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Editorial

THIS is the time of the year when editors of everything, from film weeklies to quarterlies, pause, and look back over the past year. Not to be outdone, therefore, we shall take this opportunity of having a quick review of 1940.

The year has been notable for many things. Not the least has been the revival of the Debating Society and the creation of a Stamp Club, both of which fill a long-felt gap in the list of out-of-school activities, providing, as they do, opportunities for boys to gain mutual advice on their hobbies, for the person who has a grudge to air it freely, or for the budding revolutionary to impress his hearers with his plans for a future world order.

Thanks to the present state of world affairs, we had a novel interlude at Easter in the form of a course of A.R.P. lectures, given by Mr. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Mr. Goulden, to the members of the staff and to the senior school. During the course, we were instructed in the mysteries of K.S.K., Lewisite, incendiary bombs and the anatomy of a respirator. Several of the boys were given a chance of displaying their dexterity in handling an incendiary bomb when a practice bomb was ignited in the play-ground, while the advent of a gas van gave to many the unique experience of trying to sing popular songs while wearing a respirator. After the summer vacation we returned to school to find several classrooms fitted with wire netting over the windows, wash-basins and a bewildering array of pipes and cisterns. This, we learnt, was because of the needs of the Corporation, who had established a first-aid centre at the school. In only one case did this interfere with the normal school routine, and after a few weeks, even that slight difficulty had been overcome, and all classes are now being held as before. Although the St. John Ambulance Brigade no longer meet in the school we now find ourselves well protected during school hours.

In the field of sport, the most notable event was the holding of the School's first Boxing Championships in place of the usual contest with Portora. Owing to the large entry of 68 boys, the preliminary contests were fought off in the gymnasium, the finals taking place in the Clockroom before a large attendance.

And so we close this short review of 1940 with the hope that 1941 may prove as happy

and interesting. In the meantime, though they may arrive a little belated, we send to all our readers our heartiest wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

School Notes

WE congratulate our Headmaster, Dr. Bennett, on gaining the degree of Ph.D. at Trinity College, Dublin.

School re-opened after the Summer Vacation on Wednesday, September 4th.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. L. Young, a member of the staff for nearly twenty years. His place has been temporarily filled by Mr. V. H. S. Mercier, whom we welcome to the High School.

On the 26th October we had an opportunity of hearing an interesting lecture on missionary work in India, given by Mr. Oliver Brown, headmaster of the High School, Ahmedabad.

At the Youth Day of this year's "Oireachtas," held at the Mansion House, we were represented by eight boys chosen from Forms V and VI.

The first School Boxing Championships ever to be held took place before a large attendance in the Clockroom on November 28th.

Mr. R. Collie gave the Stamp Club a lecture on "Things to look for in Stamp-Collecting" on Monday, November 25th.

During the term, five boys took advantage of the reduced prices of admission offered by the Clopet-Yorke Theatrical Company to attend a production of J. B. Priestley's "Spring Tide" at the Gate Theatre.

The Annual Break-up Dance will take place on Friday, 20th December in the Clockroom.

We congratulate—

Mr. V. H. S. Mercier on gaining a 1st class Moderatorship and gold medal in Modern Languages. He was also awarded one of the two Moderatorship Prizes in Modern Languages.

R. A. Cole on winning the 1st Entrance Scholarship and 1st Classical Sizarship.

D. A. Orr on gaining the Thompson Exhibition.

K. H. Young on being awarded the Old Boys' Cup.

J. R. F. Smith (Capt.), H. Roberts (Vice-Capt.), R. R. Quin, R. J. Machesney, J. R. Greening and W. Rutherford (sub.) on obtaining their Schools Inter-Provincial Rugby Trials (Leinster).

Cricket

Capt., D. A. ORR. Vice-Capt., G. D. LYONS.
Hon Sec., D. H. CARROLL.

THIS was a moderately successful season which hardly fulfilled its promise. The Junior XI were the only team that looked like gaining honours, but gave a very disappointing display against Masonic in the second round of the Cup. The Senior XI started the season

Perhaps the most enjoyable items in the season were the matches which we played against the Old Boys. The first match, particularly, was a high-scoring one, played under very pleasant conditions. It was obvious from the way in which the Present Team shaped that they had learned much from Brockway's coaching. Many Old Boys commented favourably on the skilful use of the "straight bat."

We count ourselves particularly fortunate in

SENIOR CUP TEAM 1939



P. A. Davis G. B. Griffiths J. R. Greening W. B. West G. W. Williams
R. R. Quin E. W. Frith D. A. Orr (Capt.) D. Carroll J. Vanston
S. J. Wright

badly, but finished strongly by winning the last five matches. The "Under 14" was not up to the standard of previous years, but the members are young and very keen.

The bat, for the best batting average, was awarded to S. J. Wright, while J. W. Vanston was awarded the ball for the best bowling average; he took 56 wickets at a cost of 6.9 runs per wicket. He also gained a place on the Leinster Schools' Trial Team.

having had the benefit of Brockway's tuition last season, especially as he has returned to England to join up and there is little possibility of gaining professional coaching while the war lasts. The improvement which such coaching can achieve became particularly noticeable towards the end of the term, when, as has been noted above, the S.C.T. won five matches in a row. We fully expect that in the coming season we shall benefit more fully from the work of last year.

The High School Boxing Club

Capt., R. R. QUIN. Vice-Capt., E. A. FOSTER.

Hon. Sec., S. J. WHITNEY.

WE suffered two losses at the beginning of this season, by the departure of our trainer, Mr T. Byrne, who is serving with the Army, and by the death of Mr. J. L. Young we lost a very valuable friend who took an active interest in the club for a great many years.

finals came around and the following bouts took place in the Clock Room before the largest crowd that has ever thronged within its doors.

5st. 0lb.—P. H. Stewart beat D. C. Macauley (on points).

5st. 7lb.—H. E. Burleigh beat D. W. B. Hopkins (on points).

6st. 0lb.—S. N. Grant beat C. G. Machesney (on points).

6st. 7lb.—B. D. Waugh beat D. Romney (on points).

ELLERKER CUP WINNERS 1940



G. T. Stephens, J. F. McKeon, Mr. J. R. Goulden, S. J. Whitney, N. T. George, Sergt. Nelson.
The late Mr. J. L. Young, R. R. Quin, D. A. Orr, E. A. Foster, Dr. Bennett (Headmaster).
(Capt.)

