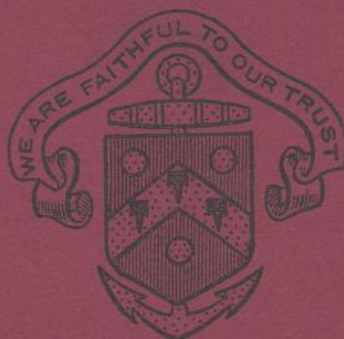


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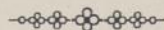
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EDITORIAL

NOW that winter has come back again and the term is nearly done, the fat ghost of former Christmas dinners, concerts, and pantomimes appears at our elbow, rubbing his full paunch, and advising us that it is not only the bad weather that comes with Christmas; and the gross fellow tells us "no celebrations for you till the Editorial is completed." *Hinc illae lacrimae.*

One of the chief events of this term has been the changing of the House system. Since the creation of the system about four years ago there have been four Houses. It was found that there were too few Seniors for each House with this method of distribution, and that interest in the House games was lessening. The new arrangement divides the school into three Houses for purposes of games; the names of the Houses have been made permanent and will no longer be called after the masters who are at their head. The choice of titles, "Abbey," "Harcourt," and "Belgrave," has, we consider, been a happy one. The House matches ought now to be more successful. Here we wish the Senior team, which has not fared too well this season, better luck next term.

We notice that a Debating Society has been formed. This deserves to be supported by the Seniors, whose eloquence on the Rugby field is greater than it is in the schoolroom. Only Milton's phrase, "blind mouths," adequately describes them.

The usual Christmas examinations will have been finished by the time of the publication of this magazine. We take this opportunity of condoling with all those who bit through their pens and were compelled thereby to purchase new ones; but the troubles of those who are taking examinations are as nought to the frenzy of an Editor required to hammer out an Editorial to please a motley crowd of carping critics. It is useless for him to ransack the files of past ERASMIANS because that is what every other Editor has done before him. We shudder to think of all the ideas that have been rudely stolen from previous copies. For, strangely enough, it is quite plain to us when searching for incident that nothing really happened during the term, long though it was. Nothing ever really happens in an Editorial for that matter.

We have now come to the question of articles. This question is more important to Editors than their getting seats next the fire on cold days. We will take anything except satires on editors, newspaper cuttings, and eulogies of your favourite film

star. We should like some day to astonish the world with an ERASMIAN containing several articles; but if we can judge from the way in which contributions float in we may be reduced to the crowning disgrace of all—the Editor may have to write an article himself. There is nothing left now but to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.

Yours truly,

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES

THE School reopened on September 4th to the disappointment of all. We wondered why we did not feel quite at home at first, but realised after some time that the school had been redecorated.

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As we go to press, the dramatic rehearsals are going with a will. "Don Quixote" is a breakaway from the old tradition of pantomime to a new venture in comic opera, and is sure to be a great success.

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The School Gala was held on October 4th. There was an excellent attendance. There is a full account elsewhere.

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We are glad to note that an Old Boy of ours, W. G. Taylor, is captain of Old Wesley First.

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Football caps have been awarded this year to A. D. Mason and A. E. G. Moore (backs) and to P. R. Purcell. G. W. Keegan gets the Bell Cap.

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The Prize Distribution was held on November 9th. The Provost of Trinity College, in the absence of Mr. Thrift, consented to present the prizes. The Headmaster's Report will be found elsewhere.

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We are very glad to see that the Debating Society, which died a quiet death a few years ago, has been exhumed with due honours. M. C. Fowler is Secretary. Two debates have been held up to the time of printing, "That films should be abolished," and "That games should be compulsory in schools." Both were defeated.

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There is a prospect that we will soon have hard courts for Tennis. The number of Tennis enthusiasts in the school has always been large and these courts will be greatly appreciated.

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We congratulate :—

George Keegan on being awarded the Old Boys' Cup.

D. H. McNeill on his magnificent series of records in athletics, the One Mile and Half-Mile record in the All Ireland Sports, the High Jump in the Inter-School Sports.

J. C. Gilmour on his gaining an Intermediate scholarship and most exceptional marks in Mathematics.

J. G. Yates on being third in the Junior Exhibition Examination and on gaining a Sizarship in Mathematics, and D. H. McNeill on being awarded an Exhibition.

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On the 28th of June, Mr. Bolton Waller gave the school an address on the League of Nations. He showed the necessity for international co-operation and how dangerous the consequences of another war might be through the invention of numerous lethal weapons since the Great War. He pointed out that it was the rising generation which would be involved and that it was their business to keep on good terms with other nations and to ensure peace.

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The Seniors have shown signs of interest in Toc H, about which a lecture has been delivered in this school. The object of this organisation is most praiseworthy.

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The Library, under the able management of Mr. Chillingworth, continues its good work. Gifts of books which their owners have grown out of, or for which they have no further use, are always very acceptable.

We have to thank J. Smyth for the gift of the following books :—"The Riverton Boys," "The Scouts of Chings Island," "Tarnished Silver," "A Book of Scout Stories."

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Lastly we are very grateful to Mr. A. J. Beatty for presenting us with a Football photograph of 1912.

CRICKET NOTES

Captain		G. W. KEEGAN
Vice-Captain		A. D. MASON
Hon. Secretary		C. L. KEEGAN

This year's cricket season was a very successful one and the standard of cricket, we are glad to report, has improved. Our Senior was a good all-round team; the batting has improved but still leaves a lot to be desired; the fielding has also improved and, we think that the players are beginning to realise the importance of saving singles. Our Juniors had a good season; their fielding, however, was weak and they do not seem to realise the importance of keenness in this department. We ran a regular Second XI this season which was quite successful. We were glad to see such keenness shown by the Juniors and next year we look forward to a yet more successful season. During the winter term we hope to have a concrete cricket pitch laid at Belgrave Square. This would be a most welcome addition indeed and a splendid help to practice.

In the Senior Cup Competition we were again drawn in the stronger section of the league. We played four cup matches, winning two, thus finishing third in our section. Our first match was against Mountjoy School, which we won in a convincing style. Our next was against Sandford Park School, one of the favoured teams of the competition, whom we defeated by five wickets. Our last two matches were against St. Andrew's College and Masonic School, the eventual cup winners, both of which we lost. The Juniors were drawn against Presentation College, Bray, in the Junior Cup Competition. Under the captaincy of W. D. Boyle, they won this match by an innings and 60 runs, but were unfortunate in being defeated by C.U.S. in the next round.

This season we had a match, the Staff versus the School. For several weeks before the match the masters turned up at the square to put in some practice at the nets, whilst members of the 1st XI were seen lurking behind trees "spotting form."

On the appointed day school closed early and the boys turned up in force to witness the "deadly" encounter. We could not have wished for a better day; the sun was bright, not a cloud in the sky and the prospects of an exciting tussle.

