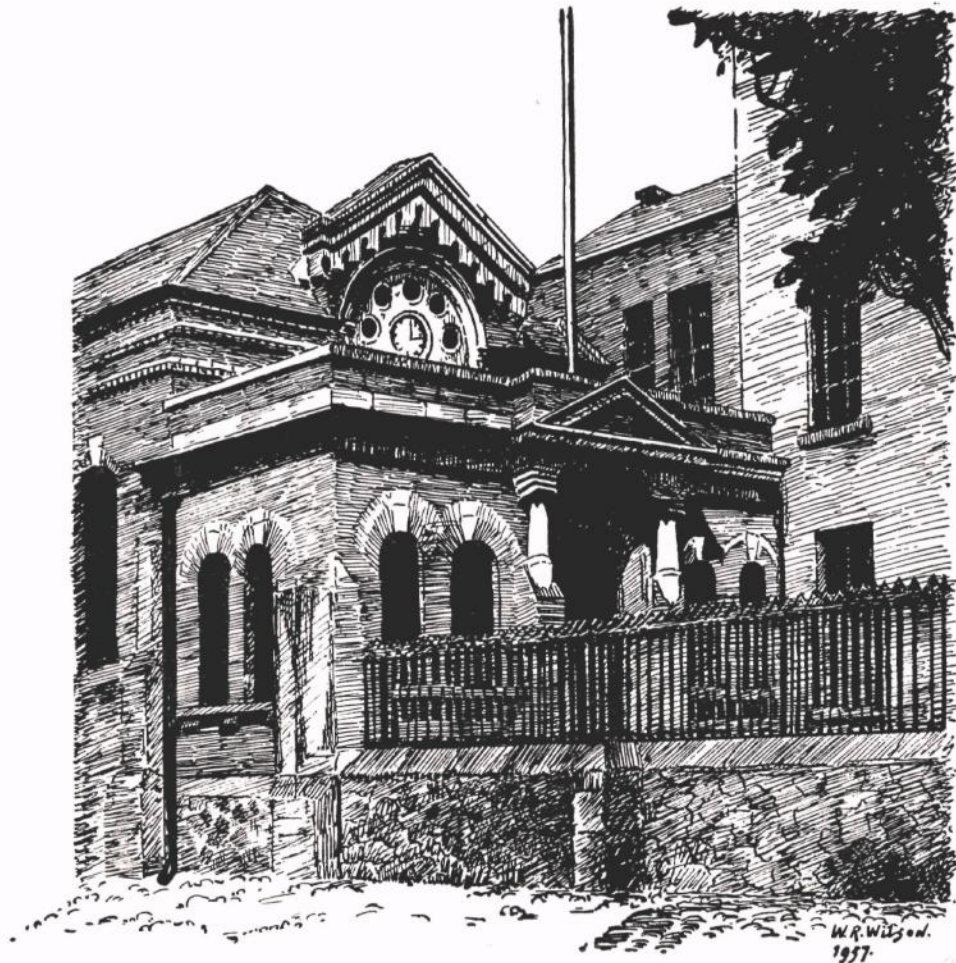


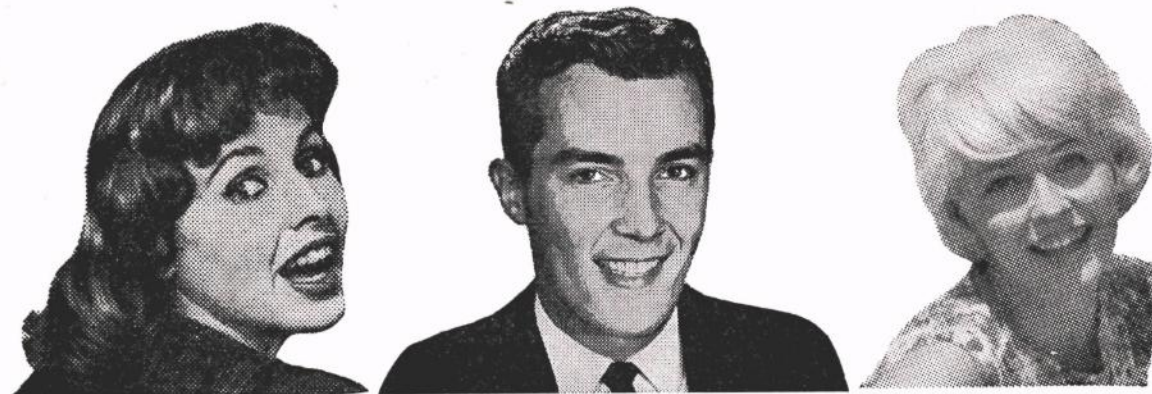
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

Miss D. P. Blakeney is now Senior Lady Teacher in the Junior School following the resignation of Mrs. J. D. Stokes.

We welcome to the staff Miss D. M. Bleakley, Mr. A. R. L. Beck, Mr. G. B. Wright, Moderator, B.A., and Mr. W. D. H. de Zeeuw, Moderator, B.A.

Mr. G. M. Sandes, ex-sergeant, Garda Siochana, is now school sergeant.

About one hundred boys attended the special Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral to mark the opening of the new Dáil.

In the course of the term talks were given by the Venerable J. S. Kingsnorth (U.M.C.A.) and Miss Boyland (C.M.S.).

Miss Alice Barklie gave a piano recital in the school in October. The programme included a Beethoven sonata and pieces by Mendelssohn, Chopin and Giles Farnaby.

A collection for the blind last June raised £2 13s. 5d.

A collection made in the school on behalf of the National Council for the Blind amounted to £3 3s. 5d.

A talk on Insurance as a career was given by an Old Boy, Mr. "Stan" Watson. Parties of boys also attended a Career Guidance Course in the Building Institute, and an open day in the Engineering School in Trinity College.

During the term parties of boys attended a special showing of the Bord na Móna film, "Progress Reported," and the Gael Linn production, "Saoirse?"

Eoghan Keegan is to play a part in a television serial beginning on Irish Television in the New Year.

We congratulate P. Nelson on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for cricket and A. G. Squires, D. M. Bowie, P. J. B. Nicholson and D. A. Jackson on being picked to play in the Leinster Schools' rugby trial.

MRS. J. D. STOKES

In June Mrs. J. D. Stokes resigned. She had been on the staff for six years, and for the last three had held the position of Senior Lady Teacher. She was an excellent teacher, who had the knack of getting the boys to work with

her, and she had raised the standard, particularly of Irish, to a very high level. Everything that had to be done she tackled in a quiet efficient and unruffled way. We miss her for this, but most of all we miss her gift for statesmanship and her real influence for good. We were glad to see her here at the Junior School Prize Distribution, though as a visitor, and we assure her that she has a warm place in our affections.

R.W.R.

Fifty Years Ago

(From THE ERASMIAN, March, 1912)

... besides the changes in the school staff, there have been other alterations made in the programme and ordinary routine of the day, all of which tend, we hope, to the further advancement of the school's interests and to greater success in examinations and athletics. The first test the school will undergo will be the Intermediate Examinations in June. We call them a test, for though fault may be found with the Intermediate system of education as such, yet, rightly or wrongly, a school is judged by its results in them.

Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens, presented by the Old Boys' Union, have been awarded to D. P. B. Norris and A. E. B. Beck for their contributions to the June issue.

The Erasmian Committee

EDITOR—P. R. Walsh.

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SPORTS EDITOR—R. A. J. Carson.

YEAR REPRESENTATIVES—D. Went, D. F. Ford, B. D. Lewis, H. G. Nason.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of "The Dalriad," "Schola Regia," "The Newtown Review," "Portora," "R.S.D.," and "Mountjoy School Magazine."

Photographic Competition

It has been decided that it would be more satisfactory from the point of view of competitors if the photographic competition were run in connection with the December issue of THE ERASMIAN, and not the June number as has hitherto been the case. Consequently, the next competition will be held not next June, but *next December*.

The Prize Distributions JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, November 9th. The Chairman was the Reverend Canon W. H. Coulter, M.A., and the special speaker was Lady MacLennan, wife of the British Ambassador.

The Headmaster said in his report that the work of the Junior School had proceeded quietly, and, he believed, efficiently, during the past year.

The Chairman introduced Lady MacLennan, saying that both she and her husband had done much in the short time that they had been in Ireland to show their interest in Irish life.

Lady MacLennan said that she was delighted to come back to school, and to the mingled smells of chalk, blackboard dusters, and books. She wished to congratulate the prize-winners, but rather than hoping for better luck for the unsuccessful next time, she wished them "better work next time." Saying that failure was no crime, but rather aiming low, and that "to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive," she urged parents not to do their children the grave disservice of shielding them from the drudgery of work.

A number of musical and dramatic items were then presented by the boys, including a display of folk-dancing arranged by Miss Bleakley, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," produced by Miss Blakeney and Miss McClure, and a musical play, "Journey to Siam," presented by Miss Barton. Displays of handwork and painting were on display in the teachers' rooms.

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, November 10th. The Chairman was the Reverend Pro-

fessor E. A. Crawford, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools. The special speaker was Professor W. Wright, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D., F.T.C.D., Professor of Engineering in Dublin University.

Referring to the successes of our boys in the Trinity College entrance scholarship examinations, the Headmaster said that it was unusual for the pupils of one school to win as many as four awards, as had been the case. Securing both first and second places was a feat that had not been achieved since 1935. Again, this was the third year in succession that a pupil of the High School had won first place and the Kidd Scholarship. The last time that this was achieved was in the years 1902-4, when again the three boys concerned came from the High School.

Dr. Reynolds contrasted the type of examination set by the university with that held under the auspices of the Department of Education, the courses in the latter being in many cases too narrow and closely defined. In fact, it was possible to obtain honours in the Leaving Certificate examination without having a really complete understanding of any subject. What the schools wanted to produce were well balanced young men and women, knowledgeable enough to be constructively critical, and disciplined enough to be co-operative. The Department's examinations, which allowed a mediocre candidate who had been intensively drilled to score as many marks as a candidate of ability, hindered us in this aim.

