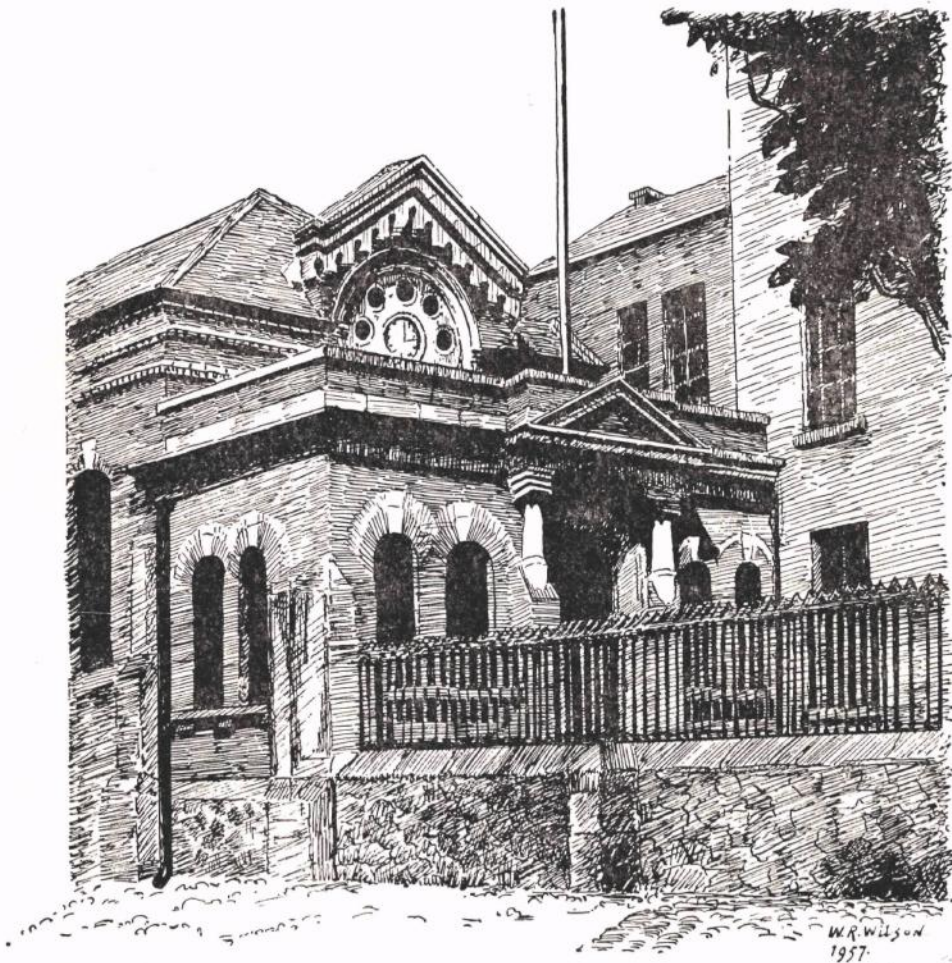


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EDITORIAL



This editorial is written, due to circumstances beyond my control, from a hospital bed. It would be tempting to dramatise it as written "through the mist of pain" or "from a bed of suffering," but that temptation must be rigorously resisted. During my enforced stay I have had leisure to think; indeed when one is woken at six o'clock one can hardly avoid having leisure to think. My thoughts have run on various topics, notably the school and various aspects of school life.

To outward eyes High School appears a flourishing, healthy school and indeed it is. I believe, however, that some aspects of the school bear closer examination. In my opinion it is a disgrace that High School has no gymnasium in which its pupils can keep their bodies healthy. Surely for a school this size a gymnasium should be a first priority? The school governors could, with very little expense, equip one of the Clock Room walls with a set of wall bars. These would not disfigure the room and would be very beneficial to the boys. Small pieces of gym equipment, such as weights, could be added and then the lack of a gym would be less sorely felt.

One of the puzzles of my schooldays has been the shed erected at the far end of the playground. If this was intended as a cycle shed it would be a good policy to equip it with cycle blocks. If it was intended as a sandwich eating enclosure, the present yellow dust floor should be replaced with a more suitable material. If the governors, in their wisdom, intend it as a shelter from the rain it should be borne in mind that no schoolboy is prepared to run across a rainswept playground, getting soaked in the process, to shelter from the rain! This shed is one of the great imponderables of the High School.

I hope my readers do not consider my criticisms carping but I believe that they must be voiced. I hope that none will be offended and I leave my readers with a wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

(From the *Erasmian*, December, 1914)

The annual distribution of prizes took place on Friday, November 6th, and there was an exceedingly large attendance. The dark walls of the Clock Room were transmogrified for the occasion by pictures illustrating the "horrida bella," of which a Roman poet sings. After the distribution the visitors were invited to tea in the Board Room by the Governors, and in order that there might be no crush in the tea-room, a most interesting lantern lecture showing pictures of the cities of Belgium, and the destruction wrought by the Germans, was delivered by Messrs. Wyon and Slade. Tea was very kindly provided for the boys in Clock Room, of which they took the greatest advantage.

Erasmian Prizes

Book prizes presented by the Old Boys' Union have been awarded to A. E. W. Beck (5a) and R. P. Coulter (6b) for their contributions to the June issue.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools: Royal High School, Edinburgh; Portora Royal School; St. Columba's College; Alexandra College; Larne Grammar School; Mountjoy School; Royal School, Dungannon; Coleraine Academical Institution; and Dalriada School.

Trinity Letter

The Trinity Academic Year consists of 3 short lecture terms; and this, the Michaelmas Term, is the busiest of all, as several hundred new students are simultaneously finding their feet in College life. For the first time since the University was founded on the lines of an

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Oxford or Cambridge residential College in 1591 the student population has topped the 3,000 mark. This of course is about 10 times the average number in an Oxbridge College, and it gives rise to many of the anomalous features of Trinity, such as the complexity of the buildings and of the administrative structure.

As the University response to modern needs new and specialised courses have become available, so that one can now study Entomology, Business Studies or Russian; but the College, which is that part of the administration which ministers to needs other than those of your admission, tuition, and the conferring of your degrees, clings tenaciously to old traditions as an attempt to preserve the intimacy and scholastic unity which existed when the numbers were very much smaller. Thus, every resident student attends a formal evening meal each night in College; and a grossly overworked Junior Dean is provided to fine you if you climb the Campanile or fly unsuitable objects from the College flag-pole. Societies are propagated for your entertainment, and Sporting clubs for your exercise; in both of which High School boys have distinguished themselves recently—Howard Knott, Brian West, and Cian Ó hÉigeartagh in the former, and Ron Kirkham, Rea O'Neill and the Fleury brothers in the latter, to mention but a few. Therefore, in between satisfying the University's requirements for lecture attendance, you can utilise College facilities by indulging in such sparetime activities as pot-holing, pottery and philosophy.

Probably the major impression that it made on the entering student, is the great transition involved in leaving school for University. You are expected to think for yourself, and know by inspiration or intuition where to find your lectures, timetables, and places to eat or drink, or read a newspaper in comfort. The difficulty and strangeness have however been largely taken out of all this by the recently started "Fresher's Congress," which envelops all incoming students, registers them, lectures them on various aspects of College life, and then turns them loose with at least a preliminary adjustment to Trinity's ways. As a result you discover much faster how to manage such institutions as the complicated Library (with its 1,000,000 books and a right to every one published in the British Isles), and the Buttery Bar.

As a student, you may spend anything from 3 to 10 years in college, being supported largely by your parents. Rory O'Moore was so pleased with college life that, with an Honours degree and some postgraduate research experience behind him, he has now turned to the Medical School!

The University, finally however, turns you out, with a degree which is an opening to many careers. If you enjoy the comparative freedom of an Academic life, you can do research work—you will not be well paid, but your time and your projects will be under your own control. Mark Carson, after a brilliant 3 years Engineering here, is now researching at Cambridge, and already has the Motor Industry closely watching his discoveries. Michael Richardson is researching here in Chemistry, and several other Old Boys are also doing Research in Trinity.

Graduates are also very welcome in Technical and Secondary teaching, where understaffing is a continual problem. Jonathan Bardon is now teaching in Northern Ireland, after an enviable career in College Societies. Government Services of various sorts absorb a large number of graduates; especially scientists for industrial and agricultural research. Industry probably attracts greatest numbers, however, by its good pay and prospects. Several Old Boys have gained Research and Management Trainee posts in major manufacturing firms; and David Challen, after a double Honours degree in Physics and Mathematics, has gone into Advertising.

The College and University systems in force at Trinity are thus at first a little bewildering, but the life is excellent, and the opportunities following upon a University education are unparalleled, both mentally and materially.

NIPHARGUS.

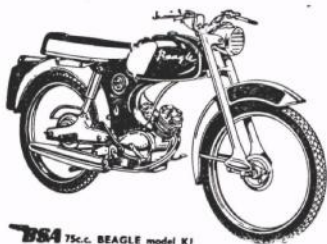
Letter to the Editor

Sir,

I would like to take advantage of your invitation to reply to the report of a religious survey by Beck and Coulter which appeared in the June issue of the *Erasmian*.

The aspect of the report which disturbed me most was the emphasis on the knowledge of other faiths and viewpoints. Beck and Coulter seemed very concerned that 16-18 year old schoolboys could not defend their faith against

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atheists and did not know the fundamentals of the "New Morality" the "Honest to God" debate, Mormonism, Humanism and Jehovah's Witnesses. This seems to me to be expecting too much from schoolboys and also to be symptomatic of a wrong approach to the teaching of Christianity.

This approach places much emphasis on intellectual and theological aspects and often forgets that Christianity is based primarily on non-rational emotions—faith, hope and love. No-one can deny the intellect a very important place in religion, but I believe that premature involvement in religious controversy can easily lead to a superficial and dilettantist faith, one of more use in drawing-room discussions than practical living.

The prevalence today of controversies and debates often leads to a neglect of the fundamentals of Christianity as they affect each person. Our Diocesan Committee on Youth emphasised that: "Young people need to know the fundamentals of the faith if they are to carry Christian principles with them into a world more and more controlled by scientific factors," and it deplored the ignorance of basic faith among the young. Surely it is in this field that the chief weakness of our religious instruction lies, and not in its failure to teach schoolboys about Mormonism and Humanism? The teaching of the fundamentals of Christianity and their application to personal problems such as choosing a career, using leisure time and tackling moral problems would seem to be the best use of the very limited time available to religious instructors.

In conclusion, it may bring comfort (though not, I hope, complacency) to committed Christians when faced with unpromising statistics, to reflect that at no time in any generation has a majority chosen the Christian way of life. The way is still very narrow and, though many talk about it, few find it.

Yours etc.,

D. F. FORD. (6A).

W. B. Yeats at High School

W. B. Yeats, Nobel Prize winner for literature in 1923 and the greatest Irish poet of all time, spent his most formative years at High School. Little publicity has been given to his years at High School. However, I have managed to glean the following information from library books.

Entering the school in 1880 at the age of fifteen, he left four years later to go to the Metropolitan School of Art. It was while at High School at the age of 17 that he composed his first poems. Sad to say, Mr. Williams, headmaster at the time, failed to recognise the genius in Yeats. He rather mistrusted this boy who read to the other boys out of Synnott's "Estoric Buddhism," and influenced them with his intellectual interests. In fact he once prophesied that "young Yeats will come to no good." The headmaster was not alone, however, in his failure to spot the great potential in Yeats' writing. His father, in a letter to Professor Edward Bowden of Trinity, in 1884 wrote, "his (Yeats') bad metres arise very much from composing in a loud voice, manipulating of course the qualities of his own taste."

