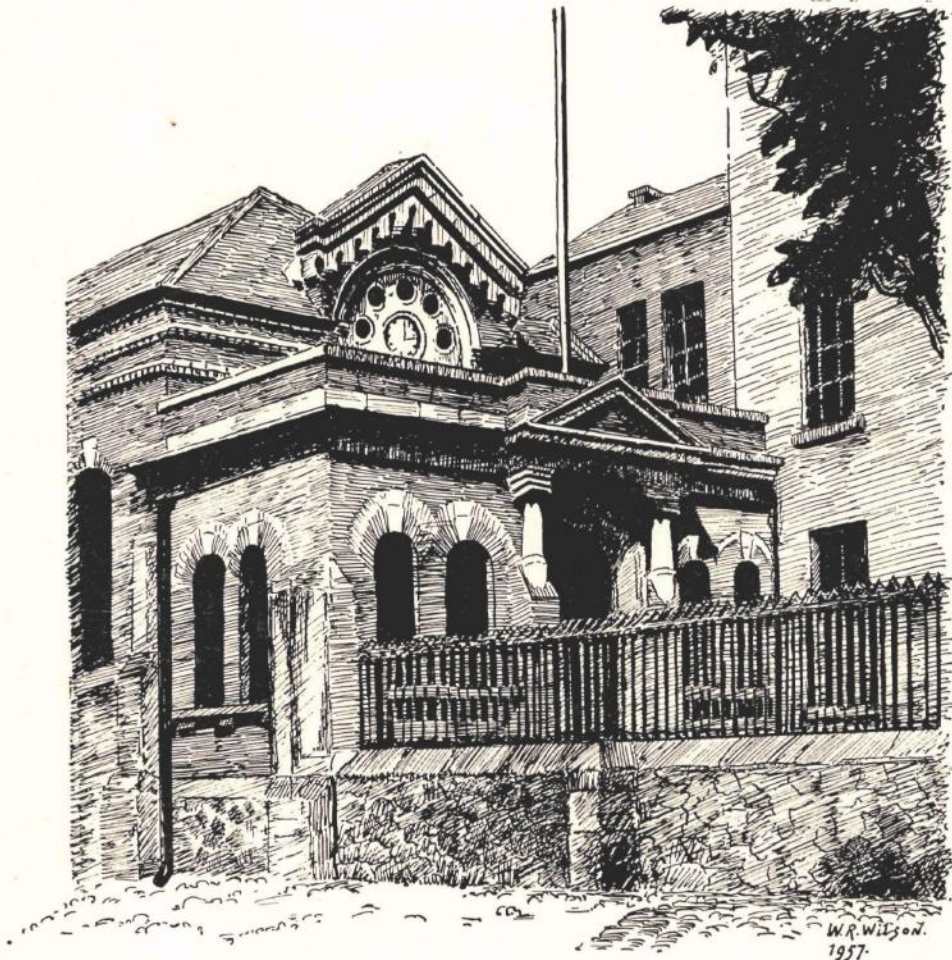
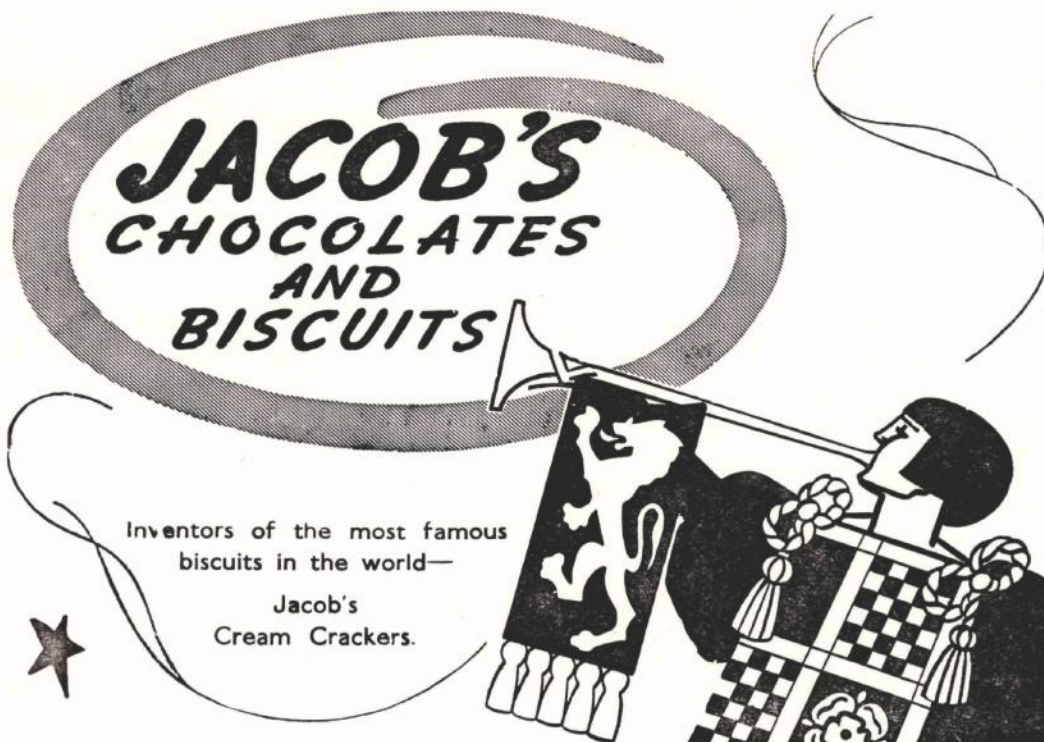


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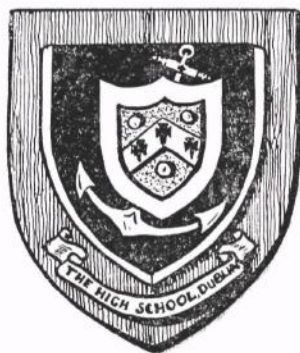
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EDITORIAL

Education is not a matter of examinations; a great part of it, in fact all, lies in the broadening of the mind and the widening of interests. For this reason a school should not be judged (entirely) by its examination results but by the variety and strength of the extra-curricular activities it offers to its students. Boarding schools have, of course, an advantage in this respect over day-schools, for when the students live in the school their only alternative to boredom is active participation in the school societies.

Sport is an important side of education. The growth of the body must receive attention as well as the growth of the mind. But the varied societies that have been formed recently in the school are such as should already have been active. We refer to the Choral Society, Debating Society, Dramatic Society, and to a lesser extent, the Chess Club. Each of the first three is a necessary complement to the school curriculum and the last is certainly of worth. It is bad for any of these to be run by the masters for this both alienates the support of the boys and deprives them of the responsibility of authority. Thus eventually societies that are run on that level sicken and die.

The form that should have the most interest in the societies is fifth and particularly 5A, for they have no important exam at the end of their year. At present it is rather disappointing to see an undisguised indifference and general lethargy in this form. We hope, though without much expectation of its fulfilment, that some miraculous change will come over the fifth and that in its sixth year it will be slightly more enthusiastic. Perhaps if there were to be meetings of the Debating Society or Chess Club with other schools they would gain more support. But these activities are educational. Why do those, who have come to the school to be educated, not want to educate themselves?

From Australia

The following are extracts from a letter written to the Headmaster by J. P. Williams (1944-55), now on the staff of the Bank of Adelaide, Sydney:

We left England on the 8th December. The weather at sea was quite cold but the sea was

not rough; everyone was so busy settling in, the weather was hardly noticed. Unfortunately, we passed the Rock of Gibraltar in the middle of the night, so we missed seeing that important landmark. When we entered the Mediterranean there was a noticeable change in the weather, and a few hardened English people even ventured into shorts; the Australians on board thought they were mad, as they considered it to be still freezing. Our first stop was Navarino Bay in Greece. We anchored about a mile off shore, and only stayed long enough to pick up two hundred Greeks. The passengers were not allowed to go ashore, as it was considered dangerous! After Greece the weather became really good, and the officers changed into shorts, which is the official sign for the passengers to change into shorts. When we reached Port Said the temperature was in the mid 80°s.

