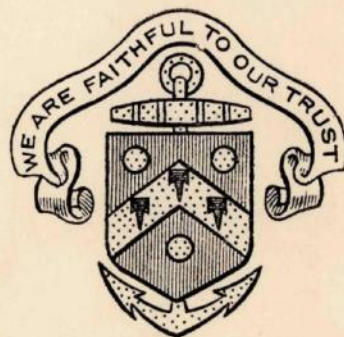


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Editorial

LOOKING through some old papers recently, we came across a magazine which was produced in H.S.D. in 1917. It is completely hand written and was edited by one, D. M. Killingley. The magazine was produced monthly, and only one copy was made each month. This, evidently, was no easy task, for there were two official writers on the Editorial Staff. The copy in our hands is a bit faded but still in good condition. The cover is decorated with a shamrock in which is painted the head-on view of a destroyer which is—judging from the amount of spray and breaking waves—proceeding at full speed! Across the top of the drawing, in block letters, is the name "The Budget." The pages are filled with sketches, articles and jokes, all of a high standard. The staff of the ERASMIAN congratulate that of "The Budget."

Following an appeal made to the various forms, manuscripts have come pouring in in greater numbers than ever before. We have made a selection of the best of these for publication, and we trust that those who have not succeeded in getting into print this time will not be deterred from submitting contributions for our next edition. Incidentally, R.J.W. may be pleased to note that we have made some effort to brighten the ERASMIAN. We welcome his views as we welcome any constructive criticism. In this connection we hope that such new features as our crossword puzzles may prove entertaining to our readers. We also received some MSS. from Old Boys, showing that though they have left the school they still take an active interest in its welfare, both through the O.B.U. and by personal contact. "Vive L'Old Boys!"

There is a rumour that next term we shall be lectured in and instructed about A.R.P.! This is a regrettable but necessary step, for, although at present a neutral country, we may not be able to remain so indefinitely. However, remember the old Cornish saying: "Doan't 'ee worry, it mae niver 'appen!"

School Notes

SCHOOL re-opened after the summer holidays on Wednesdays, 6th September.

The Distribution of Prizes took place on Friday, 10th November.

Our thanks are due to Mr. James Cormack, Canadian Trade Commissioner to Eire, for his generous gift of forty books to the School Library.

We are proud to record that the ERASMIAN has been quoted in the "Irishman's Diary" in the *Irish Times* and in the October number of the *Irish Digest*. The article which drew such attention was that on "Yeats at the High School," by John Eglinton. It was specially written for our June issue this year.

On June 28th the Staff and Boys made presentations to Mr. Chillingworth and the Rev. G. Nowlan on the occasion of their retirement from the staff. An informal and pleasant meeting of the School took place in the Clock-room to show their appreciation of two popular men.

There will be no School Concert this year, but since the lighting restrictions have now been relaxed, we have decided to run our Annual Break-up Dance on Thursday, 21st December. K. Young and O. M. P. Tobias are the Hon. Secs. this year.

We congratulate—

D. A. Orr on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

J. Allen on winning the Leinster Schools Senior Swimming Championship.

The following on obtaining their Schools' Inter-Provincial Trials:—K. Young, D. Orr, G. Tyrrell, C. Martin, J. Smith.

The Spirit of Rugby

Captain of S.C.T. to opponents at half-time: "I say, I don't want to make insinuations which would spoil a perfectly topping match, but have you fellows seen anything of a fair-sized piece of ear?"

Rugby Notes

Capt., K. H. YOUNG. Vice-Capt., D. A. ORR.
Hon. Sec., J. A. BELL.

The Rugby season has started again and although our teams have not been very successful, the keenness of the boys still prevails. An Old Boy, Mr. C. E. Morton, kindly refereed several matches at Belgrave Square.

S.C.T.

Captain, K. H. YOUNG.

Owing to losses and injury the Senior Team is only now beginning to settle down. The defence of the backs is good but thrust in attack is lacking. The forwards, if they work together, may, though light, be able to hold their own against an average pack.

2ND XV.

Captain, J. R. GREENING.

This team has, so far done quite well. The backs run straight and the forwards work hard. The backs will have to be less selfish and the forwards learn the advantages of a quick heel.

J.C.T.

Captain, A. W. POLDEN.

This team is the weakest which has represented the school in the past six years. The forwards, though light, are fairly good, but the backs lack initiative in attack, and show a strong aversion to any form of defence. It is essential that every half-back and three-quarter in this team should remember that low tackling and whole-hearted lying on the ball will pull many a game out of the fire.

"UNDER 14."

Captain, R. F. KYLE.

Several members of this team are also on the J.C.T., but when at full strength it is probably the most reliable team in the school. The backs are inclined to lose touch with each other, and the forwards will need to play together. This team may make a good J.C.T. next season.

"UNDER 13."

Captain, R. H. KYLE.

This team is good. The backs, in particular, show promise, and, if they train hard, should develop well. At the moment three or four big forwards are needed to strengthen the pack, and we hope that if there are any "hefty" youths in the Junior School, we shall soon see them at Belgrave Square.

"UNDER 12."

Captain, P. TICHER.

This team is a novelty, but promises well. Some of its members play regularly on the "Under 13" and thus form a valuable nucleus. Matches have been arranged with Blackrock, Earlsfort House, Belvedere, Pres. Glashule and St. Andrews. If small boys show sufficient interest in this, their own team, we can greatly extend its activities next term.

We need hardly say how glad we are to find the parents of small boys showing an interest in their football by attending matches. We hope the practice will spread, and that we shall have the pleasure of meeting many more parents at The Square.

Cricket

Captain, D. A. ORR. Vice-Capt., J. SMITH.
Hon. Sec., E. W. FRITH.

TAKEN all round, this was a fairly good season. The S.C.T. and J.C.T. did quite well, while the "Under 14" reached the final of the league. This team, which was unbeaten until it reached the final, was most successful, and, as many of the team will be under age next season we have high hopes of winning the league. While the whole team deserves great praise, the captain, S. J. Wright deserves special mention; his batting and bowling were outstanding. His batting average was over 50, and he took 45 wickets for an average cost of 2.7 runs each. Because of these feats he was awarded a bat.

The S.C.T. were drawn against King's Hospital School in the first round of the Senior Cup

and were narrowly beaten. The match was played in the Phoenix Park.

K.H. 111 (Smyth 6 for 23).

H.S.D. 73 (O'Malley 23).

The Seniors' outstanding performance was their win over Masonic School. We were the only school to beat them this season, except Wesley, who beat them in the cup final.

Masonic School 51 (Vanston 6 for 16).

H.S.D. 52 for 5 (Quin 34 not out).

Cup and were beaten by Sandford Park School in the second.

Sandford Park School 63 and 71

H.S.D. 46 and 81.

In the final of the "Under 14" League Masonic beat us by 59 runs.

Masonic 115

H.S.D. 56.



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1939

L. to R. Back Row—J. Vanston, G. Clarke, G. Tyrrell, R. Quin, A. O'Malley, J. Bell.
L. to R. Front Row—Mr. J. Storey, G. D. Lyons, J. Smyth, D. Orr (Capt.), E. Frith,
C. Martin, Mr. G. Johnston.

On the 15th and 16th May we played the Old Boys at Belgrave Square. The O.B.U. won by 24 runs.

O.B.U. 66 and 46.

H.S.D. 57 and 31.

The J.C.T. had a walk-over from St. Gerard's, Bray, in the first round of the Junior

Boxing

Captain, D. A. ORR. Vice-Captain, R. R. QUIN.
Hon. Sec., E. A. FOSTER.

THE Boxing Club started this season with regret for the loss of our very popular trainer, Mr. J. Nelson, who was recalled to active service in the British Army. In his place

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Our first contest of the season was against Portora Royal School at Enniskillen on 30th November. It resulted in a win for the High School by seven bouts to four.

Under 6st.—D. F. H. Ritchie (Portora) beat C. G. Machesney on points.

