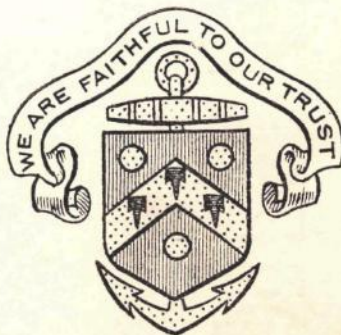


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Editorial

WE are extremely glad to see that something new, to us at any rate, has been started in school this year. Forms 3A, 4¹ and 4² have succeeded in bringing out Form Magazines and we feel that this enterprise might be extended if suitable organisers could be found, but being an Editor is a thankless task. These magazines provide a good outlet for any literary talents which may lie hidden in the boys and we hope that they will continue with success. They do not seem to have been troubled in any way by lack of paper. For the ERASMIAN we have been very fortunate in being granted a permit by the Department of Supplies which allows us to produce it the same size as last year. However, with only one edition in the year, space is very restricted and at the last moment we have been compelled to omit the majority of the literary contributions. We are sorry for this, but we thank those budding authors and poets whom we must disappoint.

The school concerts were revived in February, after a break of two years, when "Iolanthe" was produced. It was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone. We feel that the school year is not complete—as if there were a gap—without a concert, and it is with eagerness that we look forward to "The Gondoliers" which already is being rehearsed.

We have had a successful year with regard to examinations and Old Boys continue to uphold the tradition of the school by gaining fresh distinctions. We have suffered a great loss by the death of Professor W. E. Thrift, the late Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, and former chairman of the Erasmus Smith Board, and we have gained a signal honour by the election of Dr. E. H. Alton, the present chairman of our Board, to be his successor. It is a rare distinction for a school to have two successive Provosts of T.C.D., and it was the more fully appreciated by the boys when a day's holiday was granted in honour of the occasion!

On the sports side we have done moderately well. Our boxing team retrieved the Ellerker Cup after its brief visit to our opponents. In athletics our results at the Leinster Schools' Sports were very creditable. The most outstanding performance in Rugby was the gaining of an Interprovincial Cap by S. S.

Weir. Two other boys, R. J. Machesney and R. R. Quin, reached the stage of the final trial. In swimming we reached the final of the Intermediate Squadron.

Why, we ask ourselves is it necessary to write an Editorial, for we are sure that if there was none it would not be missed by the majority of the boys, as they usually skip it anyhow. We would like to close this Editorial for the benefit of the few kind people who have read it with a few witty remarks and quotations, but unfortunately—

"Ni fuit pios agnoscere don."

School Notes

THE present school year began on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1941.

The Distribution of Prizes took place on Friday, 7th November, 1941.

The school concerts were revived this year with the production of "Iolanthe" on February 19th, 20th and 21st, 1942.

Mr. Eric May very kindly presented the prizes for an Essay Competition which was held to mark the Handel Bi-centenary. The subjects were:—Senior, "The Influence of Music on the History of Man—with special reference to Handel," and Junior, "Handel." The winners were, R. R. Quin, Duff and Clein (consolation prize, Senior); and I. Couse (Junior).

The Headmaster offered to extend the lunch interval, but parents decided by a large majority to retain the present arrangements.

At the Youth Day of the Oireachtas, held in the Mansion House in October, 1941, E. W. Brennan, representing The High School, spoke in Irish to a paper by AN t-ÁCAIR Ó MUIRÉILLE on "Desire de Réir ár mBriotar." Five other delegates from the School were present.

We heard with regret of the death of our drill instructor, Sergeant-Major E. McDowell. We welcome our old friend "Johnny" Nelson who has been appointed as our new instructor.

We are very grateful to Messrs. S. A. Moore and W. S. Moore who have presented us with a number of books for the School Library.

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Dr. William Edward Thrift

PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE (1937-42)

Many sons of Trinity College have given great service to their University or to their Country. It would be difficult to name one who has done more work of lasting value than Dr. Thrift, and we may safely claim that none had such wide-spread influence, academic, ecclesiastical, political and educational. Many



[By courtesy of the "Irish Times"]

of his eyes was noted by most people when they met him for the first time in later life. Mr. R. M. Gwynn mentioned it again in his article on Dr. Thrift in "T.C.D." (the College Magazine).

His intellectual ability was outstanding when he was a schoolboy and his brilliant career was continued when he entered the University in 1889. Every possible Academic honour fell to him and he was elected Fellow in 1896. We dwell particularly here on his connection in after life with his old school because it shows the qualities which were characteristic of the man—affection, loyalty and a readiness to give himself unsparingly to anything in which he believed. He became a member of the Erasmus Smith Board in 1906, and was Chairman from 1931 to 1941. Few of our Old Boys can know

appreciations of his work have been published already. Here we naturally concentrate on what he has meant to his old school

There are some who remember him as a little boy with very bright eyes when he entered the High School in 1879, at the age of eight. The extraordinary intelligence

The New Provost of Trinity College

DR. ERNEST HENRY ALTON

It is probably an unprecedented distinction for a school to have had two successive Provosts of Trinity College amongst its former pupils. Dr. Ernest Henry Alton, who succeeds Dr. Thrift, entered the High School in 1885 and left in 1892, when he entered the University. He had a brilliant career in

School and College and, having won every high academic distinction, he became a Fellow in 1905. He was prominent, too, in the Rugby field and always seemed to possess untiring physical energy.

After his election to Fellowship he soon won a reputation

amongst Classical Scholars throughout Europe, especially for his work on Ovid, and amongst the honours which came to him was a Doctorate from the University of Padua. He has been Professor of Latin since 1927.



