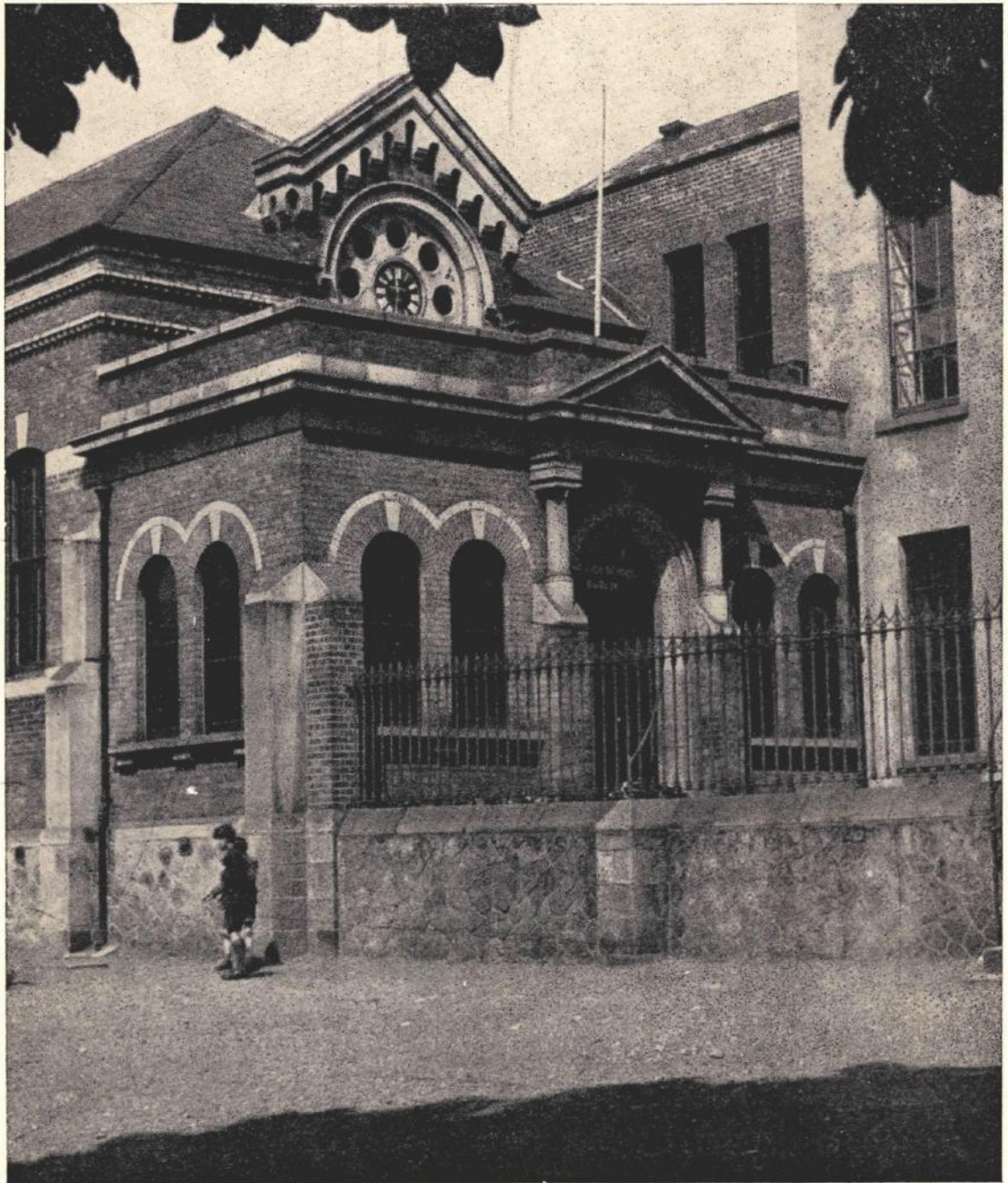
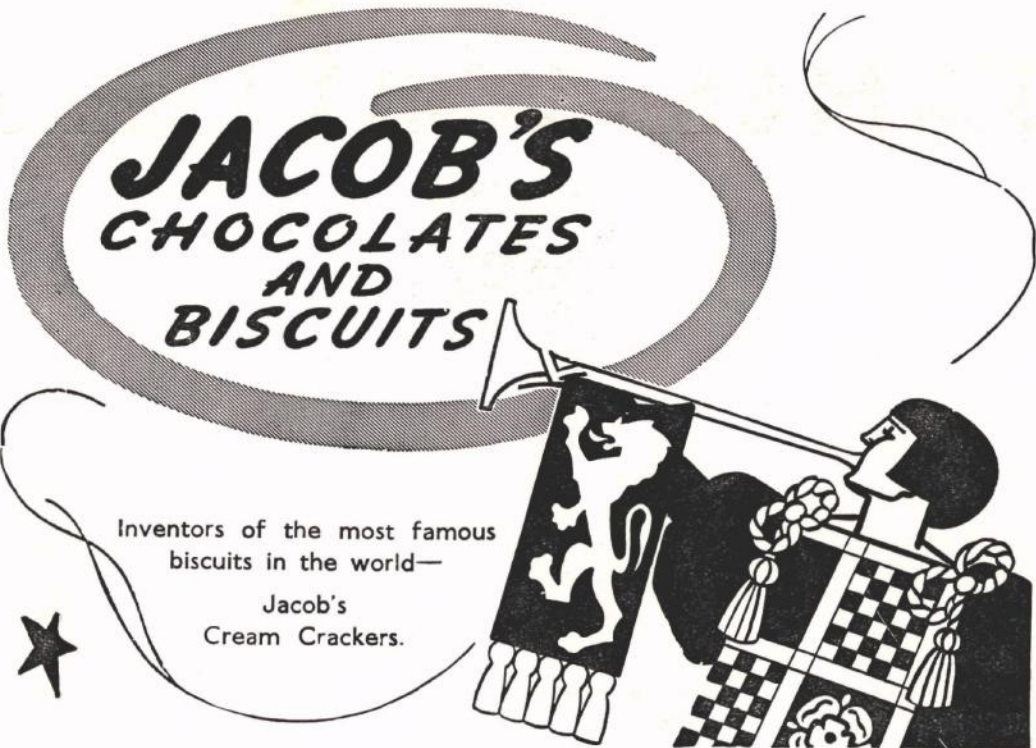


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EDITORIAL

Once again as the summer break looms in the not so far distant future, we realise how quickly the year speeds by. As Herrick said, "Old Time is still a-flying." But, some with examinations behind them, others with the dread cloud still to break on them, school life still goes on.

It seems the recognised practice for budding editors to "browse through ancient copies of The Erasmian" in the hope of inspiration and a suitable Latin quotation. But, though the same "hidden fastnesses" still lie without disclosing the great secret of "an editorial," we remain unmoved: "dum spiro, spero." We remark, with some surprise, that the literary inspiration to the School in general, is relinquishing its former hold.

As usual, we find the School with a greater number of pupils than ever. Also with mixed feelings we observe the repainting of H.S.D. Some disinterested cynics have idly speculated as to its being the first exterior painting since 1870.

"... mutat terra vices."

First Day

Having arrived at the cricket pitch, you make your way to the pavilion, there to array yourself in your new whites. All the while you are wondering whether you will like this game or not. You emerge from the pavilion and proceed rather doubtfully towards the white-lined pitch. The practice commences at the signal from the master; you have been positioned in a place to the batsman's left, commonly known to all cricketers as "square leg." Everyone else is in position, all waiting.

The first bowler takes a short run and lobs the ball to the batsman who makes a feeble effort to hit it. A second ball arrives at the wicket; the bat swishes through the air—there is a dull thud, and the middle stump leans towards the wicket-keeper. The master shakes his head and says a few words to the chap with the bat. Once more the balls fly towards the wicket and you begin to take less interest. The sun, beating down on your back, makes you feel hot and lazy. Gradually your thoughts wander further from the game.

Then, without warning, some very rude person yells your name. You start, and begin to run in pursuit of the fast-fleeing ball. You stagger up to the ball, fumble around for a while, and finally clutch it as if you wished to hold it for ever. Fiercely you hurl it towards the distant cricket pitch and commence the long trek back. Scarcely have you had time to recover your breath when the master nods in your direction and somebody gives you a present—a small leather ball.

