance also transferred."

20 Oct., 1921

1.00 p.m. "Professor Moore to lunch - sought his advice re: Dr. Leeper's letter of Oct. 16 - promised to draft a reply for W".

9.30 p.m. "Dr. Lawton announced that Dr.Leeper - owing to an accident - would not be able to unveil the Carse lecture on Nov. 4th; also stated that Mrs.Leeper proposed to get some ----- to act for him --- invitations had been sent out and arrangements made. W. suggested asking Mrs. Leeper to approve despatch of wire to John Carse proposing postponment of ceremony until Dr.Leeper recovered. Mrs.Leeper agreed. D.Z. undertook to wire John Carse."

25th Oct., 1921 "A.B.M. reception at chapter house. Bishop of Gippsland referred to Dr. Leeper's letter - appeared to treat the matter lightly. W. stated to Bishop Langley that he had not forgotten

his pledge re: "membership of my council given two years ago: but it had so far been - to make a move informing the bishop that there was nothing in gossip respecting unseemly conduct of --"

3 Nov., 1921 (May apply to Leeper)

"Professor Moore to lunch - strongly approved draft report of W. upon college trusts - suggested two (senior) recommendations."

9 Nov., 1921 (2.30 entry May apply)

19 Nov., 1921 "called on Mrs Hebden, explained to her my need of incorporating in the Charlie Hebden deed a power to the Council and trustees to make further amendments. She agreed to co-operate. If all goes well (she was informed) further communications would reach her through Dr.Leeper".

22 Dec., 1921 Very personal observations on Wealth and Interests of number of country families.

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First Half 1922 Preoccupation with raising funds for College and Financial/Stock matters. (Jubilee building fund).

4 July 1922 (Behan) intends to approach A.H. Sargood, Howard Smith and others re: building fund appeal.

8 July 1922 Intends to approach Mr Webb of Huddart Parker re: Funds.

11 Sept 1922 "committee of dialect society meet - medal awarded to Mr Hund. Leeper prizes divided between Hunt, Shore, and Smith."

Second Half 1922 Number of reprimands for drunkenness. Student's reprimanded for Breakages etc.

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Feb. 1923 - council and committee meetings re: finance, scholarships, burseries.

March 6 Univ. year begins. Behan delivers first lecture for Prof. Moore on Jurisprudence.

March 12 "Leeper advised to look into matter of new location of harmonium in Chapel. Stated that he would be wanting to take a fourth year for final. H.W. said he could not be provided with a school without difficulty."

March 14 "Robinson - informed that Leeper would be able to play the new organ and would nominally be in the college for 1924(?) it would be most unfortunate for him if he had had not qualified to compete for honours in two subjects in 1923(?) he had got financial assistance this year solely out of consideration for his father, not by reason of his own merit. He would not obtain further assistance unless he did extremely well this year."

Mar. 18 Drink problem

Mar. 19 Pension fund

Mar. 22 "Law of Contract" 3 hr. exam questions included. Sidney Myer - L100 to jubilee fund.

Mar. 27 "Leeper re Rhodes Scholar, averages."

April 14 Mr G Syme at 'Age' office re: Ernest. Promised to approach prime minister.

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April 19 Ref. to Mr. Stock and another at 395 Collins St. re: investing trust surpluses etc. etc.

April Raising funds. - Howard Smith - Baillieu others.

April 25 Address by Sir John Monash in Wilson Hall re: Significance of Anzac Day

May 2 (Mr) "Stock re. investment of surplus funds - work for Ernest Behan - Dr. Leeper's attitude re. Wigram Allen trust."

May Journey to Adelaide and Perth. Fund raising - socialising

June 27 "-----" tried by Leeper."

July 6, 1923 "Chapel - Leeper severely admonished for allowing others to play on the organ without leave

July 'campaigning' for funds.

Sept. 5 Loose note from A.E. Floyd of St. Paul's Cathedral stating that F.B. Robinson is qualified to Play or practice on any organ.

Sept. 27 Leeper announced his intention of entering for Rhodes Scholarship.

Oct. 5 Leeper paid over 5/- for tuition - received from old students.

Oct. Fund raising at Hamilton.

Nov. 5, 1923 Committee meeting re: revision of trust corp. drafts (lengthy passage)

Nov. 11 "Armistice Day Service - Noble "---" occasion.
Jowlett windows unveiled by Dr. Leeper. etc.

Nov. 19 "Mr Buckley promised L1000 to the building fund - Probability of him increasing it."

Dec. 8 Weekend with Mr & Mrs Manifold of Camperdown. (fund raising).

College Accounts March - Dec 1923.

5 1924

March 28 discussed Simon Fraser deed claim with Neville Fraser.

April 5 visits Ballarat - discusses administration of Trinity with Bishop of Ballarat.

May 3 Ballarat district fund raising.

May 23 visits Adelaide. To June 9.