The Headmaster thanked Mr. W. S. Cunningham, an Old Boy and a governor, for presenting a sum of money sufficient to provide each year a replica for the Junior Athletics Championship Cup, now re-named the "Cunningham Cup" in memory of Alan Cunningham.

The Chairman congratulated the prize-winners on their work, and on the strength of character that could endure "the private agony of study." He also congratulated Irish secondary schools in general for the praiseworthy results that they obtained in an antediluvian system, dependent on government aid that was administered along the lines of a 19th century English expedient long abandoned in that country. The result was that instead of there being the shortage of teachers that was so often stressed there was a shortage of teaching positions such as his students would be prepared to accept.

Professor Wright expressed his pleasure at the number of High School boys that entered the Engineering School rather than confining themselves to the pursuit of subjects that they had followed as secondary pupils. He outlined the qualities required of an engineer, spoke of the various branches of engineering, and referred to the growing market for engineers abroad, and the possibility of an increased need of their services at home.

Mr. R. P. Willis, B.A., F.I.A., presented the Old Boys' Cup to R. M. Carson. The Benediction was pronounced by the Lord Bishop of Meath.

Valete

In addition to the boys mentioned in the June issue, J. C. Fisher, E. C. Morton, H. B. Knott, T. H. Lloyd, M. H. Robinson, A. S. Doak, A. F. Skerrett, P. H. Nelson and G. D. Taylor have entered Trinity College.

- D. J. Lewis has secured a position in the Representative Church Body.
- G. C. S. Burne has obtained a position with International Computers & Tabulators Ltd.
- C. A. Watson and A. G. H. McQueston are in Irish Lights.
- R. W. Scales has entered Messrs. W. H. Waters Ltd.
- W. M. Stuart is training to be a quantity surveyor.
- D. W. Micks is an apprentice miller with Messrs. Johnston, Mooney & O'Brien.
- D. G. Yeoman is studying agriculture.
- G. V. Erskine is on the staff of the Merchants Warehousing Co.
- G. D. Lawson is articled to Messrs. Pelham Plunkett, Chartered Accountants.
- D. J. Homan is a chargehand in Bradmola Ltd.
- D. W. Mahood is in Bolton Street Technical School studying Mechanical Engineering.
- D. E. St. C. Herman is working for Marshall's Antiques, South King Street.
- D. G. Lee is an apprentice technician in the R.A.F.
- T. G. L. Drought has joined the staff of Messrs. C. C. Wakefield (Castrol).
- D. A. Harris is on the reporting staff of the *Irish Times*.

B. D. Barrett has obtained a position with Messrs. G. A. Brittain Ltd.

B. H. W. Douglas is now with the Royal Bank of Ireland.

The Musical Society

The organisation of the former Gramophone Society has been completely revised. For a subscription of a shilling a term, which goes towards the purchase of new records, members can attend the Ceol Chumann na n-Óg concerts given by the Radio Éireann Symphony Orchestra, and also the Friday afternoon record recitals in the school. In addition they can avail of the record lending-library, which at present has a fair-sized collection that, it is hoped, will gradually increase.

So far this term, records played have included the Fifth Symphonies of Beethoven and Tchaikowsky, Piano Concertos by Mozart and Schumann, Puccini's "Tosca," and the Dutch Swing College Jazz Band. Items by Sibelius and Bach were also heard, and a stereophonic recording of Beethoven sonatas. It is hoped that the existence of such a society as this will not only provide a valuable opportunity of hearing good music, but will increase appreciation of it.

I.B.K.

Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting took place on 12th October and was attended by about 80 members who elected a new Committee as follows: Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Beck, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Allen. Hon. Auditor, Mr. Wisdom; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Stuart; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Mowatt.

Mr. Beck was elected Chairman at a subsequent Committee Meeting and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Stuart, will be pleased to hear from any Parents, not already members, who may be interested. His address is: 12 Gledswood Park, Clonskeagh, and the annual subscription is only 5/-.

Our first meeting of the past season was in November when we had Mr. Michael Coote, Rev. Gordon Fletcher and Mr. R. J. Walker to answer the question "Are we afraid of our children?" On that occasion we tried the experiment of sending the Notices by post to

see whether this would improve the level of attendance because we have heard so often that they fail to be delivered reliably by the usual method, through the boys. This most onerous job was done by Mr. Erskine who volunteered his services and it cost several days of his time plus about £5 in stationery and postage for 418 copies. We are sure that you will be able to appreciate the magnitude of his effort and will be grateful accordingly. Obviously we could not undertake all this every time and, in any case, it seemed to make not all that much difference so that we do not propose to repeat the experiment. We can only assume that we have a nucleus of regular attenders who will come anyway, while the rest obviously just are not interested and therefore are hardly worth trying to reach.

At the January meeting occurred what was perhaps the highlight of the whole year's proceedings, namely, the address by the Minister for Transport and Power, Mr. Childers, on "The position of Protestants in the life of the Republic." We think that most of those who heard him would agree that he is a most learned and accomplished speaker and that we could have listened to him with pleasure for twice as long.

There was no meeting in February because of the lateness of that in January due to the Minister's other engagements, so on 1st March we were addressed by Mr. W. D. Fraser on Selling, Mr. A. H. Lowry on Insurance, and Mr. C. E. Sowman on Banking, as careers.

Three weeks later we held a Forum composed of Miss Thekla Beere, Rev. Savell Hicks, Mr. W. A. Newman, and Rev. Dr. S. G. Poyntz.

A Visit to the Map Exhibition

On the 24th October our form master took us to see the map exhibition at Trinity College. As we approached the College the first building we saw facing the road was Regent House. We passed the main gate and went under the archway into the quadrangle. There are many interesting buildings surrounding the quadrangle, but we went straight to the Long Room, where the exhibition was being held.

The first item of interest we saw as we entered was Brian Boru's harp, and then the Royal Map of Ireland by Colonel Engineer Charles Vallancey. This is a large map show-

ing the physical features of Ireland and was drawn in 1785. Another map by the same man, made in 1776, showed a possible invasion route, passing through Little Tara, Hill of Clonsilla and Hill of Creagh. One of the earliest maps of Ireland I saw was made in 1260 showing the towns Dublin, Waterford, Wexford and Limerick and the rivers Liffey, Suir, Slaney and the Shannon. This map was very different to the map we know to-day.

In the time of Henry VIII the English made small maps of parts of Ireland to use when planning routes to conquer and invade Ireland. We also saw a map showing a plan of attack on Limerick. According to this map some of the army would attack with their guns from the front of the city, while the rest of the army encircled it and attacked from behind. The spelling on the map was not at all modern and Limerick was spelt Lymricke.

D. HILLIARD (Form 1B¹).

Chess

At the time of writing, High School has played two matches against Masonic this term. The first match was won by High School, $5\frac{1}{2}$ pts. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ pts.; the second match (a "seconds" match) was drawn $3\frac{1}{2}$ pts. to $3\frac{1}{2}$ pts. D. Beck has recently been elected Chess Secretary for 1961-62.

J.F.

Hobbies Exhibition

We are obliged to start this report on the hobbies exhibition with a plea for more entries in the future. Over the past few years the number of exhibitors has fallen steadily and it has now reached the stage where the exhibition is in danger of being abandoned for lack of support. An entry of 95 from 500 boys is a poor reward for the efforts of the organisers and we look forward to a substantial increase in the number of entries next year so that this most interesting event in the school year may be retained.

Even though this year's exhibition was small quite a number of the exhibits were of excellent quality. Those which call for special mention include the canoe and set of tables entered by Plant and working models of warships by the Erskine brothers. A great deal of thought and hard work were obviously put into the construction and they well merited their awards.

Other items which came particularly to notice were collections of railway tickets, plants, weeds and butterflies and the cookery section looked most appetising.

We would like to thank the organisers—the Parents' Association who provided the prizes, the Old Boys who did the judging and Mr. Evans who as usual arranged the display and did all the other "behind the scenes" work. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Bowen, wife of the chairman of the Parents' Association.

The first prize-winners were:—

Under 11—"A": Lewis, D. "B": Moran, D.
"C": Jeffares, N.

Under 13—"A": Lewis, B. "B": Cromer, J.
"C": Hanna, M.

Under 15—"A": Sholdice, N. "B": Bird, R.
"C": Went, D.

Over 15—"A": Frencken, J. "B": Erskine,
G. P.; Plant, P. (tie). "C": Killen, J.

Cookery—Travers, A.

R. CARSON (Form 5A).

The Choral Society

The Choral Society continues to flourish under the guidance of Miss Alice Barklie. This year it is hoped to produce "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan at the School Concert. Rehearsals have already begun for this production.

The attendance at the society meetings is quite large but it could be improved immensely, especially among the more senior boys (from IVth form upwards). This lack of enthusiasm by senior boys for this society leaves Miss Barklie with neither bass nor tenor singers. It is hoped that all senior boys, who are able to sing, will contact Miss Barklie and join this society.

D. WENT (Form 4A).

H. S. D. B. U.

It is encouraging to report that the numbers at this term's Bible Union meetings have continued high. Some new boys have been along to us on Fridays and it is good to see more senior boys along as well. We have had both clergymen and laymen as our speakers and their talks were appreciated by all and

extremely beneficial. During this session we were shown slides of Africa, and an Old Boy of the school, Dr. McColl, who just recently returned from the Congo where he worked as a doctor, also came to speak to us.

We extend a hearty welcome to all boys to come to our meetings on Friday afternoons.

D.B.

The Symphony Concert

Mendelssohn—Ruy Blas Overture.

Mozart—Symphony No. 34 in C major.

Milhaud—Concerto for Percussion.

Glück (arr. Mottel)—Slow movement from Ballet Suite.

Boydell—Richard's Riot, Scherzo for Percussion and Orchestra.