EGYPT

We stopped at Port Said for a day and a half. There were organised tours arranged ashore, but as we had met and become very friendly with few Australians we decided to look around on our own. We were warned not to wander off the main streets and to avoid any supposed hospitality by the locals. We came across a big school and we were shown around the school by a group of twenty very proud schoolboys. The most noticeable thing was their genuine trust and faith in their leader, Nasser. Everywhere on the walls were drawings and paintings of Nasser done by the boys. It is the aim of every boy to have his painting or drawing of Nasser put on the walls. Their knowledge of English was quite good, and we were able to ask questions. I was rather "put out" when only a couple of the older boys had only a knowledge that Ireland existed; as to its whereabouts they knew nothing! The attitude of these boys to the English is very strange—they love the English citizens and are delighted to show them around, but they hate the British Government and soldiers. The slogans about the British and French are still on all the walls, and they were not very complimentary! The bomb damage is still there, so are the propaganda leaflets. One interesting point was that these boys from the age of seven to eighteen have, during the course of every day's studies, a course in warfare. There is quite a fantastic

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arsenal in the school which the masters showed us with great pride. All the rifles, machine guns, and grenades are Russian. Apparently this course is considered a necessary subject in the education of these young Egyptians! A lot of these boys lost their young brothers, aged anything from eight upwards, in the fight for the Canal. A lot of the boys had scars which were either caused by torture or in combat. It is quite fantastic and hard to believe, but it is true. We left Port Said, feeling quite shocked and thoughtful—about what did really happen in Port Said.

ADEN

Our next stop was Aden. We saw Aden very quickly as it is by far the dirtiest place I have ever seen. The squalor, filth, and unhealthiness were unbelievable. There was hardly a single person who had not some kind of disease. The flies were around in clouds, and anywhere there was food it was always covered by a layer of flies—a fact which went unnoticed by the locals. We took a taxi into Crete Town, the main living centre, and it was just as bad. The only good point was the cheapness of all goods. Being a Free Trade port, Aden is

where everyone buys as much as they can. One of our friends bought a cine camera, and other equipment—his bill was £72; the cost in England for the same equipment would be £240. Wire-leses range from £4 2s. 0d. All electrical goods, like cameras, wireleses, electric shavers, are about $\frac{1}{4}$ the price paid in England.

We arrived in Sydney on the 15th January and it rained for a couple of hours. We were introduced to the bridge at about 6.30 a.m. Passing under it is very nerve racking, as you would swear the boat would not fit under—the mast is certainly going to hit the bridge!—this is quite amazing. The weather picked up in the morning, and turned out to be the hottest day we had had yet—98°.

The "Peculiar" Place

The title needs an explanation. A master whom I won't name asked me if I was going any "peculiar" place this year. In my innocence I answered if Paris could be called "peculiar" I had been there during my Easter holidays—and that is how one gets "stuck" for an article for THE ERASMIAN!

The hotel where we stayed in Paris had a large notice outside "English spoken here," but we discovered such notices can be deceptive. The manageress was helpful but it needed the combined French of the four of us to get over a few simple directions. I am afraid her English consisted of only three phrases: "good sleep," "good appetite," "good journey," and where our French failed she drew diagrams to illustrate her meaning—a slow form of conversation, but part of the fun of a continental holiday.

Quite close to the hotel was the Invalides, which was used as a military hospital during the time of Napoleon. It is now an army museum and houses all sorts of weapons and uniforms used from the earliest times, with many pictures of famous French victories. From the number and variety of these pictures I began to think that the only victorious nation in every war must have been France. It made me think that the European history book we use in class was certainly not written by a Frenchman. A special part of the museum is devoted to unique relics of Napoleon's life, including his death-bed, furniture, and a painting of his last hours in St. Helena. He is buried in a chapel in the Invalides.

A famous Paris landmark is the Arc de Triomphe which is a 150 ft. high monument with engravings commemorating Napoleon's victories. Under the central arch is the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior on which a flame burns continuously.

One of the twelve roads radiating from the Arc de Triomphe is the well-known avenue, Champs Elysées. For half of its two mile length there are shops, cafés and theatres and then it runs through park-land to the Jardin des Tuileries. Thousands of cars use this avenue in each direction every hour and their red tail lights at night, combined with the wonderful illuminations of the avenue, are one of my most striking recollections of Paris.

Paris is divided by the Seine and viewing this river from the Eiffel Tower it struck me that the Liffey could do with one or two of its many bridges. On its famous left bank we were intrigued with the many bookstalls and the number of artists painting there. On an island in the Seine the most renowned of all French Cathedrals, Notre Dame, is built.

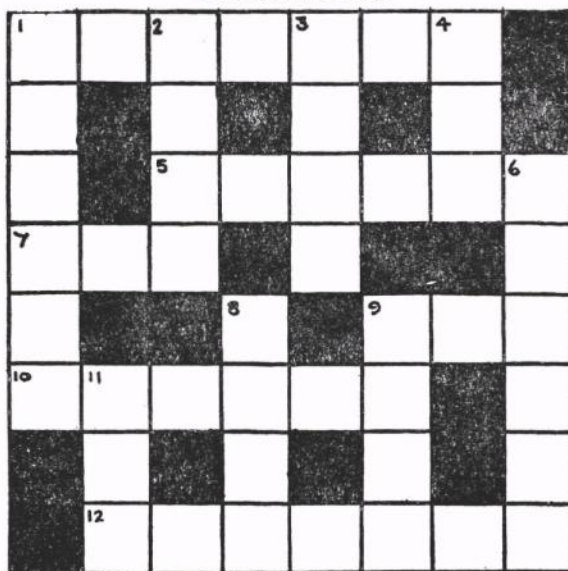
Among the many other interesting places we saw were the Louvre (Sculpture and Art Museum), L'Opéra and the Palace of Versailles.

This Palace, built by Louis XIV, is a magnificent place. It contains the Hall of Mirrors which was chosen by the Germans for proclaiming their Empire in 1871 and in which the Peace Treaty of 1919 was signed.

As we got out of the taxi at Gare du Nord to start for home, someone said: "Come back to Paris" and maybe we shall, as a week is much too short to get around it all.

R. CARSON (Form 2A).

Crossword



ACROSS CLUES

1. Quite a proposition!
2. Enjoyed after rugby, but abhorred during cricket.
3. This opener may be of major significance.
4. Upset in the lab., it's of current importance, but more at home next door.
5. To be heard again and again in French class and at the concert.
6. Almost perfect!

DOWN

1. Fishing or flying.
2. It's simple to take it this way.
3. A common measurement.
4. Little French lady.
5. A rather explosive missive.
6. Sounds like a part of Napoleon.
7. Only a sort of lake.
8. It's sharp, whichever way you look at it.

(For answers, see page 43).

Talk about Tortoises

Upon reading my favourite paper the other day, my attention was arrested by the following pathetic appeal to the Editor:

"Sir (it began quite simply),

I have had a tortoise for many years and every winter it has been in the habit of going to sleep from October to March. This winter, however, it has not done so, and has been as lively as it generally is in summer—eating, drinking, and roaming about the house and sleeping only at night.

Can anyone enlighten me as to the reason for its strange behaviour?"