June 25 First intimation of "The Long Case" complaint re: pranks perpetrated by students.

June 26 number of students charged by police - court cases pending ("long's case") Long unconscious throughout

June 30 'Long's case' various discussions including meeting with chief secretary. Herald reporter states he must send in note of case.

July 1 Long's case at Carlton police court adjourned a fortnight. Interviewed chief commissioner. Herald reporter.

July 2 Building committee meeting Architect's plans submitted.

July 7 Building committee pass plans for the extension of J.C.H.

July 15 Long's case at Carlton police court. Refused to acquit in face of clear police evidence. Inducing editor's of Sun, Herald, Age to abstain from reporting case.

July 16 "council meeting - case of Long explained - members deeply moved"

July 17 "prepared questionnaire for Long".

"Interview with Long - memory exhaustively tested. No recollection of anything that happened to him between the afternoon of Wednesday June 25 and the following Tuesday July 1st. W. appealed to him to be brave and sensible - then explained in outline all that had happened to then. Long took the disclosures very well. Dr. Maudsley more than satisfied with the result and the way in which W. had conducted the interview".

"Mr Long told of the happy news taken to see Long".

"Mr Stock told of interview with Long"

"Dined with Allen and Mrs Leeper."

July 21 "Lunched at Oriental with Bishop of Ballarat." "Question of resident Chaplain discussed. Arranged to meet Archbishop at 10 a.m. next day to have final discussion on difficult matter."

July 22 "Conference at St.Paul's with Archbishop and Bishop of Ballarat. "Bishop of Ballarat helped W. draw up Advt. for Australian candidates."

Note: "agreed to call for latter pending despatch of names from England." "If local man be appointed cable to be sent to bring others instructing them not to proceed." If action to be (entered) upon by them, then no later Australian Appointment - Archbishop distinctly promised to support proposal that the Chaplain be within a year or two appointed to lecture in Divinity." etc.....

July 23 Mrs. H(herring) reported she could extract no further information from the Woman Laricy (at Womens Hospital). "Constable Murphy received Mrs Herring's Report at J.C.H. Promised to keep name of Trinity out of the case."

July 26 "Further talk with Long - every aspect of his case discussed - Warden satisfied beyond all question that Long was Bona Fide ignorant of everything that had happened to him on the afternoon of Wednesday June 25th and that he had not been "Bluffing" the W. or the Doctors."

July 28 "Breakfasted with Mrs Long

"Mrs Long and Bakewell took John Long to Brighton Park convalescent home."

"Mrs Long distressed at her son's reaction to Brighton Park."

Aug. 3 "Dr Carrington found placing Moorhouse organ though w. had told him he was not to do so without first obtaining a certificate from Dr.Floyd."

Aug. 11 8.00 a.m. No Chapel - owing to inability of Leeper to open vestry door - W. succeeded in getting door open after everyone had gone."

4.30p.m. "Allen and Mrs Leeper to Tea."

Aug. 12 "Leeper re: application for permission to use organ and charges for use."

Aug. 13 "Chapel - told Leeper that his proposal re: organ must go before council and that W. strongly opposed."

Aug. 15 "Behan left for Syd/Bris. returns Melb. Sept. 1."

Sept. 3 "Left statement of account re. Manifold bequest with Mr Stock prior to his departure for Sydney."

Sept. 5 Bishop of Ballarat on 'phone asked if W. proposed to support Sutton's application for Chaplaincy - W. gave his answer per Greta."

Sept. 17 "Annual meeting of dialectic society in C.R. first in substitution for pre-election oratory medal to T.W. Smith. Leeper prizes to Berriman, Keon-Cohen, Fraser and Sutton."

Sept. 19 Sir Edward Mitchell signed 14 deeds of trust of which the Archbishop and Dean were trustees."

Sept. 21 Found Dr. Carrington had a gramophone. Told sub-warden that this was a privilege which could not be permitted to a tutor."

Oct. 3 "Took delivery of Vic. Govt. or Met. Board debentures. Long in custody of Registry. Gave receipt after careful check and handed same over to Mr. Stock for conversion into stock by Mr. Patterson who checked and found them all correct."
"Mr. Foster re: investment of L25,000."

Oct. 8 "Correspondence - Mr Leeper re. Rhodes Schol."

Oct. 9 "Mr Foster reported purchase of L6500 comm. bonds. 1925 4 1/2% at 98/10."

Nov. 3 9.00 p.m. "Mrs Herring rang and complained of drunken brawl caused by Trinity men at J.C.H. Warden promised to intervene and went over towards Hall. etc. etc. (valedictory dinner)."

Nov. 4 "Mrs Herring of J.C.H. again spoke strongly of drunkenness of college and asked why we could not follow the example of other colleges and prohibit Alcohol. W. stated that Trinity was much the most sober college in the University." etc. etc.undesirability of valedictory dinner recognised.."