The item during the term which was of most musical interest was the Concert given by the Dublin Orchestral Players in the Clockroom. Dr. Brian Boydell succeeded admirably in his double rôle as conductor and commentator and his introductions to each piece proved at once instructive and amusing. The informal manner which he adopted throughout the Concert inspired the performers and greatly added to the evening's entertainment. Some of the boys, and no doubt the parents too, were delighted to have the workings of a symphony orchestra explained to them, and the tapestry of the various items skilfully analysed.

The major work on the programme was the three original movements from Mozart's Symphony No. 34 in C major, and the orchestra managed to bring out the inherent gracefulness without dragging or straining at any point. We felt very privileged to be the audience chosen to hear the first performance of two percussion works, one by Milhaud and the other recently written by Dr. Boydell. The soloist in both of these pieces was Richard Callinan (after whom Dr. Boydell named the Scherzo) who was required to use almost every percussion instrument of the orchestra. His faultless dexterity was a source of amazement to many members of the audience, and not least to the budding drummers sitting agape in the back rows.

The success of the venture seems to indicate that visits by the Players will become a regular feature of the School's musical activities.

A.H.F.G.

General Knowledge Quiz

"On which side of the road does the traffic travel in France?" "It all depends which way it is going, sir." This was one of the questions and answers at the General Knowledge Contest held in the Clockroom on November 27. Though the attendance was very small, especially among the senior boys, those who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The questions were very well graded and the standard of answering was generally high. The Quiz was won by S. Ellis and Harcourt won the team award. Mrs. Willis presented the prizes and a collection, in aid of the rugby fund, was taken.

P.W.

The Greek Play

"The Ajax" of Sophocles, produced by the Headmaster, was performed by past and present boys of the High School, at Danum, on June 8. This was the fifth annual production of a Greek play, and, as with its predecessors, the dramatic passages were spoken in Greek,

while the chorus spoke in English. This year a shower of rain caused an unwanted interval, and during the cold spell which followed the scantily dressed chorus was greatly admired for its fortitude.

This year the chorus was very well led by D. P. Norris (5A), who spoke the odes admirably. The fourteen boys from 3A, trained by Miss Barklie, performed their simple dances imaginatively with a tasteful appropriateness for the atmosphere of Greek tragedy.

Of the actors, three were Old Boys. R. S. F. Murphy gave a sturdy interpretation of Ajax and the scene with his little son (D. J. Lewis, J¹) was of general appeal. R. J. Miller made an excellent Teucer, while it was well within the capabilities of R. A. Buttimore to give his usual talented rendering both of Agamemnon and Tecmessa. E. N. Brunner and J. E. Darley (both 6th Upper) made a barbaric Odysseus and a stately but rather sly Athene, respectively. From 5A came P. R. Walsh as a lively messenger, and J. M. Adams as Menelaus.

"The Ajax" is almost unique among Greek tragedies in that it has a change of scene. This was accomplished by moving the acting area from the left centre to the extreme right of the long "stage." Some bushes were erected to cover the death throes of Ajax, who slipped off stage under the cover of a drape.

The costumes were designed and made by Mrs. R. W. Reynolds, Mrs. M. A. Handy and Mrs. W. N. Gill, and the masks by J. D. Reynolds. The Headmaster accompanied the chorus on the recorder.

D. WENT (Form 4A).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1961

Honours—M. J. Armstrong (6), I. B. King (5), A. H. F. Griffin (5), J. C. Fisher (5), R. R. Miller (4), B. L. Meyer (3), D. J. Lewis (3), G. C. S. Burne (3), H. B. Knott (3), P. H. Nelson (3).

Pass—D. S. R. East, G. D. Lawson, P. E. Hall, T. H. Lloyd, C. A. Watson, A. S. Doak, A. F. Skerrett, P. B. Hautz, R. W. Scales, E. C. Morton, W. M. Stuart, D. W. Micks, M. H. Robinson, F. G. H. McQueston, G. D. Taylor.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1961

Honours—A. D. McCrea (7), J. Frencken (6), R. C. Wicklow (6), H. St. G. McClatchie (6), R. C. Young (6), D. Scott (6), D. L. W. Beck (6), R. G. Cochran (6), P. H. Mullock (6), A. H. Robb (6), S. M. Lee (6), R. M. Taylor (5), R. A. J. Carson (5), W. J. Burgess (5), A. P. Moran (5), R. L. Gordon (5), F. D. King (5), E. J. Bradfield (5), C. D. Mullock (5), J. F. Lundberg (5), I. R. MacKenzie (5), D. K. Taylor (4), D. G. Lee (4), K. A. Millington (4), M. Lentin (4), B. Williams (4), A. Shaw (4), G. B. St. G. Hilliard (3), B. C. O'Neill (3), R. H. Martin (3), G. W. Hunter (3), H. A. Shaper (3).

Pass—S. R. Martin, G. T. Beggs, D. W. Mahood, T. R. M. Cobbe, K. P. McCormick, M. D. Wilmot, W. G. Thompson, P. W. McIlwaine, E. J. Hanton, I. V. Manek, W. R. Wisdom, D. J. Homan, F. G. Williams, M. I. Levy, H. J. Greer, R. M. Coard, I. D. Bloomfield, D. McM. Hill.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Old Boys' Cup: R. M. CARSON.
High School Exhibition (£100): A. B. West.
Thompson Scholarship in Classics (£100): J. E. Darley.
Glorney Exhibition (£50 and Cup): S. Edwards.
Erasmus Smith Exhibition (£40): E. N. Brunker.
Bury Prize in English Literature (£10): J. E. Darley.
John Bennett Memorial Prize (£5): F. R. O'Neill.
Simon Eppel Memorial Prize in Science: G. H. Dodd.
Mitchell Scholarship (£30): P. R. Walsh.
B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30): N. Toms.
Silver Medal in Greek Testament: P. R. Walsh.
John Philips Rogers Prize (£3): A. D. McCrea.
Charles L. Dillon Memorial Prizes in Mathematics: R. C. M. Wicklow and R. G. Cochran.
Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish: A. H. F. Griffin and A. D. McCrea.
French Government's Prize: I. B. King.
Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: A. D. McCrea.
"Erasmian" Prizes (O.B.U.): P. R. Walsh, G. R. Caird, D. P. B. Norris, A. E. B. Beck.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Degrees

Ph.D.—I. R. McAulay.
M.A.—C. B. Warren, Rev. J. A. R. Marks.
Moderatorship—G. Johnson (Natural Sciences, First Class), E. H. Winter (Economics and Political Science, Second Class, First Division), A. L. Halliday (Natural Sciences, Second Class, First Division), J. D. Wilkinson (Modern History and Political Science, Second Class, Second Division), J. H. B. Dowse (Classics, Second Class, Second Division), E. B. Dawson (Natural Sciences, Third Class), J. D. F. McKee (Natural Sciences, Third Class).

B.A.I. (Honors)—D. L. Semple (First Class).
B.A.I.—N. D. Knowles.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—D. J. FitzPatrick, R. M. Galloway.

B.Dent.Sc.—F. R. Baigel.

B.Comm.—R. W. G. Hall.

B.A.—W. G. G. Fisher, R. W. G. Hall, N. D. Knowles, D. L. Semple, M. R. H. Taylor.

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions

First Place and James Patrick Kidd Scholarship (£200 a year for two years)—R. M. Carson.

Second Place and Louise Claude Purser Scholarship (£200 a year for two years)—D. J. P. Bryans.

Entrance Exhibition (£150 a year for two years)—R. Curtis (Mathematics).

Entrance Exhibition (£50 a year for two years)—G. H. Dodd (Chemistry, Zoology, Botany).

Scholarship 1961

A. C. Newell—First Scholar in Mathematics.
R. A. Buttimore—Only Scholar in Classics.

Engineering School

Stanley Foundation Scholarship (£350 a year for four years)—R. Curtis.

Marmaduke Backhouse Prize—R. Curtis.

3rd Year (Passed)—K. A. Gregory, D. J. Maynard, M. G. Taylor.

1st Year (Passed)—G. A. Aitken, R. A. Fleury, B. C. Johnson, R. J. Kirkham.

School of Physic

Final Dental Examination (A)—R. Berman, T. W. Meates.

Materia Medica, Pharmacology, and Therapeutics—W. G. G. Fisher, H. Khonsari, M. R. H. Taylor.

Pre-Registration Examination

Chemistry—Second-class Honors: J. R. Williams. Passes: A. I. Donaldson, S. W. J. Seager.

Physics—Second-class Honors: A. I. Donaldson. Passes: S. W. J. Seager, J. R. Williams.

School of Divinity

Prize in Ecclesiastical History (Second Prize)
—A. M. Gann.

Downes Divinity Premium (Written Composition)
—A. M. Gann.

Newport White Prize—A. M. Gann.

Special Prizes in Arts

John Isaac Beare Memorial Prize — R. A. Buttimore.

Term Honors**Junior Sophisters**

Mathematics—(1st Rank) : A. C. Newell.

Natural Sciences—(1st Rank) : A. C. Newell.
(2nd Rank) : N. C. J. Pope, R. R. L. de V.
O'Moore, A. W. Burgess. (3rd Rank) :
K. A. H. Mills.

Classics—(1st Rank) : R. J. Miller. (2nd
Rank) : R. S. F. Murphy.

Modern History and Political Science—(3rd
Rank) : J. W. Cox.

Economics and Political Science—(2nd Rank) :
D. G. Fish.

Senior Freshmen

Natural Sciences — (2nd Rank) : M. T.
Richardson, G. B. Wisdom. (3rd Rank) :
R. R. Watson, A. F. Morton.

Economics and Political Science—(2nd Rank) :
B. McClay, E. F. Browett.

Junior Freshmen

Natural Sciences—(1st Rank) : J. C. Darling
(1st Place), D. J. Challen, J. D. Reynolds.
(2nd Rank) : D. W. H. Adams, J. A. C.
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French—(3rd Rank) : C. F. L. Smith.

Mathematics—First Rank : D. J. Challen.

