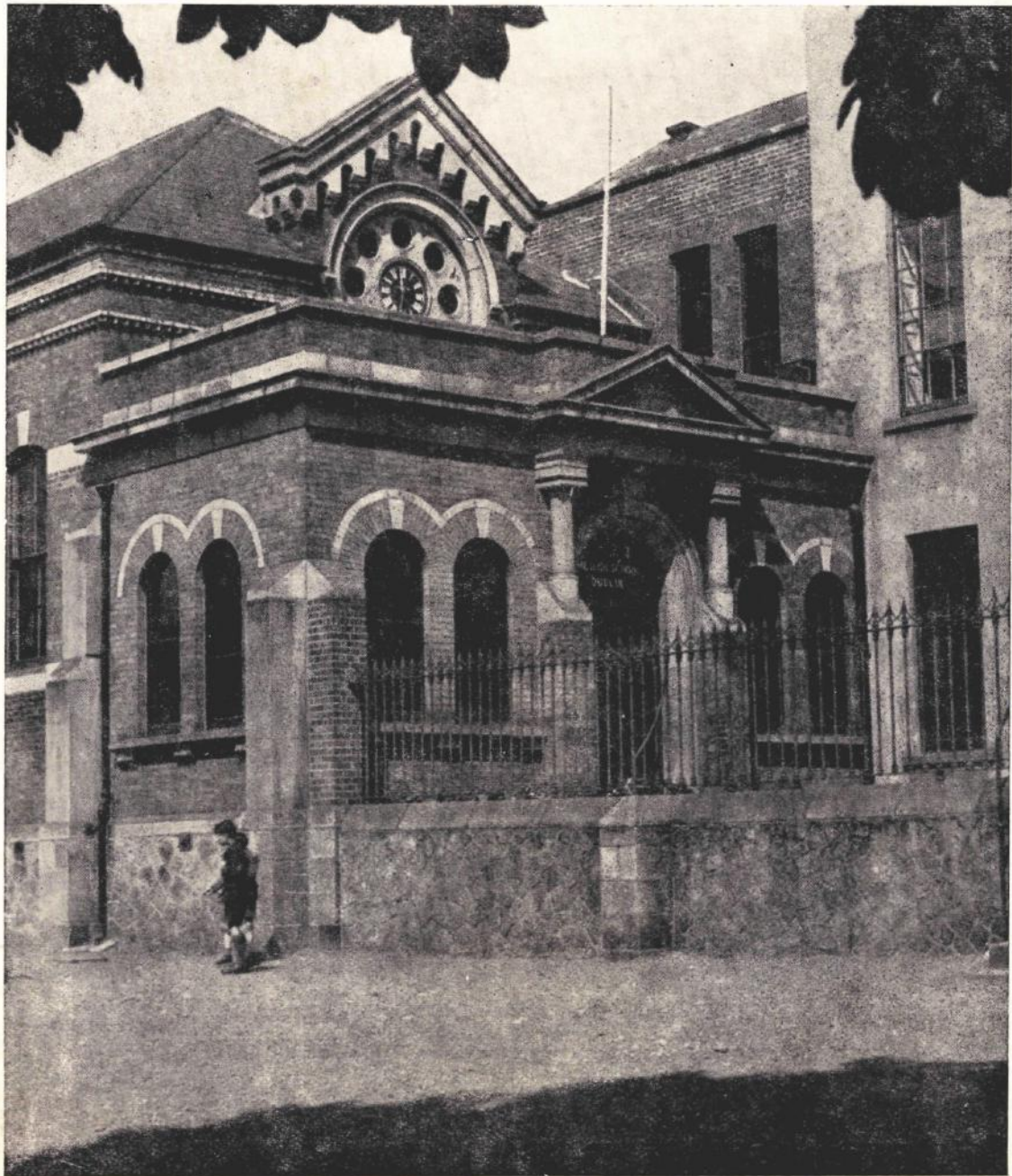
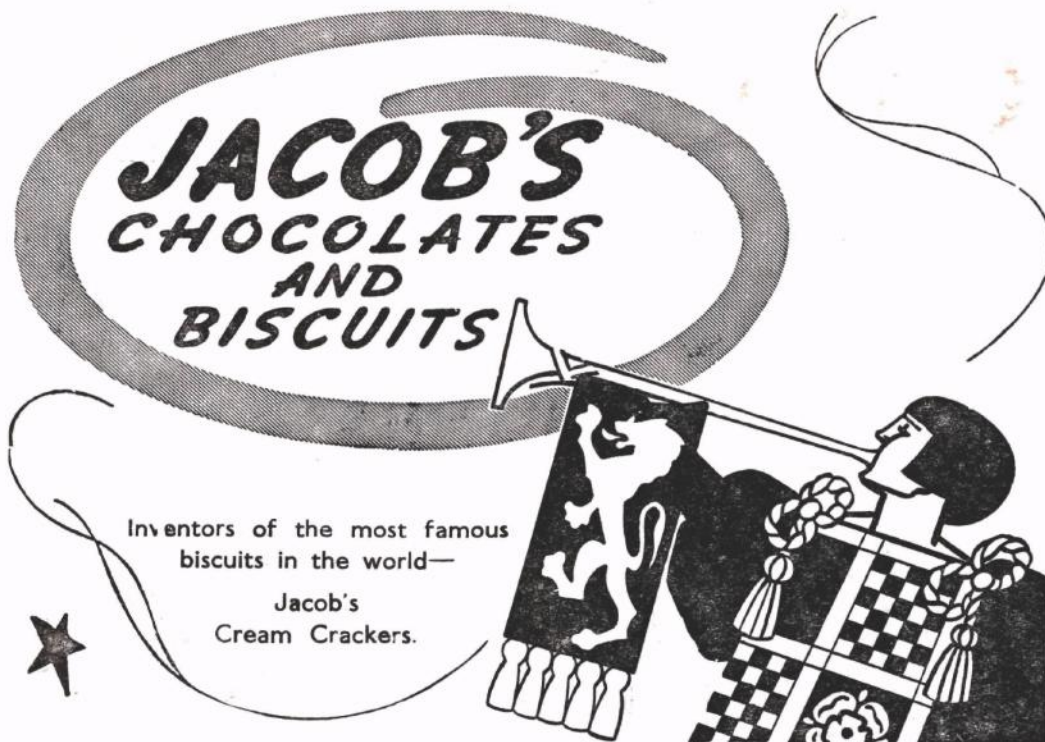


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EDITORIAL

We have always wondered how our "illustrious predecessors" (ERASMIAN, June, 1952) composed their editorials. We now realise that no such word as composition, implying mental effort, should be applied to the craft and ingenuity with which previous holders of the "editorial chair" (June, 1952) plagiarised those who had gone before them. For on looking through old ERASMIANS we realised that all the editorials had a certain similarity and on further research we discovered that each one had been copied from the previous year's, with only names and events brought up to date. We recognise the wisdom of our seniors and our attempt will be given more attention if it is interspersed with their aphorisms.

Now, "dear reader" (December, 1951), it is fitting that we pass on to the events of this term. The Prize Distribution is uppermost in our minds (we were glad to see the School as generous as usual with their empty envelopes); "but more anon" (Anon.). On the subject of festive occasions, we wish to congratulate Mr. Dillon on the attainment of his sixty-fifth birthday. The nice combination he has always maintained, of discipline and informality, is exemplified by his remark to one of the boys, after the prize-giving, "I've never been mentioned more in all my life!"

We are extremely sad to hear of the loss suffered by those who were accustomed to sunbathe in the handball-alleys during the summer's heat. For the sun, alas, has left us, and these poor lads can no longer bare their manly bosoms to its comforting rays. We would also like to take this opportunity to protest against the barbarous custom, that has grown up in recent weeks, of playing handball in these handball-alleys. This is unprecedented and outrageous, and infringes on the hitherto unchallenged rights of the "happy youths" (June, 1953) who were accustomed to take their ease at noon, reclining against the walls of the alleys. Let this game, this almost indecent display of physical energy, unbecoming to a school for gentlemen, cease forthwith.

We believe that some progress is being made at Danum, and at present there is one field in use. We have heard that the washing arrangements are a great improvement on the palaeolithic conditions at Belgrave Square. It is

rumoured that in this latter region the School's rugby is improving; certainly we know that accuracy in kicking, a fine but lost art, is increasing. However, we are sorry to hear that seven balls have been burst on the railings at the Square.

We will not yet "lay down our pen" (December, 1957), for it behoves us to speak of the formation of a new house. It is generally accepted that cream rises, or should we say levitates, to the top of the milk, and this new house, Galway house, seems to have been given the position of the top of the milk. The cream of each house has gone to fill this new one, but we suppose this is only the natural forces of levitation at work. It will be interesting to see how this extremely sporting house will fare in the battle of wits arranged for December 1st. However, we were sorry to hear of the closing of Galway Grammar School, the last of the original Erasmus Smith schools. We welcome Mr. Coghlan, former headmaster at Galway, who has joined the teaching staff here.

"Browsing through old copies of THE ERASMIAN in search of inspiration" (December, 1950) we discovered several closing phrases such as "Turn the pages, reader. Welcome!" or "Now let abler pens than ours continue the story," or "Among these budding litterateurs may be a Shaw or an Eliot." We do not think these remarks very suitable for this occasion, as, to the best of our knowledge, there are no contributions from anyone named Shaw or Eliot. However, being devoid of all store of classical quotation, we leave you with this bitter thought: we have now realised the full significance of Pope's remark:

You beat your pate and fancy wit will come.
Knock as you please, there's nobody at home.

