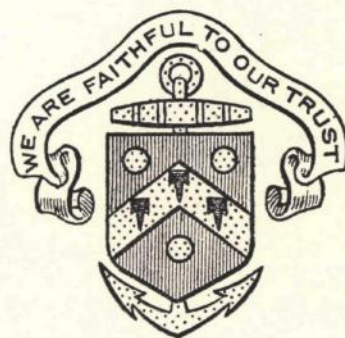


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Editorial

INSTEAD of beating about a non-existent bush, this ERASMIAN preface has attempted to procure a bush, and then lop it. The bush is, "Why editorials?"

Editorials roll smoothly, and say nothing. They cull the finest words in the dictionary, and yet leave no impression. Of no value, they form the hypocritical preliminaries of an interesting periodical. The editor wearied of trying to glean inspiration from the sea, the cloud, the poet, the carpet; and, exploring previous editorials, tries to compose something which is different from them—yet the same. If skilful, he will write a clever treatise on nothing; if wise, he will compile a list of topics interesting to readers of the magazine, and connected with the magazine—then entitle it "Editorial." In short, the Editorial has dwindled to surrealistic prose, which should be abolished.

School Notes

WE congratulate Mr. Dillon on his election as President of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland (1943-44). This is Mr. Dillon's second time to hold this responsible office.

On Tuesday, 13th April, the School assembled in the Clockroom, where the Headmaster, on behalf of the staff and boys, presented a clock to Mr. Kirkpatrick to mark the occasion of his marriage.

Last term we bade farewell to Rev. J. R. M. Crooks, M.A., who has been appointed Curate in Leighlin Union, in the Diocese of Leighlin. We wish him happiness and success in his new work.

We welcome as our new Catechist Rev. B. Harvey, B.A., B.D.

Mr. E. May has been appointed by the Department of Defence Chief A.R.P. Officer in the Scheduled Area in Wexford. We are sorry to lose Mr. May's services as music teacher, but we wish him luck in his new post.

We wish to thank Mr. W. J. Machesney for the gift of zinc and metal supports for the notice board in Belgrave Square.

The Prize Distribution was held on 6th November, 1942, when the Headmaster read

his annual report. The Provost of Trinity College, Dr. E. H. Alton, presided, and Mr. Cecil H. Darley, B.L., President of the O.B.U., also spoke.

This year's opera was "The Gondoliers." It was performed on 11th, 12th and 13th Feb., and was a great success.

The School Sports will be held at Lansdowne Road on Friday, 2nd July.

A Badminton Club was started during the winter on the suggestion of an Old Boy, Mr. A. C. Orr. Meetings were held in the Clockroom once a week throughout the season.

The Old Boys' Cup was this year awarded to D. E. Dann.

The John Phillips Rogers' Prize was won by W. B. Lyons and L. J. Clein, while G. W. Williams won Mr. Warnock's Irish Prize. The prizes are awarded on the results of the Intermediate Certificate Examination.

The Carpenter Memorial Prize for 1943 was won by R. H. Kyle.

Examination Results

EXAMINATION IN HOLY SCRIPTURE.

Greek Testament—S. M. Burch (2nd Class Book Prize); N. S. Montgomery (3rd Class Prize); N. J. Rodway, P. H. Stewart (Pass Certificates).

Church of Ireland.

1st Year.

Prizes—W. P. Northen, L. Gray, B. Comiskey (1st Class); R. A. Custis, L. Hyland (2nd Class); B. H. Boxwell, A. Knight, I. T. Barrie, D. Jones (3rd Class).

Pass Certificates—H. Burleigh, L. Dawson, K. Knott, M. W. Carter, N. H. Coulter, D. Eustace, B. Kendall, M. S. Burton, J. C. Hardy, N. Kerrison, A. S. Woods, G. S. Browne.

2nd Year.

Prizes—R. C. Shiel, H. F. Reid (1st Class); S. L. Morrison, E. Perdue (2nd Class).

Pass Certificates—J. Sutton, J. Kerr, D. Couse, W. W. Tyner, N. W. Clery, J. R. Watchorn.

3rd Year.

Prizes—I. Couse (2nd Class); M. W. Bryan (3rd Class).

Pass Certificates—E. H. Bodell, J. Young, E. Margetson, F. Darby, D. A. Bowles, J. A. Collins, M. A. Cole, D. A. James, D. G. Dawson.

4th Year.

Pass Certificates—H. A. May, R. M. Reed.

Presbyterian Church in Ireland.**1st Year.**

Prize—K. B. Henderson (2nd Class).

Pass Certificates—F. N. Willis, C. M. Donaghy.

2nd Year.

Prize—A. M. Bain (2nd Class).

Pass Certificate—G. N. Willis.

Methodist Church in Ireland.**1st Year.**

Pass Certificate—S. Rowe.

2nd Year

Pass Certificate—A. H. Ross.

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SCHOOL CHOIR

The Choir obtained 85 per cent. at the Department's Examination in March, 1943, and qualified for a money grant.

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1942-43.

DEGREES.

M.A.—S. A. Moore.

M.B.—C. Wachmann.

B.Sc.—F. A. L. Gardner.

B.A.I.—J. N. Allen (2nd Class Hons.), R. J.

Chillingworth, H. W. Williams.

B.A.O.—C. Wachmann, M. S. C. Rooney.

B.A.—Moderatorships:

Mathematics—R. J. Monaghan (1st Class).

Experimental Science—F. A. L. Gardner (2nd Class).

Pass—J. N. Allen.