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Second Law Examination for Apprentices to
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SPORTS REVIEW

CLUB OFFICERS

RUGBY, 1961-62
Capt. : D. Bowie.
Hon. Sec. : R. Carson.

CRICKET, 1961
Capt. : D. Micks.
Hon. Sec. : A. Squires.

SWIMMING, 1961-62
Capt. : R. Taylor.
Vice-Capt. : R. Young.
Hon. Sec. : K. McCormick.

ATHLETICS
Capt. : R. Curtis.
Hon. Sec. : G. Smith.



UNDER 14

Back : R. Molins, D. Roberts, D. Parks, R. Taylor, R. Haskins, E. Keogh. Front : Mr. Fennell, F. Sowman, S. Molins, D. Ford, G. Wilson, S. Stuart, Mr. Leeson.

Cricket

The team of this season in High School was undoubtedly the "Under 14," who, after winning their section of the league, went on to win the Cup. This year's Senior eleven was not very successful in the Cup and as was stated in the June issue was beaten in the second round by St. Mary's College. The batting was quite good but the bowling lacked penetration ; in some matches our fielding was not as good as it might have been. By far the most enjoyable match of the season was that in which we beat St. Andrew's College on the last half of the match. The annual fixture against the Old Boys resulted in a victory for the Old Boys.

The "J.C.T." had a satisfactory season but were unfortunate in having a great number of their matches drawn. They were fairly successful in the Cup, being unlucky to be beaten by St. Mary's College by one wicket in the second round. The bowling of this team was rather better than the batting. The "Under 13" had quite a good season, winning three of their five

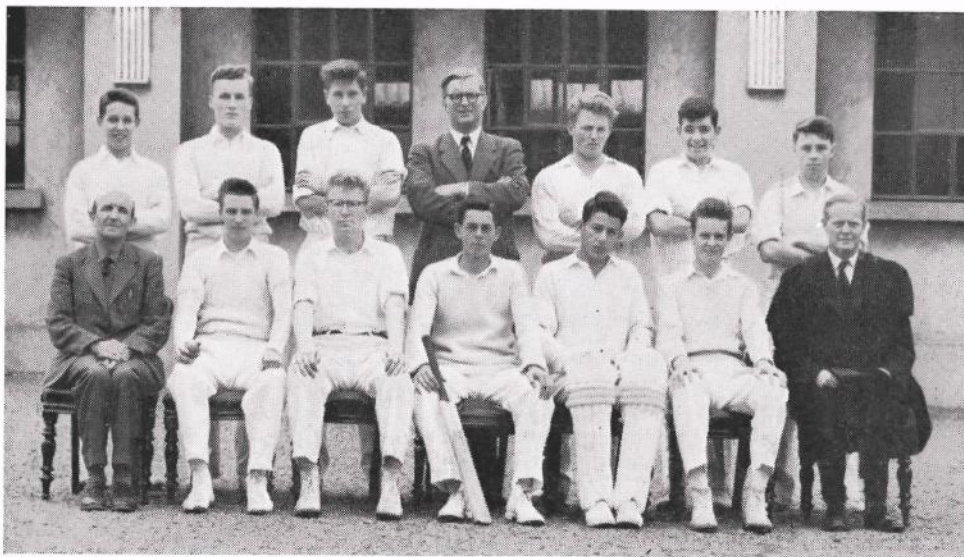
matches very convincingly. This team should develop into a very useful "Under 14" team next season. The "Under 12" had a hundred per cent record, winning both of their matches by fairly large margins.

Finally we come to the "Under 14" team who, after winning their section of the league, met C.U.S. in the semi-final and gained an overwhelming victory by 98 runs. The final against Belvedere was played at Castle Ave., Clontarf. Belvedere batted first and made 109 runs. High School went in to bat and hit the runs surprisingly quickly for the loss of four wickets. We congratulate the "Under 14" team, and hope they will do well in the Junior Cup next season.

D. Ford, the "Under 14" captain, was awarded a cricket bat for his score of 96 not out in the Junior Cup match.

P. Nelson won the De Vere Shortt Cup for the best batting average in the 1st XI, and A. Squires was the most successful bowler.

A.S.



S.C.T.
Back: D. Crampton, K. McCormick, P. Newell, Mr. Lowry, F. McQueston, D. Miller, G. Taylor. Front: Mr. Cornish, A. Squires, P. Nelson, D. Micks, D. Jackson, S. Ellis, Dr. Reynolds.

Athletics Report

The morning of June 27th dawned bright and clear promising us a successful sports day, a promise which was later to be fulfilled. There was a good increase in boys taking part compared with the number that entered last year, but we would like to see still more boys taking part in future years.

The junior sports had been held successfully the previous Wednesday. Our excellent grounds at Danum were greatly responsible for the success of both events.

Congratulations to R. Curtis on winning the Senior Championship (War Memorial Cup) and to A. Milliken and G. Smith on sharing the Junior Championship (Cunningham Cup). Also congratulations to Abbey House on securing the Lord Holmpatrick Cup, and to G. Smith on receiving Junior Athletic Colours.

The main results were:—

Lord Holmpatrick Cup—Abbey House.
War Memorial Cup—R. Curtis.
Cunningham Cup—A. Milliken, G. Smith.
Magill Cup (100 yds.)—A. Milliken.
Moore Cup (220 yds.)—R. Curtis.
Walker Cup (mile)—A. Gibson.
Sloan Cup—R. Curtis.

G.J.H.S.

Swimming

The Annual Gala was held at the Iveagh Baths on Friday, 3rd November, 1961.

The Committee were encouraged by a good attendance, and a large number of entries for the various events, which contributed to an interesting programme.

The main results were:—

Senior Championship—G. J. Caird.

Junior Championship—G. J. Caird.

4 x 20 metres House Squadron—Abbey (R. M. Taylor, D. P. Miller, K. E. Price, and K. P. McCormick).

We would like to congratulate G. J. Caird on winning both the Senior and Junior Championships. For the first time in many years High School won the Inter-Schools' Squadron Race, and also won against the Old Boys in a most exciting finish. The Gala ended with an exhibition of Life-saving organised by Mr. Myles, which was most successful.

Our thanks to Mrs. Reynolds for presenting the prizes and to Mr. O'Kane and all the masters who helped to make the Gala a success.

K.P.McC.

Tennis

The annual tennis match between the boys of the school and the mothers took place on Tuesday, 20th June, at Leinster-Stratford Lawn Tennis Club. The boys, hoping to avenge their defeats in previous years, were successful, and emerged victorious by seven matches to nil (two matches being curtailed by rain).

- J. Howe bt. Mrs. Murphy (6-3, 6-0).
 A. Squires bt. Mrs. Townshend (6-4, 6-3).
 D. Jackson bt. Mrs. Lloyd (6-3, 6-2).
 B. Douglas bt. Mrs. Mason (6-1, 6-3).
 D. Micks bt. Mrs. Stirling (6-3, 6-4).
 T. Lloyd bt. Mrs. Hanna (6-2, 6-2).
 D. Jackson and A. Squires bt. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Lloyd (6-3, 6-2).
 J. Howe and B. Douglas v. Mrs. Townshend and Mrs. Murphy (6-3, 4-4, unfinished).
 D. Micks and T. Lloyd v. Mrs. Stirling and Mrs. Hanna (3-6, 6-4, 1-0, unfinished).

This year the courts at Danum were in use for the first time and many boys availed of the opportunity to practise.

A.S.

Boxing

Boxing has started once again and is held each Friday in the Clockroom at 4 p.m. There is a good attendance of the younger boys but Mr. Myles would like to see more boys from the over 14 age group. The Championships will be held at the end of the Easter term, but more boxers of heavier weights will be needed to make it a success.

R.M.H.

Rugby Report

An excellent start has been made by all the teams this season and, up to the time of writing, together they have registered a total of thirty wins, seven draws and lost only seven matches.

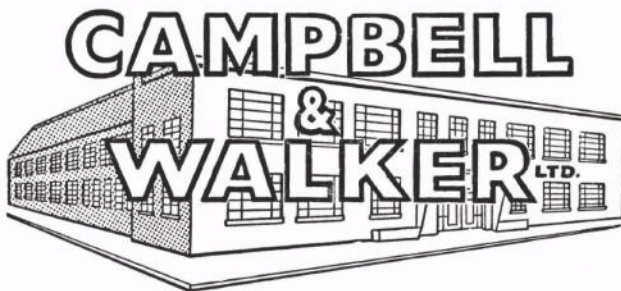
The Senior team, particularly in the last few weeks, have been showing good form. They have lost only one out of nine matches played so far. Their wins included one against St. Mary's, last year's Cup winners, and in an away match they held Newbridge, who had won all their previous matches, to a draw.

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Their one defeat was by Belvedere and we hope to see this reversed in the return match. The pack, which includes five from last year's S.C.T., is heavier than usual and this is proving a great asset against the normally stronger teams. The backs, although small, are playing well.

The 2nd XV are the most successful team this year. They have not as yet lost a match although they have met some good opposition. They are a very mobile team and as the results show are displaying good form despite frequent losses to the Senior team.

The J.C.T. are also doing extremely well. They have scored 259 points against 37. They have a fast and improving set of backs, and although the forwards are small they more than make up for this by their mobility and speed.

The 2nd J.C.T. have had one match which they drew. They should provide good support for the J.C.T.

The Under 14 have won 6 and lost 2 matches. An early injury to their captain weakened the side somewhat, but if they continue to improve they should do well. We have been able to field a second team which have had one match against Terenure.

The Under 13 have made a reasonably successful start losing only one out of five matches. They have a fast set of backs and if certain weaknesses can be eliminated should become an excellent Cup team in the future. All are keen and attend training sessions regularly.

The Under 12 have had only three matches as yet, winning two and losing one. Here, too, the team is enthusiastic and should do well in the future.