3.00 p.m. "Mr Stock (1) advised W. not to bring Mr Blacksett's continued delays before council - seeing that he might be dismissed (if incompetent) during progress of work.

(2) Thought Mr (Mac Glashan ?) might succeed as bursar, afraid W. might be too exacting.

(3) approved W.'s proposal re cowshed and desired him to ask exec. & finance committee to approve general principle - leaving details to him (....?). Promised to urge council to make an effort to make up the full L6000 temporary endowment and ease financial strain.

(4) Promised to support W's request for year's leave or half pay and L500 allowance to win over R.J.A.

(5) checked W's estimate of trust fund balance; agree to his giving instructions to investing same after 15/12/24. if ----- of proposed securities returned to --- figures.

(6) approved of transfer of trust funds as a matter of convenience but doubled its equity --- are made.

(7) agreed that L9000 of investments in 1925 bonds 4 1/2% should be allocated to J.C.H. building fund and balance to college - to come before executive and finance committee."

Nov. Fund raising country and Melbourne.

2 Dec. "Carlton Police court - final hearing of case against Long. W. gave evidence of conversation of July 17 - Long convicted sentenced to one month suspended on condition of his being of good behaviour for 12 months."

"press induced to publish no report of case"

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1924 Accounts Mar. to Dec.

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1925

The daily entries refer in the main to events of domestic concern in the College, recording meetings with staff, criticism of shortcomings by people and as the book keeping of the nation, the activation of the gardener etc.

Behan's personal routine is meticulously recorded, as were his trips to country, entries for promoting the college and the collection of funds. There are copious notes on staff sensibilities, apologies received, reconciliation and much reference to the use or misuse of alcohol. There are also monthly 'Egg Records' sporting events such as the customary inter-college cricket and football matches are recorded with full details of wins or defeats. Occasional reference to Rhodes scholarship applications.

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1926.

The diary contains notes largely similar to the above. There is much reference to building activities, purchases, materials etc., as well as his now sporadic work in the garden, weeding the lawn. As to funds, there is reference to the Crown grant, a problem that cannot be sacred, due to the attitude of the Bishop of Ballarat. In August the drink problem becomes a crisis which causes great upset between Behan, the tutors and the parents of two students. The affair is minutely described day by day over 2 weeks. Legal threats are eventually resolved by appropriate apologies.

1925

Jan 1st to March 19th Private entries, domestic appointments.

March 20th enrolments

April 4th to 7th in Bendigo

April 15th Leave of absence for Carrington and Taylor
Draft report for Council
Draft for scholarship regulations
Educational Committee
Dialectic debate
Debate for freshers
Address on oratory

April 18th Nagambic
19th Address at Nagambic
at Arand
at Seymour

22 discussion on duties of domestic staff

23 discussion on present and future government of Trinity.
College boat race - Trinity disqualified in race against Queen's, which offered to ---- Trinity --- again in final. Critical of R. Kern-Cuhen's behaviour.

24 Boat races. A win for Trinity, another for Queen's.

29 Re: assurance of L500 by Royal Bank.

30 Another Congress
discussion on amendment of constitution. "Agreed to take no remedial decisions or actions and realisation of founders intention offers the best avenue for future development".

May 1st Meeting Dr Leeper in Public Library urging him to forget the past. W(?) indicated he would disclose some of the grounds for his attack on Leeper. He then went into details and Leeper behaved very well. Both agreed to keep the meeting secret and friendly relations were resumed.

Mr Hollis of Oxford debating team arrived. Could not be accommodated in the grounds.

May 6th legal advice letter on investment in City loan.

8th Public schools boat race.

10th Trip to Werribee, address Mr St. Thomas.

11th Discussions with Rhodes selection committee

12th Lecture on Public School Life in England.

13th Further discussion of selection Dec. No decision. Lands Dept. & Crown grants to Colleges.

