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Editorial

ANOTHER year has slipped past and again an editorial is required to grace this Magazine. We unearth a pile of dusty Erasmians to ask "what do they usually do?" and to seek inspiration from our predecessors. Our imagination soars to lofty thoughts and ideals, but, crash! we come back to earth with a blank page confronting us.

This school year has seen considerable changes in school life. We came back from the summer holidays full of expectancy—we were going to have something special, something new: a real live mistress was going to teach the very junior forms. Indeed, we needed her; year by year the First Form has been becoming larger and larger and smaller and smaller: larger in numbers, smaller in size. We can imagine the school a few years hence swarming with tiny children toddling round the playground; perhaps the "bike" sheds will be extended to shelter the prams of the more youthful scholars, while the Clockroom might be soundproofed to drown their lamentation.

An impressive black book contains the names of those "stuck," and the names of young "delinquents" no longer ignominiously echo through the classrooms. Special reports—appropriately enough, purple in colour—endeavour to curb the hardened "criminals," and the A.B.C. has taken on a new significance even for quite senior boys.

All these changes, however, are superficial; we have seen no sweeping reforms. Could not school activities be carried on during the long summer months? Could not the Square be opened during the holidays? We shall soon ask for wireless sets to play "Music While You Work" (while we don't). Perhaps the intro-

duction of the cinema could do away with masters, while to complete the picture a daily edition of THE ERASMIAN would keep its readers informed of the latest scandal and spicy news from the School.

School Notes

AT the end of this term we bid farewell to two of our masters. To Mr. G. A. Watson, B.Sc., the senior member of the Staff, who is retiring, we wish good health and happiness in his retirement. We congratulate Dr. J. A. Storey on his appointment to the Headmastership of the Masonic Boys' School, and we wish him every success.

Miss V. M. Rutherford, who has been School Secretary for six years, is also leaving this term. We congratulate her on her forthcoming marriage, and we wish her every happiness.

We welcome a new member of the Staff, Miss D. V. Orr, Higher Certificate, National Froebel Union, who, since September, 1943, has taken charge of Forms I and II.

Mr. F. A. L. Gardner (Mod.), B.A., an Old Boy of the High School, is to succeed Mr. Watson as Science Master.

Mr. Dillon has been elected President of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, for the second year in succession. This is the third time that Mr. Dillon has held this important office.

We congratulate Dr. Storey on obtaining the degree of Ph.D., (T.C.D.).

We offer our sincere sympathy to Miss Orr on the death of her mother; to Dr. Storey on the death of his mother, and to Mr. Moore on the death of his brother.

We wish to thank Capt. W. L. Sharp, R.A.M.C., who presented a number of books to the School Library.

The Prize Distribution was held on Friday, 12th November, 1943.

Trinity Monday was a great day for the High School. It was announced that G. F. Mitchell, M.A., M.Sc., had been appointed a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and that C.

PASS IT ON!

Owing to Emergency paper restrictions and to constantly changing addresses, we find it quite impossible to send "The Erasmian" to Old Boys overseas, while, at home, we have been forced to distribute one copy to each family instead of one to each member as formerly.

When you have read your copy will you please pass it on, or return it to us for re-posting, suggesting, if you like, an address to which you would like to have it sent.

F. G. Delaney and G. W. Williams had gained Scholarships in Mathematics and Classics respectively.

On October 12, 1943, the Clockroom was turned into a cinema. Mr. Barnardo, an Old Boy of the High School, showed us films connected with Dr. Barnardo's Homes for Boys and Girls. A few other interesting items were included in the programme. Mrs. Kingwood spoke about the history and work of the Homes; and, as a result, the boys of their own accord asked for 36 collecting boxes. Only three of the consignment were released by the Customs Authorities, but in these three boxes—by private and class contributions—about £15 has already been collected for this deserving cause.

During this School year a Parents' Association was formed and a Committee was appointed to arrange social functions and any other business. A very pleasant Social Evening took place in the School on 16th February, 1944. After tea the Headmaster spoke on "The History and Traditions of the High School," and Messrs. P. Henry, E. Grace and R. Johnson provided the musical programme. On Saturday, 3rd June, the annual Parents v. School cricket match was played at Belgrave Square. A large gathering saw the Parents win by two runs in a most exciting finish.

On Wednesday, 7th June, the Parents v. School tennis match resulted in a win for the Parents, 4-2.

The Secretary of the Parents' Association is Mr. J. Montgomery, 2 Butterfield Drive, Rathfarnham. The subscription is 5/- per family.

The Prefects, 1943-4, were: R. F. Kyle, E. R. Simms, W. B. Lyons, J. H. R. Lindsay, J. R. Lindsay, D. M. Wilding, L. J. Wilkinson.

We congratulate E. H. Bodell on being selected to play on the Leinster Schools' Cricket XI v. Clontarf.

The School Sports will be held at Lansdowne Road (by kind permission of the I.R.F.U.) on Saturday, 1st July. Thus we are breaking with the ancient tradition of holding them on a Friday. We hope that by so responding to the request of many parents and friends, we may have the pleasure of the company of many more of them.