The Under 11 have played only one match, losing to Blackrock. They are showing keenness in their practice sessions and more matches will be arranged for them shortly.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	9	5	1	3	98	66
2nd XV	8	6	0	2	110	54
J.C.T.	10	9	1	0	259	37
Under 14	8	6	2	0	116	51
Under 13	5	2	1	2	56	24

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EDITORIAL

Special Christmas Greetings to the families of the following boys whose fathers were also "High School boys":—

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S.S.E.

Classics?

"Sir?"

"Yes, yes, what is it?"

"Sir, what's the good of Latin anyway, sir?"

"It-it-I-it keeps me off the dole. Get on with your work."

Such is the constant abuse to which the study of the Classics is subjected. Non-adherents humorously hint at its uselessness as compared with the blessing of their own subject—the stock of knowledge of most, perhaps, consists of Cæsar trying to cross the wider river on the fifth day as quickly as possible, and Nero fiddling while Rome burned, though a few have some vague notion about a little Latin being part of the make-up of a gentleman.

Nor is it difficult to see how such a tradition arose. The classical education was created by men who believed in an aristocratic ideal and was intended primarily for those who were free from pecuniary anxieties and could develop their individual interests and personalities without restriction. It helped them to polish their taste, to broaden their understanding, to practise that devotion to literature and the arts which was the magnificence of the Renaissance, to feel that as part of a splendid European tradition they must be worthy of their origins.

Greek. A whole history is contained in the word—a picture of a dark-haired tribe, two

thousand years before Christ, moving in a long stream from their pastures along the Danube, through Thrace and Thessaly, till at last their migration is held up by the sea; the wine-dark sea of Homer, and over the water the blue islands, lofty mountains, olive-bushes, cypress-trees; a warm but temperate sun bathing all. Small wonder in such a setting that the Greeks should become the devotees of beauty and the apostles of intellectual light.

Rome, and the relentless Legions which crushed foreign powers more from a sense of business than anything else. Cato, that hard-headed businessman, bringing the figs from Carthage into the House of Commons and demanding the destruction of Rome's dangerous trade-rival. The Roman Law, the Roman roads, reflected the supreme genius of the Romans for empire and order, and Rome became the capital of the materialistic world. And so in Athens and Rome are revealed both spheres of man's endeavour—the intellectual and the material.

In fact, because the Grecian and Roman civilisations and languages formed the basis of European science, mathematics and philosophy, together with the principles of democracy, he who studies them can hold a key to open gateways of understanding which no other source can open. For Greek and Latin poetry and prose contain a depth of feeling and insight, and a terseness and conciseness of expression which cannot fully be reproduced through any translation. "My father," said W. B. Yeats, "should have taught me nothing but Greek and Latin, and I would now not have to look in useless longing at books that have been, through the poor mechanism of translation, the builders of my soul."

The Humanists held that man is worth studying for his own sake, and the first Humanists turned to the study of Greece and Rome because in them they found a force and clarity which was not equalled by contemporary literature. Science should therefore not compete with Classics; each rather should serve as a complement to the other. And in this age of increased technical progress, it is all the more desirable that the Classics should regain some of their old power over the imaginations of men to restore in some measure that trust and pride which they have preserved for centuries.

I. KING (Form Upper VI).

The Rope Bridge

Last month I went to Powerscourt with Akela and two other sixers from our Wolf Cub Pack. The other members of the pack were to follow later in the bus. Our duty as the advance party was to prepare a rope bridge across the river.

We first tied a rope to a high tree on one bank of the river and then we attached the other end to a lower tree on the other bank. Before tying the rope to the second tree a pulley with cross stick was put on the rope. During the preparation all three of us asked Akela for first chance across. My two friends who were on the bank where the high rope was attached apparently saw the danger and were not quite so anxious as I was to make the first trip. My job kept me on the bank where the low rope was attached and I did not see any danger. When I returned to the high side I was not so keen on making the trip but I had to go.

I was lifted up by my cub mates, caught hold of the stick and I was off, but unfortunately the rope was slack and I was stuck in mid air

half-way across the river. I looked up at Akela who appeared to be enjoying the joke. I tried hard to move the pulley but as this was not successful I had to make the big jump into the water.

My cub mates were still not at all anxious to take a chance. We tightened the rope and I made a second attempt which was more successful but less exciting.

PHILIP ORR (Form J5).

Epstein's Bronzes

The most prominent feature of Epstein's work is the way he manages to draw out the character of his subjects. The bronzes have something that is true to life, and true to nature, but I had to pay two visits to the exhibition before I was fully able to appreciate some of the works. My first impression that there was rather a preponderance of female models, unknown as people to me, vanished when I realised that Epstein was introducing us to them; bringing them to life; disclosing their characters.

One of the most impressive bronzes was entitled Pola. It was the face of a youngish woman with hair tightly swept back. The eyes seemed to radiate pride and contempt, the high cheek bones dignity and warmth. Noticing the date 1945 after the entry in the catalogue, I realised that the Woman was Poland, and Epstein was portraying the contempt that the unhappy country was able to show under her German yoke.

Epstein produced a masterpiece in his bust of Sir Winston Churchill. The bronze had power, ruggedness and depth of feeling. The eyes seemed to start out of the head, while the strong forehead and solid chin gave a feeling of stability. Epstein obviously admired the great war Prime Minister.

The sculpture that disappointed me most was that of Albert Einstein, perhaps because I had previously heard so much about the work. His hair seemed very unrealistic, and his expression was like that of a cross teacher who had just noticed a pupil misbehaving, and was about to launch a tirade. On the other hand, the bust of Bernard Shaw was very true to life and the slightly-tilted head was both characteristic and attractive. Beneficence and gentility seemed to dominate and radiate from this work.

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A story is told in the sculpture of Mrs. Epstein, the artist's first wife. It may be that he caught a glimpse of the good woman when she was utterly worn out after a day of heavy washing or ironing; wearied but uncomplaining. The tenderness about this work suggests that it was not only an isolated incident in Mrs. Epstein's daily routine which is recorded, but also a condition in which women the world over often find themselves.

The remaining female works were very varied. Some were black, some white, some happy, some sad, but all full of character. Kitty, with her flowing hair, big eyes and graceful poise, expressed wonderment, or even surprise.

It is extremely difficult to capture the picture of a child when he is cross, amused, interested, playing or even ill. But Epstein managed to do so, and this section of the exhibition, because of its simplicity and because of its realism, proved of most general appeal.

The Heads of the Madonna and Child seemed to become clearer as one continued to gaze at them. Both were unusual, but much nearer to what Jesus as a boy and His mother must have looked like, than the usual Bible picture book drawings. The Mother was watchful and proud, the Boy innocent and interested. The other religious works being exhibited displayed a grace of line, but even more a consciousness of conviction.

After leaving the Exhibition, as I walked up a crowded Grafton Street, I looked intently at passers-by and wondered what sort of bronzes Epstein might have produced had he had them as subjects. There is no doubt that he would have seen much more in those people than I saw, for he could express their character, their very soul, by the uplift of an eyelid or the flick of a head.

A. H. F. GRIFFIN (Form Upper VI).

Learning to Drive

Turn on motor—left foot on clutch—into first; foot slowly off clutch and at the same time compensate with right foot on accelerator. She won't start. Ah! perhaps if I released the handbrake—yes—now start again. Turn on motor—left foot on clutch—into first; foot on accelerator and away we . . . I bet other cars don't jerk like that. Well my front teeth were

loose in any case. Now start again . . . not bad at all. Next time I might even remember to steer. Well as I am in the ditch I might as well practise reversing. I could reverse into that gateway across the road. Now slowly into the road. All right, stop hooting, I'll get her going as soon as I can.

Oh, dear, into that ditch again. Start again—into second—third—fourth—brake!! Damn that cow. What a place to lie down. Get moving you great big lump. And just when I thought things were beginning to go well.

Now coming in to a built-up area. Slow down and turn right. That turn was good. I'm improving. What does he mean flashing his headlights at me. Oh! it's a stupid place to put the switch in any case. That motor-bike is not going to overtake me. What does he think he's doing on his little buzz-box. I'll increase my speed; forty, sure it's easy; why not fifty? And who said it was difficult to drive a car; I can even do seventy. But he's got ahead of me and is signalling me to stop.

"30 miles an hour speed-limit . . . my licence—my insurance . . ." "Well, you see, officer, it's like this . . ."

P. WALSH (Form VI).

Venice

The exit from Venice railway station is unlike any other I have seen. There is not a car or bus in sight and the porters take one's luggage to a water-taxi. Venice is built on a series of tiny islands in the Adriatic. It is very old and therefore any streets that exist are narrow; indeed, most of them are only alleyways and in some the upper portions of the houses almost touch.

The "Main Street" of Venice is the Grand Canal—it is very busy but with water-buses in place of motor-buses, long wide barges instead of lorries and gondolas for those who are in less of a hurry. At night-time a trip on the Grand Canal is a special treat. The buildings and bridges are illuminated and in places the cafés, with their Chinese lanterns, make a reflection on the water. Here and there a number of gondolas with their passengers come together to form a party and sing songs to the music of a violin.

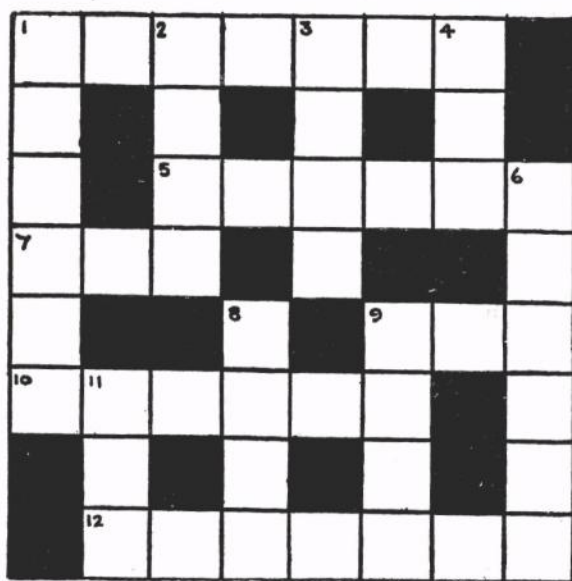
On the day we were leaving it happened to be the historic regatta of the gondolas. First

of all a party of gondolas came up the canal with a big gondola decorated in gold leading them. The men steering the gondolas were dressed in red and yellow with straw hats. The different processions lasted for the whole day.