Yeats' complete indifference to examinations, something which even the most laconic of us have never quite been able to pull off, inspired wonder and admiration among his contemporaries. Here recorded are Yeats' first impressions of the School. He found, "a bleak 18th century house, a small playing field full of mud and pebbles, fenced by an iron railing, and opposite a long hoarding and a squalid ornamental railway station." The small playing field referred to was presumably the present day playground. One can see how it might have been full of mud and pebbles. Yeats also reports that "here, nobody gave a thought to decorum." (High School has changed little). Rather untrue to character, Yeats says that "he had not thought it possible for boys to work so hard." Games in Yeats' time were discouraged, as they were considered to be an impediment to work. This has completely changed now, though some have occasion to bewail the "encouragement" given to rugby at the School today. Yeats relates how he was expected to learn about 250 lines of Virgil (with, of course, the help of a "crib" as he called it). He unfortunately deemed it necessary to find out what happened in the parts not prescribed, and so was in hopeless straits next day in class. Yeats never got any essay prizes at school, owing to shortcomings in his spelling, grammar and handwriting.

Yeats never worked unless he was interested in the subject. He looked on his school-work as an interruption of his natural history studies. Therefore, it can be seen that he was scarcely the ideal pupil. You too can win a Nobel Prize!

S. P. HILLIARD (FORM 5B.)

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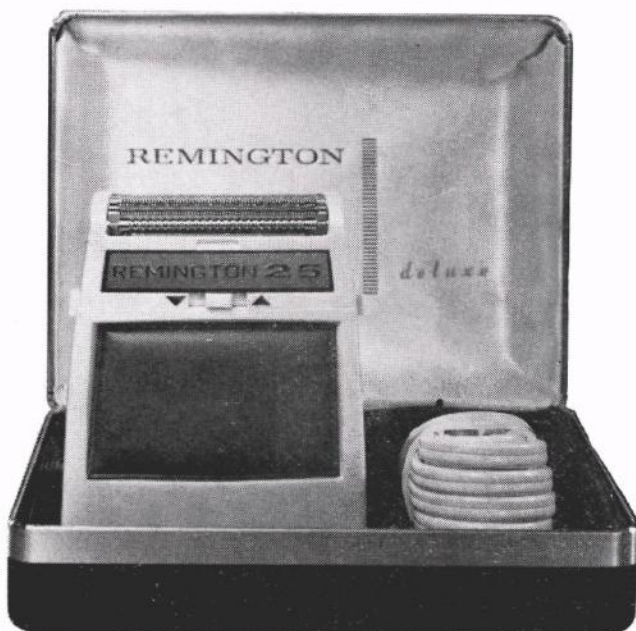
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Reflections of an unknown soldier in Heaven

I can see them now, as the sun goes down
To far, distant lands of silk and rice,
Those tumbledown shacks, in that tumbledown town

Infested by Germans and plagued by mice.

We were standing there, on top of that hill,
I was hardly aware of the rain coming down,
Then some cheerful fellow was making his will;
Command "Charge!" and I ran to death and the town.

Fellows all round either falling or praying,
A deadly aimed bullet pierced my heart,
The Germans had got no intention of playing,
But for me it was over and I'd done my part.

D. CHAPMAN, (3A).

Canada to Ireland: Impressions of a new school

'Now remember son it will be very different from your old school,' so said my father when he was bringing me to my new school. For the past twelve years I had been educated in Canadian Schools and now at the beginning of a new term I was entering an Irish School. I had all sorts of ideas, and more than a little apprehension, as to what my impressions would be.

I had just left a school of 1,200 boys and girls and was coming to a school of some four hundred boys. In the Canadian School—a Canadian Senior High School—there were only three forms, but in High School, Dublin there were 500 boys in the six forms of the senior school. In my present class there are only 28 boys. The ability of the master to give more attention to the individual pupil in the latter class far outweighs any imagined advantage of my former larger class.

In a school of some 1,200 pupils it is difficult to learn the names of more than a limited number of people, but in a smaller school there is a more intimate atmosphere making it much easier to get to know almost everybody. I have found that an Irishman's good nature helps to make one feel more at home, so much so that in only one year at the school I feel now very much a part of it.

First impressions I have been told are very important, but my first impressions of the build-

ings rather dismayed me. While I waited about for school to begin on the first day I felt like a fish out of water as all the other boys were discussing their summer holidays and I did not even know that 'Mountjoy' meant either the boys' school or a gaol. The bell rang and I was still standing about when one boy came up to me and showed me where my class was standing. There I was handed over to another chap who took it upon himself to show me about. When we left the Clock Room I was taken to meet my form master. He was extremely nice to me and introduced me to the boys in the class. I was then plied with questions about my old school and where I had come from and then I felt very much better and not so lonely. As the school year progressed I felt myself becoming part of everything. I am very glad that some of my first impressions were wrong.

During the course of conversation with various boys I learnt that I would have to play rugby. One Friday afternoon I saw my name on a white sheet of paper outside what I was told was the rugby master's room. Beside my name was a number '2.' When I saw this I was curious as to its meaning but one of the boys told me that it meant that I was playing in the second row. This didn't really worry me! Monday afternoon came and I found myself out on the rugby field without the slightest idea of what I was to do. Suddenly I heard a whistle blow and then began the most harrowing hour of my life. I was completely unfit and I had only seen a bone crushing game such as this played by fellows wearing 35lbs of padding. As a consequence I stayed as far away from the play as I could. Next morning I could hardly move because I was so stiff. However I had learnt my lesson and soon I became fit. I do not think that I excelled myself in that first year of rugby.

Another of my first impressions of the school was the number of shiny motor bikes, I counted twenty-five one day. In Canada the boys didn't ride motor bikes but drove cars. This mode of transport will soon come to Dublin schoolboys, even now I know several who drive cars to rugby matches. Perhaps the new school plans should include ample student car park space. The number of push bicycles ridden to school is also amazing for in Canada had I ridden my bike to school the other pupils would have thought me slightly soft in the head. The story is told of a boy who told his mother that he was running away from home and he won-



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dered who would drive the car for him. If in Dublin you want to run away you just hop on your bike or motor bike and go.

I have noticed one thing which has struck me as being rather out of place. At any rugby match, and especially cup matches, there has been a great lack of organised cheering. This does not indicate a lack of school spirit. Indeed there would seem to be more love of the school than even in the most partisan Canadian school where there might be no real ties with the school, but where the pupils will go to all the school sports to cheer their team. This is not just isolated yells but organised cheering led by a trained group. Cheering means a great deal to the team and can inspire them to greater feats. Here a group of High School supporters just stand in stony silence as some other team's supporters shout themselves hoarse. Perhaps something could be done about this as I feel it is a necessary part of school spirit.

My impressions of my new school are many and varied but I think I have dealt with those that impressed me most. In my first year of school in Dublin I have found it to be the most enjoyable that I have spent in any school. This is due in no small part to the masters and the boys and I feel that the year will stand out in my mind as the happiest of my life so far.

H. P. WOODHOUSE, (6B).

What is a Mum?

A Mum is someone who welcomes her children home from school with a smile (no matter how dirty they are); a Mum is someone who can cure aches and pains with a touch of the hand and a few kind words; a Mum is someone who uses

This is, however, only a very small part of the story. What exactly is "a true Mum"? For a start, at breakfast, Mums do not eat food, but sunshine which comes in a brightly coloured packet. A Mum always drinks a proper cup of tea, or coffee pot fresh coffee which comes in a free spice jar. Washing up is no problem. Just one squeeze of the polythene carton will produce enough liquid to do all the washing up, and, into the bargain, makes Mum's hands as smooth as baby's face. Moreover, to help her with her work, Mum can capture spring's exciting fragrance, and listen to bubbling mountain streams by merely smoking a cigarette.

A Mum is, in some ways, a rather marvellous and definitely unusual creature. She can make herself the most popular person in town by

changing her brand of toilet soap, or using super sifted flour, which will make all her cakes taste like a dream. A Mum cannot catch cold, because she has been filled with every possible vitamin (and, perhaps, a few unknown ones as well). A Mum never forgets the fruit gums. A Mum is always subjecting her linen to whiteness tests. Indeed, a Mum is a most peculiar creature. As far as I can see, a Mum is a dehydrated, vitaminised, pea-brained, half-witted idiot, and to think that some people in the world today actually like being called Mum is one of the wonders of our age. However, lady readers, do not fear! As yet, I have not received evidence to say that Mums can walk, talk, or read, so I think that you can all class yourselves as "Mothers." Perhaps in some distant African Zoo there is a Mum in captivity. If you find one, I would be delighted if you could let me know.

J. E. KILLEN (6U).

Thinking

In a quiet little hamlet
Shrouded in a veil of silk,
Sat a little purple spider
Trying desperately to think.

Think he did of rats and rabbits
Running round the rural roads;
Think he did of cats and carrots
Carefully calculating codes.

All this thinking made him crazy
So he stopped a little bit,
Tried to make a classic sonnet
Out of an audacious skit.

But his progress was so hindered,
By the buzz of busy bee,
That he gave up all his thinking,
Finding it was time for tea.

J. W. K. CARSON, (3A).

A Village on the Edge of the Pale

Clondalkin, where I live, has grown, within the last twenty years, from a small village into a town of 4,000 inhabitants. The present Church of Ireland church stands on the site of the ancient site of a monastery founded by St. Mochua in 1780 B.C. Opposite the Church on the other side of the road is the round tower which is still in a perfect state of preservation.

The monastery was sacked in 832 by the Danes, who set up a settlement called Dunalley.

In 1071 the town was destroyed and the land passed into the hands of the Archbishop of Dublin who had a manor house there: Clondalkin became a town on the edge of the Pale with many fortified houses. Some of these still stand, for example Belgard Castle, where there is now an order of Mexican priests. There is also a fragment of Deansrath left which is also mentioned as being a castle on the border of the Pale.

In the 17th century in Clondalkin, Newlands was the principal residence of Lord Kilwarden, Chief Justice, who was murdered at the outbreak of Emmet's Insurrection. He had a monument to a canary set up in his grounds but there is no trace of it left. This house is now the clubhouse of Newlands Golf Links.

Another old house was Corkagh where the Finlay family lived and there was a gunpowder mill in the grounds which blew up in 1733. In 1782 another gunpowder mill was built in Moyle Park in the Village which blew up five

years later, and the explosion was said to have shaken chimneys on Ushers Quay.

The opening of the Grand Canal in 1756 must have helped the village considerably but the village never developed very much. The Railway opened in 1845 and the Italian Bianconi ran his stage coaches in co-operation with it. There are still stables on the Naas Road between Clondalkin and Rathcoole which were built for his horses.

The Caldbecks, one of the chief families in the 19th century, gave much money for charitable purposes. They left property to the Church and helped to found a Roman Catholic boys' school and brought in the Presentation Nuns to the village.

Opposite our house is Tynans Cross, which was put there to lay a ghost and is in memory of Andrew Cullen Tynan, uncle of Katheria Tynan, the famous Irish poetess.

Present-day Clondalkin owes much of its prosperity to its industries, i.e., the manufacture of paper, roof tiles and concrete blocks.

J. ALEXANDER (3BL).



Attempting to pass the driving test

I was convinced that I would pass the test with ease. I was confident to the point of applying for it shortly after I had got a provisional licence. In applying I did what was a foolish thing, perhaps; I applied for both a car and motor-bike test, the two being taken on the same occasion and the test fee covering both.

"Suicide," I was told by knowledgeable people, "they'll never let you do it on the cheap."

I was not put off and continued to drive and ride around in a superior manner. I patronised all learner-drivers and all elderly women. I expected that I should dazzle the tester with my confident road-manners.

"Huh, over-confident," was the only encouragement that I could get.