DISTINCTIONS.

R. P. Willis—Scholarship in Mathematics (1943).

F. S. L. Lyons—Scholarship in Modern History and Political Science (1943)

R. J. Monaghan, B.A. (Mod.), Sch.—Student in Mathematics.

C. F. G. Delaney—High School Exhibition (£100) and Sizarship in Mathematics.

A. L. Jones—Thompson Exhibition (£100) and Sizarship in Classics.

J. A. Motyer—Sizarship in Classics.

R. A. Cole—William Roberts' Prize.

V. S. Dungan—Elrington Theological Prize

HONOURS EXAMINATION.

Michaelmas, 1942.

A. N. Jeffares (J.S.)—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.

R. A. Cole (S.F.)—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.

G. A. S. May (S.F.)—French, 1st Rank; English, 2nd Rank.

F. S. L. Lyons (J.F.)—Modern History, 1st Rank.

Hilary, 1943.

R. A. Cole (J.S.)—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.

R. P. Willis (S.F.)—Mathematics, 1st Rank.

W. M. Noyk (S.F.)—Legal Science, 3rd Rank.

G. A. S. May (S.F.)—French, 2nd Rank.

C. F. G. Delaney (J.F.)—Experimental Science, 1st of 1st Rank; Mathematics, 1st Rank.

J. A. Motyer (J.F.)—Classics, 3rd Rank.

Trinity, 1943.

R. A. Cole (J.S.)—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.

R. K. Maguire (S.F.)—Classics, 2nd Rank.

D. C. Reynolds (S.F.)—Experimental Science, 3rd Rank.

C. F. G. Delaney (J.F.)—Mathematics, 1st of 1st Rank.

A. L. Jones (J.F.)—Natural Science, 1st Rank

J. A. Motyer (J.F.)—Mental and Moral Science, 1st Rank.

D. H. Carroll (J.F.)—Economics and Political Science, 3rd Rank.

TERM EXAMINATIONS.

Final Freshman—R. A. Cole, O. M. O'Malley, S. A. Siev, O. M. P. Tobias, K. H. McK. Young.

S. F. Term—S. A. Belford.

J. F. Term—R. G. Smith.

MEDICAL.

Pre-Registration Examination.

Trinity, 1942.

Chemistry—E. A. McColl, J. R. F. Smith (2nd Class), A. C. O'Malley (Pass).

Physics—E. A. McColl (2nd Class), J. R. F. Smith, E. R. Haynes (Pass).

Michaelmas, 1942.

Chemistry—E. R. Haynes (2nd Class).
 Botany—E. R. Haynes (2nd Class), E. A.
 McColl, J. R. F. Smith (Pass).

First Medical, Trinity, 1942.

Pathology and Bacteriology—M. S. Millard
 (Pass).

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST.

A. W. Reynolds—B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, IRELAND.

M. F. McParland—2nd Place, Anatomy
 (Junior), Dec., 1942.

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Cricket

Capt. S. J. WRIGHT. Vice-Capt., G. W.
 WILLIAMS. Hon. Sec., W. B. LYONS.

AT the beginning of the season both the Senior and Junior Elevens showed great promise. The bowling on both teams was exceptionally strong, although the general standard of batting was low. The Senior was defeated in the first round of the Cup, but the Juniors played well and reached the semi-finals. They were beaten by Masonic in a closely-fought two-innings match.

1st Innings—High School, 35; Masonic, 25.

2nd Innings—High School, 17; Masonic, 34 for 2.

The "Under 14" team contains a few promising players and all its members are keen. In the League, one match was won out of three played.

We played the Old Boys at Belgrave Square on Monday, 31st May, and won by 22 runs.

School, 72 (Wright 15, Walker 3 for 9).

Old Boys, 50 (Begley 25, Leach 5 for 17, Bodell 3 for 5).

W. B. L.

Swimming

Capt., J. W. MOORE. Junior Capt., J. T.
 CLARK.

THIS year, since the Baths could not be heated, no Gala was held. Competitive swimming events were limited to the Senior and Junior Championships and the House Squadron Race. The results were:—

Senior Championship—J. W. Moore.

Junior Championship—J. T. Clark.

House Squadron—Belgrave—J. W. Moore (captain), R. J. Smith, S. M. Burch and R. Maltby.

At the beginning of the season a Life-Saving Class was started under the able guidance of J. W. Moore, who, unfortunately, left us early this year. We hope to obtain, at an early date, an instructor to carry on this work.

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Rugby Notes—1942-43

Capt., J. E. Moore. Vice-Capt., D. E. Dann.
Hon. Sec., G. F. M. Cole.

THE S.C.T. commenced the season with a keen young team under the able captaincy of J. E. Moore, but unfortunately he had to leave early in November. His place was taken by D. E. Dann. The backs were the weak part

The J.C.T. was under the captaincy of R. H. Kyle. We had hopes at the beginning of the season that they would develop into a formidable side, but lack of intelligent attack deprived them of many points. They met Xavier School in the first round of the Cup and beat them 6-3. In the second round they drew nil-all with Wesley College, only to be beaten 3-nil in the replay.