As well as all its other interests Venice had plenty of sunshine and it was this that helped to make us enjoy our trip so much.

B. CARSON (Form 2A).

Crossword



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Twine with ring in it.
5. Ask Uncle Sam about Al.
7. Threequarters of this is found in earth.
9. A state on the go.
10. All is in this liquid.
12. One who'd spar for half of sixpence.

DOWN

1. No rags—a garment.
2. Genuine change for a Shakespearean king.
3. Trim.
4. Do Llamas like this?
6. A woman who needs a lot of water.
8. Leaf insect—could be?
9. Insect with male name.
11. Girl silly enough to lose fifty.

(Answers on page 23)

On Earning a Hundred Pounds

The wonderful stories of the veterans captured our imagination last year in Fifth, and we resolved that we ourselves would next year go across the sea and earn our fortunes in a pea-factory. And so it came about that eleven of us left one Saturday night in June, travelling steerage to Liverpool and thence to Grimsby.

It was Sunday afternoon when we finally arrived at Grimsby and we found the hostel where we were to stay. It had been recommended to us by the Y.M.C.A. and though by no stretch of the imagination could it have been called Heaven; it was handy and reasonable (in fact it was cheap). The building itself was massive with stone floors and tiled walls in which every sound (and there were many) echoed like a thunderclap; the staff, under the command of a Salvation Army captain, were a strange lot, but in a place like that, no one noticed. The captain himself was a thin, ferret-faced gentleman with red hair, who loved to play army marches on his gramophone late at night. His underlings included a Welshman, who was a part-time bookie, a bewhiskered female who shrieked hysterically when anyone winked at her, and a huge character, Lenny, who woke us up with his booming voice and the words: "Seven o'clock in the mornin', time ta geddup!" We scrambled in fear of our lives out of our creaking beds and on to the first bus.

At 7.30 a.m. we joined the hundred or so other students who were waiting, like lambs for the slaughter, by the Time Office wall. When 8.15 arrived, two gentlemen in white coats came out, gave us a card each, and told us to go off to the stores and get a boiler-suit and cap, the regulation uniform. In the stores another shrewd gentleman in a white coat assessed our sizes between his thumb and forefinger, thought for a moment with his chin in his hand, and then slung out a dark blue outfit marked "Large." With the cap, though, it was merely a matter of guesswork: "'Ere, biq'-ead, this oughta do ya!" Thus, resplendent in dark blue, we marched out again and were given our jobs. I got one in the Costings Office, and was promptly told that I would not need my new boiler-suit. Alas! thirty-six shillings, which I had not even earned yet, had gone down the drain.

After a while, when the pea season really started, we were all fairly busy, working between fourteen and sixteen hours a day. Out-

side, one spent one's time dodging the overseers, but inside, in the office, a certain amount of concentration was necessary, so I did not suffer from the monotony of which the others sometimes complained. Nevertheless, no matter where one worked, after about fifteen hours, one knew the meaning of tiredness.

The other students there were an extremely decent bunch; they came from all over the British Isles, and many from T.C.D. and U.C.D. Several were local boys who were "on leave" from Oxford or Cambridge, and they were very helpful, to me at any rate, in getting new digs, for, after two weeks, I would have paid any price to have a landlady to do my washing! The others got new digs as well, so we settled down fairly comfortably for about five weeks.

By the end of July the peas were nearly finished, and there was a slight pause before the beans came in, so most of the eleven were home by August. Next year, I suppose, we'll go over again, knowing all the tricks, and teaching them to the Fifth Formers who are at this moment listening eagerly to our yarns.

G. R. CAIRD (Form 6A).

The Landes Country

The Landes, a vast flat area in S.W. France, is made up of a 150-mile long line of sand dunes, which were piled up on the coast by the sea and slowly driven inland by the west wind until arrested by man, and an inland plain of non-porous sandstone. The sandstone caused the plain to be very marshy because the rain-water could not easily escape through it. The stopping of the course of the inland waters by the dunes resulted in the formation of a number of lakes.

In the Middle Ages the Landes were unfit for human occupation and two engineers were mainly responsible for opening up the region. In 1788 Brémontier began fixing the dunes with a long wooden palisade and tough, binding grasses.

During the Second Empire Chambrelent cleansed the unhealthy interior by constructing a network of irrigation canals, using skilled Dutch labour, and planting the whole region over with maritime pines, cork, and evergreen oaks.

At present the Landes country presents a magnificent aspect of pine-forest and lake. To see this at its best it is necessary to leave the "routes nationales" and take to the side roads. These rough-surfaced by-ways which snake through the trees offer an interesting new scene with every bend. It may be enormous piles of whitish-yellow timber which has been cut and dried and now awaits transport. It may be the sight of row upon row of pines with notches cut in their bark and earthenware pots placed beneath to catch the resin. It may be the sight of a team of sturdy mules slowly pulling behind them one of the Landes carts, specially built for this sandy region, creaking under the strain of a load of timber. Or the road may suddenly burst into a clearing in the middle of which stands one of the typical picturesque Landes cottages, with its little maize strip, its groves of small stunted vines and the inevitable kitchen garden. It is hemmed in on all sides by the forest from which its inhabitants derive most of their livelihood. The balsamic odour of the maritime pines is everywhere.

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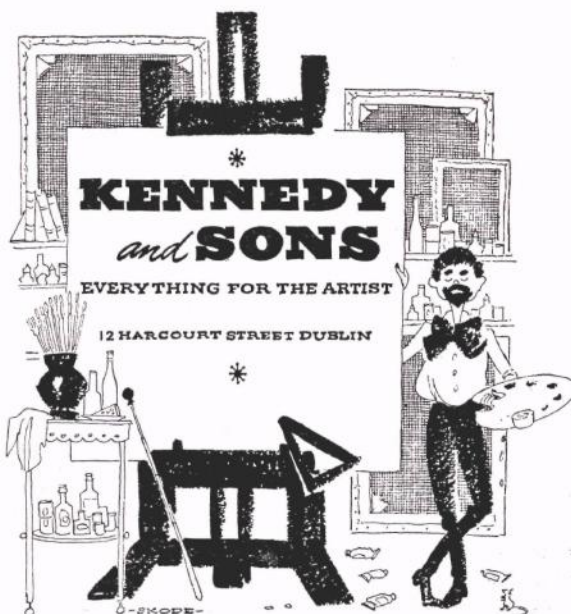
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The only other industry of note in this area is the rapidly-expanding tourist traffic. As a result of this, many new tourist centres have sprung up on the coast and lakes, and these are reached by a number of fast, dead-straight "routes nationales." Andernos-les-Bains, on the "Bassin d'Arcachon" (famous for oysters), is a typical example of such a centre. A few years ago Andernos must only have been a little cluster of cottages, but now it has grown into a delightful town, full of colourful houses. The golden beaches, modern amenities, beautiful scenery and interesting wild life all combine to make the Landes an area of great tourist potential. Also, because of the value of the maritime pine, it should continue to be an asset to the economy of France.

J. D. WRIGHT (Form 6A).

Trinity Letter

MICHAELMAS, 1961.

The Michaelmas term has now got well under way, and the daily life of the college is in full swing. Many of the clubs and societies have placed their outposts inside Front Gate as usual, and the air is filled with the crying of their "wares." Regent House and the other rooms which make up Front Gate are still in the throes of repair-work. Frequently the Regent House Library is filled with the joyous carolling of the labourers as they carry out their task.

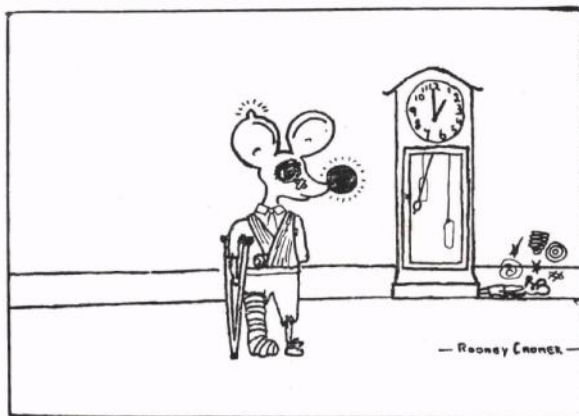
The examination results are out and we find that there is a good leavening of past pupils. W. G. G. Fisher has received the B.A. degree,

as did M. R. H. Taylor and R. W. G. Hall. The latter also obtained B.Comm. In the Junior Sophister examinations, R. J. Miller got first rank in Classics, and R. S. F. Murphy second. A. C. Newell obtained first rank in Mathematics.

Leaving the realms of scholastic achievement, we find that in the world of the societies our Old Boys are also conspicuous. R. J. Miller is secretary to the Classical Society, while R. S. F. Murphy is on the committee. J. E. Bardon is a member of the committee of the Fabian society—that rather radical politically-minded body. Bardon is also a Silver Medallist of the Historical Society. D. J. Challen is Deputy Librarian of the Philosophical Society. Julian Dawson, who so ably conducted the College Singers, and who gave some stirring piano recitals here, has accepted a post in Edinburgh as official accompanist to the B.B.C., and so has left the college.

I have given here only a very few examples of how former pupils are distinguishing themselves in Trinity. There are many more. Suffice it to say that here, where students come from all over the world, High School Old Boys are still more than holding their own, and the strong tradition in Trinity has in no way weakened.

We welcome the new Freshmen from the school, and hope that they will find college life congenial, and a helpful influence in their lives.



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J. McMILLAN (Form 1A).