[By courtesy of the "Irish Times"]

Along with Dr. Thrift and Judge Fitzgibbon he represented Trinity College in the first Dail Eireann. Since University representation in the Dail was abolished he has been a member of the Senate. He has done valuable work for his constituents, and his connection with the governing bodies in the State gives him an unusually favourable position in dealing with Educational and other difficulties when they arise. For these and other more personal reasons we are very fortunate in having him as Chairman of the Board of Governors, of which he has been a member since 1909. He has

DR. W. E. THRIFT (contd.)

fully the work which he did for us during all those years and especially his able guidance as Chairman during the most dangerous period of the Board's history. Meanwhile he never lost personal contact with the school. All his sons and his nephews were pupils over a period extending from 1908 to 1934. He found time somehow to come to our school functions and even when he became Provost he still attended our Old Boys' dinners and played golf in the competitions of the O.B.U. Few men were so absolutely unspoiled by success. There was never the slightest change in his simple unaffected manner and no friend could ever complain of neglect. Old Boys were naturally proud to have him as Patron of the Old Boys' Union.

There is no doubt that if he had concentrated his great ability on research he would have added to Scientific knowledge, but he chose a life of service to the community. In politics he came to be regarded as the leader of the Protestant minority in Southern Ireland and his transparent honesty, added to his ability, won the respect and confidence of the two Parties which have governed the Country since 1923. The Church of Ireland owes a great debt of gratitude to him. In our world of Education he was able to influence the shaping of the new Secondary and Primary systems by ability and profound knowledge of detail.

His own words that the High School was very near to his heart were no mere passing expression of good will. He showed this in his actions whenever and wherever he found an opportunity and we mourn his loss as that of our best friend who made us feel personally very near to him. To the boys who come after him in the school, he is an example of a man who used his great ability in the service of others.

THE NEW PROVOST (contd.)

already given much time to our interests since he became Chairman. If a battle for justice has to be fought, there is nobody who can continue it more tenaciously than Dr. Alton until he has won.

We would like to send congratulations and good wishes to him from the past and present boys of his old school.

SCHOOL NOTES (contd. from page 3)

The Book Club goes from strength to strength. We have now over 600 books, of which more than 150 have been purchased by the subscriptions of members. Over £20 was paid in and spent during the past year. We thank all those who have given us books.

The School Choir gained 85% at the Department's Examination in March, 1942, and qualified for a money grant.

The John Phillips Rogers' Prizes were won by G. W. Williams and R. F. Kyle.

The omission or curtailment of a number of regular features in "The Erasmian" is accounted for by the paper shortage.

Examination Results

EXAMINATION IN HOLY SCRIPTURE

GREEK TESTAMENT AWARDS

E. D. R. Simms (2nd Class Book Prize). G. W. Williams (3rd Class Book Prize). S. M. Burch, D. Collie (Pass Certificates).

CHURCH OF IRELAND

Middle Grade

Pass Certificates—J. H. G. Perdue, D. C. Wright, G. F. M. Cole, J. R. Lindsay, W. G. Leach, S. J. Wright.

Junior Grade

Prizes—S. L. Morrison, H. A. F. Darby, I. M. Couse, R. Shiel, M. A. Cole, S. C. Wright, E. H. Bodell, D. S. Couse, M. Henderson, C. Ash, J. Balbirnie, M. W. Bryan, J. Watchorn (1st Class); H. Calvert, E. C. T. Perdue, N. Rodway, P. H. Stewart, T. Ticher, J. F. Young, D. Dawson, R. Alexander, J. Sutton, C. Seale, R. A. Maltby, J. A. Kerr, H. Burleigh, D. A. James (2nd Class); L. Belford, E. Margetson, R. Towson, R. Daley, T. M. K. Greene (3rd Class).

Pass Certificates—I. T. Barrie, D. A. Bowles, W. J. Mullin, P. R. Taylor, A. M. Hamilton, H. Q. Hutchings, B. Boxwell, W. Culverhouse, F. B. Charters, W. Hamilton, G. S. Browne, H. G. Allbutt, J. F. Holt, G. F. Day, J. C. Hardy, D. Ferns.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Middle Grade

Pass Certificate—D. V. M. Gillespie.

Junior Grade

Prizes—G. N. Willis (1st Class); C. G. Machesney, A. M. Bain (2nd Class).

Pass Certificates—C. K. Donaghy, R. R. M. Cochrane.

METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND

Middle Grade

Pass Certificate—S. G. Bennett.

Junior Grade

Prizes—N. S. Montgomery (1st Class); P. Comley (2nd Class).

SCRIPTURE ONLY

Middle Grade

Prize—R. H. Kyle (1st Class).

Junior Grade

Prizes—H. F. Reid (1st Class); A. Hyde (2nd Class); J. D. Foster (3rd Class).

Pass—D. Acton-Wann, E. G. Towson.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

1941-42

DEGREES

M.A.—Rev. F. A. G. Willis; D. H. McNeill; J. G. Yates.

B.Sc.—B. S. Whitney.

B.A.I.—C. L. Keegan; E. R. Huggard.

B.Comm.—E. R. Young.

B.A.—B. S. Whitney (3rd Class Moderatorship, Experimental Science); L. G. Duff; M. S. Millard.

