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EDITORIAL



The use of leisure is considered a major problem today, and so is the young generation. The two coincide in the survey, published in this issue, which collected information about holiday jobs taken by High School boys last summer.

The chief inducement to take a holiday job was obviously the money involved. Opponents of vacation work may easily scoff at "sordid gain" but the advantages of earning £50 in six weeks' work are considerable. A holiday job means financial independence in the summer, and more money for leisure and hobbies during term-time. It is a complete change from school work and is an introduction to the adult necessity of earning a living.

Yet the fact remains that except for the few under financial pressure, holiday work is not a necessity. How far it affects boys by exhausting them and making them less ready to face a new school year it is impossible to tell, but perhaps the 45% who did not work profited more in the long run. For, after leaving school, most boys will never again get ten free weeks in the summer. The majority will not go to University or become schoolmasters, and so their school holidays are literally the opportunity of a lifetime. They will be working for the rest of their lives, and later on their three weeks in August will be more suited to a package holiday on the Costa Brava than a canoe trip down the Rhine. In England the great benefits of Outward Bound courses and social work by young people are recognised, but even apart from organised activities, anyone who spends a dull summer must be devoid of imagination. All European countries, and even some further afield, can be visited extremely cheaply if one is prepared to "rough it", which few want to do when they are no longer students, and at home the alternatives range from caving in Clare to writing plays for the Henley Memorial Prize. Yet against the advantages of learning a language or seeing the world there is to be set, of course, that £50. One solution was found this summer by a boy who worked at lumbering in Finland, and saw

some of the country as well, and this combination of work and a good holiday seems the ideal compromise.

It would be interesting to find out what *Erasmian* readers think about holiday work, and the editor invites parents, boys and anyone else with strong opinions, to write to him in time for the June issue.

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At the Senior School Prize Distribution this year one of the speakers said that life inevitably erodes one's ideals. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who died this summer, had this to say: "The knowledge of life which we grown-ups have to pass on to the younger generation will not be expressed thus: 'Your ideals will soon give way before reality; but: 'Grow into your ideals so that life can never rob you of them.' If all of us could become what we were at 14, what a different place the world would be!"

The Editor would like to thank Mr. Harry Booker for his kind assistance in the collection of advertising support.

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In 1964 the School received a bequest of £100 from the late Miss Florence Henley to found a prize in memory of her brother. The prize will be awarded every second year for the best creative achievement in Literature or the Arts.

The prize has been won for the first time this year by BERNARD THOMAS (6u) for his SONATINA FOR PIANO. The judge of the competition, Professor Brian Boydell of Trinity College, said of his entry:

"This sonata shows quite outstanding creative ability, both technically and imaginatively, for someone so young. He is obviously steeped in admiration of Hindemith at the moment, which is a very healthy influence, I think. . . . I am particularly impressed by the originality of his harmonic sense, without its being either contrived or illogical; and also by his ability to develop his material."

The runner-up was HOWARD GREER, who submitted a selection of poems. Among them were the following sonnet, and three poems whose titles are taken from the lines by Henry King:

"O that the stars,

When lovers meet, should stand opposed in wars."

*O Love, fault seems to lie on both our side,
Although in truth I know not what it is:
But thou art angered, and in cause beside,
For not for nothing would'st thou spoil our bliss.
When last I saw thee, thou did'st greet me well,
But in thine eyes cold mockery had grown:
As if thy smile meant nought but as a knell
Of thy dear love which had already flown.
But 'ere I cure the ill which in me lies
And finds me thus an object of such blame,
Thou must expose the germ before mine eyes
That I may see the reason of my shame.
For though I love thee, yet I cannot please
Till I have learnt the form of my disease.*

O THAT THE STARS

*Sweet of mine eye, I need thee —
And yet in truth my mind must tell my heart,
My heart mine eye:
That should thee, in thy fashion, to me fly.
Repent, and cry,
Yet must our highest loves be oceans wide apart:
Our tears must swell that sea;
That sea must swell our tears;
So it has been, and so will be:
Unhappy the past, unhappy our future years.*

WHEN LOVERS MEET

*He sat, waiting for her to come;
waiting nervously, his cigarette nervously from hand to hand.
Suddenly he saw her coming, feet running,
her shoes clickety-clack, clackety-click upon the stone;
she looked anxious, not nervous — stopped
waiting for the traffic to pass, a red
lithe sports-car: spasmodic menstrual flow.
She crossed the road and saw — saw
his tortured, twisted, ashen face — and ran
to him; met, their eyes changed:
his anxious, hers nervous, questioning, mute appeal,
his answering her look, wildly, dumbly.
"Do you?" she asked. He said, "I do";
and: "Did you?" he asked. She said, "I did";
and, "Will it be so?" answered "Yes".
Frantic eyes subdued, quiet; twilight now —
gone — only the cigarette stub writhing its thin trailing
smoke upward
to the silent, unheeding Gods.*

. SHOULD STAND OPPOSED IN WARS

*Tonight, before my slated dull eyes I saw her fast taken—
taken, in the shuddering, lumbering arms of a drunkard
gently, inevitably. Gently. Taken passionately, greedily;
lust eyes glittering in the red ugliness of desire,
the red necklace-beads, cheap-expensive harlotry,
paradoxical in the rench of the bitter-clinging liquor-fumes
like the men's urinals in Stephen's Green.
Take her away. Her hours are numbered in the grey
worn leaves of his diary —
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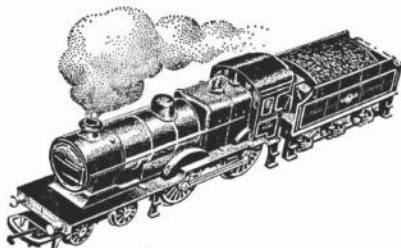
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Trinity Letter

Trinity outwardly has again taken on that quiet air which is so characteristic of the Michaelmas term; the wine and sherry receptions enticing the innocent Junior Freshmen to join the various societies have at last run dry. Many have had their desired results, but as usual one feels that there must be many new undergraduates who are still sprawling in the maze of one hundred-odd societies existing in the college. Many of the more studious types wonder how they can join a society at all and yet keep up the work, while others do not know which ones to leave out. But essentially the problem, occurring again and again, is that of how best to combine work and pleasure.

It is often said that not to have taken an active part in the societies of the College is not to have known college life, but one Old Boy wonders. He maintains that there is little intellectual ferment in the College. We seem to lack the dynamism and enthusiasm which prevail in American universities. Perhaps Irish schools fail to awaken and encourage extra-curricular interests in their pupils?

To criticise too much can lead to misery, but judging by the number of Old Boys taking part in various ventures the High School men on the whole cannot be too disillusioned. Great interest has developed recently in the advertising world. Norman Toms is advertising manager of *Kosmos*, the science magazine, for which Richard Buchanan had a very successful sales drive last year. Derek Crampton has obtained many ads for "T.C.D." and is working under Paul Walsh, the advertising manager. Derek has vacated his position on the Student Representative Council because he feels that it has no official authority in the College.

Derek is also on the 1st table-tennis team and is hoping to get his colours shortly. Another two who no doubt will be looking for their colours on the 1st soccer team are Rory O'Moore and David Jackson. There certainly has been a great change from the apathy shown by High School men for sport recently. Ken Millington and Brian O'Neill are acquitting themselves very well in cross-country events. Robert Miller won colours for pole-vaulting last summer and Ronald Carson, as well as playing badminton for the 1st team, is treasurer of the club. Another badminton enthusiast is John Owens, but poor John broke an ankle playing

rugby a few weeks ago and is going around College on crutches. But he was lucky! The skiing season has not yet started, so he offers a bit of novelty and is a centre of attraction.

Other men distinguishing themselves include Cian O'Hegarty who won a gold medal for oratory at the Hist. Sean Edwards sits on the Council of the Phil. and plays an active part in the Fabian Society. Michael Armstrong is a librarian in the Mathematical Society and Alan Griffin, as librarian of the Classical Society, makes a valiant effort to keep flying the flag of the dying High School classical tradition.

Ronald Wicklow, somewhat disappointed with the response to his beard, has now spurned it. Another active man is Donald Beck, for besides being on the Badminton Committee and Minor Grants Committee (which organises grants to the smaller societies), he is on the Board of "Justice", the T.C.D. and U.C.D. law magazine, and will be its editor next term. Copies can be ordered in advance!

Finally, but by no means least, our sincere congratulations are due to David Jackson, David Norris, Cian O'Hegarty and David Wilson, who each obtained a Foundation Scholarship in May. This is truly a great achievement, both for the boys themselves and the school.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

(From the *Erasmian*, September, 1915)

The Captain of our "First XI" this year has had good cause to be satisfied with the success of the team under his leadership. There has not been a better balanced team than that of 1915 during the last seven seasons, and each member of it deserves a full share of the credit of having brought the Leinster Schools' Challenge Cup to the High School.

Many congratulations were received, and it was remarked that High School had at last added its name to the list of Schools' Cup winners.

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Holiday Jobs

"Young people have never had it so good," so say many parents. Young people are supposed to have far too much money to spend on pictures, dancing, bowling, girls, records and "with-it" clothes. Of course it is true that young people have much more money than formerly, but the cost of living has also increased enormously. Another factor is that much of the money teenagers spend is the product of hard work—in other words, holiday jobs.

In a survey carried out during this term among senior boys in High School, it was discovered that just over 50% of fifth and sixth year boys worked during last summer, a total of fifty boys. Ten boys lived away from home: five in hotels, three in private houses, and one each in lodgings and a tent. The tent-dweller, who worked at pea-canning, gave us the following account of how he came to camp:

"Accommodation is provided at £5 a week, for which two unidentifiable meals are served each day, and are promptly returned untouched, only to be served again at the following meal. Double bunks are provided for sleeping in, but

the best one can hope for is to catch an odd 40 winks between laughs, quarrels and sing-songs. In utter desperation, my brother and I spent the last four weeks in the peaceful accommodation of a tent."

An interesting result of the survey was the fact that most boys did not find their work too strenuous, and 70% would take the same employment again. The point that many opponents of holiday employment make is that, after working hard in school for some months, boys need to relax both physically and mentally during the holidays. While this was borne out by one case in which a boy's return to school had to be postponed for a month due to exhaustion after working in England, it was of course impossible to get precise findings in this field.

The conclusion reached in this survey is that, if a boy likes things such as pictures and dancing, as most do, he will realise his need of money and in all probability will build up his financial resources by taking a job during the holidays. Therefore it seems that, as long as the work is not too hard and the pay not too small, the popularity of holiday jobs will continue to increase. Below are the figures and facts about the jobs taken, divided as follows

into (a) hotels; (b) factories; (c) offices and shops, and (d) outdoors.

(a) Eight boys worked in hotels, working an average of 55 hours a week. The work seems to have been fairly hard, as the total amount of overtime done was only two hours. The pay ranged between 2/- and 3/- an hour (plus tips in some cases) and an average profit of £40 was made, although one boy came home with only £2. Half of these boys would do the same work again.

(b) Factories claimed 14 boys, with an average working week of 47 hours with another 10 hours overtime. Working conditions were satisfactory and pay varied between 2/- to 6/- an hour, with up to 9/- for overtime. Profits varied greatly, between £140 and £20, but the average was £50 for six weeks' work.

(c) Jobs in offices and shops were most popular, with 18 boys taking them. Yet wages were low — 2/2 an hour for 39 hours a week — and the work was boring and less than half would return to their jobs. Profits were between £13 and £30 in 6 weeks.

(d) There was also a good number of open-air enthusiasts, fourteen boys working outdoors. Again hours averaged 39 a week and wages were low, with an average profit of £15, but the most of these boys enjoyed their work and found it interesting.

Below is one account of a holiday worker's experiences.

"The main peculiarity about the jam-factory where I was working during the summer was that it attracted a lot of school-children for holiday work in the height of the season, and it depended on this for its profits throughout the remaining year. As a result it was organised like a school, not like a factory. The management knew that the workers were irresponsible and imposed ridiculous disciplinary measures; the workers reacted to this by becoming even more irresponsible. Life was a pure battle of wits with little moral feeling on either side; each side wanted to get as much as possible without giving; employees thought nothing of taking time off, and employers nothing of adding it on.

"I was in the lucky position of having the best of both worlds, for I was co-opted to work in the office after spending a few weeks in the factory proper. Here, of course, as nearly the whole staff was permanent, a much more subdued and conscientious atmosphere prevailed. I found "white collar" work much more demanding and fatiguing than pure physical labour,

because of the mental effort required. In the office one worked consistently hard, without any but the official breaks, and I found this very tiring.