The test arrived, the day of it, I mean. I came equipped with car and bike and waited, not by any means confident now, in an overheated waiting room. There was a sparse assortment of people jittering around. We all whispered nervously and jumped at each voice in the hollow passage outside or at each twitch of the spring door. After some time three testers came in.

Each had with him a person brandishing forms and each sent their charge on his way to fill them up. As each tester finished this business he called in a rather guttural voice "Mr.?," and some poor boy or man would slink over and confusedly sit down in front of his tormentor.

My turn came. After silly questions like what was my name (he had it all on a form), my oral test started. I surprised him into explaining a point of law when I said that one should stop on an amber signal (at traffic lights); he forgot himself and denied that this was the law. After this incident he seemed rather anxious to get through the questions as quickly as possible and I soon found myself engaged in the practical motor-bike test.

It was very simple. All that was required was that I should ride round and round a circular course down on the quays, while my tester flitted from one point on it to another and watched my profuse signalling and ultra-cautious manoeuvres.

Then began the car test. I was very frightened, some of this emotion being attributed to the fact that the engine wouldn't start. This was a petrol choke. It was unfortunately only intermittent, for, had it been properly bunged up I wouldn't have been able to do the test at all. As it was, it only helped the tester to make up his mind more quickly. Gear changing was fearful, for both of us. Every time I left the engine idle, as one should do when changing gear, it idled to a stop, only to be invigorated by the lurch as I let in the clutch again.

I drove miles and miles, occasionally taking the wrong turning. Now and again I was required to do queer things like backing down laneways and turning around in cul-de-sacs. I was frustrated by the misfortunes of the engine, but still reasonably confident. I found myself getting more and more annoyed by my silent companion. To give him his due, it would have been worse if he had screamed every time I shaved a pedestrian or kissed lightly some car or other. The only thing, actually, that I touched was a bus.

I passed my bike test but failed the car one.

"What did I tell you?" everyone said.

So in a few day's time I will have to sacrifice another pound to the Irish economy and hope this time to gain a "certificate of competency which on application"

R. F. GREENE (UPPER 6).

Concert

On the 20th October of this year the Radio Éireann Symphony Orchestra held one of their monthly Ceol-Cumann na n-Óg concerts in the St. Francis Xavier Hall in Sherrard Street.

Before the concert began the National Anthem was played, and sung by the audience. Then the conductor, Eimear O Broin, explained the first piece of music, which was the Overture 'Egmont,' and explained also the background of its composer Beethoven (1770-1827).

After the playing of this piece of music, the Orchestra went on to play other entrancing pieces, such as "Peer Gynt" Suite by Grieg (1843-1907), and an Armenian Dance by Khachaturian (1903—).

This concert was generally enjoyed by all, as the Radio Éireann Symphony Orchestra are continually reaching a higher standard of playing.

R. GRICE (3B)

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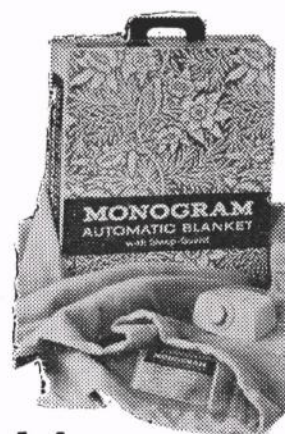
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The Heron

The sinuous heron stood in the stream,
 Its lanky legs hardly making a ream ;
 With long grey knees bent back,
 Of length there was no lack.
 Its hard yellow eyes glinted
 Like a penny newly minted ;
 A long thin neck shot out,
 And in its beak brought up a trout :
 A quick twist, a neat catch ;
 The two ounce trout had met its match.
 A swirling boil was seen mid-river,
 One that would make an angler shiver.
 The big pike came too near,
 And the heron uncoiled its deadly spear,
 Downwards, quicker than any lightning,
 At a speed that really was quite frightening ;
 A crunch of bone against hard bone,
 And the pike lay still quite prone ;
 The heron uttered a harsh squawk
 And rose up in the air, away like a hawk.
 A minute later the pike was found
 And on the scales, turned fifteen pound.
 So then the keeper tried to think,
 Just what on earth was the missing link.

D. J. MOORE, (1A).

A Visit to the Japanese Garden

One day last summer we went on a visit to the Japanese Garden in Co. Kildare. It is based on the life of a Japanese man from the cradle to the grave. It contains many Japanese plants, some over a hundred years old, and most of them grown in volcanic rock.

At the beginning we were shown a cradle made of stone, and then we were led down a path of stepping stones which represent his adventures in young life. After this we were shown where he got engaged and then married. Next comes a series of marriage rows but finally they make it up with each other.

We were then shown a Japanese house. It was built of logs, and had one single room. There was a cupboard on one side, and above were beds like shelves. In the middle was a round table and four chairs. After this we were led along some more paths and then we were shown the place which represents the point in the man's life where he was tempted. The guide showed us the devil in a bush on one side and God on the other. We then went across a stream by stepping stones, and on to his tottering steps to the grave. At the end there were weeping willows before the gate to

eternity. When I came away I felt very impressed with my visit and I hope to go again soon.
 R. CRABBE, (2A).

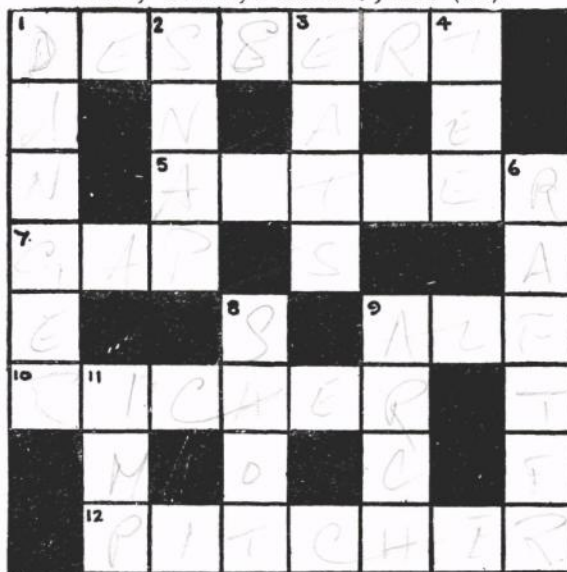
Reflections

Down the rocky hill I scrambled,
 Down the lonely path I rambled,
 There something struck me in my dream,
 It was the quiet of the stream,
 Covered by willows like many a beam,
 It was the blissful world of nature,
 Always there and always will ;
 Until the hustle and bustle of man,
 Brings this wonder to a still.

VICTOR LESER (1A).

Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Pudding.
5. Horn.
7. _____ of Dunloe.
9. Little Alfred.
10. Better off.
12. Baseball Player.

DOWN

1. Peril.
2. Backward saucepans.
3. Consumes.
4. For Golf Balls.
6. Better than a raft ?
8. Can be put.
9. A sort of Bishop.
11. Small hill man.

(Answers on page 19)

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Night

Over the horizon, over the hill,
Everywhere is dark and still.
Through the air flies a wicked old owl,
Flying around on a midnight prow.

Then she dropped and caught her prey,
And in the sweet grass her prey lay;
She flew off quickly carrying a mouse
Back to the barn she called her house.

A. G. MOORE (J1).

Peter, My Tortoise

I have a little pet tortoise. His name is Peter. He comes from Greece. He feeds on worms, grass, peas, onions, and dandelion leaves. I takes him nearly an hour to walk up and down the garden. In September, I will fill a box with dry straw, put him in and leave it in the garage and he sleeps during the cold winter. I lift him out again in spring. He looks after himself, and is no trouble. Now and again, I rub his shell with olive oil to prevent it from cracking. Peter is a very good excuse for the gardener, because he blames the tortoise for anything he plants that does not grow! When I go on holiday, I just leave him in the garden and he looks after himself. I am very fond of him.

JEFFREY BAKER (J3).

The Little Butterfly

There was a little caterpillar
Crawling on my desk,
Looking for a hole
To build his little nest.

Next year he came out
Of his little home,
He found he was a butterfly,
And not a little gnome!

He went for a flap
And landed on a flower,
It was so very sweet
He nearly stayed an hour.

Next week he started to migrate,
To a country very far,
He caught up on the others
Who were playing with their mothers,
On the deep blue sea.

D. Fox (J5).

Olympic Games

The Olympic Games started in Olympia in Greece in 776 B.C. Every four years after that, poets, artists, sculptors, and athletes took part in the great festival in honour of the god Zeus. In the year 394 A.D. the Roman Emperor abolished it.

Fifteen hundred years later a Frenchman revived the games. He was determined to introduce sport into French schools. He held a meeting and nine representatives from other countries decided to hold the games again and Greece was given the honour of re-starting the games. They built a marble stadium in Athens where the games were held in 1896. Since then it has been held in many countries.

This year the Olympic Games were held in Tokyo. At the beginning of the games the teams marched around the stadium and then stopped in the middle and saluted the Emperor of Japan. At the end of the opening ceremonies a man with a torch ran up and lit the Olympic flame which stays lighting all through the games.

The medals that are awarded are Gold for 1st prize, Silver for 2nd, Bronze for 3rd. It is a

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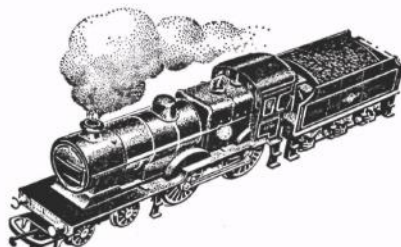
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great honour for any athlete to win one of these medals for his country. Most of the games were televised. It came to Ireland by Eurovision. The only medal won this year by Ireland was won by Jim McCourt for boxing.

It was a bronze. America won the most gold medals but Russia won the most overall medals. Many world records were broken at this year's games. The next Olympic Games will be held in Mexico in four years time.

R. WYNNE (J4).

Watching

I love to hear the cry of birds,
I love to see the cows in herds,
I love to see the bees fly,
It is a wonder to my eye.

I hate to see the shepherds sigh,
I hate to see the tramps cry,
I hate to see people die,
It is no wonder to my eye.

I do not mind watching things,
I do not mind when a bell rings,
I do not mind when someone sings,
Thank-you whoever invented eyes.

S. R. SARGEANT (J5).

My Father's Axolotl

When I was a baby Daddy got a present of an Axolotl. Axolotls come from Mexico only. They are very rare and the one Daddy had was even rarer, because it was an albino.

There is no other creature like an Axolotl, because it has gills and lungs, it can live in water like a fish, or like a reptile on marshy ground. They live on worms which must be alive, needing to be fed once a week. They have four legs which look something like hands. They swallow their food whole and one can see their bodies swell until they digest the worms.

Our Axolotl died when it was ten years old and now, as far as I know, there is only one Axolotl alive in Ireland. It is owned by a friend of Daddy, who lives in Malahide. Even the Zoo has none.

A scientist told Daddy that if you inject a certain chemical into an Axolotl it changes into a Salamander, which resembles a lizard. I never saw this happen.

STEPHEN HARRIS (J3).

A Visit to a Market

The only market that I have been in, is in Nairobi, in Kenya. It is a very big building, the downstairs part being used for vegetables, fruit and flowers and the upstairs part is for curios.

These curios are made by Africans. There are wooden carvings of animals and warriors; there are drums made of zebra skins and these make very nice coffee tables; there are belts made of Leopard skin and there are painted Massi shields. American tourists visit this part of the market to buy these curios.

The downstairs part is where my mother always shops. The stalls were owned by the Africans and the prettiest stall was the flower stall because of the bright coloured flowers. There were baskets of pineapples, costing only one shilling each and huge bunches of bananas selling very cheaply too.

P. GAULT (J2).

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



School News

We welcome to the staff Mr. T. B. Brown, Mr. J. J. Hickmott, Mr. J. R. D. Russell and Miss P. Harte.