DISTINCTIONS

R. A. Cole—1st Scholarship in Classics, 1942.

R. K. Maguire—Thompson Exhibition (£100) and Sizarship in Classics.

R. P. Willis—The High School Exhibition (£100) and Sizarship in Mathematics.

R. J. Monaghan—Lloyd Exhibition.

N. D. Browne—Downes Divinity Premium (Written Composition, 2nd Prize).

HONOURS EXAMINATIONS

MICHAELMAS, 1941

R. J. Monaghan (J.S.)—Mathematics, First of 1st Rank.

A. N. Jeffares (S.F.)—English, 1st Rank.

HILARY, 1942

A. N. Jeffares (J.S.)—Classics, 1st Rank.

R. K. Maguire (J.F.)—Classics, 2nd Rank.

G. A. S. May (J.F.)—English, 2nd Rank; French, 2nd Rank.

R. P. Willis (J.F.)—Mathematics, 1st Rank.

TRINITY, 1942

A. N. Jeffares (J.S.)—Classics, First of 1st Rank.

G. A. S. May (J.F.)—English, 1st Rank; French, 3rd Rank.

TERM EXAMINATIONS

A. N. Jeffares—Final Freshman.

J. R. F. Smith—Junior Freshman.

SCHOOL OF PHYSIC

PRE-REGISTRATION EXAMINATION—ZOOLOGY

1st Hons.—E. R. Haynes (First of 1st Rank); D. L. Cowan; J. R. F. Smith.

2nd Hons.—E. A. McColl.

Pass—N. Orgel.

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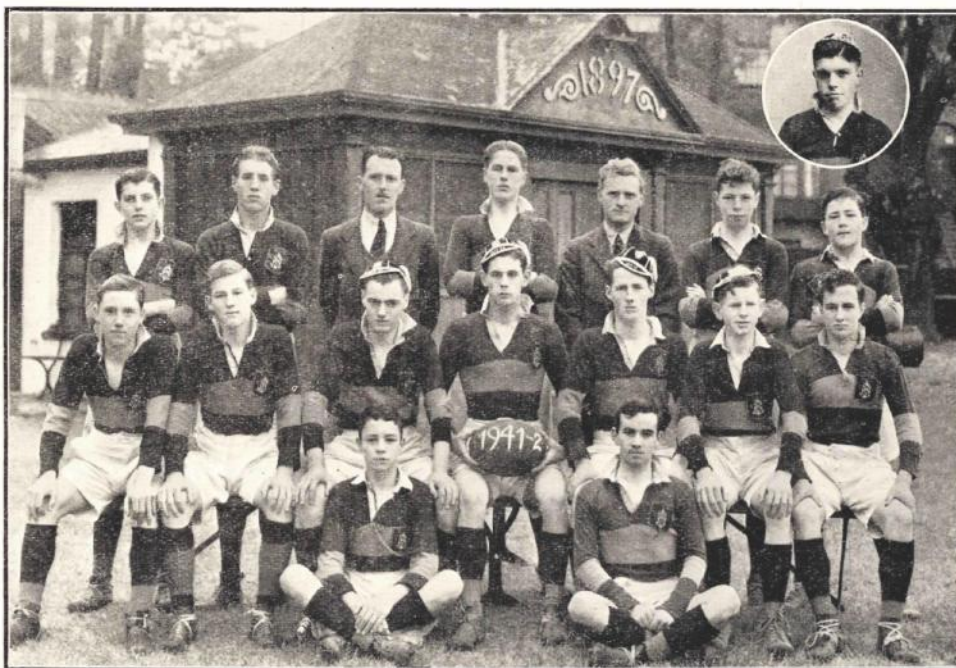
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Rugby Notes

Capt., R. R. Quin. Vice-Capt., J. W. Moore
Hon. Sec., R. J. Machesney

AFTER some difficulty in filling some of the positions behind the scrum on the 1st XV had been overcome, this team commenced to settle down and proved quite a formidable if somewhat erratic combination. Perhaps we could find most fault with the pack who failed to keep together in the loose and were, for this

plight we were lucky only to be beaten by fourteen points. In the closing stages, after Quin had come to fly-half, his straight and determined running nearly brought several scores; but Roscrea's defence, though unorthodox, was nevertheless sound. We could not pass from this match without making mention of Delaney, on the wing, whose straight and determined bursts were always a source of danger for Roscrea; and also the very fine defensive game played by Cole, who seldom, if ever, missed his man.



SENIOR CUP XV, 1941-42

(Inset) R. J. Machesney.

R. F. Kyle, G. H. Gardner.

Standing: J. W. Macdonald, N. Lambert, Mr. J. A. Storey, A. D. Grice, Mr. G. C. Johnson,
Seated: G. T. Stephens, G. F. Cole, J. W. Moore (V.-Capt.), R. R. Quin (Capt.), S. S. Weir,
C. F. G. Delaney, D. E. Dann.

On Ground: S. J. Wright, S. W. Reede.

reason, often beaten by their opponents; although man for man they were as good, if not better. Except for the first match against Portora and for one glorious week after Christmas, the pack was really below form. On these particular occasions they showed what they really could do and should they have maintained such a standard they would most certainly have gone far.

In the cup-match against Roscrea, the forwards just could not get the ball and in this

The 2nd XV under the captaincy of D. G. Duff was on the whole a success, although many of its members were called to the 1st XV from time to time. It was due to these calls that the "Seconds" did not settle down completely.

This year's J.C.T. was on the whole disappointing, and was beaten in the first round of the cup by St. Mary's College. Finding themselves a score down they did not even attempt to fight back. Still, we must have our

lean times, but nevertheless, we would have liked to have seen more spirit in this team. S. N. Grant captained the team.

" UNDER 14 "

" Under 14 "—Captain, R. H. Kyle
 " Under 13 " " M. A. Cole
 " Under 12 " " D. P. Comley

The " Under 13s " had the best record in the school. When at full strength they won practically all their matches.

We found it difficult to field an " Under 14 " and " Under 13 " on the same day owing to so much overlapping.

The " Under 12s " were unfortunate in having a large number of their matches scratched. We hope that more juveniles will " turn out " next season at Dartry Road.