Racial Prejudice

Practically every time we pick up a newspaper or switch on the radio to hear the news, we learn of some incident to do with the colour problem. The Bible states that "all men are equal." The chief cause of racial prejudice is the fact that very few men can accept this statement literally. Because the coloured races have been unable to keep pace with the

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advance of the most formidable white civilisation ever known, the white men now consider themselves vastly superior in every way. If, however, the trimmings of civilisation were removed, and a white man and a negro were deserted in the jungle, there is not much doubt as to who would emerge the better; for the animal instinct of the latter makes him capable of withstanding hardship more easily than the former. This is brought vividly home to us in that splendid film, "The Defiant Ones," which was shown recently in the Regal. It tells of two convicts, a white man, and a black man, who, chained together, escape from a prison van. The negro, by sheer force of will, brought both himself and the white man to the verge of freedom, whereas the white man would have given up long before. If a creature is taken out of its element, it is naturally bewildered, and angry. This is exactly what happened in the Southern United States, and the West Indies. Thousands of negroes were taken from their native Africa, and their families, and sold as slaves in the cotton and sugar cane plantations. Naturally they were miserable and angry at thus being left in this strange land, amongst strange people. This

hatred has continued until the present day, and the gulf has steadily widened between black and white in these two areas. This is a case entirely brought about by the white men, who despised and spurned the people on whom they inflicted this misery to such an extent that the wound will take many, many years to heal.

Far different, however, is the cause of racial hatred in other countries, such as Africa, and to a certain extent England. The coloured man doesn't have to come to England, but he is welcome to come if he does not cause any trouble; but there are trouble-makers in every society and it is these trouble-makers on both sides who were the cause of the racial riots in England a few months ago. The ordinary negro gets on very well with his ordinary fellow white although he is generally shy and reserved. A large number of whites are very kind to the emigrants who come to England from overseas, finding them positions and homes almost as soon as they land. For this the negroes are eternally grateful, for they are quick to respond to kind treatment. The recent riots at Notting Hill and Nottingham were mainly caused by teddy-boys who resented the fact that coloured men were taking

jobs from them. It never occurred to them that the natives were only given preference because they were considered worthier candidates.

Let us now consider the statement "All men are equal." This does not mean that coloured men are equal to white men in mentality, visage, intelligence, or any other wordly interpretations. The true meaning is that in God's eyes there is no difference between black and white, rich and poor, big and small. Each individual gets the same ultimate judgment, and the same treatment; this is the true meaning of justice; each gets the same amount of attention whether he be king or pauper.

Very few people can see themselves equal to a jungle savage, no matter how well they try, and obviously there is a great difference in the way their minds work; the latter are easily pleased, and equally easily roused to anger. They are credulous, and fond of music and pleasure. They make good doctors and nurses because they are so gentle and good natured. They are very sensitive, and hate jokes to be made at their own expense.

After the American Civil War, the black slaves were freed, but their position did not improve much; they were continually spurned and despised by the white Americans. A few months ago the trouble came to a head in Little Rock, Arkansas, when Governor Faubus forbade negroes to attend a white school. Several negroes were so badly beaten up by their white classmates that President Eisenhower was forced to send paratroops to escort the negro children to and from school. Recently a negro named Jimmy Wilson was accused of stealing 14/- from a white woman, and was sentenced to death. There was such a public outcry from several countries that he was reprieved and sentenced to life imprisonment instead—all for stealing 14/-. Only last week I read of a little negro boy who was sentenced to a reform school for life. His crime? he kissed a white girl. These are incidents that happen daily in America. There is an organisation in America called the Ku Klux Klan which specialises in beating up and lynching negroes. There is also a counter organisation of negroes which was formed to do similar things to white men. The main trouble in southern U.S.A., I think, is the fact that through many generations of living and intermarrying with white men the American negroes have developed in a manner similar to the

white Americans, and so consider themselves to have an equal right to be called Americans, and to be equal to the white Americans. The only true Americans, of course, are the North American Indians.

The British seem to be most successful in ending the colour bar by their relations with the natives of West Africa. The secret lies in the fact that they do not interfere much with tribal laws and customs, and allow the natives to live their own lives, and even to a certain extent to run their own country. Even in England there were stupid laws about coloured people, such as, no coloured man was allowed to box for a British title until 1947. There are many such laws still in force throughout the world.

In conclusion, I would say that the fault does not lie entirely with either side; the fact is that the white man and the black man are so different that there is little hope of ending the colour bar, unless people become much more tolerant towards each other, and prepared to understand their fellows. There is only one way to end racial prejudice and that is a stronger belief in religion.

P. M. GRANTHAM (6B).

Cacti

The collecting of cacti in recent years has become a very popular hobby. These succulent plants come from America, where in the vast rocky spaces of Mexico, etc., they have adapted themselves. When rain falls they store up moisture, so that in time of drought they do not die but are kept alive by the moisture they have stored up.

Although many of these plants do not look attractive they make up for their loss of beauty by producing wonderful flowers. These flowers vary from yellow and orange to pink and red. Cacti are also used in Mexico for feeding cattle where other vegetation is scarce. Water can also be extracted from some species for drinking purposes.

So for those who take up this hobby they will be well rewarded for the time spent in caring for their plants by lots of beautiful flowers. However, before one starts collecting, a position must be found where they may be housed. A bay window facing south, or a

conservatory facing in the same direction, would be suitable.

The next step is to select suitable plants, as rarer species need more care and attention and also cost more. So it is well to start with commoner plants in case of loss. Several families can be recommended for the beginner. Firstly, Mammillarias; these plants never grow more than a few inches high, but once they start flowering they cover themselves in a mass of colour; desirable species being: *Mammillaria gracilis*, *M. prolifera*, *M. elegans*, and *M. elongata*.

Another recommended family is the Optunias. They consist of flat pad-like sections covered with spines (the Prickly Pear type), or tall plants with cylindrical stems; species to pick from being: *Optunia vulgaris*, *O. microdasys*, *O. cylindrica* or *O. leucotricha*. This last plant is a quick grower and is a native of Mexico. It is covered with white spines and is very impressive and showy.

Species of *Echinopsis* are also very popular as they are beginners' plants. They are dark green, spiny plants and are very attractive. The following species are easily obtainable:

Echinopsis formosa, *E. tubiflora*, *E. hiottii*, *E. nigra*, etc. Then last but not least the *Epiphyllums* are to be recommended. Although in appearance they are rather drab, consisting of leaf-like sections, they all flower readily and look very beautiful.

The soil mixture for all the above plants consists of loam, sand, brick and charcoal in varying degrees. Some leaf mould may be added to the soil to give it a body as the *Epiphyllums* are gross feeders. When potting, the soil should be slightly moist. Once planted, the plants should not be watered for a fortnight, so as to encourage the plant to throw out fresh rootlets.

In watering cacti, no water should be given in the winter months except when the soil begins to crack. Then as spring comes and the days become sunnier a little more water may be given. This routine is carried on till the end of May. The plants are then given plenty of water as it is from May till mid-August that they grow most. Then at the end of August watering should be lessened so as to let the new season's growth ripen before the winter.

Then as one gains more knowledge of one's plants, rarer species may be obtained. Cacti can also be grown from seed and there is nothing to be more proud of than a full grown perfect specimen. Then one can join a cactus society and so gain more knowledge and also make a lot of new friends.

K. J. LEARY (4s).

Mud

Mud, mud, glorious mud.

On Monday, at Belgrave, it freezes the blood. When rugger we practise, with vigour, the fact is

We're working out lessons in glorious mud.

Scrums, scrums, glorious scrums.

Heel it, you forwards, High School here it comes.

Forget all your ruses, have it back, heed not bruises;

Heeling's the job in the glorious scrums.

Backs, backs, glorious backs.

On your toes you fleet footed, and never relax.

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And run for the goal-line, you glorious backs.

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As my thumbs and fingers played leapfrog, and the butterflies performed aerobatics in my stomach, I watched the people slowly coming in, and thought. My friends had persuaded me, and my parents practically forced me, to come to this dance. The latter had taught me how to dance, and the former "rock 'n' roll"—a most difficult art at first sight, but which really consists of throwing the girl around the room and catching her before she disappears through a window; quite simple. I hoped there would

be some nice girls there, and lamented my shyness with these strange creatures.

The hall was filling up now, and a man at the microphone announced a "Paul Jones." The butterflies changed course and went into a steep dive. No one had told me about this! I soon picked it up. It was only "Ring a ring o' Rosies." I entered into the spirit of the thing. The tune was not that which I associated with this time-honoured ritual, but bore a strong resemblance to a hit tune. When we got to the bit where "we all fall down," the music stopped, and I proceeded to fall down. I was aggrieved that the two boys beside me let my hands go, as I had not intended to fall all the way. Many willing hands slapped the white stuff which should have been on the floor off my back. The hands were too many and too willing. The fun over, I turned to go back to my seat, but noticed a girl, whom I had often seen on my bus, standing beside me. I asked what she wanted of me. "You are my partner," she replied. Somewhat surprised, I enquired what she meant. "Don't you know? This is a 'Paul Jones.'" "I don't know," I replied. While we danced she told me all about "Paul

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Jones." I am afraid I did not listen very carefully as I was trying to move my feet in the right direction, but I got the gist of her conversation.

The next of these abominations produced my cousin, and she complimented me on my performance at "Ring a ring o' Rosies." My answer was to walk on her toe, a quite unintentional action but very opportune. She was hurt in more ways than one. There was yet another of these horrors in which the girl opposite whom I stopped was taken by the boy beside me.