Paper Weight—G. F. Stephens (H.S.) beat J. Stevenson on points.

Special Weight—D. E. Dann (H.S.) beat J. H. Clappham on points.

Gnat Weight—R. F. Alston (Portora) beat E. R. Haynes (tec. k.o. in 1st round).

Fly Weight—S. J. Whitney (H.S.) k.o. W. J. Francis in 2nd round.

Bantam Weight—J. R. Greening (H.S.) k.o. R. Francis in 2nd round.

Feather Weight—R. B. Hill (Portora) beat J. F. McKeon.

Light Weight—C. W. Martin (H.S.) beat G. W. Whitecroft on points.

Welter Weight—R. R. Quin (H.S.) k.o. J. R. Gorman in 2nd round.

Middle Weight—D. A. Orr (H.S.) k.o. T. E. Milligan in 1st round.

Heavy Weight—R. W. Parkinson-Cumine (Portora) beat E. A. Foster on points.

We hope to get a fixture next term with St. Columba's College and look forward to our annual contest with St. Andrew's College in March.

There is a class for the younger boys from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and it is from this class that we look for talent for our future boxing teams. We have in it some very promising boys, but we should like a bigger attendance than at present.

In conclusion we should like to thank Messrs. Young and Goulden for the help they have given us, and for the great interest they have taken in the club.

Swimming Notes

Capt., J. N. ALLEN. V.Capt., A. W. REYNOLDS

Hon. Sec., K. H. YOUNG.

THIS year, owing to the lighting restrictions, we were asked by the Department of Education not to hold our Annual Gala. We congratulate our Captain, J. N. Allen, on winning the Leinster Schools Senior Championship. Again we had the valuable services of Sergeant

gramme was carried through in good time. Mrs. Bennett kindly presented the prizes. The results of the various events were as follows:—

75 Yards (under 10).—1, Young, W. L.; 2, Gibson, R. G.; 3, Rhodes, W.

75 Yards (under 11).—1, Hopkins, D.; 2, Burleigh, H.; 3, Mullin, W. J.

75 Yards (under 12).—1, Lee, S. R.; 2, Ticher, P.; 3, Balbirnie, J. R.

100 Yards (under 13).—1, Bird, K. A.; 2, Waugh, B. D.; 3, Macaulay, K.



JUNIOR CUP TEAM, 1939

L. to R. Back Row—G. Williams, B. Lyons, A. Parsons, J. Greening, J. Stevenson, B. West.
L. to R. Front Row—Mr. G. Johnston, A. Seawright, B. Griffin, R. Beattie (Capt.), R. Quin, S. Wright, Mr. J. Storey.

H. Case, whose able tuition is proved by the results obtained by his pupils.

Annual Athletic Sports

THE Annual Sports were held on Friday, June 30, at Lansdowne Road, by kind permission of the Irish Rugby Football Union. Despite somewhat unkind weather the long pro-

100 Yards (under 14).—1, McKeon, G. C.; 2, Lambert, H.; 3, Ross, H. A.

100 Yards (under 15).—1, Greening, J. R.; 2, Foster, E.; 3, Quin, R. R.

100 Yards (Senior).—1, O'Malley, W. R.; 2, Weir, R. J.; 3, Orr, D. A.

150 Yards (under 12).—1, Lee, S. R.; 2, Ticher, P.; 3, Wright, S.C.

220 Yards (under 15).—1, Greening, J. R.; 2, Quin, R. R.; 3, Medcalf, W. R.

220 Yards (under 16).—1, Parsons, A. W.; 2, McKeon, J.; 3, Bestall, S. S.

220 Yards (Senior handicap).—1, Adcock, H.; 2, Reynolds, A. W.; 3, Weir, R. J.

440 Yards (under 15).—1, Greening, J. R.; 2, Keatinge, A.; 3, Quin, R. R.

440 Yards (Senior).—1, O'Malley, W. R.; 2, Bestall, S. S.; 3, Smyth, J.

Half Mile.—1, Clarke, J. W.; 2, Waugh, D.; 3, Smyth, J.

Mile.—1, Clarke, J. W.; 2, Orr, D. A.; 3, Waugh, D.

Long Jump (under 15).—1, Quin, R. R.; 2, Bird, K. A.; 3, Greening, J. R.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Orr, D. A.; 2, Smyth, J.; 3, Weir, R. J.

High Jump (under 15).—1, Quin, R. R.; 2, Hood, D. S.; 3, Polden, A. W.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Orr, D. A.; 2, Smyth, J.; O'Malley, W. R.

Hurdles (under 15).—1, Quin, R. R.; 2, Greening, J. R.; 3, Palmer.

Hurdles (Senior).—1, Parsons, A. W.; 2, Orr, D. A.; 3, O'Malley, W. R.

Siamese Race.—1, Hood and Medcalf; 2, Rudd and Bird.

Sack Race (under 13).—1, Ticher, P.; 2, Buchalther, S.; 3, Kerr, J. A.

Sack Race (over 13).—1, Hennessy; 2, Dann; 3, Stephens.

Obstacle Race (under 13).—1, Bennett; 2, Stewart; 3, Montgomery.

Obstacle Race (over 13).—1, Hennessy; 2, Wright, D. C.; 3, Ross.

Consolation (under 12).—1, Barry; 2, Acton-Wann; 3, Silveman.

Consolation (under 15).—1, Grant; 2, Smith, J. G.; 3, Romney.

Consolation (Senior).—Harris.

House Relay Race. — Belgrave House: O'Malley, Orr, Weir, Martin.

Sisters (under 13).—1, Sheila Smith; 2, Doreen Maltby; 3, Audry Beck.

Sisters (over 13).—1, Eva Parsons; 2, Kathleen Acton-Wann; 3, Mabel Shiel.

Old Boys.—1, Mason; 2, Zlotover.

Under 14 Cricket Cup.—S. J. Wright.

Cricket, Best Bowling.—Smyth, J.

Cricket, Best Bat.—A. C. O'Malley.

J.C.T. Rugby Medal (1939).—Greening.

100 Yards (under 15) Championship.—1, Quin, R. R.; 2, Greening, J. R.; 3, Keatinge, A.

220 Yards Senior Championship. — 1, O'Malley, W. N.; 2, Reynolds, A. W.; 3, Weir, R. J.

Junior Cup.—Quin, R. R. (20 points).

War Memorial Cup.—Orr, D. A. (23 points).

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Lord Holmpatrick Cup, Belgrave House.

Magill Cup, R. R. Quin.

"Place and Drop," B. F. L. Rooney.

220 Yards Challenge Cup, W. A. O'Malley.

Distribution of Prizes

THE Distribution of Prizes was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 10th November. The Most Rev. A. W. Barton, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin, was in the chair. The following other Governors were present: Mr. George Butler, Mr. John Garvey, Rev. W. J. Mayne, Mr. W. B. Stanford.

Apologies for absence were received from: The Archbishop of Armagh, the Bishop of

SOME POINTS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The number on the register was about 30 per cent. above what it was 10 years ago. All the staff possess Registration Qualifications and no less than 12 of them possess what are classed officially as Honour Qualifications, and all boys down to the most junior are taught by these masters.

In the Scripture examinations held in Secondary Schools by the General Synod, the Pres-



"UNDER 14," 1939

L. to R. Back Row—G. Williams, R. Kyle, B. Lyons, A. Grice, S. Burch, D. Wright.
L. to R. Front Row—Mr. J. Storey, A. Seawright, M. Cole, S. J. Wright (Capt.),
J. Gardner, G. Stephens, Mr. G. Johnston.

Meath, the Bishop of Cashel, the Bishop of Tuam, Lord Holmpatrick, Col. Cairnes, Sir George Franks, Canon Nash, Major Osborne and Professor Rishworth.

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

byterian Assembly and the Methodist Church, 66 prizes and 47 certificates were gained.