We congratulate P. H. C. Smyth on winning a £50 scholarship from the Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture.

We record our appreciation of the kindness of Miss Miller of Clyde Road in presenting experimental electronics equipment, including headphones and battery and mains operated wireless sets.

We congratulate S. T. Dobbyn on being selected by Aer Lingus as one of ten Cadet Pilots out of several hundred candidates.

David Ford, Eoin MacAodhagain and Arthur Tanner represented the School in a Telefis Eireann Quiz entitled "Mark Time." Our opponents were Blackrock College, who won after a close competition.

About 250 of the boys visited the fine S.P.G. Exhibition in the Mansion House in October. Other parties of boys attended an orchestral concert given by the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra, and a showing of a film version of "Macbeth."

In October Mr. Eric Flint paid his last visit to the school in connection with the Universities Mission to Central Africa, which is shortly to be merged with S.P.G. He brought with him the International Secretary, Canon Tibbatts, who spoke to the boys about the background of several of the new East African Countries.

During the summer William Shaw (6A) won the Western Perpetual Challenge Cup at Tobercurry for jumping, and also 31 rosettes for jumping, novelty events and hand classes at various shows throughout the country.

A collection in June for the National Council for the Blind amounted to £2 7s. 6d.

Talks were given this term by Dr. A. G. Mearns (Temperance), Rev. C. du Heaume

(Mission to Lepers), Mr. Mosam, Mr. Cocker and Mr. Gardee (Irish United Nations Students Association).

Careers talks were given to the Fifth Form by Lt. Commander A. McK. Sinclair (Royal Navy) and Mr. Jones and Mr. O'Mara of "CERT" (Hotel Industry).

PREFECTS 1964-65

D. Went, Head Boy.

G. C. Lloyd, M. R. Jones, C. M. P. MacAodhagain, D. A. Woods, R. F. Greene, J. E. Killen, M. R. King, N. E. G. Colin, F. N. Whisker, M. J. Montgomery, G. J. H. Smith, D. F. Ford, F. E. Sowman, A. F. Parke, J. H. Wynne, H. B. Woodhouse.

The Prize Distributions SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, November 13th. The chairman was Mr. R. P. Willis, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was Sir Geofroy Tory, British Ambassador to Ireland.

In his report the Headmaster spoke of the successes achieved by boys of the school in various examinations. Three boys won awards in the Trinity College Entrance Exhibition examination, while a fourth was awarded the Stanley Exhibition in Electronics Engineering. Another boy won a County Council University Scholarship on his results in the Leaving Certificate. In the Leaving Certificate all 43 candidates passed, 18 of them with honours. In the Intermediate Examination 24 boys passed with honours and 18 others passed, out of a total of 53 who sat for the examination.

Dr. Reynolds stressed the value to able boys of the Upper Sixth year. During it their minds are broadened by a consideration of contemporary social and political problems, and by an introduction to literary, artistic and cultural topics; their knowledge of their chosen subjects is deepened by close study and by personal contact with masters who are specialists in their own fields. For these reasons Dr. Reynolds welcomed the recent decision of the Minister of Education to grant full recognition for this year which, he considered, would play a constructive part in the improvement of educational standards throughout the Republic.



How old are your children; five, seven, twelve? Ian (top right) is seventeen now, but that is what he looked like when



he was eight. He'll never look like that again - ah well we have a picture of him to remind us. Have you got one of



your children? No? Then why not ring us now to have one taken during the holidays—an ideal opportunity—yes!



In the field of sport the Headmaster also reported a successful year. In rugby the 1st XV had done well and two boys were chosen to play for Leinster, one of them captaining the Leinster team. In cricket the School had the remarkable experience of playing in the finals of all three cups, in each case against Blackrock College. The Seniors were beaten, but the J.C.T. and Minor teams were successful. Dr. Reynolds congratulated all who had played a part in these successes and in particular the Senior games master, Mr. Cornish.

In speaking of the many other activities of the school, Dr. Reynolds mentioned three in particular, the production of the "Mikado" by Miss Alice Barklie, the Debating Society and the Library. He said that during the year the School had received a bequest of £100 from the late Miss Florence Henley to found a prize in memory of her brother. The prize will be awarded every second year for the best creative achievement in Literature or the Arts.

The chairman, in his address, said that the Governors had for some time been conscious of the fact that 40 Harcourt Street could no longer provide adequate facilities for the school. They had therefore gone ahead with plans for a move to Danum, the school playing fields in Rathgar. An architect had been instructed to begin drawing up the designs for a new building. The great difficulty was to raise money, and for this reason the Governors had decided to offer the site in Harcourt Street for sale. Already, Mr. Willis said, they had received some firm enquiries, but he assured parents that they would be given at least two or three years notice before the move took place.

Sir Geofroy Tory began by recalling that his last visit to a High School Prize Distribution had been as a parent some years ago. He told the boys of the many famous people who had not enjoyed their school days, in particular Sir Patrick Hastings, Sir Osbert Sitwell, and George Bernard Shaw (who remarked "my education was interrupted by my schooling.")

Sir Geofroy said that the most important lesson a boy could learn at school was the power to apply his mind to all tasks. He criticised the idea of education which regarded the boy's mind as a pot into which a certain amount of knowledge could be poured and no more. Education is not like this; it is a continuing process and school is only the beginning of it. He praised the study of Greek and

Latin for the valuable mental discipline it provided.

Mr. S. S. Evans, President of the Old Boys' Union, then presented the Old Boys' Cup to R. C. M. Wicklow, and the Distribution closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction by Canon W. H. Coulter.

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Old Boys' Cup: R. C. M. WICKLOW.
- High School Exhibition (£100): R. L. Gordon.
- Glorney Exhibition (£50) and Cup: R. A. J. Carson.
- Bury Prize in English Literature (£10): R. A. J. Carson.
- John Bennett Memorial Prize (£5): D. Scott.
- Simon Eppel Memorial Prize in Science: A. A. Horner.
- Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish: J. W. Shaw (6A), C. M. P. MacAodhagain (6A), E. S. MacAodhagain (5A), A. E. B. Beck (4A), A. J. Dunn (4A), S. G. E. Lloyd (3A).
- French Government's Prizes: D. Went (6A), R. H. D. Wormell (4A).
- Silver Medal in Greek Testament: A. E. B. Beck.
- Charles L. Dillon Memorial Prize in Mathematics: R. A. Reynolds.
- Mr. Start's Prize in Chemistry: D. H. Vipond.
- Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: R. A. Reynolds.
- "Erasmian" Prizes (O.B.U.): R. A. J. Carson, D. F. Ford, A. E. B. Beck, R. P. Coulter.

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- A. R. Buchanan—Stanley Exhibition in Electronics (£1,400), tenable in the Engineering School.
- J. W. Shaw—Dublin County Council Scholarship (£960), awarded on the results of Leaving Certificate.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, November 12th. The chairman was Mr. J. A. MacKeown and the special speaker was Dr. G. C. Duggan.

Dr. Reynolds, in his report, began by recalling that this year the Junior School came of age, having been founded in 1943. The year

had been a very successful one. In the Scholarship examination for the Senior School boys from the Junior School had won 1st and 5th places out of six. The boys had also played a full part in sport and many other activities. Dr. Reynolds thanked the committee of Foras Eireann for organising a circulating library of prints of good pictures for the schools.

The chairman, in introducing Dr. Duggan, told the boys that things which may seem unpleasant to them now will be looked back on in later years with pleasure.

Dr. Duggan recalled that he entered High School in 1896 and described something of the activities of the school in his time. They had no prize distributions and no art then, and science had only been introduced in his last year. He concluded by hoping that the boys would be as happy at school as he had been, and that the school would be better for their being there.

After the prizes had been distributed the boys presented two plays. The first, "An Circin Rua," produced by Miss Harte, told in Irish, with songs and dances, the traditional story of the Little Red Hen. The second, produced by Miss Bleakley, was a Nativity play, "Come to the Manger." Displays of handwork and paintings were exhibited in the Junior School classrooms.

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D. Scott: T.C.D., (Medicine).
R. C. M. Wicklow: T.C.D., (Economics).
R. M. Taylor: T.C.D., (Engineering).
R. L. Gordon: T.C.D., (Natural Sciences).
R. A. J. Carson: T.C.D., (Natural Sciences).
A. R. Buchanan: T.C.D., (Engineering).
B. C. O'Neill: T.C.D., (Engineering).
A. A. Horner: T.C.D., (Natural Sciences).
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R. A. Vipond: Tea Trainee, Allied Services Ltd. (London.)

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Pass—R. A. Vipond, F. N. Whisker, J. R. Davis, D. A. Nisbet, D. V. White, S. R. Lewis, A. D. Milliken, M. J. Montgomery, D. P. Richards, P. Mogerley, A. F. Adair, L. E. McQueston, J. R. Townshend, D. L. Sandes, S. T. Dobbyn, K. W. Ashton, P. S. Veselsky, M. B. Adams, J. C. Levis, R. A. Bird, G. J. H. Smith, A. G. Alexander, A. D. Gibson, F. D. Freeman, J. B. Mason.

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Honours—R. A. Reynolds (7), A. E. B. Beck (7), R. H. D. Wormell (6), B. D. Lewis (6), A. J. Dunn (6), P. H. Gray (6), W. S. Webster (5), R. J. W. Taylor (5), R. W. Stringer (5), N. H. Sholdice (5), B. A. Hewson (5), D. E. Singleton (5), E. A. Wright (4), G. F. Duff (4), R. H. de S. Cole (4), D. J. Fry (4), D. J. Tyrrell (4), A. E. Benson (4), P. Stanfield (4), B. D. Carson (3), K. N. Cairns (3), D. B. Dungan (3), S. P. Hilliard (3), H. M. G. Sealy (3).

Pass—G. C. Carry, P. Motyer, D. K. Richards, J. K. Bolton, M. T. Drapes, I. P. Booth, W. J. Cromer, M. M. Delmonte, N. B. Storey, F. C. McKeeman, J. L. Armstrong, R. W. Fletcher, R. E. P. Pratt, J. A. A. Condell, J. W. M. Andrews, J. Mousoulides, D. S. Cromer, P. D. Moore.

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Pre-registration: Chemistry: First Class: S.

M. Lee, A. D. McCrea.

Pass: D. M. Bowie, D. K. Taylor.

Physics: First Class: S. M. Lee, A. D. McCrea.

Pass: D. M. Bowie.

Biology: Pass: D. M. Bowie, S. M. Lee, A. D. McCrea.

School of Veterinary Medicine

Third Veterinary Examination: Second Class:

A. I. Donaldson.

Third Veterinary Examination: (Pharmacology) S. W. J. Seager.

Prizes in the School of Divinity

Pastoral Theology Prize: Junior Class: S. N. M. Bayly.

Weir Prize: G. A. McCamley.

Prizes in the School of Physic

Dr. Henry Hutchinson Stewart Pre-Medical Scholarship: S. M. Lee.

Prizes in the School of Engineering

Alexander Prize: M. Carson.

David Clark Prize: M. Carson

School of Engineering

Third Year: T. H. Lloyd; R. A. Fleury, R. J. R. Kirkham.

Second Year: B. A. Stokes, D. C. Wilson, J. D. Wright, M. C. Gorman.

First Year: J. N. Gray.

Senior Freshmen

Term Honors

Mathematics: First Class: M. J. Armstrong (First place); **Third Class:** R. R. Miller.

Irish: First Class: C. S. Ó hEigeartaigh (Equal first).

Classics: First Class: J. B. King (First place), A. H. F. Griffin.

Natural Sciences: D. S. R. East, L. M. Grubb.