"I missed the companionship of the factory floor, where we were all friends, banded together against a common foe. This was what really made life enjoyable, working with so many different kinds of people, who still shared one's outlook on life. For among the workers there was no moral sense. I ate as many as fifty strawberries on some days, and many people took pots of jam home with them. One could often spend nearly the whole morning not working, by hiding on top of boxes or behind stacks of crates. Every few minutes someone left his post to have a smoke in the cloakroom. Nothing was taken seriously by the employees; it was all an elaborate game, to see how smart you could be, and get away with it. When some people broke up the cloakroom one day after being sacked, it was all considered as a joke, and no one dreamed of saying who it was. There was no sense of loyalty to the firm at all.

"Yet, I would work here again only if I had no choice. For although wages were reasonable, conditions good, and the work was not hard, the moral struggle behind it was unpleasant. One lacked the feeling of doing something constructive. One felt that it was, like all elaborate games, an elaborate waste of time."

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Aran Islands

*Little islands sitting warm by the sea
In the open air where wind is free.
Small hummocks of bare rocks rise
Casting no light, where the gull cries,
From the cold majestic dawning sun.
Dusty tracks where native children run
Throughout these quiet lowly islands,
Are surrounded by bright silvery sands.*

Sunset

(Looking over Galway Bay at the end of a fine day.)

*The grey and blue of paltry day
Flee the view on their way
Giving way to harmonious colours.
Orange and pink mingled close
In the transparent distance.
The sun dipped deep, deep into the sea,
Bringing with it the orange and pink
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Inside Turkey

I looked back in anguish. There was Eckart carefully selecting a postcard, while behind him the train pulled out of Zagreb station without so much as a whistle. So he was stranded in Yugoslavia with his postcard, while I was on the Balkan Express with our rucksacks, bound for Istanbul.

After two days the train arrived there, and I began tentatively exploring this strange city of a thousand minarets. The first shock was the prices — hotels (admittedly not three-star) cost 2/6 a night, grapes 2d. a pound and cigarettes 4d. for twenty. Yet the Turks are good businessmen (some make a living selling drinks of water to passers-by), and in the noisy, crowded bazaar where vendors tug at one's sleeves, a foreigner quickly learns to bargain, and to throw back the head in the expressive Turkish negative "Yok!" The first days were a culinary delight, and I fell in love with the novel drinks and the Turkish food: meat on spits, hot spiced rice and soups, and novel vegetable dishes, all of which could be savoured if one did not worry too much about hygiene.

Yet the most distinctive feature was the mosques. Ataturk, whose rather grim image stares down from the wall in every house, restaurant and office, and is sculpted in all sorts of heroic postures in public places, made Turkey a secular state, but it is still very much a Moslem country. In country districts most women wear veils, and there they seem to do most of the work in the fields, while the men, with true oriental disregard for time, sit for hours in gloomy tea-houses. Women are not seen in tea-houses or selling in the bazaars, and marriages are still arranged by one's parents: we later met an extremely nervous man who was travelling over two hundred miles to meet his fiancée. So despite the fact that many young Turks are not religious, the mosques still represent a vital part of Turkey. The Blue Mosque in Istanbul was the best possible introduction to them. There was a "dim, religious light", and from the top of a huge, domed pillar-supported roof a chandelier was suspended to within a few feet of the rich carpets, which felt well under bare feet. Mahomet forbids the portrayal of the human form, so the pillars and the coloured porcelain tiles were decorated with intricate patterns and Arabic writing. Some old men were chanting the

Koran and others going through the Moslem prayer ritual, and it was a shock to come back to the intense heat and activity outside.

It was a more pleasant shock when Eckart turned up in Istanbul, after various adventures in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. So we could at last begin our journey, which gave us two months of a strange way of life, and a hundred memorable incidents. We crossed the Sea of Marmora, touched at Gallipoli and landed in Asia. We did as Alexander did, and saw Troy first. There were only a few walls, some columns and a mosaic on a sunny, windswept hill, and humps and hollows covered with parched golden grass. Yet Helen obviously chose the right place to elope to, for there was a view from this hill of the Plain of Troy, the Dardanelles dividing two continents and "beyond, serene the blue Aegean".

The Aegean coast of Turkey is full of Greek and Roman remains, although the Turkish government is only beginning to recognise their value and preserve them. They were of unending interest to two classical students. At Pergamum a whole town has been excavated, and the theatre was particularly impressive — a colossal semi-circle of stone seats set into a hillside — and the acoustics were good, too. Ephesus has also been extensively excavated, and there are temples, baths, gymnasias, a stadium and also the theatre where the scene described in Acts, Chapter 19 took place. Yet the spirit of Demetrius the silversmith still lives on, and souvenir-sellers are ubiquitous.

Two weeks later, after availing of tremendous Turkish hospitality at a small port, and then visiting some Greek islands, we were on the south coast of Turkey, which is less frequented by travellers. Here, on roads which our maps euphemistically labelled "unimproved", or "stabilised gravel", donkeys and lorries were the only forms of transport. One medium-sized lorry in which we travelled all day contained 38 Turkish peasants with their farm produce. I had a sheep across my legs, and Eckart, who was hanging on to the back, was completely white with the ever-present dust. This ride also illustrated the rather cruel Turkish sense of humour among the passengers, who took great delight in tormenting one pathetic old man — they even singed the hair of his legs with a cigarette lighter. Once a lorry dropped us in a rather remote spot. We walked on until we came to a tiny village centred on a wooden school. The usual crowd gathered round, and

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as we were trying to talk with a dictionary's help, a large dog approached. Immediately everyone began throwing stones and it made off through an olive grove. The boys and men ran after it, and we with them, and for the next hour we took part in a mad-dog chase. Our weapons were rocks, which the boys threw very accurately, and an ancient double-barrelled shotgun was produced. The dog put up a great fight, and it was only after it had been wounded for the third time that it gave up. We were then invited for a meal into a little house, and there, squatting on rugs, we all ate from the one dish. There were large sheets of unleavened wheaten bread (it looked like thick brown paper), and when it came to the salad, Eckart and I tried our best to avoid the extremely hot green peppers of which Turks are fond. A boy washed our hands, and then we resumed our seats by the road, along which no traffic passed for five hours.

Later we left the coast and climbed up onto the Anatolian Plateau, at times reaching five thousand feet. Here there were long fertile stretches of land adjoining desert-like areas, and there were whirlwinds which sent the dust spiralling upwards, camel trains, eagles and wooden-wheeled ox-carts. Grain was being threshed by horses walking on it pulling a man on a sledge behind, and it was then tossed into the wind for the chaff to blow away. Konya (St. Paul's Iconium) rose out of this bleak landscape. It is the religious centre of Turkey, a former centre of the Dervishes. Pilgrims go there from many parts of Turkey, and in the marble courtyard of the fascinating Mevlana mosque and museum, the women can be seen in their baggy, multi-coloured trousers washing their feet before entering the shrine. Eckart wished to buy a Turkish carpet, so we spent hours in the Konya bazaar, seeing, feeling and bargaining about carpets and being plied with tea, coffee and cigarettes, before finally taking a fine, hand-made prayer rug.

We made our way down to the coast again, passed through St. Paul's birthplace of Tarsus as the muezzin was calling the faithful to prayer over a loudspeaker, and reached our southernmost point at Antakya (Antioch). Here for the third time we were victims of the quaint custom whereby Turkish third-class hotel owners take small objects and amounts of money from their sleeping guests. We saw St. Peter's Grotto church here, then turned north, getting a train which reached its destination twelve hours late.

We were given a lift to the beautiful town of Bursa in a large American Dodge by some rich young Turks. They spoke English, played French pop records on a built-in gramophone, and in all were in marked contrast to the mule-riding peasants living in mud-brick houses elsewhere. These were two extremes, but they typify the position of Turkey. She is straddled between Europe and Asia, and while she has made strenuous attempts to westernise, and has western dress, Roman lettering and American bases, yet the peasants are poor and conservative. The Turks have strong prejudices and hate most of their neighbours — when we intended going to the Greek islands they tried all arguments to dissuade us. Yet they were also hospitable, and whenever we entered a village we had only to go to the tea-house (sometimes just a lean-to covered with branches) and they would buy us twopenny glasses of tea and make earnest efforts at conversation. Often on the coast all the local boys would come down to the sea and have a swim with us, and once a Turkish family almost adopted us during our stay near them — we were even brought tea in our tent in the morning.

Yet Turkey is not always comfortable for a visitor, and more than once we were extremely fortunate in sticky situations, as when Eckart was brought by a Turk to a shady back-street drinking establishment. Eckart (who was carrying over £10 in his pocket) suspected that his wine was drugged, and swapped glasses with his host, who a few minutes after drinking it got violently sick. We had, however, learnt a good deal by the time we entered Istanbul for the second time, and on the train journey home we refrained from buying postcards.

DAVID F. FORD (UPPER 6)

The Train

*Over the hill and over the dale
Comes the train with all its hale,
It stops at no stations,
It stops at no gates,
It is an express with gleaming plates.*

*Chuff-a-chuff-chuff,
Puff-a-puff-puff,
Oh! I know this is a lot of "guff"
And has been written about many a time.
But, maybe, possibly, you will accept mine?*

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"C-c-could I have a p-p-p—"

I saw an instant gleam come into the kindly face of the post-mistress. Yes, she had the situation well in hand.

"Yes I know. I understand. Don't worry, lovey-dove. Take your time now. Don't rush yourself."

"P-p-p-p —"

"That's it. It's alright now."

"P-p-p-p —"

"It's a dozen fivepennies you want, isn't it?"

"P-p-p-p —"

I watched her commence to open the stamp-book. With my eyes, I endeavoured to tell her that she was in error if she supposed that a dozen fivepennies was my mission. But she wasn't watching. As I watched her hand draw nearer to the stamps, I drove on more furiously than ever.

"P-p-p-p —"

Too late! The stamps had been extracted. I had failed to bring the good news from Ghent to Aix. I renewed the struggle with most creditable doggedness.

"P-p-p-p —"

"Ah yes," she went on sunnily. "That's alright. Five shillings now. Take your time now. You'll be alright."

"P-p-p-p —"

Matters appeared to have reached a deadlock.

"P-p-p-p —"

"It's clearing up now, isn't it? Not as cold as yesterday."

"P-p-p-p —"

"Though mind you now, the day before yesterday —"

"P-p-postal order for two-and-six, please!"

I looked up, flushed. By sheer guts, pure bulldog grit, I had achieved the impossible. I had said it. By jove, I thought, there can't be

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many fellows like me, though I say it myself. I looked up expectantly into her vacant, placid face.

"I beg your pardon," she said politely.

I smothered my emotion. With the same courage and tenacity of purpose that made the American Nation, or for that matter, the British Empire, what it is today, I plunged furiously back into the fray.

"A p-p-p-p — that is to say — p-p-p-p — er, in short — a p-p-p-p-p-postal order for two-and six, please."

"Oh, we don't have any of those here," she said. I thanked her politely and departed, still on my ever-long quest for a two-and-sixpenny postal-order. Any offers?

S. P. HILLIARD (6B)

An Indian School

The Lenten collection from last year's Form 6B reached £4, this sum being duly donated to the impecunious school in Kamdara, which my geography tells me is situated somewhere in the sub-continent of India. In reply a letter was received from Elizabeth Ferrer, a teacher of Irish nationality at the school, thanking the above-mentioned form, and giving some information as to the conditions prevailing in Kamdara.

The 18th of June heralded, for them, the coming of the monsoon season, and the closing of the school for a month during which Irish students, theoretically at any rate, are feverishly working for the June examinations. The Indian government examinations equivalent to our Intermediate and Leaving Cert. take place in February, and standards do not appear to be very high. "... In the whole province of Bihar only 38% of the candidates passed: we had 9 passes out of 15 entries ..." Here at home 90% passed, and we had 43 successful candidates out of 52. Even this is nothing to boast about, in view of our greater facilities and presumably higher teaching standards.

"Since the half-yearly exams. finished ... the boys and girls have been engaged in an all-out effort to repair the school roof." Here a spirit of co-operation is apparent; the juniors stripped the roof, the seniors prepared new rafters, all and sundry went begging from village to village for timber and other materials and the very small boys brought the tiles half-

a-mile to the school from the potter's house. Catch a pupil of H.S.D. doing this; not on your life!

Whereas we enjoy Government recognition, and a yearly grant, the High School at Kamdara has only just gained official recognition. Certain reference books had to be purchased and a science master employed. The shortage of suitably trained teaching staff is acute and the Indian Government have informed the school that if they only advertise the post, it will be deemed sufficient to satisfy the regulations.

School meals present a major problem at Kamdara; there have been poor harvests in the region, resulting in inflated prices, and the boarders' fees have had to be subsidised with extra rice, "... most of them are under-nourished ... it is no good trying to teach them if we cannot feed them." We in Dublin can count ourselves lucky to have a reasonable meal at a reasonable price provided in school, though many grumble.

What can the High School, Kamdara, teach the High School, Dublin? They most certainly have a greater sense of responsibility towards their school, as illustrated by their united effort to repair the school. They must have an enthusiasm towards learning—their 60% success in the Government examinations was considerably higher than the provincial average. We wish them the best of success in the years ahead and may all their troubles be but small.