Carefully you watch the other bowlers until your turn comes along. Then you break into a run—you skip—you swing your arm over your head and release the ball with all your might. You open your eyes to discover the ball soaring beautifully into the blue. The other players are sniggering as the ball is caught by your replacement at "square leg." Miserably you await the return of your ball. Once again you run and fling the ball and again, to the accompaniment of a sharp crack from the bat, the ball gets a bird's eye view of the pitch. For the next four or five minutes your ball soars happily in all directions. At last you have to give in and admit defeat.

Then you are fielding again, hoping all the while that the wretched ball will keep away from you. You are gradually recovering from your recent efforts and are feeling almost normal again when once more you are called to service, this time to use the bat.

You sit on the grass, pick up a pad and place it over your right leg. As you are fastening the straps, the chap with the big leather gloves points out (noble fellow) that that pad should be put on the other leg. Gratefully you accept his advice. At last you are ready. You stagger shakily to your feet and put on the batting gloves. You are given the bat and, trying, of course, to look calm and collected, stand before the stumps.

As the first bowler approaches the stumps at the other end you begin to feel "queer." The ball speeds by, about a yard or so from the stumps, and you nearly drop the bat with relief. The next ball is pitched too far up and drops neatly on that portion of anatomy which peeps out from below your pads. Here commences a song and dance. The next ball soon arrives, you step out, swing the bat, and two

stumps fall flat. By the time the next half-dozen balls have been delivered the stumps do not stand up straight any longer. At last, however, the master suggests (very kindly) that I should be replaced.

Once again you return to your original occupation, namely fielding. The other fellows each have a turn at the wicket and at bowling, but you are stationary. You are a failure—perhaps some day you will become a good cricketer.

If YOU are a good batsman, bowler or even a fielder . . . forgive me! I was talking to myself.

W. G. FISHER (Form 5s).

It Might have been You

There is a knock at the door. It's the postman with the mail. As you glance through the bundle he has just left, you notice a letter for you. After weeks of waiting, your first reply has arrived.

As you open the distinctive envelope, with its colourful stamps, you think of that evening when you sat beside your radio listening to a local station. You remember how you were displeased with the programme! Then—for no particular reason—you switched the control-knob to a section of the radio marked "Short Wave."

The first thing you noticed was the unusual noises (rather like that outer-space programme you heard). You moved the knob while the loudspeaker crackled and gurgled—as if protesting to the hurried treatment you were giving it. So you turned the knob, but were more careful as you tuned. **SUDDENLY**—you heard a voice! What was more—it was English!! By now you were unbelievably excited. You listened carefully, and in a few minutes you heard: "We invite listeners to send in their reports and suggestions to the following address . . ." Your pencil was quickly at work taking the address. Some time later you heard another English-speaking broadcast. No! it wasn't a dream, you were listening to a broadcasting station thousands of miles away. On the next day you wrote a letter to each of the addresses you had taken.

And now—here you are opening your first reply. Inside, you find a verification card and other interesting literature. As you continue to listen, you will realise the wide variety of

programmes obtainable for twenty-four hours of every day.

J. F. TICKNER (Form 5s).

Viva-Voce

Sunk in despair, and conscious of impending doom, we silently slipped through the massive portal. The hall was dimly lit, and the atmosphere chilly and eerie. In vain we sought some ray of hope. Cold, merciless eyes stared down from high up on the walls—"all is lost" we despairingly thought. Everything was still and hushed, save for an occasional moan of agonised despair, or a gentle sigh of relief, as if some unfortunate had just breathed his last.

At frequent intervals, hidden doors slid open, and grim, black-cloaked figures flitted across the room, on silent wings. Once more a deathly hush settled over us—calm before the storm seemed to be the implication. The stillness was only broken by the padding feet of some restless soul, wandering up and down, seeking for someone on whom to cast his cold, non-committal glance. Vainly we tried to shrink through the floor to avoid his penetrating eyes.

We sought some means of escape, but it seemed well-nigh impossible. We knew not how to open those secret doors, the windows were set too high in the walls, and the way we had entered was blocked and barred. Resigning ourselves to our fate, we resolved to pass our last few minutes in blissful sleep. No sooner had we closed our eyes than the stillness was shattered by a harsh voice. One word, one very small word, was uttered, but for us it signified the end. Resolving to meet our fate bravely we put on a forced grin, and hoping we looked far more confident than we felt, began the long trek to the Viva-Voce Examination.

"Sic transit gloria mundi."—(!).

D. OAKES (Form 6).

The Living Desert

This film opens up the wonders of nature in the desert. It was in Technicolor. The way in which the flowers grew in such a barren desert was really wonderful. There were spiders, kangaroo rats, rattlesnakes, scorpions, millipedes, toads—all of which were magnified a great deal, making it much more interesting.

Also there were very many fights for life, and for mates, among the males. The tortoise's way of getting rid of an opponent was by using the slide under his shell to heave his opponent over on his shell, and then he would be in a state of utter helplessness and seldom managed to right himself. The kangaroo rat safeguarded himself by putting sand out from under his hind legs, because, if his intruder was a snake, for the simple reason that most snakes have no protection over their eyes, and therefore he usually gives in. When the snake comes down his burrow for his prey, if it is in the breeding season the rat always has an alternative exit to the main one; if the rat gets the scent of the snake, she will immediately start removing her young, while the snake is going down the main entrance, the rat is scurrying as fast as she can out through the alternative burrow with her young. The snake soon gives up hunting his prey.

The desert life is very hard to live, and all the species that live there have to be able to stand the hard life, but, of course, a great many of these species are credited with something in their bodies which enables them to live in places where human beings could not. They are also gifted with some sort of defence against other creatures.

The way in which the burrowing snake burrowed into the sand without any effort was amazing. One could see parts of his body underground and other parts could be seen above ground.

D. CHADWICK (Age 12).

Translation from Martial Epigrams, Bk. 10. No. XLVII

To spend one's life in happiness one needs
A large-scale income from a private source;
A pleasant farm; a fire that always glows
And to the law and hustings rare recourse.

One also needs virility and strength;
Some good companions, and a pleasing flair
For entertaining on a modest scale;
A simple way of life, with ample fare.

A pleasant bed is needed to complete
An evening carefree, yet beyond reproach.
One finally must learn to be content
And neither hope nor long for death's approach.

J. T. KILLEN (VI).

H.M.S. Vanguard

A visit to H.M.S. Vanguard would be the dream of any young schoolboy. I had the good fortune to do so last year when she was open to the public. As soon as I had set foot upon the deck I was looked after by a huge, brawny sailor who took a party of us around the ship. First we were told the history of this mighty battleship. She is the ninth to bear the name Vanguard. The first fought against the Spanish Armada in 1588 and it is very interesting to note that the length of this vessel is equal to the beam of the present-day battleship.

The keel of to-day's Vanguard was laid in 1941 and she was launched by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth (now Her Majesty the Queen) on 30th November, 1945, finished her trials in 1946 with a complement of 1,600 men and thus saw no active service during World War II.

I was then taken below deck, down many steel ladders into the boiler room, whose generators have an output of 130,000 h.p. which can drive the 44,000-ton battleship at a speed

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of over 28 knots. Her overall length is 814 feet and beam 108 feet.

It seemed to take an awful long time to examine everything. We were shown the sleeping quarters, laundry, bakery, the radar control rooms, through gangways surrounded by wires, pipes and the thing that surprised me most was the number of telephones that were all over the ship. Later we went onto the bridge, so high above the deck that we had a wonderful view of the whole length of the ship—a most impressive sight, to take in at one glance the grace and power of such a mighty ship. The bridge was just as crowded as elsewhere . . . voice pipes everywhere. As well as at least half-a-dozen telephones, there was the compass and many other aids for navigation.

At last we came back to the deck to see the armament, in which I was most interested. Her main armament consists of four 15-inch twin turrets, and the smaller armament consists of 16 5.25-inch guns and 69 40-mm. A.A. Bofors, the latter, if firing simultaneously, could send up a barrage of 10,350 rounds per minute. Her "big guns," the 15-inch, can hurl a shell weighing one ton over a range of 23 miles, each shell costing £113 and having a length of five feet. Each turret itself weighs 1,000 tons. Inside the turret one would be shocked by the size of it, which is about 40 feet across and almost the same the other way. Each gun can be fired simultaneously or separately, and is fired from the bridge. The gun-crew in the turret load and aim the gun, but the orders of when and where to fire are given from the Fire Control room, just below the bridge.