The "Under 14" and "Under 13" proved

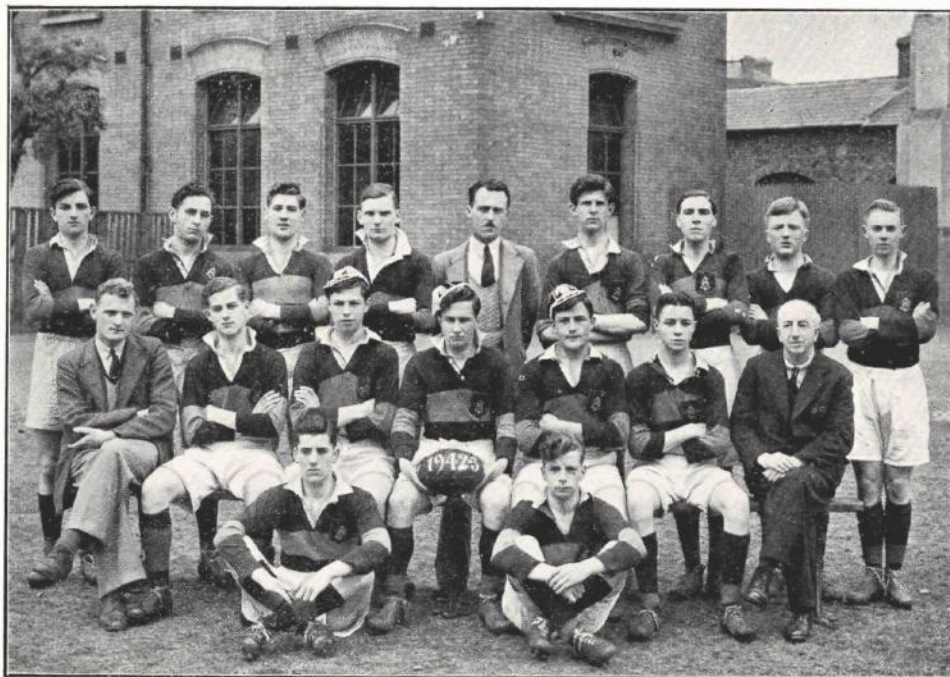


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Standing—G. N. Gray, F. Fine, A. J. Morton, W. S. Callaghan, Mr. J. A. Storey, J. H. R. Lindsay, S. M. Burch, R. Maltby, H. A. Ross.
Seated—Mr. G. C. Johnson, G. F. M. Cole, R. F. Kyle, D. E. Dann (Capt.), G. H. Gardner, S. J. Wright, Dr. J. Bennett (Headmaster).
On the Ground—K. A. Bird, S. G. Bennett.

of the team, being unable to combine successfully in attack and, except for a few individuals, being poor in defence. The forwards made good progress during the season, and they played a sterling game in the Cup match against a heavier Terenure College pack when we were beaten 6 pts. to nil.

The 2nd XV played a few matches, but owing to frequent calls by the S.C.T. they were unable to settle down.

to be keen teams, with many of the "Under 14" playing regularly on the Junior Cup Team. Dartry Road was, on the whole, well attended by the "Under 12's" who had some matches during the season.

There were three Honours Caps awarded at the end of the season; the Bell Cap being awarded to D. E. Dann, the cap for the best forward to R. F. Kyle and the cap for the best back to G. H. Gardner. The annual Colours

Match against the Old Boys took place at Belgrave Square on the 18th February, the Old Boys winning by 16 points to 12 in an interesting open game.

We wish to thank Messrs. Storey and Johnson who trained the S.C.T. and J.C.T. and Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Keegan who took charge of the Juniors at Dartry Road.

G.F.M.C.

The Boxing Club

Capt., D. E. Dann. Vice-Capt., S. M. Burch.
Hon. Sec., A. C. Stewart.

THIS season was quieter than usual, but the "high-lights" were as usual the High School Championships and the annual contest against Portora Royal School.

We retained the Ellerker Cup from St. Andrew's College by default.

The Championships were held in the Clockroom on 22nd October and were a great success. The introduction of a "Blind Boxing" bout proved a popular novelty. Bouts in eleven weights for the Championships and a Baby-weight contest constituted the programme. The Headmaster handed the medals to the winners after a very enjoyable evening's boxing.

On 25th November, we met Portora Royal School in our annual contest. After an exciting evening in the Clockroom we found ourselves victorious, having won by 6 bouts to 4.

This season we were unfortunately unable to satisfy the increasingly great demand of our supporters for more contests. Although we approached about ten likely clubs, we were unable to arrange any other contest than that with our "old reliable," Portora.

Last December, the "Irish Pictorial" photographer paid us a visit and the photographs he took of us formed a full page "feature" in that journal. We saw to it that our popular trainer "Johnnie" Nelson received deserved prominence in this pictorial record.

The Club again thank Messrs. Goulden and Kirkpatrick for the interest they have taken in the Club and also all those gentlemen who so kindly acted as judges and officials at our contests.

Colours were awarded this year as follows:

Junior:—D. S. Couse and J. H. G. Perdue.
Senior:—G. D. Dawson, R. C. Thompson and W. T. Campbell.

Dates:—P. H. Stewart (Junior); D. E. Dann, S. M. Burch, A. C. Stewart and S. J. Wright (Senior).

A.C.S.

Athletics

Capt. and Hon. Sec., G. B. Quin.

Vice-Capt., N. R. Young.

LAST year the School Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Friday, 26th June. The entry was as good as in previous years, 113 boys competing in 51 events. Cup winners were as follows:—*War Memorial*, R. R. Quin; *Junior Championship Cup*, D. G. Dawson; *220 yds. Championship Cup*, S. S. Weir; *Magill Cup*, D. G. Dawson; *Lord Holmpatrick Cup*, Abbey House.

