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EDITORIAL

THE term which we are just completing, that from January to Easter, has, we will all by now agree, been unmercifully slow. Yet it has passed, with a passing which was peaceful and leisurely, which brought no trouble to ruffle our slumbrous tranquillity; so it is with considerable trepidation that we view the advent of the approaching Summer term. For here is a short, rapid, and breathless term in which we rush through a regular whirlpool of Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Work and Examinations. The lengthening days and the bright sunshine are calling us out to the nets or the courts, while the thought of the approaching examinations tugs our coat-tails in an opposite and less attractive direction. Some of us will answer to the call of the open air, while others will apply themselves to the cult of pen and paper. The problem, of course, is to do both, but few are discovering the solution; two camps are arising, and the line of division between the followers is becoming increasingly more distinct. Yet are we in our quandary being assisted by Those Who Sit in High Places and who rule the destiny of the Mere Schoolboy? By no means so, for when these Great Men wake up each year, they add another half-dozen Laws to the task of the Mere Schoolboy, and these Laws are now become so numerous that separate instruction will soon have to be devoted to the learning of them alone. Therefore our Mere Schoolboy has nowadays to bethink himself many years ahead of that vocation in life to which his desire draws him, and at this early period to commence to specialise towards the attainment of that vocation. If he, however, be a zealot of brawn and the cult of the limbs, he will avoid this question, and, leaving his fate in the lap of the gods, remain a man of brawn; if a zealot of the brain, he will retreat to the fastnesses of his vocation, and, in corresponding fashion, remain composed of brain and not much more. Which means in effect that, in the struggle between brawn and brain, one or the other wins, with an exceedingly seldom drawn match. Brawn, one finds too often, is inclined to swamp the intellect, and dull the acuteness of the wit; generally a case of "mens vana in corpore sano . . ." The

humble mind caves in before the overwhelming mass of muscle.

"Vis consili expers mole ruit sua."

On the other hand, the victorious brain is apt to become prejudiced against the other corporeal members, and they become in consequence lamentably enfeebled; the outcome is the intellectual "weed."

We can give two reasons for such a state of affairs. Either the youth of to-day is too weak to be capable of undertaking the task of life, or modern interests have so increased and the canvas become so vast that the powers of our youth have been overwhelmed by them. The latter case would still point to his weakness in not being able to discriminate, but we, nevertheless, have a slight suspicion that the former reason is the correct one.

"Aetas parentum, peior avis, tulit nos nequiores."

It must be many, many years since we last produced one who could attain both an International Rugby cap and a Trinity Fellowship.

Be all this as it may, we here in school have had quite a satisfactory record this winter in the Rugby arena. Throughout the season the number of successes was very creditable, and the form was equally consistent. With a light pack our outlook for the Cup matches was not very hopeful, and it is to the honour of the Senior Cup Team that they managed to survive two rounds. In the third game they were only narrowly defeated by a much heavier side. Very considerable credit for this performance is due to our Captain, M. S. C. Rooney, and our trainer, Mr. Storey.

Might we draw attention to a small point which is too often overlooked? The production of this magazine is made possible only by the support of the firms who kindly use it for their advertising. Now it may appear to the ordinary man in the street that these advertisers more or less grow on trees and can be gathered in bunches. This, however, is not the case, and if our advertisers find that no return is coming to them from their patronage, they will cease to advertise. So we ask you, our readers, to perform *your* part in maintaining the ERASMIAN by supporting our advertisers. You will find the profit to come in both directions.

SCHOOL NOTES

SCHOOL reopened on January 14th after the Christmas vacation.

The death of the King fell as a dark shadow of sorrow upon the whole School on January 21st. We were enabled to hear the impressive relay of the funeral assembled in the Clock Room, and afterwards united in our mourning by observing a Two-Minute Silence.

We congratulate M. S. C. Rooney on obtaining his Interprovincial Cap in the Leinster-Munster match.

This term saw the departure from our ranks of Mr. A. S. M. Imrie. We assure him that he will always be remembered with affection, and send him our best wishes for continued happiness in his retirement. To his successor, Mr. A. G. Breakey, Mod. B.A., we extend a hearty welcome, especially as he is an old boy of ours.

The School Library continues to prosper under the benign ferule of Mr. Chillingworth. For further contributions of books we are indebted to W. W. MacRae and P. J. Curtis.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

- E. A. Thompson (S.S.)—Mullins Classical Exhibition. Vice-Chancellor's Latin Medal (First).
- K. N. Douglas (J.S.)—First of First Rank Honours in Modern Languages.
- E. F. Plant (J.S.), J. H. M. Beattie (J.S.)—First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.
- T. H. M. Chillingworth—Third Rank Honours in Experimental Science.
- J. G. Yates (S.F.)—First Rank Honours in Mathematics.
- D. H. McNeill (S.F.)—First of First Rank Honours in French. First Rank Honours in Modern History. First Rank Honours in English Literature.
- C. C. W. Browne (S.F.)—First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.
- G. W. Keegan (S.F.)—Second Rank Honours in French. Third Rank Honours in Irish.

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A. D. Mason (J.F.)—First Rank Honours in Legal Science.

W. B. M. Smyth (J.F.)—Third Rank Honours in History.

The following have obtained business posts:
H. F. L. Butt, A. R. Maynard, N. E. Rowe, C. G. Smith, J. P. Spencer, D. T. Taylor, F. Thomas.