Prize Distribution

THE Prize Distribution was held on 12th November, 1943. Dr. E. H. Alton, Provost of Trinity College, was Chairman.

The Headmaster, in his Report, gave a summary of the successes gained by pupils during the year. All boys who had completed the 6th Form Course in Commerce had secured business openings. An unusual distinction had been obtained in the Intermediate Certificate Examination, and at Entrance to Trinity College our pupils obtained many distinctions, the total value of which was about £570. [See "Examination Results" elsewhere in this issue.] During the last five years the School has won about £2,850 (of which our own leaving exhibitions amounted to £850).

Past pupils in Trinity College gained Mathematical Studentship, First Moderatorship, two Foundation Scholarships, First of First Class Honours in Mathematics, Classics, Experimental Science, and First Class Honours in French, History, Mental and Moral Science and Natural Science.

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Mr. A. L. B. Moore

IT is with deep regret that we record the death of Arthur L. B. Moore, a former pupil of the School, who was Registrar of the Erasmus Smith Board for almost half a century and retired on pension at the end of 1942. His patent integrity and his wisdom in the management of the business of the Board won the complete confidence of the Governors. He had an unusual memory for detail, and it is to be regretted that failing health prevented him from recording his unique knowledge of the history of the Erasmus Smith Schools, as he had intended to do after his retirement. This knowledge and his untiring devotion to duty were of great value during the dangerous period of the Erasmus Smith lawsuit and the reconstruction which followed.

To those who knew him intimately, however, he was something much finer than a very competent official. His kindliness, his humour and his gentleness made a character of great charm. His humour had no malice, but was especially efficient in dealing with vanity and pretence. All his ways were gentle—without weakness—for one came on something hard and immovable when it was a question of right and wrong; and it was noticeable that those who tried to sum up his character often used the word "gentleman."

We extend our most sincere sympathy to his family, to Mrs. Moore and their two daughters, and to their son "Teddy," who was also a pupil of the High School and is now an Engineer in India.

Athletics

LAST year the School Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Friday, July 2nd. The entry was larger than in previous years. Cup winners were as follows:—*War Memorial Cup*: H. R. White; *Junior Championship Cup*: A. J. Freedman; 220 yds. *Senior Championship*: G. B. Quin; 100 yds. *Junior Championship (The Magill Cup)*: H. Venables; *Lord Holmpatrick Cup*: Abbey House.

Other prizes were:—*Rugby "Place and Drop" Cup*: W. Leach. *Cricket*:—*Best Bat*: S. J. Wright; *Best Bowling*: W. Leach.

Cricket, 1944

Capt., W. B. LYONS. Vice-Capt., R. F. KYLE.
Hon. Sec., F. FINE.

IN spite of the handicap of being without the services of W. B. Lyons and R. F. Kyle in the Cup matches, the S.C.T. did moderately well. This was mainly due to the excellent bowling of E. H. Bodell and S. C. Wright. The fielding, on the whole, was good, but, except for R. J. Anderson, the batting left much to be desired.

E. H. Bodell was chosen as a substitute for the Leinster Schools' Inter-Provincial Trials at Blackhall Place.

SENIOR CUP MATCHES

1st ROUND

1st XI v. AVOCA, at Phoenix Park

Avoca, 1st Innings 29 (Bodell, 7 for 15; Wright, 2 for 8). 2nd Innings, 68 (Bodell, 5 for 21; Freedman, 2 for 8).

H.S.D., 1st Innings 93 (Wright, 23; Lindsay, 20; Fine, 18). 2nd Innings 6 for no wicket.

2nd ROUND

1st XI v. ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE,
at Phoenix Park

St. Columba's College, 112 (Bodell, 6 for 50).
H.S.D., 46 (Anderson 23).

JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Capt., E. H. BODELL

The J.C.T. were expected to do well in the Cup, but, unfortunately, they had an "off" day when playing St. Andrew's College in the first round, and were beaten.

St. Andrew's College, 69 and 20.

H.S.D., 36 and 30.

"UNDER 14" LEAGUE

The "Under 14" are shaping well in the League and, up to date, have defeated Belvedere College and St. Andrew's College.

The Committee again wish to thank Mr. Rodway and members of Civil Service Cricket Club Committee for use of their ground throughout the season.

Rugby, 1943-44

Capt., R. F. KYLE.

Vice-Capt., J. H. R. LINDSAY.

Hon. Sec., G. N. GRAY.

OWING to the small number of Senior boys playing Rugby this year, the 1st XV proved rather disappointing. The situation was not improved when K. A. Bird left to take up a commercial post, and L. R. Belford was injured. The backs were fairly keen, but were inexperienced and, except for one or two, failed

combined effort in this match—but too late. The season was terminated by a trip to Bangor Grammar School, and we congratulate our Northern friends on the excellent entertainment provided.

K. Bird, S. Bennett, R. F. Kyle and J. H. Lindsay (sub.) were selected for a Leinster Trial Team.

The 2nd XV had not much chance to settle down because many of its members were called upon to play on the 1st XV from time to time.