The Leinster Schools' Sports were held on Tuesday, 18th and Saturday, 22nd May, at Blackrock College. G. B. Quin succeeded in gaining third place in a heat of the Senior 100 yards but did not qualify for the final. W. Mullin won his heat of the 220 yards, Juvenile.

The Triangle meeting with Wesley College and King's Hospital was held on Thursday, 3rd June at King's Hospital. This day proved an outing for the Juveniles, some of whom are very promising. So far as the result was concerned, we only came third, a long way behind the winners, King's Hospital. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the competition and we would like to thank King's Hospital for the use of their ground and congratulate them on the excellent way in which the programme was organised.

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Capt., S. G. Bennett.

WE started late in the season this year owing to bad weather conditions, but this did not damp the enthusiasm of the teams whose members are younger than in previous years. We began badly when our Junior Team was beaten 6-0 by Blackrock College. We then drew 3-all with St. Columba's College and beat Belvedere College 4-2. Later Belvedere beat our Senior Team 6-0. We have great hopes of improving, however, as we have the use of three courts at Belgrave Square for practice.

So far our Senior Team has played only one match and has had few chances of showing its capabilities. It is the same team as last year with one exception; this will be very much to our advantage.

In the last few years the number of boys playing tennis has gradually increased, and the game is becoming more popular. At the end of each season two "knock-out" competitions are held. There is a handicap competition for boys over 14, and a championship for those under 14.

Provided that we can manage to obtain balls throughout the season, everything should continue to progress favourably.

L.R.B.

Grillon Solitaire

(From Alphonse de Lamartine).

Voice from the hearth long forsaken,
The knell of my memory toll.
Voice without grief—without gladness,
Voice of the hearth—without soul.

When I was as small as this cradle,
You lulled me so quickly to rest.
The sound of Marguerite's bobbin—
Oh! the years of my childhood were blessed.

I could trim the glad wick of the candle,
The shadows would live on the wall,
I would hear your bright chirp in the fender—
As you soul-less—still soul-less—would call.

D. M. COLLIE (6A).

Table Tennis Club

Capt., S. M. Burch. Hon. Sec., G. B. Quin.

THIS is only the third year of the Table Tennis Club in High School but it has again proved a great success. At the beginning of the season many of the former supporters had left and the membership was rather small, but towards the end of the season the club had a large membership.

The Leinster Branch of the I.T.T.A. again held an inter-schools competition. Seven schools entered. We only succeeded in running fifth. After a great battle at the beginning of the season for the team places, the team sent in was as follows:—S. M. Burch (Capt.), E. Margetson, G. W. Williams, A. W. Willits, S. J. Wright, D. E. Dann, W. S. Callaghan (sub.).

It was decided at the first meeting of the Schools' Branch of the I.T.T.A., that during the Emergency tea would not be served at competition matches.

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EACH Friday after school the Stamp Club meets. Interesting games and competitions are devised, and sometimes a short talk is given. Under the supervision of Mr. Moore, a happy half-hour is spent.

E. W. Brennan, on leaving the school, bequeathed to us his entire collection, for which we are indebted to him. *Alii idem faciant*, as Mr. Moore might possibly say!

We have been shown an interesting report about the "Inverted Swan" error in the 4d. Western Australian stamp of 1854 (p. 109, *Famous Stamps* by L. N. and M. Williams). One copy is now in the National Museum, in the Duke of Leinster's collection.

It appears that one day in the 'seventies the Duke of Leinster was told of this copy, which was in the possession of Mr. Morris, on the staff of "The Dublin High School," and which he was willing to sell for £3. His informant was a youth named Vance, who got a cheque for £3 from the Duke. After some trouble in cashing the Cheque, Vance proceeded to humour Mr. Morris by buying some of the commoner stamps from the collection, and then beat Mr. Morris down to £2. The stamp was later found to be an inverted frame, because portion of another inverted copy was found adhering to a normal 4d. in a box of rubbish in Stanley Gibbon's offices. This copy was part of the Duke's bequest to the National Museum, and was found tucked away in an old folder.

Who was Mr. Morris? There was a Mr. H. P. Morris on the staff, apparently as catechist, between 1888 and 1889. There was the Rev. W. B. Morris between 1884 and 1899, who was killed in an earthquake in California. And who was Vance? There was Robert Vance, 1876-1877, who possibly became a solicitor; James Vance, 1882-1885, who died in 1933 after a lifetime of illness, and whose hobby was stamp-collecting; and Robert or Richard Ephraim Vance, 1889-90, who died in 1941. We have no proof that the Vance concerned was a pupil, but it was hardly likely that he would know of the sale otherwise.

Perhaps some of our older Old Boys will be able to remember something about the matter.

"Break-Up" Dance

OUR annual "Break-up" Dance was held in the Clockroom, by kind permission of the Governors, on Friday, 18th December. Cyril Gibson's Band provided the music and, with everybody enjoying the fun, the party spirit reached its height in a hilarious rendering of the "Conga"! The Sports Fund benefited considerably as a result of the big attendance—almost three hundred.

The Hon. Secs. wish to thank the Committee and all others who contributed to the success of the evening, especially Mrs. Bennett, who supervised the refreshments, and Mr. Wilson, for his help in decorating the room. Messrs. Moore and Kirkpatrick were, as usual, the patrons and organisers of the dance.

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"The Gondoliers"

11th, 12th, 13th February, 1943.

THE Gondoliers have drifted slowly in, on Mr. Wilson's gondola as usual, but they sailed away leaving us rather depressed because we are faced with the loss of the services of Mr. Eric May, at least temporarily. We wish him all that is good in his new career, and the best that we can say of him now is that we believe that he is irreplaceable. He has been our musical director from 1934 till 1943 and no words of ours can add to the splendid reputation that he has acquired.