R.P.C.; N.C.G.

Bela Bartok

Béla Bartók, the great Hungarian composer, was born in 1881, the same year as Picasso, and a year before James Joyce. He showed his musical gifts at an early age, beginning to compose at the age of 9, and appearing in public as a pianist at 10, and he went to study at the Hungarian State Academy, Budapest, where he eventually became a piano teacher. He kept this post until he emigrated to America in 1940.

From 1905 to 1918, together with his compatriot Zoltán Kodály, he devoted much of his time to recording and notating Hungarian folk music (as opposed to Hungarian gypsy music), and that of Roumania and Slovakia. These studies, which he later described as "the finest part of my life," had a profound effect on his own music, emancipating his creative talent from

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the influence of the German Romantics such as Liszt and Richard Strauss, and from 1908 onwards the real Bartók began to appear — the wild rhythms, percussive effects and harsh dissonance. Folk music also freed him from the conventional key system.

Bartók was a *genuine* musician — he never tried to be fashionable in the way that Stravinsky and his Parisian friends did, but preferred to go his own way, experimenting with new sounds and even inventing new ways of playing instruments (such as his "snap" *pizzicato*). This is not to say that he shut himself off from outside influences, for the impressionism of Debussy had a great effect on him, and this influence persisted right up to his death in 1945 in the "night music" of such works as the Third Piano Concerto. Nor did he escape the wave of "modernism" which swept across Europe in the 'twenties — his works of that period are considerably more austere than both his earlier and later works.

Naturally, Bartók wrote much for his own instrument, and his piano music embraces a wide range of works from the simple but delightful pieces in *For Children* (1908) to the expressionistic Sonata (1926), with the superbly concentrated *Mikrokosmos* in between. I think, however, that his greatest contribution to music is his series of six string quartets, which contain some of the most original music of the century. It must be admitted, however, that these quartets are rather tough going for the average listener, and the person who has had little experience of Bartók would be advised to start with his late orchestral works which are noticeably mellower, such as the Divertimento for Strings, Third Piano Concerto and Concerto for Orchestra. This last work with the humour of its second and fourth movements, and the "life assertion" in the Finale must surely appeal to anyone musical. No pianist should be without some music by Bartók, even if it is only some of his arrangements of folk songs. Every record-collector should possess at least a few of the works of Bartók, who is, in my opinion, the greatest composer of the century.

B. C. THOMAS (6 UPPER)

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Trees

*Down the long alleys of autumn,
Of swirling dust and leaves;
The rows of stately tree-trunks,
Create a haven for my ease.*

*The young and gallant beeches
Whose plumes adorn the sky;
The gnarled and crinkled oak trees,
Proud, retiring, shy.*

*As for the fairy thorn bush,
Whose magic powers have spread;
Who could think those delicate blooms
Give man unrest in bed.*

*But now these trees lie silent
No longer stand they whole!
The harsh and splintering sound of wood
Leaves anguish in my soul.*

D. J. MOORE (2A)

A City Walk

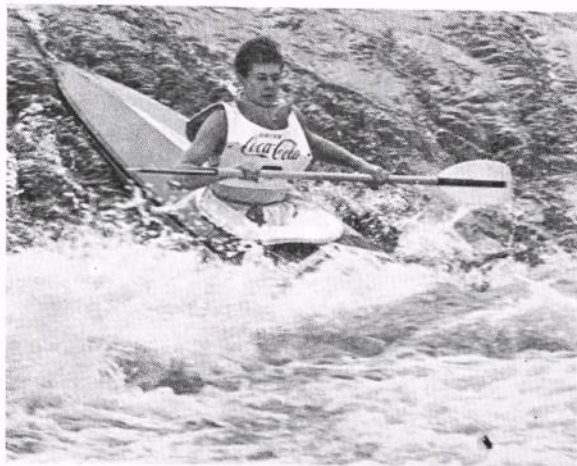
*I walked briskly.
The road held the power
Of quiet.
It was silence's bower.
True, sounds were heard there
But died so quickly
Like sheep in a slaughter-house.
There the air felt alive and vibrant.
I kicked the leaves
My feet kept up a chant.
My legs never seemed tired
In the magical road.
No one went here
Chattering, gossiping, laughing,
People walked
But never talked.
This was peace and quiet
Without isolation.
What price would one pay
For such tranquility, in this
Rough and noisy age?*

V. LESER (2A)

The Liffey Descent

The 6th International Liffey Descent Canoe Race was held on the 25th September, organised by the Irish Canoe Union and sponsored by Coca-Cola. The Descent is a long-distance race of 16½ miles, starting at Celbridge and finishing at O'Connell Bridge, incorporating all classes of canoes. During the course practically every hazard has to be faced — rushing rapids, treacherous weirs, and innumerable bridges are only some of the obstacles. On the previous day to the race there had been very heavy rainfall causing a high flood on the river.

On the morning of the descent I had an early inspection of the river. I was amazed at its tremendous height. Later on in the day when I arrived in Celbridge with my canoe, there was much activity. Canoes were arriving from everywhere. At about 2.00 p.m. all competitors went into the changing rooms for briefing. The only two words that could describe this ordeal were "death sentence". All ladies and most



The author at "Wren's Nest" Weir.

juniors had to withdraw because of conditions. At approximately 2.30 p.m. all Slalom and White Water canoes were told to launch. As I own a Slalom canoe I found myself alongside seven others. A shotgun was fired, this was the five minute warning. All eyes were on the starter, then the flag went down.

All canoeists hurried towards Celbridge bridge and very soon we reached the first set of rapids. After a few hundred yards of these I

could see about 100 yards of white water rushing down a slope, winding in and out of fallen trees. One by one the canoeists descended, battling their way through the torrents. I was extremely lucky, I stayed upright and did not capsize. Newbridge, the next checkpoint, was now in view in behind which was the toughest, most gruelling section of the race — a lake. I was in fourth position when I reached Leixlip Dam at the other end of the lake. At the Dam I had to portage my 27 lb. canoe 150 yards of very muddy ground, which was a result of recent excavation. Having launched my canoe, I boarded in a muddy state and set off towards Leixlip bridge. This bridge and the rather "dodgy" rapids beneath caused relatively little complication. After a mile of meandering river, I saw a few heads as if disappearing under water. On coming nearer I realised there was a weir which would have to be "shot". This did not create much difficulty. Lucan weir was my next hurdle. On first glimpse I saw a canoeist endeavouring to shoot the salmon baths, but, alas, there was a crack of paddles breaking! Poor Rory. This did not affect me. So, hardly looking, I slid down the adjoining weir, submerging very fast but surfacing rather slowly. I had covered 6 miles by this stage. The next weir was, perhaps, the most breathtaking because of its almost vertical height. It was after I had shot this that I noticed I had a passenger — a floor of water. The next two weirs were similar in shape and were the toughest of the race. Wren's Nest was the first weir. This consists of a wall with a 15-foot drop and a centre "V" down the middle. Water was flooding over these weirs. When I paddled up to Wren's Nest weir my main difficulty was to find the correct place to "shoot" it. It is not possible to see below the weir from above, and it is only by means of trial and error to find where the top of the centre "V" is. I did not come into the weir correctly and it was only by fighting against the slope of the water that I managed to shoot this obstacle. My boat was completely submerged under the foam and white water beneath the weir. Seeing that I managed to "escape" Wren's Nest weir, I received a very gratifying round of applause which, I may add, was most inspiring. With an extra effort to catch the leader I tried to sprint along the Strawberry Beds, but my "unwanted passenger" just did not permit. Palmers-town weir did not quite contain the luck the previous obstacle held. It was by far the most disastrous I had so far encountered. To start

with, I took the centre "V" in completely the wrong position, thus turning me on my side. I tried to roll the boat upwards, but I had already taken far too much water. At the bottom of the weir I received a fierce ducking, luckily I held on to my canoe and paddles. It was not until I had swum 500 yards that I had the opportunity to empty my boat. The first of the racing doubles passed me here. Having poured most of the water out, I continued in a freezing state, portaging the next two weirs. After Chapelized bridge, I made my way past the boat clubs towards Islandbridge. Having portaged Islandbridge weir, and with only a mile and a half to go, I tried to speed my paddling up—the Liffey's "sweet odour" was of surprisingly little hindrance. O'Connell Bridge was now in view. I can just vaguely remember the announcer, over the loudspeaker, saying "D. Cromer, Salmon Leap Canoe Club—Slalom Class" as I entered the centre arch.

Out of the 66 entries, 44 started and 24 finished. It is hoped that next year's Liffey Descent will be a full scale international meeting, modelled on "Descencio de la Sella" in Spain. Certainly our English competitors were greatly impressed by this very fine course and race. Of course it was "Coke" that completed the day.

D. S. CROMER (6B)

Innismurray Island

Innismurray Island lies some six miles off the north-west coast of Sligo. It is a mile long and about half-a-mile wide, and flat. It is now uninhabited, but sixteen years ago about a dozen families lived on it, and it also had a school. I had the good fortune to be able to land on it on a few occasions, and should the opportunity arise it is certainly worth a visit.

It can now be regarded as a bird sanctuary, and I understand the Atlantic seal now breeds on it. It is now seldom visited, and only by lobster fishermen in the summer and an occasional archaeologist.

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The island is of historical interest, as at one time it had a monastery which the Vikings plundered and devastated in 807 A.D.

Among the antiquities on the island is a great cashel, a huge circle of uncemented stones, ten feet in height and fifteen feet in thickness, which encloses three beehive cells, three altars and the well and oratory of St. Molaise.

A group of round stones, known as the "cursing stones", are the subject of a legend which asserts that no one can count them correctly twice in succession, though they number only forty. Stones similar to the cursing stones can be seen at other places far inland in the County, especially at holy wells, but what the connection is, is only speculation.

Innismurray, inhabited through the ages, on which was heard the war cry of Vikings, the prayers of monks and the laughter of children at play, is now lonely and deserted. The wind whistles through the windows of the roofless cabins and mingles with the mournful cry of sea-birds and the bark of seals. Visit it sometime if you can.

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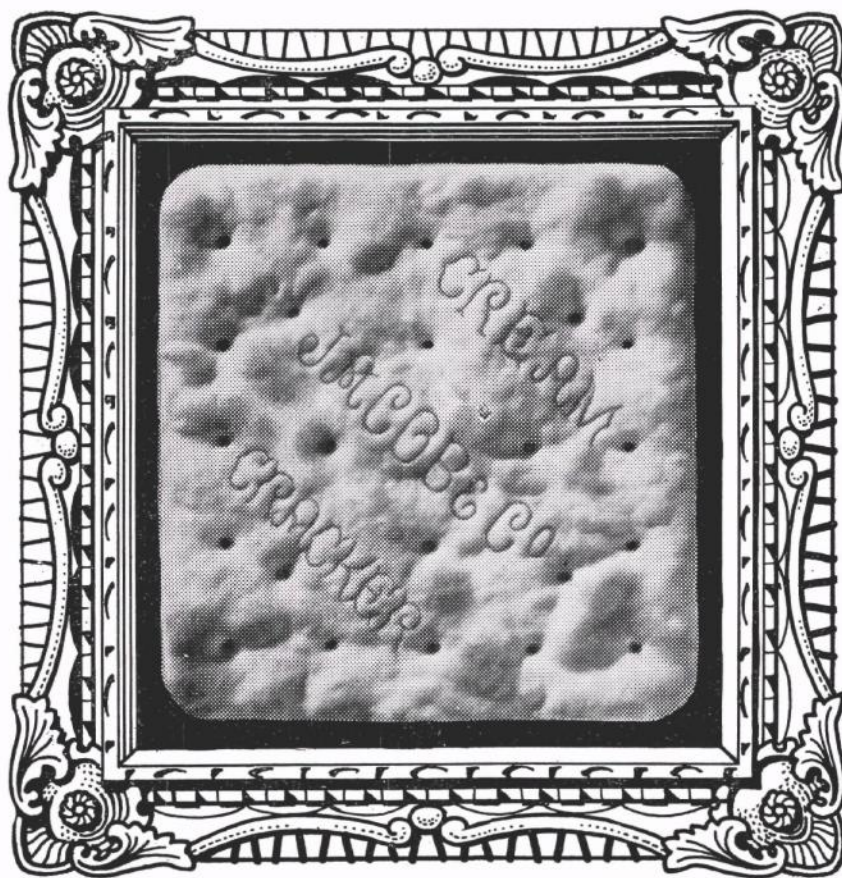
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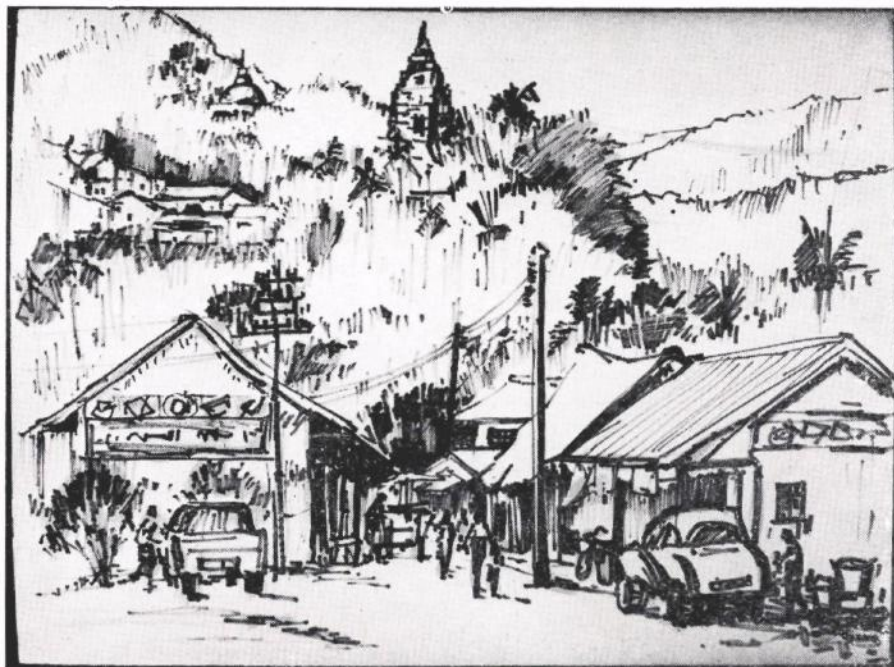
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Front View of Penang Ayer Ham Temple—Sketch (Indian Ink)
Sum Kin Hing (Form 5)



Lover Island, Penang (Water Colour)
Sum Kin Hing (Form 5)



Horse (Chinese Ink)
Poh Tai Mun (6B)

Sunlit Apples

[This poem was written after J5 had read John Drinkwater's "Moonlit Apples".]