Thus it can be seen what fighting power this great battleship possesses, but what I have mentioned here is only a little of what this ship hides from the eyes of those who have not seen her.

R. JACKSON (Form 3B).

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"The Old Order Changeth"

At long last, the old School is being repainted completely, and we have finally abandoned the British red for our native green, but scratch the green and the red is still to be seen! I am sure that it was due to an oversight that this decoration was not carried out during "Bob-a-Job" Week, when many willing and enthusiastic workers would have been forthcoming. Belated revellers will henceforth search in vain for the guiding red of High School, and think they are not yet past St. Stephen's Green when they see the new paint.

It seems a pity that the playground cannot also be restored to its pristine glory. I saw a drawing of High School as it was about sixty years ago. The playground was marked "Pleasure-Ground," and was beautifully laid-out. It was not hard to imagine the serious students strolling over the rich grass reading Horace or Livy to the soothing accompaniment of the clip-clop of the horses' hooves outside. How different from now, when the wind turns

the "pleasure-ground" into a miniature dust-bowl, on which occasions everyone turns his back to the wind and shuts his eyes against the searing blast. The boys race up and down the playground after balls in a mad frenzy, shouting and fighting, while only the ear-splitting screech of bus-brakes can rival their noise. This freedom denotes a change of attitude of the school authorities who now sacrifice appearances for the sake of giving the boys an easier time.

The sergeant, too, has an easier time, for electric bells have now been fitted, and gone for ever are the days when "Frosty" Nelson, having rung the bell in the front of the building, used to stride majestically down the Clockroom to ring it in the yard. The present sergeant, however, is kept busy relieving capless schoolboys of their pennies. Until Easter, this levy produced a steady income for the sports fund, but this has been substantially reduced by the new rule.

A couple of years ago, owing to the influx of new boys, Mr. O'Kane's Greek class was



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forced to retire to "Z Room," which was then a bathroom, complete with bath and running water. This amenity has been removed, perhaps because it was realised that the Greeks, unlike the Romans, did not indulge in having public baths. It may also have been realised that although High School boys do not approve of unnecessary washing, they can have great fun with water.

Most of the sports reports published in The Erasmian seem to begin with the phrase: "The — team has so far had an enjoyable though unsuccessful season." In pre-war years the complete scoreboard of each cricket cup match was published, with a criticism of each player, including his best batting and bowling figures of the season. Perhaps these days we are more modest about our achievements!

The most important change over the last few years has been the transformation of a distinguished Old Boy into our new Headmaster, but the old headmasters are not forgotten, as, thanks to the genius of Mr. Wilson's portraits, they seem even still to gaze down upon the School which they loved so well.

E. H. WINTER (Form 5S).

The Dog

In the village of Boldon there roamed a stray dog. He was thin and ragged, with a brown and "white" coat. He found only enough nourishment in the bread which was left for the birds by the nature-loving inhabitants of the village.

The road around which Boldon was built was used by many motorists, for it was one of the roads which constituted the shortest route between Stoke and York. Therefore, both dogs and children were kept under a watchful eye when crossing it. But often the stray dog would race up to the kerb, prick up an ear, and run across. He had many lucky escapes. When pedestrians saw him they said what a stupid dog he was and the motorists thought how silly he was.

When the dog became old and deaf he was not as quick as he had been, and after more escapes the day came when a motorist could not stop in time. Although everyone was sorry to see any animal come to such an end, they said it was just, very just. Yet it was not so — the dog had been blind from birth.

D. CHALLEN (Form 2A).

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

We record with regret the death of Mr. E. M. Stephens, a member of the Board of Governors. An appreciation appears on another page.

We congratulate Mr. Dillon on being elected Chairman of the Registration Council for Secondary Teachers.

Canon Jardine, of the Church Missionary Society, spoke to the Fifth Form about life in Pakistan, where he had been a missionary teacher for many years.

The Mass-Radiography and B.C.G. units visited the School during the Easter Term, and tested a large number of boys.

Two performances in Latin of the "Rudens" of Plautus were given in the Clockroom in February by the Classical Department of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. The production was on vivacious lines, and the audiences, though small, were appreciative.

Professor R. R. Hartford talked to the older boys on February 10th about his visit to the Ecumenical and Anglican conferences at Evanston and Minneapolis, and showed two films.

A performance of "Carmen" by the Puppet Opera Company was given in the Clockroom on February 21st. The actors were glove puppets, and the music recorded.

The annual collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution amounted to £3 16s. 9d.

During the latter part of the Summer Term all the exterior woodwork of the School was re-painted, a clear green shade replacing the previous rather drab maroon. A number of additional fire extinguishers were placed in various parts of the building.

The annual demonstration of Classwork in Physical Education was given in the Clockroom on Friday, 3rd June.

Mr. Wilson is about to paint a portrait of the first Headmaster of The High School, Dr. Cresswell. As he will have to work from old photographs, he would be very pleased to receive any information available on Dr. Cresswell's appearance, colour of eyes, hair, complexion, etc.

Once again some boys of the Senior School are receiving free golfing lessons from the professional at the Grange Golf Club by courtesy of Golf Foundation Ltd.

During term, classes from the Junior School paid visits to the Municipal Art Gallery, the National Art Gallery, Stepside, and Killakee Demesne.

The Prefects for 1954-55 are J. J. Killen, D. J. C. Irwin, D. J. FitzPatrick, A. K. Gann, M. S. Haskins, J. T. Paul, G. H. Bleakley.

Thirty senior boys were shown over Castle Forbes ("Levers") soap factory in February. We were interested to meet two "Old Boys," Mr. D. C. Reynolds, Chief Chemist, and Mr. S. J. Whitney, Personnel Manager. We were shown soap-making from raw materials to packaging, from toilet soap to scrubbing powder and from printing to box-making. Afterwards we enjoyed a very welcome cup of tea in the canteen. Our best thanks are due to Mr. P. Deering, who arranged the visit.

A party of Fifth and Sixth formers were conducted through Messrs. Rowntree's factory at Kilmainham, on the 23rd of March. Much interest was shown in the production of many proprietary brands of sweets and chocolates, particularly in the change of flavour from raw bean to "soft centre."

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Bleakley who arranged the visit, also to the conductors who answered our questions so cheerily, and encouraged our efforts at analysis.

Films on "Magnesium and its Extraction from Sea-water" and "Powder Metallurgy" were shown, by courtesy of the American Film Library, to senior forms; other films shown were "Tulip Rally 1954," by courtesy of Wakefield Oil Co., and "The Bournville Story" in colour, by courtesy of Fry, Cadbury (Ireland) Ltd. At the end of Christmas Term four French films, kindly lent by the French Embassy, were shown. They were "Pacific 4-6-2," "France Quatre Saisons," "En passant par la Lorraine," and "Epaves."

We Congratulate :—

D. J. FitzPatrick on winning the Old Boys' Cup; also on gaining his second Inter-provincial Cap by being selected to play for

the Leinster Schools' rugby team against Ulster, in which match he scored the winning try.

A. M. Gann on winning the Silver Medal for Greek Testament in the Synod Examination 1955, with the record mark of 100 per cent. This is the sixth successive year in which the medal has been won by a High School boy.

J. D. Ridgeway on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for rugby.

M. S. Haskins on winning the B.B. Silver Bugle competition for the third successive year.

Examination Results

EXAMINATIONS IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1955

Greek Testament

Silver Medal—A. M. Gann (100%).

Prizes (1st Class)—R. J. Millar. (2nd Class)—D. Watson. (3rd Class)—G. N. Eames, K. A. H. Mills.

Pass—B. Herman, M. T. Richardson, N. D. Simpson.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes (1st Class)—F. R. O'Neill. (2nd Class)—J. R. Williams, G. L. R. Burne, R. Curtis, T. Doyle, V. W. F. Armstrong, C. D. Peare, W. T. R. Dobson. (3rd Class)—H. Beste, D. W. H. Adams.