The J.C.T. was, for the most part, promising and improved greatly towards the close of the



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SENIOR XV

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Back Row—D. Wilding, C. Machesney, J. Palmer, J. H. Lindsay, Dr. Storey, J. Clark, E. Bodell, H. Venables.
Seated—B. Waugh, J. R. Lindsay, S. Lee, R. F. Kyle (Capt.), S. Bennett, F. Fine, Mr. Johnson.
In Front—P. Comley, R. H. Kyle.

to give the forwards support where they needed it. The forwards were somewhat better, the outstanding members being J. H. R. Lindsay and R. F. Kyle. However, when they did heel the ball, they were not encouraged by the performance of the backs. Most of this team will still be under age for next year's 1st XV.

In the Cup match, Terenure College defeated us by 5 points to nil. The team did make a

season. The backs were slow to find their positions at first, but they were good whenever they settled down. The forwards constituted the mainstay of the team and helped the team as a whole by supporting the backs. The J.C.T. defeated Wesley College in the first round of the Cup. Masonic had to give us a bye in the second round, owing to illness in their school. Unfortunately, at this juncture the J.C.T. lost

their Captain, E. Bodell, through injury. In the third round they were defeated by St. Andrew's College.

The "Under 14," captained by J. Kerr, had only moderate success, being handicapped by lack of speed in the backs and lack of weight in the forwards. The "Under 13," whose Captain was B. Kendall, had a fairly good season, but have still to learn the value of teamwork.

Parents are asked to see that boys turn out for Rugby—especially for matches—when they have promised to do so.

The Boxing Club, 1943-44

Capt., E. D. R. SIMMS.

Vice-Capt., G. D. DAWSON.

Hon. Sec., J. R. LINDSAY.

THE Boxing Club had a fairly successful season. The Club was extremely deficient in Senior members, but the Juniors were keen and showed considerable promise. In November, the team travelled to Portora Royal School for our Annual Meeting, and though we lost by one contest it was a most enjoyable event. This year we again retain the Ellerker Cup, there being no challenge. The High School Annual Boxing Championships, held on Thursday, 24th March, were well up to the standard of previous years and attracted a very large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. We are again indebted to our old friends: Mr. Carroll, who acted as referee; Mr. Richardson and Dr. Prince, judges; Mr. E. Frith, timekeeper, and Mr. Mervyn Bell, Master of Ceremonies. A series of photographs taken on that occasion by *The Times Pictorial* proved very popular with our members and their friends.

Once again we must thank our popular trainer, Johnny Nelson, and Messrs. Goulden and Kirkpatrick for their untiring support of the Club.

At the end of the season 1943-44, Senior Colours were awarded to: E. D. R. Simms, J. R. Lindsay, H. Perdue, and a "date" to G. D. Dawson. Junior Colours were awarded to: M. A. Cole, J. Sutton, B. Tomlinson, and "dates" to P. Stewart and D. Couse.

J. R. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec.

Table Tennis Club

Capt., E. MARGETSON.

Hon. Sec., W. S. CALLAGHAN.

THIS was the fourth year of the Table Tennis Club in High School, and it was again a success. The attendance was not as high as previous years, but all the members had an enjoyable season, although the team was not very successful.

The Leinster Branch of the I.T.T.A. again held an inter-schools' competition. There were only five schools entered this year. The competition for the places on the team was keen, and the following was the final team: E. Margetson, G. Dawson, S. Bennett, W. Lyons, W. Callaghan, J. Lindsay. We were rarely able to turn out a full team, owing to illness or exams, and this accounted for our not doing well in the competition.

E. J. M.

AN breacá mór.

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ONCE again, as the baths were closed, no Gala was held. Competitive swimming events, which were limited to the swimming of the Senior and Junior Championships, and the House Squadron Race, took place in September, 1943. The results were:

Senior Championship ... J. T. CLARK
Junior Championship ... R. A. MALTBY
House Squadron ... BELGRAVE HOUSE

Lawn Tennis, 1944

Capt., L. R. BELFORD.

Junior Capt., E. J. MARGETSON.

OWING to favourable weather conditions, the Senior Tennis Team had some practice early this season at Anglesea Tennis Club. Thanks to this, the Team won its four matches and, consequently, its section, viz.: King's Hospital, 6-0; St. Gerard's, Bray, 5-1; C.U.S., 6-0; Blackrock College, 5-1. We were, however, defeated by Terenure College, 4-2, in the Leinster Senior Schools' Final, played at Fitzwilliam on 2nd June.

The Junior Team completed their League matches half-way through the month of May owing mainly to fine weather. This team is not up to our general standard; they lost two matches, against Terenure College and Blackrock College, and drew their last match with St. Gerard's, Bray.

Senior Team: L. Belford, S. Bennett, S. Lee, E. Margetson, F. Fine, R. J. Anderson.

Junior Team: E. Margetson, J. Sutton, N. Montgomery, J. Kerr, A. Knight, G. Harrison.