At the top of the house the apples are laid in
rows,
And the skylight lets the sunlight in, and those
Apples are deep fire apples of red. There goes
A cloud on the sun on the summer day.
A child in the house plays and prattles and then
There is a sound of laughter in the house of
men.
A cloud is blown, and the sun once again
Dapples the apples with deep rosy light.
They are lying in rows there, under the
shadowy beam;
On the sagging floor; they gather the golden
streams
Out of the sun, those sunlit apples of dreams,
And alive is the steep stair under
In the corridors under there is nothing but
bustle.
And in the sunlight on orchard boughs the
leaves rustle.
Kissed by the sun and dappled with movement
On sun-washed apples of wonder.

J. BAKER (J5)

The Fire

When the days are very cold,
Near the fire I sit,
I watch the flames all yellow and gold,
And I like it, every bit.

D. PRESTON (J2).

The Sea

The sea is rough,
The waves rise high,
You'd think they're going to tip the sky.

The sea is calm,
The ships sail out,
Carry high sails and hurry about.

The wind blows hard,
The sea gets rough,
But sailors take a pinch of snuff.

M. STIRLING (J4).

The Kangaroo

There was a man called Jackaroo.
He had a little kangaroo.
His mother kept him in her pouch,
Or else he would sit upon the couch.

He danced when he was very gay,
He cried when he was out of play.
He loved to play with the boys,
But was a nuisance with their toys.

He danced about and played all day,
But when bath time came he ran away.
He didn't like to wash his face,
His feet were really a disgrace.

This is the end of the kangaroo,
Owned by a man called Jackaroo.
We wonder where he is today,
But hope he's happy at his play.

K. HARRIS AND P. ROBBIE (J1).

Cargoes

I'd like to build a splendid ship,
To sail across the sea.
In far-off countries I would find
New pets to live with me.

An elephant from India,
Two talking cockatoos,
And from Australia I would bring
A pair of kangaroos.

CHARLES GALLOWAY (J5).

Travelling

I've travelled in a car
Almost all round Ireland.
On different roads I've travelled far,
But I've never been to England.

I've often seen an aeroplane,
And a ship I sometimes see,
But neither have I travelled on
Because they are not free.

I also travel on my feet
And sometimes on a bike.
I once rowed in a rowing boat,
And this poem I hope you'll like.

J. MEYER (J5).

My Journeys by Ship

I have made three long journeys between India and England by ship. The first two trips were on a very large English liner from Bombay to Liverpool. There were hundreds of passengers on board, including a lot of children.

The children went down first to the dining-room to have their meals and, when they had finished, all the adults went down for their meals. There was a large play-room on the sun-deck with lots of toys for the children to play with and a trained nurse to look after the children. Most of the children went there when their parents were at meals. There is a lot of games one can play like deck tennis, quoits, and sometimes there are sports held for children. There was also a very nice swimming pool on the top deck.

The third trip I made was on an Italian ship called the "Roma". I went from Bombay to Genoa on the "Roma". The "Roma" was much the same as the other ship except that it had an Italian crew. Every evening there was a different amusement for the adults, such as film shows, Bingo or dancing. I like going on trips on ships.

B. CROWE (J3).

Autumn

*The leaves are falling down.
It rains a lot.
The leaves make funny sounds.
A gun is shot.*

*The hounds are in the field.
Chestnuts are falling.
Blackberries grow black and sweet.
Winter is calling.*

S. MORTON (J2).

Washington

In Washington there are many cities and towns. The most important city is Seattle. By Seattle is Lake Washington. A floating bridge goes across it which opens to let boats through. I saw this happen once when a large boat came through. The highest mountain in Washington is Mount Rainier. The height is 14,408 feet.

D. KAATZ (J1).



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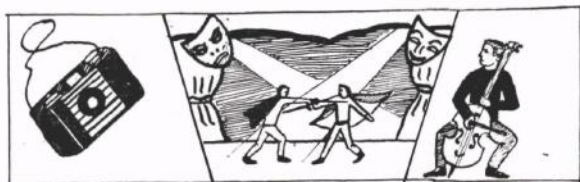
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School News

We welcome to the staff Mr. T. P. McCabe, B.Sc. (N.U.I.), Mr. G. M. Ledingham, B.A. (T.C.D.), Mrs. K. Leonard, B.A. (Oxon.), Mr. J. E. Liddle, (Mod.) B.A. (T.C.D.), Miss J. F. Newmann, (Mod.) B.A. (T.C.D.), and Mr. D. J. Bolton, B.Sc. (N.U.I.), (Mod.) B.A. (T.C.D.). They are taking the places of Mr. Russell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hickmott, and Mr. Abbott, who left in June.

Mr. A. Leeson will be leaving the staff at Christmas to take a position in Masonic School. During his twelve years here he has given much assistance with rugby and cricket, in addition to teaching French at all levels. We wish him every success and happiness in the future. His classes will be taken for the rest of the year by Miss J. Barcroft, (Mod.) B.A., who has been teaching in St. Andrew's College.

Biology has been reintroduced as a subject in the upper forms, and has already proved popular. Four additional microscopes have been purchased, and over twenty boys are now studying the subject.

A telegram of congratulations and loyal good wishes was sent in the name of the School to President de Valera on the occasion of his 83rd birthday.

An experiment was tried in the term just ended of substituting a number of short tests for the usual Christmas examinations.

Alan Dunn, Anthony Reynolds and Alan Beck took part in the television programme "Mark Time" in October. They tied with a team of girls from the Loreto Convent, Cavan.

We congratulate Mark Bloom (Form 5) on being selected to play for the Leinster Schoolboys' Golf Team against a selected Leinster Senior Team. He played off a handicap of 4,

and beat Mr. P. Grimes of Skerries 5 and 3. Bloom was also runner-up in the Ulster Boys' Golf Championship at Bangor.

Donald Cromer (6B) won the Slalom Kayak class in the International Liffey Descent Canoe Race in September. An account of this event will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Over 70 boys from the sixth and fifth forms attended Holy Communion Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral on St. Michael's day. The other classes are going in turn as usual to Matins on the last Thursday in each month.

To commemorate the seventh centenary of Dante's birth a lecture on the poet's life and works was given by Mr. David Nolan, of the Italian Department in U.C.D. The lecture was sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute.

As in former years, a group of boys from the school choir made brief appearances in the Dublin Grand Opera Society's production of "Carmen" and "La Boheme" in the Gaiety Theatre.

A collection made in the School for the Royal National Life-Boat Institution realised £6-8-6. An additional collection made by Form J3 for Freedom from Hunger in the summer term amounted to £6-12-8, comprising £2-10-0 collected by Mark Story, £1-5-5 by Jeffrey Baker, £1-2-0 by Richard Ross and the balance contributed by the rest of the class.

Careers Talks have been given to the Fifth Form by Mr. Desmond Bradley, Research and Development Manager of Messrs. W. & R. Jacob, on Work Study; and by Lieut.-Commander West, on the Royal Navy. Another visitor to the School was Mr. Kenneth Kitley, Headmaster of the Alliance School in Burundi.

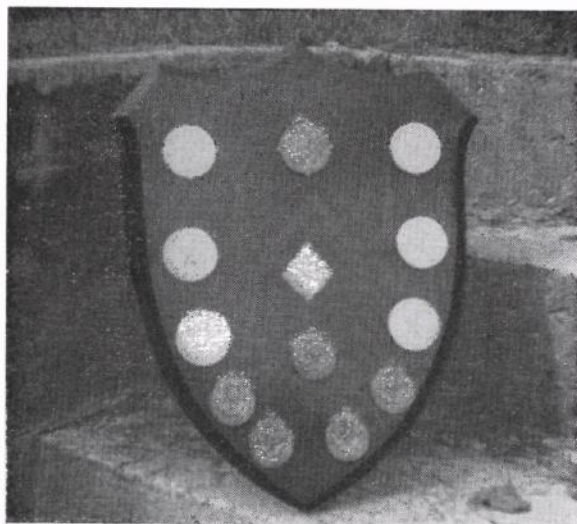
PREFECTS 1965-66

David F. Ford, Head Boy.

Eoghan S. Mac Aogáin, David H. Vipond, Bernard C. Thomas, Alan D. Cunningham, R. Anthony Reynolds, Robin H. D. Wormell, Alan J. Dunn, Bryan D. Lewis, Alan E. B. Beck, Peter H. Gray, Brian D. Carson, Roger H. de S. Cole, D. Brian Dungan, Raymond W. Stringer, Norman B. Storey.

Stafford Boxing Shield

We record with great pleasure the gift of a unique shield of trophies from Dr. J. I. Stafford (1924-30), who is now living in Hastings. Jackie Stafford's name is legendary in School still, and this shield holds several of his boxing medals: a gold Irish junior championship medal; three silver British Universities' championship medals and a bronze won for runner-up; and five T.C.D. medals. Dr. and Mrs. Stafford visited the School in October and presented the shield to the Boxing captain, Philip Moore. The shield and replica will be awarded annually to the "best scrapper of the year".



Jackie Stafford

Three generations of Staffords have attended the High School. Jackie's father and uncle were pupils about 1880 under Wilkins. Jackie and his elder brothers were in school in the 1920's under Mr. Thompson and Dr. Bennett; and Jackie's nephew, Peter, was a pupil under Dr. Reynolds. Jackie left in 1930 and entered Trinity, where he became one of the leading boxers and captained Trinity boxing team on a number of occasions when boxing in the Universities' Championships. He had a remarkable career in Trinity. He was runner-up in the Fly-weight class in 1933 in the British and Irish Universities' Championships. Then he created a record never likely to be equalled by any boxer. Between 1934 and 1939, in the British

and Irish Universities' Championships, he won five fly-weight and one bantam-weight medals. In 1933 he was I.A.B.A. fly-weight champion. And, just for good measure, on five other occasions he represented Trinity as fly-weight against five Dublin boxing clubs and he won every time. And — to all who knew him — he was "modesty itself", except in "the ring".

Jackie qualified as a doctor; he accepted a commission in the R.A.F. and was stationed in Iceland. When "demobbed", he took up a Colonial appointment in the Falkland Isles and later served in Uganda. He retired recently and is living in the south of England. A few weeks ago, "Jackie" and "Mrs. Jackie" came to school and he presented to the School, mounted on a shield, thirteen of his precious medals. He presented the Shield to the Boxing Club, to be held for one year by "The Best Scrapper in the Club" and he is donating a medal each year to "The Best Scrapper". That's just what anyone who knew him would expect him to do. "Jackie", the School — from top to bottom — says, "Thanks!" Perhaps the best appreciation of this "High School Jimmy Wilde" is a paragraph written in "The Irish Times" by Quidnunc on 19th November, 1955, as follows: —

"Bill Bryans, Dick Quinn, Bill Gregory and David Orr represented Trinity. But the most famous of all High School boxers was Jackie Stafford, who mowed down all comers with an iron indifference to weight, size or age in the Universities' Championships for years and who was chosen to fight for Ireland more than once. He remains a legend of indestructibility in the boxing clubs of every university in these islands."