In the Certificate examinations of the Department of Education more boys passed and more obtained Honours than in the previous year. In the Leaving Certificate examination A. W. Reynolds obtained First place in Applied Mathematics.

At the Entrance examination to Trinity College G. A. Ridgeway was awarded the High School Exhibition of £100; A. N. Jeffares the Thompson Exhibition of £100; J. N. Allen the Marmaduke Backhouse Prize of over £40. G. A. Ridgeway was also awarded a Kitchener Scholarship of £120.

About 60 boys left during the year. Of these about 35 secured appointments of various kinds in business. The remainder entered on a University career. The School has been very fortunate in securing openings in business. In Trinity College previous pupils won the following special prizes:—Fellowship Prize, Brooke Prize, FitzGerald Memorial Scholarship, John Winthrop Hackett Prize, Senior Exhibition, Ferrar Memorial Prize, Brontë Prize and a prize in Hebrew. Honours have been obtained in all University subjects; First Class Honours in almost all of them and First of First in many subjects. For example, in the Honour Degree examination First Class Moderatorships were gained in Mathematics, Experimental Science, Modern Languages and Mental and Moral Science, and in 1939 in Classics and Law.

Scholarships were won in Classics, Experimental Science and Natural Science.

In Sport the School won the Leinster Schools Swimming Championship and the Ellerker Boxing Cup.

The School Choir gained 85 per cent. in the Department of Education examination and a Money Grant. We are very grateful to Mr. Eric May for training them.

The Old Boys' Cup was presented to David Orr by Mr. Harry Johnston, Agent of the Head Office, Bank of Ireland, College Green, and President of the Old Boys' Union for the coming year. David Orr was Captain of the Rugby, Cricket, Tennis and Boxing Clubs, and also Sports Champion. In character and intellectual ability he possesses such outstanding qualities that he may be unquestionably described as the best all-round boy of the School.

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the first time a Dinner was held in London last February.

Reference was made to the death of W. B. Yeats, almost certainly the greatest poet of this generation. An interesting article on his school life appeared in the ERASMIAN in June, by John Eglinton, another Old Boy, who has won a wide literary reputation.

The report dwelt on the dualism which has always to be faced by teachers in practical education. On the one hand, boys must be taught the material necessary for examinations in order to secure a means of livelihood. On the other hand, a teacher with ideals tries to give them some mental equipment of higher value which will stay with them through life. There is probably no subject which is so fitted to lead to a knowledge of such permanent value as the Classics, which, as the Headmaster quoted from a recent letter from an Old Boy, "give boys a dream of life in their Classics which will carry their youth onward to the end of their days."

The Archbishop delivered a very interesting speech in which he showed how the two elements in education, the permanent and the temporary—examination—side, can be reconciled.

Mr. W. B. Stanford, F.T.C.D., Regius Professor of Greek (Elect), in a very happy speech amused his hearers, made a plea for Classics, and gave the boys some pieces of advice in a way calculated to make them remember.

Examination Results

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1939.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

The following would have passed with Honours if they had reached the necessary standard in Irish:—C. G. Corrigan, A. W. Reynolds.

A. W. Reynolds obtained First Place in the Examination in Applied Mathematics.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE.

E. W. Brennan, R. R. Caldwell, V. C. B. Maslin, J. F. J. McKeon, A. W. Parsons, R. W. Rumball, G. F. Thompson, and R. P. Willis passed with Honours.

H. R. Roberts passed.

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(Presented by the "Old Boys" of the School,
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boy in the School).—David A. Orr.

CARPENTER MEMORIAL PRIZE—J. F. J. McKeon.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE GERMAN GOVERN-
MENT—B. F. Rooney, A. C. Donnelly.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERN-
MENT—R. A. Cole, R. P. Willis.

PRIZE IN IRISH (presented by Mr. W. WAR-
NOCK)—E. E. Grove.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, 1939.

MODERATORSHIPS.

G. A. F. Harrison—Experimental Science, 1st
Class and Gold Medal.

S. A. Moore—Classics, 1st Class.

R. D. Seligman—Legal Science, 1st Class.

B.A.I.

L. P. Hill.

DISTINCTIONS.

C. C. W. Browne: Archbishop King's Divinity
Prize (2nd).

R. J. Monaghan: Townsend Memorial Prize.

S. A. Moore: Brooke Prize (Classics).

ENTRANCE DISTINCTIONS.

J. N. Allen: Marmaduke Backhouse Prize.

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G. A. W. Ridgeway: The High School Exhibi-
tion, awarded at the Junior Exhibition Exam-
ination (value £100, with privileges as to
rooms in Trinity College).

HONOURS EXAMINATIONS.

Michaelmas, 1939.

JUNIOR SOPHISTER.

J. C. Duggan—1st Rank in Mental and Moral
Science.

M. C. Fowler—2nd Rank in Classics.

J. C. Gilmour—1st Rank in Experimental
Science.

J. D. Smyth—3rd Rank in Experimental
Science.

SENIOR FRESHMAN.

D. T. Malley—1st Rank in Classics.

B. S. Whitney—3rd Rank in Experimental
Science.

JUNIOR FRESHMAN.

N. D. Browne—1st Rank in Mental and Moral
Science.

H. G. W. Macdonald—2nd Rank in Mental
and Moral Science.

J. K. A. McColl—2nd Rank in Experimental
Science.

R. J. Monaghan—1st Rank in Mathematics.

I. P. Mortished—2nd Rank in German.

FINAL FRESHMAN.

D. T. Malley, J. L. Wilkinson, E. R. Young.
(Medical)—J. F. Dudgeon, F. E. Pasley, C.
Wachmann.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

H. G. W. Macdonald, G. W. Harant—High
Places.

S. F. M. Davies

A. C. Donnelly

E. W. Eppel

H. R. J. Fogarty

J. D. H. Lewis

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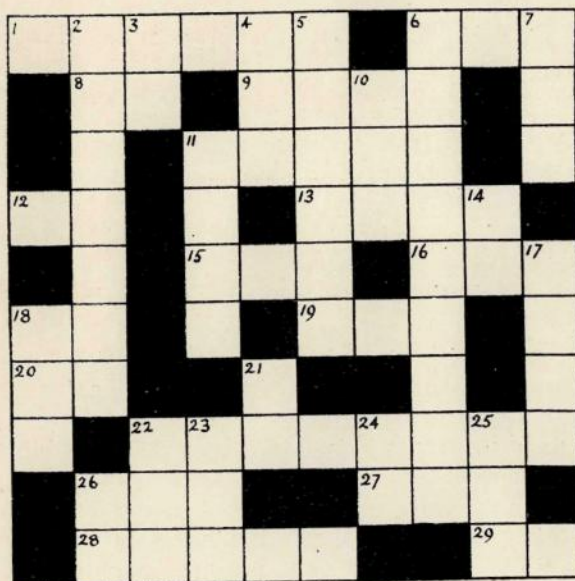
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Topical Crossword



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 On a cold and — morning.
 6 Gunga —.
 8 G. D. L.
 9 Another — of home-work won't do us any harm.
 11 We are faithful to our —.
 12 Hu —. Quis?
 13 We always — money.
 15 We do this in bike sheds.
 16 Played in the hall at lunch time, we hear!
 18 — C —, (Rugby).
 19 Best day of week.
 20 Late — usual.
 22 The bane of our lives.
 26 The stinkshop.
 27 1d F —.
 28 Kept in.
 29 For heaven's sake — something.

DOWN

- 2 We get these every month.
 3 Reverse 29 across.
 4 Prize day: — "That -ea -rinking -evel."
 5 D'ye ken — aunt?
 6 Come up to — at 3 o'clock.
 7 — Here he comes!
 10 "High School 1212" (Initials).
 11 The — shop.
 14 All masters are — ft.
 17 This Gael's bike is all-ways — tured.
 18 "When I was in Persia" by —.
 21 9.15 — Prayers.
 22 Some 6A gentlemen wear this.
 23 We will join this when we leave school
 24 Herr Professor —llie.
 25 One of the H.S.D.'s colours.
 26 What the sports fund never has: — —D.