L. R. B.

NOTICE

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The "Break-Up" Dance

OUR Annual "Break-Up" Dance was held in the Clockroom, on Friday, 17th December, 1943. The Royella Swingtette provided the music, which added greatly to the success of a most enjoyable evening.

The Hon. Secs. wish to thank all those who helped to make it a success, especially Mrs. Bennett for her help with the refreshments, and Mr. Wilson for his help in decorating the Hall. We also wish to thank all the Old Boys, and the present boys, who very generously supplied us with spot prizes. Messrs. Moore and Kirkpatrick were as usual the leading figures in the organising of the Dance.

J. T. CLARK, } Hon. Secs.
L. J. WILKINSON, }

Limerick

There was a young student named R—w—,
Who always was "on the go,"
But when he was batting,
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I. BY DAY

As the hour for sailing draws near an air of bustle pervades the port. On all the ships men are coiling ropes, patching sails, and cleaning up generally. Then, as the swirl of water stills, and the tide begins to drop, one after another the moorings splash off the sides, and the red-brown sails sway to the tops of the masts. Then slowly black hulls begin to move, and very soon the whole flotilla slides out into the fairway, and the trip has begun. This happens both morning and evening, and it is not till the voyage is well started that one notices the difference.

At dawn there will possibly be a slight mist, but as the sun gets up properly this disappears, and one can see the whole panorama in all its beauty. The sea stretches away to the horizon, with no two parts of it exactly the same shade, the colouring varies from deep purples to delicate duck-egg blues, with intermediate shades of all the colours the ancient Japanese were so fond of working into their pictures, azures, lapis-lazuli tinted shadows, and beautiful kingfisher blue waves. Over all this beauty the fishing fleet moves with a lordly motion as if acknowledging the homage of the sea-gods. If an ordinary land-lubber sees this, he thinks that nobody could pass it by without being moved to an almost lyrical gift of speech. Yet the grizzled old sea-dogs, at the tillers of their craft, have seen it so many times that it is as familiar and ordinary to them as their own backyard.

II. BY NIGHT

The most romantic part of a fishing fleet's work is when night fishing is practised, such as the mackerel fishing off the south coast of Ireland. In such cases the fleets sail in the evening, when the light is just beginning to fail. When the boats are a mile or so outside the harbour the darkness comes stealing furtively down on them, and the lamps at masthead and binnacle are lit. When the darkness is complete the fleet moves along like a huge dragon, lazily dragging himself over the undulating billows. At night the shore is in darkness, and all the skipper sees are the lights of his own fleet and the occasional gleam of some light-

house, or possibly the masthead and navigation lights of some great steamer passing by in the offing. It is at such times as these that a man can feel alone in the midst of a crowd.

When the nets begin to come in the sight is truly remarkable. The fish come over the gunwale into the light of the lantern like driven flakes of spume, or like multitudes of steel darts loosed against an army. The heap in the hold appears like a pool of quicksilver, with a writhing motion like a snake. In night fishing the boats arrive home in the early morning. As the normal person is starting off to his work the fisherman is returning home to a well-earned bed.

—M. W. BRYAN (Form 5¹).

My Dog

I have a puppy small, and night or day
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2nd Year.

Prize—J. Blair (3rd Class).

Pass Certificates—K. Henderson, C. Donaghy, F. N. Willis.

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3rd Year.

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 G. W. Williams (J.F.)—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.
 G. H. F. Gardner (J.F.)—Mathematics, 1st of 1st Rank.
 G. H. F. Gardner (J.F.)—Experimental Science, 1st Rank.
 J. L. B. Deane (J.F.)—Legal Science, 1st of 1st Rank.
 D. Romney (J.F.)—Natural Science, 3rd Rank.

Trinity, 1944.

- G. H. F. Gardner (J.F.)—Mathematics, 1st of 1st Rank.

TERM EXAMINATIONS.

- Final Freshman—R. L. Gardner, E. R. Haynes, A. R. Jolley, F. S. L. Lyons, E. A. McColl, R. K. Maguire, G. A. S. May, D. C. Reynolds, J. R. F. Smith, R. P. Willis.

Senior Freshman—S. A. Belford.

Junior Freshman—L. J. Clein.

MEDICAL.

Pre-Registration Examination.

Chemistry—A. L. Jones (2nd Hons.), W. E. D. Rutherford (Pass).

Zoology—L. J. Clein (2nd Hons.).

First Medical.

Anatomy and Physiology—E. R. Haynes, E. A. McColl, J. R. F. Smith, D. J. J. Waugh (Pass).

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Final Dentistry—F. E. Pasley.

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Law of Property (Term Exam.)—W. Noyk
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OTHER EXAMINATIONS.

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Matriculation—J. W. Moore.

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Final Professional Exam. (Midwifery)—W. A. Erskine.

2nd Professional Exam. (Pathology)—J. F. de V. Dudgeon.

Term Exam. (Applied Chemistry)—A. Shaw
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INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

R. H. Kyle was awarded a £40 Scholarship.

The School Choir obtained 80% and qualified
for a grant.