S.S.E.

The Prize Distributions

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, November 12th. The Chairman was Mr. W. S. Cunningham, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was Mr. J. S. R. Cole, Q.C., Reid Professor of Laws in Dublin University.

The Headmaster began his report by congratulating Mr. Evans on completing 45 years of teaching in the School. He praised his work in teaching, organising school functions and in looking after the discipline of the School, and hoped that he would stay with us for another

five years at least. At that time the School will have reached its centenary, and Mr. Evans would have served it for half its life.

Dr. Reynolds reported a very successful year. Two boys, David Went and Brian Randalow, won Entrance Exhibitions to Trinity College, and two others, David Ford and Eoin Keegan, won scholarships on the results of the Leaving Certificate, one from Dublin Corporation and one from Dublin County Council. This was the first time the School had secured two of these scholarships. In the Leaving Certificate 49 candidates sat for the examination, 11 secured honours, 30 passed and 8 failed. In the Intermediate Certificate the figures were 28 honours, 22 passes and 10 failures.

The Headmaster then congratulated Mr. Johnson on his appointment as Vice-Headmaster, and praised his great contribution to the organisation of the school. He referred to the fact that Mr. Leeson would be leaving at the end of term and wished him well in his new post.

In sport, Dr. Reynolds said, the most distinctive feature of the year was the achievement of the Senior Cricket XI, who won their section of the League, and were beaten by a narrow margin in the semi-final. Stephen Molins, the captain, and Frank Sowman played for the Leinster Schools XI, and Molins also played for the Schools of Ireland against Wales. The Swimming Club also had a very good year, producing one of the best squadron teams among Dublin schools, and reaching the final of the Water Polo cup. The captain, George Caird, played for the Leinster Junior Water Polo Team.

In reporting of the other out-of-school activities, the Headmaster mentioned the celebrations in honour of the birth of W. B. Yeats, when an Old Boy, Professor Norman Jeffares of Leeds University, came specially to give a public lecture in the school on the poet. Dr. Reynolds announced the gift to the school by Dr. J. Stafford of a Boxing Shield, to be awarded annually to "the best scrapper of the year". He also announced the result of the first competition for the Henley Prize. It was awarded to Bernard Thomas for his Sonatina for Piano. The runner-up was Howard Greer.

Turning to more general topics, the Headmaster welcomed the relaxation of the rules regarding compulsory Irish for boys who have received their early education outside the State. Although it would only affect a small number

of boys, it would be of real benefit to them. Dr. Reynolds said that biology had been reintroduced into the curriculum and about twenty boys were taking it. He hoped that the Minister for Education would soon find a proper place in the curriculum for this subject which, at present, is not a subject recognised for Leaving Certificate.

The Chairman, in introducing the special speaker, deplored the fact that few boys bother to express appreciation of how much the school had done for them. He paid tribute to the work of the Headmaster and staff.

Mr. Cole gave some very good advice to the boys. He told them to hold firmly to the principles which they acquired during their education because life in the world would blunt these principles. Tolerance, he said, could be a vice as well as a virtue, especially if it meant tolerance of inefficiency, discourtesy and shoddy workmanship. The Irish people were especially liable to these faults, and Mr. Cole called on the boys to set an example of regularity, reliability and punctuality. In doing so they would be acting in the best traditions of past generations of High School boys.

The President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. R. J. Chillingworth, then presented the Old Boys' Cup to D. F. Ford, and the Distribution closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction by Canon W. H. Coulter.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Old Boys' Cup : D. F. FORD.

High School Exhibition (£100) : M. R. King.

Thompson Scholarship (£100) : F. E. Sowman.

Glorney Exhibition (£50) and Cup : G. C. Lloyd.

Bury Prize in English Literature (£10) : D. Went.

John Bennett Memorial Prize (£5) : M. R. Jones.

Henley Memorial Prize (£12) : B. C. Thomas.

Simon Eppel Memorial Prizes in Science : C. M. P. Mac Aogáin and D. A. Woods.

Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish : E. S. Mac Aogáin, D. F. Ford, G. W. Flewett, N. D. A. Walshe.

French Government's Prize : E. S. Mac Aogáin.

Silver Medal in Greek Testament : R. H. D. Wormell.

"Erasmian" Prizes (Old Boys' Union) : D. Went, S. P. Hilliard, M. R. King, V. Leser.

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Entrance Awards

David Went—T.C.D. Entrance Exhibition (£300) in Modern Languages (English and French).



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Brian E. G. Ranalow—T.C.D. Entrance Exhibition (£150) in Natural Sciences (Mathematics, Physics, Geography).

Michael R. King—Harris Prize (£50), specialising in History.

Eoghan S. Mac Aogáin—T.C.D. Matriculation Exhibition (£300); Dublin County Council University Scholarship (£640).

David F. Ford—Dublin Corporation University Scholarship (£640).

Norman E. G. Colin—Backhouse Prize (£48) at Entrance to T.C.D. Engineering School; Handcock Memorial Scholarship (£210).

Alan J. Hughes—Aer Lingus Scholarship for Mechanical Engineering (£600).

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, November 11th. The Chairman was Mr. Robert Mitchell and the special speaker was Mrs. D. E. W. Wormell.

The Headmaster, in his report, spoke of the successes of the boys of the Junior School in the "Under 12" Scholarship, in which they secured five out of the eight places, and in which Geoffrey Chadwick won the Mitchell Prize. He congratulated the staff and Mr. Evans on their success in achieving a happy and disciplined Junior School. Dr. Reynolds said that one of a school's duties was to teach boys respect for other people's property. This could best be done by making each boy aware of his responsibility for his own property.

The chairman then introduced Mrs. Wormell, who told the boys something of the life of Dr. Grenfell, a doctor who devoted forty years of his life to work among the people of Newfoundland at the end of the 19th century. There were still plenty of people needing help, Mrs. Wormell said, and plenty of adventures waiting for those who looked for them.

After the distribution of prizes the boys presented a short concert. Form J4 spoke some poems, including a negro spiritual by Vachel Lindsay, in a spirited manner, and J1 performed a short recital from "Robin Hood". "Johnny Applesseed in Danger," a play complete with Red Indians in full costume, was performed by Forms J2 and J3. The concert ended with a selection of songs sung by J5. Each song was introduced by some lines of verse, which were

written by the boys themselves. Displays of handwork and painting were exhibited in the Junior School classrooms.

PRIZES

FORM

J5—Geoffrey A. Chadwick, Neil Jeffares, W. John Cunningham, Peter J. Boyle, Peter D. W. Hanna (Art), Desmond L. Fox (Nature Study).

J4—Ronald S. Cole, Richard C. Shackleton, Rodney J. Warren, John I. Davies (Form Mistress's Prize), Gordon A. Fish (Nature Study).

J3—Nial J. Moore, John C. Robbie, G. Alan Ford (Form Mistress's Prize).

J2—David Early, Hayes R. Dockrell.

J1—John R. Holmes, Russell J. Wayman, Alistair I. Pate, David A. Towson (Handwork).

Valete

FORM 6 UPPER

R. F. Greene: T.C.D. (Agriculture).

D. Went: T.C.D. (Law).

G. C. Lloyd: T.C.D. (Natural Sciences).

J. E. Killen: T.C.D. (Natural Sciences).

D. A. Woods: T.C.D. (Natural Sciences).

M. R. King: T.C.D. (History).

C. M. P. Mac Aodhagain: T.C.D. (Engineering).

M. R. Jones: T.C.D. (Natural Sciences).

N. E. G. Colin: T.C.D. (Engineering).

F. N. Whisker: T.C.D. (History).

B. Ranalow: T.C.D. (Engineering).

FORM 6A

G. B. King: T.C.D. (Engineering).

M. G. Nason: Air Control.

A. J. Hughes: T.C.D. (Engineering).

W. A. Tanner: T.C.D. (Medicine).

A. F. G. Daish: General Accident Assurance Company.

E. G. Keogh: T.C.D. (Engineering).

O. Watson: Wiggins Teape, Messrs.

M. J. Montgomery: T.C.D. (Engineering).

F. E. Sowman: T.C.D. (Law).

R. P. G. Harris: Royal Bank.

R. P. Haskins: Guardian Assurance Co.

E. Küster: U.C.D. (Medicine).

A. G. A. Alexander: T.C.D. (Natural Sciences).

G. J. A. Clark: Chartered Accountancy, Messrs. Stoke Bros. and Pim.

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Robert G. McHugh.
R. J. Durie : Chartered Accountancy, Messrs.
W. C. Ribbeck.
Z-V. Svejdar : Chartered Accountancy,
Messrs. J. A. Kinnear.
R. N. Dungan : Chartered Accountancy,
Messrs. Peterson Morrison & Co.
J. F. Huggard : Zurich Insurance Co.
D. W. Mitchell : Messrs. Goulding Fertilisers
Ltd.
L. J. Mackey : Chartered Accountancy, Messrs.
Cooper & Kenny.
G. J. H. Smith : Physical Education.
N. V. Palmer : British University.

FORM 6B

Ling Ching Kok : T.C.D. (Medicine).
R. P. Coulter : T.C.D. (General Studies).
A. J. Winter : T.C.D. (Engineering).
P. F. Byrne : Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
London.
D. R. Medcalf : Quantity Surveying, Bolton St.
T. J. C. Long : Messrs. Collen Bros.
S. J. Stuart : T.C.D. (Business Studies).
G. J. Caird : T.C.D. (Engineering).
A. J. W. Horner : Father's Business.
M. G. Douglas : Royal Bank.
H. P. Woodhouse : T.C.D. (Medicine).
G. A. A. Wilson : Canada.
M. K. Darlington : Messrs. Norman
MacNaughton, East Wall.
E. O. O. Williams : Royal Bank.
G. M. Gray : Weirs, Grafton Street.
T. W. Murphy : Messrs. George Crampton
& Co., Sth. William Street.
S. R. Hanna : Father's Business.
S. D. Huet : Chartered Accountancy, Messrs.
Griffin Lynch & Co.
P. D. Richards : Bolton Street College of
Technology.
W. T. Lewis : Royal Exchange.
E. G. Malone : Booth Bros. Ltd., Pembroke Row.
W. Powderly : Messrs. Brooks Thomas.
J. K. Bolton : Solicitor's Apprentice, Messrs.
H. T. Dix.

FORM 5B

S. Erskine-Hill: Hotel Management.

S. D. Molins: Father's Business.

H. zu Dohna: School in Germany.

FORM 4

C. J. Hilliard: Gurteen Agricultural College.

A. D. Mercer: Gurteen Agricultural College.

S. G. Urch: Auctioneering, Darby Howard,
M.I.A.A.

P. G. Warrington: Dollard Ltd.

Examination Results

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EXAMINATIONS

LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1965

Honours: E. S. Mac Aogáin (9), D. F. Ford (7), D. H. Vipond (7), E. Küster (5), G. B. King (4), A. J. Hughes (4), F. E. Sowman (4), G. M. Nason (3), A. F. G. Daish (3), R. B. Haskins (3), G. J. A. Clarke (3).

Matriculation: All who obtained Honours, and in addition: B. C. Thomas, Ling Ching Kok, W. A. Tanner, M. J. Montgomery, A. G. A. Alexander, F. J. Bloomfield, N. V. Palmer, E. G. Keogh, R. P. Coulter, A. J. Winter, H. B. Woodhouse, G. J. Caird.

Pass: W. A. Tanner, E. G. Keogh, O. Watson, R. P. G. Harris, F. J. Bloomfield, A. F. Parke, J. H. Wynne, A. D. Cunningham, R. J. Durie, Z-V. Svejdar, R. N. Dungan, J. F. Huggard, D. W. Mitchell, L. J. Mackey, D. Roberts, R. P. Coulter, A. J. Winter, P. F. Byrne, D. R. Medcalf, T. J. C. Long, S. J. Stuart, G. J. Caird, A. J. W. Horner, R. C. Burrows, M. G. Douglas, G. A. A. Wilson, G. M. Gray, S. R. Hanna, S. D. Huet, P. D. Richards.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE, 1965

Honours: N. D. A. Walshe (7), G. W. Flewett (7), M. Fenner (7), S. G. E. Lloyd (6), C. N. W. Armstrong (6), A. G. Huggard (5), L. D. H. Lee (5), J. G. H. Grace (5), T. J. Wilkinson (4), S. K. Ellis (4), N. E. G. Gamble (4), T. N. Woods (4), J. W. H. Adams (4), V. Litera (4), R. N. Acton (4), T. S. Storey (4), N. W. de L. Murtagh (4), D. G. G. Hourie (4), T. G. W. Bowen (3), H. R. T. Chillingworth (3), H. McC. Hamilton (3), I. H. A. Smyth (3), N. E. Gordon (3), J. W. Orr (3), C. J. Hilliard (3), A. Black (3), S. G. Urch (3), K. Finlay (3).