Junior Freshmen

Mathematics : First Class : D. A. Jackson.
 Natural Sciences: D. A. Jackson; Second Class,
 Second Division : N. Toms.
 Legal Science : First Class : D. L. Beck.
 English Language and Literature : Second
 Class, First Division : D. P. B. Norris.
 Economics and Political Science: Second Class:
 P. D. R. Walsh.

Erasmian Photographic Competition

Results

JUNIOR :

- (b) General Interest—W. von Trützschler (3A).
- (c) Portraits—J. Pearson (2A).
- (e) Colour Transparencies—S. Sargeant (J5).
- (f) Colour Prints—S. Sargeant (J5).

SENIOR :

- (a) School Activities—S. Parsons (J5).
- (b) General Interest—1. D. Bechers (4A) 2. B. Toebelemann (3A) and G. D. Miller (2BD)—tie.
Commended—S. Parsons (5A).
- (c) Portraits—S. Parsons (5A).
- (d) Processed by Competitor—G. D. Miller (2BD).
- (e) Colour Transparencies—S. Sargeant (J5). M. R. Jones (6U) and J. Greene (5A)—tie. 2. P. Moore (5B).
- (f) Colour Prints—K. Sargeant (3BL).



D. Bechers : Monasterboice

We would like to thank Mr. Rex Roberts for judging the entries in this competition.

The Hobbies Exhibition, 1964

This year, The Hobbies Exhibition, which was held on Saturday 18th September, attracted 120 varied entries. As in past years, the exhibits were judged by some of the Old Boys, and having looked at the entries, one can imagine the difficulty of their task. As all the exhibits were of such a high standard it is difficult to single out any for special praise. Some of the more unusual entries included canoes, paintings of aeroplanes, a collection of butterflies, and some half-fermented cider. Collections of beer mats have become increasingly popular, and, of course, there were the inevitable stamp collections.

Once again the event was efficiently organised by Mr. S. S. Evans. The forty-four prizes, which were kindly donated by the Parents' Association, were distributed by Mrs. R. Vipond.



S. Parsons : 2nd XV in Action

This is one event when the whole school, both past and present, can meet together in an informal atmosphere to view the exhibits. Although the number of entries may have been slightly lower this year, it has not taken from the importance of this school function.

First Prize Winners.

Art Section : J. Travers (J4); M. Jeffares (1A); D. Murphy (3BD); M. Fenner (4A).

Handwork : J. Travers (J4); D. Duffy (2BD); P. Orr (3BL); D. Cromer (5B).

Collections : D. Fox (J5); D. Moore (1A); W. Von Trützschler (3A); E. Küster (6A).

Confectionery : A. Travers (2A).

J. E. K.

The School Library

During the past term, the library has continued to flourish. Since complete reorganisation, a year and a half ago, we have been trying to introduce every type of book, and to provide each boy with something of interest. Due to the addition of many educational books, the library is becoming increasingly important in helping boys in their studies. We would like to thank Sergeant Moody, D. Went (6U), S. T. Dobbryn (6B), P. Byrne (6B), and R. R. Meyer (4C) for generous gifts of books.

A sound base has now been formed on which the library can expand. It seems a pity, therefore, that many of the boys do not realise the great benefits that a school library can offer. To take a quick look through the library takes no more than fifteen minutes, and the librarians are always glad to help, if a specific book is required. As usual, the library is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Mr. Johnson's room from 1.00 to 1.20 p.m.

This year, in connection with the library, a reading room has been provided for sixth form boys. The object of this is to give sixth form boys a chance to read daily newspapers and suitable magazines, and to find out something about politics, art, music, architecture, industry, and generally to keep abreast with what is going on in the world. However, magazines are costly, and our funds are limited. Thus, we would be most grateful to any parents who, having read a magazine, could send it into school for the reading room. We feel that we are filling the essential need in each boy's education, and it seems a pity that lack of funds should be the only barrier.

Librarian : J. E. Killen. Committee : A. Parke, J. Wynne, B. Thomas, P. Byrne, R. Coulter, F. Sowman, G. Lloyd.

J. E. K.

The Gramophone Society

This year the Gramophone Society, under the new leadership of Mr. Miller, has been somewhat revolutionized. We are now holding meetings at lunchtime instead of after school. This arrangement would appear to be a success, as our attendance has increased by 100% since last year. Many of these new members come from more junior forms; we are disappointed not to get more support from older boys. We have tried to be as broad-minded as possible in our choice of records; these ranged from Beethoven to Brubeck with "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" in between. While not neglecting the old favourites, we also played comparatively unknown pieces such as Milhous's Scaramouche. We are indebted to Mr. Leeson for the use of his room, and to all who lent us records.

R. A. R.

The Debating Society

Although the Debating Society has been in existence for over a year now, it has a very flourishing career. The last term was no exception and was marked by some excellent debates. At the beginning of this school year, we were worried by the lack of members from the fourth and fifth forms. However, this seems to be settling itself but the membership from the fifth form is still abnormally small, and we would like to see many more from this year attending the meetings.

Our first debate had the title "that Science is a necessary evil." Mr. Gardner proposed the motion and Mr. Miller headed the opposition. It was a very enjoyable evening with two such formidable speakers and proved a great success. The vote went against the motion and the classicists had to bow their heads. The next meeting, "that Columbus sailed too far," produced an amount of anti-American opinion and the vote went in favour of the motion.

But by far our greatest success this term was a debate between the masters and the boys. The Headmaster kindly took the Chair and the subject was "that Youth of this generation have the Answer." As can be expected, this provided a very lively debate, certainly not

lacking in wit. The masters—Mr. Wallace, Mr. Peters, Mr. Miller and Mr. Willoughby, carried the day by their excellent speeches, which in some cases brought the house down. It was a really enjoyable evening and we look forward to many more like it.

We would especially like to thank the members of the staff who have helped the Society.

Auditor: A. E. W. Beck, Hon. Sec.: R. P. G. Harris, Committee: D. Ford, F. Sowman, D. Went, A. E. W. B.

Bible Union

This term we have had, so far, three missionaries, from India, Nigeria and Brazil. We have attempted to escape from the formality of just "another" class by varying the programme as much as possible. We have had one film, "Professor and the Prophets," which dealt with the subject of Bible prophecy; another, "God of the Atom" we were unable to see for technical reasons.

We would very much welcome any new members interested in the things of God, next term.

R. P. C.

The Popular Record Society

The beginning of this term saw an influx of new members from fifth form and we now have a membership of around thirty. Meetings are held in the Board Room during break on every Monday and Thursday. A wide range of records are played, the accent being on Rhythm and Blues.

The committee would like to thank Mr. Leeson for the use of his room and also those members who have kindly provided records.

A. E. W. B.

Choral Society

During the past term we have continued with our rehearsals for next year's concert in which we will present "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert and Sullivan. We have had some difficulty in casting this opera, as it is rather more difficult than those previously done. Owing to the fact that our choruses are somewhat smaller than before, we would welcome any new members who may aspire to operatic heights.

R. P. C.

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Parents' Association

The Committee were delighted to welcome a large number of new Parents at the Annual General Meeting held on 14th October, at which we were pleased to have a showing of colour films depicting some school events during the past year. The slides were kindly lent by Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Evans to whom we would express our best wishes.

Financially the Association is not too healthy and we would remind all parents to show their interest by paying Mr. Stuart, our Treasurer, their subscription of 5/- which covers both parents for a year. Mr. Stuart and Mrs. Smyth were elected as new members of the committee in place of Mrs. Hudson and Mr. McCormick who were not eligible and to whom our grateful thanks are due for their great help to the Committee.

The Committee at a subsequent meeting unanimously elected Mr. Frank Whisker as their chairman in place of Mr. Vipond, who did not seek re-election. We are indeed most grateful to him for his work during the year. Two meetings have been arranged; one for November 17th—our normal subject of the Boy will be discussed by 3 Parents and 3 members of the staff. On Tuesday, December 15th we look forward to hearing from Mr. Derek McCleane an account of some of his experiences as an Olympic Athlete at Tokyo.

At the end of the summer term the association was able to entertain the victorious Under 14 Cricket Team to a show and meal in town, which was much appreciated. On the subject of cricket, the Parents versus School match was a splendid success, the school team winning in spite of the fact that the Parents were able to boast of having a Gentleman of Ireland cricketer among its ranks. Congratulations to the Staff and the Boys on such a successful cricket season.

A. F. Rice.

Hon. Sec.

Question Time

"What are the two types of menu found in a restaurant?"

"A good and a bad one!"

This was one of the unprecedented and amusing answers, given by one of the boys at the annual Question Time, held in the Clock-room on November 27th. The quiz, which was organised by the Old Boys' Union, was not as well attended as in previous years, but provided a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Question Time was introduced by Mr. Evans, who this year is the President of the Old Boys' Union. As usual the quiz was contested by teams from the four houses, each team consisting of five boys of different age groups, from the Junior School to Sixth form. The questions were of the same high standard as the previous year, and covered a wide range of subjects, with the emphasis on sport. During the interval there was a novel quiz between two of the masters and two of the old boys. This took the form of Kim's Game, and after much brain-racking Mr. Chillingworth emerged as the winner. The quiz was then resumed with renewed keenness, with Harcourt House finally emerging as the winners, having a one point lead over Abbey House. The prize for the individual award was shared between A. Beck of Harcourt, and B. Thomas of Abbey.

Dr. Reynolds thanked Mr. Ralph Walker, who, ably assisted by Mr. Esmonde Allen, acted as Question Master. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Evans. G.C.L.

Concert by the Dublin Orchestral Players

Borodin: 1st Symphony (2nd Movement).

Mozart: Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra (K. 299).

Holst: A Somerset Rhapsody.

Duff: Two Movements from Irish Suite for Strings.

Smetana: Vltava (Moldau).

The programme of this year's orchestral concert proved more substantial than last year's, the main work being the Mozart Concerto. This is a charming work, and was undoubtedly the most successful in the concert, mainly because of the neat playing of the harpist Una O'Donovan, who I understand has studied with Maria Korcinska.

The Scherzo from Borodin's 1st Symphony is a pleasant movement, full of life and vigour. In the Holst Rhapsody, which is an entertaining arrangement of West country folk tunes, Brian Grimson, the assistant conductor, took the place of Brian Boyde. The concert ended with what is probably the best known symphonic poem—Vltava. It deserves its reputation for it is a work of great beauty.

The concert was enjoyable, the programme being well balanced, and I do think that a larger attendance would have been more encouraging for all concerned. B. C. T.

SPORTS REVIEW

CLUB OFFICERS

CRICKET

Capt. : K. P. McCormick.
Vice-Capt. : S. T. Dobbyn.
Hon. Sec. : F. E. Sowman.

BOXING

Capt. : D. Went.

RUGBY

Capt. : G. J. H. Smith.
Vice-Capt. : D. Went.
Hon. Sec. : B. D. Carson.

SWIMMING

Capt. : C. J. Caird.
Vice-Capt. : R. C. Burrows.
Hon. Sec. : L. J. Mackey.

ATHLETICS

Capt. : G. J. H. Smith.
Vice-Capt. : G. C. Lloyd.



Cricket

This year the School had the distinction of reaching the finals in all three Cup Competitions, our opponents in each case being Blackrock College. Below we print accounts of the three competitions.

SENIOR

The 1st XI reached the final of the Leinster Schools' Cup by winning its section of the competition which contained five other schools. With each match limited to four hours and a draw bringing only half points, attacking cricket was the order of the day, and the result was a hard fought, extremely exciting competition.

In our first game we came tantalisingly close to victory over C.U.S. They had one wicket standing with five minutes remaining but their last two batsmen, with stonewalling tactics, defied our bowlers and earned a draw.

After this inauspicious start we met Sandford Park, whom we set to score 120 runs in two hours. With fifteen minutes left to play we had only captured 7 wickets for 79 runs, but then their batsmen decided to "hit out" and their remaining three wickets fell in as many overs.