S. J. Wright.

C. G. Machesney.

However, we soon settled down and we were lucky to obtain as our trainer Mr. P. McColgan, who has made great progress with the boys, and Mr. Kirkpatrick kindly undertook to fill Mr. Young's place on our committee.

For the first time in the School's history we decided to run a championship contest and no less than 68 boys entered. The preliminary bouts were fought in the Gym, and we discovered some hidden talent. At last the night of the

7st. 0lb.—S. J. Wright beat A. W. Willits (on points).

7st. 7lb.—J. D. Spoor beat J. G. Palmer (t.k.o. 3rd round).

8st. 0lb.—A. W. Polden beat W. F. Kellett (on points).

8st. 8lb.—D. E. Dann beat S. M. Burch (retired 3rd round).

9st. 2lb.—A. C. Stewart beat E. D. R. Simms (on points).

9st. 10lb.—J. R. Greening beat W. J. Potts* (scratch).

10st. 8lb.—R. R. Quin beat J. R. F. Smith (t.k.o. 1st round).

11st. 8lb.—E. W. Frith beat H. R. Roberts (t.k.o. 1st round).

Heavy—R. J. Machesney beat E. A. Foster (on points).

* R. S. Gardner very sportingly deputised for W. J. Potts, who had been injured in a Rugby match.

At the end of the evening the Headmaster presented the medals which had been very kindly given by a group of Old Boys: Messrs. H. Burchill, J. R. Dick, H. A. Stafford and Dr. J. I. Stafford. We are very grateful to the gentlemen who gave up their valuable time to act as officials. Mrs. Bennett kindly entertained these officials to supper. This competition proved such a success that we propose to make it an annual event.

We had hoped to have a contest against Portora Royal School, but owing to sickness they were unable to attend, but we hope to meet them in February.

The Annual Sports, 1940

Special Cups: 220 yards, Senior Champion—D. A. Orr.

Junior Cup—E. N. Lambert.

War Memorial Cup—D. A. Orr.

Place and Drop Cup—Wright, S. J.

75 yards (under 10)—1, Macaulay, D.; 2, Draper, P.; 3, Rhodes, W. S.

75 yards (under 11)—1, Young; 2, Comley; 3, Macaulay, D.

75 yards (under 12)—1, Hengstenberg; 2, Burleigh; 3, Montgomery.

100 yards (under 13)—1, Henderson; 2, Wright, S. C.; 3, Balbirnie.

100 yards (under 14)—1, Young, W.; 2, Bird; 3, Palmer, J. G.

100 yards (under 15)—1, Gillespie; 2, Grice; 3, Lambert.

100 yards (under 16)—1, Weir, S. S.; 2, Quin, G. B.; 3, Keatinge.

100 yards (Senior)—1, Carroll; 2, Weir, S. S.; 3, Orr.

150 yards (under 12)—1, Cole, M. A.; 2, Montgomery; 3, Rodway.

220 yards (under 15)—1, Jolley, A. R.; 2, Cole, G.; 3, McKeon.

220 yards (under 16)—1, Weir, S. S.; 2, Quin, R. R.; 3, Keatinge.

220 yards (Senior)—1, Carroll; 2, Griffin; 3, McKeon.

Siamese Race—1, Macaulay and Draper; 2, Barlow and Grant.

Sack Race (under 13)—1, Kerr; 2, Ticher; 3, Barrie.

Sack Race (over 13)—1, Wilkinson; 2, Buchalter; 3, Carey.

Obstacle Race (under 13)—1, Wright, D. C.; 2, Comley; 3, Ticher.

Obstacle Race (over 13)—1, Wright, S. J.; 2, Dann; 3, Burgess.

Long Jump (under 15)—1, Lambert, N.; 2, Kyle, R. F.; 3, Wright, S. J.

Long Jump (over 15)—1, Orr; 2, Griffin; 3, Caldwell.

High Jump (under 15)—1, Lambert; 2, Kyle, R. F.; 3, Wright, S. C.

High Jump (over 15)—1, Harvey, T. S.; 2, Orr, D. A.; 3, Quin, R. R.

Hurdles (under 15)—1, Lambert; 2, Wright, D. C.; 3, Gardner.

Hurdles (over 15)—1, Orr; 2, Griffin; 3, Harvey.

Consolation (under 12)—1, Acton-Wann; 2, Silverman; 3, Erdberg, D. J.

Consolation (under 15)—1, Romley; 2, Lee; 3, Baigel.

Consolation (Senior)—1, McColl; 2, Goulding; 3, Palmer, G. S.

Sisters' Race (under 13)—1, Miss Smith; 2, Miss Maltby; 3, Miss Burleigh.

Sisters' Race (over 13)—1, Miss Carroll; 2, Miss Silverman; 3, Miss Seligman.

Old Boys' Race—1, Ellis; 2, McNeill.

440 yards (under 15)—1, Jolley; 2, McKeon; 3, Lambert.

440 yards (Senior)—1, Gardner, R. L.; 2, Weir, S. S.; 3, Quin, R. R.

Half Mile—1, Keatinge, A. H.; 2, Gardner, R. L.; 3, Smith, R. F.

Mile—1, Smith, R. F.; 2, Gardner, R. L.; 3, Frith, E. W.

Tennis, Senior Singles—Jermyn.

Tennis, Junior Singles—Burgess.

Cricket, best bowling average—Vanston, J.

Cricket, best batting average—Wright, S. J.

House Relay—Abbey House. Team: Weir, Gardner, Carroll, Lambert.

Rugby

Captain: J. R. F. SMITH.
Vice-Captain: H. R. ROBERTS.
Hon. Sec.: J. A. BELL.

WE opened this season with a Seven-a-side Competition which proved very successful. This year we have a second ground at Dartry Road, for our Junior XV's., and we are greatly indebted to Miss Waller, who leased us the ground, and also to Capt. Shannon for the use of his pavilion and equipment. So far this season has not proved so successful as last season, but, nevertheless, we still continue to live in hope. The S.C.T. has eight of last season's team, but even with this asset we have not done as well as we expected. In the last few weeks the Seniors have been showing much better form.