20th Council meeting

21st Discussion re: transfer of Armytage scholarship

23rd departure for Lorne

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- June 6th return to Trinity
- 10th Transacting L400 debenture deal. Town bank - Royal Bank.
- 12th Sub-warden considers terms when replacing W. on leave of absence.
- 13th departure for Kyneton.
- 14th Mending in Kyneton. and Malmsbury
- 15th return to Trinity
- 17th proposals for College improvements. 1st performance in Australia of Halst: "Planch" at mini social evening.
- 20th departure for Colac
- 21st Address: Criticism - as use and abuse, Preaching at St.Johns Church.
- 22nd Collection campaign in Colac (31gms. taken or permission) back to Melbourne.
- 24th Football at M.C.G.: Trinity v. M.G.S.
- 26th Sterilising the as the vet.school. Proposals to supervise the College Dairy herd.
Financial matters: demand of L50 from Mr Bull., on account of S.F.Mann. Deposit of L1200 in Royal Bank. Use Saving Bank account. Close scholarship account with National Bank.
Statement of Assets and liabilities of Trusts' Corporation. Discussion on form of statements and accounts.
- 27th Ormond college play 'Eliza comes to stay'.
- July 3rd Dramatic Society night at Melba Hall
- 4th trip to Nathaba (???)
- 5th Menchangal Yalca and Narroka as well as Nathaba
- 6th Call to enlist support (for college) at B.K. of Australasia return to Melbourne
- 7th Barrett gives notice to leave College at end of year
- 8th Football Ormond v. Trinity (Ormond wins 100:54) (marred by 'unseemly fracas')
- 9th Severe reprimands on account of Ormond 'flag incident and other disciplinary matters regarding use of library'
- 13th Suggestion that Sutton fund be invested in new 6% Melbourne Gas Preference Share.
- 14th R. Kern Cohan informed his presence at College not welcomed.
- 21st Inauguration of Cathedral Tower appeal at Town Hall. Keon Cohan re-accepted at College after apology
- 25th Departure for Benalla
- 26th Address at St.James Church
" in church on practical side of appeal.
Mr Tom Cowan refuses to assist appeal. Return to Melbourne next day.
- 28th Drinking prohibited at College after expulsion and temporary suspension of 2 students.
Fire Insurance transferred to Automobile Ins. Co.
- Aug. 5th to Wangaratta
Concil's report to Synod of Diocese of Wangaratta.
return to Melbourne
- 6th Challenge debate of Queens College
- 8th trip to Yea
- 9th to Alexandra, preaching in Church, return to Melbourne next day.
- 11th Cathedral Towers fund meeting
- 13th Educational Committee
- 15th Depart for Daylesford
- 16th preached at Hepburn and Daylesford
- 17th Campaign in Daylesford and return to Melbourne
- 19th Depart for Mount Martha

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Sept. 2nd	Return to Melbourne
9th club matters
10th	'Acrimonious' conversation with Taylor who refused signing Hobden Scholarship regulations.
12th	Depart for Yallowra
14th	Campaign to get 10 subscriptions of L 10 each (got 9)
15th	Norton Grimwade added L2500 to endowment
19th	Trip to Sale via Warragul (collect L25)
20th	preaching in St. Paul's Church
21st	Annual meeting - Wigram Allen Essay competition.
Oct. 10th	To Maffra
11th	Address morning and evening service
12th	Campaigning and return to Melbourne
13th	Procedure to inscribe book, bands Application to City Surveyor's office for approval of Dining Hall Specifications
14th	Archbishop 'phoned to say W' formula re Crown grant might be acceptable: Bishops were to be circulated. Bands lodged for inscription
28th	Meeting of trustees
29th	Tentative agreement reached with Bishops in matter of Crown grants. viz: 1) Non Anglican may be given vacancies for which there are no suitable Anglican applicants. 2) J.C.H. may be non-denominational 3) Scholars may be admitted in conformity with several respective trust deeds.
30th	Alliance Francaise I..... on post war music.
Nov. 3rd	Attended Melbourne Cup for 1st time and "won by Windbag in record time - ... from Mansford by half a length - Pilliwinks for a length behind"
5th	Scholarship: John Long: signature of Sutton Regulations. Grimwade supplementary deed Discussion on Crown grant.
6th	Bishop of Ballarat promised to notify W. promptly of his Chancellors opinion on W's original formula for amending Crown grant.
7th	Departure for Yarram by hire car (E.N.)
8th	Sermon on 'Ideal Side of College Life'
9th	Campaign in Yarram and return home
19th	More trouble with Bishop of Ballarat on Crown grant
21st	trip to Traralgon
22nd/23rd	Campaign in Traralgon, preaching and return home
27th	Bishop of Gippsland objects to ??????? meeting 8th Dec. (refused again 1st Dec.)
Dec. 5th	trip to Corimbarra (??)
6/7th	Addresses in Church, campaigning and return home
15th	(G.S. ?) Speech night - sports prizes
16th	Merton Hall Speech Day Library Committee Adjournment - lists of works not checked

Appended to Diary is a Egg Record and Payments and Cash Accounts, January to November

NOTE:

There are recurring entries referring to troubles with Malvern's wages book.

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Correspondence, "early ??????" and rest periods.
Chapel sermons and meal times are recorded, also copious notes on staff sensibilities, apologies received, reconciliations etc. as well as repeated references to overuse of alcohol.
There are monthly "Egg Records"