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Night

The moon, an amber orb against the darkened sky,
Shines bright, and throws a shadow from the mountain down
To where the river flows its winding way,
'Midst shadowed glen and silent woods
Through which the evening breezes long have ceased to sigh.

Upon the shoulder of the hill tall pine trees gaunt
Stand black against the moon, whose misty face enshrined
In softly silvered clouds, looks down upon
This shrouded, quiet world of ours
And soothes to slumber men, whom troubles cannot daunt.

G.D.L., VI A.

ALLEGED JOKE

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A Visit to the Belleek Potteries

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Unfortunately, we visited the factory at a time when no parties were being conducted round, but one of the employees offered to show us "how the wheels went round." In the first room which we visited the rough stone was being ground to powder in large "mills." After going through many processes the powder finally emerges as a thick creamy liquid. This is poured into plaster of paris moulds, and, after a certain time, poured off again, leaving a thin film of material clinging to the sides. When this has hardened sufficiently, the moulds are opened and a dull creamy-coloured and highly fragile article is the result. The fragility of this article may be judged from the fact that for every fifty products that are exhibited in the show window, over one hundred are originally moulded.

The next stage is the addition of ornaments, flowers, etc. All the minute petals and buds are hand-made, mostly by old men with years of experience behind them. The articles are next placed in the kiln, which is built up for fifty-six hours. In the kiln they are prevented from becoming distorted by placing them, face downward, in suitably-sized rings. After this baking, the articles are glazed and placed in the kiln again for a further period of forty-eight hours. Lastly, hand paintings of shamrocks, etc., and that familiar brownish colour are placed on them, and they are once more put in the kiln—this time for a final baking—coming out the finished product.

So the next time you purchase an article of Belleek china, think of all the grinding, baking and tinting through which it has to go, before appearing in front of you on the counter, and you will grumble less about the price!

C.D., V².

Who's Who in IV2

- Our first wears a rose in his buttonhole neat.
 "Back to the land," says the next in the seat.
 No. 3 is most famous when found at the Square.
 No. 4, though his kinsman, this fame cannot share.
 No. 5 is an ass, or this would not appear.
 No. 6 is a Yankee, decidedly queer.
 No. 7, a fair youth who seldom doth speak.
 No. 8, a young Rabbi, is studying Greek.
 No. 9 is so studious we fear he has brains.
 No. 10, a musical hopeful, oft sings in sweet strains.
 No. 11, our "all-round" boy, beloved by the form.
 No. 12 plays at "soccer" to keep himself warm.
 No. 13 looks best at the veteran car race.
 No. 14 takes "snaps" all over the place.
 No. 15, a cricketer, warbles in Anne's.
 No. 16, a dandy, with over-clean hands.
 The next, also plays "soccer" and loves some rare fun.
 No. 18 is quiet, with homework all done.
 No. 19's a farmer, who next makes his bow.
 No. 20's a boxer and fond of a cow.
 The last four are new-boys, we don't know them well.
 So until the next term their tale we'll not tell.
 Methinks their form-master
 Has much to endure,
 A classical scholar,
 Who's surname is —.

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D.M.C., 1V².

Crossword Puzzle Result

TOPICAL CROSSWORD.

Across—1 Frosty, 6 Din, 8 Ed., 9 Dose, 11 Trust, 12 Go, 13 Need, 15 Cog, 16 Nap, 18 J.T., 19 Sat., 20 As, 22 Homework, 26 Lab, 27 Ine, 28 Stuck, 29 Do.

Down—2 Reports, 3 O.D., 4 T.D.R., 5 Young's, 6 Detention, 7 Nix, 10 S.S.E., 11 Tuck, 14 D.A., 17 Punk, 18 J.A.S., 21 Am, 22 Hat, 23 O.B.U., 24 W.I., 25 Red, 26 L.S.

German Tour in Ireland, 1939

LAST July we welcomed to these shores a party of Dresden boys and girls who had been our hosts in 1938.

Thanks to this tour, we were made familiar with parts of our own city previously known only by name to some of us. No longer are we in the position of the average Dubliner—depicted by "Dublin Opinion"—who, on being asked the way to the Art Gallery, replies "You'd better ask a tourist; I'm afraid I don't know—I live here!"

Not only did we find our way to the Art Gallery but we saw *both* of them (did you know there are two?). We descended into the vaults of St. Michan's Church, toured the Cathedrals and Museums, and were shown over Guinness's Brewery. Altogether we saw nearly everything worth seeing in Dublin!

Of course, we did not spend all the visitors' time in Dublin, but, under the able management of Messrs. Dillon and Wilson, made several excursions to well known places of interest. On these trips we visited among other places, Kil-



liney, Portmarnock, Glendalough and the Boyne Valley. The latter treat was at the expense of the German Colony in Dublin. Two very enjoyable "Evening Parties" were also included in the programme.

We thoroughly enjoyed our two trips to Kiliney. Ways of spending the afternoon were many and varied. The lazy lay on the beath and sun-bathed, the energetic climbed to the park, or rowed hired boats out to sea, the better to view the striking combination of mountain and sea so unusual to our visitors. Our only wet excursion was to Portmarnock but the rain did not interfere with the enjoyment of the trip. From Howth, which we visited by tram, we showed our guests the port of Dublin and the far flung environs thereof. They were very impressed.

We toured Wicklow by bus one gloriously sunny day. Passing through Bray, we visited Greystones and the town of Wicklow. We stopped for tea at Brittas Bay (where the sand dunes proved to be a great source of interest and amusement), then on to Glendalough. Here our guests greatly admired the beauty of the

setting sun glinting over the twin lakes at our feet.

Another afternoon was spent hiking to Bohernabreena. Here, one German youth remarked that our hills were "very bald," compared with the pine covered hills of his native Saxony. The Hydro Electric Scheme at Poulaphouca aroused the admiration of all, even those accustomed to the massive constructions of German engineers.

On the Boyne Valley excursion the enjoyment of the Germans was added to by the presence of Dr. Rafferty of the National Museum, who explained (in German) all points of archaeological interest. Unfortunately in New Grange Tumulus the candles were extinguished. Thus we were unable to appreciate all items of interest

We bade farewell to our friends on Wednesday morning at Dun Laoghaire pier. We parted, remarking "see you next year!" Considered in the light of the present situation this seems to be rather optimistic, but we hope our optimism will be justified, and happier conditions will soon prevail.

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Low Tide

IN a hurricane, during the reign of Charles II, a pirate ship drove ashore on a sand-bank a few hundred yards from the shore of a small West Indian island. The crew were all drowned while attempting to reach the shore. There she remained for centuries, undiscovered, while the drifting sand gradually covered the hull. Grass and creepers grew until, in 1880, when a training corvette watered there, the vessel presented the appearance of a small islet, inaccessible from the shore except at low water. At last in the reign of His Britannic Majesty George VI her long sleep ended.

His Majesty's light cruiser "Loamshire" lay at anchor off a little West Indian island. On the quarter-deck the group of officers which constituted the watch below lay in deck-chairs under the canvas awnings.

"To-day," said the Gunnery Lieutenant, henceforth known as "Guns," "is my birthday."

"Really?" murmured "Torps," the Torpedo Lieutenant, "Many happy returns of the day."

"Don't you think," went on Guns, "that it would be a good idea if we celebrated by going ashore and having a picnic?"

"If you do go ashore you will only have a few hours. We sail with the tide," warned the Commander.

Half an hour later the cutter grounded on the gently shelving beach and the party, consisting of Guns, Torps, the Surgeon-Commander and the Junior Watch-Keeper, made for the shade of a group of palm-trees. The Doctor and Torps lay down under the trees while the others bathed in the clear water. In a disinterested way Torps surveyed the scene before him. The ship, a mass of gleaming brass and white paintwork lay motionless just outside the little bay. The Officer of the Watch, dressed in full-dress tropical rig, slowly paced the quarter-deck; amidships two fitters were working on the engine of the seaplane which was mounted on the catapult. Otherwise the ship appeared to be lifeless. Closer inshore he noticed a small islet connected to the beach by a narrow strip of sand.