Catastrophe

(With apologies to Kingsley)

Three cats sat out on the garden wall,
On the garden wall, as the sun shone bright.
Each thought of a meal which was tasty but
small,

But hopes of obtaining it were very slight.
For fish was scarce and meat was dear,
And the housewife that day had failed to
appear:

So there sat the cats all wailing.

Three birds flew on to the old rose tree,
To the old rose tree by the garden wall.
No sign of the danger could they see,
Until on the cats their eyes did fall.
When the cats all leapt the birds got a scare,
And they flew very swiftly into the air.
So Good-bye to the cats and their wailing!

R. JONES (3c¹).

Exasperation

When I try writing verse
Quick, witty and terse,
My temper grows worse
As I search for a word
Not wholly absurd
To rhyme with ERASMIAN.
Inspiration goes,
I cannot compose,
And therefore I close
Giving up all hope of ever becoming
a poet and therefore returning to
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—R. H. KYLE.

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OLD BOYS' UNION

PRIDE of place among the O.B.U.'s activities this year must be given to the Adelaide Hospital Scheme, inaugurated in the 1942-3 session. In response to the circular sent to members, subscriptions came in steadily, so that in December the Hon. Treasurer was able to report that he had forwarded £75 to the Adelaide Hospital to endow a bed there in our name. It was decided that the inscription to be placed on the tablet over the bed should be: "The High School, Dublin, Old Boys' Union Bed." We trust that our members will help to make our annual subscription towards the maintenance of this bed worthy of the spirit of the undertaking. Many promises have been received—no amount is too small; a "reminder" will be sent out each year.

The Annual Dance was held at the Metro-pole on 6th November, 1943, and was an outstanding success, thanks to the untiring work of Mr. H. Bunbury. The Annual Dinner was also very successful. It was held in the Clock-

room on 15th January, 1944, and Sir John Maffey was again the guest of honour. At both these functions the attendance reached new records. The interest in the athletic activities of the Union is well maintained, as will be seen from the accompanying notes.

This year we welcome Mr. W. H. Carson, K.C., as President of our Union. After many years as joint Hon. Sec. with Mr. Mervyn Bell, Mr. Arthur J. Beatty has asked to be relieved of this office. The Committee very reluctantly accepted his resignation, but promptly co-opted him to the Executive Committee. Mr. Harry Bunbury has accepted the unanimous request of the Committee to succeed Mr. Beatty in his office.

Again we urge boys on leaving school to enrol immediately as members of the O.B.U. Boys leaving school may become members by paying 5/- during the first year, 5/- during the second year and 11/- during the third, or they may pay one guinea straight away. Subscriptions and enrolment forms may be given to Mr. Evans or to Mr. Mervyn Bell.



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Cricket Notes

LAST season the Old Boys' Union Cricket Team played a record number of 11 matches, 6 of which were won, 3 were lost, 1 was drawn and 1 ended in a tie.

King's Hospital Old Boys again proved to be our bogey by beating us at Blackhall Place. Perhaps our best achievement was a win at the expense of Malahide, who won the Leinster Intermediate Cup. Two very enjoyable matches were played against the School at Belgrave Square, each side having one win.

We applied for entry into the Leinster Cricket Union League Competition, but were turned down owing to the war.

W. G. BOOKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Rugby

AN extra match was added to our fixture list for this season—one against St. Andrew's College O.B.U. This was played at Stillorgan Road, and after a very keen struggle ended in a draw (8pts. each). We won against the School on both occasions: a friendly match before Christmas and the Colours match (9-0) after Christmas. Our final match, against King's Hospital O.B.U., near the close of the season, was played at Blackhall Place, and we reversed the previous year's close defeat by winning by 12pts. to 9pts. A far greater number of Old Boys seem to be interested in the Rugby section than used to be, and it is hoped that an extra fixture will be arranged next year, so that more can get a game.

E. W. FRITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Golf, 1943-44

THE Annual Competition for the Old Boys' Cup and Replica took place at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 2nd September, 1943. Winner: A. C. Orr, 69; Runner-up: V. V. Drennan, 77; Best Gross: A. H. Whiteside, 82.

The Union of Irish Schools' Competition for The Irish Schools' Shield was held at Milltown Golf Club on Wednesday, 15th September, 1943. 1st: Cistercian College, 150½; 2nd:

Castleknock College, 151; 3rd: The High School, 153½.

Association of Schools' Unions Competition for Royal Dublin Cup was held at Milltown Golf Course on Thursday, 25th May, 1944. 1st: Portora, 279; 2nd: St. Andrew's, 290; 3rd: The High School, 293.

News of Old Boys

M. Bell (1915-22) has been appointed Registrar of the Erasmus Smith Schools in succession to the late Mr. A. L. B. Moore.

A. J. Burge (1931-42) has a post in Messrs. Harland and Wolff's Offices, Belfast.

A. S. Burrowes (1931-36) gained 1st place in Senior Organ at the Dublin Feis Ceoil. He has also passed the examination for Associate of Trinity College, London.