Pass—D. Emmett, D. W. Rowell, W. A. Fisher, H. F. Price, G. A. McCamley, G. D. Hudson, D. W. Gill, D. L. Handy, M. J. O'Hehir, F. G. H. McQueston, J. P. Sides, N. E. Darby, G. R. Graves, W. J. Moody, R. A. Talbot, W. A. Barnwell, E. W. Lewis, J. S. A. Stokes, S. A. Mackay, A. K. Dungan, P. V. Hautz, G. Lanigan, S. T. Mason, W. B. Cooper, M. J. Dignam, L. N. H. Coombs, R. G. C. Balmer, W. T. Dukes, N. J. Reeves, J. B. Grier.

Scripture only—A. J. Roy, 30/80; Cochrane, 26/80.

Second Year

Prizes (1st Class)—C. F. L. Smith, C. P. Williams, R. P. Carroll. (2nd Class)—B. McClay, T. Haskins, J. E. Bardon, E. N. Brunker. (3rd Class)—A. H. Gill.

Pass—R. B. Boyce, N. Lambert, R. J. Bellis, C. E. Dick, S. C. Quick, P. Grantham, J. W. Mitchell, S. D. T. Cobbe, R. E. Talbot, R. J. Talbot, A. Ingram, A. C. Rance, B. C. Johnson, G. A. Aitken, C. Hempenstall, O. M. Drought, D. W. Goodey, R. O. W. Wormell, D. S. Pickett, W. B. Lyster, J. H. Hartley, W. J. Hogan, I. A. McKay, A. McBride, D. McCullagh, P. R. S. Kelly, D. M. Fleming.

Scripture only—V. C. Kelly, J. R. Glenn.

Third Year

Prizes (1st Class)—D. J. Maynard, D. A. A. Fleetwood, G. C. S. Linney, A. C. Newell. (2nd Class)—G. A. W. Fitch, B. Wisdom, A. W. Burgess, W. E. Brown. (3rd Class)—D. H. Carter.

Pass—K. A. Gregory, M. A. Batts, B. H. Welsh, M. A. Byrne, R. C. Graves, A. L. Brown, D. O. Tipping, W. R. G. Lew, S. H. Joule, J. D. Ridgeway, R. G. F. Jackson, G. W. Davidson, R. J. Kirkham, I. A. Fox, J. R. Harvey.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Year (Pass)—I. Cochrane.

Second Year (Pass)—N. J. F. Mitchell, G. E. Blundell.

Third Year: Prizes (1st Class)—D. G. Fish. (3rd Class)—W. Gibney, E. B. Dawson. Pass—I. Hunter, G. Park.

METHODIST CHURCH

First Year: Pass—K. J. Leary, W. J. Davis, A. K. Pope.

Second Year: Prizes (1st Class)—D. Bryans. Pass—R. A. McDowell.

Third Year: Prizes (2nd Class)—G. E. Flood. Pass—G. Dowse, D. Neville.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Under the new system, which came into force for the first time this year, Scholarships are open to pupils of any school. The examinations are held in two age-groups, and token scholarships are given to successful candidates whose parents' means make financial assistance unnecessary. The following awards were made:—

Under 13

D. J. P. Bryans (High School).
C. W. D. Peare (High School).
J. P. Hayes (Kingstown School).
D. W. Rowell (High School).
G. R. Graves (High School).
A. K. Dungan (High School).
J. R. Williams (High School).

Under 12

A. S. Dickinson (Westport and Greenlanes).
I. B. King (Sandford).
A. H. F. Griffen (Zion).
C. S. Maybury (Greenlanes).
D. J. Lewis (Kiltarnan).
R. R. Miller (St. Andrew's, Rialto).
P. H. Nelson (High School).
C. S. McLean (High School).

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Fellowship in Experimental Physics—C. F. G. Delaney, Ph.D.

Scholarships

- G. Clarke—Mathematics (1st Place).
 I. R. McAuley—Experimental Science.
 B. R. Wilkinson—Ancient and Modern Literature (Latin and French). First Scholarship ever awarded in this subject.
 J. R. Hautz—Economics and Political Science.

Degrees

- M.A.—A. H. Erdberg.
 B.A.—A. J. Probert.

Term Honor Examinations

- I. R. McAuley (J.S.)—Experimental Science (3rd Rank).
 D. O'D. Ferris (S.F.)—French (3rd Rank); Spanish (3rd Rank).
 G. A. Watt (J.F.)—Mathematics (1st Rank).
 R. A. Q. Skerrett (J.F.)—Irish (2nd Rank).

Other Examinations

Society of Incorporated Accountants in Ireland
 Intermediate Examination—C. B. Craven.

Incorporated Law Society

Second Examination in Irish—G. A. Henderson.

Matriculation

R. Schlesinger, C. K. Oon, G. S. G. Lewis, A. Waterhouse, A. R. W. Hughes, J. G. Fish, N. D. Knowles, J. E. K. Clarke, C. W. Fox, S. Hayes, C. G. Hyland, J. R. Keogh, F. N. O'Keefe, J. P. Williams, R. R. Wilson.

The Bury Bequest

By the will of the late Miss Bessie Bury, of Sandycove, a generous bequest of £250 was made to the School. The interest on it, amounting to about £9, will by her own wish be devoted annually to a prize in English Language and Literature. The exact terms of the award have not yet been decided, but it will probably be given at the Sixth-Form level. Miss Bury's two brothers attended the School, and we accept with gratitude this sign of her continued interest in it.

Mr. E. M. Stephens

The sudden death on March 6th of Mr. Edward Millington Stephens, B.L., brought real grief to his many friends in the School. Though he had been a Governor for only a very few years, he had fulfilled his duties with a characteristic enthusiasm, which was a source of inspiration to those of us in the School who worked with him. To the many problems facing the House Committee at that time he brought the benefits of his wide, practical experience and his natural good taste.

But his great work was with the boys of the Junior School. Helped by Miss Williams, he initiated and developed a method of stimulating their interest in the treasures of the museums and art galleries. His own knowledge of Irish antiquities and folklore was very wide, and he took the greatest pains to find a suitable way of imparting it to the boys, preparing the ground before the actual visit by an informal talk, often in his own house in Harcourt Terrace, and analysing their written accounts afterwards to see how much they had absorbed. He was such a fascinating talker that even the youngest boys learnt a surprising amount. It is greatly to be hoped that this most valuable work can be continued, as he would have wished.

In Mr. Stephens's house many of the boys had greatly admired an Australian Lyre Bird's tail, and after his death Mrs. Stephens gave it to them. It had belonged to his uncle, J. M. Synge, the dramatist, who indeed may well have mounted it originally. Mr. Wilson has rebuilt its case, and it will be kept in Miss Williams's classroom as a permanent memento of a very good friend of the School. We should like to thank Mrs. Stephens for her kindness and thoughtfulness, and to express to her and her family our sincere sympathy and our own sense of loss.

R. W. R.

Erasmian Committee

The Editorial Committee of "The Erasmian" invites literary contributions from present and past pupils, especially from Old Boys overseas, and all others interested in the School.

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School Concert

15th and 16th February, 1955

The fourth annual concert of the post-war series was held in February, and each night the Clockroom was filled. The programme was as follows:—

"ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS." Produced by Mr. J. S. Kendall. Alice, M. D. Davenport; Tiger Lily, F. R. O'Neill; Rose, B. E. Killen; Daisies, A. J. Roy and G. H. Lanigan; Tweedledum and Tweedledee, R. Curtis and H. Beste; White Knight, D. W. Rowell; Red Queen and White Queen, C. W. D. Peare and H. D. Graham; Waiter, W. A. Fisher.

PIANO SOLO—J. D. Reynolds. Andante and Variation (Mozart); Sailor Dance (Dunhill).

"RIGH SEUMUS," by Douglas Hyde. Produced by Mr. J. R. W. Goulden. An old man (R. A. Buttimore) and his grandson (V. C. Kelly) are contriving the escape of King James II (D. J. Challen) by ship to France, after his defeat at the Boyne. They meet three of the King's soldiers (R. A. McDonnell, T. O. Driver, and I. D. Doak), who are mutinous because of the King's cowardice, and are seeking to kill him. They demand a drink from the old man's barrel. He says that it does not contain wine, and extracts a promise that they will help him to hide anything in the cask which they cannot drink.

PIANO SOLO—D. J. H. Bryans. Impromptu in E Flat (Schubert); Sonata (Mozart).