We had the use of Dartry Road again this year; the small boys trained here under the able supervision of Messrs. Keegan and Kirkpatrick.

We wish to thank Messrs. Storey and Johnson, who trained the other teams throughout the season; our thanks also go to the others who helped to make the season a success.

The House matches were won rather convincingly by Abbey, who won 7 out of the 8 matches; Belgrave were second.

The " Place and Drop " competition was won by R. R. Quin.

Cricket Notes, 1942

Captain, R. R. Quin. Vice-Captain, J. A. Bell
 Hon. Sec., A. D. Grice

ALTHOUGH it is perhaps a little early in the season to judge our teams, I think I can safely say that they are good this season.

The 1st XI have only lost one match out of four, the J.C.T. XI one match and the " Under 14 " one match.

The following results give some idea of how the teams are shaping.

SENIOR CUP TEAM

1st XI v. Merrion—Won

H.S.D.—116 for 6 dec. (Quin 67; Wright, S. J. 24).

Merrion—63 all out (Quin 4 for 7; Wright, S. J. 2 for 13).

1st XI v. St. Andrew's—Drawn

H.S.D.—107 for 4 dec. (Stephens 28; Quin 55, not out).

St. Andrew's—37 for 4 (Wright, S. J. 3 for 14).

1st XI v. Mountjoy. (1st Round Senior Cup).
 Won

H.S.D.—81 all out (Wright, S. J. 52).

Mountjoy—68 all out (Williams 3 for 27; Wright, S. J. 5 for 13).

1st XI v. Old Boys' Union—Lost

H.S.D.—94 all out (Wright, S. J. 68).

Old Boys'—176 for 8 dec. (Wright, S. J. 6 for 73).

The S.C.T. play King's Hospital in the 2nd round of the Senior Cup, on Saturday, 30th May, at Blackhall Place.

JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Captain, W. B. Lyons

The J.C.T. won the 1st Round of the Junior Schools' Cup by beating Terenure College, but they were beaten by Masonic in the 2nd Round at Phoenix Park.

" UNDER 14 " LEAGUE.

In the " Under 14 " League, our team has only lost one match. They have three matches yet to play in their section, but they should win these with a little effort.

The Committee wish to pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Rodway and members of Civil Service Cricket Club Committee for the use of their ground throughout the season.

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Lawn Tennis

Captain, J. A. Motyer

THOUGH the season has not been as successful as last year, when we reached the final of our section, it has been enjoyable enough. The Senior Team, though beaten 6—0 by Blackrock—who only dropped one match in winning the Cup—beat Terenure and King's Hospital by the same margin, 6—0. The Junior team, beaten by Terenure College, put up a good fight against St. Gerard's and Belvedere, and beat C.U.S.

The courts at Belgrave Square are improving as the season develops. At the moment the Senior and Junior Tournaments are well on the way to completion. It is hoped to have the innovation of House Matches this year. Teams are to consist of six boys; three singles and three doubles are to be played. It is extremely difficult to cram all this activity into the short space of two months, but if the weather holds, we shall manage.

Generally speaking, school tennis is in an extremely healthy condition, and we shall undoubtedly do well in Inter-schools competitions in a few years' time.

Athletics

Captain, S. S. Weir. Vice-Capt., R. J. Smith
Hon. Secretary, R. J. Clinton

ALIVELIER interest was taken in athletics in school this year, owing to organised training, under the supervision of Mr. Kirkpatrick. Mr. B. Hennessey kindly offered his services and trained boys twice a week at the Square. The attendance was sufficient to enable complete teams, Senior, Junior and Juvenile to be formed. We entered these teams in a triangular contest with King's Hospital and Wesley College, on May 15th.—result, K.H. 60 points; H.S.D. 40; W.C.D. 25. One outstanding win for the school was by R. J. Smith in the 100 yards (time, 11 secs.). Other outstanding performances were by S. S. Weir and R. R. Quin.

We also entered a team in the Leinster Schools' Sports at Blackrock College. Excellent performances were given by our Senior relay team, and by G. B. Quin, R. J. Smith and S. S. Weir.

At the School Sports on 27th June, 1941, R. R. Quin won the War Memorial Cup and B. Waugh won the Junior Cup.

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The High School Boxing Club

Captain, R. R. Quin. Vice-Capt., D. E. Dann

THIS was the second season in which the Boxing Championships were held, but again their success was proved both by the number of entries, and by the number of spectators. The Headmaster presented the medals after a very exciting evening.

The Ellerker Cup contest was held on March 19th, when we won back the Cup once more. The final issue was in doubt until the very last bout, the heavyweight bout, between the two captains, R. R. Quin (High School) and S. Williamson (St. Andrew's). Shortly afterwards the team was invited to Portora Royal School, where we unfortunately suffered a defeat, losing by 7 bouts to 4. The blow was however, tempered by the warmth of the hospitality extended to us by our victorious hosts.

The Club would again like to thank Messrs. Goulden and Kirkpatrick for their kind help and advice, and also Captain N. Purcell and Messrs. Carroll and Richardson who so kindly acted as officials at our matches.

Colours have again been awarded. This year they were won by:—

Senior:—S. M. Burch, S. J. Wright, and A. C. Stewart.

Junior:—W. Campbell and P. Stewart.

Dates were awarded to R. R. Quin and D. E. Dann.

D.E.D.

High School Swimming Club

Capt., R. R. Quin. Vice-Capt., J. W. Moore
Junior Capt., J. Clark. Hon. Sec., J. W. Moore

THIS year, as the shortage of coal has prevented the Iveagh Baths from opening, our swimming is rather at a standstill. A new venture is being started this year. This new venture, namely, a life-saving class, will it is hoped, have commenced by the time this magazine goes to press. We shall be able to practise the land-drill in the gym.; the water drill is, however, going to be a rather difficult problem, but we hope to practise this section

of life-saving in one or other of the open air pools outside the city.