J. A. Collins (1942-43) joined the Mercantile Marine in December, 1943.

Rev. A. W. Moncrieff Cox has been unanimously nominated to the incumbency of Castledermot and Kinneigh.

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P. J. Custis (1930-37), A.C.I.S., F.R.Econ.S., has secured an Accountancy appointment in London.

C. F. G. Delaney (1936-42), who has just obtained Scholarship in Mathematics at Trinity College, is Librarian-elect to the Mathematical Society.

Dr. D. H. Draper (1922-27) is House-Surgeon at the Meath Hospital, Dublin.

N. B. Dunlop, B.A.I. (1931-37), has been appointed, by the British Ministry of Works, as an Assistant Resident Engineer at Cardiff. His work is connected with coal production.

W. J. G. Gourley (1938-43) is employed in the Cashier's Office of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast.

K. Gourley (1942-43) is serving his time to engineering as a draughtsman with Messrs. Grey and Mawhinney, Belfast.

W. G. Hilliard (1934) has been appointed an Inspector for the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company.

A. N. Jeffares (1930-39) gained a Double Moderatorship and University Studentship with Lectureship in Classics in T.C.D. He has now added to his distinctions in College by being elected Auditor of the Classical Society, and by winning a Gold Medal for Oratory in the College Historical Society.

W. G. Kirkpatrick (1923-30) has been elected a Vice-President of Palmerston Rugby Club.

G. F. Mitchell, M.A., M.Sc. (1922-30), has been elected Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.

H. R. Roberts (1936-41), who succeeded another Old High School Boy, B. E. Hennessey, as Hon. Team Secretary of Palmerston Rugby Club, was chosen for the Dublin Junior XV in both matches against Provincial XV's at Kilkenny and Dundalk.

E. W. Scales (1912-18) has been appointed Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Health, Northern Ireland.

N. S. Taylor (1936-42) holds a post in the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co.

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W. Warnock (1922-29), the Irish Chargé d'Affaires in Berlin, who has not been home since the spring of 1939, is now in Ireland on leave.

George W. Williams (1912-14) has been appointed Manager of the Terenure Branch of the Royal Bank.

Gordon W. Williams (1936-43) has just gained a Scholarship in Classics at Trinity College in his Junior Freshman year.

R. P. Willis (1935-41), Sch., T.C.D., is Secretary-elect of the D.U. Mathematical Society.

With the Forces

[7th list appearing in THE ERASMIAN, bringing the total number of Old Boys known to be serving (including missing and killed) in all Forces to 173.—ED.]

Adcock, H. W. (1938-41), R.A.F.
 Alexander, K. H. (1927-35), R.A.F. (Medical Service). Commission.
 Allen, A. J. (1931-38), Royal Corps of Signals. L/Cpl.
 Ashe, H. A. (1937-40), R.A.F. Draughtsman. Ground Staff.
 Bestall, S. S. (1934-39), Army.
 Bryson, A. W. (1937-38), R.A.F.
 Collins, J. F. J. (1937-38), R.N. Fleet Air Arm.
 George, N. T. H. (1934-40), R.A.F.
 Gifford, H. B. (1919-20), R.E. Capt. War Office. Returned from Malaya.
 Graham, C. W. (1935-39), R.N. Fleet Air Arm.
 Green, J. (1917-20), R.A.M.C. Capt.
 Grice, A. D. (1937-42), R.A.F. Cadet.
 Hood, D. (1938-41), R.A.F.
 Hughes, A. J. (1923-27), R.N.
 Hughes, W. D. (1923-28), N.I.H.
 Jarrett, J. P. (1941-42), R.A.F.
 Lawrence, R. S. (1924-27), Army. Sergt., M.E.F.
 Leary, R. H. (1933-38), R.A.F.
 Lindsay, R. A. (1937-39), R.A.F.
 Lyons, G. D. (1933-40), R.E. Lt.

Marchant, R. A. (1926-30), R.A.M.C. Prisoner of War (Greece). Repatriated, November, 1943.

Maxwell, V. E. (1917-22), R.A.F. Wing-Commander.

McKeon, G. C. (1938-41), R.A.F.

Murdoch, G. W. (1923-29), Royal Dragoons. Trooper.

Murdoch, J. M. (1923-27), Royal Tank Regt. Trooper. Prisoner of War in P.82 (Arezzo), Italy.

Nairne, W. G. (1923-26), R.A.O.C.

Palmer, G. S. (1936-40), R.E. Sapper. Airborne Division.

Ronayne, C. S. (1922-28), R.A.F. F/O.

Sharp, W. L. (1927-34), R.A.M.C. Capt.

Stelfox, G. M. (1930-36), R.A.F.

Stevenson, R. D. (1936-39), Army.

Stewart, G. D. (1921-29), The Transvaal-Scottish Regt. Lt.

Weir, S. S. (1938-42), R.N. Fleet Air Arm.

Williams, W. (1932-38), R.N. Sub-Lieut. (Engineer).