1926

- Jan 8th Purchase for building
 19th Purchase of electrical equipment
 15th Draws and pays wages to staff and builders
 17th Governor, Lady Stradbroke at Mining service
 23rd Reception at Stormington for officers of Jap. Cruiser
- Feb 5th departure for Lorne
 13th return to Trinity
 15th educational committee, award of scholarships
 16th Back to Lorne
- March 19th return to Melbourne
- April 16th archbishops of Brisbane and Cambletown visited
 19th rector of Newman notifies a former resident now at Trinity.
 18th This student now required to leave.
 22nd L 1000 deported on internal account at Royal Bank Boat race 1st heat.
 23rd Boat race final. Trinity wins
- May 4th L 20 from Mrs Neil and L 60 (L 20 each for 4 years) part in advance
 5th Agenda for Murray 1) drunk in A????
 2) rapping of tables (social club)
 3) invading kitchen for food
 4) thefts
 5) debating teams
 6) used to register grants in advance
 7) vacation residence
 8) Canon Hughes address
- 11th Instructions re: equipment and conduct Social Club.
 19th Inter college athletics (Trinity third)
 20th Educational Committee
 24th to 14th June holiday in Olinda
- June 21st Stipend and conditions for Miss Herring
- NOTES: The notes made for 1925 apply quite externally to the Diary of 1926 incl. Egg Records "Cash Accounts"
- June 23rd Tiff with the Chaplain over his treatment by Committees in Olinda, Sep. 29
 30th Rhodes Scholarship meeting
- July 1st a cast of drunkenness (Vincent) again on probation.
 ammended plans for J.C.Hall
 2nd sub-committee on amendment of Crown Grant, article for amendment drafted.
 7th Football match, Trinity v ???????
 8th use of old chapel for rehearsals of Dramatic Society
 14th football
 22-26th in Olinda
 29th Cottage play at Melba Hall, follows an incident when 2 residents (of Trinity) were by all appearance under the influence. There is an elaborate account of disturbance and following a summons to Behan a long and very detailed account of an angry clash between the standards (Turner & Ewing) and the warden.

[this lengthy account is given on pages for 29, 27 and 26th July - in this order of sequence]

30th Decision taken with all tutors to suspend Turner and Ewing and not re-appoint them for the next term. Sub-warden critical of the harsh treatment of T & E in public which Behan defended as necessary in the interest of the College.

31st subwarden tutors Murray ask Behan to address students and explain the action of harshness of treatment of T.& E. Behan agrees to explain but case could not be re-opened.

Aug 2nd More of the T & S. case. Tutors and College meeting one of confidence in Behan

3rd More of the T&E affairs. Murray asked Behan to write to the ----- accompanying T & E
Meeting with the tutors: Long discussion on the drink question. Problem to be summarised in writing and to be discussed next day.

4-6th Continued discussion on T & E and the drink question in the college. Turner's father called but was given hope of re-consideration of his son's re-admission. But with little hope.

7th Ewing parents called "painful and disasterous interview" attempt to frighten and bully warden. Accusation of prejudice. Parents left in "ugly mood". Threat of legal action against the decision (to exclude Ewing)

9th Peace talks with Turner's father, who included Ewing's father. Behan prepared to quash expulsion if both students undertake "on their honour" to abstain from drink. Peace restored and gesture of apology to Mrs. Ewing.

30th Discussion on Crown grant.

Sept.2th Debating society "while cooling action in danger from the coloured races"

9th Committee meeting re: further function; lack of 'savoir faire' at the table. Advisability of another address by warden (to students) at the Hall.

16th Intercollegiate delegate meeting

17th Mr Blackwood d..... Farewell arrangements.

Oct 7th Conference and arguments (legal) on Crown Grant and legality of accepting Non-Americans.

Dec 18th Council grant of L500 for Mrs Blackwood

21st Meets Nikki shop at St.Pauls. discussion of agenda of forthcoming meetings of trustees.

1927

Basically the diary is a record of personal and domestic events of the same kind as the previous papers.

There is the recurring problem of the Crown grant which is repeatedly, and in every month referred to, the drafting of an ammendment to the law. The arguments find their way into the newspapers (The Age and the "Argus"). Relative entries from 18th-27th Sept. The problem is formally resolved by passing of legislation (27th Oct. & 16th Nov.) Many references and disagreements recorded on the 'Rilchis Endowment' of L10,000 (first entry 3rd March) and continuing throughout the years.

There are more records of the secret life in the cottage, many more official dinners and functions mentioned, also in connection with the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York.

The mayor staff aspect was with Mrs Herong of the Tamel Clark Hall (???) who re?????? after being refused L57 mo?????? of salary to L400 (1/4). Her appointed successor (Miss Jennings) refused to accept the promotion to the Warden's 'great annoyance!' The promotion ????? Miss

6 Herong agreed to continue until the end of term and Mrs formally left 22nd Dec. was advertised 26th July.

Elaborate notes and details of the scandalous affair of the student John Long who was arrested 3rd July for the charge of indecent exposure. The affair is dealt with in great detail of the past life of his mother, trials for murder by abortion with the warden 'cross examining' the woman and finally magnanimously re-admitting John Long under conditions of College arrest.

1st entry for July - 15th July. The mother story 17th July - 8th Sept. In the end John Long getting a job at Myers (13th Dec).

Note: Pages 25th - 26th May cut out.