It is 10 minutes before "zero hour." Both teams are toggled out and are chatting in groups about the pavilion; there is a large crowd of spectators

moving around and cameras are much in evidence. The two captains, Mr. Butler of the staff and G. W. Keegan of the school are seen to meet. A coin spins high into the air and the school have won the toss. The school captain decides to put the staff in first on a tricky wicket. It was an unwritten law that "bodyline" bowling should not be allowed, for after all, the staff would be needed in school next day!

made a steady 48. During the staff innings, the first member of the team to score no runs received a shock on returning from the wicket—for on the scoreboard in front of him there reposed a large, colourful duck adorned with a black mortar-board. During the school innings a similar duck appeared with a school cap in place of the mortar-board, and then everyone knew that Mr. Wilson had been at work.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CRICKET TEAM, 1934.

	W. G. D. CALDWELL		
J. C. GILMOUR	D. H. McNEILL	G. A. F. HARRISON	C. SHIEL
M. S. C. ROONEY			MR. G. R. BUTLER



V. S. DUNGAN A. D. MASON G. W. KEEGAN C. L. KEEGAN W. D. BOYLE
(Capt.)

Messrs. Nowlan and Nelson, jnr., walk out to open the innings for the staff to the accompaniment of hand-clapping and the clicking of cameras. Many a junior was itching to get his hands around that cricket ball, with only 22 yards of green turf separating him from his "deadly enemies." This, however, was an opportunity reserved only for the school bowlers. The staff, despite the frenzied efforts of our bowlers, succeeded in compiling the useful total of 133 runs, of which Mr. Nowlan

At the end of the staff innings we adjourned to the pavilion for tea. The staff were confident of victory, while the school team moved about with grim looks of determination, for they had a stiff task ahead of them.

Tea over, G. W. Keegan and A. D. Mason opened the innings for the school against the bowling of Messrs. Butler and Nelson, jnr. With hardly a dozen runs on the board we lost our first wicket and soon we were 5 wickets down for little more

than 50. Consternation was written on the faces of everyone but the staff. As usual, however, somebody rose to the occasion and the "somebody" this time was A. D. Mason who scored 47 not out. D. T. Hennessey and W. D. Boyle also batted well with the result that the school were 106 runs for 7 wickets and were scoring freely when time was called. We were certainly surprised at the quick fielding of the staff and we are all looking forward to a renewal of "hostilities" next season.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Runs for	Runs against
S.C.T.	9	4	4	1	610	682
2nd XI	6	4	2	0	412	420
J.C.T.	7	3	3	1	338	397
Under 14.....	3	1	1	1	145	97

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CRICKET TEAM, 1934.

MR. G. R. BUTLER C. G. SMITH R. T. MOTYER R. C. MCKELL MR. C. L. DILLON



A. T. BEGLEY W. G. BOOKER W. D. BOYLE H. T. WALL W. D. B. GILMOUR
P. R. OWEN (Capt.) H. ARMSTRONG

We had our annual fixture with the Old Boys on the 24th and 25th of May, a report of which appeared in the June issue of this periodical; the school won by 41 runs.

The House Competition was won by Mr. Butler's house, which once again seemed to have the majority of Seniors. In the first round they defeated Mr. Evans' House by 56 runs and in the final they defeated Mr. Dillon's House by 103 runs. We append a summary of our matches and a criticism of the Senior Cup team:

Criticism of Players.

- G. W. KEEGAN.—Played wicket keeper with great success; a good batsman, but is inclined to hook too much to the leg.
- A. D. MASON.—A careful left-hand batsman with some nice strokes, but is rather weak on his off drives; played some valuable innings; a reliable slip-fielder with a safe pair of hands.
- C. L. KEEGAN.—An erratic lefthand batsman who played well occasionally; is weak on the off; a fair fielder who does his best.

- D. H. McNEILL.—A left-arm medium pace bowler who topped the bowling averages; a forceful bat but is inclined to hook to leg; a keen and active fielder.
- J. C. GILMOUR.—A steady opening batsman always to be relied upon for some runs; headed the batting averages; bowled on some occasions with success; must, however, smarten his fielding, which is very slow.
- W. G. CALDWELL.—A right-arm slow bowler with a good leg-break and a deceptive flight who, on form, was deadly; batting is weak on the off; must learn to go for the ball; a much-improved fielder.
- V. S. DUNGAN.—Right-arm fast bowler; keeps a good length but is inclined to sacrifice accuracy to speed; has a weak defence in batting and is not sure of his forward strokes; a good fielder with an accurate throw-in.
- W. D. BOYLE.—Played both for Senior and Junior Cup teams; a much-improved batsman with a nice stroke to leg; seemed to meet with more success on the Senior than on the Junior; a moderate fielder.
- H. C. FIELD.—The "Jessop" of our team; his one

object in batting is to put the ball out of sight and consequently does not bother much about strokes; a very good out-fielder with a safe pair of hands.

- M. S. C. ROONEY.—A right-hand batsman who started the season well but did not keep up his form towards the end; a fair fielder who is careless at times.

- W. F. SHIEL.—An improved batsman but must learn to keep his eye on the ball; tries hard in fielding but must be quicker off the mark.

- G. HARRISON.—Played on a few Senior matches; his batting is weak; is keen and should do better next season.

C. L. KEEGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

STAFF v. SCHOOL.

INNINGS OF STAFF.

Mr. Nowlan b. McNeill	48
Mr. Nelson, jnr., c C. L. Keegan b McNeill	11
Mr. Storey, b Caldwell	10
Mr. Harrison c Dungan b Caldwell	0
Mr. Butler, run out	25
Mr. Dillon b McNeill	4
Mr. Bell b Caldwell	3
Mr. Evans b Caldwell	5
Mr. Mol c Boyle b Caldwell	0
Mr. Johnson run out	10
Mr. Wilson c and b McNeill	3
Mr. Warnock not out	0
Extras	14

Total 133

Bowling: Caldwell 5 wickets for 38 runs; McNeill 4 wickets for 49 runs.

INNINGS OF SCHOOL.

Keegan, G. W., b Mr. Nelson	7
Mason, A. D., not out	47
McNeill, D. H., b Mr. Nelson	2
Keegan, C. L., c Mr. Johnson b Mr. Nelson	4
Boyle, W. D., played on	15
Caldwell, W. G., b Mr. Butler	0
Hennessey, D. T., c Mr. Bell, b Mr. Butler	17
Rooney, M. S. C., b Mr. Butler	0
Dungan, V. C., not out	0
Extras	14

Total (for 7 wks.) 106

W. Shiel and G. Harrison did not bat.

Bowling: Mr. Butler 3 wickets for 23 runs; Mr. Nelson 3 wickets for 29 runs.

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FOOTBALL NOTES

Captain	A. D. MASON
Vice-Captain	R. J. CHILLINGWORTH
Hon. Secretary	D. C. EWEN

SO far this season we have not won very many matches, but in many cases we have had bad luck. This year the senior forwards have been rather weakened by the loss of G. W. Keegan and P. R. Purcell. The forwards are light but work hard and do quite a lot of training. The backs are much the same as last year's. Unfortunately W. D. Boyle, last year's scrum half, is unable to play till later in the season owing to illness. This year there are several boys playing on the first and second who have not played before. This shows that there is a keen interest in the game which helps boys to train hard enough to get on to a team in their first year.