RUGBY NOTES

Captain, M. S. C. Rooney. Vice-Captain, W. D. Boyle. Hon. Sec., A. E. Morrow.

GENERALLY speaking, we have every reason to be satisfied with the S.C.T. and 2nd this year; week after week members of the S.C.T. trained conscientiously, and during the latter part of the season the 2nd Fifteen have also turned out regularly. The result of this training was apparent in the Cup Matches.

Our J.C.T. proved very disappointing. They must learn that a long period of hard work is necessary before a successful team is made. This year the task of getting the J.C.T. to Belgrave Square proved more difficult than during the two previous seasons.

Among the more junior boys, however, the enthusiasm shown was most gratifying, and should be an example to their seniors.

We are indebted to Mr. Storey and the Rev. St. J. Pike for their help in training the Cup Teams.

We are pleased to congratulate Rooney on being chosen for the Leinster Schoolboys team against Munster.

Below will be found the report of the three Senior Cup matches and the Junior Cup match:

High School v. C.U.S.

C.U.S. kicked off into the wind, but long kicks by the High School backs soon set us attacking. The only score of the match resulted from a forward rush; it was a try scored by Magill which Rooney converted. C.U.S. then assumed the offensive until half time. In the

second half High School attacked again, but the wind told against us and we fell back on a defensive game which succeeded in its purpose of preventing C.U.S. from scoring.

High School v. Presentation College, Glashule.

In the first half High School continually attacked but were only able to score one goal; a try scored by Bryans from a forward rush and converted by Keegan. In the second half, however, High School met with more success and Keegan scored two tries and converted one, Boyle a try and a drop goal, Bryans one try and Rooney scored one try, converted two others and kicked a penalty goal. High School thus ran out the victors by 28 points to nil.

High School v. Mount St. Joseph's, Roscrea.

High School did well to hold a much heavier team to the small score of three—nil. The only score of the match was obtained by Roscrea in the closing stages when their out half made a clever cut through and was brought down on the line by Towson. The kick at goal was disallowed and High School, although they tried hard, were not able to break through to score.

High School J.C.T. v. Kilkenny College J.C.T.

High School lost this match by laziness. At the end of the first half, playing clever football, they were leading by 8 points to 3. In the second half High School took things too easily and the result was that Kilkenny College ran out the winners by a score of 17 points to 8, a score that might have been reversed if the High School backs had tackled harder and attacked with more determination.

High School v. Old Boys.

The annual fixture with the Old Boys was played on Wednesday, 11th of March, at Belgrave Square. The Old Boys fielded a strong team including C. A. Boyle, H. W. W. Good, G. W. Keegan and D. H. McNeill, but were handicapped by their lack of combination. In the first half the School forwards heeling consistently kept our backs attacking and Prince opened the scoring with an unconverted try. Soon afterwards W. D. Boyle, playing scrum half, forced his way across from a scrum near the line and scored a try which Keegan converted. Rooney soon added to the score by scoring an excellent penalty goal. In the second half play was more even and the only score was

a drop goal by W. D. Boyle from a position only a few yards from the posts.

The following are the criticisms of the players in the 1st Fifteen:—

Towson, R. T., Full back.—Very small for this position, but he tackled and fielded very well in spite of his lack of inches. The length of his touch kicking could be improved.

Prince, G. S., Left wing.—Tackles very hard. Lacks speed for a wing, but got very few scoring opportunities. Trains hard.

Keegan, C. L., Left centre.—Has good hands, a safe tackle, plenty of pluck, and a very useful kick in a tight corner; his cut through was useful, but must learn to let the ball out more when the opening has been made. On his day he is a match winner.

Boyle, W. D., Right centre.—Was a rock in defence throughout the season. He has two main faults: he holds on too long and is inclined to trust to his strength to get him through. When he tried he could "sell a dummy" to perfection, but, like Rooney, he must pay less attention to the man and more to the ball.

McKell, R. C., Right wing.—A small wing who tackled well but, like Prince, lacked scoring opportunities. Did not train consistently.

Magill, D. C., Out half.—His defence was good but attack was erratic. He must practice getting off the mark more quickly and use his kick more for gaining ground in attack. His kicks are too often charged down. A plucky player who served us well.

Erskine, W. N., Scrum half.—A moderate player who sometimes rose to the occasion and played very well. He lacked confidence in himself, and did not train as well as he might.

FORWARDS.

Rooney, M. S. C., Capt.—High School has been fortunate in the matter of Captains, and this year Rooney proved the best Captain of the last few years. In addition he plays hard in the loose; shoves well in scrums, and during the year has picked up many of the finer points of Rugby. When he learns to pay more attention to the ball and less to the man, he will play an even better game.

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Houston, W. H.—One of our best forwards, who was unfortunately crooked in the first Cup match. He scrummaged well, and did good work in the loose. We missed him against Roscrea.

Morrow, A. E.—Never approached his form of last season, but was still one of our best forwards. He is perhaps too inclined to do all his work in the loose, leaving the shoving to the others. As a wing forward, however, he was very good both in backing up and defence.

Gilmour, J. C.—One of our heaviest forwards who uses his weight to advantage in the tight scrummages. Trained hard, but though at first lacked experience proved of great value in the Cup matches.

Bryans, W. R.—A light forward who hooked very well on most occasions. Was too light to be very effective in the line outs; but was very useful in the loose. His scrummaging improved towards the end of the season. Trains hard.