"THE INTERPRETER." Written and produced by Mr. G. W. Keegan. Scene: The vestibule of Hotel Havoc. Time: Töstal. Clerk, J. D. Ridgeway; Interpreter, R. G. F. Jackson; M. Lebrun (a Frenchman), W. E. Brown; Mme. Lebrun (his wife), W. R. G. Lew; M. Marron (another Frenchman), R. D. Clarke; Pierre (his dog), G. W. Davidson; Herr Blanck (an Austrian), J. A. Deering; Garda, W. S. A. Gibney; Bellboy, B. H. Welsh.

VIOLIN SOLO—J. D. Reynolds. Sarabanda (Festing); Gavotte in D (Bach).

"THE PUPPET SHOW." Produced by Mr. W. S. Kelly and Mr. A. S. Burrowes. The Showman, D. P. Taylor; Harlequin, D. W. H. Adams; Ninetta, J. S. Heighway; Antonio, C. F. L. Smith; Nadia, A. K. Dungan; Ivanovitch, F. G. H. McQueston; Mme. Tremolo, G. L. R. Burne; Herr Schmidt, S. T. Mason; Tim Tom, D. R. Maher; The General, J. L. Cochrane; Soldiers, Members of the School Choir.

"THE HOLD-UP." Produced by Mr. J. W. Wiloughby. Mr. Pobjoy (a village postmaster), A. W. Burgess; Tom and Dick, K. A. Gregory and N. D. Simpson; Mr. Redfern, A. C. Newell; Customers, M. T. Richardson, D. A. G. Mackey and G. C. S. Linney; Stranger, D. J. Maynard; Sergeant and Garda, D. W. McClatchie and R. C. Graves.

VIOLIN SOLO—E. H. Winter (Accompanied by Julian Dawson). Souvenir (Drdla); Czardas (Monti).

THE SCHOOL CHOIR AND RECORDER BAND.

Choir Master, Mr. A. S. Burrowes. Brother James (arr. Gordon Jacob); I have twelve oxen (Thiman); Away in a manger; Joseph and the Angel; Ceremonies for Christmas; Drink to me only; Passion Chorale (Bach). The Choir: C. F. L. Smith, D. W. H. Adams, J. S. A. Stokes, A. K. Dungan, G. L. R. Burne, A. J. Roy, F. G. H. McQueston, B. E. Killen, D. Emmett, G. A. McCamley, L. N. H. Coombs, J. S. Heighway, D. F. Youell, H. B. Knott, S. T. Mason, A. W. P. Kelso, M. R. Heaney, W. B. Cooper, W. T. R. Dobson, N. E. Darby, J. L. Cochrane.

MAGIC FOR ALL—I. A. Fox.

"THE MOST LAMENTABLE COMEDY OF PYRAMUS AND THISBE" (from Shakespeare). Produced by the Headmaster. Quince (a carpenter), E. H. Winter; Snug (a joiner), W. G. G. Fisher; Bottom (a weaver), A. R. W. Hughes; Flute (a bellows-mender), A. R. L. Beck; Snout (a tinker), S. W. J. Seager; Starveling (a tailor), A. Waterhouse; Puck, C. E. Dick; Theseus (Duke of Athens), J. G. Fish; Attendant, M. W. Taylor.

Stage Manager—Mr. W. R. Wilson.

Organisers—Mr. C. L. Dillon and Mr. P. J. O'Kane.

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Additional Playing Fields

In recent years sports masters and boys have been greatly handicapped by the inadequacy of the school playing fields. Belgrave Square was quite unable to accommodate the large number of boys wishing to use it. It is most gratifying therefore to learn that the Governors have now overcome this difficulty by entering into a contract to purchase "Danum," which will provide three playing fields, tennis courts and other amenities, together with a Headmaster's Residence and Sergeant's Residence. "Danum" is situated in Rathgar, close to Zion Church, and the grounds extend from there nearly to the River Dodder and the Orwell Road Bridge. The grounds will be available in 1956 and we feel sure that boys will show their appreciation of the work of the Governors in providing these grounds by making full use of them in the years to come.

We wish to record here our very sincere thanks to the Board of Governors for their untiring efforts in this connection, particularly as we realise how difficult it is at the present time to obtain adequate playing fields within a reasonable distance of the School.

Erasmian Prizes

The following contributors have been awarded book tokens: June 1954 issue—C. N. Watson; December 1954 issue—J. T. Killen, E. H. Winter, C. Fox.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: "Portora," "The Columban," C.A.I. (Coleraine Academical Institution), Mountjoy School Magazine, Masonic Schools' Magazine, Newtown School Magazine.

Christmas Party

The Senior School "Break-up" Party was held on Friday, the 17th of December. There were over 130 present despite bitter frost and glazed roads, which made travelling very hazardous.

The secretaries and committee wish to thank all those who helped to make the evening so enjoyable, particularly the ladies who catered so splendidly and so generously. A special word of thanks must be extended to Mr. Kilroy for lending the loudspeaker system.

J. T. K.
D. J. F.

Parents' Association

As we approach the end of our 12th session, we look back upon it as reasonably successful with a membership figure of 151. This figure, however, does not represent the 100 per cent. membership we should like to see and we extend a very hearty invitation to all parents to become members of the Association. The facility arranged, whereby subscriptions (5/- only, per family) may be paid with the School fees at the beginning of Christmas term, has been helpful, and we hope that all parents will join in September next.

This year, as announced, the Committee has inaugurated a Hobbies Exhibition, which will take place in the School on Saturday, 17th September, 1955. A number of prizes will be awarded and we hope that this venture will receive your fullest support, with a view to its becoming an annual event. So, parents,

encourage your boys to enter samples of their particular hobbies!

The objects of the Association are to promote the welfare of both School and pupils, and the Committee endeavours to arrange meetings of wide appeal to our members. The attendance during the past season has averaged about 70, save for the forum when this figure was doubled. What are the reasons for only approximately a 30 per cent. attendance?

Are the meetings not of interest to High School parents? Then, let us have your views and suggestions; these will be invaluable in assisting the Committee to frame a programme of the widest appeal.

Is it difficult for members to arrange for someone to look after their children so that they can attend? Surely, something can be done about this, since the meetings take place once a month only and notice of these is now given well in advance. A "quid pro quo" arrangement with a neighbour would meet the case!

Do you live rather a long way from the School? This is indeed a problem and it is constantly in the minds of the Committee members. We would like to see all meetings commence promptly at 7.45 p.m. so that we could finish in good time to enable everyone to get home at a reasonable time; but to achieve this, co-operation on the part of all is necessary.

Any other reasons?—previous engagements. A month's notice, at least, of each of our gatherings should enable you to avoid the clashing of dates. What else?—perhaps apathy, unfortunately too often present, nowadays, in different organisations. The strength of an association lies in the interest, support and enthusiasm of all members. The Parents' Association can play a most helpful and important part in the activities of the School, forming an invaluable link between parents and staff. But this means more than the payment of a subscription—it calls for constructive interest. Are you part of the 70 per cent.?

The Annual General Meeting will take place (D.V.) on Wednesday, October 15th, 1955. After the formal business of the election of officers, opportunity arises for discussion on all aspects of the School. Come along on that evening and let us have a really good exchange of ideas so that we all may benefit.

Another School year has ended. To those leaving to enter University, profession or commerce, we wish Godspeed and offer our sincere wishes that, in every way, they will find happiness in life. To parents, whose immediate link with the School is thus broken, may I mention that they may become Associate Members of the Parents' Association at the reduced annual subscription of 2/6 per family. Please let me know so that arrangements can be made for sending notification of meetings. We shall be delighted to see you there.

A grand rejuvenating holiday to you all—
and don't forget the Annual General Meeting!

G. F. BELLIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hobbies Exhibition 1955

Believing that the encouragement of hobbies and the exchange of ideas between boys is a good thing, the Parents' Association, with the consent and approval of Dr. Reynolds, propose to organise a Competitive Hobbies Exhibition in the School on **Saturday, 17th Sept., 1955.**

All boys in the School are eligible to enter samples of their hobbies and 24 prizes will be awarded, viz., 2 under each Age Group for each Section, together with 8 to exhibitors (other than prizewinners) whose entries, in the opinion of the judges, deserve recognition.