6 1928

There are few entries ----- to special events. There are the usual meticulous notes of routine and domestic happenings. Cornwall and committee as well as trustee meetings.

April 28th. records the beginning of work on a new building. Which however is not referred to later on. On May 9th was a Bishop's meeting at Trinity. There was one major disciplinary incident referred to in June and July (29th June - 6th July) regarding 'placards' and a debate to find a solution on the general issue of the relation of students to authority. There are many entries just called 'property' but no indication whether this refers to College or Behan's private property. While there is no longer any mention of the Crown grant, there were numerous references to the Ritchie Endowment (from 25th Oct. to 17th Nov) with mentions of differences of opinion between Behan and Mr Brett with Alan Ritchie seemingly sympathising with both. In September (25th-28th) money dealings with Nat. Mutual Society on behalf of Ernest Behan are mentioned.

There is the usual Egg record but cash summary.

1 1929

Different from the diaries of the preceeding years. There are only sporadic notes - not diary entries - on procedures necessary to the organisational functioning of the College. Most notes refer to the preparation and execution of functions at certain dates, such as enrolments, examinations, scholarships Committee and Council meetings, the collection and distribution (???) of moneys etc. There are no private or domestic events recorded. Red with entries clearly refer to personal, almost exclusively money transactions. The first note in the diary appear for 15th Feb; the last on 20th Dec. No Egg record or cash summary.

Appended to the diary is a printed copy such of the terms of admission, conduct and fees and Examination for Scholarships and ????? for the year 1930. The printed signature of J.C.V. Behan, warden, is crossed out and replaced by (the written name of) R. Stephan, acting-warden.

1 1930:

The entries before 7th April from Behan returned returned by SS Arvana to Melbourne. Entries over the following days refer to Social calls. Much is meticulously recorded. Generally the 1930 diary deals in even greater detail than preceeding years with Behan's life ?????, and social life, as well as conversations with members of the College staff.

Of more noteworthy events the diary records the contracting and building progress (1st entry. 14th May) and continuing over the whole year with regard to Conferences of the building committee, the Architect, purchases the ??????? the opening ceremony 18th Nov. There are numerous incidents of breaches of discipline, student rags, some vandalism, the in??????? conferences, threats of fines and expulsion which after a few days come to nothing. The drink problem remains unresolved (examples of those recurring events can be found 12th - 26th Sept). There are cases

1 of vandalism and damage to property, incidents during "Initiation" (12-16 Sept). Irregular attendance at Chapel was also a problem (Oct. 8th and many others). Behan's frequent disagreements with Miss Joske O?????? Clark Hall reach crescendos twice (20th June and again 8th Oct. Behan's entries make him less severe with students but quite masterful towards his staff and very assertive of his authority.

There are no 'Egg Records' and no cash summaries. There are only a few entries of greater interest than the recurring problems of discipline such as the occasional discovery of drink offences, lack of irregularity of attendance at Chapel services, the error repeating clashes, with Miss Frake (J.C.H.) on matters of offended authority and the ??????? threats followed by grudging reconciliation (10th July) as well as the rude encounter with the organisation, also followed by reconciliation (15th Oct). There was also repeated reference to theft (already referred to as the presence of a Kleptomaniac the years before). (10th July) However a "great improvement in the tone of the College" is recorded, although not the opinion of Behan (14th May). The events of interest are the conferences on legal issues concerning the College and J.H.C. (7th Nov. 9th Dec.) as well as the position of the Chaplain due to Financial clauses 10th - 19th October:

No longer any "Egg Records' or cash summaries, but a list of visitors to 30 June 1931. There are no entries between 17th and 30th Nov.

1931
1932

The usual detailed records of private and domestic activities. There are fewer discipline offences except in the matter of the annual 'Initiation' rags and stunts which are described in great detail in March : April (24th March to 5th April) as well as discussion with the Archbishop of the matter (7th and 15th May). There were also moments during weddings in the Chapel and mention of 'Communists' (7th March). The position of Behan and eventual re-appointment is recorded 9th and 10th Aug; the extraordinary meeting in Ballarat, a nightmare discussion with the Archbishop (7th Sept and 14th Sept) and a talk with the Archbishop (20th Nov).

The Incorporation issue and re-drafting of statutes are reported throughout January (11th and 20th) as well as the 1 Sept., 14th, 25th, 28th Nov). Behan discussed guidelines with the tutors. (19th Dec).

Appended is a 'Note of Guests' to 31st Oct. and a list of Medical staff for 1933.

3 1933

Very detailed record of daily domestic and private as well as family events as well as instructions, conferences and inspections relating to the naming of the College. The problems of alcohol remained : each instance of the discovery of even an empty beer bottle is recorded and investigations detailed over the following days. The same can be said about other accidents of 'ragging'. Water fights and minor damages as a consequence (entries of 30th May, 24th June - a case of 'bad language resulting in the intervention of police and expulsion of residents (5th Aug. - 22nd Sept.) involving the summons of a father from Sydney. A long inquiry into some damage well as offence to the sensibilities of the Chaplain is recorded almost daily from 4th Nov. and ends with the dissolution of the College club (20th Nov). Investigations of disappearance of books from library (15th Dec.)