The vacancy in the centre, brought about by the leaving of D. A. Orr, has proved a definite bogey, and it was found necessary to bring our captain, R. F. Smith, one of last year's pack, into this position. The team this year, forwards and backs alike, do not play together; the former

failing to bind in the loose, and the latter losing touch when passing. This team will have to introduce more fire, and remember the game was never supposed to be played in a drawing room. Nevertheless, great keenness is being shown, and we hope to avenge some of our defeats after the vacation.

This year we are able to run a 2nd XV quite apart from the 1st XV, which shows the increase in the number of boys playing. This team, captained by S. J. Whitney, has so far done well, and we feel that a useful Senior is in sight.

As regards the J.C.T., which is captained by S. J. Wright, we must say that hard training and more practice is indicated. Taken all round they are small, and so far have not played any type of constructive or clever football to make amends for this handicap. The forwards do not realise that they should take part in the game between the set scrums; at the moment they tend to wander from one scrum to the next. The passing of the backs is so bad that although fast they get no chance to use their speed.

The Under 14, Under 13 and Under 12 teams are weak this year, but at the time of writing a

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slight improvement can be seen. The boys on these teams seem to make more use of their voices than of their feet or hands while playing. Until this fault is corrected they cannot hope to do well.

The first set of House Matches has been played and the Senior resulted in a flying win for Harcourt, who later defeated the rest of the School. The Junior House matches resulted in a tie between Abbey and Harcourt. We hope to see more boys offering their services to their respective Houses next term.

We add an account of the Old Boys' match played at Belgrave Square on Thursday, November 7th. The Old Boys, who fielded seven first class players, kicked off and soon got into the School "25," but the School fought back and worked their way over the half-way line. After about ten minutes a penalty was awarded to the School just on the Old Boys' "25" and Roberts made no mistake. Then the Old Boys came down the field from the kick-off and Ellis put Magill in for a score. Just before half-time Roberts kicked a second penalty goal for High School, and we led by three points at half-time. In the second half the Old Boys had most of the play and tries were added by Ellis and Flynn.

Result: Old Boys, 3 tries—9 points; School, 2 penalty goals, 6 points.

J.A.B.

High School Swimming Club

Capt.: K. H. YOUNG. Vice-Capt.: R. R. QUIN.

Hon. Sec.: A. L. JONES.

THIS year, fortunately, galas were not affected by lighting restrictions. The High School Gala was held on Friday, 27th September, at the Iveagh Baths and there was a good attendance. The results of the races are as follows:—

22 yards, under 13.—1st, R. Maltby; 2nd, J. Kerr.

22 yards, Beginners.—1st, J. G. Smith; 2nd, J. Clarke; 3rd, R. Maltby.

44 yards, under 16.—1st, D. Hood; 2nd, D. Dann; 3rd, S. Burch.

66 yards, under 18.—1st, A. Jones; 2nd, R. Kerr.

44 yards, Breast and Back.—1st, J. Tomkins; 2nd, C. Delaney; 3rd, B. West.

Junior Championship.—R. Smith.

Senior Championship.—R. Quin.

Inter-House Relay.—1st, Harcourt; 2nd, Belgrave.

The Old Boys' Race was won by J. Smyth and G. McCabe was second.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Bennett for presenting the prizes and to Mr. Wilson and all who helped to make it a successful evening.

Table Tennis Club

Captain: T. G. GREY.

Hon. Sec.: W. E. RUTHERFORD.

THIS season we are making the experiment of running a Table Tennis Club, membership of which is confined to the Sixth Form for the present. So far it has been an unqualified success. At present the club has twenty members, and we are very grateful to Mr. Wilson, who made us two tables. We play every Tuesday night from 7.30 to 10 p.m., and have already arranged fixtures with other schools and clubs.

On Saturday, 16th November, 1940, six of our boys were invited by the Leinster Branch of the Irish Table Tennis Association to an exhibition by four International players. A discussion followed among the representatives of the schools, as to the best lines on which to run an inter-school competition. Though the details of the competition have yet to be worked out, there is no doubt that there will be some form of inter-schools league which, we feel sure, will be very successful.

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Distribution of Prizes

THE Distribution of Prizes was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 15th November. Professor E. H. Alton, Litt.D., S.F.T.C.D., was in the chair. The following other Governors were present: Messrs. Harry Thrift, G. B. Butler, Harry Johnston, W. R. McCaw and the Registrar.

Apologies for absence were received from: The Archbishop of Armagh, the Bishop of Meath, the Bishop of Cashel, Col. Cairnes, Sir George Franks, Rev. W. J. Mayne, the Rev. Chancellor Nash, Prof. F. E. Rishworth.

The special speaker was Sir Robert Tate, F.T.C.D.

There was a very large attendance, including the officials and members of the Committee of the Old Boys' Union.

SOME POINTS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH.

The Headmaster expressed regret for the absence of the Provost and their pleasure at knowing that his health was improving. He pointed out that the Provost and two other Senior Fellows of Trinity College were Old Boys of the School.

The Report recalled that the High School had reached its 70th year of existence. More than 4,000 pupils had passed through the School, of whom a large number had achieved prominence in various walks of life. The Examination results of the past year had never been exceeded and at present every member of the Staff possessed Honour qualifications as defined by the Department of Education. A report of Examination results will be found elsewhere, but special reference might be made to R. A. Cole, who won the Entrance Scholarship of £320 and First Sizarship at his entrance to Trinity College. Former pupils, now in Trinity College, had gained three First Class Moderatorships (two being First of First), two Foundation Scholarships, First Class Honours (often First of First) in almost all subjects and the following special prizes:—Burke Prize, John Henry Bernard, Townsend Memorial, Begley Studentship, Archbishop King's Prize, Downes and Moncrieff Cox prizes and prizes in English, French, Hebrew, Philology and Sanskrit.

In dealing with Sport, he referred to the great

improvements made at Belgrave Square and to the steps taken to increase interest in games so that now about 200 boys were playing Rugby and there were 68 entries for the Boxing Championships. The Old Boys' Cup was presented by Mr. W. R. McCaw, President of the Old Boys' Union, to Kenneth Young.

Reference was made to the names of Old Boys who had died during the year, particularly those who had been killed in the War. Two others were also mentioned, Mr. J. L. Young, a member of the Staff for nearly 20 years, and Mr. John Garvey, M.A., a member of the Board and a very good friend of the School.