We are very glad to report that in the end we succeeded in persuading him to take a part on the stage. He played Marco, one of the two gondoliers, with perfection and his rendering of "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" will long rank as one of the outstanding performances of our long series of concerts. His partner, Alan Begley, was in no enviable position to have to play with such a distinguished artist, but he rose to the occasion and was the real surprise of this year's show.

We welcome the return of two old favourites, Mr. Wilson Kelly, co-producer and the Duke of Plaza-Toro, and Mr. R. W. Mason, the Grand Inquisitor. Their renderings of the parts was of a real professional type. R. A. Meyer played Luiz and, though inexperienced, he struck the note of calm that just suited the part. J. A. Bell gave the show a great start with his lively song and dance, just at a point when the opera seems to lack vivacity. S. J. Cole with his beautiful voice enthralled the audience with the lovely arias of Casilda. S. C. Wright produced the dignity necessary for the Duchess in surprising fashion for such a young boy. The same applies to R. F. Alexander with the part of Foster Mother which is equally difficult for a boy. Last, but by no means least, we must mention the great pair, N. J. Rodway and H. F. Reid, Gianetta and Tessa. They charmed the audience with their splendid acting and they put over all the humour in the show with such artistry that we really believed that they were "discontented" wives. No space is left to mention others. We thank the stage hands, the electricians, the chorus, and the orchestra (especially Mrs. Yoakley, the conductress, and Mr. Victor Leeson at the piano).

Sunset—An Ode

Gold of the West, range far thy beam,
Dew-teared with jasper stars shall the sky gleam.

Richen the golden sky ; sparkle the deep.
Fade, Nature's mystery—till the dawn sleep.

Dip as the waters dip,
Chalice of light!
'Lume the horizon's lip—
Soon spurs the night.
Flush one long throbbing beam—
One saffron ray!
Shed one long golden gleam
Over the bay.
Kindle the crested wave ;
Beacon the deep ;
Brighten day's purple grave ;
Sink, then, in sleep.

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A Gallant Rescue

ON 3rd August (1942) a young man got into difficulties 200 feet up the Waterfall at Powerscourt and was in imminent danger of losing his life. It is with great pleasure that we record that a most gallant rescue was effected by a party of Scouters and Scouts from this Association. As a result the Chief Scout awarded P. C. Scott, Camp Warden at Powerscourt, the Bronze Cross, the highest Scout award for gallantry, and R.S.L., N. B. Taylor, 36th (Abbey Church), and P. Custis, Assistant Camp Warden, the Gilt Cross for their part in the rescue.

These awards were presented to the recipients by Lord Powerscourt on 13th September in the presence of a large number of Scouts, Scouters and visitors. In congratulating these Scouters, and in particular the recipient of the Bronze Medal, the first to be won in this country, we would like to mention T/L Nicholson, 19th Dublin (Glasnevin), who was congratulated by the Chief Commissioner for

his part in climbing the side of the Waterfall and encouraging the trapped man, and Scouters Sloan and Douglas and P/L Macnamara for their part in the smooth arrangements made at the top of the Fall for the lowering and hauling of the ropes used during the rescue."

—From Annual Report, 1942, Dublin
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The Canal Bridge

The first streaks of dawn were just showing as I walked out upon the Canal Bridge.

The barges were silent at their moorings, and not a ripple broke the surface of the canal. The city life had not yet started, and everything was silent.

I leaned over the parapet and looked into the clear water. Somewhere near a church bell struck six. A noise, which I knew to be an alarm clock, came from one of the barges.

Then life began both in the city and on the canal. In the city the rumble of a tram broke the silence; then a factory siren blared. I knew life had begun for city people. They would run to catch the same old train, at the same station, go to the same stuffy office, and then come home at six o'clock and go to the cinema, or read.

On the canal life was different. From the interior of a barge I could hear a kettle boiling, or a man singing. Now and then a laugh would come, and everything seemed happy.

After a while a barge would slip from her moorings, bound for some town, where her cargo would be unloaded.

Numerous people began to pass over the bridge, but none of them took any notice of the canal—they were all running for a train or a bus.

Just then I heard the same bell ring nine o'clock, and I knew that it was time for breakfast, but after my brief stay on the bridge I knew one thing. That old canal bridge could tell more about people's lives than most people.

A. KNIGHT (3C¹).

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OLD BOYS' UNION

SOME fourteen years ago the Old Boys' Union was inaugurated by the unanimous consent of 120 Old Boys who were present in the Clockroom on the 22nd November, 1928, and it is gratifying to know that during that time it has made steady and healthy progress and is now a well-established organisation.

The regular activities, such as the Annual Dance, the Annual Dinner, and the various sporting activities have all flourished throughout the year, and in fact an Athletic Union and Cricket Club affiliated to the Leinster Union have both been established, and in W. G. Booker we have a very enthusiastic Secretary, who, we hope, will receive the wholehearted support of the members of the Union.

During the year our Committee inaugurated a Social Scheme called the Adelaide Hospital Scheme which, we believe, will commend itself to the members; under this Scheme the Committee propose maintaining a bed in the Adelaide Hospital. It is too soon yet to report on

the response which has been received to the recent circular which was sent to the members, and we would take this opportunity of reminding those who wish to be associated with this Scheme to complete the form accompanying the circular and return to the Treasurer, Mr. Thos. Bell, as soon as possible.