Half an hour was then spent in courtesy dances. The courtesy was in the invitation, not in the execution. In fact, other people suffered besides my partners. On one occasion I performed a beautiful turn, in the course of which I hit one person with my shoulder and another with my heel, as well, of course, as inconveniencing my partner in the region of the tarsus.

The interval was at last announced, and also the fact that minerals would be on sale. I procured some sustenance, and was consuming it when a girl in a vivid green dress spoke to

me. She explained that her bottle had been given to her unopened, and the crowd around the table was so thick that she could not get it opened. I produced a penny, wishing it was a half-crown, and proceeded to open it. For two hours I struggled with the top of the bottle. Eventually I prised it off to release the foaming liquid inside. The effect of orangeade on a bright green dress is fascinating.

After the interval, I asked for a dance the girl who had revealed to me the intricacies of "Paul Jones." I knew she lived near me, but I did not know her name. I took my courage in both hands, and asked her her name. "Helen Crystal. What's yours?" I told her. We digested this information. Then we began conversation, and soon we were getting on like a house on fire. I asked her for the next dance.

After a few dances I asked her again, and for the rest of the evening we danced with each other. Unfortunately, when I asked her the second time she brought it to my notice that it was a "lady's choice." However, she did not seem to mind, and again helped me by telling me that the dance was a quick step, not a waltz, which I was happily executing. Executing

is not the right term. Hanging, drawing and quartering would be a better expression. At long last, I hauled my courage up with a ten-ton crane, the butterflies zoomed into fighting formation, unpleasantly ruffling the surface of the minerals which I had consumed, and I asked if I might escort her home. She accepted, and I felt that all my turmoil and travail had not been completely in vain.

As a result of this evening, I cannot understand why girls are called the weaker sex. Those with whom I danced must be as hard as nails ever to be able to stand, let alone dance, for the rest of the night.

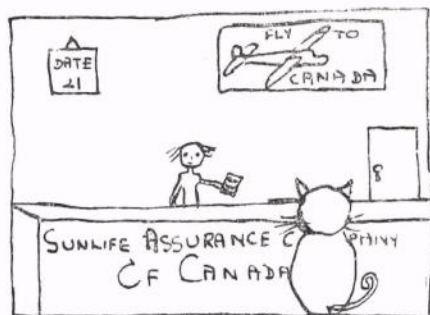
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But we hadn't gone far when Tom's tyre went
flat,
So down by the roadside we got off and sat.
And Tommy bent down to look at his wheel:
"Oh, blow! It's a puncture!" he said with a
squeal;
"And now what on earth are we going to do?
The kit's in Mike's bag and he's home with the
'flu.'"

II

On the boys, gloom and sadness began to
descend,
When I suddenly saw something flash round
the bend;
It was yellow and black and as it drew near
"It's a Scout from the A.A.," we yelled with
a cheer.
We called out: "Oh, Sir! we are all in despair,
We've an awful big puncture we cannot
repair.
Please help us to mend it, it's spoiling our day,
And when we have cars we will join your
A.A."

III

He looked us all over and said with a grin:
"Surely I will, boys, but stop all the din."
And so in a minute he had us all set.
Saying: "Isn't it lucky 'twas me that you met?"
We thanked him sincerely for being so good
And as he was hungry we all shared the food.
He went on his way and so did we;
And we all got home in time for tea.

B. VALENTINE (1A).

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NEVILLE WHISKER (1A).

Uncle's Day Out

Uncle Peter had decided to take the six children for an afternoon at the seaside. We all set off on our bicycles to get there. While we were waiting for the tide to come in we played a game of cricket. When the tide was the right depth for swimming we got into the water for a swim.

After splashing around for a quarter of an hour, Uncle Peter began to make funny noises. We swam over to him and asked what the matter was. He said: "I've losht my teesh! They've floated away on the tide."

We tried to find the missing teeth by diving down to the sandy bottom and looking for them, but they could not be found.

We got dressed and as Uncle Peter was tying up his shoe he snapped the lace. This made him very cross, so we tried to stop laughing.

On our way across the rocks uncle's toe caught in a ledge and ripped the sole off the

other shoe, except for a few nails which held it on. By this time he was livid. He went on with one shoe going flip-flop, flip-flop and the other rubbing against his sock.

About half-way home he got a puncture in his back tyre. With plenty of help from us he mended the tyre.

A tired uncle hobbled upstairs that afternoon. When Uncle Peter got into his bedroom he gave a tormented shriek at which mam, dad and the children rushed upstairs to find him with his head in his hands glowering at the cat who had dared to have kittens on his bed.

D. RICHARDS (1A).

A Midsummer's Nightmare

I was completely and hopelessly lost. I drove up the narrow lane to the small farmhouse. It took me fully fifteen minutes to get there from the road. I hopped out of the car and looked around. Now I didn't think that any farm was perfect (except, of course, the one owned by our old friend, Dan Archer), but this place beat the hand. It was filthy and I don't mean that there were a few spots of dirt knocking about. It was literally clogged with various species of the mud family. The farm buildings reminded me faintly of the changing accommodation at Dartry. A shaggy looking old nag looking out one of the doors completed the effect. I did not like to cough for fear of doing the demolition squad out of a job. There was a scarecrow propped up against (should I say propping up?) one of the out-houses.

Imagine my amazement when the scarecrow walked over to me. He was a scraggy-looking fellow of about forty years of age. His eyes went down to the bridge of his nose and there they crossed, his nose was Roman—roamin' all over his face, and he had a mouth about the size of a turnip. Apart from that he was a handsome fellow. "I beg your pardon, but could you tell me the way to Boyle," I chirped, cheerfully. I think this country yokel thought that I was asking him how to boil something, because he said something which sounded rather akin to "In a kettle." Then a period of half an hour elapsed, during which I tried to explain to yer man that Boyle happened to be a place. "I doan't know whayre dat place is," says our friend, the country yokel, with a burst of

genius. "But," he went on, "my grandfather might know. Very clever, so my grandfather is. He can spit on a flea from ten paces. He always sez, 'Why kill 'em when ye can dhrown 'em.'" I thought the venerable grand-pater in question must have been a very charming old gentleman (when more than ten paces away). However, I decided not to wait any longer here because according to this rustic Charlie his ol' grand' papy was "diggin' spudsh." I jumped into the car and drove off down the lane. The lane was very narrow and I had to drive slowly. Suddenly I heard a roar behind me (reminiscent of the touch-line at Belgrave Square, I thought). I turned round and saw Mugsy beckoning me back. "Oh, grandad must have known where Boyle is," I thought, as I drove back, "gan stad gan staonadh," as they say in the Irish class. I arrived after a very troublesome five minutes reversing up the lane. Our friend came over to the car.

"I asked me auld grandfather where Boyle was," he said, slowly.

"Yes?" I answered eagerly.

"But he doesn't know either."

D. W. ROWELL (5A).

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On the afternoon of Wednesday, 19th November, I left Bray station in a train. It was raining outside and I was feeling miserable. However, when I reached Tara Street and got off the train, I was much more cheerful. The rain had stopped and as I got on the 41a bus my mind wandered from my bus fare to aeroplanes. Yes, I was going to the airport.

When I got there, I ran up to the highest balcony and looked around me. It was not too cold, but there was quite a wind. A wind-sock and several flags flew in the wind, the radar swung round and round, and everyone waited expectantly. The runway lit up and went out again. The lights lit up again. This time a plane landed. Still the atmosphere was tense.

The runway lights went on, the excitement grew. Every eye turned skyward and there they were! two new aeroplanes, one some distance behind the other. They circled, their lights flashing, and then one came in to land. The engines screeched—and then it was down. It taxied over and stopped directly opposite us. The steps were placed alongside, and the people came out. A horde of men from the Press came over; cameras flashed and a great deal of handshaking followed. The other plane landed and the performance was repeated.

They were the new Aer Lingus Friendship planes, built by Fokkers in Holland, and powered by two Rolls Royce engines. They were what I had come to see, and having seen them I returned home.

D. SCOTT (2A).

The Common House-fly

You may have noticed sometimes when lying awake on a summer morning a quantity of small black dipteris (or two winged) objects apparently engaged in playing "I spy" in the air above your head. And very likely you have wondered what these objects can possibly be. They are flies. Their latin name is *Musca domestica*, but you need not worry about that as no fly ever answers to it.

The fly, when perfect, has six legs, but all of them are extremely thin. It is very sociable and readily attaches itself to human beings, especially when they are not so young as they used to be. If you possess a dear grandfather

you will probably have observed this for yourself; but it likes butter even better. It is fond of animals, especially horses, cows and dogs. Some considerate people who keep horses always have their tails cut quite short, because otherwise the poor flies would be liable to be disturbed just when they had settled down comfortably.

There is a pretty story told of a kind old gentleman who once caught a fly who had been buzzing about his nose. He opened his window and let it out, saying: "I'll hurt not a hair of thy head; go. This world is surely wide enough to hold both thee and me." The fly was so touched by this act of generosity that it refused to accept its liberty, and persisted in returning to remain by its benefactor ever afterwards. This will show you that a kind action is never thrown away, even on a fly!

It was a fly, I daresay you have read, who was the sole witness of the last moments of Poor Cock Robin. "I," said the fly, "with my little eye, I saw him die." Though really a normal fly has two eyes, these are compound and enable it to see all round itself, which is, of course, a great convenience. It also possesses a long fleshy proboscis or trunk, like an elephant's, through which it sucks up its drink. In hot weather it is afflicted with a perpetual thirst. A great poet once addressed it as "Busy, curious, thirsty fly," and invited it to share his drinks with him. But that particular fly must have been unusually modest, because, as a rule, they do not wait to be asked.