The diary opens with a list of Building plans (1st Jan), contracts signed by the Archbishop 12th Oct. The preparation of pension provisions is noted. 17th and 24th Feb., a draft mentioned 13th Nov. There is a 'Visitors Book' (2nd Jan) 'Beer C....' is applauded and an unidentified list of dates, as well as a ????? of the teaching staff and the allotment rooms.

3 1934

There are more and more detailed entries regarding personal matters while college administration is most frequently described as "other work". Disciplinary affairs are less frequent as is the drink problem, except for a major incident referred to from 12th-15th Feb., also 22nd Feb., resulting in a number of conferences in which the Chaplain and e

the Archbishop are involved. The aftermath and financial problems resulting are recorded (6th, 7th, 10th up to 1 March).

Building. Laying of the foundation stone 28th April J.C. Hall. The quarrel with Miss Joske continued. She is accused of disloyalty, opposition to m?????????. There is also a record of disagreement about allowing women pass through the premises of the college. Behan acquired a gramophone (20th April) following which the diary records the daily horn and program played ???. The previous daily game of bridge seems to either have lapsed and is no longer recorded.

Church matters. Throughout September work on an article commissioned for publication "Messenger" is recorded as well as the opening of the Synod (18th Oct). Regarding the chaplaincy (finance) there is a conference with the Archbishop (12th Dec) and a trip to Sydney 18th Sept. Important visitors include H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester (8th Nov.), the conferring of a degree to him, reception at the Hall with General Blamey (?) 'un????? visitor, Prof. Barrell's presence at the garden party. Also the visit from England of Mr and Mrs Manifold (1 Oct) and for the following month records of the rounds of parties, receptions, outings, degree conferment, addresses etc.

Appended are lists of the teaching staff and residents.

1935

The year's diary begins with some details of Behan's holiday in Co??? and the trip along the Ocean Road. This is followed by a visit to Brisbane (4th March) in connection with the chaplaincy at Trinity, a problem still unresolved (8th-11th March and 16th April).

The 'Behan' building was dedicated 28th March. There are references as to the disposal of the Parkville houses L4500 or L5000 (30th Sept. and 11th Oct). Also numerous entries regarding the plantation and selection of trees in front of this new house. Apart from some mentioned memoranda of financial matters, such as investments of funds on various dates, a bequest by Mrs Farmer (6th April) is discussed with the Archbishop, expressing the fear of revocation (if used for the Cathedral). A bequest of a total of L15000 recorded 15th May.

The diary contains again a faithful record of domestic and primarily private daily occurrences, gramophone programs and one major disciplinary row, caused by the perennial drink problem. One tutor (Mr Speed) was sacked and the affair led to a sharp disagreement with the Dean as well as newspaper publicity (finally suppressed by letters to Age and Argus (entries July 10, Aug. 4th-7th; Aug. 24th, 25 and Sept. 3rd - 5th and 19th and eventually a conference with the Archbishop Dec. 15th. Another case of 'drink abuse' is dealt with in entries from 13th April to 1st May. 'Centenary lectures' are mentioned 26th March and 2nd April. Appended: A Tutor's Notes, Lists of Executive and Finance Committee members. List of residents.

1936

The usual daily record of college routine and private life, the latter with meticulousness stating the daily gramophone concert with titles of all items ???????A. From 5th Aug. to 2nd Sept. a trip to Adelaide and Perth is detailed; discussions with the warden of St. George's College on college policy, fees as well as staff - student relations. There are frequent references pointing to tensions between Behan and the Tutorial staff (13th July). The Dean is increasingly the (new) Chaplain (16th May, 9th Oct). Professors Wadham and Capland are more frequently named going for dinner in the Hall. Discipline is again of major concern such as prohibition of keeping a radio set in a resident's studies (4th 5th May). Behan was re-appointed by the Council until he reaches 65 (9th Dec). The laying of the foundation stone for Union House (20th 24th Oct). A conference with the Vice-Chancellor on the possibility of Trinity tutors lecturing at the ????????(30th Oct). A petition to the Premier to amend to private tax law (10th Nov). There are numerous references to Manning Clark's (resident) health and medical treatment until Behan notifies that he can no longer pay for his visits to the doctors (23rd July).