A considerable number of Old Boys are serving with both H.M. Forces and the Eire Army, many of them with great distinction. Some have already made the Supreme Sacrifice, and to the relatives and friends of these Old Boys we wish to extend our very sincere sympathy.

We welcome as our new Patron, Dr. E. H. Alton, Provost of Trinity College, and the honour which has been bestowed on him by his election to succeed Dr. Thrift as Provost of Trinity College is one which we feel is reflected on the School, and it is hoped that he will enjoy many happy years as head of our premier University in Ireland.

We also welcome Mr. Cecil Darley as President of our Union, and we are most appreciative



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of the very keen interest he has shown, and his valuable advice and assistance in all matters pertaining to the Union activities.

A most encouraging feature during the past year was the large number of Old Boys who have recently left school and have been enrolled as members of the Union. We trust that this will continue from year to year, as the Union depends on the support of the younger past pupils to maintain the high standard which has been set.

Again we wish to express to Dr. and Mrs. Bennett, and to the members of the Staff of the School, our best thanks for their continued co-operation.

News of Old Boys

Dr. E. H. Alton (1885-92), Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, was given an Honorary D.Litt. by Oxford University.

Rev. H. D. Anderson, M.A. (1923-24), has been appointed by the King, Rector of Sandringham Parish and Domestic Chaplain.

G. Begley (1926-29), manager of the Burchill School of Dancing, Rathmines Branch, with his partner, Miss N. McAllister, won the Open Championship of Ireland, 1943.

J. M. G. Buchanan (1920-28) has a post in the L.M.S. Railways in Belfast.

Rev. V. S. Dungan (1927-35), Deriagh Parish, Lisburn, has been awarded the Elrington Theological Prize (T.C.D.).

B. Hennessy (1925-29), the Palmerston, Civil Service, L.D.F., and H.S.D. (O.B.U.) "live wire," who now has a post in Shortt and Harland's, in Belfast, played rugby for Civil Service last season and played for "An Ulster XV" v. Dublin University in Dublin in December last.

C. H. Hillyard (1910-17), Assistant Director of Variety Programmes at the B.B.C., is, we are informed, responsible for the B.B.C. "Irish Half Hours."

Leonard Hirsch (1916-17), the celebrated violinist and former member of the Hallé Orchestra, brought over his string quartet to play at the R.D.S. last November.

A. N. Jeffares (1930-39) has achieved the distinction of being unanimously elected Auditor of the College Historical Society while still an Undergraduate. We congratulate him heartily. In 1942-43 he won the Society's Silver Medal for Composition. In Hilary Term 1943 Jeffares was Editor of T.C.D.

Rev. G. A. Joynt, M.A., B.A.I. (1891-98), is to be President of the Methodist Church in Ireland for 1943-44. Mr. Joynt had a distinguished career in College, where he studied engineering. He was President of the University Philosophical Society 1903-04. For three years he held an important position with the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company before he offered himself as a candidate for the Methodist Ministry in 1907.

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R. W. Mason (1925-34) was a Guest Soloist (Bass) when "The Messiah" was sung at the Gaiety Theatre in December, 1942, by the Dublin Grand Opera Society and the Dublin Oratorio Society under the baton of Mr. Turner Huggard.

R. H. Malone (1941-42) is now with the L.M.S. Railways Co. in Belfast.

Rev. W. J. Mayne, M.A. (1889-92; Staff, 1892-96), last year completed twenty-five years' service as manager of the Schools of the Incorporated Society for Promoting Protestant Schools in Ireland. As a mark of their appreciation the Heads of the Schools presented him with a silver salver engraved with their signatures.

R. J. Monaghan, B.A., Mod. (1930-38), has a post at a Royal Aircraft Establishment in England.

P. C. Scott (1922-27), Hon. Sec. Eire Boy Scouts' Association, has been awarded the

Bronze Cross for bravery in life-saving. This is the first award of the Bronze Cross in Eire.

P. J. Custis (1930-37) has been awarded the Gilt Cross for bravery in life-saving. An account of the rescue effected by Scott and Custis and their companions appears in our columns.

J. D. Smyth, M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. (1927-28 and 1930-36) has been appointed Lecturer in the Department of Zoology, Leicester University.

Rev. F. A. G. Willis (1922-31) is now Rector of Bagnelstown.

The latest edition of "Hermathena" contains articles or essays by four Old Boys of the High School and a former member of our Staff:—F. R. M. Hitchcock (1881-86), R. W. Reynolds, M.A. (1919-27), L. J. D. Richardson, M.A. (1904-12), E. A. Thompson, M.A., B. Litt. (1925-32), H. R. Chillingworth, M.A. (Staff, 1921-1939).

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R. E. Maguire (1914-20), District Commissioner, I.C.S., at Myitkyina, Burma, until the Japanese invasion, has had the distinction of being awarded the O.B.E. After the destruction of the oilfields there thousands of people were evacuated by air; when this became impossible, Maguire led the remainder of the Europeans out on foot. His journey was a terrible one: "250 miles, through mud, rain, corpses, leech-bites, malaria and starvation." After a period of sick leave, he has now returned to Simla.

R. E. Maguire had a distinguished career in T.C.D. He was a Classical Scholar, Double Moderator, and Classical Student. He played Rugby for Dublin University and Lansdowne, besides being "capped" for Leinster.

Mentioned in Despatches

T. W. la B. Bamford (1925-31), serving with the R.A.F., has been mentioned in despatches, promoted to Wing Commander and appointed Officer in Command.