You know, in all probability there are few men now living who can claim to be as intimately acquainted as I am with the idiosyncrasies of the common tortoise. This is not boasting—it is simply stating a plain fact. I ought to know something about tortoises, after having kept them as pets, employed them as paperweights, and used them (occasionally) as missiles for a period of several years. I ought to—and I do. Why only the other day I happened to see a glass jar containing what had once been an ordinary tortoise. It was now preserved in formalin and its undershell had been removed to afford a view of its internal arrangement. Altogether, it formed an instructive if not a pleasing spectacle. Well my own studies had been purely psychological—and yet this anatomical revelation came as no surprise to me! It was exactly what I had always intuitively thought the inside of a tortoise would be like.

I would gladly do all in my power to allay the writer's very natural anxiety; but before I can speak with any certainty I should require rather more precise information. How lively, for instance, is this gentleman's tortoise generally in summer? Is it just sedately cheerful as a well regulated reptile should be, or does it eat and drink to excess and then proceed to riot about the house? A lot would depend on this. My poor "Absalom"—one of the most promising young tortoises I ever possessed—perished of premature decay entirely brought on by want of ordinary self-control.

Then what about the family history of the tortoise? I mean, is there any hereditary tendency to insomnia? Is he quite certain that it

ever does go to sleep, even at night? It may lie awake and brood. It is not generally known, but some tortoises are rather liable to morbid introspection.

Is it not just possible that the gentleman's tortoise may really be fast asleep all the time. If so, he should be careful not to awake it too suddenly, as I did my poor "Barbara"—a lovable but sadly neurotic creature. (I called it "Barbarossa" for a long time, but had to alter the name when it laid an egg unexpectedly.) I acted entirely for the best, but I see now that it was a mistake to restore her to consciousness by such means as a soda-water syphon. She survived it is true, but with a mind permanently unbalanced.

One last explanation occurs to me. I recollect being completely mystified once by the unaccountable behaviour of another tortoise which I had called "Matilda." Its temperament, which hitherto had shown no trace of frivolity, suddenly became almost painfully frivolous and irresponsible. I could not imagine what on earth possessed the thing. But at length I found out that an acquaintance had taken what I must describe as the unpardonable liberty of hypnotising the unhappy animal without my permission. He had actually impressed it with the idea that it was a hare.

G. H. DODD (Form 4s).



"Letters in sloping print are said to be in hysterics."

D. YUPELL (Form (4A).

Sonnet on My Schooldays

(With apologies to J. Milton)

I

When I consider how my life is spent,
Getting up early and retiring late.
This is the modern schoolboy's awful fate,
If perchance to the High School he is sent.

II

And over lessons he is daily bent,
Amassing knowledge at a frantic rate.
While all the time outside the iron gate
There's freedom, but our studies do
prevent . . .

III

Us jumping up and running through the door,
And going to the pictures, or the park,
Or even to the seaside, where I'd lie . . .

IV

And watch the seagulls, as they cry and soar
Up to the cliffs, and I'd stay out till dark,
And watch the stars a-glitter in the sky.

B. VALENTINE (Form 1A).

The Harcourt Street Line

On the 31st of December, 1958, the last train pulled out of "Harcourt Street" Station at 4.20 p.m.—an exciting event, but a sad one. As we went past the station it was crowded with people, watching the train go past.

We all felt sad to be leaving Harcourt Street for the last time. It held many memories for those who travelled by that line, such as our first day at school—how nervous we felt when we got off at Harcourt Street. However, we soon cheered up, with the people waving to us and all the fun that was going on. We soon got to Shankill Station—the last on the line—and we clattered over the points at Shanganagh Junction. The signalman pulled the lever for the last time, and the line which had been running for 100 years said good-bye to its last train.

When we arrived in Bray the platform was full of cheering people, and as I got out of the train, and made my way home, I felt sad that never again would I travel on the Harcourt Street line.

A. F. G. LEE (Form 1B).

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THE INTELLIGENCE TESTS

Every year there are intelligence tests in the School of Education, Trinity College, Dublin, and High School has been asked to them for a long time. This year Mr. Moore asked Miss Williams to bring three batches of boys, and I was in the second, on 29th January, 1959. They were new tests this year and designed to teach the students how to judge intelligence in a child. High School were first brought to Trinity by Miss Williams in 1955, and have been going annually ever since.

On the day of the test we were let out of school ten minutes early. I hurried home, had my dinner and got ready, and mounted the bus at 3.30 p.m., as we had to meet under the main Trinity arch at 3.50 p.m. When I arrived the boys who had not gone home, but had had coffee and cake in Bewley's, were there. Soon boys began to arrive rapidly, and then, at last, Miss Williams.

Then we went upstairs to a room, where we put our coats on a bench. Next, we were told to go into three rooms, six boys per room. I went into the third room, and had as my examiners two ladies. The questioner was a tall, slim woman, who was plainly dressed and

had a Dublin accent. The scorer had an English accent, and was very charming, asking questions such as "What subject do you like best in school?" between the tests. The first test was general information, and the only difficulty I encountered in this was the question, "Who was Gengis Khan?" to which I answered, "He is the head of the Moslem religion," mistaking him for the Aga Khan. The next test was one of general understanding with questions such as "What would you do if you lost a friend's ball?" and "What would you do if you were sent for a pound of butter and the grocer's shop was closed?" The arithmetic test, which followed, was quite stiff, but there were a few trick questions in it as well. The "How are they alike" test was easy, with questions such as "In what way are coal and paper alike?" Then came the completion of pictures test, which I enjoyed immensely, as we had to spot what was wrong in some pictures, and I loved doing that. The arranging of pictures, which was next, was quite easy, as all we had to do was arrange pictures so as to make a story. The next test was digits, in which we had to in the first round repeat numbers she said forwards, and then, in the second round, repeat them backwards. In the latter round I kept on getting mixed up and I am sure I answered a good few wrongly. The making of designs with blocks was next and at first this test seemed easy, but when we came on to more intricate designs it became quite hard. Second from the end was the "assembly of objects" test, which was very interesting. It consisted of a car to be assembled; a house which had to be put together; a girl who had to be put together; and also a face. Last of all was the codes test. In this there was a row of figures, with their code equivalents underneath, and beneath them four rows of figures with spaces below, and our task was to see how many code equivalents we could insert in these spaces in a short time. I filled about $3\frac{1}{2}$ rows.

Then Mr. Moore entered and told us to fetch our coats, which we did, and then, bidding him farewell and thanking him for the nice time, we started homeward.

That night in bed I thought over the day's happenings, and how interesting the intelligence test had been, and how lucky I was to be in the High School and be privileged to take part in it.

DAVID WARD (Form J5).

A Day in the Wicklow Mountains

On Easter Monday we were looking at some boats which were moored to the quay, when I spotted a French Fishing Protective boat. Daddy asked in French could we come aboard and look over her. The sailor replied, in fluent English, that we could. She was a beautiful ship with the most up-to-date equipment I have ever seen. The wheel-house was a mass of wires, compasses, wheels, loudspeakers, radio transmitters, and receivers. When we were going daddy asked an officer called Didia from Dunkirk and the ship's doctor called Pierre from Paris if they would like to come with us up the Wicklow Mountains that afternoon. They said they would love to come.

We picked them up at half-past two and set off to the Wicklow Mountains. It was a beautiful day. Daddy went round the Vico Road and Didia and Pierre got out to take some photographs. Both men could speak pretty good English so daddy's efforts in French were of no avail.

Eventually we arrived at the Rocky Valley. First of all we collected sticks to make a fire. This done, we had our long overdue dinner at half-past four. We climbed mountains and played with the ball until it was time to go. We brought Pierre and Didia to our house. At half-past seven we left them back to the boat, where daddy was thanked very much and given about a dozen packets of French cigarettes. Obviously the Frenchmen had enjoyed themselves very much, and we certainly had.

S. R. HANNA (Form J5).

A Spring Poem

I am a little primrose.
My colour bright and gay.
I grow amongst the roses,
And my flowers come out in May.
My next door friend is bluebell.
Blue as the sky can be.
She dances gaily in the breeze,
And sometimes flirts with me.
My other friend is daisy,
And she often drives me crazy,
With a silly lot of chatter,
About things that do not matter.