The fly is most particular about its personal appearance. If you watch it you will frequently see it brushing its hair and cleaning its face with its front legs. In this respect it affords a good example to certain people.

I am sorry to say that quite recently people have been trying to take away the fly's character. One very learned and clever gentleman provided a large piece of cheese and induced a fly to walk over it. Afterwards he examined its footprints through a microscope. I think you will agree that this was not quite a nice way to treat one who was, after all, in the position of a guest. In fact, it seems rather sneaky. But he did, and reported that it had left goodness knows how many thousand bacteria (I must tell you more about these interesting little creatures some day) in each footprint—which is all very well; but if that learned man ever examines his own bootsoles, after he has come

in from a walk, I should just like to know how many thousand million bacteria he would find on them.

Yet he proposes that we should destroy all flies while they are still larvae. Have you ever thought what would happen if there were no flies? I will tell you. Numbers of poor people would be thrown out of employment. All the people who live by making fly-paper, and those pretty coloured paper globes for the flies to settle on, and the other things coated with sticky stuff which are useful but not so pleasant to look at; all these hardworking people are entirely dependent for their living on the humble little fly, and would miss it dreadfully if it disappeared altogether.

Another interesting fact about flies is that it is never easy to be certain whether they are really dead or only think they are. So, if you should discover one seemingly lifeless in your cup of tea, remember that there is always hope. If you will only persevere for two or three hours in the treatment recommended for restoring animation to the apparently drowned, you will, in nine cases out of ten, be rewarded by perceiving signs of returning vitality. But if, on the other hand, the fly is found embedded in a currant bun, you will merely be wasting your time in any efforts to revive it.

And now I have told you all that is necessary for you to know at present about the Common House-fly.

G. H. DODD (4s).

Corsica

The sun had just risen above the mountain tops as we sped on our journey to London. We had crossed the Irish Sea the night before and were now just leaving Liverpool on our way to Dover. There were three of us in the car—my brother, his friend, and myself. We had planned to reach London during the afternoon, have a meal, and then continue to Dover.

We reached London about 3.30, had a quick meal, and then drove in the direction of Dover, where we would board a Silver City Airway's air ferry to Le Touquet in France. There we stayed the night, and after breakfast next morning set off on our journey across France. Following the main roads across France, it took us two days and a half to reach Nice, where we boarded a boat for Ajaccio, Corsica's capital. After a seven-hour journey

we reached Corsica very tired and had a good night's sleep in Ajaccio. Next morning we motored to a little fishing village called Porto, near Calvi. Porto is a delightful spot. As in most parts of the island the mountains seem to drop straight into the sea and their sheerness is relieved only by the hair-raising road which winds high up along most of the coastline. It has a little sandy cove surrounded by a forest. In this forest are glades ideal for camping. In the nearby village is a pump for water and a mountain stream runs past the forest to the sea, providing water for washing and bathing in. At night we had to put a large piece of muslin across the door of the tent to protect us from the midges.

The only way of touring the island is by the French Railway's sight-seeing coaches which are delightful for comfort while you see the beauties of this island. There are many places of interest to be found there, two of which are Bonifacia and Citadel of Corte. Bonifacia balances on an overhanging cliff edge while Citadel of Corte balances on a high rock pinnacle. Calvi is also most exciting with its ancient walled town and sandy bay—a delightful place for bathers—and is framed by mountains.

The people of Corsica are a delight to meet and are extremely hospitable. They go to great lengths to make the visitor happy. In the late afternoon and early evening I would sit on the quayside of Calvi watching the fishermen preparing their nets for the next day's work. On the warm night air you would hear a group of musicians, mainly with guitars, playing their folk melodies. But, alas! the holiday was soon over and the thought of going home made me very sad because I really liked this island with its lovely palm groves and sandy beaches. In all, we stayed three weeks in Corsica, which, I thought, was far from being enough.

M. DARBY (4s).

Camping in Jersey

On Monday, July 7th, I left with the Scouts for Jersey. We started from Dun Laoghaire at 8 a.m. and arrived in London about 8 p.m. We spent the night in a church hall near Paddington Station.

On Tuesday we went by train to Weymouth, where we got on the boat for Jersey.

On the way there we stopped at Guernsey, let off some passengers and their luggage. We saw a motor car and two motor bikes go off as well.

We got to St. Helier in Jersey about 6.30 p.m. We spent the first night at the Jersey Scouts Headquarters.

Next day we went to our camp site in St. Ouen's Bay. One patrol put up the marquee, while another fixed up the store tent. My patrol put up the flag pole. The Lion patrol put up the tents for us. We found we had forgotten the Scouters' tent, so we had to buy a new one in St. Helier.

We had a special coach which called for us at 9 a.m. every day to take us wherever we wanted to go.

During the last war the Channel Islands were occupied by the Germans, and one day we visited one of their underground hospitals. It was very weird in places. There were various levers in the wards. Some were for letting in fresh air, while others pumped out the stale air. We all enjoyed that day very much. It was very interesting.

We stayed in Jersey for eight days, but the day I enjoyed best was the last one. We had "Kit Inspection" in the morning as usual, and after "tuck shop," at 11.30 a.m., the coach called to take us to St. Helier. During the morning the Eagle patrol, to which I belong, made sandwiches for the whole Troop and we ate them on the pier.

We then visited St. Matthew's Church, which is famous for its beautiful glasswork. The Vestry and all its furniture, the altar, the organ, the font, the pews, and all the south wall are made of solid glass. Through the glass ceiling we could see the five bells.

We met five Scouters at the bus terminus, and they had a lovely surprise for us. They took us to a "fish and chip" shop and treated us to a fish and chip supper. We all had two helpings and a bottle of lemonade.

We arrived back in camp at 9 p.m. We were not allowed have a camp fire because the grass was too dry, so we sang songs in the marquee until about midnight. This was extra late as it was our last night in camp.

On Thursday, July 17th, we left camp at 8 p.m. and spent the night in the Headquarters in St. Helier.

Next morning we embarked on the St. Juliana for Weymouth. It took us four hours in the train to get from Weymouth to London, where we spent Friday night.

We did some sight-seeing on Saturday. The boat train left Euston for Holyhead at 8.20 p.m. We had a reserved coach for the Scouts as there were thirty-seven of us altogether.

The Mail Boat left Holyhead at 3 a.m. and we were safely in Dun Laoghaire at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning.

It was a most enjoyable holiday, thanks to our kind and patient Scouters.

B. BARRETT (J6).

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Due to the great number of William Shakespeare's plays which are put before the modern student to be studied, there are naturally some who dislike them. As an excuse for their lack of interest some claim that they are out of date.

For the sake of those who are thus deluded I would like to put forward proof which will, I think, force them to admit that they are

making a grave mistake. For instance, there is ample proof that Shakespeare knew all about the motor cars years B.H.F. (Before Henry Ford). The following quotations should show this, and to this end I will let them explain themselves.

ENGINES (noisy):

"Thou . . . in complete steel
Revisit'st thus the glimpses of the moon,
Making night hideous."

Hamlet, I (iv).

ENGINES (difficulty in starting):

"Which, much enforced, shows a hasty
spark,
And straight is cold again."

Julius Caesar, IV (iii).

ENGINES (over-oiling):

"The rankest compound of villainous smell
that ever offended nostril."

The Merry Wives of Windsor, III (v).

INSURANCE POLICY (flaw in):

"Never did base and rotten policy
Cover her working with more deadly
wound."

Henry IV, I (ii).

MECHANIC:

"Another lean unwashed artificer."

King John, IV (ii).

PETROL (advertisements for):

"A rarer spirit never
Did steer humanity."

Antony and Cleopatra, V (i).

"The spirit of the time shall teach me
speed."

King John, IV (ii).

PETROL (water in):

"These foolish drops do something drown
my manly spirit."

Merchant of Venice, II (iii).

TRAFFIC (police control):

"Look, with what courteous action
It waves you on."

Hamlet, I (iv).

TYRE TROUBLE:

"Here will be an old abusing of God's
patience and the King's English."

The Merry Wives of Windsor, I (iv).

"My high-blown pride
At length broke under me . . .
Vain pump* and glory of the world, I
hate ye."

Henry VIII, III (ii).

These extracts should be enough to convince anyone, but take Shakespeare's attitude to the pedestrians which puts the matter beyond doubt:

"You are not worth the dust which the
rude wind

Blows in your face."

King Lear, IV (ii).

* Some versions prefer "pomp."

R. S. MEDCALF (5B).

L'expo

L'expo—this was the name given by the Belgians to the World Fair held at Brussels this year. The name is an abbreviation of the French translation of the word exhibition. During our holidays we spent a day in the Exhibition and although it would have taken at least a week to have seen it properly we saw more in that short time than can possibly be described in the space available here.

Long before we reached the site of the exhibition we could see the huge shining atomium which towered 340 feet high over the whole area. The atomium was made up of large silver spheres joined together by steel tubes and supposed to represent the splitting of the atom. In the highest sphere there was a restaurant serving very expensive meals at tables which we heard had to be reserved months in advance.