"Hi, Doc," he said, "how about strolling out to that little islet before getting tea?"

There was no answer. Looking at the Surgeon-Commander, Torps saw that he was asleep. Grunting, he stood up and strolled along the beach, out along the sandy causeway and up on to the islet. It was, he observed, not more than a hundred and fifty feet long and was covered by a coarse kind of grass and long leafy creepers. He was making his way towards the seaward end of the islet when suddenly there was a splintering sound of breaking wood, the ground gave way beneath his feet, and amid a shower of sand he fell, seemingly, into the bowels of the earth. The last thing he remembered for some time was striking his head against some hard object.

Feeling slightly dazed Torps picked himself up and, with a start, realised that he was standing in the after cabin of an old sailing ship. Painfully feeling a large bump on his forehead he looked around him. Above his head a large hole, through which sand still trickled, showed his means of entry. The cabin contained a large table near which lay dishes and decayed rem-

nants of food. It was surrounded by old, high-backed chairs, some of which lay on their sides as though their occupants had stood up hurriedly. On the table, in front of a large arm-chair at the head, was a log-book, an ink-pot lying on its side, and an old quill-pen. Over all hung an air of mustiness.

Torps opened a door which seemed to lead forward, only to find his way blocked by an impenetrable wall of sand.

"What an extraordinary adventure," he soliloquised. "Better take back something or the others will never believe me."

He picked up the log-book and by standing on the table managed to regain the open air. Thoughtfully he made his way back to his companions.

"Hello!" shouted Guns. "Where have you been? We've searched the whole island for you. Hurry up, you've just time to have your tea and to get back to the ship. They are raising steam for sailing."

Torps looked at his watch. He suddenly realised that he had been absent almost two hours.

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"I'm awfully sorry," he apologised, "but I've had a most interesting experience. I'll tell you about it after dinner to-night."

Later that night, in the ward-room, after the toast of "The King" had been drunk, sitting, as is the Navy's ancient privilege, Torps related his story, producing the log as proof. When he had finished and the log had been inspected by all the officers, the Commander leaned forward.

"Do you mind if I keep this book for a bit?" he asked. "Deciphering old manuscripts is a hobby of mine and I should like to have a shot at this one."

"Keep it, by all means," said Torps. "I only brought it back to prove my story."

Some nights later, after dinner, the Commander again broached the subject of the old log.

"I have succeeded in reading most of the entries," he announced. "Apparently the Captain of the ship was an infamous pirate named Legrand who scourged the main about the time of Charles II. How his ship got on that island will always be a mystery. But the interesting part is this: one of the last entries records that a large treasure, the loot of many a rich merchantman, was buried on the island of Santa Anna."

"Santa Anna," echoed a number of voices, "Where is that? Do we call there this trip?"

"It would be more correct to say 'Where was Santa Anna?'" answered the Commander. "Unfortunately, the island sank beneath the sea during an earthquake some years ago. I am sorry if I have disappointed any of you."

Torps lay back in his chair.

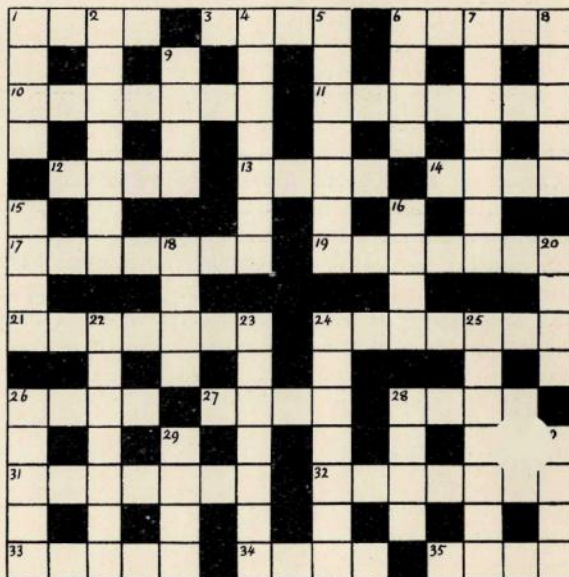
"Strewth," he sighed. "Just think of it. Enough cash to set us all up for life and the blinkin' island has to vanish, gold and all. It's enough to break anyone's heart."

J.C.G.S., VI.

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Latin Crossword



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 From Rome.
- 3 O Goddess.
- 6 By Ruling.
- 10 They must be warned.
- 11 Year-books.
- 12 The City.
- 13 The flank.
- 14 You pray (sing.).
- 17 Of us.
- 19 Unfed and hungry.
- 21 Violation, dishonour.
- 24 Sewn on.
- 26 Really and truly.
- 27 One (thing) alone.
- 28 The turning point.
- 31 Repose (acc.).
- 32 To bind.
- 33 The Works, but not The Days.
- 24 I have sent.
- 35 Let it be.

DOWN

- 1 O Rome.
- 2 You (sing.) are being warned.
- 4 The beginning.
- 5 You (pl.) are loved.
- 6 I swim back.
- 7 Knives (acc. pl.).
- 8 The Bear.
- 9 One (man) alone.
- 15 An old woman.
- 16 Hope.
- 18 A rare (bird).
- 20 I fit with arms.
- 22 In both directions.
- 23 A very small thing.
- 24 Guiltless or giftless.
- 25 So often!
- 26 I incline.
- 28 I quiver.
- 29 A Greek coin or weight.
- 30 I say not.

D.L.C., VI.

Aruba

THE little island of Aruba, one of the six Dutch possessions in the West Indies, lies about 20 miles from the mainland of South America. This island was, it is believed, discovered by Alonso Ojeda, a Spaniard, in the year 1499. The island, about 100 square miles in area, is formed mainly of white coral, of which there are several varieties. Therefore, the only kind of plant that grows the whole year round is the hardy cactus, but during the rainy season (November, December and January) several other kinds of vegetation—mainly maize—grow over the island, only to be burned up when the period of rain passes.

The language spoken by the natives is called Papiamento, and is a mixture of Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, French and English. A feature of this language is that there are no grammar rules and therefore the language is easily adapted to suit any person or persons. English, however, is the language which is mainly spoken owing to the large number of Americans dwelling on the island.

Aruba has had a great many industries, a few of which are gold mining, phosphate mining, and one of the most important to the natives is the growing of aloes, of which Aruba supplies 78 per cent. of the world's supply. During the year 1937, 595,000 pounds of the gum extracted from the aloes was exported from Aruba to the rest of the world. The main industry of Aruba, however, is oil refining. The island was selected for the site of the refinery because of its natural harbour. The refinery can to-day claim to be one of the largest in the world, having an output of 300,000 gallons of refined oil per day.

The oil company has built on the island, at its own expense, about 500 bungalows with special walls to prevent the heat from reaching the inside. These bungalows are entirely fitted out by the company and the people who inhabit them have every advantage that may be obtained in a city. To give the children of the white people education the company has built a school in which children are taught from junior grade up to the time when they are ready to leave the island and go to some college.

Around the island are many great white beaches, and, therefore, it is not surprising to find that swimming is one of the most popular sports on the island. However, the islanders' desire for sport goes far beyond swimming, and baseball, softball, basketball, football and cricket take an equal part in the sporting life of the Arubans.

The coming of the oil refinery to this little island marked the beginning of a new era for Aruba, an era that was destined to make this island one of the most important shipping centres among the many islands that dot the Carribbean Sea from Florida to South America; an era that may in the future make Aruba one of the largest shipping centres of the world, and which has made for many people a home in which they can live in peace, far away from the cares of this modern world.

S.J.W., Form V².

Shakespeare To-day

Motoring :—"Horns do make me mad."