The J.C.T. seems to be up to the standard of last year. It is captained by E. Campbell, who can lead both forwards and backs with equal success. The junior boys unfortunately do not train hard enough, though they turn up to Belgrave Square quite regularly. The second is handicapped by the lack of a captain who is always available and does not play on the Senior. This year G. S. Prince takes the place of G. Worlin, who made the second team last season.

The Under 13 and Under 14 are playing quite regularly and doing well. They use their voices more than their feet or hands just as last year. Summing up the school teams, this year they are playing better football and the fact that more changes are being made in the teams shows that there is a keener interest in the game.

This year the house system was changed and three new houses are formed, "Abbey," "Harcourt," and "Belgrave." Since there are now more senior boys to each house the matches show signs of improvement. This year there seems to be a lack of junior form matches. Perhaps this is due to the practices organised by Mr. Evans and Mr. Young on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As well as playing the ordinary school matches, we hope to play the Old Boys and also to travel to Sligo.

Those who played on the Senior were:—A. D. Mason (capt.), R. J. Chillingworth, C. L. Keegan, A. E. Morrow, G. Caldwell, N. Pratt, J. Gilmour, D. C. Magill, K. H. Alexander, G. F. Harrison, D. C. Ewen, E. Whiteside, W. Wall, W. Sheil, W. Houston, M. Rooney, L. Hill, T. Shaw, W. Bryans, P. Erskine.

SWIMMING NOTES

Captain	P. R. PURCELL
Vice-Captain	D. H. McNEILL
Hon. Secretary	D. C. EWEN

WE have had another very successful season. This year we started land drill in the gymnasium before the baths were opened, Mr. Ellerker very kindly consenting to instruct us. When the Iveagh baths opened there were about forty boys attending twice a week. This year we had Mr. H. F. Case coaching the club and a great success he was, too.

During the year several of our boys joined Pembroke Club, and it would be a great advantage if more boys would do so, as it is an unusual opportunity to improve both in speed and in style, and also to gain more knowledge of and skill in water-polo. One or two of our boys did exceptionally well this year. G. I. McCabe won the Ellerker Cup for 400 metres and was a close second in the Morgan-Byrne Cup for 1,500 metres. P. R. Purcell was captain of the second polo team and went on tour with the first team.

In the inter-schools competitions we did quite

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well. D. H. McNeill gained second place in the Senior Championship of Leinster and G. I. McCabe second in the Intermediate Championship. We gained second and third in the Intermediate and Senior Squadrons respectively.

This year the Gala was held on October 4th and was attended by a record crowd. The principal attraction was the Final of the Senior Championship of Leinster. In this we had two starters, D. H. McNeill and G. I. McCabe, McNeill finishing second to J. Tallon, who made a record with the time of 66 seconds. In addition to the school events there was the Leinster Junior Squadron, which was won by Belvedere College. We finished the night by playing two polo matches, Young Leinster Club versus High School and Old Leinster Schools versus Old High School, after which Mrs. Bennett kindly consented to present the prizes.

The following were the results of the gala :—

22 Yards (Beginners).—G. A. J. Cole, 1; K. Young, 2; G. H. Priestman, 3. Time 20 sec.

Senior Championship of Leinster Schools (100 yards).—Final : Justin Tallon (Belvedere College), 1; D. H. McNeill (High School), 2; T. Bradley (Clongowes Wood), 3. Time 65 2-5 secs.

High School Junior Championship (50 yards).—J. N. Allen, 1; A. T. Begley, 2; F. E. Tate, 3. Time 37 4-5 secs.

44 Yards under 15 (Handicap).—J. F. Whitney, 1; D. Maddison, 2; A. T. Begley, 3. Time 28 2-5 secs.

High School Championship (100 yards).—D. H. McNeill (holder), 1; G. I. McCabe, 2; D. C. Ewen, 3. Time 71 2-5 secs.

Leinster Schools' Junior Squadron Championship (88 yards).—Belvedere College, 1; Wesley College, 2; Mountjoy College, 3. Time 56 secs.

22 Yards under 13 (Handicap).—D. Maddison, 1; A. T. Begley, 2; B. L. Rooney, 3. Time 18 3-5 secs.

44 Yards Breast and Back Strokes Handicap.—A. E. G. Moore, 1; G. A. Treanor, 2; F. E. Tate, 3. Time 55 secs.

44 Yards under 16 (Handicap).—H. N. Master-son, 1; D. C. Magill, 2; G. S. Prince, 3. Time 38 secs.

66 Yards Senior Handicap.—R. D. Magill, 1; G. I. McCabe, 2; D. C. Ewen, 3. Time 47 3-5 secs.

66 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.—R. Baskin, 1; C. Boyle, 2; J. C. Bryson, 3. Time 49 secs.

Inter-House Squadron Race (176 yards).—Butler's, 1; Harrison's, 2; Evans's, 3. Won easily. Time 2 min. 0 3-5 secs.

BOXING NOTES

Captain W. R. BRYANS
Vice-Captain M. S. C. ROONEY

BOXING classes started this year with increased numbers and we still have with us most of last year's team. We notice, however, with regret that some who attended previously now no longer do so. It should not be beyond the power of any boy to turn up to boxing twice in the week.

Boxing is a valuable physical training, for, besides sparring, all boys do a certain amount of skipping and ball-punching. It is an excellent means of keeping fit for Rugby. We invite, therefore, all boys who can possibly do so to come down and give us a trial. We are at present making fixtures with other schools.

Many boys who never attended before have begun to arrive and we hope to make them really good boxers. The more noticeable beginners are J. Allen, Boyd, Crockett, Darling, Graves, Houston, McCabe and Shaw. Our youngsters of Forms One and Two are also doing well in the classes held specially for them at 2 o'clock every Tuesday and Friday. The most prominent junior members are Morris, Orgel and Louvrier.

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OUR annual sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Wednesday, 27th June. The weather was showery but did not interrupt the events, so well organised by Mr. Evans. D. H. McNeill won the Senior Cup and E. W. Campbell carried off the Junior Cup. McNeill practically swept the senior field, winning first place in the mile, the half-mile, the 440 yards and the High Jump, and second place in the Long Jump. A. E. G. Moore won the 220 yards Senior Championship, A. R. Maynard the 100 yards Junior Championship. The competition generally was keen. The use of loud-speakers to broadcast results was a welcome innovation and spared someone a sore throat. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Bennett kindly presented the prizes.

The results were as follows:—

75 yards, under 10.—1, Holmes, F. J.; 2, Quin, G. B.; 3, Clarke, W.

75 yards, under 11.—1, Quin, G. B.; 2, Carter, L.; 3, Wallace, W. B.

75 yards, under 12.—1, Eppel, E. W.; 2, Alton, J. P.; 3, Stephens, D. P.

100 yards, under 13.—1, Eppel, E. W.; 2, Grove, E. E.; 3, Alton, J. P.

100 yards, under 14.—1, O'Neill, A. J.; 2, Grove, E. E.; 3, Begley, A. T.

100 yards, under 15.—1, Campbell, E. W.; 2, Maynard, A. R.; 3, O'Malley, W. R.