Although we had a plan of the exhibition it was difficult to know where to start. It was so vast, having contributions from almost every country in the world as well as pavilions of science, industry, transport and many other activities. Eventually we decided to spend the first half-hour in the transport pavilion, but so interested were we in the exhibits that almost two hours had passed before we realised it. This pavilion contained actual trains, buses, trams, aeroplanes, etc., and large models of ships. Demonstrations were given on the development of the different forms of transport from the earliest times and we were allowed to take part ourselves in many of these demon-

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strations. For example, we were taken into a specially built coach which worked in such a way that it gave us the impression of travelling at 100 m.p.h. through the famous Gothard Pass in a Swiss electric train. Earphones were provided at all the stands in this pavilion on which commentaries about the exhibits could be heard in any one of four different languages at the press of a button.

After the transport pavilion we passed the area where the flags of all the nations taking part were displayed and went to the "Garden of the Four Seasons." We climbed up a spiral stairway and looked down at a garden divided into four, showing what an ideal garden should be like in each season.

The Russian pavilion was the largest. It contained life-sized models of the first two sputniks, including the oxygen chambers in which the dog travelled into space. All around were pictures of the launching, and Russian attendants were handing out propaganda leaflets, giving information about the sputniks and other achievements of their country. At the end of the hall was a huge bronze statue of Lenin, and on the wall behind a large painting of the Red Square in Moscow.

In the American pavilion, which adjoined the Russian, everything was elaborate. One part was laid out as a street in New York, with shops and cafés, and another part as a miniature ranch in Texas. We had our first view of colour television in this pavilion.

The British pavilion was in complete contrast. There were no bright lights nor blaring loudspeakers. Instead, in a darkened room, we saw displayed in pictures and by replicas of the crown jewels, etc., something of Britain's past history. In the hall beyond, her very latest achievements in the fields of science and industry were displayed. This was judged to be one of the best pavilions at the exhibition.

There were many ways of viewing the out-sides of the pavilions—by overhead cable-car, by small buses with trailers or by cycle-carriers, but there was only one way of seeing the insides—on foot. In the main entrance hall there were resting-rooms complete with beds, and although in the morning we laughed about anyone having to use them, we, ourselves, would have been glad of them at 7 o'clock that evening.

RONALD CARSON (2A).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

It was with great regret that we recently heard that Miss Smyth had resigned, through ill-health, from her post as Senior Teacher in the Junior School. She will be greatly missed both by the staff and boys. To her colleagues in the Junior School she was always extremely considerate and they felt they could ask her advice at any time. Her never-failing sense of humour kept a very happy atmosphere throughout the Junior School. For the boys, she considered nothing was too much trouble. She treated every child as an individual and looked for the best in them. We are glad to hear she continues to improve.

Mr. C. L. Dillon completed forty years in the School in October, and the Staff held a dinner in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, at which they were presented with a standard lamp.

The School heard with deep regret of the death of John Parke Phillips, as the result of a bathing accident at Brittas in August. He was in Form 2B last year, and the School, was represented at his funeral by Mr. Dillon and Mr. Evans, and the Parents' Association by Mr. W. P. Simpson, Hon. Secretary.

We have been happy to welcome Mrs. J. E. Johnston, B.A., H.DIP.ED., to the Staff of the Junior School. Mr. A. S. Burrowes left to take up an appointment in the North, and we welcome Miss Alice Barklie, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., in his place.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cookman on the birth of a daughter on November 28th, 1958.

Visits were paid to the School in the past term by Dr. Muriel Bannister (C.M.S.), Miss Mary Aird (U.M.C.A.), the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Fulham (who spoke of his diocese which is mainly behind the "Iron Curtain"), the Rev. Guy L'Estrange (St. Patrick's Cathedral), and Mr. E. J. Bourke (City Engineer and Surveyor).

A considerable number of films, both religious and educational, have been shown in the School this term. They included such "Fact and Faith" productions as *God of Creation* and *God and the Atom*. Many films were loaned by the Shell Film Service, the United Kingdom

Embassy and the German Legation. Among the films shown were *Transoceanic Flight*, *How an aeroplane flies*, *Instruments of the Orchestra*, and *Foothold on Antarctica*.

Through the kind co-operation of the Minister for Education, 6A paid a visit to Leinster House. They saw the Dáil in Session and later were shown the Senate Chamber.

Collections were made on behalf of the National Council for the Blind (£2 10s. 10d.), the Central Remedial Clinic (£2 8s. 2d.), and the Earl Haig Fund.

We congratulate:—

D. J. P. Bryans on obtaining a first class Intermediate Scholarship.

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

The Prize Distributions

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, 13th November. The Chairman was Dr. C. F. G. Delaney, F.T.C.D., Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was Lord Castlemaine.

In his report for the year 1957-8 the Headmaster welcomed Dr. Delaney to the Chair, saying that his growing reputation as a physicist had been watched with admiration by the School, and through him welcomed Lord Castlemaine. He next referred to the sudden and serious illness of Miss Smyth and said that as her progress had been slower than was hoped for, she had felt that she should resign her position. Paying tribute to her quiet but strong personality, her gift of sympathy and understanding, her intelligent and cheerful approach to all problems, and her readiness to sacrifice her own welfare if by doing so she could further the welfare of others, the Headmaster accredited to her more than to any other single person the successful development of the Junior School over the past few years. The post of Senior Lady Teacher was now held by Mrs. Stokes.

Saying that the Junior School was efficient as well as humane, the Headmaster reported that in this year's "Under 12" scholarship examination our boys had obtained 1st, 2nd,

3rd, 5th and 10th places, out of 53 candidates. A noteworthy feature was that, taking the entrants as a whole, High School boys beat the boys from national schools in Irish. In conclusion, he stressed the need for boys to read "much and widely," and suggested that parents should provide opportunities for backward readers to practise.

The Chairman, referring to the new playing fields at Danum, said that bad weather had been responsible to some extent for the fact that only one field was now in use, but that it was hoped to have a second one ready by next term. He thanked Mr. Jeffares for presenting goal-posts for use on the second field, a presentation made in memory of his father, Mr. Rupert Jeffares, who was an Old Boy of the High School.

Lord Castlemaine, who distributed the prizes, told the boys that manhood was a prize that they would all have to win some day by being good, upright, and honest. He reiterated the Headmaster's advice that they should read, and said that in reading good books, and in playing rather than just watching games, lay the secret of obtaining solid satisfaction. He believed that the "good old times" were never so good as the "good new times," when great opportunities lay before the boys for doing interesting work in a world where more and more communication between the nations gave them the chance to be worthy ambassadors of their country. A number of items were then presented by the boys of the Junior School as follows: Form J5, Song and Accordion (Miss Williams); Form J6, A Ballad Play, "Hynd Etin" (Miss Williams); Form J1, Verse Speaking, "The Two Little Kittens" (Mrs. Johnston); Form J2, Songs (Miss Blakeney); Form J3, Verse Speaking, "Casabianca" (Mrs. Johnston); Form J4, Percussion Band (Miss Williams); Form J5, Play, "Saul and David," by Mona Swann (Miss Williams). There were displays of Handwork (J1 and J2) and Painting (J1, J2, J3, J4) in Miss Blakeney's room, and Miss McClure's room.

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 14th November. The Chairman was Mr. C. E. Sowman, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was an Old Boy, Dr. F. S. L. Lyons, F.T.C.D.

The Headmaster opened his report by referring to the recent closing of Galway Grammar

School, which for nearly three centuries had served the cause of Protestant education in the West. We welcomed the former Headmaster, Mr. G. W. Coghlan, as a member of our teaching staff. Mr. A. S. Burrowes had left to take a post in Derry after seven years as singing teacher here, during which time he had given valuable help with the annual concert and the Greek plays. In his place we welcomed Miss Alice Barklie. Mr. Dillon had now completed forty years in the School, and he thanked him for the long and effective service he had given to the School. He also expressed his warmest appreciation to Mr. Evans and all the other members of the teaching staff.

Examination results were really excellent. R. J. Miller (Classics), J. W. Cox (History), N. C. J. Pope (Natural Science), and A. C. Newell (Mathematics), all obtained Entrance Exhibitions into Trinity College. D. A. G. Murphy won a Matriculation Exhibition. In the ordinary Matriculation Examination, R. J. Buttimore and D. J. Challen between them secured first places in eight subjects out of 100 candidates. Out of 15 Leaving Certificate candidates, 9 passed, 2 with honours; and out of 55 boys who sat for the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 47 passed, 31 with honours. A special word of congratulation was due to Mr. Peters with regard to the 12 boys who took the honours paper in Irish, and all of whom obtained honours.

Speaking of games in the School the Headmaster mentioned that we had had one of the most enthusiastic rugby teams for some seasons and a cricket team that was narrowly beaten in the semi-final of the Cup. Our first rugby match against the Royal High School, Edinburgh, had been played at Lansdowne Road, and we looked forward to meeting them on their own ground next February. J. D. Ridgeway had been awarded three rugby inter-provincial caps, and had captained the Leinster team on one occasion, had played for Leinster at cricket also, and for the schools of Ireland against the Leprechauns.

The Headmaster concluded by speaking of the teaching of science in this country. He pointed out that on the figures quoted by the Minister for Education in a recent speech nearly one-third of our secondary schools taught no science at all; that those who did so received no Government aid towards improving their facilities for this subject, and that unlike other

countries we were not tackling the problem of attracting science graduates away from industry and into the teaching profession.

The Chairman, while congratulating the prize-winners, said that it was the whole class that established the standard.

Dr. Lyons said that some days previously he had received an anonymous communication containing several suggestions for his speech, among them that he should be brief and informal and he intended to act on these. A further suggestion, that he recall amusing experiences at school, was difficult to follow, as it was the unpleasant memories that tended to linger. He wished, however, to thank Mr. Graham for his help when he was working for Littlego mechanics. Dr. Lyons concluded by recommending two points to the boys. Firstly, that they should not be satisfied with merely material results such as prizes, but should avail of their education to develop an independence of thought to withstand the effects of mass communication. Secondly, he told them not to be timid just because they belonged to a minority, but to put the independent judgment that they cultivated into public use. They should remember that theirs was a long tradition of service to the country.