—*Merry Wives of Windsor*.

When the electric light failed :—"Switch . . . or I'll cry a match."—*Romeo and Juliet*.

Regarding a schoolmaster :—"A domineering pedant o'er the boy."—*Love's Labour Lost*.

Bad Roads :—"Fie, how my bones ache! What a jaunt have I had."—*Romeo and Juliet*.

Putting up the wireless aerial :—"Have you climbed up to walls and battlements, to towers and windows, yea, to chimney tops."—*Julius Cæsar*.

Putting the author's cat out :—"Tybalt, you rat-catcher, will you walk?"

—*Romeo and Juliet*.

After the match :—"The honourable captain there drops sweat from his war-wearied limbs."—*Henry VI*.

Prize-day speech by an old boy :—"O, is it all forgot? All schooldays' friendship, childhood and innocence?"

—*Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Lament in Detention :—"O, never will I trust to speeches penned, Nor to the motion of a schoolboy's tongue."

E.W.B., V¹.

Special Correspondent

TAKING a leaf from the book of a prominent daily, we despatched our Special Correspondent in search of "Inside Information." He decided to begin with the High School and, in fear and trembling, approached the special sanctum of the Sixth—the hall and precincts thereof.

As he drew nearer he could tell by the sounds that somebody was at home; the buzz of conversation, bursting paper bags, clamping and the scraping of many feet, all went to confirm his supposition. With great trepidation he finally entered and seated himself on one of the benches. The inmates were so engrossed in their various occupations that he was not noticed.

In this room the mighty men of H.S.D. were assembled and met together, and a curious lot they were! In one corner a person with a marked Bray accent was muttering over a Demosthenes—he certainly wasn't muttering Greek. Another corner was occupied by two humorous boys peacefully engaged in pulling

each other's hair out by the roots; something named "Finch" addressed the hair pullers: "— you, George, must you stand on my toe? . . . An' you, too, 'Soss.'" Most of the floor space was taken up by an object called "Pole" or "Mole" or something, who was discussing the Navy and all connected with it. The Captain of the R.F.C. was having a heated argument with the Hon. Sec; sometimes their words were audible: "But I tell you he wouldn't have! Dash it all, man, if he hadn't kissed her then she might have —!" The Boxing Captain, addressed as David, was saying something about a "wizard motor-bike."

The *Irish Times* was in rags on the floor following its perusal by a carrotty headed boy, "Strick."

Our reporter (hereinafter alluded to as Bill) was enchanted with this scene. He became so busy taking impressions that he forgot his nervousness. He became so elated that he forgot to take notes. Then he was discovered . . .

Like one man those 6th Formers turned and rent him. Believe me, Bill took more impressions in that few minutes than he had ever done in all the rest of his career as a feature-man. He was a mere shadow of his former self when he came out of the door. (The door happened to be closed but that didn't seem to make any difference!) When finally the laws of gravity overcame the velocity of his motion he came to earth. . . . This time he *was* depressed!

However, our Bill was nothing if not game, so having draped himself liberally with yards and yards of bandages he went down to the Tuck Shop. No sooner had he entered than he was struck (literally and figuratively) by the seething mass of humanity. Customers were lined three deep along the counter and the air was filled with noise. "Pass me the cream cakes, Mrs. Brady." "Half-penny worth of sweets, Mrs. Brady." "Bottle of lemonade, Mrs. Brady." "— you, will you move up!" "Oi, stop the pushing down there!" Safely entrenched behind the counter, the white-coated custodian (whose name evidently was Mrs. Brady) alternately sold her goods and raised her hands to heaven. (It was the best she could do; no prayer could possibly be heard in that tumult!)

Knowing that he could never get any copy in that crush, Bill decided to return to the

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ERASMIAN Office. Alas, he never reached there; he was knocked down and killed by a Form 2 gang—one of the many which make life precarious during lunch hour. Poor Bill! He was quite a good reporter, as reporters go, and, as reporters go, he went! Perhaps, if he is not too busy stoking, he will read this. If so, he will know that his efforts were not in vain.

"DAVID," VIA.

Beware the Moon

Beware the moon! Her soft and silvery splendour

Is deep enchantment of a wondrous power,
Which makes the hardened bachelor grow tender,

And causes sudden sentiment to flower!

She makes the plainest fair; the fairest, fairer;
She makes the heart beat fast, the senses swoon,

And wise men hold her rays in smiling terror!
Beware the moon—!

Beware the moon! She stirs the tongue to utter
Words indiscreet, and better left unsaid;
She makes the breath quicken, the heart to flutter,

She puts the wildest fancies in the head!

She plays a game with Tom and Dick and Harry;

But oh! the tender nothings which they croon!

She tempts the crusty bachelor to marry.
Beware the moon—!

"Beware the moon!" So say the cynics scheming;

And yet, perhaps the moon is wiser still,
Perhaps the golden dreams she sets us dreaming

Shall fill our souls with joy's tremendous thrill.

She drenches all the world in silver glamour.

She has her uses; to lovers she's a boon!
So, come out, Goddess, though all the cynics clamour—

"Beware the moon—!"

G.D.L., VIA.

Air Navigation

IN these enlightened days far too large a proportion of the population is inclined to look upon air travel as something not only foolhardy, but definitely dangerous. Actually their aversion to the air is to some degree understandable, but not from quite the same viewpoint, as they are inclined to dwell too long on what "might" happen. In this very short article an attempt will be made to explain some of the handicaps which confront the pilot and navigator of modern high-speed aircraft.

The first and most obvious handicap is that in the event of becoming lost the navigator cannot very well step out of his machine and ask the nearest policeman the way to his destination. Naturally, the thing to do is to avoid getting lost; which sounds very nice and very easy. On looking into this business of air navigation, that is, getting down to the basic principles of the job, one is confronted by a veritable maze of theories, formulas and calculations. Although very complicated from a layman's point of view, the whole secret of air navigation may be classified as the ability to determine the position of an aircraft immediately and accurately.

Navigation on a clear day with a wind blowing up to even 60-70 m.p.h. is really quite simple; as the ground is visible all the time, the navigator can point to one particular spot on a map and say definitely that he is over that spot. He can, therefore, instruct the pilot to make any corrections necessary to keep the aircraft on any desired course. On the other hand, air navigation in bad weather can be most difficult and tricky. When the fog, the airman's "bugbear," starts rolling up, then is the time to be on the alert, every nerve tensed and keyed to its highest pitch. One slip, however small, may have serious consequences. It may at worst lead to a particularly nasty end to a number of lives. An accretion of ice forming on the wings and fuselage of the machine would upset its stability, and is therefore very dangerous. It will be seen that the navigator must have a certain knowledge of meteorology to enable him to set a course which will avoid those areas where ice would be found.

All aircraft flying for hire as passenger-carrying craft on regular or other air-routes,

must carry a skilled navigator or navigator pilot, and must be equipped with a short-wave W/T or R/T apparatus. With this apparatus and working in conjunction with one or more of the several W/T communication stations situate in various parts of the British Isles, a navigator may obtain his position to within half a mile in a matter of minutes. This is what is technically known as a "fix." On the other hand, he may obtain what are known as "line-bearings" from two or more stations and so determine the aircraft's position for himself by plotting these bearings on a chart. In this way a machine may be flown for many hundreds of miles without once sighting the ground during the trip. Knowing the speed and direction of the wind he can then set a course which will bring him to his objective. Another regulation is that all these aircraft must keep in radio communication with their bases or with intermediate stations en route, communications to be made approximately every 15 minutes. By this it will be seen that a constant check is kept on all aircraft whilst in the air.

Although lack of space forbids even a brief explanation of "Elementary Air Navigation," the actual navigation may be compared to its marine counterpart, with this difference, that whereas the navigating officer of a ship must allow a certain margin in his calculations for the effect of currents, a considerably larger and more accurate margin must be allowed in the air for the effect of wind speed and direction of wind. As this wind speed and direction, or wind volacity is constantly changing with time and place, the difficulty of keeping an aircraft on a true course will be appreciated.

