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We do not like to cheapen superlatives by tossing them around recklessly; yet, having evaluated the summer of 1958 with sober conservatism, we can find no way of describing it except as a “a banner year of banner years.” As a matter of fact, not one of the older members of Pasquaney can find in his memories a season which was more successful, and these memories extend back vividly through more than twenty years.

There were many reasons for the excellence of the summer. In the first place, we were reminded daily by the construction of a new Infirmary that we were part of a strong and continuing tradition. Before our eyes there was tangible proof of the support and loyalty which has been pledged to Pasquaney by old campers and friends. We were challenged to uphold all that is best in the standards, values, and ideals handed on by previous generations. Boys and counsellors together responded wonderfully to this challenge: the counsellors, with a kind of purposeful responsibility which has seldom been equaled and the boys, with cooperation, energy, and wonderful spirit. It should be recorded for the future that during the season of 1958 not a single boy was blacklisted!

To these elements of an excellent summer, over which we had some control, must be added other elements which were the result of extremely good luck: unusually good weather and almost perfect health. We had not one full day of rainy-day scheduling, and not one boy had anything beyond a most minor illness. Injuries from careless falls and other accidents were kept to a minimum. Each of us who were a part of the sixty-fourth season must inevitably have been influenced deeply. Having lived a rough life, far from the superficialities and the withering conformity we sometimes find elsewhere, we know that security, fulfillment, and deep happiness depend upon giving ourselves to something bigger and more lasting than shortsighted selfishness. It is inconceivable that such an experience will not carry over into our lives when we are in other environments. In this respect, too, we are confident that the sixty-fourth season will prove to have been a banner one.