Appended: List of Staff holidays
List of guests
Zoology & Botany classes

List of residents and an address sheet

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1937

Entries for the year are generally less elaborate although they gave a complete daily timetable of private and college affairs. There are only minor disciplinary offences, which formerly played such a prominent role in the diaries, no the drink problem mentioned more than once. The one major disturbance in a "Rag in the J.C. Hall is dealt with entries 1st-6th July. of matters concerning the College the entry 18th May deals with inter-collegiate tutorials (Ormonde - Trinity) when fees are shared. New club regulations are considered (entries 23rd/24th July). A service commemoration of benefactors (committee meeting 21st June). The issue of incorporation re-emerged during consultation with the bishop of Ballarat (28th June). Miss Joske was welcomed during a reception (6th Nov) a returning from abroad and promptly clashed with Behan on account of a pla ?? rifle incident (17th Nov) which thereafter got many diary mentions.

Behan was absent. Rhodes Scholar Conference in Sydney from 23-31st Jan. At the ? Conference in Adelaide 17th - 19th Feb. and in ??? 13th-27th August. A "Crisis" lecturer Prof. Priestley ; Sir James Barrett is recorded. 31st March and 2nd-5th April.

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1938

Detailed daily entries of College and private routine. There is considerably less mention of tension with staff ; friction with residence than reported in former years, although the drink problem still persists (22nd March) and minor offences are recorded in September and October such as misuse of cars, gramophone, breach of gate book rules ; Behan warned Miss Joske not to relax the rules regarding men visitors in women's room in the afternoon except sports days. (5th April). The dean was advised to take other employment (17-20th May). Finance: A gift of L1000 Mr Jack Wallace was withdrawn as reported by the Chaplain, due to an indiscretion by a council member (5th April) difficulties with a mortgage given to Mr Cromel (?) (9th May) and A/C undated 10th May. Lord Lothian was a visitor from 27th-30th Aug and 26th-28th Sept. and a Round of Engagements recorded. Manning Clark appointed tutor 2 March. APPENDED LIST OF STAFF HOLIDAYS. LIST OF VACATION JOBS.

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1939

Routine entries of the daily private and College events. Little mention of the problem and less disciplinary offences one being mentioned on 6th April when 2 residents did not return before 4 a.m. and Behan stayed up to record time of their late arrival. One of them was eventually fined L20 (12/7). Behan attended a Rhodes Scholar Conference in Sydney 30 Jan. The dean's promotion was discussed again on 27th July and warned that he must not assume the continuation of his job means his succession as the warden when the position becomes vacant in the future.

The impending war is first referred to 13th Aug. with Archer Prince (flown England en route to Adelaide) discussing problems of the college under war time conditions. The only other mention of the war came on 14th Aug and 7th Oct in connection with the possible call up of members of military units. In December (6th, 17th and 18th) re-arranged timetables and lectures more mentioned.

Endorsed are: List of Staff holidays

Rooms listing in Trinity for the year

Students list

Warden's timetable for week of 16th Nov. and 11th Dec.

Christmas gratuities.

Newscutting (Aug. 30th 1939) Concessions to Germany.

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1940

Daily entries of personal and College events, but with less detail than before. Music and the use of the gramophone which was so meticulously reported is of much less prominence. The drink problem remained and a major disturbance with allegations of a case of "normality" is reported throughout 25th May to 26th June. Parents were involved, medical checks, legal advice and an 'inquiry'. There were also sporadic mentions of theft (e.g. 18th & 19th July). Another

tracas resulting from drink, rifle shooting, the find of ammunition in one of the rooms and involvement of police (2 Sept. and follow up).

The warden suffered a heart attack 25th Sept. and was confined to bed for 2 weeks. Regular entries (and dut resumed. 12th Dec. The chaplain went to hospital with appendicitis.

The war is barely mentioned except 21st March when the tutor ?????? left to take up a position in the university. Information for the duration of the war. One resident announced his intention to join the A.I.F. (18th June) and Dean went into camp 8th Dec.

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1941

Record of daily events in private and College affairs with less detail than in previous years. Although breaches of d???? and discipline are mentioned, there were less of them and much less made of them. Theft of a microscope \ police intervention (8th July) a "female" worked for lunch???? (by a resident) was countered with the instruction t women were not to be served (14th May). College routine is summarised as 'office work'. Relation with the Dr continues to be tense. He decided to do many ????? education work and asked permission to continue to live in Deanery. Behan, however decided on a 'clear break' (20th May). Later (after an 'acrimonious' discussion decided compose a memorandum on the Dean's position at the various stages to be filed away for use by the Council (2 June). Dr. Corbin (?) to become acting Dean (25th July) Finance matters are mentioned in connection with conference with the Premier at Parliament House re pooling of investments by an act of Parl. Doubt of the Matr ability to resume duty after discharge from hospital or even (5th Dec). The war continued to be a very remote aff. One Henderson was given permission to offer himself for active service. (25th March) suggestions and preparation blackouts 27th August and 9th Sept). Students volunteering for vacation jobs in defence establishments (14th N A.R.P. preparation (5th-9th Dec). The archbishop's death recorded 18th Dec.
Enclosed : LIST OF TUTORS/ Uni in sits to May 12th - on page for 1st Jan.

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1942

No entries.