150 yards, under 16.—1, Booker, W. G.; 2, Boyle, W. D.; 3, McKell, R. C.

100 yards, Senior.—1, Harrison, G. A. F.; 2, Mackenzie, A. D.; 3, Chillingworth, R. J.

150 yards, under 12.—1, Alton, J. P.; 2, Louvriér, J. J.; 3, Nicholl, C. W.

220 yards, under 15.—1, Campbell, E. W.; 2, Maynard, A. R.; 3, Begley, A. T.

220 yards, under 16.—1, Boyle, W. D.; 2, Houston, W. H.; 3, Booker, W. G.

220 yards, Senior.—1, Harrison, G. A. F.; 2, Magill, R. D.; 3, Scott, A. T.

440 yards, under 15.—1, Leary, W. A.; 2, Campbell, E. W.; 3, Abbott, G. A.

440 yards, Senior.—1, McNeill, D. H.; 2, Bryans, W. R.; 3, Houston, W. H.

Half-Mile.—1, McNeill, D. H.; 2, Morrow, A. E.; 3, Magill, D. C.

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Hurdles (Senior).—1, Magill, R. D.; 2, Shaw, T. R.; 3, Chillingworth, R. J.

High Jump (Junior).—1, Ellis, W. H.; 2, Begley, A. T.; 3, Taylor, A. L.

High Jump (Senior).—1, McNeill, D. H.; 2, Ewen, D. C.; 3, Treanor, G. A.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, Campbell, E. W.; 2, Maynard, A. R.; 3, Boyd, F. E.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Worlin, G. H.; 2, McNeill, D. H.; 3, Chillingworth, R. J.

Sack Race (Junior).—1, Thompson, F. L.; 2, Rooney, B. F.; 3, O'Malley, A. C.

Sack Race (Senior).—1, Smyth, W. B. M.; 2, McKell, R. C.; 3, Graham, A. B.

Siamese Race.—1, Graves, W., Page, W. A.; 2, Sargeant, I. R., Fogarty, H. R.

Obstacle Race (under 13).—1, Jackson, R. F.; 2, Carter, L.; 3, Rooney, B. F.

Obstacle Race (over 13).—1, McKell, R. C.; 2, Thomas, F.; 3, Graves, W.

Sisters' Race (under 13).—1, Miss McKell; 2, Miss Evans; 3, Miss O'Malley.

Sisters' Race (over 13).—1, Miss B. Harrison; 2, Miss R. Moore; 3, Miss V. Bryans.

Old Boys' Race.—1, Walker, R. J.; 2, Parr, E.

Consolation Race (under 12).—1, Speidel, J.; 2, Carter, V.; 3, Moore, G. T.

Consolation Race (under 15).—1, Owen, P. R.; 2, Smyth, J.; 3, Orr, D. A.

Consolation Race (Senior).—1, Cooley, T. L. B.; 2, Rooney, M. S. C.; 3, Dungan, V. S.

Masters' Race.—1, Mr. Dillon; 2, Mr. Harrison.

Relay Race.—Won by Mr. Evans' House—Shaw, T. R., Mackenzie, A. D., Bryans, W. R., Magill, R. D.

Tennis.—Campbell, E. W. (Junior). Bunbury, G. (Senior).

Cricket.—Batting: Gilmour, J. C. Bowling: McNeill, D. H.

Football Caps.—Keegan, G. W. (Bell Cap); Mason, A. D.; Moore, A. E. G.; Purcell, P. R.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—Maynard, A. R.

220 Yards Senior Championship.—1, Moore, A. E. G.; 2, Chillingworth, R. J.; 3, Worlin, G.

"Place and Drop" Cup.—Worlin, G. H.

Junior Cup.—Campbell, E. W.

War Memorial Cup.—McNeill, D. H.

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GYMNASTIC DISPLAY

A DRILL Display was held in the Gymnasium on Thursday, 21st June, at 4.30 p.m. There was a good attendance of parents and friends. A programme of Gymnastics, Games and Life-Saving was given and the Class Medals were awarded as follows:—

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Form 4¹, D. C. Magill. Form 4², F. Thomas.
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Form 3D, J. R. Martin. Form 2, J. J. Louvrier.
Form 1, H. H. Darby.

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We are very grateful to Captain Tomlinson and Sergeant Griffiths for judging the award of the Gymnastic and Life-Saving Medals.



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And all I ask is a large mat which makes me go flying

Through the clear air and down the slide, when I think I am dying.

I must go down to Bray to-day, to the breezy open-air life,

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

THE Distribution of Prizes was held on Friday, 9th November. There was a large attendance of parents and other visitors. The following Governors were present:—The Provost of Trinity College (in the chair); Major-General Sir George McKenzie Franks; Mr. John Garvey; the Rev. W. J. Mayne; Mr. A. L. B. Moore (Registrar).

Apologies for absence were received from the following Governors:—Mr. W. E. Thrift, S.F.T.C.D., T.D. (Chairman); The Lord Primate; The Archbishop of Dublin; The Bishop of Meath; The Bishop of Tuam; Captain Trant; The Rev. Canon Nash; Colonel Cairnes.

The Headmaster, in referring to the absence of the Chairman, expressed sympathy with him in the reason for his absence, and spoke of the debt of gratitude which the High School owed to Professor Thrift for his life-long interest in its success.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

I bring before you to-day the Report of the High School for the year ending July, 1934, the 64th year since its foundation.

I have to record with deep regret the death of one of our Governors, the Very Rev. J. H. Leslie, who was our Special Speaker at the last Distribution of Prizes. Dean Leslie took a keen interest in the School and was always ready to help us in any way in his power.

NUMBERS.

During the past school year, the numbers again increased and at their highest point were about 30 per cent. above those of five years ago. This autumn, at the beginning of a new school year, the number of new pupils enrolled was above the average in the history of the school. Those who left were also above the average, because a larger number than at any time in my experience secured posts of various kinds. This may perhaps be taken as an indication that the credit of the school stands high.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

I shall give only a short summary of Examination results, as detailed information has been supplied in the red book which has been distributed. The half-yearly school Examinations were held as usual. They are a thorough test of the work done during the previous half year.

The Prizes awarded by the French Government were won by J. G. Yates and J. C. Gilmour, and the Sidney Carpenter Memorial Prize by J. D. Smyth. In the examinations in Holy Scripture, held by the General Synod and the Presbyterian Assembly, 102 boys passed, of whom 29 gained Prizes. S. A. Moore won the Silver Medal for first place in Greek Testament. At the Certificate Examinations of the Department of Education, most of our Leaving Certificate candidates were unable to compete as they had to face a Trinity College Examination in the same week. In the Intermediate Examination the results were particularly satisfactory. J. C. Gilmour was awarded a Scholarship, a very difficult achievement now except for a boy who has an advanced knowledge of Irish. He had remarkably high marks all round. He gained First Place in German. He obtained full marks (200) in Arithmetic but was not first, because several other candidates gained marks up to 205 out of 200, owing to the power of Irish. He actually had the highest marks in all Mathematical subjects combined, but, again, he was placed second, owing to the bonus marks for answering through Irish given to another candidate. I shall return to this matter again. The general results were better than for many years past. The percentage of pass and honours successes would have been above the average but some who qualified in other subjects failed in Irish. Besides, some of our best boys were not allowed to enter for the examination because they did not take Irish.