The Old School Clock

Long, long ago a school was laid,
And over porch a huge clock stayed,
For many years its duty did
To tell the time, to all amid—
The teeming boys who all relied
On it, to summon them inside ;
But now, alas, its time has stopped
And anguished faces lift aloft ;
Not boys alone but many others
Who pass and pass in wind and weather.
And so the call goes out to find
Some clever fingers to be kind
Enough, to set its hands a-ticking
And keep Old Wind from entry making.

R. G. CROCKER (Form 4C).

A Cautionary Tale

The moon casts her silver petals on the
blackened deep, and, pale slippered, lingers by
the soft swift-whispering waves. It is night.
But for Icabod Booze, night brings no repose.
Alone with Mrs. Icabod, in their double-
scaffold bed, where nightly he mortifies his
fleshy desires for more gin, he sidles a glance
at his scare-skeleton wife, who vouchsafes a
sow-snort in reply. The mahogany clock on
the wall ticks itself into eternity, and announces
the fact with melancholy chimes, as Icabod
Booze's drip-dry mind's eye goggles in an
ecstasy of apprehension at a bottle of Cork

dry. Its glass stopper eye winks at him invitingly in the pink twilight of the ember-lit room.

"I must, I will," moans Icabod Booze; "a quick one won't bust my stainless steel soul." Mrs. Icabod, catching this last remark, sits upright, but on being again laid to rest in peace by her ever-devoteful husband, returns to her dreamland of supermarkets, and wallows in an orgy of specially reduced soap suds, and amazing free gifts. Meanwhile, however, Mr. Icabod Booze, Hon. M.A. (1916), eases himself out of the obscure warmth of his bed, and lobsters uneasily across the room on his varicose veins. When he reaches the threshold, he places his porter-stained ten-gallon hand on the door which lunges forward, protesting with a hideous squeak against this violation of its armed neutrality.

Fear clutches at his diminutive adam's apple which hops dryly up and down in his leathery throat, and despair slowly draws her icy finger down his knobbly spine. But Mrs. Icabod is far too engrossed in pondering over the bakelite basins of her dreams. Mr. Icabod reaches the antique table of artificial plastic, whereon reposes the object of his desire in lonely splendour. He seizes the bottle, and takes a soul-enveloping swig. Immediately the room fireworks itself into a frenzy of colour about his head. His tongue turns into a squib, and his gooseberry eyes pop like weasels. Icabod Booze falls to the floor enveloped in pink jelly-fish who dance a stately casserole on his bald head with green conger eels. Hearing the last whinny of her late-lamented husband, Mrs. Icabod rushes from the bargain basement of her dreams and is in time to hear her husband's last address to the honourable society of purple elephants.

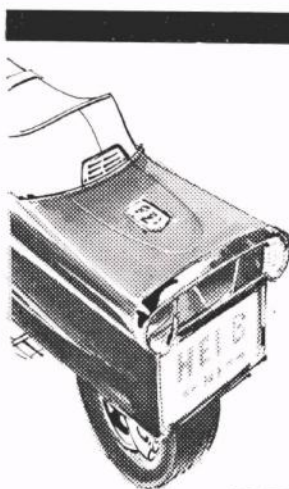
Two days later Mrs. Icabod, sprouting widow's weeds, follows the coffin to its last resting place in the family vault under Guinness's brewery. As she kneels before the white marble tomb of her dear departed, she sees a vision of his soul's barque floating towards her on a sea of orange champagne singing Father Matthew's air while he accompanies himself on a xylophone made of different-sized bottles.

D. NORRIS (Form 6A).

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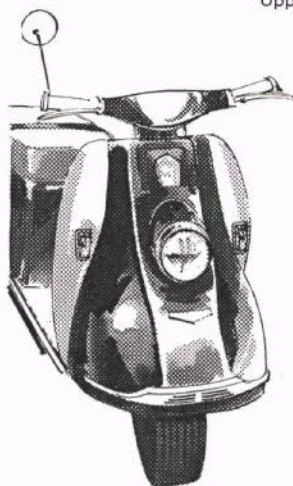
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The Balu Caves, Malaya

One day when we were in Kuala Lumpur visiting friends we decided to go and visit the Balu Caves, which were in a huge limestone rock detached from the hill. The rock was about 600 ft. from the ground and the caves were about 200 ft. up. The whole of this huge rock was riddled with caves, many of which were used as hideouts by robbers.

It did not take us long to reach the caves as a road ran right beneath them. Not very far from where we parked the two cars there were hundreds of steps leading up to the main caves. When we reached the top of the steps we were quite tired and so we stopped to rest and look at the view. The caves were huge and went far back into the hillside. All the main caves had electricity but to enable us to see some of the smaller caves, which had no electricity, we were given torches. In many caves were Hindu shrines where, every year, they would hold a religious ceremony during which repentant Hindus worked themselves into a trance and submitted their bodies to all manner of lacerations, such as slashing each other's backs and filling the weals with salt and piercing themselves with curved hooks.

In one small cave in which we went in we discovered a dead Kriel, a very poisonous snake. Later we heard that the whole place was snake-infested. There were a few bats in the main caves. When we came out again we saw a cave to our right apart from the rest. Not many people were going into this cave and we wondered why. We soon found out when we went in. The cave was enormous although its entrance was quite small compared with the main caves. There were no other caves leading off from it. It was very dark and there was a terrible smell caused by thousands of bats. On exploring further we discovered that there was a sort of path marked out by two ropes pegged into the rock. Very curious, we followed this path and to our surprise it ended abruptly at the edge of a pit. It was not very deep, but, if we had not discovered it in time, one of us might have had a nasty fall. As we did not want to meet anything worse we turned back and went out again.

Then we went down the steps again and returned to Kuala Lumpur after an afternoon that I will always remember.

E. J. TAYLOR (Form 4B).

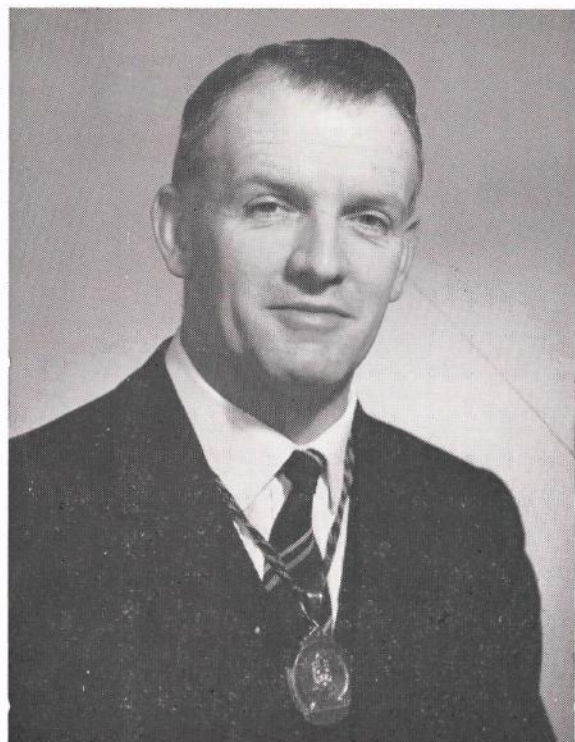
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Letter from the President

I must first acknowledge gratefully the high honour which my fellow-members have conferred in electing me President of the Old Boys' Union for 1961-62. The privilege and opportunity to serve the Union, and, through it, the School, in this capacity, are greatly valued.

I am sure you have enjoyed browsing through



this copy of THE ERASMIAN, reading of the activities of the School societies, the excellent examination results, and the reports of the sports clubs. No doubt, in passing, you will have recalled some of your own activities, good or bad, on or off the turf at Belgrave Square. As you know, we have now moved the "pitch" to the glorious wide-open 20 acres at Danum, in Rathgar, where the facilities are very good indeed.

The Old Boys' Union are naturally keen to show a concrete (sic) interest in this venture. Our immediate past President, Mr. Philip Walker, has launched an appeal for funds to build an extension to the existing pavilion, which addition will include a cricket score-board. The cost will be in the region of £1,800. The amount subscribed to date is only £728 and the number of Old Boys who have responded is disappointing. Nonetheless, your Committee have decided to put the work in hands in the knowledge that the Union will not let them down.

This is a practical and worthwhile demonstration of our interest in our School. I hope you are with us, in spirit and in substance.

Yours sincerely,

R. P. WILLIS.

P.S.—Donations may be sent to Mr. P. R. Walker, 27 Upr. Liffey Street, Dublin 1.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 20th October, 1961; the President, Mr. P. R. Walker, was in the Chair. 32 members were present.

The Hon. Secretary presented his report for the 33rd year (1960-61) of the Union's existence; it contained the following items of note:—

An appeal for subscriptions in order to build a Sports Pavilion at Danum was launched. At the date of the meeting over £700 was received from 177 Old Boys. A contract was placed with Messrs. Joseph E. Moore & Sons Ltd., and work is due to commence at an early date.

The 32nd Annual Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 5th November, 1960. There was an attendance of 502, and thanks to the hard work of Mr. Mervyn Kearthland and the Dance Sub-Committee it was a complete success.

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The Annual Dinner was held in the Clock-room on Saturday, the 21st January, 1961. There were 219 present. Sir Ian MacLennan was our principal guest.

The Ladies' Night was held in the University Club on Saturday, 25th March, 1961.

Question-Time was held on the 1st of December, 1960. A collection was taken up towards the expenses of the Annual Rugby match between the School and Royal Edinburgh High School.

The Union gave £10 towards the *Irish Times* Congo Fund and prizes were presented to the School for articles in THE ERASMIAN and for swimming.

Thirty-six new members joined the Union during the year.

Our Union was represented at all U.I.S. and A.S.U. meetings and functions.

The Hon. Treasurer's report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £64 17s. 11d. for the year.

The London Dinner, 1962

The 1962 London Dinner will be held in The Hall of India, The Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St. James's Street, S.W.1, on Friday, 9th February (eve of England v. Ireland Rugby International at Twickenham). If you intend being present kindly advise the Hon. Secretary on the form enclosed with this issue of THE ERASMIAN.