Since there was no publication of the "Erasmian" last December, the Gala results were not published. We are, however, printing them now—better late than never:—

Beginner's Race—(i) Cole, M. A., (ii) Culverhouse, W., (iii) Ellis, B.; 22 yds. *Under 13*—(i) Greene, M., (ii) Cole, M. A.; 44 yds. *Under 16*—(i) Maltby, R., (ii) Clark, J. T., (iii) Cole, M. A.; 66 yds. *Under 18*—(i) Burch, S. M., (ii) Clark, J. T., (iii) Moore, J. W.; *Breast and Back*—(i) West, W. B., (ii) Roberts, C., (iii) Ellis, B.; *Old Boys' Race*—(i) Priestman, G., (ii) Kerr, R.; *Junior Championship*—Burch, S.; *Senior Championship*—Smith, R. G.; *House Relay*—(i) Belgrave (Moore, J. W., Smith, R. G., Frith, E., Burch, S. M.); (ii) Harcourt.

Pembroke Selected beat the Old Boys by a large margin. We should like all Old Boys who play, or have played Water Polo to send in their names, addresses and positions in which they play.

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Table Tennis Club

Captain, S. S. Weir. Hon. Sec., D. E. Dann

THIS is only the second year of the Table Tennis Club in High School, but it has again proved a great success. Since most of its former supporters had left, the club was, at the beginning of the season, rather short of members. Gradually, however, the membership increased, until by Christmas it possessed a great many more members than last season.

The Leinster Branch of the I.T.T.A. again ran an inter-schools' competition. The same six schools entered, but unfortunately H.S. was again defeated by King's Hospital and Masonic, and only succeeded in running fourth. After a great battle at the beginning of the season for the team places, the team sent in was as follows:—

S. S. Weir. S. M. Burch. A. Beckett.
E. Margetson.

We are again indebted to Mrs. Bennett, who very kindly provided tea at all competition matches.

D.E.D.

Break-Up Dance

ON Friday, 19th December, 1941, we held one of the most successful of our annual "Break-Up" dances in the Clock-room. Cyril Gibson and his band, who provided the music, were well up to form. The attendance was excellent—in fact, we had, regretfully, to turn some people away—and we were glad to see a further increase in the number of present boys who joined in the jollity. After all, it is their dance. A departure from the procedure of former years, was the decision to make the dance "Informal" in view of the prevailing transport difficulties. However, when more normal times return, we hope to see evening dress and flowing gowns in vogue again.

We wish to thank Mrs. Bennett for her help in managing the catering—an unenviable task at any time; our thanks are also due to those parents and friends who kindly gave us presents of cakes, tea, etc. We are also indebted to Messrs. Moore, Kirkpatrick and Wilson, and to the Committee and helpers whose assistance made the dance such a success.

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Annual Entertainment

WE are very glad to be able to report a revival of our concerts. After a run of ten years, from 1928, we were compelled to lapse for two years owing to war conditions. However, in February, 1942, we produced another Gilbert and Sullivan opera—this time, "Iolanthe." We are extremely fortunate to have retained the services of our producer and musical director, Mr. Eric May, A.I.A.A., who again rendered valuable service and put in many hours of hard work in order to make the concert the success that it was. Too much praise could not be extended to him. He has the wonderful gift of getting the very best out of the available talent. Thanks must also be extended to the other Old Boys who helped, especially Messrs. W. F. Shiel, S. G. Watson, D. Hiron, J. G. Smith and E. R. Haynes, all of whom had principal parts, not forgetting Mr. David Lyons who acted as accompanist both for the practices and for the show itself. His playing was favourably commented upon by many in the audience.

Among the present boys, outstanding performances were given by R. R. Quin as Lord Chancellor, S. G. Cole as Phyllis and S. C. Wright as Iolanthe.

Perhaps the most successful feature of the production was the Chorus of Peers, who put all they knew into their effort and so endeared themselves to the audiences. Mr. V. Leeson from King's Hospital, kindly helped in the staging of the opera.

The war prevented us from carrying out our usual plan of making our own costumes, so we were compelled to hire them. This was undoubtedly a disappointment, both to the producers and the actors. Our audiences were large and appreciative; for three evenings the Clock-room was filled to capacity. As a result, we were able to make a useful contribution of £20 to the Athletic Fund.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following and apologise for any accidental omissions:—"T.C.D." (Trinity College, Dublin), C.A.I. (Coleraine Academical Institute).

The H.S. Stamp Club

UNDER the presidency of Mr. Moore, the Stamp Club hold weekly meetings. It has become a larger and more interesting concern during the past year, owing chiefly to the constant interest and energy of J. Tomkins, the Hon. Sec., who, we regret to say, left the school last term. He organised amusing competitions every week; and at the close of the term distributed prizes to members.

The club now has a library, augmented by "Meccano" and other magazines containing stamp articles, kindly lent by L. J. Wilkinson. Stamps and envelopes of note are placed in Mr. Moore's room during the week for inspection by Club members. Lectures are given each week by different members.

The Club's only liability is its short membership roll. We would be grateful if Old Boys at home and abroad would send us stamps, as they would be greatly appreciated.

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MEETINGS have been held by The High School Debating Society all this term. We had many enjoyable meetings, at one of which D. M. Collie read us a paper on "The Truth of the Bible." Among other debates was "That Scouts and other Kindred Organisations should be Abolished," which was hotly discussed by the House. At some of our meetings we had reading lessons, and the President gave us some useful hints about speaking and reading.