We have been awarded by the Free State Government one of the two gifts presented by the German Government to the schools which have the best record in teaching German. It is a painting which you may see in the Board Room.

In the Trinity College Examinations, J. G. Yates gained a Mathematical Sizarship, 3rd place in the Junior Exhibition Examination and the High School Exhibition, which was augmented because of the very high standard of answering. D. H. McNeill was awarded an Exhibition (£50) and E. P. Hill, who had also been at Dean Close School in England, won a Natural Science Sizarship.

E. A. Thompson and K. N. Douglas won Scholarships in Trinity College and you will find a long list of old boys who are winning distinctions in various branches of University Life.

I should like to mention particularly G. F. Mitchell, who has been appointed to a Lectureship in Trinity College while still an Undergraduate. He has recently won first place in the Natural Science

Moderatorship Examination and has been awarded a large Gold Medal. Some of you probably heard his able and entertaining address as President of the Philosophical Society.

The regular round of school life has gone on as usual in its many phases. We have at any rate come to re-discover again in this generation what was an obvious commonplace with the Ancient Greeks, that Education is a much wider thing than work done

the majority of their matches. The Senior captain was G. W. Keegan. There was a marked improvement in attendance.

The usual Swimming Gala was held. We owe our best thanks to Mr. Ellerker for training the boys in life-saving. The Swimming season was a very satisfactory one under the captaincy of P. R. Purcell. The Senior Championship was won by D. H. McNeill and the Junior by J. N. Allen.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES 1934.



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in class-rooms; and we have found in practice that even the mental activity which makes for success in examinations is stimulated by other interests and especially by physical activity.

GAMES AND SPORTS.

The Rugby Teams had a successful season under the captaincy of G. W. Keegan. The attendance at Belgrave Square improved. A larger number of teams played outside matches regularly, and interest was maintained by House and Class matches.

In Cricket, both Senior and Junior Teams won

The Annual Sports were held at Lansdowne Road, by kind permission of the I.R.F.U. The Senior Championship was won by D. H. McNeill and the Junior by E. W. Campbell.

D. H. McNeill had a remarkable record. He won the High Jump and the Half-mile Championships in the Dublin Schools' Sports and the Mile and Half-mile Championship in the All Ireland Schools' Sports. He created two new records in the High Jump and the Mile. I may remind you that he won an Exhibition at his Entrance to Trinity College.

He gained First Place in the English paper with an unusually high mark.

Boxing Classes were held twice a week. D. H. McNeill was captain. Those who attend these classes are always limited in number but they make up for this in enthusiasm. We are very grateful to J. I. Stafford, Captain of the Trinity Boxing Club, and J. D. Clarke for giving much time to training the boys.

Tennis has begun to develop and no less than 76 boys entered for the Tennis Tournament.

Gymnastic training is given regularly and we had a display in the Gymnasium in June. Captain T. S. Tomlinson and Sergeant Griffiths again very kindly came and adjudged the award of medals.

DRAMA.

Our Annual Dramatic Performance may be justly claimed to have created an established reputation. Once again it drew crowded houses for three nights. We owe our thanks pre-eminently to Mr. Geoffrey Mackay, who wrote and produced the principal play, and also to a large number of Old Boys who helped us. We used the profits in keeping

Belgrave Square in good condition during the Summer Term, and we have also laid a reasonably good grass Tennis Court. This year we are again preparing a new production, and we have to thank Mr. Eric May for giving us his time and talents in producing it. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Dillon are working hard as usual and it is the intention of the organizers to present the School with hard Tennis Courts if they receive sufficient support. For this reason they are giving four performances this year.

LIBRARY.

The Library, under the direction of Mr. Chillingworth, has been continually increased by gifts and purchases. I deeply regret to have to record the death of Mr. R. P. Rogers, who presented the Library with a valuable gift of books shortly before he died.

"THE ERASMIAN."

"The Erasmian" was published three times during the year, once in each Term. It was edited by D. H. McNeill. We are trying to make the Magazine pay as far as possible for its production by means of advertisements. Every advertisement saves money, which will be spent on sports and other activities of the boys. It may be interesting to know that we almost succeed in paying for it.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

We have again started a Debating Society after a lapse. It is difficult to find time for it in a Day School but it is a valuable asset. The Secretary is M. C. Fowler.

I regret to record the deaths of the following Old Boys:—Charles Kirkpatrick Moore (1881-1884), Alfred Carrington Seale (1881-1886), William Trimball Drennan (1889-1890), Surgeon-Capt. Thomas W. Myles (1888-1896), Samuel Johnston Smartt (1895-1896), Howard McN. McCormick (1894-1898), John Gill (1913-1915), John Cyril Hopkins (1916-1923).

THE OLD BOYS' UNION.

The Old Boys' Union had a prosperous year. The number attending the Annual Dinner in the Clockroom was a record. A Dance and Whist-drive were also held and Rugby, Cricket and Golf matches were played. The Golf Cup was won by Mr. Harry Thrift. Badminton was played in the Clock-room. We had a Dinner also in Belfast. The President of the Union is His Grace, The Lord Primate. The success of the Union is due to the work of its Hon. Secs. and Treasurer: Messrs. Mervyn Bell, Arthur J. Beatty and Thomas Bell.



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THE OLD BOYS' CUP.

This Cup was given by the Old Boys' Union, to be presented to "the best type of boy in the School." The decision was left to the Headmaster. As in previous years, I took a vote of the Staff and Upper School. The Cup has been awarded to George William Keegan and no sounder choice could have been made. He had a very satisfactory school career in Class work, having gained the Intermediate Certificate with Honours and numerous class prizes. He has been captain of the Senior Rugby, Cricket and Boxing Clubs. The vote of the Staff and his own comrades, however, was not given because of his outstanding athletic record. All here will agree with me that George Keegan is a boy whose character is an asset to any school.

It has been our custom to ask an Old Boy, not officially connected with the School, to present the Cup. We are very grateful to Mr. Cecil Darley for coming here to-day to give it to the winner. Mr. Darley is one of our Old Boys prominent in Dublin who has always been a keen supporter of the functions held by the Union.

Amongst the many distinctions won by former pupils of the school during the past year, I should like to mention the following:—

The Most Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, the Primate, received the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in Dublin University, and the Right Rev. W. E. Flewett, Bishop of Cork, the Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. W. B. Yeats has received additional proof of his world-wide reputation.

Mr. Justice Sealey and Mr. Harry Thrift have gained further distinction in the world of Athletics.

As you have probably noticed, the Governors have carried out an extensive scheme of external re-decoration and provided enlarged accommodation for bicycles. Internally also all the rooms have been re-painted during the past five years, except the Clock Room, in which we meet to-day. When this has been done, I suppose that it will be necessary to begin all over again. Thus the overhead expenditure even on the buildings of a school never ceases.