Pass: H. G. Nason, D. S. R. Large, S. Daunt-Smyth, G. S. Keogh, K. G. Sloper, H. V. Shaw, D. W. Townshend, E. B. Nason, R. A. Wynne, D. A. Hilliard, D. W. Lowham, A. L. Moore, J. Weekes, P. G. Warrington, N. D. Lowe, S. R. Meyer, M. S. Bloom, F. W. Finney, H. Witzum, R. I. T. Williamson, H. J. Sher, I. E. Segal.

Trinity College, Dublin

Degrees

Moderatorship—Natural Sciences: (Chemistry): First Class: G. H. Dodd, (Physics): Second Class, First Division: F. R. O'Neill. (Zoology): Second Class, First Division: A. B. West.

M.A.—W. G. G. Fisher, H. Khonsari.

B.A.I. (Honours)—Second Class: M. C. Gorman, T. H. Lloyd.

B.A.I.—R. A. Fleury, R. J. R. Kirkham, E. D. Williams.

B.A.—G. C. S. Burne, D. W. McClatchie, E. D. Williams.

B.Comm.—G. C. S. Burne.

Fellowship

B. H. Murdoch, B.A., A.M., Ph.D.

Foundation Scholarships

Mathematics: D. A. Jackson.

English Literature and Language: D. P. B. Norris.

Early and Modern Irish: C. S. O hEigeartaigh.

Engineering: D. C. Wilson.

School of Divinity

Downes Divinity Premium: S. N. M. Bayly.

Divinity Testimonium: G. A. McCamley.

School of Law

Prizes in Law of Property: 1st S. C. K. Quick, 2nd E. N. Bruncker.

School of Engineering

Marmaduke Backhouse Prize: N. E. G. Colin.

Third Year: B. A. Stokes, D. C. Wilson, J. C. Fisher.

First Year: P. R. M. Clarke, H. J. Greer, H. C. Loh, B. C. O'Neill, R. M. Taylor.

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Pre-registration Examination

Chemistry—(II) J. W. Shaw. (Pass) J. P. Macdougald, T. M. A. Majekodunmi, D. Scott.

Physics—(II) J. W. Shaw, D. K. Taylor. (Pass) Lee King Ong, J. P. Macdougald, T. M. A. Majekodunmi, D. Scott.

Biology—(II) Lee King Ong. (Pass) J. P. Macdougald, T. M. A. Majekodunmi, D. Scott, J. W. Shaw, D. K. Taylor.

Final Medical Parts 3 and 4

D. A. G. Mackey.

School of Veterinary Medicine

Third examination: S. W. J. Seager.

Final examination: G. L. Dignam, A. I. Donaldson.

Term Honour Examinations

Junior Sophisters

Mathematics (First of First Rank): M. J. Armstrong; (3rd Rank) R. R. Miller.

Classics (First Rank): A. H. F. Griffin; (2nd Rank, 1st Division) I. B. King.

Natural Sciences (3rd Rank): L. M. Grubb, D. S. R. East.

Old and Middle Irish (2nd Rank, 1st Division): C. S. O hEigeartaigh.

General Studies

Senior Freshmen: G. P. St. J. Hilliard, D. G. M. Woodhouse.

Junior Freshmen: H. A. Shaper.

Other Examinations

Incorporated Law Society of Ireland

Preliminary Examination for Solicitors' Apprentices: J. K. Bolton.

First Examination in Irish: J. K. Bolton.

First Law Examination: S. C. K. Quick (M.A., LL.B., B.Comm.); E. Brunker.

Centenary Prize: S. C. K. Quick (M.A., LL.B., B.Comm.).

Third Law Examination: A. G. Hayes, B. G. McD. Taylor.

School Library

The Library has been opened regularly at lunch time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This year the Governors have increased their grant so more books have been added, mainly non-fiction. A new biology section has been started.

Last year we asked all boys who had just left school to present a book to the Library. A total of £31 was subscribed and 37 books were bought, mainly for the English literature section. A book plate recording the donor's name and the years he was at the School is placed in the front of each book bought under this scheme. This year we have made the appeal again and so far £30 has been received. It is hoped to build up the section on art and science from this. We are very grateful to all who have contributed to this fund.

The Library continues to receive gifts and we would like to thank G. J. H. Smith (6A), P. Byrne (6B), F. Sowman (6A), W. G. Cole (4A), and P. R. Wynne (1B²) for the books they have presented.

In June, 1965, James Killen left School to enter Trinity and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his enthusiastic work for the Library during the past two years. He was Librarian at the time when the Library was re-organised and did an enormous part of the work involved, with the assistance of two very good committees. We wish him every success in the future.

Committee: A. E. Benson, K. N. Cairns, B. D. Carson, G. F. Duff, A. J. Dunn, P. H. Gray, D. J. Tyrrell and H. M. G. Sealy.

Visit to the Gas Works

One morning in November, a group of boys from the sixth form were taken on a tour of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company by Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Leonard. This tour was both interesting and informative, and we are grateful to Mr. Allen, the production engineer, and Mr. Robinson, our encyclopaedic guide, for giving up a morning to us.

In the course of our journey we learnt that gas is made in three ways: from coal, from crude oil, and also by blowing steam and paraffin over hot coke. Of these, coal is still the most widely used, and the technique is still much the same as it was a hundred years ago.

We saw the coal being taken by conveyor belt to the retort-houses, where it is heated to expel the gas, which contains large quantities of such impurities as ammonia, hydrogen sulphide, and tar. These are soon eliminated, the gas is literally scrubbed clean, and is stored, ready for use. An interesting feature of this section is the apparent waste which is permitted. Gas and steam escape into the atmosphere, and it does not seem to be economic to extract many by-products, although coke is exported to Italy, spent oxide to Belgium, and tar and creosote are sent out in the tankers which bring in the crude oil.

The oil section is very modern and efficient. The whole system here is run on a time basis by an electrical control unit. Much steam is needed in this section, and for this the Gas Company have their own water softener unit, which works on an ion exchange process. The exhausters and distribution pumps are still worked by steam. The company is now building a new oil plant, which will be one of the most modern in the world.

The highlight of our visit was a trip up the gas holder, which is the well-known Dublin landmark, the "Gasometer". Standing 248 feet high, this dwarfs even the new Liberty Hall, and commands an unrivalled view of the city. This immense container can be emptied in one hour at peak periods, and it has a calorific content equal to two-thirds of the E.S.B.'s. total output.

This marked the end of our tour, which was enjoyed by all. It was interesting to see how much labour and planning goes into the manufacture of something which we are inclined to take for granted.

R.A.R.

The Hobbies Exhibition, 1965

Entries for the Hobbies Exhibition, which was held on Saturday, 18th September, totalled just over a hundred this year. Although this was somewhat less than usual, the standard was well maintained and the entries ranged from a plasticine zoo of prehistoric animals to some very potent elderberry wine. In particular, one boy submitted some very good line drawings, and colour transparencies were prominent among collections. Mr. R. H. Chillingworth, President of the Old Boys' Union, displayed his yacht, a fourteen-foot Heron which he had built with the help of his son. First prize in the

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confectionery section was won for a sponge cake decorated with two nauseatingly realistic hyacinths worthy of Salvadore Dali.

It is unfortunate that such a worthy function should not receive more support from the boys; the number of entries is gradually dropping despite all the effort put into it by the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Union. The judges this year were led as usual by Mr. W. G. Booker, and Mrs. F. Whisker presented the prizes.

Main Prize Winners :

Under 11: Handwork: Alan Moore. Collections: John Preston.

Under 13: Art: Peter Hanna. Handwork: Nigel Bryan. Collections: Desmond Fox.

Under 15: Art: David Hughes. Handwork: Rodney Croly. Collections: Mark Jeffares.

Over 15: Art: Michael Hanna. Handwork: Richard Green. Collections: William Cromer.

R.A.R.

Inter-Schools Debating Group

One of the major problems facing a school debating society is that of work in isolation, with little experience. This Group, being established at present, is intended as a meeting ground for members of debating society committees.

The idea was first thought of last Christmas and a meeting was held between ourselves and Sandford committee, which led on to more discussion. By summer a general plan had been hammered out with six schools. In the term just finished, fifteen schools in all have given their support and if our meetings proceed as well as at present, the Group will be established on a sure footing.

The basic aim is that of communication between societies by meeting about six times a year. In discussing the problems of organisation of our Societies, we hope to gain new ideas and keep up an enthusiastic spirit for debate.

It is a project that will need plenty of work and we recognise all too well the difficulties ahead. But we see also the advantages of such a permanent discussion group of school pupils regardless of denomination.

A.E.B.B.

The Gramophone Society

The Gramophone Society has continued to meet this term under the guidance of Mr. Miller at lunchtime, twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have had a small but regular attendance all term. Many of these members came from more junior forms, and as in previous years, we are greatly surprised and somewhat disappointed to find that more support from the older boys is not forthcoming. The range of composers this term has been very wide, including Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Brahms and Schumann. It is amazing that more boys do not avail of these facilities and appreciate the fact that people are giving up their lunch-break for them.

L.D.H.L.

The Debating Society

The Debating Society continues to flourish. Since the term began, we have held three fortnightly debates. Our first debate of the term was that "Dublin is no longer a great city". This was defeated by five votes to seven. There followed a pressure campaign to increase the attendances. It was mainly directed against Fifth Form, who, we felt, were not pulling their weight.

The campaign was successful, as our next meeting showed, the motion being that "High School should prefer Scholars to Sportsmen". This subject always seems to generate a great deal of heat in High School, and when all the dust had settled on the ground again, it transpired that the motion had been rejected by ten votes to nine, the chairman's casting vote being required to swing the decision. The increased attendance was maintained at the next debate, this time that "This House approves of Irish censorship". The motion was once more defeated, this time by ten votes to eight.

We were glad to welcome many new members to the society this term, many of whom have already ventured to speak. There is still the campaign afoot to open the society to a wider group of boys. It should perhaps be stressed that a very enjoyable evening can be had without opening your mouth yourself, and that in fact only a relatively small percentage of the attendance ever does speak. You can learn a lot by just listening to others. It is felt that the value of the Society is not fully appreciated by many.

The committee would like to thank all those masters who have supported our meetings and who have given of their wisdom. As the *Erasmian* goes to press, we have an invitation to a forthcoming debate at Diocesan School, and we are ourselves holding an Inter-Schools' debate at the end of November.

S.P.H.

Bible Union

"The Simba rising in Congo", "Radio and TV Broadcasting in Ecuador", "Teaching in Nigeria"; these are the titles of some of the many and varied talks which visitors to the Bible Union have given this term. Apart from talks, we have had slides shown to us and also a Fact and Faith film entitled "Experiences with an Eel" which proved to be very popular. Even though numbers have kept up to average, we invite any boy who is free on a Friday afternoon from 3.10 to 3.40 to come along to the Bible Union as there is room for many more.

M.D., J.C.

The Choral Society

Due to the departure of the majority of our senior members, we are repeating the production of "Trial by Jury" by Gilbert and Sullivan in next year's concert. We also wish to see, during the next term, more regular appearances of our chorus members at the weekly meetings. Once again we have been asked by the Dublin Grand Opera Society to supply boys for the boys' chorus in their productions of "Carmen" and "La Boheme".

D.F.C.

The Popular Record Society

This term, we have held regular meetings twice a week at lunch-time. Attendances have been excellent and we have 25 members, with many others waiting to join. Music has been varied, featuring rhythm-and-blues, country-and-western, and commercial pop.

We would like to thank Mr. Leeson for kindly lending us his room, the Headmaster for the use of the record-player, and all members who lent us records during the term.

B.D.L.

Question Time

This year we invited a team from Alexandra School and College to take part in our Question Time, and the second half of the evening was devoted to a contest between the girls and a High School team. The first half was the normal inter-house competition and this was as hard fought as ever. Besides the stock questions on capital cities, prime ministers and mountains, there was a round of novel ones about what High School boys should do in emergencies. A couple of humorous blunders were made, the one which took my fancy being the following: Q. Who killed a thousand men with an ass's jawbone?

A. Cock Robin.

Belgrave ended as comfortable winners with 57 points, while Galway were second and Abbey third. The individual prize was shared by Ian Geraghty and Charles Woodhouse.

The Alexandra and High School teams then took the stage. High School took an early lead after a first round of questions on sport. This was whittled down to a single point by the end of the second round, in which both sides missed questions on the Beatles. Alexandra then took the lead, and increased it to nine points in a

round of questions on foreign phrases used in English. The last round was by far the most interesting and imaginative, though somewhat spoiled by the inaudibility of many answers. A quotation from a newspaper was read out to each boy and girl, and they had to try to enlarge on the information given. The girls were by far the best at this, and they ended as deserving winners by 90 points to 67.

There was a good deal of noisy partisanship from supporters of both schools, and some restlessness too.

Mr. Ralph Walker as question master kept everything under control and running smoothly, and much of the success of the evening was due to him.