Although the meetings were enjoyed by those who attended them, it was disappointing to see so few members present. However, we are now looking forward with great eagerness to the meetings to be held next term.

Distribution of Prizes

THE Annual Distribution of Prizes took place on Friday, 7th November, 1941. The Headmaster's Report referred to the continued success in examinations. Amongst other distinctions, Sizarships in Classics and Mathematics and two Exhibitions were won at the Entrance to Trinity College. Games and other sports activities were flourishing. Interesting addresses were given by Professor E. H. Alton, Litt.D., Chairman of the Board of Governors, and by Dr. T. G. Moorhead.

Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faun

Cá bfuil an ceol san?

An bfuil é, sur pétoir le dume beir i n-a lúge,
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San smúro, san buaróirt. Ar m'agáir amac,
An domhan neam-choitcheamta, neam-fíor.
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Tá áit san scoill seo i lár na sgram, i n-a bfuil
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Cirigeann sí annso. B'e seanamail, maor'a,
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leógaib agus i n-ionad teasa, bíonn fionnfaet.
I n-ionad dacta ruad-ouinn, bíonn dact an aigio.

Aet ní fuil sé mar seo anois.

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AT the Annual Meeting held in October last the reports relative to the various activities of the Union were most satisfactory and undoubtedly the high standard to which the Union has attained was well maintained notwithstanding the difficult period through which we are passing.

ANNUAL DANCE.

The Annual Dance took place in the Metro-pole Ballroom on 1st November, 1941.

A happy feature of this event was the attendance of a number of Old Boys whose leave from service with H.M. Forces coincided with this date. Amongst these was our Hon. Dance Secretary, Mr. Cecil Morton, who, with his Assistant, Mr. H. Bunbury, was responsible for a most successful reunion.

WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive was held in the Kenilworth Bowling Pavilion on 12th December, 1941, but, although it was a very pleasant function, it was not well patronised.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner in the Clock-room on the 17th January, 1942, at which our President, Mr. W. R. McCaw, presided, despite transport difficulties, was again a great success. We were happy to have with us Sir John Maffey as our Guest of honour. A very pleasant atmosphere prevailed and we are grateful to the speakers and musical guests for their contributions towards our enjoyment.

We also wish to place on record our thanks to Mr. George Lovell of Messrs. J. E. Mills, Ltd., for his continued contribution towards the success of this function.

SPORTS.

We are fortunate in having most energetic Sports Secretaries who continue to take a keen interest in the organisation of the various sporting events.

Rugby—O.B.U. played the School twice, winning both games. We also played K.H. Old Boys, but lost.

Cricket—O.B.U. played the School on 21st May, 1942. Won.

Athletics—The Inter-Schools' (O. B. U.) Meeting at King's Hospital, 4th June, 1942, resulted in a win for H.S.D., with Mountjoy and King's Hospital, 2nd (tie).

Golf—Royal Dublin Links, 4th September, 1941:—Old Boys' Cup and Replica, D. M. Frazer; Runner-up, G. W. Frazer; Best Gross, V. V. Drennan. "Guests," Canon C. Dowse. The 1942 Golf Competition will be held at Milltown Links on Thursday, 3rd September.

The A.S.U. Golf Competition was held at the Royal Dublin Links, on 27th April, 1942. 13 schools competed. Mountjoy School, with

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a score of 307, won the Royal Dublin Cup. The High School O.B.U. Team were 5th, with a score of 327.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of our Patron, Dr. W. E. Thrift, who has always taken a keen interest in the Union since its formation, and our very sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Thrift and the members of her family.

We also regret to record the death at an early age of Mr. W. H. Thrift, who was one of the original Secretaries of the Union.

The Union has also sustained a great loss through the death of a number of Old Boys on Active Service and to all those bereaved we extend heartfelt sympathy.

Since its inception Dr. and Mrs. Bennett have been very closely associated with the Union and it has been felt for some time past that the thanks of the Members should be extended to them in some tangible form: accordingly, it was agreed to make a presentation to them during this year. This suggestion has met with unanimous approval and a very ready response from the Old Boys. It is hoped

to make the presentation formally at an early date and all those who have subscribed will be duly notified.

Members are asked to notify the Hon. Sec. of changes of address.

News of Old Boys

Dr. E. H. Alton (1885-92), was appointed Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, on 12th May, 1942. We offer him our congratulations. Further reference is made to Dr. Alton's high distinction in an article in these pages.

G. Begley (1926-29), is associated with the movement that is reviving Ballet in Dublin. He is in Miss Burchill's Ballet Company.

H. W. W. Good (1922-29), Dr. H. W. W. Good's father passed on to us a very interesting letter from Africa which we had hoped to publish in this issue, but lack of space has made this impossible, we are sorry to say. "H.W.W." is a Capt. in the R.A.M.C.

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A. N. Jeffares (1930-39), has been appointed Correspondence Secretary of the College Historical Society. He has spoken at the English Group and the Classical Society and was Art Editor of "Trinity Parade."

S. Lapedus (1925-32), has recently started business as an optician in Sth. Anne St.

D. A. Orr (1930-40), paid us a visit when on leave recently. Despite his resolve not to take up boxing in the army, he has returned to the sport very effectively, for he is now Light-heavyweight Champion of the Aldershot Engineers, O.C.T.U. In an A.E., O.C.T.U. versus Signals contest Orr k.o.'d his opponent in 42 seconds!

John Rudd (1937-39), in April, 1942, Judge Shannon commended the action of John Rudd (16½) who chased a hand-bag thief on his bicycle and held him until help came and the thief was arrested.