The following prizes were accepted with gratitude:—A legacy of £100 to establish "The Jack Rogers Memorial Prize," prizes presented by the French Government, Mr. Eric May and Mr. William Warnock.

The report pleaded for freedom in education and pointed out that the Totalitarian system of government was historically very old and had produced nothing permanent. Most of our culture came from the Democratic States of Greece.

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The Chairman, Dr. Alton, who is a Senator and ex-member of the Dail, congratulated the Headmaster on his splendid report and said that the most important factor in his own career was his education at the High School. He declared that saving on education was false economy for a nation. Education teaches men to form judgments, and neutrality in war and politics is impossible, at any rate in opinion. He appealed to parents seeking education for their sons to examine the financial advantages of the School, its buildings and its outstanding record of successes.

Sir Robert Tate, F.T.C.D., pleaded for the maintenance of all that is good in old traditions, for the "old school tie" and the spirit of loyalty which the phrase embodies, and for the much maligned examination system. The speech was a refreshing antidote to the many unproved theories of education which we hear to-day.

Examination Results

SPECIAL PRIZES

THE OLD BOYS' CUP.

(Presented by the "Old Boys" of the School, to be given each year to the best type of boy in the School).

K. H. M. Young.

CARPENTER MEMORIAL PRIZE.

E. W. Brennan.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Senior, R. A. Cole. Junior, E. W. Brennan.

PRIZE IN IRISH

(Presented by Mr. W. WARNOCK).

E. W. Brennan.

MUSIC PRIZE (Presented by Mr. ERIC MAY).

W. G. Leach.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1940.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

G. L. James, Pass.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

Passed with Honours:—E. W. Brennan, C. F. G. Delaney, C. Harris, V. A. James, A. L. P. Jones, R. A. Kerr, J. J. Maguire, J. W. Moore, J. A. Motyer, S. W. Reede, A. S. Shiel.

Passed:—S. A. E. Belford, W. M. Noyk, W. B. West.

The following would have passed if they had reached the necessary standard in Irish:—D. E. Dann (Honours); D. G. Duff, A. W. Polden, R. G. Smith, R. F. Luke, R. J. Machesney, G. S. M. Palmer, R. R. Quin (Pass).

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

P. Comley, M. W. Bryan, N. J. F. Rodway, S. C. Wright (First Class); J. R. D. Balbirnie, D. A. Bowles, M. A. Cole, C. M. Henderson (Second Class).

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

DEGREES.

Moderatorships—First Class: Duggan, J. C. (Mental and Moral Science); Fowler, M. C. (Classics); Gilmour, J. C. (Experimental Science); Smyth, J. D. (Natural Science).

Special Prizes at Moderatorship Examinations.—J. D. Smyth: John Winthrop Hackett Prize, Gold Medal (Natural Science).

B. Comm.—Young, E. R.

M.B.—Stafford, J.

B.A.—Tobias, E. J. R.

ENTRANCE DISTINCTIONS.

R. A. Cole: First Entrance Scholarship (£320) and First Classical Sizarship (value £160).

D. A. Orr: The Thompson Exhibition (value £100 with College Rooms at reduced rent).

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

D. H. Carroll, K. M. Chapman, A. C. O'Malley, O. M. P. Tobias, R. J. S. Weir, K. M. Young.

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Junior Sophister.

D. T. Malley: 1st Rank, Classics. B. S. Whitney: 3rd Rank, Experimental Science.

Senior Freshmen.

N. D. Browne: 2nd Rank, Mental and Moral Science. H. H. J. Fennell: 3rd Rank, Mental and Moral Science. F. A. L. Gardner: 2nd Rank Natural Science and 3rd Rank Experimental Science. J. K. A. McColl: 3rd Rank Experimental Science. R. J. Monahan: 1st Rank Mathematics.

Junior Freshmen.

A. N. Jeffares: 1st Rank, English Literature, 2nd Rank, Classics. G. A. W. Ridgeway: 1st Rank, Mental and Moral Science.

Final Freshmen.

F. A. L. Gardner (1st Class), R. J. Monahan.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND PHYSICIANS.

M. McParland, Entrance. K. H. Alexander, Second Professional Examination. F. E. Pasley, 1st Dental.

OTHER EXAMINATIONS.

R. R. Caldwell, Chartered Accountants, Preliminary.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL).

H. Rue, First Prize, Organic Chemistry; First Prize, Inter-Laboratory work. E. R. Roberts, First Prize, Applied Chemistry (advanced).

The following have obtained Commercial or other posts:—R. R. Caldwell, S. E. Champ, I. R. Collie, C. G. Corrigan, R. T. Crampton, J. Dagg, D. T. B. Gower, B. G. Griffin, C. W. Holt, A. H. Keatinge, R. A. Lindsay, J. F. J. McKeon, C. W. Martin, A. W. Parsons, H. F. Somers, G. F. Thompson, J. W. Turner, G. J. Tyrrell, T. E. Wills.

The Stamp Club

A STAMP Club was started last term and it now meets each week. A stamp catalogue was bought to help the members, and at present the main pastime at the meetings is exchanging stamps.

So far we have been able to arrange for only one lecture, a very interesting Lantern Lecture by Mr. R. Collie, but we hope to arrange for others next term.

The scope of the society would be very much enlarged if Old Boys in distant corners of the world would send us some of the stamps of the country in which they are living. We should be very glad to receive any gifts which we are sent.

The Debating Society

President, Mr. MOORE. Hon. Sec., R. F. KYLE.

THE High School Debating Society has been holding meetings all this term. It was decided at our first meeting that Sixth Formers were to be allowed to attend. This new system has proved successful and we have had ten meetings, but, unfortunately, the attendance has not been quite so high as we had expected. We hope to have a greater number of boys from the Middle School next term.

We have had some very good meetings and we had one very enjoyable musical evening. The subjects ranged from politics to homework, and were often hotly debated. It was pleasant to see that nearly every member present could rise and speak on most subjects.

We are now looking forward to the meetings which will be held next term.

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PERHAPS the finest compliment that a teacher can earn is to be described as truly conscientious. In any case, it is a necessary attribute of a teacher, and John Lovell Young possessed it in a high degree. Those of us who have worked with him for nearly twenty years at High School never found him wanting when there was work for him to do. He obviously took a deep interest in his work and was respected by all his pupils and I can honestly say that I never heard one of them pass an unkind remark about him. He knew their capabilities and he was rarely found to be incorrect in his opinion of their characters. He himself was rather reserved and so did not wish to impose his opinions unnecessarily on others. He was not one who made friends lightly, but his friendship was one that had a value which could be appreciated.