Wesley College were our next opponents, and after batting first we declared at 118 for 7. Their innings opened strongly but after their captain was run out having scored 36 runs, our bowlers, led by Molins (6 for 36), got the upper hand, and they were all out for 82.

It was now vital for us to win the next match, and the opponents, St. Mary's College,

were considered a strong team. We met them at Danum and batted first. Our openers put on 38 for the first wicket, but when they were out the remaining batsmen put up little resistance to the St. Mary's speed attack and we were all out for 80. St. Mary's began their innings at a painfully slow rate and after 35 minutes were 20 for one wicket. Then came a collapse, and the tail-enders changed from defensive tactics and began to go for the runs. The bowling, however, was too accurate for their daring strokes to be successful and they were all out for 51 runs.

We now only needed to draw our remaining match against King's Hospital in order to win our section. On a perfect day for cricket we batted first and made 100 all out. King's Hospital had 100 minutes to get the runs and went flat out from the start. After six overs they had scored 40 runs without the loss of a wicket and were well ahead of the clock. Then suddenly their luck changed. Whereas earlier even the most unorthodox of their shots had come off, now the batsmen began to struggle. In five overs nine wickets fell to Ford's bowling, three of them to difficult catches in the outfield by Darlington. When the last wicket fell they were 16 runs short of our total, and we had qualified for the two-day final against Blackrock College.

The final was played at Sydney Parade, and we had first innings on an ideal batting wicket. The first four overs were crushing—both our openers were out for "ducks." Of the batsmen who followed only Darlington and Molins offered effective resistance and we were dismissed for 113. There followed a long, exhausting time in the field while Blackrock amassed a total of 282 runs. Our only penetrating bowler was Molins, who took 5 for 86, but despite his efforts we had to bat a second time facing a formidable deficit of 169 runs.

We never really looked like completing our Herculean task and could only score 89 runs before our last wicket fell.

With this rather disappointing anticlimax a unique season for High School Cricket came to an end.
D. F. F.

JUNIOR

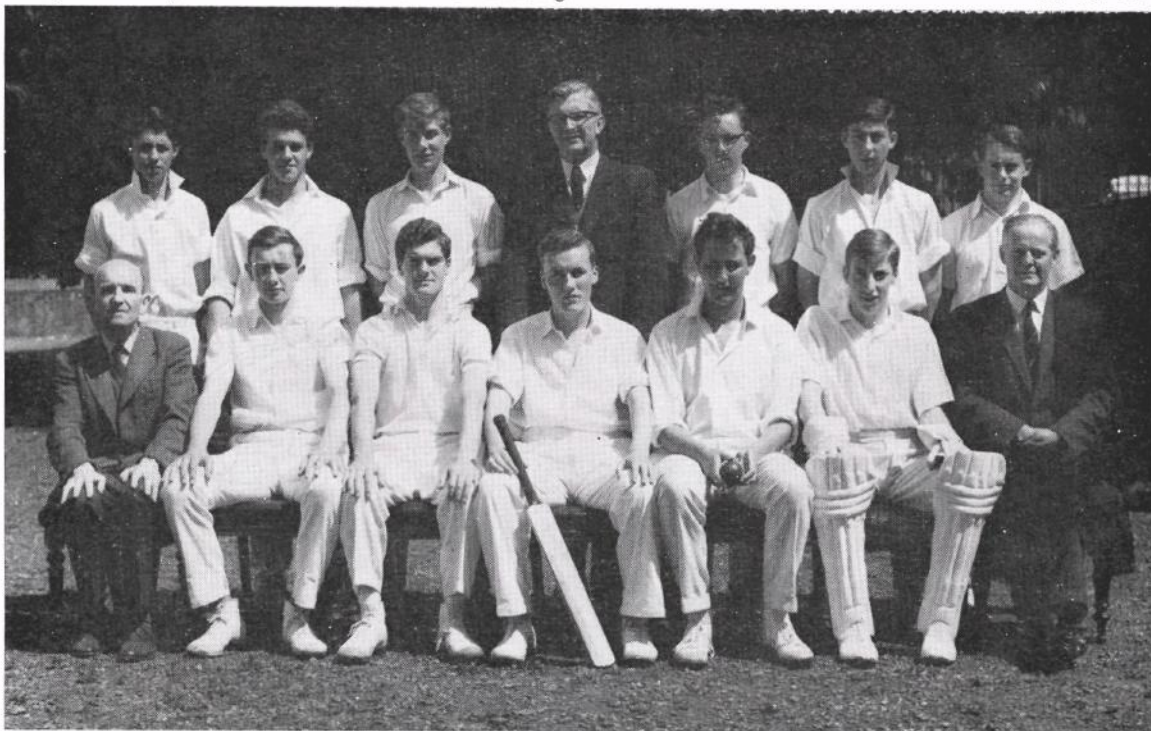
This year, for the first time in a number of years, the High School won the Leinster Schools' Junior Cricket Cup, beating St. Andrew's College, Gonzaga, Sandford Park and Blackrock College en route. In the first round Andrew's were dismissed for 14 on a wet wicket, S. Molins taking 8 wickets for 9 runs. We then scored the required number of runs for the loss of 1 wicket. In the quarter final, batting first against Gonzaga, the team scored 143, S. Molins making 46, B. Lewis 29 and R. Molins 21. Gonzaga were then dismissed for 15, R. Molins (6 for 7) and B. Carson (3 for 6) taking the bowling honours.

In the semi-final against Sandford Park, Sandford, making 67, set High School 68 to win, which was achieved after a nerve wracking ninety minutes, in the face of some fine bowling

by the visitors, by 3 wickets. Chief honours went to the captain, Stephen Molins, who, coming in at 23 for 2 wickets, scored an invaluable 39 not out, while wickets fell quickly around him.

So to the final against 'Rock, played in glorious weather at the Leinster Cricket Ground on the 28th and 29th of May. High School, batting first, made the large total of 238 for 9 wickets (declared), of which Brian Carson was top scorer with an excellent 68, including a 6 and 7 fours, S. Molins made 55 and R. Molins and B. Lewis both made 44. This total was compiled in 4 hours. Then Blackrock were dismissed for 29, B. Carson taking 4 wickets for 4 runs in 21 overs and S. Molins 4 for 15, also in 21 overs, leaving High School the winners of the Leinster Schools Junior Cricket Cup. The team was later treated to a meal by the Board of Governors at the Adelphi, and everyone enjoyed a fitting climax to a very exciting and successful season, throughout which the team remained unbeaten. We would like to congratulate the captain, S. Molins, who was chosen to play for the Leinster Schools.

B. D. L.



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1964

Standing—R. B. Molins, L. J. Mackey, B. D. Carson, Mr. Lowry, R. N. Dungan, M. K. Darlington, M. Adams.
Seated—Mr. Cornish, D. F. Ford, S. T. Dobbyn, K. P. McCormick, S. D. Molins, F. E. Sowman, Dr. Reynolds.



JUNIOR CUP TEAM, 1964

Standing—R. N. Acton, P. G. Warrington, B. D. Lewis, Mr. Willoughby, R. P. G. Harris, R. H. D. Wormell, S. G. E. Lloyd. Seated—Mr. Cornish, R. W. Stringer, B. D. Carson, S. D. Molins, R. B. Molins, R. B. Haskins, Dr. Reynolds.

MINOR

The weather stopped play for approximately a fortnight at the beginning of the season, so the Under 14 Team could not get immediate play, but they showed their ability when, in their first match, they beat the cup holders, St. Mary's College, by two wickets. More matches followed, with the rain again proving the spoilsport in some. Then followed the Under 14 League which opened against Mountjoy.

Mountjoy and Belvedere were victims before long and there were drawn games against Masonic and St. Mary's College. As Belvedere had the same number of points there was a play-off, which High School won by seven wickets. The semi-final of the League was the next obstacle and Wesley were our opponents. High School again were victorious and S. Wormell performed a remarkable feat in taking nine wickets for 17 runs.

The final was the climax to the season, and the big question was, could High School take

two cups from Blackrock College as the Junior Cup Team had just decisively beaten Blackrock College?

The match opened with Blackrock batting; they were all out for 49 runs. High School replied with 37 for three wickets at close of play that day and victory seemed in sight, but on the following day the Belvedere bowlers then got on top, and the High School score deteriorated to 45 runs for eight wickets. The crowd was very tense, but the High School supporters' groans were turned into cheers as two runs, followed by another three, were added in successive balls, thus bringing about a narrow victory by two wickets.

The team went on a trip to Carlow to play a Carlow cricket team made up of boys from a local school. Thanks to the generosity of the Parents' Association, the team also enjoyed a night out at the Adelphi.

R. H. D. W.

Cricket Notes

This season High School enjoyed one of the most successful cricket seasons ever. The J.C.T. won the Junior Cup, the Under 14 took the League trophy, and to add to these successes the S.C.T. reached the final of the Cup.

The S.C.T. won their way to the final by beating Wesley, Sandford Park, King's Hospital, and St. Mary's College and drew with C.U.S. But unfortunately in the final they were well beaten by Blackrock College. In their two friendly matches with Mountjoy they drew one and won the other. They were defeated by the Old Boys in a very enjoyable game despite poor weather in the second evening. The large majority of the side will be available next season and it is hoped they will go one step further.

Our hearty congratulations go to the J.C.T. who enjoyed a season without defeat. In the Junior Cup they swept all opposition aside defeating St. Andrews, Gonzaga and Sandford Park on their path to the final. In the final they

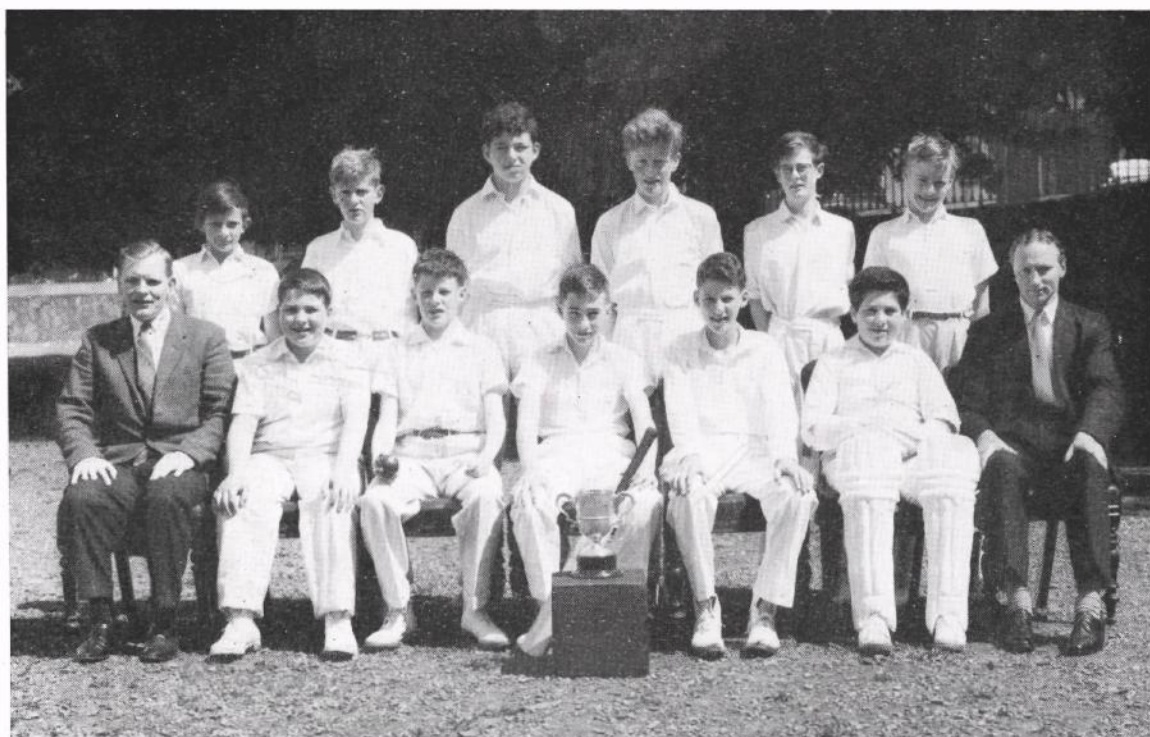
overwhelmed Blackrock by 209 runs. In their two friendly matches they won one and drew the other.