The Age Groups are as follows:—

- Group 1: Junior School—Under 10 years of age.
- Group 2: Junior School—Over 10 years of age.
- Group 3: Senior School—Under 14 years of age.
- Group 4: Senior School—Over 14 years of age.

For the purposes of the Exhibition, hobbies have been classified under the undernoted Sections:—

Section A: Art and Science—Painting, Lino Cuts, Drawing (pencil, ink, crayon, charcoal), Modelling or Sculpture in any medium, Pottery, Photography, Collections of various kinds. **Natural History**—Collections of Butterflies, Moths; Botany Specimens, Geology Specimens.

Section B: General Hobbies—Handwork of all kinds, Model Aeroplanes, Models in any material, Meccano Models, Woodwork or Carpentry of any kind, Engineering and Metal Work.

Note—Bayco, Dinky Builder and similar models, and train layout are **not eligible**, but any part of a layout made by yourself may be submitted.

If your hobby is not mentioned in the above examples, it does not mean that you cannot submit your entry. Further, you can send in as many entries as you wish.

There are only three Rules to be observed:—

- (1) The entry submitted must be mainly the work of the boy exhibiting. The joint effort of two or more boys will, however, be accepted.
- (2) The entry must bear a distinguishing number, which number will be given to the exhibitor on his applying to Mr. Evans.

- (3) Entries must be brought to the School on Friday, 16th September, 1955, and removed on Monday, 19th September, 1955.

The decision of the Judges, who will be Old Boys of the School, is final and while every care will be taken of the work submitted, no responsibility can be accepted for the exhibits.

PRIZES ALLOCATION

	SECTION A Art and Science Natural History		SECTION B General Hobbies	
	1st Prize	2nd Prize	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Group 1: Junior School under 10	7/6	5/-	7/6	5/-
Group 2: Junior School over 10 -	7/6	5/-	7/6	5/-
Group 3: Senior School under 14	7/6	5/-	7/6	5/-
Group 4: Senior School over 14 -	15/-	10/-	15/-	10/-
Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4:				

Eight prizes of 5/- each to be awarded for meritorious entries in any Section or Group.

Certificates of Merit—These to be awarded to deserving entries and the possession of three of these Certificates will entitle the holder to a prize of 10/-.

We hope that all Parents will support and encourage entries for this Exhibition and have the pleasure of seeing a really good display in September next to which you are all cordially invited.

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CRICKET (1955)

Capt. : J. P. Williams,
Vice-Capt. : N. P. D. Kilroy,
Hon. Sec. : J. P. Williams.

BOXING (1954-55)

Capt. : M. S. Haskins,
Vice-Capt. : N. Adam,
Hon. Sec. : D. Pedlow.

TABLE TENNIS (1954-55)

Capt. : J. P. Williams,
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Hon. Sec. : H. F. Wann.

ATHLETICS (1955)

Capt. : J. G. Fish. Vice-Capt. : M. H. McCamley.

TENNIS (1955)

Capt. : J. D. R. Oakes,
Vice-Capt. : D. J. FitzPatrick,
Hon. Sec. : R. I. Knowles.

SWIMMING (1954-55)

Capt. : D. Pedlow,
Vice-Capt. : D. Marks,
Hon. Sec. : D. Marks.



S.C.T. (1954-55)

Standing—N. P. D. Kilroy, S. Seager, K. Ruddock, J. P. Williams, Mr. Lowry, B. E. W. Dowse, D. J. G. Irwin, N. Adam, J. R. Keogh.

Sitting—Mr. Cornish, J. G. Fish, J. T. Paul, D. J. FitzPatrick (Capt.), M. S. Haskins, J. T. Killen, Dr. Reynolds.

On Ground—R. G. Hall, J. D. R. Oakes.

Rugby Report 1954-55

This year we have had more fixtures than ever before in the history of the School. On some occasions we were turning out five to six teams on one afternoon. Generally, school rugby has had a successful year.

The Senior team, this year, has had a successful season. We suffered a number of

losses, but managed to leave the field knowing that we had given our opponents some very anxious moments. In our matches with The Old Boys we recorded a win and a loss. We defeated Bangor Grammar School in Dublin 34-0, but lost to Larne Grammar School at Larne. In our cup match against Masonic we again lost. We were sixteen points down at half-time, as a result of some quick scores, but we put up a great fight-back during the second

half. Many times we were on Masonic's line, and even at one stage it looked as if we might pull the "fat out of the fire." Up to the last five minutes it was a ding-dong battle. However, when the final whistle went, we had lost 19-6. We congratulate our captain, D. J. FitzPatrick on gaining his Leinster Cap in playing against Connaught and Ulster.

The J.C.T. has had a good season, recording some very fine wins. They have shown some very fine accurate rugby, especially in the forwards, where, as usual, a light pack gave displays worthy of twice their own total weight. Their cup match was very exciting. Playing against Castleknock, who were later to be the finalists, they put up a magnificent show. From the start we could see Castleknock's superior strength in the forwards—but how our pack fought! Never letting anything go without a grand tussle, we finally lost the match rather unluckily, because up to the last stages, we were leading 3-0. However, a fine try and penalty goal by the Castleknock scrum-half clinched the match for them to win 6-3.

The "Under 14" team played most of the latter half of the season without the service of some of their regular forwards, who were playing on the Junior Cup team. The main fault of the "Under 14" lies in the backs—in that section of the team we have not a swift moving set owing to their lack of size. However, we have great hopes that they will improve, and coupled with strong forwards might turn out to be a useful side next year. They have had a subdued season, gaining some good victories, but always showing good football. We wish them the best of luck as the future Junior Cup team.

The "Under 13," "Under 12" and "Under 11" teams are the future Senior and Junior teams of High School. This year they have had more fixtures than ever, and what they may lack in playing skill, they make it up two-fold in their enthusiasm. We have had so many attending training that we are in a difficult situation. With only Belgrave Square to train in, facilities have become very cramped, especially during wet weather when we have no alternative pitch to use. However, with the good news concerning Danum, we look forward to better training facilities in future years.

This year colours have been awarded to: D. J. FitzPatrick, J. T. Paul, J. T. Killen, M. S. Haskins, J. G. Fish, J. P. Williams, J. D. R. Oakes, S. Seager, R. W. G. Hall, K. Ruddock, D. J. G. Irwin, R. Keogh.

Date to Bell Cap: D. J. FitzPatrick.

Bell Cap: J. T. Paul.

School Cap: M. S. Haskins.

J. F.

Table Tennis

The season got under way in the middle of October and was continued to the end of the Easter Term. In spite of very limited equipment, we had a very successful and enjoyable season. Great enthusiasm was shown especially amongst the Juniors, who turned out in considerable numbers every Tuesday night. Our annual tournament was held towards the end of the Easter Term, and it was won by E. M. Browett, with G. Parry runner-up.

J. P. W.

Athletics

This season we have not the same strong team as we had last year. However, we put forward a number of boys for the Leinster School sports this year. Though none of them gained any distinction, they all ran well and did their best. With the added interest of Mr. Myles in our activities, especially in field events, we are building a team for the future. In a few years' time we hope to see some of our boys establishing themselves as athletes.

J. F.

Boxing

The Sixteenth Annual Championships were held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 2nd April, 1955. The standard of boxing was well maintained, and it was a pity that this formerly popular annual tournament received so little adult support. In some weights, owing to illness and injuries, the champions gained their titles without a contest. We were glad to welcome boys from Morgan's School, who boxed in three weights against unopposed champions and made the evening more interesting. We hope to meet a full team from Morgan's next season. This was the first occasion since the championships were begun

that Mr. George Carroll was unable to be present as referee. Next season we hope to see him in his usual place fit and well again. We sincerely thank Mr. M. A. Cole, a former captain, who acted as M.C., and all those officials who gave of their time and contributed to the success of the tournament.

Results :—

Novice Champions

- 5 st. 0 lbs.—J. D. Bellis w.o.
 6 st. 7 lbs.—G. M. Davidson bt. B. A. Chadwick.
 7 st. 0 lbs.—G. D. Hudson bt. A. C. Newell.
 8 st. 0 lbs.—R. D. Clarke bt. G. A. Aitken.