J. BOLTON (Form J6).

Night

When the night comes creeping in,
The black clouds dim the sky,
And as the sun doth slip away
You hear the wild birds homing cry.
The owl awakes in the deep dark wood,
And his cry echoing o'er the dale,
Comes to the vixen in her den,
Waiting the shelter of night's dark vale.

M. R. JONES (Form 1A).

Sarah, The Elephant

One day, in the holidays, I went to the Zoo.

After having a look at all the animals, I went back to see the elephant. The first thing I saw was a man taking a photograph of Sarah standing on her hind legs, with the keeper in close to the legs.

Sarah herself is big, with small ears. Her legs are as thick as tree trunks. She has small eyes and a big long trunk. African elephants can run at 25 m.p.h., Indian elephants can run at about 15 m.p.h., but Sarah could not run 5 m.p.h., even if she tried. In India, elephants are used for pulling logs; Sarah is lucky not to have to do this.

Sarah eats potatoes and bread, which the children give her. In repayment she dances with Komali, the baby elephant. Then she takes children for rides on her back. Dublin Zoo is the only Zoo in the British Isles that gives elephant rides.

Sarah is as pleased as Punch with her new house. It has more room than the old one, and it also has a tap, which she can turn on with her trunk. I had a great laugh when Sarah filled her trunk and squirted it at the people; fortunately the water missed. She has also learned to play the mouth-organ, not very well though.

At last I had to go and when I come again I hope to see Sarah perform more tricks.

FRED MARTIN (Form J5).

By Gosh!

There was once a man called Michael Sneeze,
Who bought a pair of jet-propelled skis.
He started at Berne,
Gave a twist and a turn,
And landed in Leeds,
On his knees.

G. CARRY (Form J5).

Learning to "Life Save"

While I was in Skerries on holidays last summer the Red Cross organised a water safety week. They formed a life-saving class. People who wanted to get into the class first had to pass a swimming test which consisted of various tests. They had to swim fifty yards freestyle, thirty yards sidestroke, twenty yards backstroke, tread water for a minute and do a duck-dive.

It is said that a drowning man will clutch at a straw. In the classes, we were shown how a drowning man might clutch his rescuer and not let go. We were shown how to force him to let go and various ways of holding him while swimming with him to safety. These things were practised first as land drill and then in the water, where we took turns of "drowning" and rescuing.

We were also shown how to give first-aid to people taken from the water.

When the course was over there was an examination in all these things, with a Red Cross certificate for the people who passed. That certificate is now hanging on the wall of my bedroom.

G. CAIRD (Form J6).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD ON PAGE 37

Across—1, Theorem; 5, Shower; 7, Key; 9, Map; 10, Encore; 12, Prefect.

Down—1, Tackle; 2, Easy; 3, Road; 4, Mme.; 6, Report; 8, Bone; 9, Mere; 11, Nip.



D. HUDSON (Form 1B²).

The Sea

I love to look at the sea,
When it is as wild as can be,
Where the white horses ride,
On the crest of the tide,
With the moon on the ocean wide.

I love to look at the sea,
When it is as calm as can be,
With the sun shining bright,
And puffy clouds white,
Why, nothing's so pleasant a sight.

T. LONG (Form J6).

"The Finer Points of the Game"

Consider this game of Rugby. It must have been invented, not because some fellow picked up the ball and ran, but as a means whereby hefty boys might oppress the smaller ones. The motto of this "gentle"-man's game is: "Good, clean fun!" . . . but these are the finer points to note:—

(1) SCRUM. In this the aim of the front rows is to maim the opposite number by bringing the right knee to bear on his face. The counter-attack is always mud, as in the popular song: "Mud gets in your eyes."

(2) HOOKER. His job is to hack the shins of his opposing man in arithmetical progression.

(3) LINEOUT. Here one stands beside the opponent and endeavours to put one's elbow into his eye. If by a miracle you catch the ball, put your head down and charge his solar plexus.

(4) SECOND AND THIRD ROW FORWARDS must push like elephants in the scrum to lay the foes flat on their backs, and then steamroll them. If the enemy should score a try, jump on to him immediately and start heeling his head off, shouting: "Man hurt," as, in Dublin manner, you proceed to "do" him. Then, while the member of the opposing team is preparing to convert, all loyal home players quickly fashion little mud images of him, which they stick with pins; you may wonder where the pins come from, but good scouts are always prepared to drive home their point.

So far, mention has been of the forwards, as the backs spend most of their time practising mud-slinging and counter-heckling.

In brief, rugger is pleasant if you are about 7 ft. tall and weigh 20 stone, otherwise tiddlywinks is safer; but as Shakespeare puts it—"Sweet are the uses of adversity."

D. KING (Form 2A).

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

We congratulate Mr. C. L. Dillon on his election as President of the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland, for the fourth time—an association record.

Mrs. Johnston has left the staff of the Junior School, and we welcome Mrs. Peters in her place.

An outbreak of influenza that affected staff and boys led to the school closing several days ahead of schedule for the Easter holidays.

In the course of the past two terms the school has had visits from Canon H. A. McKegney; Professor James Carney, who spoke about St. Patrick; Dr. Roy Johnston, whose subject was world economics; the Rev. W. Dunlap, from Hollywood, California; Mr. David Hewitt, Mr. R. P. Bush, and the Rev. G. R. Heatley (S.P.G.).

The Loveridge-Hooton-Martin Trio gave a recital in the Clockroom in April. About 120 boys were present. Also in April, a party of boys attended a bilingual service of commemoration of the 1916 Rising, in Christ Church Cathedral.

Lenten collecting boxes yielded £5 for the Missions to Lepers. A collection for the National Lifeboat Association amounted to £3 11s. 5d.

A member of the Civic Guard gave a talk in April on Safety First.

Parties of boys from the school attended performances of "As You Like It" and "Macbeth" at the Gaiety Theatre in May.

Boys from the Royal Academical Institute, Belfast, presented the "Agamemnon" of Aeschylus at the High School in February.

B.C.G. and Mass X-ray units visited the school in the course of the year.

We congratulate:—

J. Haskins on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

F. G. Martin (J5) on winning a prize in the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland's essay competition.

T. Dunlop (1B¹) who won a children's jumping event at the Spring Show.

R. H. Kirkham on winning the A.A.U. Youths' 100 yds. Championship.

The School Concert

The concert this year suffered to a certain extent from the incidence of "flu" among those taking part, but luckily no great changes disastrously affecting its production had to be made. The Irish play as usual opened the programme. This was of more dramatic content than usual, but unfortunately, as far as "box-office" success is concerned, suffered from lack of action.

"Irish Television" was highly original in conception and was well performed by Cobbe. His jokes were well attuned to the taste of his audience. The other comic of the evening, Rowell, was equally good in a completely different way. It was his character and stage-presence that impressed us more than his material. Besides these two, Hill gave an amusing performance of "I went to your wedding." The employment of miming has been very common in recent years and it is a pity that Hill devoted all the work which he must have put into his item to this rather hackneyed medium. He did it well, however, and his synchronisation with the record was perfect. It is to be hoped that in future concerts there will be no more of this type of performance as the potentialities of the medium must now be exhausted.

The French play was very well performed. The action was fast, and the pace was kept up throughout, mainly due to the good production. The escapades of the interpreter, D. R. Caird, kept us amused right up to the end. T. B. Waddington must be congratulated on almost convincing us he knew German! On a higher plane, we had the "Forest of Arden." Although we realise the difficulty of choosing a short piece of Shakespeare that will perform well and hang together dramatically, we do not think that this scene was sufficiently unified. However, the acting of the principals was good. A. J. Roy, in the part of Jacques, carried off his difficult speeches successfully, and A. F. Skerrett portrayed Orlando with conviction. On the whole, it was an enjoyable performance. "The Monkey's Paw," the other serious dramatic production of the evening, was very good. The tension of the play was maintained throughout, and a sense almost of relief was felt when the final curtain descended. Particularly good were Rowell and Reynolds, the former taking the

part of a cockney sergeant and the latter playing the difficult part of the mother very convincingly indeed. Almost as good, though, were Lanigan, Smith and Killen, who completed the cast of an item of very high standard.