J. R. F. Smith (1938-41), was awarded the Old Boys' Cup for the best type of boy in the School, 1940-41.

E. A. Thompson, B.Litt., M.A. (1925-32), was

appointed in October, 1941, to be a lecturer in Classics at Swansea University, having held a similar position in Trinity.

With the Forces

[5th list appearing in the "Erasmian," bringing total number of Old Boys known to be serving (including missing and killed) in all forces to 120.—Ed.].

F. J. Allen (1912-13), Colonel, Indian Army.

J. A. Allen (1931-38), South African Rifles.

J. Bell (1906-11), Major, R.A.V.C.

B. S. R. Blennerhassett (1933-34), P/O, R.A.F.

N. F. Boxwell (1937-39), L.A.C., Signals, R.A.F.

C. A. Boyle (1922-31), Lt., Royal Irish Fusiliers, transferred from R.A.F.

W. D. Boyle (1929-36), Welsh Fusiliers, (Tank Corps).

C. W. Brumby (1917-19), R.A.F.

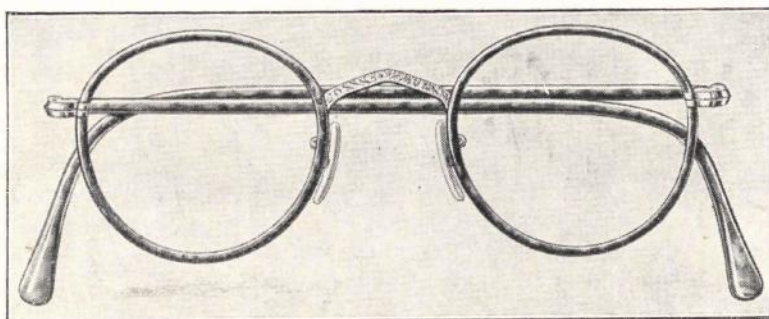
F. C. Burge (1930-38), R.N., Telegraphist (training).

Dr. J. M. Caldwell (1924-32), Major, R.A.M.C.

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 for distinguished services in the field.
 T. E. Flewett (1911-16), Major, R.I.F.
 M. C. Fowler (1929-36), R.A. (A.A.).
 D. S. Gray (1932-35), Armourer, R.A.F.
 Dr. R. Green (1903-07), R.A.M.C.
 D. T. Hennessey (1927-30), L-Cpl., R.U.R.
 H. O. Jestin (1937-41), Royal Corps of Signals.
 H. S. Larkin (1906-16), Major, 16th Punjabis.
 (Mentioned in despatches, 1938).
 J. Lenehan (1919-26), Lt., R.A.
 S. Lenehan (1919-23), Lt., R.A.
 T. J. Lochtie (1921-25), Engineer, R.N.
 C. W. Martin (1937-40), N.I.H.
 S. A. Moore (1929-35), 2nd Lt., R.A. (L.A.A.).
 A. E. Morrow (1927-36), Commandos, Para-
 troops.
 G. A. Owgan (1913-17), Royal Inniskillings.
 E. Parr (1931-33), Cpl., R.A.F. — Rigger
 (Joined 1935).
 G. B. P. Patterson (1935-38), R.A.F.
 T. J. Reid (1923-26), Flt/Lt., R.A.F. (Medical
 Services).
 G. A. W. Ridgeway (1936-39), R.A.F.
 R. C. Riley (1920-24), Capt., R.E.
 K. B. Robinson (1938-39), R.A.F.
 W. P. Rush (1936-37), R.A.F.
 T. L. Sanderson (1940-41), Irish Army.
 S. R. Smyth (1913-16), Lt., R.U.R.
 W. J. C. Stevenson (1931-38), R.A.F.
 K. E. J. Tyrrell (1931-38), Fleet Air Arm.
 Sir W. J. de Courcy Wheeler, M.D.,
 F.R.C.S.I., (1894-96), Rear-Admiral, R.N.
 Medical Services.
 S. G. Watson (1924-34), R.A.F.

Further News from the Forces

Dr. J. M. Bryson (1923-31), is now a Captain
 in the R.A.M.C.
 D. A. Orr (1939-40), Aldershot Engineers,
 O.C.T.U., has transferred from R.U.R. to
 R.E.

B. F. L. Rooney (1930-39), is now 2nd Lieut.
 Indian Army, having transferred from
 R.U.R.

Reported Missing

R. W. Fox (1922-27), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Reported missing in flying operations on the
 night of 19th-20th April, 1942.

Roll of Honour

GILMOUR (1929-37)—October 23, 1941, on
 active service, William Des Brisay, aged 20,
 Sergeant-Pilot, Royal Air Force Volunteer Re-
 serve, dearly-loved younger son of Dr. and
 Mrs. G. Van B. Gilmour, of 25 Ormond Road,
 Rathmines, Dublin.

HAMILTON-HUNTER (1930-34)—February 23,
 1942, Bertram Patrick (R.A.F.), dearly-beloved
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OWEN (1930-35)—August 31, 1941, as result of an accident, Pilot-Officer Patrick Richard Owen, R.A.F., aged 21 years, dearly-loved only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Owen, late of Foxrock, and now of 31 Exeter Road, Southgate, London, N.14.

STIVEN (1928)—October, 1941, John Wallace Stiven, R.A.F., killed on active service.

Marriages

BARDON (1916-24) and FITZELL—October 20, 1941, at the Methodist Church, Limerick, by Rev. Ivan W. S. Jones, M.A., Maurice Edgar, third son of Captain and Mrs. J. W. Bardon, Glenaros, Dartry Road, Dublin, to Joan Claire, youngest daughter of J. and Mrs. Fitzell, Fern Ville, Castle View Gardens, Limerick.