The most important change in our Educational System during the past school year has been the introduction of a new regulation by which no new boy will be recognised by the Department of Education until he has attained a certain standard in Irish. No Grant will be paid for boys not recog-

nised. We may as well face the fact, whether we like it or not, that Irish has become a part of the regular work of all Secondary Schools.

Perhaps it is not too soon to estimate its effect up to the present upon the rest of the School Curriculum. Personally, I think that we have found that the time given to it has made little or no really noticeable difference in the progress made in other subjects. Now for about ten years I have watched closely and compared boys taking Irish with others in the same class who were not taking it; though the latter had more time for other work, they did not seem to do any better.

So far we have not been driven to give up any of the subjects which we have always taught, such as Greek, Latin, French and German. We will be forced to do so if the Government compels us to increase the time given to Irish, and this will be a real disaster. However, it has not happened yet, and wise men do not cross bridges before they come to them. Meanwhile, in all Free State Secondary Schools, we must face the hard fact that every boy who does not take Irish saves money for the Government and leaves less money to the School for the benefit of all.

I have tried to make it clear that I do not think that Irish, if taught for a reasonable time weekly, injures the standard of other subjects. The complete results of the Certificate Examinations, however, which were published only a couple of days ago, reveal some curiosities owing to the addition of an unknown number of bonus marks for answering through the medium of Irish. One of our candidates (J. C. Gilmour) gained 578 marks out of 600 in Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry combined). Another candidate gained 580, i.e., two marks more, and was placed first. As this candidate obtained 205 marks out of 200 in Algebra, he must have had *at least* 5 marks added not for knowledge of Mathematics but of Irish. He may have had anything up to 30 marks (the maximum bonus) added. In this case, only a chance has revealed that the candidate placed first achieved this position by the bonus for Irish. It is surely undesirable that a general uncertainty should thus be created as to the knowledge of the actual subject of any papers shown by a candidate. Would it not be reasonable to ask the Department to avoid these misleading results by giving the actual marks obtained and, separately, the added bonus marks for Irish? This would in no way interfere with the policy of the Government to give advantages to those possessing a better knowledge of Irish.

We had the good fortune last autumn to add to the staff Mr. W. Warnock, Scholar and double Moderator, who has already improved the standard of Irish; Mr. J. A. Storey, Scholar and Moderator, to whom both the Senior English Classes and the Rugby Club owe a great debt of gratitude; and Mr. G. C. Johnson, Scholar and Moderator in Mathematics.

When a Headmaster returns thanks to his Board of Governors and to the Staff of the School, it is hard to make it seem other than conventional phrasing. I should like in all sincerity to express it as a real thing. I do not see how a body of Governors could be more willing to do all in their power for the benefit of the School. I wish that the boys could realize how much they owe to Professor Thrift, our Chairman, who was a boy here himself, for the time and trouble which he cheerfully expends for their good. As for the Staff, if there is anywhere a Headmaster who has a more loyal body of colleagues than I have, he is indeed fortunate.

THE PROVOST'S ADDRESS.

The Provost opened his address by saying how glad he was to be present and to distribute the prizes.

He congratulated Mr. Bennett on his encouraging Report on the year's work. Turning to the end of the report, where Mr. Bennett had thanked the Board of Governors for their support, the Provost said that they wished to return the compliment and stated that the Governors were very satisfied with their Headmaster, whom they considered to be one of the most successful schoolmasters in Ireland.

He then remarked on the all-round nature of the report and on the wide conception of Education as shown in it. He was glad to find that it was possible to maintain the teaching of such subjects as French, German and Greek in the programme and also to know that High School boys are distinguishing themselves in all subjects from Classics to Geology and in all parts of the world.

It was satisfactory to note that the time given to studying Irish has not interfered to any serious extent, if at all, with the general work of the School. He hoped that that part of the State which has to deal with this School, and others like it, would do its best to support Mr. Bennett and the other headmasters by not being too exacting in its demands and by giving fair room and a fair proportion of time for studying other subjects besides the Irish language.

Another matter in the report which attracted his attention was the success of the boys in finding employment when they left school, in spite of the gloomy forebodings of anxious parents. He was very grateful to Mr. Bennett for helping to give so many boys a start in life.

Mr. Bennett, he thought, looked on Education not only as an intellectual training but also as a formation of character, and so Drama, Physical Training and Athletics and many other interests were included in the programme for the good of the boys.

He concluded by saying, on behalf of the Governors, "We are perfectly satisfied with and grateful to Mr. Bennett for the success and thoroughness of the work which he has given to the School."

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR GEORGE FRANKS, K.C.B., C.B.

Major-General Sir George Franks then made a brief though very interesting speech.

He quoted, as a fine example of playing the game, an amusing though pathetic story of a friend of his out in India, and he suggested that all should try to emulate that example.

He was "immensely struck" by the Old Boys' Cup and urged all the boys to try and win it. He then drew their attention to the School Motto, "We Are Faithful To Our Trust," and said it was the noblest motto that any school could have and he had no doubt from what he had heard and seen of the High School record in the past that the boys would go on living up to this motto and being faithful to their trust.

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Mr. Cecil Darley presented the Old Boys' Cup to George William Keegan. He congratulated him heartily both on his intellectual and athletic record in the past and expressed the hope that all past and future winners of the Cup would go out into the world determined to uphold the noble traditions of the School.

A replica of the Cup was also presented to the winner. This can be held for life, but the actual Cup only for one year.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. J. Mayne.

The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea by the Governors.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1934.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

Only one boy was able to complete the Leaving Certificate Examination because the others were candidates for the Trinity College Examinations held in the same week.

J. D. Penney passed.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE.

J. C. Gilmour, C. F. Humphrey, R. T. Poole, B. S. Witney, E. R. Young passed with Honours.

If Irish were not a compulsory subject, the following would have been entitled to the results stated :—

B. S. R. Blennerhassett, W. R. Bryans, H. Rue passed with Honours; H. H. Brislane, E. White-side passed.

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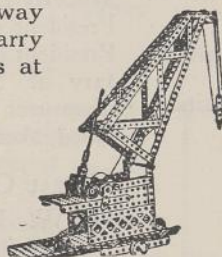
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THE object of the Union is to provide a bond between the past pupils of the School and to bring them together by games and sports and social functions. It also helps those who have left Dublin to hear of and keep in touch with their School contemporaries. The Union has already been of value to the present boys of the School.

Life subscription is one guinea, which may be paid in two annual instalments. Boys leaving School may, if they wish, have their names placed on the Register of the Union. Part at least of their life subscription must be paid within three years.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 5th November. The Headmaster in the Chair.

The following elections were made:—

President:

The Most Rev. C. F. D'ARCY, D.D., Primate of All Ireland.

Vice-President: THE HEADMASTER.

Hon Secretaries:

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Hon Treasurer: T. BELL.

Executive Committee:

S. S. Evans, R. W. Jeffares, G. Mackay, S. Meyer, G. F. Mitchell, W. R. McCaw, W. H. Thrift and R. J. Walker.

Sports Secretaries:

Football: C. V. Boyle. *Cricket:* W. H. Walker and Cecil Morton.