In addition to being able to read and operate the various instruments used in the air, a really

good navigator must have a knowledge of at least half-a-dozen constructions of various types of charts, understand the use and operation of a W/T or R/T communication apparatus, including the Morse and semaphore signalling codes, and also a sound knowledge of meteorology which will enable him to interpret correctly the various signs, symbols and codes used in the construction of weather maps and weather reports. Then, in the Service, where the navigation is carried out by Air Observers, a knowledge of air-gunnery, bombing and aerial photography is also essential.

In spite of all the man in the street has to say to the contrary, this form of locomotion is definitely safe, even in the face of some of those disastrous accidents which have occurred; it will continue to be safe and speedy, just so long as the principles of "Air Navigation" are studiously and earnestly applied.

T.C.H. (R.A.F.).

The Cormorant

O lean dark bird of the gathering storm,
What is the world to thee?
Full small is thy care for the woe that is there,
Alone on the grey-green sea.

Not thine is the ceaseless toil and strain,
Not thine this weary life—
But free from the woe on the sea-tracks to go
Far from our envy and strife.

Yet what is thy life, thou bird of the wave?
Thou livest in storm and foam,
And thy grave in the sea is wild and free—
Not a covering mound of loam.

Thine are the sea-tracks pathless and bare,
Thine is the joy of the sea
Where the breakers dash with shuddering
crash:
O bird, would I were thee!

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The average school magazine shows not only an amazing lack of originality but also the unforgivable fault of lifelessness. The correction of these faults lies in the hands of the editor—who in his editorial does not attempt anything so unheard of and revolutionary but rather urges forward his feeble supporters on the same dismal and dreary path which they have so faithfully followed.

The main source of entertainment should be derived from the articles—but instead they have become a means of propaganda by which some long forgotten old boy airs his egotistical views and achievements. Instead of such articles it would be both entertaining and enlightening for a delegation to be sent, as the editor's representatives, into the lower forms of a school. There they would hear the juniors' suggestions and grievances, and whether they thought they should select a new board of governors amongst themselves or hold a 5th of November celebration in the main buildings of their school; they would have at least the value of bringing original ideas into the pages of an unoriginal magazine.

One must, however, have a certain sympathy for an editor distracted by a censorship that would do justice to any totalitarian state—in fact, one wonders if it was from such examples of tyranny that Europe is in such a chaotic state as one finds it to-day.

Censorship should then be abolished and views, if sufficiently vitriolic and droll, should prove to be the rock on which every school

magazine should be based. When this occurs we shall be blessed with a brighter school magazine—although doubtless by no means a better one.

R. J. W., VIA.

Red Gold

Red gold on the pine trees far away
In the light of the setting sun
Where the dancing shadows leap and play
With the joy of the day that is done.

Old gnarled trunks of stately pine
Lit up by the blaze of gold,
In their beauty at day's decline they seem
This message to unfold:

"Oh why wilt thou strive with thy fellow man?
See, nature is wrapt in peace.
Come, look on her with a heart of awe
And the doubts of thine heart shall cease."

The sun sinks low and the glory fades
In a flickering, golden flame,
And the vision is past, yet the splendour remains
Eternally the same.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Union was held on Monday, 30th October, 1939, in the Board Room.

From the reports of the various Honorary Officers it was evident that the activities of the Union have been well maintained throughout the year which has just passed and we would particularly mention the Annual Dance and the Annual Dinner which were most successful. Certain difficulties, however, were experienced in the arrangement of the Rugby and Cricket fixtures, and in this connection we earnestly appeal to the members to support these activities as far as possible. The Secretary of the Golf Section, Mr. S. S. Evans, reported that the Golf Competition which had been arranged for the early part of September had to be cancelled owing to the outbreak of war.

At this meeting the appreciation of the members was conveyed to our outgoing President, Mr. George B. Butler, for the dignified manner

in which he had carried out his Presidential duties during his year of office; the Hon. Officers also expressed their gratitude to the members of the School staff and to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett for their continued co-operation. Mr. George B. Butler, in a few well-chosen words, conveyed to the members how much he had enjoyed his year of office and thanked the members for their support, and proposed as his successor Mr. Harry J. Johnston, who was unanimously elected for the year 1939/40.

The following Officers and Committee were elected:—

Patron—Dr. W. E. Thrift.

President—Mr. H. J. Johnston.

Vice-President—Mr. J. Bennett.

Hon. Secs.—

Messrs. A. J. Beatty and Mervyn Bell.

Hon Treas.—Mr. T. Bell.

Ex-officio member of Committee as immediate Past President—Mr. Geo. B. Butler.

Committee—

Messrs. H. E. P. Anderson, A. D. Mason, W. McCaw, R. W. Jeffares, S. W. Meyer, E. E. Spence, Geo. Keegan, T. D. Murphy.

Sports and Social Activities—

Dance—Mr. Cecil Morton.

Rugby—Mr. B. Hennessey.

Cricket—

Messrs. J. C. Gilmour and W. H. Booker.

Golf—S. S. Evans.

Roll of Honour

In 1914-1918, the ERASMIAN published a list of men who were serving with the Forces. Once again England is at war, and once again many Old Boys are with the Forces. We should like to publish another Roll of Honour, and so parents and others are requested to send in news of boys, giving rank, unit, command, and if possible his position. Old Boys themselves are asked to send in the same information, and might like to send in articles to the Editor of the ERASMIAN, telling us of their experiences and adventures, as was done in the last war—and very interesting reading they make, too!

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This is a job in which all Old Boys are asked to co-operate, and even to advertise. Please send us something about yourself—your birthday; years in the School; address; honours (degrees, medals, etc.); a short history of your life, as far as possible giving dates for promotions; publications, sports record, and hobbies. The address is H. B. Moore, Editor, High School Roll, High School, Dublin. Thank you.

Annual Dinner

At a recent meeting of the Committee it was arranged to hold the Annual Dinner on Saturday, 20th January, 1940, in the Clockroom and the Members are urged to keep this date free.

Notes on Old Boys

C. V. Boyle (1926-33) is now serving in the Anti-Aircraft Defences in Northern Ireland. "Vesey" was recently called to the Irish Bar.

R. L. Bryson (1920-27) has passed the examination for A.R.C.O. (Associate of Royal College of Organists). Only 40 of the 200 candidates passed, and Bryson was the only one from Ireland.

Dr. T. W. Buckley (1932-33) has held an emergency commission as Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. since September, 1939.

A. U. G. Bury, K.C. (1883-84), has, we are informed, been appointed Judge in Alberta, Canada.

A. D. Cunningham (1933-34) is now serving as a pilot with the R.A.F. in France.

Capt. D. Bryan Gower (1889-91) has recently retired after 40 years in the Mercantile Marine. He also served in the R.N.R. 1914-1918.

T. C. Hammond (1922-27) writes to us from Waddington, where he is serving as a Corporal in the R.A.F.

G. A. F. Harrison (1926-35), who recently tied for first place at the Moderatorship Examination in Experimental Science in Trinity College, has secured an appointment on the Chemical Staff of Guinness' Brewery. We understand that this is the first occasion for many years when a Trinity College graduate has secured one of these appointments.

W. Pyper (1881-84) has been appointed an interpreter to the British Intelligence Service. He recently stayed a year in Russia, living as a native, on his way home from Mexico. He is now stationed in Liverpool.

J. W. Scott (1925-27) has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent in the Palestine Police. His brother, H. G. Scott joined the R.A.F. early this year as a Cadet.

W. B. Smyth (1928-1935) is Captain of Dublin University Boxing Club this year.

W. Warnock (1922-29) has been appointed Secretary to the Irish Legation in Berlin, and is now Acting Minister.

J. G. Yates (1930-34) has been appointed Lecturer in Experimental Science in Trinity College.

S. A. Moore (1929-35) and W. D. Boyle (1929-36) were awarded "Colours" in the Dublin University Harriers and Athletic Club this year. W. B. Boyle also won his "Colours" for Rugby and played for Leinster in the Inter-provincial Rugby match against Munster.

