

THE OLD EGBERTIAN ASSOCIATION



The College Crest and Motto – The Interpretation

Since time immemorial churchmen, statesmen, soldiers, and noblemen have adopted a method of keeping before them a reminder, in some shape or form, of the ideals after which they strive.

Founders of educational establishments have also sought to symbolise their ideals by devising their “school crests”.

The crest adopted by the Congregation of the Brothers of Mercy for use in connection with their schools, is of course, the official crest of St Egbert’s, and also in the main, that of the O.E.A. (above).

- (a) A Triangle – symbol of God
- (b) Two Hearts – symbol of Love
- (c) Palm Branches – symbol of Victory
- (d) The Motto – “Beati Mundo Corde” which means, “Blessed are the clean of Heart”

Thus its interpretation may be summed up as follows;- “Animated by God’s Love and guided by his Prudence, may we prepare our hearts and minds in all purity and righteousness to take our place in society, and, having done well that which was given us to do, may we hereafter receive the palm of victory”.

We are indebted to a copy of the “Chantry News”, April/May edition 1935, for this article written by Brother (Father) Jarlath.

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The O.E.A. archives contains 27 copies of the “Chantry News” covering the period 1933 through to 1939 priced at 2d a copy, After the war it continued but renamed “The Egbertian” and then “The Old Egbertian” with a price of 2/-, and again quite a few copies in the archives. They make very nostalgic reading and are normally available at the AGM.