BLENNERHASSETT (1933-34) and DODD—On Tuesday, August 5, 1941, at St. Bartholomew's

Church, Dublin, Pilot-Officer Brian Blennerhassett, R.A.F.V.R., to Barbara Dodd.

BRIDLE (1924-30) and POOTS—October 1, 1941, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. R. G. Perdue, B.D., assisted by Canon John Tobias, B.D., James William, only son of Arthur E. Bridle and the late Mrs. Bridle, 52 Upper Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin, to Hazel Wilson, youngest daughter of the late William Poots and Mrs. Poots, 7 Chester Road, Ranelagh, Dublin.

COE (1917-19) and LEARY—On Wednesday, July 30th, 1941, at Brighton Road Methodist Church, Victor Elliott Coe, to Elizabeth Mabel Leary.

COOLEY (1928-34) and SCOTT—April 6, 1942, at Rathfarnham Parish Church, by the Rev. George S. Nowlan, M.A., Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Cooley, "Rathenrea," Lower Dodder Road, Rathfarnham, and Lota, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Scott, "Kilmalcolm," Fortfield Road, Terenure.

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MCNEILL (1931-34) and HOUSTON—May 9, 1942, at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, David Hogg McNeill, M.A., Oundle, Northamptonshire, elder son of the late C. S. and Mrs. McNeill, "Kinbally," Dalkey, to Hilda Houston, B.A., Cambridge, daughter of Mr. D. and Mrs. Houston, Rathgar, Dublin.

PLANT (1927-33) and VALENTINE—September 6, 1941, at Nun's Cross Parish Church, Ashford, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ossory, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Vandeleur, the Rev. E. F. Plant, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Plant, 17 Hazelbrook Road, Terenure, Dublin, to Moira Evans, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Valentine, Cronroe, Ashford, Co. Wicklow.

PURCELL (1926-34) and CALLOW—August 30, 1941, at Mamby Parish Church, Lincolnshire, Pilot-Officer Percy Randolph Purcell, R.A.F.V.R., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Purcell, Melba, Iona Road, Glasnevin, to Elizabeth Joan Callow, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Callow, Per-se, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

RUTTLEDGE (1919-22) and BEERE—June 2, 1942, at St. Mary's Church, Kilmessan, by the bride's father, Edgar, second son of Mr. Thomas Ormsby Rutledge, 2 Fairfield Park, Rathgar, Dublin, to Florence Primrose, daughter of the Rev. H. C. and Mrs. Beere, Kilmessan Rectory, Co. Meath.

SPOOR (1921-28) and DANAHER—September 20, 1941, at Unitarian Church, by the Rev. E. Savell Hicks, M.A., Stephen, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spoor, Clontarf, to Winifred Caulfield, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaw Danaher, Rialto, Dublin.

VINSON (1928-34) and McVEY—September 3, 1941, at Sandymount Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. J. S. Crockett, M.A., Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinson, Rothbury, Foxrock, and Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McVey, Marine Drive, Sandymount.

Deaths

BAYLY (1895-99)—August 15, 1941, at his residence, 5 Ludgershall Road, Tidworth, Wiltshire, Edward Seton Crofton Bayly, eldest son of the late Edward Bayly, 3 Sandford Terrace, Ranelagh, Dublin.

CUSACK (1895-1900)—April 30, 1942, at Drumnigh House, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, Major J. R. R. (Roy) Cusack, dearly-loved husband of Kathleen (*née* Bickmore) and father of Ralph D. A. Cusack. Chairman, R.I.A.C.

D'ALTON (1881-83)—February 9, 1942, at a Dublin Hospital, Melfort Campbell, last surviving son of the late Edward Neville D'Alton, R.N.

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FERGUSON (1910-13)—April 25, 1942, at Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Alexander James Ferguson, of 24 Merton Road.

FINDLATER (1881-85)—July 31, 1941, at his residence, Glensavage, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, William Findlater, M.A., son of the late John Findlater, J.P., of Melbeach, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

GRAHAM (1929-36)—April 17, 1942, after a brief illness, Alexander Bell (Alex), aged 21 years, only and dearly-beloved son of the late J. S. Graham and Cissie Graham, late of 5 Vergemount, Clonskeagh, and 79 Ramleh Pk.

HAYES (1880-83)—February 10, 1942, Lt-Col. Edwin Charles Hayes, C.B.E., R.A.M.C. (Retired), son of Edwin T. C. Hayes, Solicitor, of Dublin.

LARGE (1893-97)—January 18, 1942, at a Private Nursing Home in Cork, Melville Howell, beloved husband of Molly Large, 2 Green Park, Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin.

SANDERSON (1933-38 — 40-41)—November 26, 1941, (suddenly), at Adelaide Hospital,

Thomas Lipscombe, eldest son of Thomas Sanderson, 9 Mayfield Road, Terenure, nephew of Mrs. Rhoda Sanderson, 30 Effra Road, Rathmines.

THRIFT (1879-89)—April 23, 1942, at the Provost's House, William Edward Thrift, D.Sc., Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, dearly-loved husband of Maude Thrift.

THRIFT (1908-17)—January 1, 1942, at his residence, 27 Braemor Park, Dublin, William Henry Thrift, dearly-loved husband of Mabel Thrift and elder son of the Provost of Trinity College.

VANCE (1889-90)—July 5, 1941 (suddenly), at Minehead, Somerset, Richard Ephraim Vance.

WELDON (1918-19)—October 13, 1941 (suddenly), at Bradford, Captain George Hazlewood Weldon, D.S.O., dearly-beloved husband of Eileen Weldon, late of Bantry, Killiney Road, Co. Dublin, and youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Weldon, Bantry, Co. Cork.



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