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High School Roll

AS reported in our June issue, I am trying to collect information about all Old Boys who have passed through the School in its seventy years of life. We have made some progress since then, by increasing the Card-index and collecting from various sources much information about our Past Pupils. In this connection I would like to thank those Old Boys who have so willingly and accurately helped me—especially (though comparisons are odious) Lieut.-Col J. G. Foster, O.B.E., M.D.

The idea of editing a list of names, with some history of the life and death of our Past Pupils, was first mooted in the ERASMIAN in September, 1899, and at last something is being done about it! The writer suggested that a permanent record of all boys should be kept—not only of those who won honours in the Universities, the Army, the Church and Medicine, but also of those who made their mark in business, as schoolmasters, tea-planters, airmen, and so on. He suggests the printing of cards in the form of a questionnaire, and this has been done.

There are still many Old Boys who are now dead or whose addresses are unknown, and these can only be traced through perhaps one or two men. From time to time we will publish lists of men about whom we need information, and you are asked to tell us what you know about even one of them; for one name known is the saving of hours of work.

If any Old Boys would be willing to spend a spare hour in examining part of the School Roll, I can send them lists of boys of about their own time, and in them they might be able to see some name that *they* know, but *I* do not.

The following boys were in the School between the years 1870 and 1880. Can anyone give us any information about any of them?

Adamson, Alan Joseph; Adamson, Arthur Christopher; Adamson, John Evans; Ahren, Charles Arthur; Aldwell, Frank George; Anderson, Henry Edmund; Anderson, James; Andrews, James Montgomery; Ardery, Robert; Armstrong, Anthony William; Armstrong, F. W. U. F.; Armstrong, James Archibald; Atkin, James Hayden; Atkin, Thos. Myers; Atkins,

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Caldwell, Herbert Alfred (Rev.); Campion, Benjamin Wm.; Cannon, Harry Tandy; Carnegie, Chas. Leonard; Carroll, Geo. Robert; Carson, Jas. Seymour, B.A.; Carte, Edward Wm.; Carte, Sydney Geo.; Cassidy, Jas.; Cavenagh, Edward Sherwin; Chidley, Thos. James; Clarendon, Wm. John; Claridge, Geo. Chas.; Coall, Robert Hy. Hamilton; Cohen, Ferdinand Jas.; Colgan, Stuart Leeson; Collott, Arthur Fredk.; Cooper, Wm. Henry; Cooper, Wm. Thos. Masterson; Cosgrove, Arthur Edward; Cosgrove, Thos. Geo. Victor; Courtenay, Anthony Lawrence; Craddock, Chas. Samuel Wills; Craig, Dunbar; Craig, John; Crawford, Andrew Garde; Crawford, Chas. Hy.; Crawford, Fredk. Wm.; Crawford, Hy. Coall; Crofton, Hugh Hyacinth Talpoor; Croghan, Jas. Carleton Hill; Crosbie, John; Crosthwait, Edwin; Crosthwait, Fredk. Wm.; Cullimore, John Chas. Pollett; Cumming, Edward Chatham, or Cuming, Ed. Chisholm; Cunningham, Wm. Welply.

D'Arcy, Norman John; Davin, Jas. Andrew; Davin, John Hy.; Davis, Charley; De Lisle, Wm. Hy.; Dempsey, Chas. Edward; Dempsey, Richard; Dobbin, Wm. Wood; Dobbs, Alex. Hugh; Dobbs, Francis Moore; Dobbs, John Hy.; Donald, Wm. Cochrane Anderson; Doran, Arthur Lester; Doran, Robert Elliott; Douglas, Edward Coote; Downes, Herbert Wm.; Dowse,

Sam. Hy. Hallahan; Dowse, Wm. Robert; Doyle, Anthony Thos.; Doyle, Louis; Doyle, Victor; Draper, John; Draper, Robert Hastings; Drumm, Wm. Nicholson; Drury, Francis Barker; Dudgeon, Wm. John; Duggan, Thos. Holmes; Duke, Robert Thos.

Eades, Ernest Adolphus; Eades, Fredk. Talbot; Eason, Alfred; Eason, Wm. Waugh; Elliott, John; Ellis, Arthur; Ellis, Robert Wm.; Elsner, Wm.; Evans, Arthur Seymour; Evans, Eyre Waller; Evans, Geo. Wm. Wallace; Evans, Jas. Hugh; Evans, John D'Arcy; Evans Robt. John.

Fawls, Robert Carter; Felton, Wm. John Graham; Ferguson, Gerald; Ferguson, Oscar; Figgis, Arthur Wellesley Lennox; Figgis, Frank Fernsley; Figgis, Thos. Phillips; Fitzgerald, Michael Hy. FitzPatrick, Sam. Thos.; Fleming, Sam. Hy. Ernest; Fleming, Wm. Montague Mason; Flint, Arthur St. Geo.; Flood, Thos. O. Cox; Flood, Wm. Tuthill; Fossitt, Alfred Edward; Fox, Davis Nugent; Franklin, Geo. Fredk. Ed. E.; Fuller, Harnett John, Fulton, Gustavus Molyneux.

Birth

JOHNSTON—Nov. 24, 1939, at "Stella Maris" Nursing Home, to Phyllis, wife of Geo. C. Johnston, 12 Fortfield Grove, Terenure, a daughter.

Marriages

DUNGAN (1922-30) and CHILD—July 29, 1939, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. Canon Denton Green, B.D., Rector, Killiney Parish, assisted by the Rev. Canon J. Tobias, B.D., Rector of the parish, Frederick William James, eldest son of the late Rev. W. W. Dungan and Mrs. Dungan, "Elgar," Cowper Road, Rathmines, to Norah Ethnie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Child, 11 Frankfort Avenue, Rathgar.

EVANS (1923-25) and SMITH—June 28, 1939, at Zion Church, Rathgar, by the Rev. Canon L. Parkinson Hill, M.A., assisted by the Rev. N.

L. Roberts, M.A., and the Rev. D. G. D. Harpur, B.D., Robert Geo. Gordon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Grattan T. Evans, Farrankelly, Greystones, to Patricia Mary, younger daughter of the late Mr. P. S. and Mrs. Smith, Kerrisdale, Lower Dodder Road, Rathfarnham.

BUTLER and ROPER—November 14, 1939, at Taney Church, Dundrum, by Rev. A. W. Orr, M.A., Gerald R. Butler to Aileen E. Roper.

LYSTER (1925-1929) and LEEMING—November 22nd, 1939, at Harold's Cross Parish Church by the Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D., Rector of the Parish, Cecil V. F. Lyster, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyster, Ormond Road, Rathmines, to Nora Alice Leeming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Leeming, 27 Rathfarnham Park, Rathfarnham.

MANSON (1921-28) and GILFILLAN — On October 11th, 1939, at Liberton Kirk, Edinburgh, by the Rev. J. S. Ewen, D.D., James Miller Manson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Manson, 3 Meadowfield Terrace, Edinburgh (late of Dublin), to Eileen Margaret Mitchell

Gilfillan, second daughter of the late Rev. Alexander and Mrs. Gilfillan, Latheron, Caithness.

Deaths

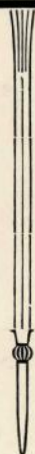
MASTERSON (1930-35)—November 21, 1939, at Stroud (as result of flying accident), Acting Pilot Officer Henry Noel, aged 20 years, youngest son of Thomas and Esther Master-son, "Arva," 12 Palmerston Gardens, Rathmines.

DREAPER (1883-85)—November 21, 1939, at his residence, London Road, Cheam, Dr. R. H. Dreaper, youngest son of the late Richard Henry Dreaper, of Finsboro' House, Castle-comer, Kilkenny, aged 70.

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