Young, E. R.—Good in the loose; tackles well on occasions but lacks experience. Trains regularly and is very good in the loose.

Duggan, J. C.—A heavy and hard-working second row forward, who, although slow, earned his place by good work in the scrums. Trained well.

Huggard, C. R.—A spasmodic worker who could improve with more consistent training and with more enthusiasm. Good in the loose and in backing up.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rowe, J. G., Back.—Lacked experience, which handicapped him in this, his first season of Rugby.

Motyer, R. T., Back.—Played in the first two Cup matches. A Junior who also lacked experience.

McNeill, R. S., Forward.—A light forward who played in two Cup matches. Good in the loose but lacked weight in tight scrums.

Hill, L. P., one of last year's team, played regularly until he was prevented from playing by appendicitis.

At a meeting of the Rugby committee held in the Clock Room in March, Dates were awarded to C. L. Keegan and A. E. Morrow. The Bell Cap was awarded to M. S. C. Rooney and School Caps were awarded to W. D. Boyle

and R. T. Towson (backs) and to J. C. Gilmour. A vote of thanks to the masters who had interested themselves in the Rugby teams was passed. The medal to the most enthusiastic player in the J.C.T. was later awarded to D. A. Orr.

	S.C.T.	2nd	J.C.T.	Under 14	Under 13
Played ...	25	11	16	11	9
Won ...	15	6	6	6	5
Lost ...	10	5	8	5	3
Drew ...	0	0	2	0	1
Points For	238	74	136	84	58
Points Agst.	185	81	114	80	61



BOXING CLUB

Captain, W. R. Bryans. Vice-Captain,
M. S. C. Rooney.

BOXING in School continues to flourish and there is a great deal of keenness among the junior boys. So far this season we have had one tournament, against Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, and have arranged two further fixtures, one with King's Hospital School and the other with St. Andrew's College. Accounts of these matches will appear in the next issue of the ERASMIAN.

The following is an account of the Portora Royal School tournament, which we lost by 4 fights to 3.

H.S.B.C v. P.R.S.B.C.

Fly-weight.

D. A. Orr beat W. S. Macready-Bryan.

This was a very closely contested bout in which Orr scored with well timed straight lefts which won him the verdict.

Bantam-Weight.

In a very close fight Crockett lost through continually hitting with an open glove.

Feather-Weight.

K. A. Warrington lost to R. C. Carswell.

Carswell was by far the superior of the two, and the fight was stopped in the first round. Warrington was fighting up a weight.

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W. R. Bryans (Capt.) beat C. R. McDade (Capt.).

Bryans was the more skilful of the two and his aggression gained him the verdict. McDade put up a very plucky show.

Light-Weight.

G. S. Prince lost to O. Seymour.

Seymour's long reach proved the deciding factor in this bout. Prince, although on the aggressive almost the whole time, could not overcome this.

Welter-Weight.

A. E. Morrow lost to T. L. B. Cooper.

Cooper used his superior boxing ability to advantage and had Morrow nearly out in the first round. Morrow recovered, however, and fought very hard up to the final gong.

Middle-Weight.

M. S. C. Rooney beat V. H. Myles.

Rooney's clean and heavy punches won him the bout over a very plucky opponent who attacked consistently.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Portora School for their hospitality which was very much appreciated.

SWIMMING NOTES

Captain, G. I. McCabe. Vice-Captain W. H. Houston. Hon. Sec., A. T. McKiernan.

WE begin our Swimming season immediately after Easter, and we hope there will be good attendances at Iveagh Baths. Last season was quite a good one, and as we still have most of last year's swimmers with us, this season ought to be particularly good. It would be a good thing, if some of the ardour which always seems to abound amongst the juniors could be imparted to the seniors, and thus make the High School the best swimming school in Dublin.

A. T. McK.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT

OUR unbroken series of Annual Concerts has now established a reputation in Dublin school life about which we have every reason to feel happy. We have risen to greater heights each year. At first there were concerts with separate items, then followed musical plays and pantomimes from which we changed to operettas. Next year we are attempting a Gilbert

we are indebted once more to Mr. Eric May, who gives his abilities and time most willingly all the year round. Under his direction the School Choir qualified for a grant from the Department of Education at the first attempt. Among the performers Messrs. H. H. Lewis, R. W. Mason and W. S. Kelly bore the lion's share of the work to the great satisfaction of all. Helpers behind the stage are just as essential, perhaps, but they fail to share the spoils of victory.



"A SLAVE OF THE LAMP"—DECEMBER, 1935.

and Sullivan opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," and we confidently appeal to all old boys who can help us in any way to come along and offer their services. We have always depended on volunteers, but we want more than ever this year, especially, it may be noted, instrumentalists—what about an Old Boys' Orchestra? Mr. L. Williams will be glad to receive names.

Last year we performed a comic opera entitled "A Slave of the Lamp." The music was excellent, especially the choir work, which we believe excelled any previous effort. For this

Mrs. Bennett and Mr. W. R. Wilson contributed their valuable assistance in the same willing manner as on previous occasions.

As an innovation a play was produced by the juveniles; they were all under eleven years of age, and could hardly have acquired stage experience, but we feel that the effort was worth while and we propose to give it another chance next year.

Suggestions and offers of help will be greatly appreciated by the organiser, Mr. C. L. Dillon, at the School.