The "Policeman's Serenade," despite its coy description on the programme ("A grand little opera"), was very good. King must be especially commended on his performance; his flirting was done in a most accomplished manner. He was well supported by the rest of the cast whose singing was of a uniformly high standard. On the classical side, Reynolds gave a good performance on the violin of two pieces, "Romance" and "Schön Rosmarin." The latter, despite its difficult intricacies, was ably executed. Bryans and Norris gave us pleasant piano performances, the latter attempting the Moonlight Sonata quite successfully.

The School Choir was very good this year. The good work of Miss Barklie made this an enjoyable item. An interesting innovation, also due to Miss Barklie, was the Choral Society. This gave a very good performance of two songs, the pleasanter of which was perhaps the spiritual. We urge all who can sing to support this society. The concert finished with Group 87. Their idea was highly original; their satire on modern music was well and subtly executed. We were glad, if surprised, to see that despite this subtlety, a large number of the audience appreciated their effort.

In all the plays, and particularly in the "Forest of Arden" and the "Glaodh an Chuirliuin," the costumes, scenery and lighting were

very good. The ladies who look after the wardrobe deserve thanks and congratulations, as do Mr. Peters and his willing assistants for the stage-effects. The make-up was well managed by Miss McClure.

R. A. BUTTIMORE and D. J. CHALLEN.

The S.C.T. Trip to Edinburgh

This year the S.C.T. had the good fortune to travel to Edinburgh to play the Royal High School, one of the foremost rugby schools in Edinburgh. This is the first time in the history of the school that a rugby team has travelled outside Ireland.

On the afternoon of Thursday, 26th February, the team took off from Collinstown Airport in glorious sunshine. Our party consisted of the team, one sub, and the master-in-charge, Mr. Lowry. The flight to Edinburgh was uneventful, but for many of the team who had never flown before it was a new and exciting experience. Unfortunately, because of rough weather in Edinburgh, we had to fly on to Renfrew Airport, outside Glasgow, and complete the journey by bus. The weather at this time was not very heartening, as there was a continuous drizzle falling.

On our arrival in Edinburgh, two hours late, we were greeted by our hosts from the Royal High School. Each boy had previously been told with whom he would be staying, and as soon as we alighted from the bus we were rushed off to the boys' homes for tea. It was not long before we discovered the reason for the great hurry—a visit to a theatre had been arranged for half-past six, and our late arrival had cut things rather fine.

After a hurried tea, we returned to the city centre, and assembled in the foyer of the Empire Theatre. Having "checked in" with Mr. Lowry, we were given our tickets, and we took our seats. The show, entitled "Variety," included many entertaining acts, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Friday morning was spent on a short but very interesting bus tour of the city—Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, and Queen's Drive. After the bus tour we were served with lunch in the School Dining Hall, or "The Grubby," as it is called.

Lunch over, we made our way to the playing fields for the most important part of the trip—



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the match itself. The rain had stopped the night before, and when we took the field at 3 o'clock the sun shone, there was a stiff breeze blowing, and the pitch was in excellent condition. The Royal High School, winning the toss, elected to play into the wind and sun. The Edinburgh team got off to a quick start, and within a quarter of an hour we found ourselves thirteen points down. We fought back, however, and eventually succeeded in scoring after a smart intercept by right-wing Kirkham on our opponents' "twenty-five." Following this try, which was converted by Kelly, the Royal High School played with renewed zest, and at half-time the score stood at twenty points to five.

In the second half we gave a better account of ourselves, our threequarter line being a constant threat to the Edinburgh defence. After a series of lively attacks, our efforts were rewarded when, after a clever break-through the centre, Kelly scored near the posts. He converted the try himself, making the score twenty points to ten.

In the end, however, we were partially subdued by the heavier Edinburgh fifteen, and when the final whistle blew, the score was twenty-six to ten in favour of the Royal High School. The match over, tea was served in the pavilion, after which we returned home to prepare for a dance in the school that evening.

The dance, which was held in the "Grubby,"

began at 7.30 p.m. Partners were provided by our respective hosts, with the result that it was not long before the dance was in full swing. The music, which was of professional calibre, was provided by a four-piece band from the school.

Having Saturday morning to ourselves, we decided to spend it window-shopping in Princes Street or sightseeing in the vicinity of the city centre. In the afternoon we made our way to Murrayfield, where Ireland were to play Scotland. After a thrilling game, the Irish team eventually emerged the victors, and this victory gave us some consolation after our defeat at the hands of the Royal High School the day before.

The following morning we were taken on a short car tour to the massive Forth Bridge, after which we attended a "Bon Voyage" lunch as guests of the Royal High School Former Pupils. Having finished the lunch, we journeyed to Turnhouse Airport, outside the city.

When all farewells had been said, we took off for Dublin. On this return flight the pilot was forced to fly on to Shannon Airport because of dense fog over Dublin, and from Shannon we were transported by bus and train to Amiens Street Station, arriving there at half-past eleven, six and a half hours late, dog-tired, but contented and satisfied at the thought that we had just been on a trip that we would not have missed for anything.

G. H. LANIGAN (Form 5A).



The High School S.C.T. at the entrance to The Royal High School, Edinburgh.
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School Outing to Cork

On March 23rd last a group of boys under the direction of Mr. Wallace went on an outing to Cork. We left Kingsbridge Station at 08.45 a.m. in a reserved carriage on the diesel-hauled "Cork Express."

On arrival in Cork at 11.45 we were met by a Leyland "Royal Tiger" bus, which was to take us around the city. The first place of interest which we visited was St. Anne's Church, Shandon. This church, built in 1722, has two sides of its tower constructed of limestone, and the other two of old red sandstone. Next we visited St. Finbarr's Cathedral, a Gothic building with three spires, the central one being 240 feet in height.

After this we returned to the station restaurant for lunch, for which we were allowed an hour. Leaving the station we went to the Ford Car Factory at Marina. This is Ireland's

largest car factory, covering an area of over seven and a half acres. Our guide told us that during the peak period from May onwards the factory produces up to forty-five cars daily.

Our next "port of call" was the village of Blarney, some five miles from Cork. We did not actually visit the castle, but we obtained a good view of it just after leaving the village. Our last destination before returning to the city was the Hydro-Electric Power Station on the River Lee. We arrived back at Glanmire Road Station for tea at about five o'clock.

The return train left Cork at 6.0 p.m. behind the same "A" class locomotive (A25) as we had on the 08.45 a.m. train. After stops at Mallow and Limerick Junction we arrived in Kingsbridge at 9.05 p.m. Everybody enjoyed themselves immensely, and luckily the weather remained good all day.

W. E. SHEPHERD (Form 5B).



The party of Dublin boys who travelled to Cork photographed with teachers and C.I.E. officials at Kingsbridge Station.
(Photo: Courtesy C.I.E. and "Evening Mail.")

H.S.D.B.U.

The need for a Bible Union in High School has been apparent for some time, yet up to Christmas 1958 little had been done towards meeting this need. The hazy hopes and ideals of many were turned into a tangible reality when one boy approached the Headmaster. He gave his warm approval to the suggestion that a Bible Union should be formed, and immediately put a room at our disposal.

Since that day when the speaker was Mr. Squire we have had the pleasure of welcoming the Rev. E. M. Neill, Mr. James and an Old Boy, Robert Carroll, as well as managing on

our own. Our numbers have not been as high as some would have liked—an average of about twelve — but it may be said here that any boy is heartily invited to the meetings which are advertised on the Clockroom notice-board.