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M.C.—W. E. M. Anderson (1921-28), Lieut. (Temporary Captain), R.A. May, 1943.

D.F.C.—L. C. Poll (1936-38), P/O., R.A.F.V.R. May, 1944.

Croix de Guerre—Awarded to a unit of the Royal Tank Regt., for service at Dunkirk. Trooper J. M. Murdoch (1923-27) was serving in this unit at the time.

Roll of Honour

MAXWELL (1917-22)—February 23, 1944, killed, on active service, by enemy action, Wing-Commander Victor Edwin Maxwell, R.A.F., aged 37 years, husband of Susan Maxwell and only son of the late Mr. T. Maxwell and of Mrs. Maxwell of "Verona," Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

MOORE (1928-33)—December 24, 1944, killed in action, Squadron-Leader William Storey Moore, R.A.F., second son of Mrs. R. E. Moore and of the late Prof. Wm. Moore, LL.B., 10 Frankfort Park, Dundrum.

STEPHENS (1931-38)—August 15, 1943, missing, presumed killed, Pilot-Officer Derek Percy Stephens, R.A.F.V.R., aged 21 years, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, 40 Grosvenor Square, Rathmines.

PATTERSON (1935-38)—Autumn, 1943, killed in action, George Barnes Pennick Patterson, R.A.F.V.R., son of Capt. W. R. L. Patterson, 113 Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin.

ROBINSON (1938-39)—June 7, 1944, Kenneth Basil Robinson, R.A.F.V.R., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Robinson, Elm Lodge, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

RONAYNE (1922-28)—June 11, 1944, result of flying accident in England, Charles Stanford Ronayne, F/O., R.A.F.V.R., husband of Marjorie (née Yelland) and only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ronayne.

DE COURCY WHEELER (1894-96)—September 11, 1943, in Aberdeen, died on active service, Rear-Admiral Sir William I. de Courcy Wheeler, R.N.V.R. (Medical Services), M.D., T.C.D., ex-President, R.C.S.I., fourth son of the late William Ireland de Courcy Wheeler, M.D., ex-President, R.C.S.I., of 32 Merrion Square, Dublin, and Robertstown, Co. Kildare.

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Having developed his guns, Captain Anderson personally directed the fire of two of his guns on to enemy sniper posts and gun positions, and successfully silenced them.

Later, on being informed that three of his guns were sited on minefields, he personally supervised their withdrawal. One of his guns, which was under direct observation of the enemy, could not be withdrawn, and he personally conveyed supplies to the detachment and remained with them throughout the night of the 8th-9th May, 1943.

Captain Anderson displayed great courage and leadership throughout the whole morning, and by the resolute manner in which he directed the fire of his guns on to ground targets, contributed greatly to the rapid cessation of enemy opposition, both within the town of Bizerta, and on the southern banks of the Goulet.

Official Account.

Marriages

ALEXANDER (1927-35) and BASKIN—April 8, 1944, at St. Philip's Church, Temple Road, Dublin, by the Rev. W. H. Coulter, Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Alexander, 29 Villiers Road, Rathgar, to Oonagh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baskin, 54 St. Kevin's Park, Dартry, Dublin.

BALLAGH (1920-27) and GREENE—June 12, 1943, Freddie, son of the late Thomas Ballagh and of Mrs. Ballagh, Birch Hill, Proby Square, Blackrock, to Betty, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Greene, The Bawn, Foxrock.

BEETHAM (1926-30) and PRESTAGE—June 18, 1943, at St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., Ernest Victor Beetham, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beetham, 26 Lower Mount Street, Dublin, to Olivine Elizabeth, daughter

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BEGLEY (1926-29) and BURCHILL—July 24, 1943, at the Centenary Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Green, by the Rev. E. Whittaker, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Gamble, George, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Begley, 87 Tritonville Road, Dublin, to Eveline, daughter of the late Mr. J. O. Burchill and of Mrs. Burchill, 24 Merton Road, Milltown.

CALDWELL (1926-35) and COWAN—February 26, 1944, at St. Margaret's Church, Bratton, by the Rev. P. Metcalfe, M.A., William G. D., second son of the late Dr. William Caldwell, Harcourt Street, Dublin, and of Mrs. Caldwell, Rathgar, Dublin, to Isabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowan, Bratton, Saltburn-by-Sea, Yorkshire.

CLARKE (1921-28) and BEATTIE—April 19, 1944, at St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey, James Barry Clarke, 15 Healthfield Road, Dublin, to Jean Rachel Pamela Beattie, 4 Coliemore Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

CROXON (1923-34) and LOCKINGTON—July 24, 1943, at Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire, by the Rev. A. W. Camier, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Bateman, Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Croxon, Rowan House, Stradbroke, Co. Dublin, to Mavis Cooper, daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Lockington, Dundalk, and of Mrs. Lockington, Mount Merrion Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

DUNGAN (1927-35) and ROBERTS—June 7, 1944, at St. Philip's Church, Milltown, by the Rev. J. King, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Coulter, M.A., the Rev. Victor S. Dungan, B.D., son of the late Rev. W. W. Dungan, M.A., and of Mrs. Dungan, Elgar, Cowper Road, Rathmines, Dublin, to Iris S. Roberts, daughter of Mr. R. Roberts and the late Mrs. Roberts, 10 Lower George Street, Wexford.