Golf: H. Williams and S. S. Evans.

The Hon. Secretaries reported that the membership had increased by 31 since the last meeting. Old Boys abroad are taking a keener interest in the activities of the Union.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. R. W. Jeffares, seconded by Mr. C. V. Boyle.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted his report, which showed a satisfactory position except for the loss on the Annual Dinner, which is inevitable. Some suggestions for a reduction of this loss were made and approved. The report was passed on the proposal of Mr. McCaw, seconded by the Rev. C. C. W. Duggan.

The Golf report was read, and it was decided to apply the entrance fees for the Old Boys' Cup to payment for the replica presented yearly to the winner.

THE OLD BOYS' UNION DANCE

IT was with some trepidation that the Committee decided on booking the Metropole Ballroom for the Annual Dance. It was felt that if the numbers were small it would be difficult to make the event a success in the large ballroom, and when it was found that Pembroke Swimming Club—in which many of our members are interested—had fixed the 17th November for their Dance in the New Regal Rooms the outlook was none too bright.

However, a special effort was made and with gratifying results. Again our dance was a financial success but, more important still, we had a most representative assembly of Old Boys of every standing, and it was a pleasure to welcome the wives of several of our recently weds to what was a really gay party.

The Rogers Metropole Band excelled itself and played many requested numbers. Mr. Rupert Jeffares in a characteristic speech thanked them for their efforts and presented the vocalist—Miss Davitt—with a box of chocolates. At the same time he appealed to those present to support the functions of the Union. The singing of Auld Lang Syne in the traditional manner brought a thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close.

ANNUAL DINNER

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NOTES ON OLD BOYS

A. S. Rice (1922-26) has obtained an Architectural appointment in the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

Rev. R. J. Ross (1923-28) has been appointed Succentor of Limerick Cathedral.

G. F. Mitchell (1922-30) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in Trinity College. He has also been awarded Colours in the D.U. Swimming Club.

C. A. Boyle (1922-31) was elected Captain of D.U. Swimming Club and has been awarded Colours in the D.U. Rugby and Swimming Clubs.

C. V. Boyle (1926-33) has been awarded Colours in D.U. Swimming Club and has made a very successful début as scrum half on the D.U. Rugby Club First XV.

W. H. B. Mack (1910-13) has been appointed First Secretary to the British Legation at Prague.

FELTON (1920-1923) and COCHRANE.—October 15, 1934, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, Booterstown, by the Rev. E. M. Bateman, M.A., Edward William, son of the late Edward and Mrs. Felton, of Oakley Road, Ranelagh, to Jessica Kathleen, second youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cochrane, of Rock Road, Blackrock.

MACKAY (1914-1921) and KIRKPATRICK.—September 12, 1934, at St. Phillip's Church, Milltown, by the Rev. W. H. Coulter, M.A., Geoffrey Alexander, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mackay, 19 Warwick Villas, Leeson Park, Dublin, to Alice Doreen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kirkpatrick, Lis-na-crun, Cowper Road, Rathmines, Dublin.

MACKEY (1922-1925) and CHEETHAM.—September 5, 1934, at Lenton Parish Church, Nottingham, the Rev. W. J. Noël Mackey, B.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mackey, "Stirling," Albany Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, to Margaret Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cheetham, 45 Derby Road, Beeston, Notts, England.

PROCTOR (1912-1921) and WOODS.—September 5, 1934, at Killiney Parish Church, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ossory, assisted by the Rev. Canon A. E. Hughes and the Rev. Canon D. C. Green, the Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D., younger son of the late Rev. R. G. Proctor, B.D., and Mrs. Proctor, 52 Wellington Road, and Patricia Marjory, younger daughter of Sir Robert Woods, Marino, Ballybrack.

RILEY (1917-1923) and PURVIS.—September 19, 1934, at All Saints', Grangegorman, by the Rev. E. H. F. Campbell, M.A., assisted by the Rev. William Bell, B.D., Alexander Lewis, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riley, of Glasnevin, to Emily Maude, younger daughter of the late John Purvis, of London, and Mrs. Morrows, of New York.

MARRIAGES

BELL (1909-1919) and GILLIES.—July 14, 1934, at Marylebone Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Golder-Burns, B.D., Horace, fifth son of Dr. and Mrs. John Bell, of Maidenhead, to Linda Girda, elder daughter of the late Daniel Gillies, of Glasgow, and of Mrs. Gillies, of Sussex Gardens, London.

DAWSON (1909-1915) and NORRIS.—July 18, 1934, at Drumcondra Church, Dublin, by the Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith (Vicar of St. Saviour's Croydon), assisted by the Rev. J. T. Cummins (Rector of the Parish), the Rev. William James Eric Dawson, son of Dr. W. J. Dawson, J.P., and Mrs. Dawson, Newtown Hamilton, County Armagh, to Bertha Jane Norris, younger daughter of J. H. Norris, M.R.C.V.S., Thorndale House, Drumcondra, Dublin.

DIGGES (1917-1918) and DARTNELL.—September 7, 1934, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, by Canon A. E. Hughes, M.A., Charles Stanley Dermot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Digges, 26 Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, and Mabel Harriet (Ivy), younger daughter of William and the late Mrs. Dartnell, 46 Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook.

FIELD (1922-1924) and TOMSOHN.—September 5, 1934, at Harold's Cross Church, by the Rev. C. C. W. Duggan, B.D., Alfred, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Field, Parkview Avenue, Harold's Cross, to Eva Winifred, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomsohn, Kimmage Road, Dublin.

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THOM (1916-20) and GORMAN.—August 18, at Dalkey Church by the Rev. G. R. L. Wynne, M.A., assisted by the Rev. W. Bouchier, M.A., Bolton Dillon, youngest son of Mr. Dillon Turner Thom and the late Mrs. Thom, Kimberley, Cowper Road, Dublin, to Wilhelmina Margaret (Wilka), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gorman, Theberton, Elton Park, Dun Laoghaire.

YATES (1919-1922) and ALLCORN.—October 6, 1934, at Rathfarnham Parish Church by the Ven. Archdeacon Yates (uncle of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. E. G. Sullivan, M.A., Rector of the Parish, Henry George, elder son of the late James Yates, Dundela, Strandtown, Belfast, and Mrs. Yates, 22 Greenmount Road, Terenure, to Dorothy Violet, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Allcorn, Chelsea, London.

TATLOW (1915-1920) and EVANS.—September 15, 1934, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, by the Rev. Canon A. E. Hughes, Antony Alexander Fitzgerald, only son of the late Alfred Piers Tatlow and Mrs. Tatlow, 3 Upper Ely Place, Dublin, and Katharine Faith Richards Warren, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. W. Evans, of "Wyverne," Clonskeagh, Dublin.

WADDELL (1920-1924) and NEWTON.—November 8, 1934, at Dunboyne, Robert Andrew Cyril, elder son of Robert J. and Mrs. Waddell, Clarinda Park, Dun Laoghaire, to Blanche Eileen, eldest daughter of Cecil and Mrs. Newton, Ballinrobe, County Mayo.