"BREAK-UP" DANCE

THE annual "Break-up" Dance was held in the Clock Room on Friday, December 20, 1935. The event was a great success socially, the attendance being larger than ever. However, the support received from the boys themselves was hardly gratifying. It is hard to understand why so few boys come to the dance, since it is run primarily in their interests. The help given by the boys in arranging for the dance was also disappointing.

We are, as usual, deeply indebted to Mrs. Bennett for her invaluable assistance in catering. We owe much to the energy and experience of Mr. Watson, and would like to thank him; we also thank Mr. Wilson for his skill in arranging the lighting, etc., and M. S. C. Rooney, who decorated the Clock Room.

We also offer thanks to the parents of the following boys, and others who helped with gifts of cake:—Gilmour, Rooney, Erskine, Bryans, Boyle, Prince, Seligman, Zlotover, Stelfox, Wright, Corrigan, Eaton, Knight, also Mr. Meyer, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Chillingworth.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY

THE High School Junior League of Nations Society has progressed during the past term, under the secretaryship of W. G. Crockett. More boys are now attending and more frequent debates are held.

The society is deeply indebted to Dr. Harrison for the amount of trouble he has taken in it.

THE STAG'S TALE

I AM a Stag, of the Red Deer tribe, and I live on the Ward Stag Farm in Meath. There are about forty of us, and in the hunting season we are dragged forward to be hunted by these cruel humans—for their amusement!

The first intimation I had of the Hunt was when Larry, the deer-keeper, and several of his satellites appeared one morning when we were browsing on the five-acre field. I saw them cast their eyes on me, and Larry shouted,

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"That's the one, boys. Look lively now, and we'll nab him." "Ho, ho," said I to myself, "you won't nab me so easily, my friends."

I led them a pretty chase for three hours until at last they drove me into a corner. They put me in the deer-cart, a low, green, enclosed van, led by a patient horse, and drove me to Ashbourne where they installed me in a stable in the Ward, the headquarters of the Hunt.

There I stayed for three days, and on Saturday a general air of unrest prevailed; the hounds were yelping, and even the stable-boy who brought my morning meal seemed all agog

victim. I had no time for reflection. Larry backed the deer-cart against the door and put me into it backwards. Some onlookers shut the door quickly, and there I was—heading for goodness knows where. The van drove on to the road and we jolted for about five miles down it, with an occasional whizz of a passing car. We stopped at a cross-roads called "Johnston's Cross."

Then the van was placed on the spacious fringe of grass beside the road. I placed my eye to an air-hole, and watched the crowd of men, women, horses, and cars arriving for the Meet.



THE JUVENILES' PLAY—DECEMBER, 1935.

with excitement. Then I heard voices outside and the half-door swung open, revealing a grizzled old countryman to my view. He said to the Whip who had come with him, "Eh, Mr. Leary, a good yin you've got there; he looks a goer. How long will he last?"

NOW I KNEW!

This must be the day of the Hunt of which my friends had told me. Bitterly I upbraided myself; I shivered with fright. So I was the

All ranks were there—from the ex-President to the meanest beggar. Then came the Master, huntsmen, and whips, and, I shuddered and leaned against the padded side of the van, the hounds themselves.

After this we moved off with about a hundred cars behind us. The country boys ran beside the van peeping at me through the air-holes. When we had gone another mile up a lane and into a green field, I saw a great crowd thronging round the van. The Master's voice

rang out: "Back there; I won't have so many people near the deer-cart. Back a bit, please. Now then, Larry, let him out." A rasp of bolts—and I was free! I saw people to my left and right, but ahead a gap. With a bound I reached the ground and galloped away along a hedge. I jumped a ditch and ran. I reached another ditch, jumped it, and ran. A bank; I clambered up one side, slid down the other, and off again. From afar, borne on the faint breeze, came the tongue of the hounds as they found my scent, and then the distant muffled thud of the hoofs as the field moved off after me.

Terrified, I redoubled my pace and arrived, blown, on the top of a rise. I paused for breath and darted down the slope. An old woman who was collecting sticks in a hedge gabbled and yelled as I passed. I looked back; silhouetted against the skyline were two red-coated humans on horseback who slowly disappeared into the sombre dark shadow of the hillside.

On and on I ran until at last I realised that the hounds and horses were gaining on me, and I felt despairingly that I could go no faster. I had been hunted to the limit of my endurance, having run for ages without any respite from

the pressure of the pursuit. A farmyard is below me. Behind, I see the foremost brace of hounds, nose to ground, grim, relentless. In front a doorway looms invitingly, my only hope! I must accept its doubtful safety, and as I turn at bay in the sudden darkness, the door is shut with a slam and bolted. Sanctuary! I sink down on some straw, panting for breath.

Outside all is uproar. The huntsmen and whips are fiercely cracking their whips and yelling at the frenzied and disappointed hounds, bringing them to order, and these noises, together with the clatter of hoofs as the Hunt enters the yard strike terror afresh into my heart. There is a change. I hear the cheery voices of men and women greeting each other and discussing "the great run." I settle down more quietly, as they seem to have forgotten me. After a while the noise of whips, the sound of voices, the clatter of hoofs die away and there is silence.

As I felt my confidence returning, I rose to my feet and found some nice fresh hay, but my feed was interrupted by the arrival of Larry with the deer-cart into which I was again bundled and bolted in.