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Athletics

An athletic match between Old Boys of St. Columba's, St. Andrew's, Mountjoy and High School was held at Stillorgan Road in July. Our Old Boys won by two points from St. Columba's with St. Andrew's in third place.

At a Committee Meeting held on the 22nd September, 1961, our Hon. Athletics Secretary, Mr. Brendan Hennessey, very kindly offered to donate a cup for athletic competition between Old Boys' Unions who are members of the A.S.U. The Committee of the A.S.U. gratefully accepted Mr. Hennessey's offer and

have appointed both him and Mr. W. G. Booker, as joint Hon. Secretaries, to arrange an annual competition for the cup.

O.B.U. Golf Report

A.S.U., Dollymount, 8th June.

1st, St. Andrew's—279.

8th, High School—307.

G. A. J. Cole—75.

J. Bell—76.

F. E. Tate—77.

G. F. M. Cole—79.

O.B.U., Grange, 7th September.

Old Boys' Cup : H. L. Drew—84 (18)=66.

Bunbury Cup : A. F. Bennett—89 (17)=72.

Runner-up : R. G. Steele—79 (9)=70.

Best Gross : N. S. Montgomery=80.

Visitors : D. Magahy—75 (10)=65.

1st Nine : T. D. Murphy=32.

2nd Nine : F. E. Tate=37.

Secret Score : T. Bates=77.

U.I.S., Milltown, 14th September.

1st, Castleknock—134½.

13th, High School—148½.

G. A. Cole and W. T. Campbell—75.

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News of Old Boys

R. C. G. Balmer (1953-60), who is articted to Messrs. Cooper and Kenny, has passed the first chartered accountancy examinations.

Rev. N. D. Browne, M.A., B.D. (1930-38), has been appointed Rector of Hedgerley, Gerrard's Cross, Buckinghamshire.

S. D. T. Cobbe (1953-58), who is at present with Messrs. Fry, Cadbury, plans to emigrate to New Zealand next spring.

A. S. Doak (1955-61) won the Queen's Badge, the highest award in the Boys' Brigade, and the MacArthur Cup for the best all-round boy in his Company.

M. H. G. Ellis (1926-27), Senior Counsel, has had the distinction of being elected a Benchler of the King's Inns.

D. J. FitzPatrick (1945-55) played for Leinster in the Interprovincial Rugby match with Munster, and also for the Dublin XV against the Pyrenees selection at Toulouse in November.

D. A. A. Fleetwood (1953-57), who is with Messrs. W. C. Ribbeck, has passed Part 3 of the Chartered Accountancy examinations.

D. G. Gregory (1952-56) is a Cost Analyst with Computing Devices of Canada Ltd. He was largely instrumental in founding the first Boys' Brigade Company in Ottawa, and is in charge of the Life Boys' Team.

N. D. Knowles (1948-56) has been engineer in charge of a district for rural electrification under the E.S.B., and also, with Irish Lights, engaged on the project for replacing the Kish Lightship by a permanent structure. He intends to travel to Sydney to continue his engineering career there.

Ian R. McAulay, Ph.D. (1943-52), is engaged in research in Physics in Queen's University, Belfast.

Dr. E. C. A. McColl (1935-41), who was forced to leave his medical work in the Congo in September, spoke to the school Bible Union Society on his experiences there.

A. T. McKiernan, M.A., Mus.B., F.R.C.O. (1930-36), has been elected a Vice-President of the Leinster Society of Organists and Choirmasters for the 1961-62 session.

Rev. R. K. Maguire (1934-41) is Dean of the Anglican Church in Montreal, Canada.

C. S. Maybury (1955-60), who is with Messrs. Stokes Bros. & Pim, has passed Part 1 of the Chartered Accountants examination.

N. S. Montgomery (1938-47) has been appointed joint manager of Irish Pensions Trust Ltd.

I. H. McNab (1952-58) has been appointed to a clerkship with Messrs. Arthur Guinness & Co.

A. K. Pope (1951-60), who is with Messrs. Craig, Gardner, has passed the Chartered Accountants examination, Part 1.

Major C. J. Reid (1912-17) has been awarded the Silver Elk and **G. S. Sloan** (1916-23), District Commissioner, Dublin, the Silver Shamrock, by the Boy Scouts of Ireland. **P. C. Scott** (1922-27) has been elected honorary General Secretary; **J. R. Dick** (1922-27), a member of the National Council; **H. L. Drew** (1939-42) and **Major Reid**, members of the National Executive of the Boy Scouts of Ireland.

J. D. Ridgeway (1949-58) and **D. J. Sweetman** (1951-57) played for the Leinster Colts against the Ulster Colts last June.

R. J. Walker (1924-31), President of the Dublin Battalion, Boys' Brigade, took the salute at the Founder's Day Parade at St. Patrick's Cathedral in October.

H. F. Wann (1950-54) is in Jamaica on a three-year contract with the Alliance Assurance Co. He was seriously injured in a motor accident in July, but has fortunately made an excellent recovery.

J. D. Wilkinson (1947-57), who obtained a Moderatorship in History and Political Science this year, is organist at St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey, and also for the past year has been Music Teacher and Choirmaster in Mountjoy School. He won the Fitzgerald Trophy for advanced organ at the Feis Ceoil last May. He has just been appointed to the staff of Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. Ltd.

E. H. Winter (1949-57) has gone to the University of North Carolina for three years to do post-graduate work in Statistics.

A. J. Woolfe (1955-58), who was awarded the Francis Nolan prize at entrance to the College of Surgeons, has passed "half."

Extracts from a letter from ERIC WINTER, who is at the University of North Carolina.

"Chapel Hill, the site of the University Campus, is a small town supported largely by the business of supplying the multitudinous needs of six thousand students. The natives are quiet, unhurried and contented. They are most hos-

pitiable, and will go out of their way to help a person in any way. Every foreign student is allocated to a local family who provide a home for him during his stay at the University. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are my hosts . . .

This University is even better in the field of Statistics than I thought. In the United States there are three big names in Statistics. One of them is Hotelling, and the other two are pupils of his. Hotelling is here in this Department, and it is through his work that the Department has been built up to its present strength. Now research is being conducted along similar lines towards the development of Mathematical Statistics . . .

Almost all the first year graduate students have a University Degree in Mathematics."

Marriages

Gerald W. Agar (1948-52) to Hazel Burgess, September 9, 1961.

Dr. Sydney Baigel (1938-44) to Madeleine Collins, August 21, 1961, in Prestwich, Lancashire.

Roger Godfrey Beckett (1952-54) to Susan Howe Moffett, August 26, 1961.

Gerald F. Cole (1936-43) to Audrey P. Stevens, September 9, 1961.

Eric S. Couse (1944-48) to Pamela Parsons, June 24, 1961.

Eric R. Crampton (1951-54) to Joan C. Dalton, June 17, 1961.

Dermot A. James (1939-45) to Gladys M. Finlay, September 5, 1961.

Albert C. Knott (1946-53) to Patricia Hinchliff, July 11, 1961, at Cullercoats.

John C. McCoubrey (1950-54) to Jane F. Dickie, June 24, 1961.

Dr. Brian H. Murdoch (1946-47) to Winifred F. S. Bewley, July 1, 1961.

John T. Paul (1949-55) to Jean E. Blyth, July 1, 1961.

Dr. Peter J. Reid (1949-50) to Dr. Kathleen R. King, August 16, 1961.

Deaths

George Warren Frazer (1887-95), June 22, 1961.

Gwynn Seaton Bradshaw Mack, M.A., T.C.D. (1909-11) (suddenly), in Germany, October 17, 1961.

Ernest Sidney Owen Dunlop, C.B.E., B.Sc. (London) (1905-12), in London, November 8, 1961.

John Millburn Mounsey (1906-15).

John A. Storey, Ph.D., Headmaster, Masonic Boys' School, formerly Assistant Master, the High School, Dublin, 1933-44, August 4, 1961.

Ernest R. Walsh (1894-96), August, 1961.

George Herbert Worlin (1926-34) (suddenly) in Romford, October 5, 1961.

ERNEST R WALSH

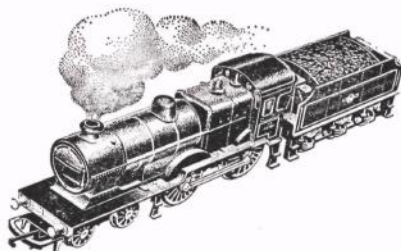
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An intimate friend of W. B. Yeats, a founder member of the United Arts Club, a devoted and discriminating lover of the arts, he was in close touch with all the personalities, events, and developments of those days. His unrivalled knowledge and his endless fund of reminiscence have in recent years been at the service of a number of young people writing theses on Joyce, Yeats, Synge, etc. To each one he gave generous and friendly advice and encouragement.

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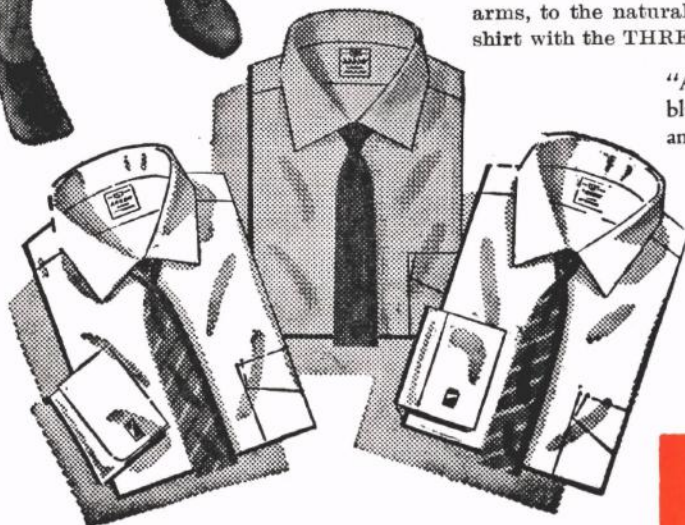
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