Presenting the Old Boys' Cup to D. G. Fish, the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. W. S. Cunningham, said that the cup was awarded to the boy who was considered by the Staff and his fellows to be a scholar, a sportsman and a gentleman. He added that these qualities could not be brought out by the school alone, and that the home played a most important part.

Mr. C. P. Glorney presented the Glorney Cup to N. C. J. Pope, and the Benediction was pronounced by Canon Coulter.

Examination Results

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS

Leaving Certificate—Honours: W. S. A. Gibney, D. Watson. **Pass:** D. H. Carter, D. R. Dagg, G. W. Davidson, I. A. Fox, R. C. Graves, D. W. Neville, K. G. R. Willoughby.

Intermediate Scholarship (1st Class, £80)—D. J. P. Bryans.

Intermediate Certificate—Honours: D. W. H. Adams (6), V. W. F. Armstrong (6), H. Beste (7), E. N. Brunner (7), D. J. P. Bryans (7), G. L. R. Burne

(5), R. M. Carson (6), R. Curtis (7), A. I. Donaldson (4), W. T. Dukes (4), A. K. Dungan (6), N. D. Egan (5), W. A. Fisher (4), D. M. Fleming (3), D. W. Gill (6), M. C. Gorman (5), J. R. Hayes (7), G. H. Lanigan (6), E. W. Lewis (5), W. J. Moody (4), G. A. McCamley (4), F. R. O'Neill (7), R. D. Owen (4), D. F. Owgan (3), G. T. Paterson (3), A. K. Pope (3), H. F. Price (3), D. W. Rowell (6), W. E. Shepherd (3), E. D. Williams (3), J. R. Williams (5). **Pass:** W. A. Barnwell, W. R. Cooper, M. J. Dignam, D. R. Dowling, D. W. Goodey, G. R. Graves, S. B. Grier, G. D. Hudson, I. G. McAnoy, S. A. Mackay, S. T. Mason, R. S. Medcalf, D. H. Mogerley, N. J. Reeves, D. N. Spurgeon, R. A. Talbot.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Old Boys' Cup—D. G. Fish.

High School Exhibition (£100)—J. W. Cox.

Thompson Scholarship in Classics—R. J. Miller (£100), R. S. F. Murphy (£50).

Glorney Exhibition (£50 and Cup)—N. C. J. Pope.

B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30)—R. A. Buttimore.

Mitchell Scholarship (£30)—D. J. Challen.

Bury Prize in English Literature (£10)—B. Wisdom.

John Bennett Memorial Prize (£5)—M. C. Taylor.

Silver Medals in Greek Testament—R. S. F. Murphy, R. A. Buttimore.

John Philips Rogers Prize (£3)—D. J. P. Bryans.

Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish—D. Watson, B. McClay, D. J. P. Bryans.

French Government's Prize—D. Watson.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize—D. J. P. Bryans.

Simon Eppel Memorial Prize in Science—A. W. Burgess.

Erasmian Prizes (O.B.U.)—R. S. F. Murphy, R. A. Buttimore, B. Wisdom, F. D. King.

Music Prizes—J. F. Lundberg, E. J. Bradfield, D. L. W. Beck, B. Williams.

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Arthur Lyster Prize—T. T. West.

Mullins Classical Exhibition—J. T. Killen.

Entrance Exhibitions

- R. J. Miller—£100 Entrance Exhibition in Classics.
 J. W. Cox—£100 Entrance Exhibition in History, and Sizarship.
 N. C. J. Pope—£100 Entrance Exhibition in Natural Science.
 N. C. Newell—£100 Entrance Exhibition in Mathematics.
 D. A. G. Mackey—£100 Matriculation Exhibition.

Term Honor Examinations

- J. T. Killen (J.S.)—Classics (1st Rank).
 D. J. G. Irwin (J.S.)—Natural Science (1st of 1st Rank).
 A. Thompson (J.S.)—Natural Science (1st Rank).
 G. N. Eames (J.S.)—Modern History and Political Science (3rd Rank).
 T. T. West (S.F.)—Mathematics (1st of 1st Rank); Natural Science (3rd Rank).
 R. L. Beck (S.F.)—Mathematics (3rd Rank).
 A. R. W. Hughes (S.F.)—Natural Science (2nd Rank).
 T. Dahl (S.F.)—Natural Science (2nd Rank).
 A. M. Gann (S.F.)—Classics (2nd Rank).
 J. D. Wilkinson (J.F.)—Modern History and Political Science (3rd Rank).
 E. H. Winter (J.F.)—Economics and Political Science (2nd Rank).
 G. Johnson (J.F.)—Natural Science (1st Rank); Mathematics (3rd Rank).
 A. Watson (J.F.)—Natural Science (2nd Rank).
 J. D. F. McKee (J.F.)—Natural Science (3rd Rank).
 E. B. Dawson (J.F.)—Natural Science (3rd Rank).

Entrance to the Engineering School

- D. J. Maynard (First Place and Backhouse Prize), M. C. Adams, K. A. Gregory, M. C. Taylor.

Matriculation

- G. A. Aitken, J. E. Bardon, G. E. Blundell, R. B. G. Boyce, E. F. Browett, R. A. Buttimore,

R. P. Carroll, D. J. Challen, I. D. Doak, D. G. Fish, D. J. Halliday, V. C. Kelly, R. J. R. Kirkham, D. A. G. Mackey, B. McClay, A. C. Newell, J. F. O'Neill, N. C. J. Pope, S. C. Quick, J. D. Reynolds, C. F. L. Smith, D. W. Taylor, M. W. Taylor, R. R. Watson, C. P. Williams.

School of Divinity

Bishop Forster's Divinity Premiums—Second Prize, W. R. D. Alexander.

Archbishop King's Divinity Prize—W. R. D. Alexander.

Ryan Prize—W. R. D. Alexander.

Medical School

Pre-Registration Examination—Passed: W. G. G. Fisher, S. H. Heaney, H. Khonsari, M. R. H. Taylor. S. H. Heaney, 1st Class Honours in Physics and 2nd Class Honours in Chemistry; M. R. H. Taylor, 2nd Class Honours in Physics.

School of Commerce

Final B.Comm.—R. H. C. Walshe.

The Hobbies Exhibition

On Saturday, the 20th of September, the fourth High School Hobbies Exhibition was held in the Clockroom. This Exhibition was sponsored by the Parents' Association and was once more a great success. Many parents and boys came to see the exhibition in the afternoon and evening. There were eighty-four entries in all, and the talents displayed were surprisingly varied, much more varied than in previous years.

Those exhibits which caught the eye more than the others were a wonderful collection of cacti, an aquarium and a tent. The judges said that the cacti collection was one of the finest collections of cacti shown in any exhibition. Some of the other exhibits were guitars, aircraft, wild flowers, cakes, knitted pullovers, a 3-foot high River Kwai Bridge, some beautiful oil paintings, and collections of stamps, badges and dinkies. There were also ingenious ideas for the uses of old stockings. The exhibitor had made a rug, a bag and flowers out of old nylons. The mothers who were there greatly admired the cakes, knitwear and a loop tapestry fireguard.

The prizes were awarded to the prize-winners in the afternoon by Mrs. Adams, the wife of the chairman of the Parents' Association. Congratulations to both the prize-winners and non-prizewinners. Congratulations also to the Lewis brothers who between them won three first prizes, two seconds and one highly commended.

We are indeed grateful to the Parents' Association who made this activity possible and also to Mr. Evans, who once again took all the weight of the organising of the Exhibition. We also would like to thank Miss Williamson and the group of Old Boys who judged the entries.

Those who were the first prizewinners are :

Under 11—"A," B. Lewis ; "B," B. Lewis.

Under 13—"A," S. R. Lewis ; "B," D. C. Fox.

Under 15—"A," J. Frencken ; "B," F. G. Plant.

Over 15—"A," K. J. Leary and K. Dungan (tie) ; "B," A. K. Pope and M. T. Richardson (tie).

M. W. TAYLOR (6A).

The Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society was started last year for boys from fifth and sixth forms who are interested in acting and play-reading. It is continuing this year and is reading plays in order to pick one to be acted at the School Concert in February.

M. W. T.

The Erasmus Committee

Editor—R. A. Buttimore.

Assistant Editor—D. J. Challen.

Sports Editor—G. H. Lanigan.

Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens have been awarded to R. S. F. Murphy, R. A. Buttimore, B. Wisdom and F. D. King. These prizes are presented by the Old Boys' Union.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of "The Columban" and "C.A.I."

Parents' Association

This Association began the new session as usual with the Hobbies Exhibition, which was quite a success. The following boys were awarded 1st prize in their respective sections.

Under 11—Sections A and B: B. Lewis.

Under 13—Section A: S. R. Lewis.

Under 13—Section B: D. C. Fox.

Under 15—Section A: J. Frencken.

Under 15—Section B: P. G. Plant.

Over 15—Section A: K. J. Leary and K. Dungan (tie).

Over 15—Section B: A. K. Pope and M. T. Richardson (tie).

Cake Section—D. N. Caird.

A new set of rules and particulars of prizes available will be published in the June issue of THE ERASMIAN.