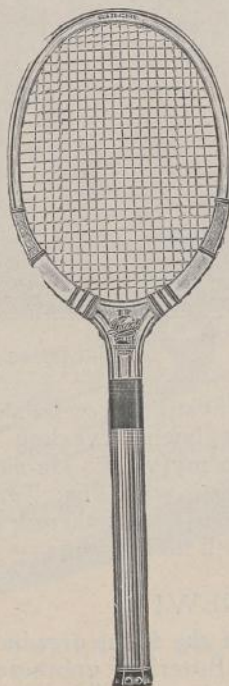
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As we jogged home, my thoughts returned to the Hunt, and I felt that the humans intended me no harm; indeed, I realised that they are extremely careful of the deer, and, looking back on my day, I think I rather enjoyed the exhilaration. At any rate, I will know where to make for if they use me again, and I am "bucked" that I have proved a "goer."

Having dictated this epistle to my human secretary (a jolly nice girl she is too), I am moving off to a thicker clump of grass. Cheerio, you people.

TANTIVY-TANTIVY.

AUFWIEDERSEHEN

(With apologies to Longfellow).

The shades of night were falling fast
When through an Irish village flashed
A car, which bore upon its frame
This somewhat strange and ancient name
—"Aufwiedersehen."

Its hood was black with smoke and oil,
Its radiator on the boil,
A head stuck out from either side,
And loud two rumbling voices cried
—"Aufwiedersehen."

Across the road appeared a light,
—A warning sign, so red and bright,
The car crashed through without a pause,
When suddenly the driver roars
—"Aufwiedersehen."

"This road is up," the notice said,
The driver never turned his head,
For always flashed across his brain,
The echo of that old refrain
—"Aufwiedersehen."

"The bridge is down," the bobbie yelled,
The engine's note increased and swelled,
And from the blackness of the night,
A voice replied far up the height
—"Aufwiedersehen."

At break of day, the village clerk,
Pedalling slowly to his work,
Was shocked to find upon the road,
The wreckage of a motor-hood.
—"Aufwiedersehen."

And later on, the wreck was found,
With several corpses strewn around,
And on the girders of the frame
Were found the letters of the name,
—"Aufwiedersehen."

REVIEW

IRISH LITERARY PORTRAITS: JOHN EGLINTON.

THIS book is a series of portrait-studies of W. B. Yeats, "A.E.," Dowden and Joyce by "John Eglinton."

The present reviewer remembers looking at old photographs one day in the Sergeant's Office along with an Old Boy of the School, who pointed to a boy in a Fourth Form group and said "That is John Eglinton (Magee) and Yeats should be there also but he was absent—probably deliberately." Possibly it was a case of finding what one expected, but it seemed to the writer that the boy's face had something in it that promised more than the ordinary school boy performs. John Eglinton has made a literary reputation, but a reader of these studies must feel that he might have done more. He obviously missed one big opportunity, that of becoming George Moore's biographer. George Moore himself wished him to write his life, but

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John Eglinton thought that he was not fitted to do it and refused. His reasons, given by himself in this book, are not convincing. It is true that he could not have looked on Moore as Boswell regarded Johnson, but he understood Moore as nobody else of his circle did. Moore revealed himself to Eglinton as to no other man. At any rate, the reviewer can claim to have read almost all that George Moore wrote and remembers much said about him by those in contact with him in Dublin, and yet found, with some surprise, that this book presented him in quite a new light. He heard a lady say after George Moore had dined at her father's house, evidently being in a particularly perverse humour, that "George Moore is like something you would find under a stone." Such is the man with whom John Eglinton, his nearest friend, makes us feel sympathy, though none of his faults are minimized.

One is tempted to dwell on other things in the book, for example, the unusual angle from which Dowden is viewed and the suggestions about Joyce, but for the High School Magazine, W. B. Yeats is the most interesting name in the book. Yeats is the greatest genius of them all, and it is surprising to find that a future poet was "Good at Algebra and Euclid" at school and that during examinations "he would shift his position so as to make it convenient for me to 'cog' from him." Though Yeats was not good at Latin and Greek he evidently impressed the Classical Master ("a cruel man to the rest of us"), who laughed at his attempts to translate "with a crib laid inside his book for all to see." Yeats tried to found a National History Society at school but though this failed, John Eglinton has a theory that an interest in Theosophy, begun by Yeats amongst the senior boys at the High School and frowned on by the

Headmaster, was the beginning of the Irish Literary revival.

It is tempting to dwell on these attractive studies and to quote, e.g., Yeats is described as "a yellow-skinned, lank, loose-coated figure, and he even had the beginnings of a beard." Space does not permit more but we would recommend to all readers these studies of men who took a large part in the Irish literary movement at its most productive period.