He was fond of outdoor life and found great consolation and enjoyment in his garden. He was at one time quite a good golfer and had a handicap in single figures. On the links he was at his best as he was both sympathetic and helpful both to his partner and opponent. In later years when trial and suffering came, he bore them with great patience and calm and we never heard him complain. He was also possessed of a good faith which he never failed to defend when the occasion arose.

Surely any one of us will be content if as much can be said on our own behalf.

C.L.D.

Slumber

When all is fast asleep,
And shadows upward creep,
We lie in quiet slumber,
Although there may be thunder,
But all do sleep.

And at the end of day
When noises die away,
And all have gone to bed,
It seems the world is dead,
But all do sleep.

T.T. (Form 3C¹).

Our Library

In our lending library we lend out some books,
At a half-penny and a penny per week.
If inside the door of my bedroom you'd look,
There's many a book you could seek.

The rules are hung up in an old picture-frame
That cost (when 'twas new) one and three.
When read by a person they all look the same,
For they were type-written by me.

We have "Robinson Crusoe," "The Three Musketeers,"

The "Dandy" and "Beano" and all.
And rule No. 6, on the front of the door,
Is "Please wipe your shoes in the hall."

Now "we" is myself, and a boy called A. Plate,
We run it on one day a week.

We have it on Tuesdays from seven to eight,
(And Mr. Kirkpatrick says that the last line is very weak!)

W. G. LEACH (Form 3C²).

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Sport in Other Lands

1.—BASEBALL

IN America baseball is the most popular of all outdoor sports. The game probably had its origin in the old English game of rounders, but it was not seen in America in its modern form until well into the nineteenth century.

The rules and laws governing baseball are the same throughout all North America. The game is played with a round bat about thirty-six inches long, about two and a half inches in diameter at the large end, and tapering to a convenient size for the hands. The ball is hard but elastic and is three inches in diameter. The pitch or field is generally over one hundred yards square and the "diamond" or smaller inner pitch, which fits into a corner of the whole field, is a square with a side of ninety feet. In the common corner of the two squares is "home" base and the other three corners of the diamond are occupied by canvas bags filled with sand or sawdust which are known as first, second and third bases.

Each team has nine men and is divided into three divisions, namely, the "battery," the "infield" and the "outfield." The "battery" consists of a "pitcher" and a "catcher." The "pitcher" stands in the centre of the "diamond" and throws the ball over the "home" base within the batter's reach, but deceptively and swiftly so that the batter may not hit it. The "catcher" guards the "home" base at the rear of the batter and catches the balls that are missed and returns them to the pitcher. The catcher is protected with a chest protector, a wire mask over his face and a heavily padded hand mit. The "infield" consists of the first, second and third basemen and the "short stop," who stands between the second and third bases. The "outfield" consists of a right fielder, a centre fielder and a left fielder. These players, who are out in the field beyond the diamond, use lightly padded gloves, and are expected to catch "fly" balls hit by the batters.

The umpire, who stands behind the "catcher," watches the ball as it is pitched, and if it appears to pass over the "plate" and above the batter's knees and below his shoulders, he calls a "strike," even if the batter makes no attempt

to hit the ball or if he hits it "foul," that is, behind either of the first or third base lines. If the batter makes three attempts to hit the ball and fails, he is called "out" and another of his team takes his place. When three men of a team have been called out, either by "striking out," being "caught out" or by being run out on base, the teams change places, that is, the team that were batting go into the field and the other team bat. A game is completed after nine "innings," that is, when each team has been at bat nine times.

The batter tries to hit the ball between the lines of first and third base and into such a position that the "fielders" cannot catch it. If he is successful he runs as far as he can around the bases before the ball is thrown back to the diamond. Pitched balls which do not pass over the "plate" or do not pass at the right height are called "balls." After four such "balls" the batter is given a "walk," which means he is allowed to go to first base. If a batter touches first, second and third bases and reaches "home" he has scored a point or run for his side. If a batter who starts to run round the diamond fails

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at any time to reach a base before the opponent guarding that base catches the ball, he is "out."

Baseball is the most scientific and carefully studied sport in America. For instance, a player knows he has just about three seconds to run the ninety feet from first to second base before the pitcher can deliver the ball to the catcher, and before the latter has time to throw the ball to the second base man. The loss of a fraction of a second may prove fatal to the runner, or the slightest error in judgment by the pitcher or catcher may give the runner just the time that he wants. Every player in the big leagues knows to a fraction of a second the time each play will take and practises to make himself perfect in each play.

There have been many outstanding baseball players in the past fifty years. Probably the most famous pitcher was "Cy" Young. He held the all-time record of having pitched over five hundred winning games in major league baseball. Among the names of the famous batters are those of "Babe" Ruth and T. Cobb.

Baseball in the United States is under the jurisdiction of two major leagues, the National League and the American League. Below these leagues are the Minor Leagues and in every community there are amateur leagues. Baseball has become a huge business enterprise in the United States. Millions of dollars are spent on it every year and crowds by the thousands attend every major league game.

H. W. ADCOCK (Form 6A).

4²

THE first two are those who have written this ditty,

The third is a long lank who's not very witty,
The fourth is a scholar in need of a brush,
But in Geography class makes the rest of us blush.

The fifth is a small 'un, of vocab. so large,
Who repeatedly pipes up "Which Gr-y is it, Sarge?"

The sixth is our R-dn-y, fond of lassies, we know,
But he's lost his flapjack, so he's now full of woe.

The seventh is one full of "wisecracks" so rare,

But when K.P.K. looks at him, gets quite a scare.

The eighth is eccentric—most times he is sane,
But when he starts preaching he gives us a pain.
The ninth is our "Granny," who groans in despair

When the Maths. Master catches him combing his hair.

The tenth is our "winger,"—he hasn't scored yet!—

But he'd rather play round with his Dad's "Super-het."

The eleventh is W-lson, a writer of note.

When his work is corrected, then he's "in the boat."

The twelfth man is handy, can make things and rig 'em,

But in Irish his answer is always "Ni h-igim."

The thirteenth's unlucky, as well you might guess,

—Got caught with face powder all over his dress.