D.F.

Orchestral Concert by D. O. P.

Borodin: Overture Prince Igor.

Haydn: "Clock" Symphony (two movements).

Sibelius: Pelléas et Mélisande: Suite.

Sibelius: Karelia Suite (two movements).

This year Professor Boydell was, unfortunately, ill, and his place was ably taken by Mr. Brian Grimson. The programme began with an exciting example of Russian nationalism in the 1870's, and ended with some music by Fin-

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land's greatest composer, whose centenary is being celebrated this year. In between two movements from a famous classical symphony were given to balance the programme. It was generally felt, however, that we got too much Sibelius, and not enough Haydn, especially as what we got of the latter was well performed—Mr. Grimson had the wind instruments ticking nicely in the "Clock" movement. Nevertheless, the warm romanticism of the Sibelius was well brought out and the *tutti* passages were performed with enthusiasm. It was an enjoyable concert, and deserved a much larger audience than it got.

B.C.T.

Parents' Association

The miserable summer that we endured this year compelled the cancellation of the cricket match, much looked forward to between the Parents and the School. Mrs. Whisker presented the prizes at the Annual Hobbies Exhibition at the beginning of the Christmas term.

The Annual Meeting, which was well attended this year, saw the end of Mr. Whisker's year of office as chairman, and we also said goodbye to Mr. Stewart, who has been Treasurer for many years. The Hon. Secretary reviewed the year's events and, besides paying

a tribute to the outgoing officers, paid a glowing tribute to the Ladies' Committee for their splendid suppers at the meetings.

The new Committee elected was Messrs. Allen, Davis, Gault and Orr, with Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Smyth and Mrs. Townsend. Mr. Gordon Stuart is the new Honorary Treasurer and your subscription of 5/- per family per annum should be sent to him care of the School, if you have not already paid it. Mr. Leslie Allen was subsequently elected Chairman for the year by the Committee.

In spite of a ferocious evening, the first meeting of the new session was splendidly attended.

Mrs. Leser, Rev. R. C. Armstrong, R. Chillingworth, together with Messrs. Leeson, Miller and McMahon, gave splendid answers to a variety of questions on the subject of "The Boy".

What of the future? Thursday, December 16th, a talk on the new methods of teaching maths; January 18th a Film Show and lecture on East Africa; a debate and a careers meeting in February and March.

Will you make sure that your boy gives you a note of the meetings? One is given to every boy. It is not our fault if you don't hear of the meetings!

A. F. RICE, Hon. Sec.

SPORTS REVIEW

CLUB OFFICERS

RUGBY

Capt.: D. F. Ford.
Hon. Sec.: J. W. Orr.

BOXING

Capt.: P. D. Moore.

CRICKET

Capt.: S. D. Molins.
Vice-Capt.: D. F. Ford.
Hon. Sec.: B. D. Carson.

SWIMMING

Capt.: J. W. Orr.
Vice-Capt.: D. R. Gault.
Hon. Sec.: D. W. Townshend.

ATHLETICS

Capt.: G. J. H. Smith.
Hon. Sec.: I. H. A. Smyth.



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1965

Standing—R. B. Haskins, R. W. Stringer, R. B. Molins, Mr. Lowry, R. N. Dungan, L. J. Mackey, B. D. Lewis. Seated—Mr. Cornish, B. D. Carson, D. F. Ford, S. D. Molins, M. K. Darlington, F. E. Sowman, Dr. Reynolds.

Rugby Notes

So far this season the weather has not interfered with any rugby matches and, although in great use, the grounds at Danum are in excellent condition.

The S.C.T. started the season by winning two of their first three matches, but then they had a few "off" days, partly due to several injuries. They have only four of last year's senior team left and the rest of the team is

rather youngish. If the forwards can get possession of the ball more often the backs have the ability to penetrate most defences. However, improvement by the backs in their tackling would strengthen this team a great deal.

The 2nd XV started rather badly this year, losing three of their first four matches, but they have since improved and have won their last three games. They are also a youngish side and several of them should be members of the 1st XV next year.

The J.C.T. have had mixed fortunes, winning five of their first nine matches. They have a very useful pack, but the defence must tighten up if they are to do well in the cup competition.

The under-14 team has won only two of its first eight matches. They played well in several matches, but were heavily beaten in many of the others. The tackling and handling of the backs is weak, but if this is improved the team can look forward to success in the future, and recently there have been marked signs of improvement.

The under-13 team has only played four matches, winning two and losing two. If the combination between backs and forwards improved this could become a very useful team.

The under-12 team has been very successful, winning all of its four matches to date, two against strong opposition. They are a very keen side and forwards and backs combine very well together.

The under-11 team has not yet played any matches, but it has several arranged in the near future. They are very enthusiastic and are looking forward to their coming fixtures.

	P.	W.	D.	L.
S.C.T.	11	4	0	7
2nd XV	7	4	0	3
J.C.T.	9	5	0	4
Under 14	8	2	1	5
Under 13	4	2	0	2
Under 12	4	4	0	0
J.W.O.				

Cricket Notes

The high standard of cricket which was set in previous years has been maintained, although we have not been so successful in the Cup competitions. The weather this season was very kind to us, and no matches had to be postponed.

The team of the season was undoubtedly the 1st XI. They won their section of the League with comfortable wins over St. Andrews, Sandford Park and Blackrock College. In the semi-final they came up against Belvedere College. High School batted first and were dismissed for 64 runs. Belvedere College, faced with what seemed to be a comparatively easy task, were forced to display all their batting skill against some excellent bowling and fielding. High School were defeated by 3 wickets after a most tense and exciting match. Belvedere went on to

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win the cup very easily. As usual the match against the Old Boys was most enjoyable. The school were just beaten, with time running out, by 7 wickets, by a team that included many Leinster Senior players.

The J.C.T. were not as successful as the previous year's team. They put up a dismal performance in the first round of the cup; having been set 72 runs to win by Sandford Park, they could only muster 47 runs. Apart from the cup match, they played quite well throughout the season. Of their friendly matches, they won 3, drew 1, and lost 2.

The "Under 14" started the season badly, losing their first three matches, including a league match against St. Mary's College. However, as the season progressed, they improved and won three out of their four remaining matches, including two league matches. Although this was not sufficient to win their section of the league, they showed great spirit and keenness. The "Under 14" 2nd XI played one match, which they won.

The "Under 13" met with mixed success throughout the season. Of the eight matches they played, they won 5 and lost 3. They should make a good "Under 14" team next season.

The "Under 12" had a very good season, winning four of their five matches. The "Under 12" 2nd XI played one match which they lost. It was good to see so many boys of this age playing cricket.

We congratulate Stephen Molins on being selected to play in two inter-provincial matches and on being selected to play for the Schools of Ireland against Wales in which he played exceptionally well. We also congratulate Frank Sowman on being selected for the Leinster Schoolboys' team.

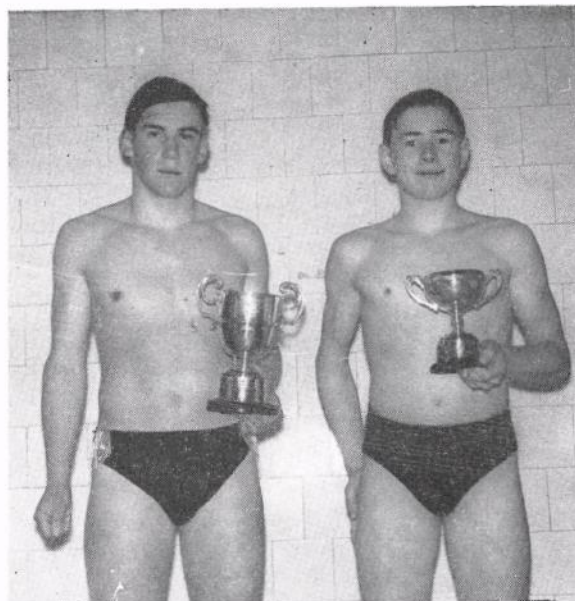
Stephen Molins was awarded the de Vere Shortt Cup for the best batting average throughout the season. David Ford was the most successful bowler.

R.W.S.

Swimming

During this term the Swimming Club has progressed very well. The annual Gala was held in the Iveagh Baths in October. It was a most enjoyable evening, and I would like to thank all those who made it so successful. It has been said that our Gala is one of the best run in Dublin.

The two most interesting races of the evening were the Senior and Junior Championships, which were won by J. W. Orr in 80.0 seconds, and P. A. Orr in 48.2 seconds, respectively. The



J. W. Orr, winner of Senior Championship (Liffey Cup) and P. A. Orr, Junior Championship (Dodder Cup).
(D. Townshend)

Squad was very closely defeated by a strong Mountjoy team. It was the first time our Squad has been beaten in the last six years, but we got our own back when we won the relay at the Mountjoy Gala.

On account of the large number of drowning accidents around our coasts every year, we have continued the very valuable practice of teaching life-saving, and with the help of Mr. Myles there was a display to conclude the Gala. It is a pity that this most valuable art is not taught all the year round instead of just a few lessons prior to the Gala. Every year the John Phillips Cup is awarded to the best house at life-saving, and this year Belgrave House received it.

It is up to all young boys to gain confidence in the water, and if possible to learn life-saving and keep down the large number of accidents every summer.

Water-polo is becoming more popular on Friday afternoons, and it is hoped by doing this that we shall be able to do better in the Inter-Schools championship.

During next Summer term it has been suggested that a competition be held with Campbell College. No final decision has been made, but it should be a very enjoyable evening.

D.W.T.

Boxing

The Boxing Club met on Fridays as usual this term. The junior attendance has been good, but the seniors have not been so well represented. This is a great pity, because some of the senior boys could be very good boxers.

During October, Dr. Stafford, who is an old boy of the School, came over from England and presented the Club with a shield on which are hanging all the medals won by him while boxing in universities in Ireland and England. The shield will be awarded to "The Best Scrapper of the Year".

Later on in the year the Club will have matches with other schools, both north and south of the Border.

I would like to thank Mr. Myles and Mr. O'Connor for all the hard work they put into running the Club.

P.D.M.

Mothers and Boys Tennis Match

The Mothers versus Boys tennis match was held at Leinster Stratford Lawn Tennis Club on June 21st, 1965. The Mothers' team consisted of Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Townshend, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Priestman, and Mrs. Smyth. S. Molins, B. Carson, S. Webster, R. Wormell, P. Gray and T. Darlington represented the School. Three doubles matches were played first, the Mothers losing all but one match. In this one, which went to three sets, Mrs. Priestman and Mrs. Smyth beat P. Gray and T. Darlington. Tea was served and then we played three more doubles matches. For these the boys changed partners and won all their matches. The best match was between Mrs. Townshend and Mrs. Murphy and S. Molins and S. Webster, the result being 7-5, 6-2. No singles matches were played this year because the mothers were not fit enough! The after-

noon was enjoyed by all and we were especially fortunate to have really good weather that afternoon.

P. GRAY (6A).

Athletics

Training under the aegis of Mr. Myles and Mr. O'Connor began for the Athletic season shortly after Easter. There was a reasonably good turn out, particularly from those of junior and intermediate standards.

The School was well represented at the Leinster Colleges Athletic Championships at the Iveagh Grounds on the 19th and 22nd of May. While our athletes did not gain any major successes, nevertheless they acquitted themselves well and the experience gained by our younger members should prove to be of much benefit in the coming year.

A School team was entered for the Junior Tailteann Games at Croke Park in early June and did extremely well.

The Annual School Sports were run off with resounding success by Mr. Evans.

The main prizewinners at the School Sports were:—

War Memorial: B. D. Carson
Cunningham: J. W. Carson
Walker: D. B. Dungan
Moore: G. J. H. Smith
Magill: H. J. Shatter

Our congratulations to our Captain, G. Smith who achieved the notable distinction of winning the Irish Junior 440 yards championship at Santry Stadium in June.

I.H.A.S.

Hockey

The fifth year hockey team made an encouraging start to this year's season by defeating Wesley five goals to two at Claremont Road on Monday, 1st November. At time of writing there are other matches being arranged and we look forward to the coming season.

H. McC.

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A Letter from the President

Dear Members,

I feel greatly honoured by the Old Boys' Union in electing me to be their President this year. My predecessors have set me a very high standard which I shall endeavour to follow.