With the Forces

[6th list appearing in THE ERASMIAN, bringing total number of Old Boys known to be serving (including missing and killed) in all Forces to 142.—Ed.]

W. E. M. Anderson (1921-28), Army.
 T. J. R. Atkinson (1927-31), R.A.F.
 H. Burchill (1918-25), R.E.
 H. E. T. Caton (1932-36), R.A.F.
 M. F. E. Dobbin (1916-25), R.A.F.
 H. C. Ewen (1921-25), Lt., R.N.
 W. C. Graves (1930-36), R.N. (Telegraphist).
 E. Greene (1921-30), R.A.
 C. W. Holt (1937-40), R.A. (A.A.).
 R. J. Machesney (1932-42), Lt., R.A.
 J. L. Miller (1939-41), R.N. (Telegraphist).
 J. F. J. McKeon (1933-40), L.A.C., R.A.F. (Training as pilot).
 A. W. Parsons (1935-39), L.A.C., R.A.F. (Training as pilot).
 L. C. Pell (1936-38), P/O., R.A.F.

P. R. Purcell (1926-34), Flt.-Lt., R.A.F. (Armament Inspection Department).
 R. R. Quin (1936-42), L.A.C., R.A.F. (Training as pilot).
 J. C. Ross (1936-40), R.A.F.
 D. P. Stephens (1931-38), P/O., R.A.F.
 J. R. Stewart (1921-28), Lt., Sherwood Foresters.
 J. W. Vanston (1937-40), R.A.F. (Electrician, Ground Staff).
 W. J. Wilmot (1925-26), R.A.F.
 P. R. Walker (1925-33), Royal Inniskillings.

Further News from the Forces

Rev. A. H. Butler (1920-26) has been promoted Senior Chaplain.

J. W. Street-Clark (1938-39), R.N., is Acting-Lieut., Commanding an L.C.A.

T. H. Fallon (1937-39), L.A.C., R.A.F., is now training as a pilot.

G. A. Owgan (1913-17) has been transferred from R.I.F. to R.A.M.C., with the rank of 2nd Lieut.

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BOXWELL (1937-39)—August 21, 1942, killed in air accident, England, Noel Francis, Sergt., R.A.F., aged 19 years, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boxwell, Strangford Gardens, Dublin.

SMYTH (1928-35)—September 17, 1941, in action, William Bennett Megarry Smyth, Sergt.-Pilot, R.A.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smyth, formerly of Dublin.

A Regrettable Error

We owe a sincere apology to J. W. Stiven (1928), whom we reported in our last issue to have been killed on active service with the R.A.F. It appears that his brother, David, who was not a pupil of the High School, was killed in the R.A.F. J. W. Stiven is First Officer in ss. "Irish Beech." We believed our informant to be reliable, but we must accept the responsibility for publication. We hope that this notice may in some measure make amendment to J. W. Stiven and his relatives for our regrettable error.

Rugby Report

THIS season more Old Boys supported the Rugby Section, particularly those who had recently left school. We played three matches, all at Belgrave Square, two against the School and one against the King's Hospital O.B.U. The first match against the School on 5th Nov., 1942, resulted in a win for the Past by 16-11. Our return match, the Colours match, also resulted in a win for us by 16 pts. to 12. Our match against King's Hospital on 24th Feb., 1943, was a very exciting one; both teams had strong sides out, including quite a number of Senior players on Dublin teams. We were beaten 12-10 (a goal, a dropped goal and a try to a dropped goal, a penalty goal and a try), but were unlucky to lose, having done most of the attacking. Members should please note that it would help matters considerably if those unable to play would notify the Hon. Sec. immediately, and not leave their withdrawals until the last few hours.

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We would like to thank those who are helping in the preparation of the Ground at Lansdowne Road, and remind others that there is still plenty of work to be done.

This Season the School beat us in a one-night match at Belgrave Square, and we played a tie with Mr. Coughlan's XI at Clonskeagh, each side scoring 96 runs.

The Colour Match against the School will take place on the 30th June and the 1st July.

ATHLETIC CLUB

We still want more active Members to come along and help us, as we need their help in

order to repeat our success of last Season in The Old Boys' Inter-Schools Contest.

We had one entry in the A.A.U.E. Championships at College Park on the 5th June, but his effort was unavailing. We hope to have entries in the various sports during the coming season.

W. G. BOOKER, Hon. Sec.

Deaths

EDWARD H. BURNE (1890-95)—January 20, 1943, at his residence, 20 Waterloo Road, Edward H. Burne, Solicitor.

JOHN T. DRENNAN (1887-94)—November 7, 1942, at Kilkenny, John T. Drennan (Barrister-at-Law), "Moyné," Greystones, County Wicklow, and late Secretary of the Irish Land Commission.

LIONEL J. FAULL (1937-41)—February 25, 1943, at a London Hospital, Lionel Jack, aged 17 years, eldest son of Mrs. Irene Faull and the late Percy C. Faull, 65 The Vale, Acton, London, W.3.

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ALFRED MILLER, O.B.E. (1885-89)—September 19, 1942, Alfred Miller, of 3 Winton Road, Leeson Park, late Registrar of R.C.S.I., and of Bloomfield, Donnybrook.

F. G. SHARPE, LL.D., D.C.L. (1882-92)—Nov. 30, 1942, at 14 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, Frederick Gerard Sharpe, LL.D., youngest son of the late Henry Sharpe, of 12 Ailesbury Road.