It must be stressed that the Union is as yet but in its infancy. As it is essentially a spiritual organisation it is not out of place to say here that it relies on the prayers and support of those interested—Old Boys and others. If such support is given the Union must be strengthened and will be of lasting value, not only to the individuals who attend school, but to the school that the individuals attend.

C. P. W.

Choral Society

A choral society of senior and junior boys was started by Miss Alice Barklie in the course of the year and performed at the School Concert in February.

The High School Chess Club

The first meeting of the High School Chess Club was held on Wednesday, 13th May, in the Boardroom at 7.30 p.m. Two members of the Dublin Chess Club kindly attended to give instruction. Meetings were held each Wednesday until the end of term.

Examination Results

EXAMINATIONS IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1959

Greek Testament

Silver Medal—J. P. Hayes.

Prizes (1st Class)—E. N. Bruncker, J. E. Darley. (2nd Class)—Paul Walsh. (3rd Class)—J. M. Adams.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes—J. P. MacDougald, M. R. King, D. A. Woods, J. Micks, N. E. Colin, G. C. Lloyd, D. P. Richards, D. J. Temple, K. E. Price, B. D. Taylor, D. P. Hughes, C. M. Keegan, F. D. Freeman, J. W. Shaw, D. C. Fox, R. A. Vipond, G. Coleman, D. Went, R. P. Spicer, K. D. Clements, M. G. Johnson, D. V. White, R. W. Byrne, D. L. Sandes, S. T. Dobbyn, R. M. Hardy.

Pass—J. E. Killen, M. E. King, J. R. Ledder, A. G. Alexander, C. R. Tinsley, B. Valentine, T. B. Irwin, D. A. Nisbet, D. Gill, J. E. Fletcher, B. H. Warrington, R. M. Hilliard, D. J. Patterson, R. W. Cromer, D. G. Reeves, D. T. McMahon, J. R. Townshend, M. B. Adams, R. L. Robinson, L. E. McQueston, W. B. Merrick, K. W. Ashton, D. W. Falls, P. Mogerley, P. Hudson, E. G. Fox, J. C. Levis, A. F. Lee, F. C. Hodgkinson, A. D. Gibson.

Scripture only—S. R. Lewis, R. S. Lloyd, R. A. Bird.

Second Year

Prizes—D. L. Beck, D. Scott, G. P. Hilliard, P. H. Mullock, R. C. Young, W. J. Burgess, R. L. Gordon, A. P. Moran, T. H. Keatinge, C. D. Mullock, F. G. Williams, K. A. Millington, A. T. Shaw, D. K. Taylor, D. M. Hill, F. King, W. R. Harris, A. J. Whittle, R. H. Martin, H. G. Inglis, W. R. Wisdom.

Pass—S. R. Martin, D. J. Homan, G. M. Bedford, B. C. O'Neill, E. J. Hanton, M. D. Wilmot, B. W. Bell, I. W. Kelly, H. M. Welsh, D. R. Stuart, G. A. Slater, R. G. Crocker, M. G. Lowry, F. W. Vanston.

Scripture only—R. G. Cochran, D. W. Mahood, D. A. J. Harris.

Third Year

Prizes—D. P. Norris, N. Toms, P. G. Plant, J. N. Gray, M. A. McCullagh, G. H. Gill, G. R. Caird, D. P. Miller, R. A. Watson, K. M. Hayes.

Pass—N. G. Willis, D. V. McCamley, B. A. Stokes, D. N. Crampton, D. Halliday, B. H. Douglas, J. C. Robinson, J. A. Rowe, W. D. O'Byrne, P. W. Newell, T. G. Drought, P. J. Nicholson, N. R. Galloway, D. S. Ellis, J. H. Dick, F. W. Jones, R. Price, D. N. Caird, C. E. Cotter, A. G. Squires, P. G. Erskine.

Scripture only—B. J. O'Regan.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Year (Prizes)—J. R. Davis, F. N. Whisker. (Pass)—A. F. Adair, R. Durie, G. Smyth.

2nd Year (Pass)—R. Murphy.

3rd Year (Prizes)—B. D. A. Allen, J. D. Wright.

METHODIST CHURCH

1st Year (Pass)—K. M. Hall, M. K. Darlington.

2nd Year (Pass)—R. Tuach.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 1959

Under 13

1, D. Went (H.S.D.); 2, D. A. Woods (H.S.D.); 3, R. J. Durie (H.S.D.).

J. Micks was awarded a Scholarship last year.

Under 12

1, D. F. Ford, and Mitchell Prize (H.S.D.); 2, R. P. G. Harris (Sandford); 3, W. J. McCormick (Rathgar); 4, M. Cadoo (Sandford); 5, E. S. Keegan (H.S.D.); 6, D. H. Vipond (H.S.D.); 7, A. F. Parke (Boosterstown); 8, P. F. Byrne (Sandford); 9, N. R. F. Griffin (Zion); 10, J. F. Huggard (H.S.D.); 11, C. E. Taylor (St. Andrew's, Rialto); 12, A. J. Hughes (Rathgar); 13, G. M. Gray (Rathgar); 14, A. F. G. Daish (Boosterstown).

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B.A.—D. O'D. Ferris, R. M. Galloway, J. T. Paul, P. D. W. Piel.

B.A.I.—J. T. Paul, P. D. W. Piel.

Scholarships

E. H. Winter—Economics and Political Science.

B. E. W. Dowse—Engineering.

Medical School

Pre-Registration Examination (Botany)—2nd Class Honors: G. E. Blundell, D. A. G. Mackey. (Zoology)—Pass: G. E. Blundell, D. A. G. Mackey.

Second Dental Examination—Pass: R. L. Berman.

Term Honor Examinations

- J. D. R. Oakes (J.S.)—Legal Science (3rd Rank).
C. N. Watson (J.S.)—Economics and Political Science (3rd Rank).
R. S. F. Murphy (J.F.)—Classics (1st Rank).
R. J. Miller (J.F.)—Classics (1st Rank).

OTHER EXAMINATIONS

Institute of Actuaries

Entrance Examination—E. H. Winter.

Institute of Cost and Works Accountants

Intermediate Examination—N. W. Clery.

Society of Incorporated Accountants

Final (Part I)—D. C. B. Taylor.

Lending Library

We wish to thank an Old Boy, H. S. Larkin (1906-1916), who kindly presented to the Library the Border Edition of the novels of Walter Scott, which he himself had won as prizes during his school career.

The Debating Society

Early this year a debating society was formed among 6A. Elected to the committee were M. T. Richardson, R. A. Fleury, D. J. Challen and R. A. Buttimore, hon. secretary. After several debates, which were closed to other forms, the society was thrown open to fourth, fifth and sixth. Two debates have been held since. In the first, the motion that "Art is in a state of decay" was defeated, with M. T. Richardson in the chair; in the second, Mr. Goulden was chairman and the motion that "co-educational schools are beneficial" was passed. It is hoped to hold at least one more debate in the summer term.

R. A. B.

Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens have been awarded to C. Smyth and G. H. Dodd for the best contributions to the December 1958 issue. These prizes are presented by the Old Boys' Union.

The Erasmian Committee

Editor—R. A. Buttimore.
Assistant Editor—D. J. Challen.
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Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines: C.A.I., Portora, Schola Regia (Royal High School, Edinburgh), the Masonic Schools' Magazine.

Parents Association

As the end of another school year approaches, we are glad to report that the past session has been one of the most successful since the founding of the Association. This was due mainly to the kindness of those whom we invited to speak at, or otherwise contribute to, our meetings, and who gave of their best. We are most grateful to all of them for their interest and willing co-operation. As on previous occasions, the Forum, which was held in April, took precedence in popularity, though the attendance at most of our meetings was well above the average of the previous year. The annual Whist Drive, too, attracted a bigger number than it usually does, and justified its continuance in the future.