Champions

- 5 st. 0 lbs.—N. E. Darby bt. D. A. Orr.
 6 st. 7 lbs.—K. Gregory w.o.
 7 st. 0 lbs.—D. G. Gregory bt. A. W. P. Kelso.
 7 st. 7 lbs.—R. A. Buttimore w.o.
 8 st. 0 lbs.—M. S. Haskins w.o.
 8 st. 7 lbs.—J. H. Hartley bt. E. B. Dawson.
 9 st. 0 lbs.—D. R. Dagg bt. W. S. D. Gibney.
 10 st. 0 lbs.—N. D. Adam w.o.
 11 st. 0 lbs.—K. W. Ruddock w.o.

Additional Bouts

- 5 st. 0 lbs.—J. D. Bellis (H.S.D.) bt. D. Drury (Morgan's School).
 7 st. 7 lbs.—R. A. Buttimore (H.S.D.) bt. J. J. Hutchinson (Morgan's School).
 10 st. 0 lbs.—N. A. Adam (H.S.D.) bt. V. K. Darker (Morgan's School).

Belgrave obtained the greatest number of points in the House Competition.

Cricket 1955

In spite of extremely unsatisfactory ground facilities, with which we have to contend, the season has been very successful. Having got a walk-over from C.B.C., Monkstown, in the first round, the Seniors defeated a strong St. Mary's team in the second round by 66 runs in an excellent game. In the semi-final they

met Masonic at Masonic grounds, but were well beaten by 83 runs—misjudgment in running between wickets contributing very materially to our downfall.

Neither the Senior nor Junior teams have been beaten yet in friendly matches. The J.C.T. were beaten in the second round by C.U.S. by 5 wickets. The "Under 14" has reached the semi-final in which they meet St. Andrew's at Stillorgan Road. We await the result with great interest. We wish to thank the parents for a gift of £5 to the Club, and also Mr. Keegan and Mr. Kendall for gifts of cricket equipment.

We are glad to note that many boys in the Junior School are turning out, and we are very pleased that they, as well as the Senior School, supported our teams so well in the cup matches. At the present stage of the season the leading senior averages are :—

Batting : Kilroy 28.60 ; Williams 21.57.
 Bowling : Williams 4.26 ; West 13.00.

J. P. W.

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The Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 15th January, 1955, and we are pleased to report that this function loses nothing of its attraction for the members and their friends who come along each year. On this occasion 195 were present when our President, Mr. J. Esmond Allen, took the Chair. He is to be congratulated on the very able manner in which he presided.

Our principal guest was Major W. White, Headmaster of Coleraine Academical Institution, who replied to the toast of "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. G. C. Duggan. Once again we accord a hearty vote of thanks to our musical guests for a very delightful evening.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

Members who are not already subscribing are invited to send subscriptions from two shillings and sixpence upwards to the Hon. Treasurer—E. W. Frith, 9 Goatstown Ave., Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

Ladies' Night

This function took place in Mills Hall on Saturday, 23rd April, 1955, and was presided over by our President, Mr. J. Esmond Allen. 65 members and guests sat down to an excellent dinner. The toast of the ladies was proposed by Mr. C. G. Morton and the President's wife, Mrs. Allen, suitably replied. We were entertained by a galaxy of musical talent, directed by Mr. Mervyn Bell.

It is disappointing that so few of our Old Boys make the effort to attend this very enjoyable evening.

Spring Dance

A most enjoyable Dance was held in the Gresham Hotel Ballroom on Friday, 18th March, 1955. This was arranged in response to requests for a "9-2" dance and our best thanks are due to the Committee formed to look after the running of this function, with a special pat on the back for Dick Mahon, who acted as Hon. Secretary and M.C.

For Your Diary

The Golf Outing and Supper will be held at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 1st Sept., 1955.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 21st October, 1955.

The Annual Dance will take place in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 5th November, 1955.

News of Old Boys

R. H. Armstrong (1940-44) was first in the 500 c.c. class Spanish Grand Prix, second to G. Duke, 500 c.c. class North-West "200," and also in the Senior T.T.

E. H. Bodell (1940-44) and **A. W. M. Cooper** (1944-51) were selected to play for the Gentlemen of Ireland XI against Yorkshire.

J. S. Dawson (1951-54) again had three successes in the Feis Ceoil, winning the Senior

Organ, the John Benson Memorial Cup (music of Bach on piano), and the Hamilton Harty Cup (pianoforte concerto).

M. H. G. Ellis (1926-27), Barrister-at-Law, has been called to the Inner Bar.

H. W. W. Good (1922-29), Major, R.A.M.C., T.A., has been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

W. Gregory (1946-52) was a member of the Irish Universities' boxing team against the Scottish Universities.

T. V. Jackson (1947-49) is a chemist in the Patents Department of the General Chemicals Division of I.C.I. at Widnes.

D. M. Johnston (1946-53), who is at present on H.M.S. Conway, has continued to distinguish himself as an athlete. These are some of his achievements: Cap and colours for Rugby at end of first term; played for North Wales XV (Schools) v. Monmouthshire and captained the North Wales XV (Schools) v. Staffordshire; won 100 yards (new record), 220 yards (new record), and long jump, in Middle Section, Caernarvonshire County Championships; won 100 yards in 10.8 secs. (middle section) at Welsh National Sports to become Welsh Champion; Captain of 1st XV; Captain of Athletics and Cadet Captain.

Rev. W. G. Leach (1939-44) was ordained at the Cathedral of James, Toronto, May 1st, 1955, and is now acting as Curate, St. Andrew's Church, Thistle town, Ontario.

Rev. J. R. Lindsay (1937-44) has been appointed rector of Portaferry (Ballyphilip and Ardquin).

F. S. Lyons (1941) played on the Irish Squash Rackets team against Scotland.

Rev. J. D. Murray (1931-34), who was chaplain in the Royal Navy, has been instituted to the incumbency of Dalkey.

J. W. A. Scott (1947-51) is a trooper in the Northern Rhodesian Mounted Police.

Rev. E. D. R. Simms (1936-44) has been appointed rector of Carnmoney Parish, Co. Antrim.

J. Smyth (1933-39) has been home on leave from Nigeria, where he is a District Officer in the Administrative Service.

Marriages

Frederick E. Boyd, A.C.A. (1929-37) to **Oonagh F. Rowden**, May 23rd, 1955.

Harold Burgess (1939-41) to **Marion MacCormack**, April 23rd, 1955.

David N. F. T. Eustace (1938-47) to **Roberta A. E. Steeves**, at Peace River, Canada, June 5th, 1954.

Noel H. Kerrison (1942-48) to **Dorothy J. Morton**, June 6th, 1955.

James W. Lovegrove (1940-41) to **Margaret A. Cole**, April 16th, 1955.

John F. Young (1939-43) to **Kay E. Milne**, June 4th, 1955.

Deaths

Edward Millington Stephens, barrister-at-law, member of the Board of Governors, March 6th, 1955.

Captain T. S. Tomlinson (1905-07), April 23rd, 1955.

Mr. H. G. Yates

By the very sudden and untimely death on September 15th, 1954, of Mr. Henry George Yates, the marine turbine industry has suffered a serious loss. At the age of forty-six he had not reached the peak of his activities, and his abilities as a steam turbine designer in the marine industry were widely recognised and appreciated. He was widely read, interested in amateur dramatics, and had a happy family life, although his two children are only at the start of their scholastic careers.

The study of vibration was a great hobby of his. Anything from the vibration of a sewing machine at home to the most complex types of vibration occurring in geared turbine systems was strenuously investigated. He had outstanding patience in explaining the more abstruse points in designs. His eyesight had been defective from birth in one eye, but he developed amazing ability in dealing with complex mathematical formulae in his head.