High School won the Under 14 League for the third time in four years. In their league matches they defeated Mountjoy and Belvedere and drew with Masonic and St. Mary's. This caused a play-off with Belvedere which High School won comfortably. In the final they defeated Blackrock by two wickets in a very exciting game.

The Under 13 had not quite such a successful season, but with practice should form a useful league side next season. Of their four matches they won one, drew two and lost the other. The Under 12 played two matches, drawing one and losing the other.

We hope that these successes will encourage many more boys to play cricket next season. Finally, we would like to congratulate S. Molins on being awarded a Leinster Cap against Ulster, and D. Ford on being awarded a Leinster School Trial.

F. S.



MINOR CRICKET TEAM, 1964

Standing—R. Bolton, K. W. Gordon, A. S. Alkin, D. J. Rice, R. G. Haskins, M. Hudson. Seated—Mr. Fennell, D. I. Jacobson, S. D. A. Wormell, J. W. K. Carson, T. H. Darlington, J. D. Silverstone, Mr. Leeson.

Rugby Notes

	P.	W.	D.	L.
S.C.T.	9	3	0	6
2nd XV	7	4	2	1
J.C.T.	7	5	0	2
Under 14	6	2	0	4
Under 13	7	2	0	5
Under 12	3	0	0	3

The weather has been excellent for rugby so far this season and matches have been played on every Wednesday and Saturday of the term. The grounds at Danum are in perfect condition in spite of their heavy use.

The S.C.T. made a rather disappointing start to the season, winning only one of their first five matches. They are beginning to improve, however, and have won their last two. They have eight of last year's team, including six forwards, and their experience should prove valuable in cup matches. If the forwards can gain their share of possession, the backs should have the penetration to make use of it. However, the backs must improve their defence, for the new laws make a tight defence vital. Improvement in this respect would greatly increase the strength of the team.

The 2nd XV has been very successful, losing only one of their matches so far. The pack, which is fairly heavy, combines with the backs quite well in the movements. Many of the team are young and some of them should be members of the 1st XV next year.

The J.C.T. have started the season well. They have a heavy pack and an improving back line, but they must improve their combination. They have won five of their last six matches and if they can maintain this form they should do well in the cup competition.

The under 14 team has been rather erratic. Although they had a notable win over Belvedere they have lost four of their other matches. If they can overcome this erratic form and recover from the loss of several of their players to the J.C.T., they should be a good cup side next year.

The under 13 team have won only two of their first seven matches, although they have been unlucky not to win more. They have a big pack and a fast set of backs. With more combination they should improve and make quite a useful team.

The under 12 have lost their three matches to date. These have been against strong opposition and they should not be too dis-

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couraged. They are very enthusiastic and will improve with experience.

The under 11 have not as yet played a match but they have a number arranged for later in the term. They are very keen and turn out regularly for practice.

Our congratulations to G. J. H. Smith, D. Went and M. K. Darlington, who have been awarded a Leinster Schools' Trial, and to G. J. H. Smith on being chosen as 1st sub for the Leinster Team. B. D. C.



(Irish Independent)
D. R. Gault, I. H. A. Smith (who won the Junior Championship) and M. V. Hanna at the Gala.

Swimming Notes

The most popular and keenly contested section of school sporting life is swimming. The swimming gala, which was held last October, was a very successful evening, and the committee would like to thank all who contributed to the efficient running of the evening. We would also like to thank C. Mortimer for showing us how he won every Leinster Junior race in record time.

Congratulations to G. Caird and I. Smyth for winning the senior and junior championships respectively. The standard of swimming continues to improve slowly, but one would like to see a more serious approach by the swimmers. Congratulations also to R. Burrows and G. Caird who again were on the team winning the Irish Junior Water Polo Cup, and G. Caird represented Leinster. The school water-polo team put up a very creditable performance in being beaten finalists in the Leinster Secondary Schools Water-Polo Cup. This is all the more praiseworthy considering that the team had never played together before, and were the only team to score against the eventual winners. The school squad remains

unbeaten in competition with other schools. Next year's squad will be an entirely new combination, and there should be keen competition for places.

One of the tragedies every year is the number of people drowned around our coasts, and once again a life-saving display was given by the boys and Mr. Myles, which received much praise. If only this vital and life-saving art could be given all-year-round attention instead of just a few weeks prior to the Gala, it would be more beneficial to the boys.

It has been suggested that the Gala should be held during Sports week out of doors at Blackrock Baths. This is a logical suggestion for there are many advantages to both swimmers and spectators. The best diving facilities in Ireland are available and a number of boys are interested in this exciting sport, so that it would form a welcome addition to the programme of Sports Week. L. J. M.

Athletics

Our Annual Sports were held on the last Saturday of June. Owing to rain both High Jumps and Hurdles were postponed until the following Tuesday. The Sports were a great success. The Cup Winners were:—

SENIOR

War Memorial: G. J. H. Smith.
Walker (Mile): B. O'Neill.
Moore (220 yds): G. J. H. Smith.
Sloan (Long Jump): G. J. H. Smith.

JUNIOR

Cunningham: I. H. Smith.
Magill (100 yds): S. T. Grovender.

The Junior School Sports, held the previous Wednesday, were as usual a great source of enjoyment, not only to the boys, but to their Parents and staff.

This term we sent a team to the Junior Tailteann Games at Croke Park. G. Lloyd and H. Woodhouse in the Senior 880 yds. and I. Smyth in the Intermediate Sprints were outstanding.

There seems to be a greater interest among the Senior Boys and we look forward to a successful season in 1965. G. J. H. S.

Boxing

The Boxing Club has continued to meet this term. The attendance in the junior age group is quite good but there is still room for improve-

ment. We would like to appeal to the boys of 4th, 5th and 6th years to come along, as without senior entrants it will be difficult to hold successful championships. Mr. Myles and Mr. O'Connor put a lot of work into these Friday sessions and we ask that their efforts should be rewarded.
D. W.

Tennis

MOTHERS V. BOYS TENNIS MATCH

The Mothers versus Boys tennis match was held at Leinster Stratford Lawn Tennis Club on June 23rd, 1964. On the Mothers' team were: Mrs. Townshend, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Priestman, Mrs. Smyth and Mrs. Turner. To start off, everyone played six singles matches. Then they played three doubles matches. The only mother to win a match was Mrs. Townshend, when she beat B. D. Carson in a very exciting match, the score being 6-4, 10-8. The rest of the players on the boys team were S. T. Dobbyn, R. B. Molins, R. N. Dugan, M. G. Douglas and D. L. Sandes. After the matches, tea was served, and this afternoon proved to be a very enjoyable one.
R. B. M.

Hockey

On October 31st a High School Hockey eleven played a team from Alexandra School at Templeogue. The High School team was made up of members of sixth and upper sixth forms many of whom had never played hockey before. The girls fielded an experienced and balanced eleven who played good positional hockey and thwarted High School's forwards many times. High School managed to gain a draw not because of superior skill, but because of greater speed. The final score was 3-3 after a most enjoyable game.

Once again on November 14th the High School eleven met an Alexandra School team at Templeogue. The team had been hoping to play a College eleven but unfortunately they were unable to field a team. High School had to do some last minute recruiting as two former members had received rugby injuries and were unable to play. The boys played a much better game and dominated most of the play, playing sometimes nine forwards on attack and nine backs on defence. Only once were the girls able to penetrate the solid defence. On the whole High School had greatly improved their skill and the final score was 10-1.

The team wish to thank the girls who sportingly agreed to play against them and we look forward to future matches.
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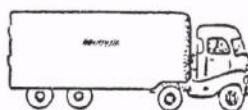
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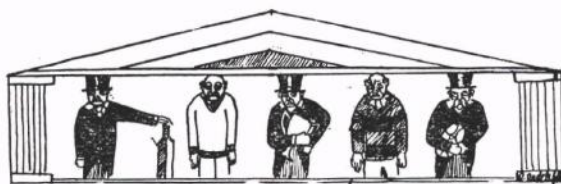
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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

I feel very proud that the Old Boys' Union have thought fit to break with tradition and elect me to the honoured position of President. I greatly appreciate this and I shall do my utmost to uphold the standard set by my predecessors.

May I extend to one and all my wish for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity, on my own behalf and that of the Union, of thanking Mr. W. G. Booker, our Hon. Secretary for 15 years, and Mr. E. W. Frith, our Hon. Treasurer for 11 years, who, through pressure of business, have had to resign their positions. "Harry" and "Ernie" have done invaluable work for the Union—and its strength today is due, in no small measure, to their untiring and patient service. I am happy to say that I start my year with two worthy successors, Mr. H. L. Drew, as Hon. Sec., and Mr. R. S. Browning as Hon. Treas.

Once again the Annual Dance at the Gresham Hotel was a great success. The very friendly spirit which prevailed made it a most enjoyable evening for everyone and we must

thank Mr. M. G. Kearthland and Mr. R. M. Mahon for their efficient management of the occasion.

The Adelaide Hospital is deserving of your support, and I hope you will keep in mind that subscriptions may be sent to the Hon. Treas.

It gave me great pleasure on Prize Day, to present the Old Boys' Cup to R. C. W. Wicklow, who, therefore, becomes an Honorary member of the Union. He is a worthy "successor" to his thirty-three "predecessors."

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clock Room on Saturday, 16th January, 1965. I am looking forward to meeting many of my old friends. The "Clock Room" will be glad to see a big crowd of you back again.

Ladies Night will be held early in March, we hope. This is an opportunity for Old Boys and their wives and friends to enjoy a most pleasant social evening.



Last year forty new members joined the Union. This was a splendid effort, and I hope that those leaving next summer will emulate this. It is essential for the life of our Union that we should have an influx of young, new

members each year, and I would appeal to them to take an active part in the various functions. By doing this they will keep contact with their old friends and make new ones.

During the Summer of 1962 the new Cricket Pavilion at Danum was presented to the school, on behalf of the Union, by Mr. R. P. Willis. Whether there is any connection between this new Pavilion and our Cricket successes, I am not quite sure, but strangely enough, the school was in three "Finals" this year and won two—the Junior and Under 14 Cups—now on view in the Clock Room. I am sorry to say the Pavilion Fund is still open. A generous minority of our members have subscribed most of the cost—and some have subscribed more than once. They have done magnificently and I am not really appealing to these. If all those who have overlooked or forgotten this little matter would only forward a small amount to the Pavilion Fund Treasurer, Mr. P. R. Walker, 27, Upper Liffey Street, our debt of £400 would disappear like "snow off a hedge." So would all you kind members who would like to see the Pavilion Fund "melt away," do what you may have heard me say to you in your school-days, "On your marks"!

Yours sincerely,

S. S. EVANS.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday 16th October, 1964; the President, Mr. C. G. Morton, was in the Chair. The following items of note were contained in the Hon. Secretary's and Hon. Treasurer's reports:—

For the first time the Annual Dance was held in the Gresham Hotel Ballroom on Saturday 2nd November. This was a most successful event—over 400 were present and the evening showed a profit of £94 0s. 0d.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday 18th January, 1964. A record number of 248 members and guests had a most enjoyable evening. The principal guest was Mr. T. J. Millin, F.R.C.S.