The last function of this year will be the Fathers v. Boys cricket match, which will be held, as usual, during Sports Week. It is good to see that although the fathers are run-out! each year, they return undaunted to the fray.

The Hobbies Exhibition has been dealt with at length in a separate article. We hope all parents will encourage their sons to produce masterpieces for the 19th September, and looking still further ahead, the Annual General Meeting will be held, all being well, on Thursday, 8th December.

Best wishes to all for a very happy holiday.

WALTER P. SIMPSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

Valete

- R. M. Barrett (1957-59) has gone to sea.
R. B. G. Boyce (1948-58) has become an articled clerk with Messrs. J. A. Kinnear & Co.
D. Emmett (1954-59) has become an Artificer Apprentice, Royal Navy.
R. T. Woodburn (1952-58) has obtained a position with Messrs. Fannin & Co., Grafton Street.

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Hobbies Exhibition, 1959

All boys in the school, including those who will have left at the end of the summer term, are eligible to enter, and 44 prizes will be awarded, viz., 3 in each age group for each section, together with 8 to exhibitors (other than prize-winners), whose entries, in the opinion of the Judges, deserve recognition.

The age groups are as follows:—

Group 1—Under 11 years of age on 1st August.

Group 2—Under 13 years of age on 1st August.

Group 3—Under 15 years of age on 1st August.

Group 4—Over 15 years of age on 1st August.

For the purpose of the Exhibition, hobbies have been classified under the undernoted sections.

Section A—Art and Science: Painting, Lino Cuts, Drawing (pencil, ink, crayon, charcoal); Sculpture or modelling in any medium; Pottery; Photography; Nature Study.

Section B—General Hobbies: Handwork of all kinds; Model aeroplanes; Models in any material; Meccano models; Woodwork or carpentry of any kind; Engineering and Metalwork.

(N.B.—Bayco, Dinky, Builder and similar models, and train lay-outs are not eligible, but any part of a lay-out made by the boy himself may be submitted.)

Section C—Collections: Badges, match-boxes, stamps; Natural History (butterflies, moths, etc.); Botany specimens, Geology specimens, etc.

(N.B.—If sufficient entries of cakes, sweets, etc., are received, they will be judged as a separate section, irrespective of age group, and additional prizes will be given.)

If any boy has a hobby not mentioned in the above examples, it does not mean that he cannot submit his entry.

Each individual may send in as many entries as desired. There are only four rules to be observed:—

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1. The entry submitted must be the work of the exhibitor. The joint effort of two or more boys will also be accepted.
2. The entry must bear a distinguishing number, which will be given to the exhibitor on application to Mr. S. S. Evans.
3. Entries must be brought to the school on Friday, 18th September, 1959, and removed on Monday, 21st September, 1959.
4. No boy is to win more than one prize in any one Section.

The decision of the judges, who will be Old Boys of the School, is final, and while due care will be taken of the work submitted, no responsibility can be accepted for the exhibits.

Prizes in each Section will be awarded as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd
Group 1—under 11	7/6	5/-	3/6
Group 2—under 13	7/6	5/-	3/6
Group 3—under 15	10/-	7/6	5/-
Group 4—over 15	15/-	10/-	7/6

Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4: A total of eight additional prizes of 3/- each will be awarded for meritorious entries, irrespective of Section or Group.

We hope all Parents will give their support by encouraging their boys to enter for the Exhibition, so that there may be a really good display in September next, to which all are cordially invited.



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Capt. : T. G. O'Malley.
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Hon. Sec. : E. A. G. Hill.



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1958-59

Standing—G. Aitken, R. J. Kirkham, G. H. Lanigan, W. A. Barnwell, Mr. Lowry, D. W. Rowell, N. D. Simpson, A. C. Rance, W. J. Moody.
Seated—Mr. Cornish, C. P. Williams, P. R. S. Kelly, T. Haskins (capt.), D. Goodey, D. J. C. Johnson, Dr. Reynolds, R. F. Kilroy, T. G. O'Malley.

Rugby

We think it worth while to mention that this is the third successive year in which the First XV reached the quarter-final. This year the team travelled to Edinburgh for the first time to play the Royal High School there. Although we were beaten in the match the tour was most successful and enjoyable (see report). The First XV had a good season, although the forwards were on the light side. The backs were enterprising, halves and threequarters combining well. We reached the quarter-finals of the Cup, being beaten by Newbridge, the eventual finalists. We won both the home matches against Larne and Bangor, but were beaten in the away games against them. We succeeded in beating the Old Boys in both matches played. At the end of the season we had played twenty-

six matches, won thirteen, drawn one, and lost twelve of them.

The Second XV, after a shaky start to the season, settled down well and played very good rugby. The backs were strong-running and the forwards, if not quite up to the standard set by the backs, supported well. The team travelled to Waterford near the end of the season, and defeated Newtown and Bishop Foy School there. The Third XV only played four matches this season, but gave a good account of themselves.

The Junior team this season had forwards well above the average size and weight, and fairly efficient backs. Their record before the Cup competition was rather disappointing and they lost a few matches which they should have won. In the Cup matches, however, the team

performed very creditably, and beat St. Andrew's, Gonzaga, and King's Hospital, before being beaten by Blackrock in the quarter-final. The team was very unfortunate in having five of its regular members off for this match, due to influenza.

The "Under 14" were hit by illness and injury this season. They also lost some members to the J.C.T. However, they acquitted themselves very well in their matches. Sixteen matches were played, eight of them were won, and eight lost. This side should make a very useful Junior team next year.

The "Under 13" had a good season. They played fast, open rugby and the backs scored many tries, very well supported by a solid pack. The team had an away fixture with Newbridge College for the first time. This has led to the making of fixtures with Newbridge for the Senior and Junior teams next season.

The "Under 12" were a successful team this season, winning four of their seven matches. The side was extremely enthusiastic about all its games. The "Under 11" were unfortunate in having most of their games postponed. However, in the one game played, they beat Belvedere 8-6.

We had one pitch at Danum this season on which we played "Under 13," "Under 12," and "Under 11" games. The ground was in an atrocious condition most of the time, but it took some of the burden off Belgrave Square.

D. W. R.

Cricket

Cricket started earlier than usual this year, with a keen interest shown throughout the school. Once again, however, we have no cricket pitch at Danum, so we are still confined to Belgrave Square for practice—each team has only one day's practice a week.

The Senior XI this year is without all of last year's players except three, and therefore the team is not up to the strength of last year's team. However, the team is exceptionally keen all round. The team is due to play C.U.S. in the first round of the Senior Cup and it is hoped that they will give a good account of themselves. In an exciting match against the Leprechauns, their second of the season, the team put up a good performance. Leprechauns 112 for 5 declared; the S.C.T. made 50 for 3. The match, however, was a time draw.

The J.C.T. so far have had mixed fortunes, having lost one match and drawn one. But they are very enthusiastic, and we are hoping for the best.

The "Under 14" have not played their League matches yet, but in their friendly matches so far they have shown promise. They are due to play Stratford, Sandford Park and Masonic in their section of the League.

The "Under 13" and "Under 12" teams show great promise and they are as yet undefeated in their friendly matches this season. It is hoped to arrange fixtures for an "Under 11" team shortly.

D. W. G.

Swimming

The Swimming Club, although its numbers have been depleted owing to the approach of the Certificate Examinations and sports activities, successfully held its annual half-mile swim at Iveagh Baths on May 8th.