HIGH SCHOOL MAGAZINES

LAST term we dealt in some detail with the "Buzzer," which was the first magazine of the High School, and with the earlier numbers of its successor, the "Red and Black." This magazine was even more successful than its predecessor, and lasted, we are told, for twenty-one months, with eleven publications. Its demise apparently was hastened by the examinations and consequent more necessary work which pressed its Editors, G. A. Joynt and J. F. Butler. These names figured as editors throughout the magazine's lifetime, and

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their heroic work has left us most interesting reading. The magazine was published in manuscript, and one can scarcely credit the statement that of one number fifty copies were issued! The editors had a large staff, who all seem to have worked with industry and enthusiasm. There were many Correspondents, one for each form of sport, and besides an official Artist and Poet, H. A. Whyte, G. P. Gifford and "Paris" in turn filling the role of the former, and T. L. Healy that of the latter. At one time there were three editors on the staff; we find the following note in one number: "As E. A. Rooney never contributed anything to this journal, he is no longer Editor, but C. H. Darley, who takes a keen interest in the paper, has been appointed instead." Some one of an inventive turn of mind contributed, under the pseudonym of "XGYAZJ," an extremely long serial, "The Discovery of the South Pole." Unfortunately even our enthusiasm was sated after the first few chapters. And even, in spite of the mass of school notes, sports reviews, poems, jokes, serials, letters, competitions and advertisements, with which these magazines were filled and which we would calculate to have utterly exhausted the literary resources of the school, we find the following delightful notice in one number: "'The Schoolboy.'—This paper, which belongs to the Fifth, is a bright, witty, and pleasant production. We heartily recommend it to all Upper Fifth Boys. The Editor is S. A. Tuckey. The paper may be obtained from him on the same conditions that apply to this paper." The Letters to the Editor were always interesting, and brought up some good subjects. C. H. Darley, in a highly provocative attack upon Rugby, describes himself as "the last of the hockey players in H.S." In February, 1895, came the last number of "Red and Black," and a royal send off it received. Long articles related the magazine's history, glowing poems sang its praises, and the artist, "Paris," drew a very realistic picture of its demise.

We do not possess a copy of the first number of the next school magazine, "H.S.D.," but we have the second number, published in April, 1898, and many of the following numbers. As material of interest "H.S.D." never comes up to the older magazines. The most of it was concerned with external affairs, news from T.C.D., articles from Wesley College and Strangways' School, and copious notes about Old Boys. The magazine was printed by duplicator, and the

legibility suffered considerably in consequence. We wonder what the Secretary of the magazine meant when he announced that "he had seven sixpenny and two one-shilling shares in the H.S.M.C. to dispose of"? Keen interest in the past history of the School was shown, and a member of the staff evidently went to considerable trouble in compiling an authoritative account of the founding of the School by Erasmus Smith. The Football Secretary gave an interesting inventory of all the famous men who had figured in its ranks up to that time. "E. G. Brunker, who was for several seasons on Lansdowne 1st XV, and is now a leading spirit in the newly-formed London-Irish F.C." "R. W. Jeffares for two seasons captain of the L.F.C., and R. W. Ashe (Hon. Sec. 1888-9)." "The Secretary of this season was E. H. Alton, who holds a distinguished University career, being at present a Scholar and a University Student, and perhaps, ere long, F.T.C.D." "In conclusion we think that the H.S.F.C. has possessed a list of officials which, we assert, is unequalled by any other Dublin School."

The Cycling Notes in "H.S.D." are interesting. The number of June, 1898, contains an

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amusing account of the opening run of the H.S.C.C. "Only four turned up at Portobello Bridge, the place arranged for starting, and shortly after 2 o'clock a start was made for Lucan. . . . The usual puncture delays favoured them, Drennan's back tyre being punctured after three minutes. Mr. Ward soon had the tyre in working order again. . . . Mr. Little rode down Knockmaroon Hill, which is rather steep, and the consequence was he came to grief at the bottom, his chain being broken. The other three left him here and went on to Lucan. . . ." We read also about very enjoyable "jogs" to Lough Dan, Glenmacnass, Trim and Naas, and about a certain race in which one competitor was observed coming down Magazine Hill with his chain round his neck!

"Thirsty" writes a letter to the Editor with a plea that the water should be turned off at 12.30 instead of 12.20, to suit the needs of the exhausted Handball players. "I would suggest that the water be not turned off till 12.30, and that the basins in the tuck-shop be brought into use by moving the tuck-table to another part of the room."

What was this tuck-shop?

Contributed by an Old Boy of the School.

There was once a maid of Strathpeffer
Who sent her young man a short letter,
Saying, "Come and be cured,
Of the pains you've endured?"
He wrote her, "I won't, for I'm better."

A telephone girl at Ayr,
Was locally called, "I don't care!"
For no matter the hurry
She never would worry,
But sweetly replied, "Are you there?"

OLD BOYS' UNION

THE object of the Union is to provide a bond between the past pupils of the School and to bring them together by games and sports and social functions. It also helps those who have left Dublin to hear of and keep in touch with their School contemporaries. The Union has already been of value to the present boys of the School.