The fourteenth's our jockey, a bit long we know,
But when doing Shakespeare he goes very slow.

The fifteenth's our farmer, he hasn't a vice,

As cool and as pleasant as an H.B. cream ice.

The sixteenth's our Scotsman, who "fell off a wall"

And when the class sniggered, to him it was gall.

The seventeenth's a Rajah of Far-Eastern fame,
But in Sutton he's known as "the guy with the name."

The last is our dandy, a boxer to boot,

When he "tricks" himself up there's no doubt he looks cute!

D.R. and S.H.B. (4²).

(With apologies to the best Form in the School).

Housing Problem

A homeless beetle met a snail,

Who listened to his piteous tale:

"My house, O snail, has been burnt down;
Please sell me yours for half-a-crown."

"Impossible!" replied the snail,

"My lovely house is not for sale.

To it so much attached am I

That if I lost it I should die."

F. R. DALEY (Form 3C²).

Musical Medley

Mr. St-r-y: "Say it over and over again."
 Mr. M--r: "The Latin Quarter."
 Mr. -v-ns: "The dirty little 'pill' went rolling
 down the hill."
 Mr. D-ll-n: "Sh—Sh! Here comes Charlie!"
 Mr. K-rkp-tr-ck: "The Old Tin Helmet."
 Mr. K--g-n: } "French Without Tears."
 Mr. M--rc--r: }
 Mr. W-ls-n: "I like a nice cup of tea in the
 morning."
 Mr. G--ld-n: "Up came Johnny with his
 Camera."
 Mr. W-ts-n: "I was born to Swing."
 Mr. Gr-h-m: "Where did you get that hat?"
 Mr. J-hns-n: "Are there any more at home like
 you?"
 S-rg--nt: "Just a penny serenade."
 R. J. M-ch-sn-y: "Wear a great big smile."
 R. R. Q--n: "It's a date."
 -. -. F-st-r: "You must have been a beautiful
 baby."
 J. B-ll: } "Let's call the whole thing off."
 } "I love to whistle."
 -. T-mk-ns: "All over the place."
 W. K-ll-tt: "I love the horses and the hounds."
 J. F. R-dd: "I wonder if love is a dream."
 H. W. -dc-ck: "Prairie Schooner."
 D. H--d: "Scatter Brain."
 J. W. M--r: } "Begin the Beguine."
 W. R-th-rf-rd: }
 S. J. Wh-tn-y: "Nobody knows the trouble
 I've had."
 Form 3c²: "We're off to see 'The Wizard.'"
 Rugby Scrum: "Hold tight! Hold tight!"

—OLD MAN RHYTHM.

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Soliloquy

Dark and dim is winter's sky
 With powdery snow-clouds dipping by,
 In quiet twilight we perceive
 The tokens true of Christmas Eve.

Lone footprints on a carpet white
 Bespeak a traveller through the night
 Who quells meandering desires,
 And presses home to glowing fires.

The snow-drooped boughs of leaves stripped
 bare
 In silent majesty declare,
 That o'er the woodland's vast expanse
 'Tis Winter's reign, and Snow's Romance.

D. M. COLLIE (Form 4¹).

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HON. SECRETARIES' REPORT FOR SEASON
1939-40.

THE year 1939/40 has come and gone, and although we entered upon this session with a certain amount of foreboding, in view of the very unhappy international situation, we are able now to look back on one of the most successful periods in the short existence of the Union.

Under our President, Mr. Harry Johnston, M.A., time was not wasted in idle talking, but the Hon. Officers, under whose supervision the various activities function, were spurred on to greater efforts as a result of which we believe no member of the Union will deny that the reunions which took place during the year, with perhaps one exception, were the most successful that have yet been held.

It is satisfactory to note that the various activities show that steady improvement each year which is the sign of healthy growth and, provided that the younger Old Boys are prepared to play their part, there is no reason why this should not be apparent for many years to come.

We take this opportunity of expressing to Mr. Johnston our very sincere appreciation of all he did for the Union during his year of office and we feel confident that under his successor, Mr. W. R. McCaw, the Union will continue to prosper. We wish our new President every success during 1940/41. The first function held during his year of office augurs well for the future; we refer to the Annual Dance held early in November, which proved most successful both from the reunion and financial points of view.

The Annual Meeting was held in October at which there was the largest attendance in the history of the Union. Reports from the various Sports Secretaries were submitted, and from these it was apparent that the Union is in a healthy condition.

In conclusion, we wish again to thank Dr. and Mrs. Bennett and the staff of the School for their continued help and co-operation in the running of the Union.

The following Officers and Committee were elected for the year 1940/41:—

Patron: Dr. W. E. THRIFT.
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Vice-President: Dr. J. BENNETT.
Hon Treasurer: Mr. T. BELL.
Hon. Secs.: Messrs. A. J. BEATTY and M. BELL.
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Cricket Secs.: Messrs. W. G. BOOKER and J. C. GILMOUR.
Golf Sec.: Mr. S. S. EVANS.
Dance Secs.: Messrs. C. MORTON and H. BUNBURY.
Ex-officio, as immediate Past President: Mr. H. J. JOHNSTON.
Committee: Messrs. H. B. MOORE, S. W. MEYER, H. E. P. ANDERSON, E. E. SPENCE, T. D. MURPHY, K. H. YOUNG, D. A. ORR and R. J. WALKER.

Annual Dinner

At a recent meeting of the Committee it was arranged to hold the Annual Dinner on Saturday, 18th January, 1941, in the Clockroom. Members are urged to keep this date free.

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Cricket Section

REPORT FOR SEASON 1940.

THE Old Boys' Union Cricket team played 4 matches during the season, of which 3 were won and the remaining one lost. Another match was arranged but was cancelled by our opponents on the morning of the game.

On the 27th and 28th May the School was played. This match was the "Colour Match" for the School and was consequently much more enjoyable for all concerned, being taken more seriously than usual. The School, batting first, made the very respectable total of 112, of which Orr contributed 38 and Griffin 21. The School batting was most consistent and showed careful coaching. We replied with 179, thanks to some very good batting by R. Boucher and W. Gilmour.

On June 3rd and 4th we had King's Hospital Old Boys at the Square and owing to the very fine weather we again had tea each evening in the open. We were pleased to have the support as spectators of some of the older "Old Boys." We batted first and totalled 90 all out, to which K.H. replied with 129, thus winning a most enjoyable match by 39 runs.