After a distinguished scholastic career, he graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1930

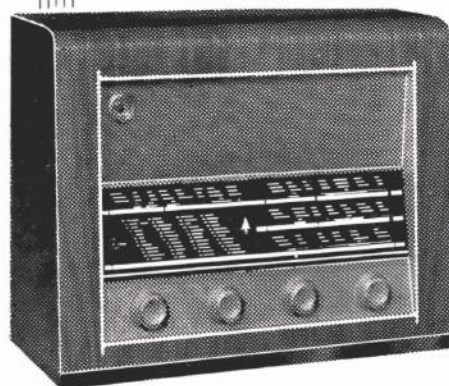
with first-class moderatorships in mathematics and physics and was afterwards awarded the M.A. degree. He continued at the University as a lecturer in physics for two years before deciding that he would prefer to be an engineer. He served a student apprenticeship with the English Electric Co., Ltd., at its Willans Works, Rugby, and was employed after his apprenticeship in the Turbine Department of the Company. In 1940 a Research Department was set up, and Yates was put in charge of the work. He joined the Parsons and Marine Engineering Turbine Research and Development Association (Pametrada) very near the beginning, and was associated with the growth of the Association, particularly in the work of the Design Department, in which many designs were prepared for turbine machinery to be installed in important British and foreign ships, the total horse-power of the designs aggregated some seven million. During this time Pametrada acquired a number of foreign licences, which enabled Yates's work to influence building in countries such as Holland and Canada.

Yates was an associate member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Fellow of the Institute of Physics, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and at the time of his death was a member of council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders and Chairman of the North-East Branch of the Institute of Physics. Apart from the technical committees of Pametrada, on which he was a valued member, he was on the Admiralty Noise Reduction Panel NRP.2, AVGRA Sub-Committee D, the Admiralty Gearing Noise Advisory Panel, the Heat Transfer and Heat Exchange Committee of the Mechanical Engineering Research Organisation and Committee J (Power Plant) of the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association.

The thing that struck most people meeting him for first time was his great personal charm and very quiet way in explaining difficult points in design so that they became clear and easy to understand. He is greatly mourned by his colleagues at Pametrada, where he spent the last ten years of his life in charge of the Design Department.

THOMAS W. F. BROWN.

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Mr. S. Evans, The High School,
Harcourt Street, Dublin,
Ireland.

Dear Sammy,

I suppose you'll barely remember me, one of your past pupils. I had you most of 5th Form and I used to sit number one on the second row beside Stanley Rowe. Stanley Rowe is working in insurance I believe in Dublin, while I took the plunge and embarked for Canada.

I came out here two years and two months ago, after four years' banking experience with Guinness and Mahon in Dublin.

I often think of the Old School and the old country and I thought a letter giving the "low-down" on this country might be of considerable assistance to any of your pupils thinking of coming over.

I do hope you're still with the School. I remember when I was leaving Ireland, the Head had died, the "Bear," that is, and also old Frosty. What a part and picture they were. High School must surely have changed when they passed away.

However, I'm sure you're still there keeping up the traditions. I was always impressed by the team work spirit present. Is "Willie" still teaching art? I suppose George Keegan is still there and Vic Graham. I remember of course Chas. Dillon, but beyond that so many things have happened since that things get a little hazy.

This is a wonderful country, Mr. Evans. There's lots of room for boys and men who are willing to work and really work hard. Opportunities arise every day, but one must be prepared to sacrifice almost everything for work.

I joined Canada's most go-ahead bank, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, in Calgary; was transferred to Vulcan as assistant accountant and to Peace River Town as accountant. The work of the accountant is that of assistant manager, and, as such, a job of considerable responsibility. The hours long as the day, the pay wonderfui. Nobody who wants to get ahead shirks responsibility, nor

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Our summers are good though generally, though rains cause a lot of mud to come up on our unpaved streets.

Our hours are very long. July averaged 18 hours a day (including Sundays). Still we always manage our Church on Sunday, and no entertainments are allowed. The Canadian really works when he works, but when he takes time off for sport or fun . . . the sky's the limit. We have our slack times. In January and February working hours at our branch averaged 48 hours a week. (This would be the very minimum we would ever work. For example this week my own hours read: Monday, 14 hours; Tuesday 14 hours; Wednesday, 12 hours; Thursday 13½ hours.)

Our pay in relation to cost of living is good. My pay comes to \$303 a month (or £110) (I am 22 years old), plus a £150 bonus yearly (based on profits but generally around this). Our girls get \$100 monthly (£33) plus free board. A young lad starts generally at about \$135 monthly.

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If someone will come out, therefore, and relinquish all prejudices, he must settle down to some hard work while keeping himself healthy. (Almost everyone plays golf. I think I have made some of our best loans while golfing.) Above all, be a salesman all the time. If you're not selling anything, you must sell yourself, all the time.

I see Aleck Sinclair occasionally; he came out with me and is also banking with the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the audit staff.

Well, I had better close now. Please give my best regards to anyone who remembers me. My folks are still in Dublin; my brother Rowland (also a pupil of yours) works for Fry-Cadbury.

If any young lad wants further details as to Canada and the jobs available, tell him to contact the Embassy in Dublin. I'll be certainly glad to give anyone any details he wants to know about if he just drops me a line.

Yours truly,

DAVID EUSTACE.

Proposed Branch of the Old Boys' Union in Great Britain

To all Old Boys,

The formation of a branch of the O.B.U. in Great Britain has been under consideration for some time. Last May the circular reproduced below was sent to all Old Boys in the United Kingdom, who are members of the Union and whose address is known, to find out if there would be sufficient support for such a venture. At the time of writing it is too early to judge the result.

In addition to the 100 odd names I have, there must be very many other Old Boys in the United Kingdom who are not members of the O.B.U. It is these I want to contact. If you know the name and address of any Old Boy in the United Kingdom I should be grateful if you would kindly let me have it.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. CUSTIS.

THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

61 Park Road West,
Wolverhampton,
Staffordshire.

2nd May, 1955.

Dear Sir,

There are now at least 100 of us exiled High School Old Boys on this side of the water, and we are hopeful of founding a branch of the Union. As by far the majority are in the London Area, the suggestion is that the Headquarters would be there. As you may know, a London Dinner is held every other year on the eve of the England-Ireland rugby match at Twickenham. If sufficient support can be mustered we would hold an annual dinner in London with perhaps one or two other informal gatherings there or elsewhere every year.

There may be reasons why you couldn't attend all, if indeed any, of the "get-togethers," but may we count on your support. Unfortunately our records are very much out-of-date, and any information you could give of the last-known whereabouts of an Old Boy in Great Britain would be welcome.

Please don't consign this appeal to the wastepaper basket. Do write even if you don't favour the idea—we would like to hear from you. We may easily find that there are 500 of us. A cleric once said to me that when asked for advice on schooling a heavily scoring point in his eyes was the strength of the school's Old Boys' Union. Let's show how we feel about our School—"We are faithful to our Trust."

Yours sincerely,

P. J. CUSTIS.

Sam Meyer

For some inexplicable reason it is usual to wait until our friends pass on before we set down in writing our appreciation of them. I propose to depart from this procedure and to write a few words of appreciation of one of the finest Old Boys of this School, indeed I venture to say, of any school.

Sam Meyer was a pupil of the School at the turn of the century and throughout his school-

days and ever since he has been intensely interested in the School and the Old Boys.

He has been a member of the Governing Body for many years and has given and is giving valuable help in all matters concerning the administration of the Schools under the care of the Board. His sphere of influence, however, is very wide and as a Founder of our O.B.U. he has been associated with the Union in all its stages over the past twenty-five years, and it is no exaggeration to say that without Sam's guidance the Union, of which we are so justly proud, would not be in its present healthy and influential position. He, however, saw much further ahead than our own Union and was not content with its success alone, but conceived the idea of a Union of Unions from which emanated the A.S.U. and the U.I.S., both of which organisations have fully justified their existence and have contributed greatly to their own Schools and the cementing of friendships amongst Old Boys from schools from the four corners of Ireland.

It is a mystery to many of us how he finds time for all he does. His capacity for friendship is unique and his kindness and generosity to all and sundry are without compare. He is one of those who do good by stealth and there are many, both young and old, who have good reason to be grateful to him for the encouragement and help they have received when most needed.

I could write at great length about Sam's remarkable work and personality which has endeared him to so many, not only in Dublin, but in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast, Cork, and cities and towns throughout the whole of Great Britain and Ireland.

Although these few incoherent, inadequate words come from the pen of one member of the O.B.U., they are written as an expression of the sentiments of the whole body of the Union.

No one could criticise Sam if he at this stage decided to sit back and allow others to carry on the good work which he has so ably started, but that is not his nature, and we look forward to many years of happy association with this grand Old Boy of the School for whom our respect and affection increase as the years go by, and we never cease to wonder at the capacity of this gentleman.

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