Our Annual General Meeting was held early in October, when a new committee was elected, as follows: Messrs. B. Adams, E. W. Beck, A. H. Burgess, A. W. Erskine, Mrs. K. Gill, Mrs. M. Handy, Mrs. F. King, Mrs. Richardson; Mr. G. R. Wisdom, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. W. P. Simpson, Hon. Secretary. Subsequently, Mr. E. W. Beck was elected Chairman.

A very interesting meeting was held in November, when we invited Rev. Austin Carry, Principal Spurgeon, and Rev. Desmond Black, to speak on a threefold subject: The Boy—Body, Mind and Spirit. On this occasion we had a record attendance of 160, which, we hope, is an indication that a greater number of parents are taking an interest in our activities. Your committee are planning further meetings for 1959, which parents will find helpful and stimulating ; so we look to them to give us their continued support. By the way, committee members will be glad, at any time, to receive requests for a special speaker on a particular subject.

We are sound, financially, just now, in proof of which we are contemplating the purchase of a record player to be donated for use in the School.

In conclusion, we invite all parents to join our Association. The subscription is only 5/- per annum, and may be paid either in conjunction with School Fees, or sent to the Hon. Treasurer or to any member of the committee. You will find it is money well spent.

Our best wishes for a Happy Christmas go to Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds and each member of the Staff, and, of course, to the boys. May they and this Association go from strength to strength in 1959.

WALTER P. SIMPSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Question-Time

The fourth annual inter-house quiz, sponsored by the O.B.U., was held on the 2nd December in the Clockroom at 7.30 p.m. when once again the quizmaster was Mr. Mervyn Bell.

This year there was more competition among the Houses and the boys (for the individual prize), owing to the fact that the recently

formed Galway House was also taking part in the quiz, along with the old-timers, Abbey, Belgrave and Harcourt.

The four teams took their seats on the platform just before half-past seven and were joined by the quizmaster soon afterwards. Each team consisted of six boys, one from the Junior School and the remaining five from each year in the Senior School. There were six rounds, one of which tested the teams' musical knowledge. The questions, set by Mr. Desmond Allen, were well suited to each boy's intellect, although some were unable to find a correct answer.

The quiz was soon under way and by the end of the third round three teams, representing Belgrave, Abbey and Galway, were battling for the points. Belgrave, with 37 points, were leading Abbey by one point who, in turn, were leading Galway by one point.

At the end of the fourth round (the musical round) they were still in the same positions. After this round the contestants were given a rest, while they listened to Mr. Cowle strike up some favourite tunes (which the audience sang, or tried to sing).

The quiz was then resumed and at the end of the sixth and final round Belgrave House proved that they had all the brains. They had won the competition. The team marks were: Belgrave, 96 points; Abbey, 78; Galway, 74, and Harcourt, 64. The individual prize was won by Adrian Moran (Belgrave House), who was outstanding in answering his questions. He gave the correct answer to every question he was asked.

The winning team were presented with prizes by Mrs. Cunningham, wife of the President of the O.B.U. Consolation prizes of sweets were also presented to the losing teams. Mr. Mervyn Bell also received a consolation prize (a bar of rock).

At the end of the evening, which I am sure everyone enjoyed and perhaps increased their knowledge, a collection was taken as the parents and friends were leaving the hall, for the rugby team who are paying a visit to the High School, Edinburgh, early in the New Year for a return match with them.

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SPORTS REVIEW

CLUB OFFICERS

RUGBY, 1958-59

Capt.: T. Haskins.
Vice-capt.: P. R. S. Kelly.
Hon. Sec.: D. W. Rowell.

CRICKET, 1958

Capt.: J. D. Ridgeway.
Vice-capt.: K. A. Gregory.
Hon. Sec.: P. R. S. Kelly.

BOXING, 1958-59

Capt.: J. G. O'Malley.
Vice-capt.: T. Haskins.
Hon. Sec.: W. A. Barnwell.

TABLE TENNIS, 1958-59

Capt.: I. B. Erskine.
Vice-capt.: S. T. Mason.
Hon. Sec.: I. B. Erskine.

SWIMMING, 1958-59

Capt.: G. Aitken.
Vice-capt.: N. Simpson.
Hon. Sec.: J. G. O'Malley.

ATHLETICS, 1958

Capt.: W. Gibney.
Vice-capt.: J. D. Ridgeway.
Hon. Sec.: R. Kirkham.



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1958

Standing—R. F. Kilroy, E. F. Browett, A. C. Rance, Mr. Lowry, I. G. McAnoy, W. J. Hogan, R. D. Clarke.

Seated—Mr. Cornish, P. R. S. Kelly, K. A. Gregory, J. D. Ridgeway (Capt.), T. G. O'Malley, W. S. Gibney, Dr. Reynolds.

Cricket

The season's cricket was very much affected by the bad weather, and a large number of matches had to be put off. The pathetic lack of facilities for practising again affected all the teams of the School, but, on the whole, they gave quite a good account of themselves.

The S.C.T. were a good team, reaching the semi-final of the cup before being narrowly beaten by Wesley College. They beat the much-fancied St. Mary's in the previous round. The batting was very sound and the bowling and fielding extremely keen.

The J.C.T. were not as good as usual. They were very badly handicapped with regard to

practice, having had hardly any before their cup match, as they were more affected by the rain than any other team in the School. They were beaten by a strong Blackrock College team in the first round.

The Under 14 XI was a rather inexperienced team, but they won two of their four league matches and showed a great deal of keenness.

The Under 13 were quite successful, winning half their matches.

The Under 12 had an extremely good season, winning all their matches except one, which was lost by the narrow margin of one run to Blackrock College.

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Schools' Interprovincials against Munster and Ulster, and also on being selected for the Schools of Ireland XI to play the Leprechauns.

P. R. S. K.

Boxing

We have had an uneventful season so far, our time being mostly devoted to training under the expert guidance of Mr. Myles.

There is an improved attendance, and interest in the Club has also increased, although we should gladly welcome more boys in the middle-weights.

We hope to hold our annual championship early next term, when we would like to have the full support of all our friends.

W. A. B.

Rugby Report

This year we have been able to use one of the pitches at Danum and this has lessened the burden on Belgrave Square. The pavilion at Danum is very up to date and excellent in all respects.

The Senior team, after making a very promising start to the season (winning five and drawing one of its first six matches) has been affected by injury and as a result of this the results have suffered of late. The team is a good combination and the backs are slightly stronger than the forwards, who are lighter than usual, though mobile. The team are looking forward to the trip to Edinburgh where they will play the Royal High School.

The Second XV started the season shakily. The backs were rather erratic and the forwards light. However, they have now developed into an effective team and have won three of their last four matches. The Third XV got off to a late start and are now progressing steadily.

The J.C.T. is developing into an efficient unit. The forwards are a good deal heavier than usual and the team as a whole is playing solid if not spectacular rugby.

The Under 14 team has lost three of its players to the J.C.T. this season. In spite of this its record is fairly good and it has been beaten only twice in the seven matches it has played.

The Under 13 shows a good deal of promise. It has an excellent record and has won all but one of its six matches, being narrowly defeated

by Blackrock. The Under 12 team has played two matches and is progressing steadily. The Under 11 team has not made a start as yet but when this is printed it will have played several matches.

We congratulate T. Haskins, D. W. Goodey, R. J. R. Kirkham and T. G. O'Malley on being selected to play in the first Leinster Schools' Trial.

D. W. R.

Swimming

The Swimming Club held its Annual Gala on Tuesday, 21st October, 1958. This year it was a great success and the overall standard was exceptionally high. Its success was partly due to the large number of entries this year, especially among the Juniors, but it was mainly due to the labours of Mr. Myles, Mr. O'Kane, and Mr. Evans, who devoted so much of their time to the pre-Gala preparations. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Staff and others, who contributed to its success in one way or another, and Mrs. Reynolds who kindly consented to present the prizes.

The enthusiasm among the Juniors was very pleasing, and among the Senior Group also, most of the races were closely contested.

The main results were:—

Senior Championship—G. Aitken.

Junior Championship—K. McCormack.

4 x 40 metres House Squadron—Galway House (Aitken, O'Malley, Bannister, Lee).

In the programme we included a squadron race (4 x 20 metres) between the Old Boys and the School, in which the Old Boys were victorious. We also had a water-polo match between the Old Boys and the School, in which the School convincingly won by seven goals to one.

In addition, we held an inter-school squadron race in which five schools took part, O'Connell Schools winning.

For the first time, we had a new house competing in the Inter-House Squadron this year, and they managed to come out on top, Harcourt being their nearest rivals.

After the Gala, Galway House had more points than any other house, thus gaining the lead in the House Championship.

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Athletics Report

The annual School Sports Meeting was held at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, June 28th, under ideal conditions. The attendance, like the previous year, was rather disappointing, but unlike last year the conditions were excellent.

The events were run off with quickness and efficiency mainly due to the work of Mr. Evans and the Staff. At the end of the meeting the prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Sowman.

The main prize-winners were:

Senior Championship (War Memorial Cup and Medal)—R. Kirkham.

Junior Championship (Danum Cup and Medal)—D. Micks and G. Pullen (tie).

220 yds. Championship (Senior) (Moore Cup and Medal)—R. Kirkham.

100 yds. (Junior) Championship (Magill Cup)—D. Sibley.

Inter-House Relay—Belgrave (Halliday, Ridgeway, Johnson, Hill).

Owing to severe weather conditions at the time it was necessary to cancel the annual Junior Sports.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make the Senior School Sports a success.

At the Leinster Secondary Schools' Championships in Dublin, T. O'Malley gained 1st Place in the Long Jump (Intermediate). He then went to Cork and on the Irish Secondary Schools' Championships again gained 1st Place in the Long Jump (Intermediate) against very stiff opposition. To him we offer our heartiest congratulations.