On July 4th we played our usual one day match with the School, which we won by 42 runs. Some members of the School team were on holiday at the time and cycled from Wicklow to Bray, completing the journey by train to take part in the game. This speaks very highly for the keenness shown by the School team.

We completed our fixtures with a game against the Ulster Bank at the Square on the 25th July. We batted first and declared at 157 for 5 wickets, to which the Ulster Bank team replied with 130 all out, leaving us winners by 27 runs. This match was an innovation inasmuch as it was played during the holidays, and we would like to thank Dr. Bennett for kindly allowing us to have the Square for the occasion.

The opinion was expressed that the Square this season looked and was very much a cricket ground. In fact, it was a pleasure to play there, and no qualms were felt, as formerly, when fielding.

W. G. BOOKER, } Hon. Secs.
J. C. GILMOUR, }

Golf Section

REPORT FOR SEASON 1940.

THE Annual Competition for the Old Boys' Cup and Replica was held at Milltown Golf Club on Friday, 6th September, 1940. The Committee agreed to continue the plan adopted in previous years of allowing members to bring golfing guests, and it proved an immense success. 51 cards were taken out, and 57 sat down to an excellent supper. Some non-golfing members took advantage of the invitation in our circular and came to supper.

During the evening the prizes were presented by our President, Mr. Harry Johnston, as follows:—

O.B.U. Cup and Replica: V. V. Drennan. Runner-up: H. E. P. Anderson. Best Gross: Tie between W. H. Thrift and H. Thrift, won by W. H. Thrift on 2nd nine. Booby: S. W. Meyer.

Guests—Best net: D. O'Connor. Booby: R. W. Jameson. Members and Guests—First Nine: E. Cronhelm.

The clubs represented were:—Castle, Dunmurry, Grange, Delgany, Milltown, Killiney, St. Anne's, Royal Dublin, Portmarnock and Carrickmines.

A most entertaining evening was spent thanks to the musical programme "devised" by Mervyn Bell & Co. Our most grateful thanks are due to the management of Milltown Golf Club for the excellent supper. And we must congratulate our President on having staged a "wonderful night." I would also like to extend my personal thanks to those members who once again came forward and, without being asked, presented prizes.

S. S. EVANS,
Hon. Sec.

News of Old Boys

C. H. Anderson (1912-16) has been appointed House Master in the Strawbridge Home for Boys in Sykesville, Maryland, U.S.A.

F. G. Bestall (1921-28) has been promoted Assistant Commissioner of Police, Rangoon.

S. S. Bestall (1934-39) is a Cadet in the Merchant Service.

W. D. Boyle (1929-36) was honoured again this season by being selected on the Leinster Rugby XV that played Ulster.

R. L. Bryson (1920-27) has obtained his L.T.C.L.

T. H. M. Chillingworth (1924-31) is now a research Chemist attached to Research Dept. of Royal Arsenal, Woolwich.

D. B. W. Good, B.L. (1915-25) is now Resident Magistrate in Kenya.

R. E. McGuire (1914-20) wrote to us recently from Rangoon. He is Deputy Commissioner there.

E. V. Meredith (1932-34) is in the Merchant Service.

S. C. R. Horrell (1924-29), Palestine Police, is in charge of a camp of internees.

J. I. Stafford, M.B. (1924-31) has obtained an appointment in Northern Ireland.

Rev. E. J. R. Tobias, B.A. (1926-34) is now Curate in Donaghadee.

J. G. Yates (1930-34), Experimental Officer in the Ministry of Supply.

Notice

The Editors would be glad to receive any news of Old Boys. Such information should be addressed to the Editors, The Erasmian, at the School.

Serving with the Home Forces—Eire

R. J. Bouchier (1926-31), Artillery (A.A.).
T. F. V. Jackson (1928-31), Artillery (A.A.) (Searchlights).

A. D. Mason (1928-35), Infantry.
A. G. Mason (1921-28), Lieut., Artillery (A.A.).
E. V. Sutton (1932-37), Motorized Cavalry.
S. Woods (1915-20), Captain, Motors.

Serving with the Forces of His Britannic Majesty

C. V. Boyle (1926-33), 2nd Lieut., Lecturer to Officers Training Unit.
W. R. Bryans (1928-36), A.P/O., R.A.F.
Dr. J. M. Bryson (1923-31), Lieut., R.A.M.C.
Rev. A. H. Butler (1920-26), Chaplain to the Forces.
L. B. Butler (1925-27), W/O., R.A.F.

R. K. Craig (1920-25), Q.M.S., R.A.S.C.
S. F. M. Davies (1928-39), Fleet Air Arm, R.N. (Portsmouth).

W. H. Ellis (1932-37), W/O., R.A.F.
C. A. Ervine-Andrews (1916-19), P/O. Equipment, R.A.F.

Dr. H. W. W. Good (1922-29), R.A.M.C.
L. A. Healy (1919-20), R.A.F.

W. T. Heaney (1931-38), Sergt.-Observer, R.A.F.

W. A. Layng (1916-19), P/O. Equipment, R.A.F.

W. S. Moore (1928-33), F/O, promoted Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.

H. J. Paine (1930-37), Irish Guards.

B. F. L. Rooney (1930-39), R.U.R.

F. W. Shea (1910-13), Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.

H. Simon (1921-27), Major, R.A.M.C. (Gibraltar).

S. R. Smyth (1913-16), Lieut., R.U.R.

Roll of Honour

ATKINSON (1927: 1929-33)—June 13th, 1940. George Andrew, Pilot Officer, R.A.F., son of Major and Mrs. Atkinson, 25 Sidney Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin, killed on active service in England.

Deaths

GARVEY—At Vevay House, Bray, John Garvey, D.L., O.B.E., youngest son of the late John C. Garvey, D.L., of Murisk Abbey, aged 84 years. Governor of the Erasmus Smith Trust.

MOSES (1894-95)—September 9, 1940, at Kilbride, Bradwell, Suffolk, England, the Rev. John Herbert Kingsley Moses, M.A., T.C.D., elder son of the late Marcus Tertius Moses, of Kilbride Towers, Kilbride, Bray, aged 59 years.

YOUNG—November 11, 1940, at his home, 20 Nutley Park, Stillorgan. John Lovell Young.