DURIE (1923-26) and HIGGINS—September 6, 1943, at Abbey Presbyterian Church, by Rev. R. C. Elliott, B.A., William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Durie, 42 Cliftonville Road, Glasnevin, to Irene, youngest daughter of the late R. J. and Mrs. Higgins, Dublin.

GRAVES (1930-36) and BLAKE—June 7, 1943, at St. Paul's Church, Runcorn, Cheshire, William (Telegraphist Royal Navy), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Graves, 39 Killeen Road, Rathmines, Dublin, to Margaret (W.R.N.S.), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blake, 27 Lord Street, Runcorn, Cheshire.

HENCHIE (1910-13) and JOHN—July 19, 1943, at St. Ann's, Dublin, by the Venerable E. G. Sullivan, Archdeacon of Dublin, Sidney Henchie, L.D.S., son of the late W. S. Henchie and of Mrs. Henchie, to Evelyn, widow of Percy John and daughter of the late J. T. Culleton and of Mrs. Culleton.

MAGILL (1927-36) and FRANKLIN—August 18, 1943, at Zion Church, Rathgar, by Rev. R. W.

Ridgeway, David Cecil, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Magill, 16 Windsor Road, Rathmines, to Helen Norah, youngest daughter of the late Mr. R. H. Franklin and Mrs. Franklin, 2 Oakland Drive, Rathgar.

McKIERNAN (1930-36) and McKINNON—December 30, 1943, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Arnold, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKiernan, Sydney Parade, Dublin, to Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh.

MITCHELL (1920-27) and MOORE—March 17, 1944, at the Methodist Church, Portaferry, Co. Down, by the Rev. J. W. B. Moore, David Michael, elder son of D. W. and Mrs. Mitchell, Temple Road, Dublin, to Angelina Dorothy, second daughter of the Rev. J. W. B. Moore, Portaferry.

REYNOLDS (1930-38) and McMULLAN—July 14, 1943, at Ballyholme Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. W. Erskine, M.A., Alan Wilfred, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Reynolds, Hillside, Westfield Road, Dublin, to Elsie Joan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMullan, Benholm, Windmill Road, Bangor, Co. Down.

RONAYNE (1922-28) and YELLAND—August 9, 1943, at Zion Church, Rathgar, by Rev. L. A. Elliott, B.A., Charles Stanford, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ronayne, to Marjorie Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Yelland, 25 Neville Road, Rathgar.

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VINSON (1923-30) and DIXON—June 30, 1943, at the Unitarian Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, by the Rev. E. Saville Hicks, Edwin Garbutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Vinson, Rothbury, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, to Sybil Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dixon, Cloghereen, Foxrock.

WHITESIDE (1932-35) and FARLEY—July 10, 1943, in Rathgar Methodist Church, by the Rev. James M. Alley, assisted by the Rev. E. Whittaker, Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Calvert Whiteside, Montana, Whitechurch Road, Rathfarnham, to Phyllis, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Farley and of Mrs. Farley, 31 York Road, Rathmines.

Deaths

BARRETT (1885-91)—February 5, 1944, at his home, Hollywood House, Palmerston Park, Dublin, Frederick Lambert Barrett, to the great grief of his loving wife and family.

DRAPES (1882)—January 21, 1944, at Bray, Samuel Vernon Russell Drapes, M.A., T.C.D., aged 79 years, second son of the late Rev. Vernon Russell Drapes, Kells Priory, Kilkenny.

GIFFORD (1881)—October 16, 1943, at his residence, 69 St. Lawrence Road, Clontarf, Henry

Peter, beloved husband of Susan Gifford, in his 77th year.

HUNTER (1888-89)—January 20, 1944, at Kampala, Uganda, Henry Hamilton Hunter, C.B.E., LL.D., late of Radfords, Dawlish, Devon.

JOYNT (1887-92)—January 29, 1944 (suddenly), at 89 Anglesea Road, Dublin, Francis C. D. Joynt.

LEON (1943)—October 24, 1943, after short illness, Clive, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leon, 38 Bushy Park Road, Dublin.

LOVELL (1884-93)—July 11, 1943, George V. Lovell, Manager, Messrs. J. E. Mills, Caterers, Dublin.

MAYSTON (1918-21)—September 10, 1943, in hospital, Cyril Forrester, much-beloved second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mayston, 38 Highfield Road, Rathgar, and dear brother of Ernest, Dick and Desmond.

MOORE (1883-88)—June 6, 1944, at the Adelaide Hospital, Arthur Louis Bentley Moore, Old Orchard, Rathfarnham, late Registrar of Erasmus Smith Schools.

SCOTT (1925-27)—March 23, 1944, killed in Jerusalem, John William, eldest son of Henry J. and Margaret Scott, 5 Ramleh Villas, Milltown Road, Dublin.

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