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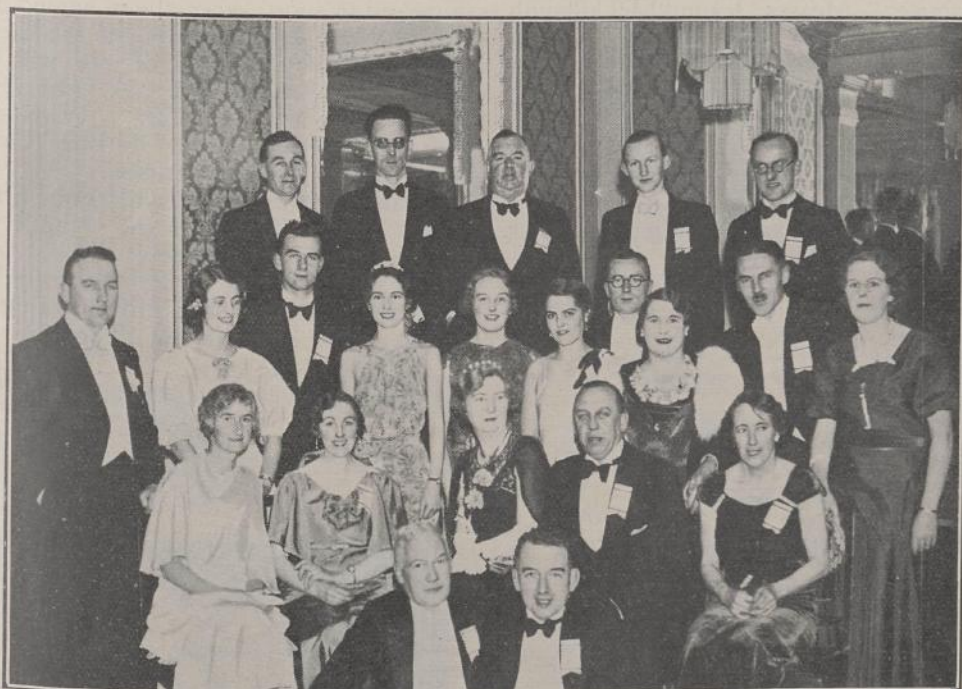
OLD BOYS' DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clock Room on Saturday, 18th January, Mr. S. W. Meyer, President, in the Chair. The usual silence was observed in memory of the Old Boys who fell in the Great War. The Memorial Window in the Clock Room was illuminated. The attendance was the largest since the foundation of the Union. There were about 112 present.

After the toasts of "The King" and "Ireland" the toast of "The School" was proposed

school and only played "three-quarter" when they went to college. Vesey Boyle's change was due to Prof. John Purser (1893-1902). The Governors of the School were very well satisfied with its record and progress at present. His friendship with the President had lasted for over 40 years.

The Headmaster, in reply, said that the numbers were higher than at this time last year. The Board, and particularly the Old Boys now on the Board, were doing all they could to help the School's progress. In the Chairman, Professor Thrift, they had an Old Boy of the



THE OLD BOYS' UNION DANCE, 1935.

by Mr. Harry Thrift, F.T.C.D. Mr. Thrift, having been one of the best known international Rugby players and now a Fellow of Trinity College, and a member of the Erasmus Smith Board, was particularly well qualified to deal with the subject of the toast. He gave a very interesting account of the history of the School in work and sport, and told of his own experiences as a pupil. He was 11 years at the School, a period probably never exceeded by any boy. His Rugby career was being paralleled by C. V. Boyle. They both began as "half back" at

School who was also one of the foremost Educational experts in Ireland. He spoke of the many activities of the School and the record of the last year, and thanked the Old Boys for their help in securing openings for the present boys on leaving. They were going to keep up the old educational ideals, but certain changes foreshadowed by the Department of Education would make this difficult, if, as was suggested, they were going to encourage a curriculum which was merely a higher type of primary education.

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed in a very pleasant speech by Judge Sealy, and that of the Officers by Mr. R. W. Jeffares, whose speech and song are always one of the attractions of these dinners.

Professor Thrift proposed the health of the President. He dwelt on his long experience of Mr. Meyer, to whose work the Old Boys' Union owed much of its success.

The President, in a very happy speech, entertained the assembly with his own recollections of the School and his present colleagues on the Old Boys' Committee.

The following contributed an excellent musical programme:—Messrs. Irwin, McCullough and the Reynolds Bros.

Amongst others, apologies for inability to be present were received from:—Mr. John Thompson, M.A. (Bournemouth); Sir J. H. Kemp (Sutton, Surrey); Sir Wm. Wheeler (London); Dr. Jack Knox (Liverpool), Dr. Arthur Greene (Norwich); Mr. A. L. B. Moore (Dublin); Mr. Frank Joynt (Dublin); Mr. Jack Bell (Maidenhead); Mr. Norman Allen (Belfast).

The following are extracts of some of the letters received:—

"Many thanks for your kind letter of sympathy and your invitation to the Old Boys' Dinner next week. It would have given me the greatest pleasure to accept and indeed I hope some day it may be possible to come back to Erin and see many of my old boys and friends again, but as you know I am here in a Nursing Home waiting for an operation and in the meantime all question of my going anywhere is completely out of the question. I do, however, send my best wishes to all the Old Boys at the Dinner which I know will be a success. It is a source of great gratification to me that the School continues to do so well both in scholarships and in sport, especially in having both this year and last representatives on the Irish International Rugby Team. There will be little doubt of its success with Mr. Bennett at the helm to direct its fortunes. With all good wishes for the dinner, the Old Boys' Union and the School.—JOHN THOMPSON."

"I am greatly afraid I will not be able to go to the Annual Dinner on the 18th. I will try, and will send you a wire at the last minute if it is possible. There is nothing I would enjoy more; I always look forward to seeing my old friends, especially the old High School boys,

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and I would certainly have gone over were it not for the fact that I have been away for three weeks and I am in arrears as regards work. Please give my kindest wishes to all who assemble at the dinner; if I am not over I will nevertheless drink the health of absent friends. —Sir WILLIAM WHEELER."