Marriages

BAIN (1923-27) and BESTALL—July 3, 1940, at Brighton Road Church, Dublin, by Rev. B. G. East, assisted by Rev. R. Montgomery, B.A., Dudley, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bain, 5 Rathdown Park, to Harrie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bestall, 106 Leinster Road.

BRYSON (1923-31) and SPURRELL DAVIES—August 1, 1940, at Swan Hill Congregational Church, Shrewsbury, by the Rev. J. Lloyd Woodhouse, John Millard Bryson, M.B., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bryson, 31 Villiers Road, Rathgar, Dublin, to Dilys, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. D. Spurrell Davies, 13 St. John's Hill, Shrewsbury.

CHILLINGWORTH (1924-32) and LANCEFIELD—October 12, 1940, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, by the Rev. S. O. Goodchild, Vicar of Christ Church, Turnham Green, Thomas Henry Morrogh (Harry), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chillingworth, of Baily, Co. Dublin, to Vida, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Lancefield, of 12 Belgrave Court, Chiswick.

Cox (1924-31) and MASON—July 9, 1940, at St. Mobhi's Church, Glasnevin, by the Ven. Archdeacon Power (uncle of the bridegroom), assisted by Rev. Canon Tobias, B.D., and Rev. W. R. A. Bond, M.A., Rev. W. A. Moncrieff Cox, B.A., only son of the late W. A. Moncrieff Cox and Mrs. Cox, 81 Moyne Road, Rathmines, to Esmé Patricia, elder daughter of

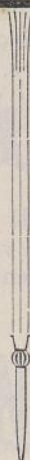
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mason, 48 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin.

DOAK (1920-25) and LOUGH—July 3, 1940, at Brighton Road Methodist Church, by Rev. Bertram G. East. William Frederick, elder son of the late Houston and Emily Doak, 11 Claude Road, Glasnevin, to Edith Ashwell, youngest daughter of the late James F. Lough and of Mrs. Lough, 4 Palmerston Villas, Dublin.

DOAK (1923-28) and STIVEN—August 27, 1940, at St. Paul's, Glenageary, Houston C., younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Houston Doak, 11 Claude Road, Glasnevin, to Nell, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Stiven, Provincial Bank House, Kingstown.

FARMER (1925-30) and CONNETT—September 2, 1940, at Sandford Parish Church, by the Rev. W. Nesbitt Harvey, B.D., William Edward, only son of Mr. A. G. Farmer and the late Mrs. Farmer, 4 Mornington Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, to Edna Maureen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Connett, 7 Greenfield Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

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HILL (1926-30) and RICHARDS-ORPEN—Aug. 31, 1940, at Kilanne Church, by the Rev. Canon L. Parkinson Hill, M.A., Edward Parkinson, eldest son of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. L. Parkinson Hill, Zion Rectory, Rathgar, and Charman Dorcas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richards-Orpen, Monksgrange, Co. Wexford.

KILLINGLEY (1914-17) and MARTIN—September 4, 1940, at St. Thomas's Church, Dehra Dun, Major D. M. Killingley, 18th King Edward VII Own Cavalry, youngest son of Rev. D. F. and Mrs. Killingley, to Iris, daughter of the late Rev. R. D. O. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Windyridge, Kingstown.

LYSTER (1926-30) and MANSFIELD—September 28, 1940, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. R. C. Madden, B.D., H.C.F., assisted by the Rev. Canon J. Tobias, B.D., Claud Homan George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyster, 24 Ormond Road, Rathmines, to Marjorie Alice, only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Mansfield, 11 Grosvenor Square, Rathmines.

MOORE (1928-34) and BECK—July 4, 1940, at Upper Wallop Parish Church, William Storey, F/O, R.A.F., second son of the late Wm. Moore, M.A., LL.B., and Mrs. Moore, 10 Frankfort Park, Dundrum, to Celia, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Beck, of London.

MOORE (1928-33) and PYPER—July 31, 1940, at St. Columba's, Swords, by the Rev. J. G. D. Pyper, M.A., Vicar of Swords, Hugh Bedford, eldest son of the late Wm. Moore, M.A., LL.B., and of Mrs. Moore, 10 Frankfort Park, Dundrum, to Florence Ruby, third daughter of the Rev. J. G. D. Pyper, M.A., and Mrs. Pyper.

MORROW (1927-36) and MEREDITH—August 27, 1940, at St. Patrick's Church, Ballymena, by the Rev. F. J. Mitchell, M.A., Andrew Edward, son of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Morrow, late of Dublin, to Charlotte Eileen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Meredith, Southfield, Athy, Co. Kildare.

RICHARDSON (1921-28) and WALKER—July 6, 1940, at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, by Rev. T. Hunter, B.A., Thomas Norman, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. Richardson, Clay

Farm, Sandyford, Co. Dublin, to Doreen Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, Didsbury, Manchester.

Association of Schools Unions

The above association held a most successful Golf outing on Thursday, 4th July, at Dollymount, when the following Unions were represented:—St. Andrew's, St. Columba's, High School, King's Hospital, Mountjoy, Wesley.

The Perpetual Challenge Cup, kindly presented by the Royal Dublin Golf Club, was won by St. Columba's O.B.U.

Roughly seventy took out cards, and considerably more attended the subsequent supper. It was gratifying to note the good response from our own Union, in addition to the Headmaster, our President, Mr. H. J. Johnston, three Past Presidents, and over twenty members were present.

The musical programme, thanks to Mr. Mervyn Bell, was most enjoyable. Amongst those taking part were Mr. J. Cowle, Mr. Sam Mooney, Mr. Paddy Henry and Mr. Bob McCullagh.

Toasts were proposed and responded to by Mr. J. Lawson (President A.S.U.), Mr. W. R. McCaw, representing the Royal Dublin Golf Club, Mr. A. W. Briscoe (St. Columba's), Mr. Corrigan (Mountjoy), Mr. R. W. Jeffares (High School).

The success of the meeting was largely due to the Organising Secretary, Mr. A. Barber (Mountjoy), who was ably supported by our own Treasurer, Mr. T. Bell, Mr. J. Lawson (Wesley), Mr. Alan Kidd (St. Andrew's) and others.

The committee responsible feel very satisfied with the result of this initial venture, and, given normal conditions, subsequent meetings should show even better results.

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