The London Dinner took place on Friday 7th February, 1964 in the Aldwych Brasserie and 74 members and guests were present.

Question Time was held on the 28th November, 1963. A collection of £16 0s. 0d. was taken at the meeting.

Forty-three new members joined the Union during the year.

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

The Hon. Treasurer's Report showed an excess of Income over Expenditure of £78 2s. 1d. for the year.

The annual donation of £25 0s. 0d. was given to the Adelaide Hospital.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday 16th January, 1965. If you intend being present kindly advise the Hon. Secretary on the form enclosed with this issue of the Erasmian.

Ladies' Night 1965

Our Ladies' Night will be held in the Spring. Notices giving full particulars will be available on application to the Hon. Secretary between 1st-10th February, 1965.

A.S.U. Athletics

The third Annual Competition for the Hennessy Cup was held in College Park on 15th June, 1964. After a very close contest in which six teams took part, St. Andrew's College O.B.U. were the winners with our O.B.U. team placed second.

Annual Dance 1964

Our Annual Dance was again held in the Gresham Hotel Ballroom on Saturday 7th November. The number attending—310—was somewhat down on last year, but the evening was a most enjoyable one for all present and congratulations are due to Mr. M. G. Keartland and the Dance Committee.

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News of Old Boys

David G. Abbott (1948-53), who called in the school in November, is joint founder of the Little College of Ibiza, in the Balearic Islands. It is a one year college in the liberal arts for Canadian students, and is associated with McGill University. He is still actively connected with athletics in Vancouver, where his company, Achilles International, Ltd., sponsors International Athletics Meetings.

W. E. M. Armstrong (1921-28), who visited the school last June, is Export Manager of Messrs. I. R. Marley Ltd., textile manufacturers. He lives in Derby.

Dr. Nigel Armstrong (1949-53), is working for Messrs. Elliott-Automation, Maidstone.

Rev. J. M. G. Carey, M.A., B.D., (1936-45), who was Dean of Residence at Queen's University, Belfast, has been appointed Vicar of St. Bartholomew's Church, Dublin. He has also been appointed as Central Director of ordinands in the Church of Ireland.

Derek Cobbe (1957-59), who is working with Bailey Gibson Ltd., was awarded a prize for the best student in Commercial Art in his year. He was sent to New York by the Master Typographical Society for three weeks. He recently appeared on Telefís Éireann with his "Suspension" act.

A. W. L. Cooper (1944-51), has been promoted to Associate Professor of Modern Physics at the United States Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California, where he is also Co-ordinator of Modern Physics Courses. He read a paper at the Plasma Physics Conference in November in New York.

Robert Curtis, B.A., B.A.I., (1954-61), is doing research in Circuit Analysis in Trinity College, Dublin and in Pye laboratories in Cambridge.

James Darling, B.A., B.Sc., (1952-3, 1959-60), has been appointed to a research post in Chemistry with Messrs. Courtaulds Ltd. His work will be in Spondon, near Derby.

I. D. Doak (1952-59), has accepted the position of Research Assistant to programme a computer for the Department of Physics in the University of Birmingham.

Ronald W. Dobbryn (1949-53), Corporal and Senior Technician in the R.A.F., who was married in August, has been transferred temporarily to Malaya.

Owen Driver (1953-58), has been appointed Accountant to Subsidiaries in Messrs. Goulding Fertilisers, Ltd.

Rev. Victor S. Dungan (1927-35), Rector of Leeson Park, has been appointed Dean of Residence for Church of Ireland students at University College, Dublin.

Gordon H. Hill (1951-62), who is articled to Messrs. Lisney & Co., has passed the preliminary examinations of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. He was the first of the only two successful among the fourteen candidates from the Republic.

Derek A. J. Harris (1954-61), is a trainee executive in Lep (Ireland) Ltd. He called in the school in September on his way to a training course in London.

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Kenneth Hayes (1953-62), who has joined the staff of the Ulster Bank, has been posted to Killeshandra, Co. Cavan, where the Manager is Mr. Tipping, whose two sons are Old Boys.

R. Graham Heather (1945-51), has been appointed a director of Messrs Lloyd, Armstrong and Ramsey, Incorporated Insurance Brokers. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute, winner of the Pascoe Rutter Prize and a council member of the Insurance Institute of Ireland.

C. M. Henderson (1939-46), has obtained his A.M.I.C.E., and is working with the Tyrone County Council.

Bruce Lyster (1948-58), who secured first place in the Accountancy Final examination, has been seconded by Messrs. Craig, Gardner & Co., to Messrs. Carroll, where he will be working on computer programming as Systems Analyst. He will be working the first computer in Ireland to use magnetic tape impact.

D. W. McClatchie (1949-57), who is a Junior Year Divinity student in Trinity College, has been awarded a Certificate for Composition in the College Theological Society.

R. E. McGuire (1914-18), was a welcome visitor at the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Union and a few days later in the school. After a distinguished career in the Indian Civil Service, he joined the Cement Makers' Federation in 1948, and has just now retired.

J. David F. McKee (1949-57), who graduated in 1961 with a Moderatorship in Physics in T.C.D., is now a Research and Development Physicist with Goulding Fertilisers Ltd. He is a graduate of the Institute of Physics and a member of the Institute of Chemistry of Ireland.

Roland Meates (1943-54), has opened a practice as Dental Surgeon at 78 Merrion Square.

Norman J. Mitchell (1952-59), who graduated from Trinity College this summer, has been appointed Town Planning Assistant to Oldham Borough Council.

Marios Moussoulides (1956-62), is studying architecture at University College, Dublin. He has successfully completed his first year.

R. S. Foster Murphy (1952-58), has passed the Theological Tripos, part 2 (class 2, division 1) in Cambridge University. He has been appointed National Secretary for Ireland of the Student Christian Movement, and will take up

appointment in September 1965, when he will be living in Belfast.

Robert Murray (1952-58), is in Churchill College, Cambridge, studying for Ph.D. in Natural Sciences.

Cian S. O hEigearthaigh (1961-62), was awarded first prize (£10) by the Oireachtas for his arrangement of an Irish song for choir. He was awarded a Silver Medal for Oratory and a Silver Medal for Composition by the College Historical Society, and he is Auditor of the College Gaelic Society for the current session.

Norman Pope, B.A., B.Sc. (1949-58), is teaching on the staff of Harrison College, Barbados.

Dr. Gordon Stewart Prince (1929-36), addressed the recent International Congress of Psychotherapy in London on the psychotherapy of disturbed adolescents.

Henry Reid (1941-47), has been appointed Manager of Carbery Handwoven Tweeds, Ltd. He is a qualified designer and production man in the handwoven tweed industry.

Alan W. Reynolds, B.Sc. (1930-39), who has been for some years in charge of the Physics Department in Dalriada School, Ballymoney, has been appointed vice-principal of that school.

John Ridgeway (1949-58), has been appointed director of Victor E. Hanna, Ltd., manufacturing and wholesale chemists, Finglas.

John D. Roberts (1900-04), was a welcome visitor at the Junior School Sports. During his boyhood he lived near Ballycorus, but his adult life has been spent in America, where he was production accountant for a large milk distributing company, took a two-year course in animal husbandry at the University of California, and farmed a 2,700-acre ranch.

Robert W. Scales (1955-61), who is with Messrs. W. H. Waters Ltd., secured first place in Ireland in the final examination (part 1) of the National Institute of Hardware, Birmingham. He was awarded a 7 guinea prize by the Hardware and Allied Traders' Association of Ireland.

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Richard Skerritt (1947-54), is a lecturer in Aberystwyth University College.

Philip Spain (1954-57), has become a wrangler at the Part II Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge University, after only two years there. He is spending the current session reading for Part III.

Frank E. Tate (1930-34), has been elected president of the Dublin Rotary Club for 1964-65.

E. Brian Twamley (1942-52), is on the managerial staff of Messrs. Sheed Thompson, of London Bridge, provision importers. He lives in Sulven Lodge, Reigate, Surrey.

R. T. Walker (1924-31), has been appointed as Hon. Secretary of the Dublin Battalion of the Boys Brigade.

Rev. Christopher Warren (1946-54), has left Waterford Cathedral and is Bishop's Curate in Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

J. D. Wright (1957-63), Engineering, has been elected to the Students' Representative Council, Trinity College, Dublin.

Marriages

Ronald W. Dobbyn (1949-53) to **Moirra Thompson** of Elgin, August 8, 1964.

Brian Dowse (1946-56) to **Ann Gibson**, September 3, 1964.

Ronald W. A. Feuerstak (1948-50), to **Olive Florence Elliott**, June 6, 1964.

William Martin Gregory (1946-52) to **Valerie Ann Knuttel**, October 31, 1964.

Ronald Graham Heather (1945-51) to **Meriel Janet Fox**, at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London, June 19, 1964.

Brian St. C. Herman (1946-56) to **Molly J. Neligan**, June 27, 1964.

John Killen (1945-55) to **Ann Ross**, at St. Edward's Church, Cambridge, July 25, 1964.

J. Stanley McCready (1951-56) to **Betty Davidson**, September 12, 1964.

Derek J. Maynard (1952-56) to **Hazel Wasson**, September 26th, 1964.

Frank N. O'Keeffe (1951-55) to **Patricia Maureen Healy** of Calgary, Alberta, July 22, 1961.

Stanley C. O'Keeffe (1955-59) to **Thelma Spendlove**, June 6, 1964.

John D. Ridgeway (1949-58) to **Helen B. Clarke**, June 20, 1964.

David H. Sykes (1946-56) to **Margaret E. Temple**, July, 1964.

Denzil Tipping (1952-55) to **Hazel Bailey**, May, 1964.

Harold F. A. Wann (1950-54) to **Ruth H. Talbot**, October 28, 1964.

Raymond Williams (1941-48) to **Ruth Harris**, at Barnsley, Yorkshire, July 30, 1964.

Deaths

Joseph P. Campbell, November 10, 1964.

William Burton Doak, M.A., O.B.E., August 10, 1964. Mr. Doak was Senior Classics Master at the School in the twenties, and was much liked by his pupils. He resigned to take a post in the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education, where he had a distinguished career, reaching the rank of Senior Chief Inspector.

Rev. Waller Magill, M.A. (1892-98), rector of Ballyrashane, Co. Antrim, from 1922 to 1950, September 1964.

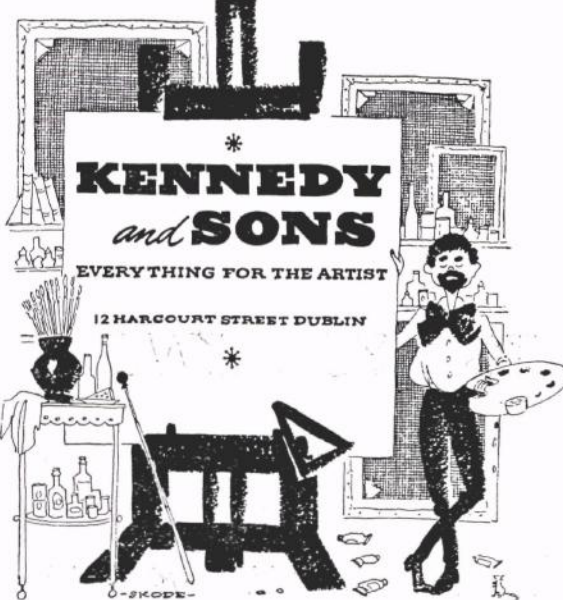
Miss E. V. Smyth, June 15, 1964. Miss Smyth was a teacher in the Junior School from 1948 to 1958, and Senior Lady Teacher from 1953.

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