Marriages

JOHN BALLAGH (1917-1920) and WHITE—August 12, 1942, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, by the Rev. N. H. Hamilton, M.A., John Ballagh, 4 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge., Dublin, to Muriel White, of Rahans, Carrickmacross.

RICHARD BOUCHER (1926-31) and McALLISTER—June 6, 1942., at Abbey Street Methodist Church, Dublin, by the Rev. W. T. Clarke, Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boucher, 15 Lomond Ave., Fairview, to Muriel Gwendoline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McAllister, 25 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

ROBERT J. CHILLINGWORTH (1928-35) and COX—June 24, 1942, at Howth Church, by Rev. Canon D. H. Chillingworth (uncle of the bridegroom), assisted by Rev. H. J. L. Armstrong, Rector, Robert James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chillingworth, Baily, to Eileen Doris, fourth daughter of the late Dr. R. H. Cox, and of Mrs. Cox, Hawthornden, Howth.

MAURICE C. FOWLER (1929-36) and BURNS—On November 9, 1942, at Windsor Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Very Rev. Wm. Corkey, D.D., Maurice Carl, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fowler, 16 Seafeld Road, Clontarf, Dublin, to Marjorie, only child of the late Dr. Alex. Burns and Mrs. Burns, 8 Windsor Ave., Belfast.

JOHN GIBNEY (1924-29) and MARTIN—Feb. 24, 1943, at Christ Church, Rathgar, by Rev. R. Montgomery, John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibney, 69 Kimmage Road, West, Terenure, to Elizabeth B. (Betty), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Martin, 86 Terenure Road, North.

W. G. KIRKPATRICK (1923-30) and BREAKEY—April 15, 1943, at Lisdrum House, Newry, by special licence, by Rev. William McAdam, M.A., assisted by Rev. Irvine Kirkpatrick, F.R.G.S. (uncle of the bridegroom), William George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wybrants Kirkpatrick, "Errigal," 11

Westbourne Road, Terenure, Dublin, to Emily Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late Mr. Robert Breakey, J.P., and of Mrs. Breakey, Lisdrum House, Newry.

S. LAPEDUS (1925-32) and MARCUS—16th March, 1943, at Adelaide Road Synagogue, Stanley, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lapedus, 49 Rathfarnham Road, to Juliet Maureen, eldest daughter of Mr. E. Marcus, P.C., and Mrs. Marcus, 54 Hannaville Park, Terenure, Dublin.

G. R. MAHON (1927-32) and CARTER—July 22, 1942, at St. Luke's Church, Dublin, George Robert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mahon, 45 Lower Kimmage Road, Dublin, to Violet Roseanna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter, 5 Wesley Place, Dublin.

A. D. MASON (1928-35) and EADIE—March 18th, 1943, at St. Philip's Church, Milltown, Dublin, by the Rev. R. M. Ruttle, M.A. (uncle of the bride), assisted by Archdeacon Power and the Rev. W. H. Coulter, M.A., Lieut. Anderson Dermot Mason, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mason, 39 Kenilworth Square, Dublin, and Miss Ray Marion Eadie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Eadie, The Poplars, Beaufort, County Kerry.

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A. E. MOORE (1928-33) and DICKENS—May 5th, 1943, at St. Jude's Church, Kilmainham, by Rev. E. W. Ridgeway, M.A., Arthur Edward, eldest son of Mr. J. E. Moore and the late Mrs. Moore, Clarinda Park House, Dun Laoghaire, to Florence Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dickens, "Danetree," Mount Shannon Road.

T. D. MURPHY (1922-26) and KIRKPATRICK—June 17, 1942, at Blackhall Place Methodist Church, Dublin, by the Rev. Irvine Kirkpatrick (uncle of the bride), Thomas Desmond, son of T. W. Murphy, F.J.L., and Mrs. Murphy, 47 Rathfarnham Road, Dublin, to Doris Maud, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wybrants Kirkpatrick, 11 Westbourne Road, Terenure, Dublin.

GEORGE REEVES (1915-23) and GILCHRIST—August 15th, 1942, at Christ Church, Dundrum, by the Rev. A. W. F. Orr, B.D., George, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Reeves, late of 12 Clare Street, Dublin, to Muriel Jeffcoat, elder daughter of the late Archibald Gilchrist and Mrs. Gilchrist, 12 Woodlawn, Churchtown, Dundrum.

A. S. RICE (1922-26) and MOORE—September 23rd, 1942, at Tramore Methodist Church, by Rev. J. A. Gordon, A. Seymour Rice, M.R.I.A.L., third son of Mrs. Rice, of "Stansted," Mount Merrion Park, Co. Dublin, and the late Mr. George Rice, of "Ingleside," Orwell Park, Dublin, and E. Marie Moore, fourth daughter of Mrs. Moore and the late John Moore, of "Ocean View," Tramore, Co. Waterford.

TREVOR SCOTT (1923-30) and REYNOLDS—November 7, 1942, at Brighton Road Methodist Church, by Rev. E. Whittaker, Trevor Scott, M.R.C.V.S., 1 Galtrim Park, Bray, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Scott, Harold's Cross, Dublin, to Elsie Maeve Reynolds, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Reynolds, Hillside, Westfield Road, Dublin.

G. TREANOR (1929-35) and BONNETT—Oct. 12th, 1942, at Angmering Parish Church, by Flt.-Lieut. T. W. D. Wright, R.A.F., Gerald, elder son of A. H. and Mrs. Treanor, Kenilworth Park, Dublin, to Doreen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonnett, Angmering, Sussex.

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