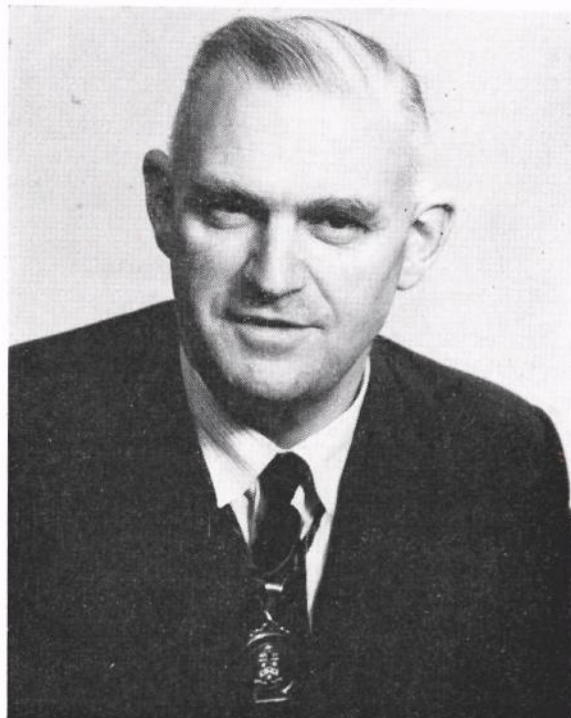
I should like at the outset to record the pleasure it gave me and, I know, all old boys of High School, to see Sam Evans as our President last year. And what a successful year of office he had! The number of new members who attended the Annual General Meeting was in no small measure due to his popularity.

You will, I know, be pleased to hear that the debt on the Pavilion Building Fund is almost cleared. Many thanks to all those who subscribed so generously and to Brian Wilkinson for his tremendous effort in raising over £100 from a Jumble Sale.

May I remind you that the Old Boys' Union donate annually £25 to the Adelaide Hospital towards the upkeep of a bed. When the scheme was first adopted by the Union, £25 was a reasonable sum of money to contribute. The

Committee now realise that £25 is completely unrealistic and out of touch with present-day costs of maintaining a hospital bed. We intend, therefore, to increase our donation this year and I would appeal to those Old Boys who do not already contribute to this Fund, to make the effort this year. And to those who do contribute, may we expect an increase in their donation?

The numbers attending the Annual Dance have been falling off in recent years, but this year it was a great success with a capacity attendance. As this is our only source of revenue, it is imperative that we support it every year. Our best thanks are due to Mervyn Keartland and his large Committee of young members. It was very gratifying to see so many new and younger generation members working so hard to make the occasion a success.



Our next major function is, of course, the Annual Dinner on January 15th in the Clock-room, but I would like to remind members that we will also be holding our London Dinner at the Overseas League on February 11th (the

eve of the England/Ireland Rugby match). I shall look forward to meeting many old friends at both these functions.

A happy Christmas to you all.

ROBIN CHILLINGWORTH

News of Old Boys

Vernon Armstrong (1952-60) was a member of the Irish fencing team which competed in the World Championships in Paris in June.

Kenneth J. Bannister (1953-59) called in to school recently. He had just come back from Singapore, where he has been serving as Junior Technician in the R.A.F. for two years along with **Trevor Paterson** (1949-59). He is now stationed in Valley, North Wales, and hopes to qualify as a pilot.

M. A. Batts (1949-56) is now teaching English at Chatham House Grammar School, Ramsgate, the school he went to as a pupil on leaving the High School, Dublin.

Donald Beck (1957-63) has been elected Treasurer of the Dublin University Law Society.

Ian Bloomfield (1956-61) has started a separate branch of his father's firm in Dublin, and is manufacturing Junior Miss dresses with considerable success.

George W. Browning (1949-53) called in the school in the autumn. He is an electronic engineer with Associated Electrical Industries, and his work takes him frequently to the Continent and to Canada. He is married, has two children and lives in Manchester.

Michael Byrne (1952-56) has returned to Dublin and has taken a post with Messrs. Smith and Pearson Ltd.

Robin Byrne (1958-62), who entered the wine trade in Dublin after leaving the R.A.F., has now taken a similar position in Bristol.

Dr. Aidan Clarke (1949-51) has been appointed Junior Lecturer in History in Dublin University.

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John W. Cox (1956-58) has been appointed Assistant in History in Trinity College for the coming year.

John Darley (1958-61) is teaching in Grange-field Grammar School, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham. He takes English in the senior classes and contemporary affairs with the upper sixth.

Harold F. C. Darling (1919-25), who is in Lagos serving with the Nigerian Police, was awarded the M.B.E. (military division) in Queen Elizabeth's Honours List of June, 1965.

Alex. Donaldson (1954-60) is in Guelph Veterinary College, Toronto, where he is working for Ph.D.

Rev. H. A. E. Egan (1917-27), Rector of Castledawson, has been installed as Canon of St. Columba's Cathedral, Derry.

Cian O hEigearthaigh (1961-62) was awarded a prize of £25 in this year's Oireachtas Essay Competition for a study of John F. Kennedy. He also won Duais Chairde na Cruite for a song arrangement for harp accompaniment.

Capt. Godfrey Fisher, R.A.M.C. (1946-57), who is still in Aden, has been appointed Medical Officer to the Welsh Guards while they are stationed there.

Ian Fox (1948-58), who has twice been awarded scholarships to the World Advertising Congress of the International Advertising Association, has left Messrs. Brown & Polson (I.) Ltd. to become publicity officer in Bord na Mona.

Alan Gill (1949-59) has been transferred to the O'Connell Street branch of the Ulster Bank.

R. D. Gray (1959-63) and **R. L. Robinson** (1952-63) have started their third and final year in the Radio, Television and Electronics Technicians' Course in the College of Technology, Kevin Street, Dublin. Also working in the College of Technology are **J. B. Nason** (1957-64), First Year Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians' Course, **M. G. Nason** (1954-65), First Year Intermediate B.Sc. Degree Course, **R. Shepherd** (1950-59), Third and Final Year Telecommunication and Electronics Technicians' Course, **T. R. Walsh** (1959-63), Second Year Electrical Engineering Course as approved by the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Stephen R. Hanna (1956-65) has gone to Heidelberg for a language course in the Fremdsprachen Institut lasting a year or more, before entering his father's business.

Rev. S. M. Haskins (1949-55) has completed his Theology course in the University of Saskatchewan, and is now studying medicine. He plans to work in South America as a medical missionary.

Gordon A. Henderson (1943-51) has been elected Hon. Secretary of the Dublin Solicitors' Bar Association.

Eric A. G. Hill (1950-58) has now joined his brother, Michael, as a director in his father's business, Hardware Distributors Ltd.

Martin Hilliard (1951-64), **Michael King** (1956-65) and **Trevor Lloyd** (1955-61), with other members of the Rathfarnham Parish Guild of Youth, have launched a campaign to buy a van for mission work in the Congo. They have already collected £250—£75 from their own funds—and hope to collect a further £400. The Treasurer is Martin Hilliard, 21 Crannagh Road, Dublin 14.

David P. Hughes (1958-63) has completed the course in Welbeck College and has passed into Sandhurst. In Welbeck he was House Prefect, Captain of Boxing, played rugby on the 1st XV and was awarded the unusually high Grade A rating for a Mechanical Engineering Course at Chatham.

Roger G. F. Jackson (1953-55) is flying Gannets in the Fleet Air Arm, R.N.

Michael E. King (1952-59) is in Siam, where he is working for a year under the Voluntary Services Organisation.

Norman Lambert (1953-59) has been awarded the Teacher's Certificate of the Institute of Education of London University; he was studying in Canterbury. He has been appointed to the staff of Oak Park County Secondary School in Havant, near Portsmouth, where he will be particularly concerned with teaching Divinity.

Trevor Lloyd (1955-61), who graduated in Engineering last summer, has taken a post as Assistant Engineer, mainly for soil analysis, with Messrs. Orrje & Co., Dublin.

Rev. G. Robert Love (1926-33) has been appointed Rector of the parish of Whitechurch in succession to Canon Handy.

Canon Hector W. Love (1919-26) has published the "Records of the Archbishops of Armagh" (Dundalgan Press, 15/-). It is an indexed catalogue of the manuscripts, documents and books in the archiepiscopal registry at Armagh. They date from 1380.

Major Henry F. Lovell-Butt (1933-35) received the M.B.E. from Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace last October.

Bruce Lyster (1948-58) has been made a partner in Messrs. Craig, Gardner. This is an unusual tribute to the merit of a young man of 24 years of age.

Rev. Gregor A. McCamley (1954-60) was ordained Deacon in Downpatrick Cathedral last June. He is curate in St. Philip and St. James Parish, Holywood, Co. Down.

Kenneth P. McCormick (1957-64) has completed his Matriculation and is now in Trinity College doing General Studies (English, History, Geography). He is continuing as prep. master in Mountjoy School.

Desmond A. G. Mackey (1950-58) has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by Trinity College for a thesis on the accumulation of sulphate by isolated mitochondria.

Ernest G. Margetson (1956-61) has been elected President of the Dublin Solicitors' Bar Association.

Fred Martin (1954-63), who is now in Nottingham, has received the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. He is sailing instructor for the local Boys' Brigade Company, and for the expedition section of the Award made a four-day trip by water along the Trent and Humber Estuary to Hull and back again.

R. Evelyn Montgomery (1922-28) has transferred from the Sligo Branch of the Bank of Ireland to Ballybofey, Co. Donegal, where he has been appointed Agent.

Dr. Brian H. Murdoch (1946-47) has been elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.

Alan C. Newell (1952-58) has obtained the degree of S.M., i.e. Master of Science, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a thesis on Nonlinear Random Waves.

Norman Pope (1949-58) is now studying Theology at Cambridge. He plans to enter the Methodist Ministry.

William G. Potts (1937-41) has been elected President of Palmerston Football Club for 1965-66.

Rev. W. C. G. Proctor (1912-21) has taken the position of organising secretary of the Church of Ireland Jews' Society.

Julian D. Reynolds (1951-60) has gone to Ghana for a year under the Voluntary Services Association scheme. He is working on the problem of stocking the newly-formed Volta Lake with fish, and will live partly beside the lake and partly in the University of Accra.

Robert W. Scales (1955-61) was first in Ireland in the Final Diploma Examination of the National Institute of Hardware, Birmingham, and came fourth in the whole examination; passing with credit. He was awarded the Kelly and Shiel Perpetual Trophy and won the HATA prize of 10 guineas and the "Prestige" prize of 7 guineas.

D. C. B. Taylor, A.C.A. (1948-53) is at present a senior member of the staff of Deloitte Plender Griffiths & Co., Chartered Accountants and one of the largest firms in Britain. He is located at their Manchester office.

Paul Walsh (1958-63) has been elected Treasurer of the Dublin University Economics Society.

A. Brian West, B.A. (1959-61), who obtained a Moderatorship in Natural Science in June is now doing post-graduate work in the Food Study Department of the University of California.

Rev. Richard R. Wilson (1949-55) was ordained Deacon on October 31st. He will serve in the parish of Derryloran, Cookstown.

The Annual Dinner 1966

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 15th January, 1966. If you intend being present kindly advise the Hon. Secretary on the form enclosed with this issue of the *Erasmian*.

Marriages

We congratulate the following Old Boys whose marriages have taken place since our last issue:

Richard M. Barrett (1957-59) to Gwendolyn I. Smith.

Rorke Bryan (1947-50) to Ingrid Eriksson.

Arthur W. Burgess (1951-58) to Judith M. Burden.

Jack M. Fahy (1952-55) to Jean Macdougald.

P. R. Stewart Kelly (1950-60) to Carole Dagg.

Alwyn W. Kelso (1954-59) to Norah M. Love.

Richard McMullen (1946-49) to Eve Coulter.

Roland Meates (1943-54) to Heather McNeil.

Douglas Roy (1949-55) to Florence Parry.

Michael C. Taylor (1951-58) to Iris M. Aschenbrenner.

Alan Waterhouse (1950-55) to Joyce Davis.

Deaths

Cyril John Guinness Conerney (1913-15), elder son of the late Rev. and Mrs. P. Pirrie Conerney, at St. Leonards-on-Sea, July 30th, 1965.

Dr. Eddie Lipman (1907-09), June 3rd, 1965, aged 78. During his younger days he was friendly with many of the leading Irish literary and political figures, in particular Seamus O'Sullivan and Arthur Griffith. He served in the R.A.M.C. in Mesopotamia during the First World War, and later practised in Dublin and London.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 15th October, 1965. The President, Mr. S. S. Evans, was in the Chair.

During the year the various events of the Union were well supported.

Our Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 16th January, 1965, with a record attendance of 247. The Principal Guest was Dr. F. H. Boland.

Ladies Night was held in the University Club on Saturday, 6th March, and our thanks are due to the University Club for their help in making the evening so enjoyable.

The Inter-House Question Time sponsored by the Union was held in November. A collection was taken up towards the expenses of the Annual Rugby Match between the School and Royal Edinburgh High School.

Our Annual Dance, also held in November, was greatly enjoyed by all present although numbers were, unfortunately, down this year.

We welcomed 55 new members to the Union during the year.

The Meetings and Functions of the U.I.S. and A.S.U. were all attended and supported by the Union.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report showed an excess of Expenditure over Income of £10-9-1 this year.

The London Dinner 1966

The 1966 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, 11th February (eve of England v. Ireland Rugby International, 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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