In this race we had thirteen starters, and a very commendable thirteen finishers. The race was won by K. Bannister, and the winner's time and those of the first five competitors are given below:

	Mins.	Secs.
1. Bannister - - -	21	50
2. Wright - - -	22	30
3. Taylor, R. M. - -	23	15
4. McCormick - - -	23	20
5. Aitken - - -	23	35

The other finishers were Lanigan, Usher, Moody, Luke, Hilliard, S. Mason, Nason, and Nicholson. In the race we had a competitor from J5—Nason. Although very young, he completed the gruelling 40 lengths in 33 mins., and we feel that this is a very commendable performance.

The committee would like to congratulate the winner and also the other 12 who finished, and we would like to thank all those masters who gave up some of their valuable time to help to judge this race.

Although our numbers have diminished, the standard among our juniors is exceptionally high and they are tremendously keen. The Senior group has been the most affected, but we hope that when swimming starts afresh next term we may see a good and enthusiastic attendance. Later in the term we hope to hold a water-polo match against St. Andrew's.

T. G. O'M.

Athletics Report

Mr. Myles started coaching immediately after the Easter holidays, and the early start enabled him to prepare a good team for the Leinster Schools' Sports. We have been more successful this year than we have been for many years, gaining 7 medals altogether.

R. Kirkham came a close 2nd in the 220 yds. Senior (the winner of which broke the record), and thus qualified for the All-Ireland Championships to be held at Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, on 28th May. Our most outstanding success was yet to come. Our team, consisting of E. A. G. Hill, R. Curtis, T. G. O'Malley, and R. Kirkham, came second to Terenure in the final of the Senior 4 x 110 yds. relay. In the heats we succeeded in breaking the existing Leinster record twice, only for it to be broken by Terenure in their heats. However, the final proved to be a tough and exciting race in which Terenure won in 44.7 secs., less than a second outside the Irish Senior Native Record.

T. O'Malley also drew for 2nd place in the final of the Senior Long Jump, and R. Curtis came 3rd, whilst also reaching the final of the Intermediate 100 yds.

Although we had no real successes in the Junior events, their enthusiasm was an inspiration to us and it is hoped that they will do better next year. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Myles for his valuable coaching, and it is to him that we owe our success in the Senior relay.

In the All-Ireland Championships at Ballinasloe on Thursday, 28th May, R. Kirkham was placed 2nd in the 220, and High School gained 3rd place in the 4 x 110 yds. relay.

E. A. G. H.

Boxing

For the first time since the championships were founded 20 years ago we failed to hold our annual fixture this year.

We hope to revive the championships again next year as we still have a large membership of keen juniors, although we would still welcome more members in the middle class.

These championships have, until recent years, received the most enthusiastic support of the staff as well as the boys, and we would be very grateful for your support when we hold what is hoped to be the highlight of our boxing year next winter.

W. A. B.

Table Tennis

Table tennis concluded with the annual Championships at the end of the last term. We had a very successful season, which was partly due to Mr. J. Veselsky, who very kindly gave up some of his time to coaching the players, which improved the standard of the club.

The finals were held on the 24th March, 1959, in the Gymnasium, at which Mrs. E. Erskine kindly presented the prizes. We thank Mr. Mason for presenting two torches as prizes.

The results of the Championships were as follows:

Senior Championship: I. Erskine beat S. Mason—19-21, 21-7, 21-13, 21-15.

Junior Championship: G. Erskine beat D. Lewis—21-17, 21-6.

Senior Handicap: I. Erskine (—10) beat D. Owen (scratch)—21-9, 21-12.

Junior Handicap: A. Squires (—9) beat R. Price (+4)—21-15, 24-22.

Handicap Doubles: I. Erskine and P. Newell (—5) beat S. Kelly and P. Erskine (scratch)—21-11, 21-18.

I. B. E.



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The Annual Dinner

We are pleased to report that 219 members and guests were present at the Annual Dinner in the Clockroom on Saturday, 17th January, 1959. Congratulations to our President, Mr. W. S. Cunningham, on the very able manner in which he presided and proposed the toast of "The School."

The principal guest was Mr. G. F. Klingner. He replied to the toast of "Our Guests and Kindred Associations," proposed by our President Elect, Mr. W. F. Burgess.

Our best thanks go to Mr. Mervyn Bell and the musical guests for an excellent programme.

Ladies' Night

This year the Ladies' Night was held in the University Club on Saturday, 14th March. The President presided over one of the most enjoyable musical evenings we have had. The Dinner, provided by the staff of the club, was excellent and once again the musical barometer, skilfully guided by Mr. Mervyn Bell, attained greater heights than ever before.

London Dinner, 1960

Arrangements are now in hand for this function to be held on the eve of the England v. Ireland Rugby International at Twickenham (Friday, 13th February, 1960). Further details will be sent to all members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Members may invite their wives or lady friends to attend this dinner.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

The Hon. Treasurer invites members who have not so far subscribed to send subscriptions from two shillings and sixpence upwards to him.

For Your Diary

O.B.U. Golf Competition at The Grange, Thursday, September 3rd, 1959.

U.I.S. Golf Outing at Royal Dublin, Thursday, September 17th, 1959.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the School on Friday, 16th October, 1959, at 7.45 p.m.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 7th November, 1959.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 16th January, 1960.

News of Old Boys

W. W. A. Bornemann (1948-54), wing-threequarter, R. H. Cotter (1946-53), hooker, and J. D. Ridgeway (1949-58), full-back, were members of the Wanderers' XV that won the Leinster Cup, 1959. Bornemann and Ridgeway each converted a try. D. J. FitzPatrick (1945-55), R. W. G. Hall (1948-56) and T. W. R. Meates (1943-54) were awarded Colours for Rugby, and played on the Trinity Cup team.

F. E. Brambell (1914-16), National Commissioner, and E. J. Montgomery (1913-23), International Commissioner, were presented with the Silver Elk by Viscount Powerscourt, Chief Commissioner, The Boy Scouts of Ireland.

S. J. Cole (1938-45), formerly an Inspector of the Royal Exchange Assurance, Dublin, has been transferred as Inspector to their Bedford Branch.

Rev. J. M. G. Carey (1936-45) has left Dublin to become Dean of Residences at the Queen's University, Belfast.

Rev. V. S. Dungan (1927-35) has been instituted rector of Christ Church, Leeson Park, Dublin, and Chaplain to the Molyneux Asylum for the Blind.

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C. H. ("Pat") Hilliard (1910-17) has been appointed Director of the B.B.C. Light Programme.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32) was non-playing captain of the Irish Davis Cup team which played New Zealand.

H. E. Killeen (1950-54) has completed his insurance studies and become an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

G. F. Mitchell, F.T.C.D. (1922-30), is President of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland.

W. N. McDonnell (1948-53) passed Final Examination of the Institute of Bankers, 1959.

Rex Roberts (1933-38) had an exhibition of photographs in Messrs. Brown, Thomas' Little Theatre, which a number of the older boys attended.

Dr. J. D. Smyth (1927-36), head of the Department of Zoology and Professor of Experimental Biology in Dublin University, has left to become the first Professor of Zoology at Canberra University College, Australia.

R. J. Walker (1924-31) is Chairman of the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland, and a regular exhibitor at its shows.

W. Weir (1910-12) has been appointed to be one of the Gentlemen of the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Marriages

Edward Ahern (1946-50) to Muriel Florence Bleakley, March 30, 1959.

Eric George Hughes (1934-40) to Cynthia Ann Huet, April 4, 1959.

Rev. Derek R. Jupe (1938-44) to Margaret J. Tweedie, December 15, 1958.

Howard Kilroy (1946-52) to Meriel McCullagh, May 16, 1959.

Ernest George Rorke (1946-48) to Hazel Izabella Craig, November 22, 1958, in Grace Anglican Church, St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada.

James Graham Sinclair (1945-50) to Julysia Edith Webb, March 31, 1959, at Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

John Pattison Tomkins (1940-42) to Elsie Nora Acton, December 29, 1958.

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