"How kind of you to write specially to ask me to attend the Old Boys' Dinner. I should very much like to do so as I am sure that I should meet some old friends, but I am sorry that I shall not be able to go over to Ireland then. I hope that you will have a very successful evening.—Sir J. H. KEMP."

"Much as I would like to attend the Dinner of the High School Old Boys on Saturday, especially as you are President for the year, I regret I shall not be able to get away. This is a very busy time for Medicos and just now we are in need of a tonic in the way of work. I hope you will have a very enjoyable and successful gathering; wish those of my years the very best from me; also those coming on; success to the old Firm and the very best of luck in the Leinster Schools Cup.—JACK KNOX"

"It is exceedingly kind of you to write as you did and ask me to come to the dinner. Much as I should like, I am sorry it is not practicable. I suppose a dinner in London is too much for which to hope. By the way, have we a list of members and addresses of the O.B.U.? I wonder is George Goldsmith, who was there with me (went into Army Medical) a member. The Master, Patterson, was after my time. H. P. Morris was ultimately ordained, and the last I heard of him he had a curacy or living in Co. Clare; I wonder where he is. —ARTHUR GREENE."

"My apologies for not having replied to your letter sooner, but I have been waiting to see if I could possibly manage to get over to the dinner. I am afraid, however, that it is out of the question now. I intend to look up John Thompson before I go back, and if possible get him in for dinner—so we will have an old High School Dinner of our own. I hope you will have a very successful evening on the 18th. —JACK BELL (in Bournemouth)."

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The Committee would like to thank all those Old Boys, who, though unable to be present at the Annual Dinner, sent such cheery letters of greetings and good wishes.

They were glad to welcome once again that great supporter, Harry Crosthwaite, who came from Lancashire in order to be present this year; last year he came from Stockholm and the previous year from Oslo. They would like some of the members who reside much closer, to take a note of this enthusiasm.

Another Old Boy, Rear Admiral Cunningham, came specially from London and expressed a hope that he would be present next year.

Eric Scales and John Crosthwaite represented the Belfast branch; the Committee regretted that it was not convenient for more members of the branch to make the short journey.

PROPOSED CENTRAL UNION

The suggestion was made by our President at the Dinner that it would be helpful to form a Central Union of Protestant Schools on the same lines as the Roman Catholic Schools Union. An informal meeting was held in the School and the following O.B.U. were represented:—King's Hospital, Mountjoy, St. Columba's, Diocesan and St. Andrew's. Several useful proposals were put forward and it was agreed to hold a further meeting towards the end of March.

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Mr. Black's mother is still alive, and he is also survived by his wife and daughter.

THE LATE EDWARD SIMPSON, M.A.

I had not the pleasure of meeting Mr. Edwin Simpson very often, but from my experience of him the words in the Obituary Notice which appeared in the December (1935) number of the ERASMIAN that "He had more than a superficial knowledge of Law," do not record in an adequate manner that he had also excellent sound judgment in such matters.

This statement is based on the fact that he, having read a draft agreement, pointed out the exact meaning of a clause which had a far more reaching effect than the legal terms in which it was framed at first sight seemed to imply. In addition to this, he offered to travel, and investigate a matter that was somewhat involved. Personally, I was at the time obliged for his opinion, which subsequent events proved so sound.

J. B. S. MACILWAINE, R.H.A.

NOTES ON OLD BOYS

"The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. James Carlyle Stodart, Indian Civil Service, as a Puisne Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Madras." Judge Stodart was a pupil of the School from 1889-1895.

J. I. Stafford (1924-1931), J. R. Dick (1922-27) and W. B. Smyth (1928-1935) represented Dublin University in the Universities and Hospitals Boxing Championships in London on February 14th, and J. I. Stafford and W. B. Smyth were amongst the winners in a contest in Derry between Trinity College and combined 2nd Leicestershire Regiment and the R.U.C.

The Headmaster has had letters from the following:—

W. S. Moore (1928-33), who is in New South Wales, enjoying a healthy open air life and with good prospects.

W. N. Pratt (1929-35), in an engineering firm in Stockport, in training to become an engineer.

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D. St. Q. Robinson (1930-1932) has obtained a Commission in the R.A.F. and is training in Scotland.

R. L. Bryson (1920-27) has been awarded the Turtle Scholarship for Organ Playing at the Belfast Municipal Festival.

Professor E. H. Alton (1885-1892) has been appointed to represent Dublin University at the celebrations at Heidelberg University this year.

B.A., Thomas Stanley, eldest son of Thomas S. and Mrs. Dagg, Altamont, Kincora Road, Clontarf, to Lily, only child of the late John Wilson Parker and of Mrs. Alice E. Parker, 29 Daisy Terrace, Waterford.

Woods (1915-20) and Ross.—On March 16th, Stanley Woods to Miss M. C. Ross, daughter of Mr. F. R. Ross, Leinster Road, Rathmines.

CRICKET

The Hon. Secretaries hope to arrange the usual fixtures this season, and again wish to appeal to the cricketing members of the Union to give them their support. The first game against the School has been arranged for Monday and Tuesday, May 4th and 5th, at Belgrave Square, 5.30 each evening. Perhaps some of the Old Boys might come along to "the Square" during the match.

MARRIAGES

DAGG (1922-1925) and PARKER.—October 22, 1935, at Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford, by Very Rev. G. S. Mayers, M.A., Dean of Waterford, assisted by Rev. J. A. MacWilliam,

NOTICES

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