R. J. K.

Table Tennis

This season we got off to a start at the end of October, which was later than usual. Great enthusiasm is being shown in both Junior and Senior sections, and great improvement is being made in the standard of play.

We warmly welcome Mr. Veselsky who has offered to devote some of his time on Tuesday nights to coaching the players.

We hope to hold the Annual School Championship early in the New Year.

I. B. E.

OLD BOYS' UNION

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Sports and Social Honorary Secretaries—G. W. Griffin and D. J. Fitzpatrick, Rugby; M. G. Keartland and N. D. P. Kilroy, Cricket; S. S. Evans, Golf; B. E. P. Hennessey, Athletics; M. G. Keartland, W. G. Booker and R. M. Mahon, Dance; G. F. M. Cole, Hockey.

Hon. Auditor—R. T. Motyer.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 17th October, 1958; the President, Mr. E. J. Montgomery, was in the Chair. There was an attendance of 51 members.

The Hon. Secretaries' report for the thirtieth year of the Union's existence showed that 1957-58 was a year of progress; 23 new members joined, bringing our total membership to over 700. The President, Mr. E. J. Montgomery, attended all our functions and committee meetings, and we thank him for his valuable help during his year of office.

The Annual Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 2nd November, 1957; the attendance of 335 was the lowest since 1942. We thank Mr. C. G. Morton, the Honorary Dance Secretary, for the great work he has done for the Union since he was appointed in 1936. He asked the Committee to release him from his position in the coming year, and we wish him every success in his retirement.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 25th January, 1958. Sir

Basil Goulding was our principal guest. 219 members and their guests were present.

The London Dinner was held in Overseas House on Friday, 7th February, 1958. 95 members and guests were present, including 32 from Dublin. We were honoured to have Lord and Lady Rugby as principal guests.

The various Sports Hon. Secretaries read their reports and were thanked for their work in looking after the sporting activities of the Union.

Another very successful Question-Time was held in the Clockroom on the 26th November, 1958. Once again we thank Mr. J. E. Allen for his organisation and Mr. M. Bell, who acted as question-master. A sum of £13 4s. 2d. was collected towards the expense of the Annual Match with Royal Edinburgh High School. In connection with this match we would like to place on record the help given by a number of members of the Old Boys' Union who very kindly supplied enough cars to transport both teams on a tour of Counties Dublin and Wicklow.

The Annual Dinner, 1959

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 17th January, 1959. If you intend being present, please advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, on or before 10th January, 1959.

Annual Dance, 1958

This Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 1st November last. It was a wonderful success and we feel that all the 498 members and their friends present enjoyed themselves. The Dance Committee, with Mr. C. G. Morton as Chairman, are to be congratulated, together with the M.C., Mr. M. G. Keartland.

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A total of £93 has been subscribed up to the present. The Committee hope to decide on what form the memorial will take early next year.

Letter from the President

FRIENDS,

I have, first of all, to thank the members of the Old Boys' Union for electing me their President for the current year. I am fully conscious of the high standards which have been set by my predecessors in office and I will do what I can to serve the Union.

The support of the Union by its older members is undoubted and a source of great



Mr. W. S. Cunningham

strength. I am very anxious, however, that the younger members of the Union should participate fully in its various activities. We had a number of young people helping us on the Committee of the Dance and it is most gratifying that this function was such a success and was enjoyed by members of all ages.

I would like to impress upon boys who have just left school and upon those who will be leaving school in the near future, the claims of the Old Boys' Union. They will find its functions interesting, and the contacts which it allows them to make, helpful.

Enrolment forms can be obtained in the School or from the Hon. Secretary, and it will be seen from these that the subscription can be spread over a period.

Some members may not be aware that we have a fund to support the Adelaide Hospital. We should have a lot more contributors to this fund than we have and I would particularly ask all those who are not already contributing to send a subscription to the Hon. Treasurer at the School before Christmas. I would be more than delighted if as many of you as could sent Bankers' Orders, ensuring a regular subscription annually for the future.

May I wish all those who read this happiness and health, not only at this season, but also for the year that lies ahead.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. CUNNINGHAM,

Xmas, 1958.

President.

Ladies' Night, 1959

The Ladies' Night will be held in the University Club on Saturday, 14th March, 1959. Full particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary on application.

Golf Report

A.S.U. Competition, Royal Dublin G.C., 5th June, 1958: 1st, St. Andrew's, 289; 6th, High School, 300. High School was represented by 15 players—the best at the outing.

O.B.U. Competitions, Grange G.C., 4th September, 1958. O.B.U. Cup: E. Taylor, 87-16=71. Harry Bunbury Cup: W. A. J. Leary, 99-24=75; runner-up: H. J. Jarrett, 89-14=75. Best Gross: T. J. Earley, 87. Visitors: J. Dickson, 86-18=68. Hidden Score: L. Drew, 85. Next year, outing will be held on first Thursday in September.

U.I.S. Competition, Royal Dublin, 18th September, 1958. 27 schools entered. 1st, O'Con-

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nell School, 147. High School tied for 10th place with 155½. G. F. M. Cole (6) and T. J. Earley (14)=76; G. H. Priestman (8) and R. T. Motyer (9)=79½; G. A. J. Cole (12) and W. S. Cunningham (13)=89½. Subs. were: J. E. Allen and F. E. Tate.

Congratulations to G. H. Priestman on becoming champion of Grange Golf Club.

The Erasmian

Old Boys who have their copies of THE ERASMIAN sent to them overseas are invited to send a subscription to help to defray the cost.

News of Old Boys

H. Beste (1954-58) has joined the Staff of McConnell's Advertising Service Ltd.

Dr. Sydney Baigel (1938-44) has been appointed Registrar to the University Department of Anaesthetics at the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

F. Baigel (1946-54) is Treasurer of "Trinity News," and the Irish member of the Executive of the Inter-University Jewish Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

R. E. D. Bain (1923-27), Chief Engineer of the Belfast Water Commissioners, has been elected Chairman of the Northern Ireland Association of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Mervyn Bell (1915-22) has been elected President of the Association of Schools' Unions.

W. W. A. Bornemann (1948-54) played for the Wolfhounds during their tour of southern Ireland.

C. A. Boyle (1922-31) has been re-elected a representative of Leinster on the Irish Selection Committee, I.R.F.U.

C. V. Boyle (1926-33), who is in the colonial legal service, is at present a judge in Cyprus, having previously served in Malaya and Kenya. The impartiality of his judgment in the midst of violence and murder was the sub-

ject of a leading article in a recent issue of the London "Evening Standard."

N. S. Butler (1951-55) was awarded a prize by the Insurance Institute of Ireland for his success in gaining a distinction in the Associateship Examination of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

D. H. Carter (1952-58) and **W. S. A. Gibney** (1953-58) are in the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co.

N. W. Clery (1942-46) was the first student to obtain the Diploma in Foreign Trade of the Irish Exporters' Association, awarded on the results of a course held in the College of Commerce, Rathmines.

G. W. Davidson (1952-58) is an articled clerk with Messrs. Woodworth & Son, Chartered Accountants.

Dr. C. F. Delaney (1936-42) was appointed an adviser to the Irish delegation to the Second World Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, held in Geneva in September last.

T. O. Driver (1953-58) is an articled accountancy clerk in Messrs. Craig, Gardner & Co.

D. M. Drought (1953-58) is an apprentice with the North City Milling Co.

I. A. Fox (1948-58) has joined the staff of Messrs. R. Strahan & Co.

R. C. Graves (1952-58) is an articled clerk in Messrs. Cooper & Kenny.

A. H. M. Hillis (1921-23), treasury representative on the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations, is a member of the American Council for Trinity College, Dublin.

E. W. Lewis (1954-58) has joined the Friends' Provident Insurance Co.

W. B. Lyster (1948-58) is an articled clerk with Messrs. Craig, Gardner & Co.

D. H. Mogerley (1949-58) has gone into his father's business.

A. E. G. Moore (1925-34), son of the former Registrar to the Governors, is at present in

Dublin on leave from Singapore, where he has been a Government engineer. He gave a talk to Sixth Form on conditions in the East.

D. W. Neville (1952-55) has joined the staff of the Sun Insurance Co.

P. W. Pappin (1953-58) is an articled clerk with Messrs. Ormsby & Rhodes.

F. G. Pfeiffer (1955-58) has joined the R.A.F.

J. D. Ridgeway (1949-58) has joined the staff of Messrs. Victor E. Hanna Ltd.

D. Watson (1952-58) has taken a post with Messrs. Guinness Mahon & Co.

J. P. Williams (1944-55) has left London to take up a position in the Sydney branch of the Bank of Adelaide.

A. V. S. Wright (1952-58) has joined the General Accident Insurance Co.

Marriages

David G. P. Abbott (1946-54) to **Ruth M. J. Kilbey**, June, 1958.

Nigel H. K. Armstrong (1949-53) to **Mignon Gay Williamson**, August 21, 1958.

Malcolm George Brambell (1951) to **Mariette Eleanor Fair**, August 16, 1958.

Kenneth Burgess Henderson (1942-48) to **Hazel Beatrice Ganly**, September 20, 1958.

Henry Cecil Jermyn (1935-41) to **Catherine Munro Meikle**, September 6, 1958, in Johannesburg.

John F. Rudd (1940-42) to **Marian Arikian**, in Elmira, U.S.A.

Death

Victor E. Coe (1917-19), March 21, 1958.

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