DEATHS

BELL (1909-1911).—July 31, 1934, at his residence 33 Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Charles Ernest, youngest son of Mrs. Bell and the late Andrew Bell, 6 Rathmines Park, Dublin.

LUKE (1888-1893).—September 11, 1934, at Bangor, Co. Down, Ernest Luke, aged 57, dear elder son of Mr. Frederick Luke, A.R.C.A., and Mrs. Luke, Grove Park, Dublin. Mourned also by his loving wife and his sons and daughters. His remains were interred in Bangor Cemetery, September 13th.

TAYLOR (1895-1901). — September 18, 1934, James Benjamin Taylor, M.B., Ch. B. (T.C.D.), late of 168 Waterloo Road, London, S.E., the dearly-beloved son of Sir John J. Taylor, K.C.B., and Lady Taylor, at their residence, Wissahickon, Sandy Lodge Road, Moor Park, Herts., aged 47 years.

RUGBY FOOTBALL SECTION

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1933-34.

The season 1933-34 was a successful, if a very brief one. We played one match and won it. This match was against the School and it was a very enjoyable game. The reason we only played one match was because Mr. T. D. Murphy, the Honorary Secretary, was appointed to a post in Limerick. Mr. Murphy had very ably fulfilled the duties of Rugby Secretary since the start of the Union, and it was so long before anyone was appointed in his place that the season of Old Boys' matches was over.

GOLF SECTION

SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1934.

In May last we played a 12 a side match against the Presbyterian Association Golfing Society at the Castle Golf Club. The match, which we lost, was followed by a Supper.

In September we held the competition for the Old Boys' Challenge Cup at Milltown Golf Club. The Cup was won by Mr. H. Thrift with a score of 72 nett. Mr. T. Larkin, home on leave from

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The Committee of the Old Boys' Union decided that a replica of the Challenge Cup be presented in future to the winner each year.

This year there was an entry of 23 for the Cup. This represents about one-third of the golf playing members of the Union.

We must again acknowledge gratefully the unfailing courtesy extended to us by Dublin clubs.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—"M.C.B." (Methodist College, Belfast); "School News" (Royal Belfast Academical Institute); "The Campbellian" (Campbell College, Belfast); "R.S.D." (Royal School, Dungannon); "C.A.I." (Coleraine Academical Institute); "The Wilsonian" (Wilson's Hospital, Multyfarnham); "S.G.S." (Sligo Grammar School).

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HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN 1890-1896.

Interesting reminiscences of the School which have appeared in the ERASMIAN from time to time have not, I think, so far included the period 1890-1896, when, under the aegis of my late brother-in-law (Leslie Ashe, Scholar of T.C.D., and winner of the £1,000 "Times" Encyclopaedia prize) I was entered as a Day Boy at his old School. The well-known Mr. — — ("Billy") was Head Master. He, as far as I remember, was an excellent "Head," but one calculated to inspire respect rather than affection. I have even now a vivid recollection of the curious way he took his weekly exercise at 12 o'clock on Saturdays at the expense of the poor wretches who had red marks on their "cards." Mr. W. S. Cooney was the Senior Mathematical Master, a rather old-fashioned kindly pedagogue, whose pronunciation of the word "similarly" (similarrily) has always stuck in my mind! Mr. Lister was, I think, his successor.

Mr. C. H. Ward (a most popular Englishman) was my first Classical Master, a subsequent one being Mr. J. Thompson, later to become a very successful Head Master of the School. His excellent "coaching" of myself during my last year at school (1896) with a view to my obtaining a scholarship at Oxford, was not, I fear completely successful; but I often wish that my youngest son (who will shortly be on a similar quest) had the advantage of his tuition just now.

Other masters I remember were Mr. Egerton, Mr. H. P. Morris, Mr. Anderson, Mr. C. H. Yorke (the English and French master, with whom

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I boarded for a time), and the Brothers Paterson. The latter and Mr. Ward helped me (when Hon. Sec.) to organise quite a successful Hockey Club to represent the School. In 1895 and 1896 we actually turned out two elevens, and I recollect attending the first International Match ever held in Ireland, as the High School delegate.

Prominent players were C. H. Ward, J. Anderson, C. H. Darley and R. G. Leonard (one of those brilliant scholars who never seemed to do any work (!), but won innumerable prizes, chiefly in legal subjects, I think.)

Mr. Ward (whom I met at Huddersfield in 1907, when I was playing in a Yorkshire County Trial) was the mainstay of the School team, and its chief inspiration.

A familiar High School figure (whose face I can still recall) was Sergeant Brown, who used to drill us in the School Yard.

Coming now to the boys of my period (1890-1896) the most brilliant was probably J. A. Nairn, who afterwards became Head Master of Merchant Taylors' School at the age of 26. The best all-round man was undoubtedly "Jimmy Sealy" (now Mr. Justice Sealy) a very old friend of mine, though rather senior to me. Apart from his examination success at Trinity and at the Bar, he had the rather unique distinction of representing Ireland both at Hockey and Rugby football. The names which stick in my mind from among my immediate contemporaries are J. Stodart, John Brown, R. ("Dicky" Swan and C. H. Darley. Stodart (son of the then Editor of the "*Irish Times*") was always first in my class and John Brown was always second, and I could never make any impression on either, but just managed to keep poor old "Dicky" (killed in the war, I believe) out of the third position. Stodart afterwards won a scholarship at Oxford (where I subsequently met him); John Brown I saw again in 1907, when I was touring with a West of England Hockey Team in Ireland, but I have since lost sight of him and should be very glad to learn where he now lives and why he is not a member of the Old Boys' Union!

On reason why I have always loyally supported the ERASMIAN (of which I was Oxford Correspondent from 1897-1901) is because I really think I can claim to have been, however remotely, in some way responsible for its existence (though it actually started, of course, just after I left.) At any rate, although we never possessed a School Magazine in my day, I remember I had the effrontery to publish an ephemeral Journal called the "Upper Fourth Monthly" at one period of my career. It lasted but

a year or so (probably intensive study for the Senior Grade Intermediate made things difficult, or else promotion to another Form rendered the name inaccurate) and was produced with considerable difficulty—an office friend, I think, typed it out and supplied carbon copies. I'm afraid I was myself responsible for most of the matter, and that, coming from a boy of 14 or 15 could scarcely have been very high class!

I can only now recollect the first two lines of an obviously personal "poem," which started thus:—"There is a boy in the Upper Fourth, whose name is 'Pudding Face'" (!) and a French puzzle:—"Je suis ce que je suis; Je ne suis pas ce que je suis; Si je suis ce que je suis, je ne suis pas ce que je suis." "A poor thing but mine own" Anyhow, it was good fun while it lasted, and it has always been my belief that I may have been a humble pioneer in the campaign which has culminated in the really excellent Magazine the School now possesses.

ARTHUR W. R. CHEALES.

Nov. 20, 1934.

[This article was written by the Rev. A. W. R. Cheales, Cofn S. Denys Rectory, Fossebridge, Cheltenham. We will be grateful for other similar articles by Old Boys.—Ed.]

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