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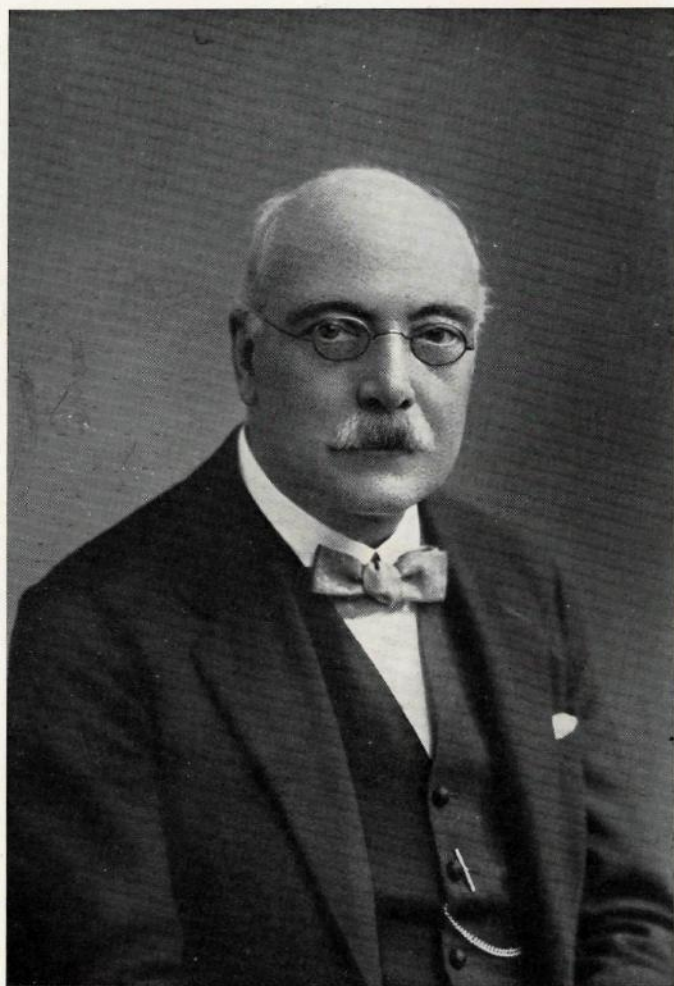
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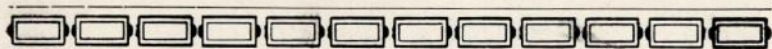
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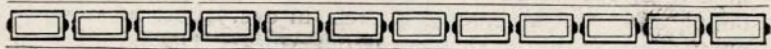
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Farewell.

By THE HEADMASTER.

As I am leaving at the end of this Term I wish, through the "Erasmian," to say farewell to the boys, present and past, of the High School, and to wish them all Godspeed. I have been connected with the School for nearly thirty-eight years, during the last twenty of which I have been its Headmaster, and my life here, though strenuous, has been happy in organising the School, watching its progress, and teaching and helping the boys that have come under my care. I shall not cease to be interested in their doings, and I am confident that in the years to come they will maintain the School's tradition of steady work, honourable conduct, and high endeavour. They will do this, bearing in mind the motto of the School, which they see every day on the Memorial Window in honour of those who nobly gave their lives for their country: "We are faithful to our trust." Boys have reason to be proud of their School, and those who will be here next Term and in the years to come will, I am sure, do their best for it under my successor as they have done under me. Mr. Bennett, who will take my place, is no stranger to it. He came to us early in 1912 from Trinity College, where he had been Classical Student; he was with us for over six years as Senior Classical Master, and did splendid work for the School before he went away, in the autumn of 1918, to be Headmaster of the Grammar School, Sligo; he now returns here as Headmaster with increased experience and knowledge, and will have the valued help of the present able and efficient Staff of Assistant Masters who, under me, have served the School so well. The readers of the "Erasmian" may be sure that I wish them all success. What old High School boys have done in the past, present High School boys can do in the future, whether in the class room or on the playing fields, in the University, in the professions or in business, at home or in other countries.



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Editorial.

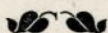
As we write our final Editorial we begin to realise that our school days are over, and that we will soon join the ranks of Old Boys of the School. Our six or seven years at High School have passed like so many weeks, and it seems a little strange to picture oneself with school definitely left behind. In spite of all, it is hard to leave school without some regrets. A few years ago we used to smile cynically when old gentlemen talked sadly of the pleasures of their long past school days, but we are now beginning to wonder if they were very far wrong. Yet another year at school would be intolerable. Even now almost all those whom we knew in Form II. have left, and we are beginning to feel like the belated guest who "treads alone some banquet hall deserted."

As the end of the Summer Term, and with it the end of the School Year approaches, we suppose that foremost in the thoughts of every boy is the fact of Mr. Thompson's resignation. After thirty-eight years as a Master in the School, for the last twenty of which he was Headmaster, Mr. Thompson is leaving the School. We do not think the High School will ever have a better Headmaster. Mr. Thompson has devoted his life to the service of education, not only in the School's interest, but also in the nation's interest. Of his work for education generally we are not competent to speak; we may say something of his work for the School. Through his efforts the School has been raised to its present high level; it may justly be claimed to be one of the best schools in Ireland.

Mr. Thompson combined those two essentials for a Headmaster—scholarship and business ability—with an immense capacity for hard work. He expected boys to work hard, but no boy in the School ever worked as hard as he himself did; taking as he did a personal interest in every boy, he was not a mere overseer, but a partner of our work. The positions held by hundreds of High School boys in every path of life form a

fitting tribute to the success of Mr. Thompson's career; with his retirement the School has lost a great Headmaster, a great scholar, and a great gentleman.

In Mr. Bennett, we are confident, there will be found a worthy successor. Mr. Bennett is, of course, no stranger to the School, having been a Master here for six years before becoming Headmaster of Sligo Grammar School. All will welcome him back again as Headmaster, knowing well that under him the School will continue to flourish and prosper in every way.



School Notes.



Mr. Thompson, who has held the position of Headmaster for twenty years, is resigning this Term. Mr. Thompson's resignation will be regretted by all who have known him, and who have all regarded him with respect and admiration. On such an occasion it is difficult to express all one would wish to say; we can only offer him our most sincere good wishes for all happiness in his retirement. We are publishing in another column a letter of appreciation from Rev. A. W. R. Cheales, Rector of Hatherop, in Glostershire, who was a pupil of the School from 1890 to 1896.

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The new Headmaster is Mr. J. Bennett, M.A., Scholar, Senior Moderator, and Classical Student in 1906 of Trinity College. He was Senior Classical Master at the School from the spring of 1912 to midsummer 1918, when he was appointed Headmaster of the Incorporated Society's Grammar School in Sligo. We extend him a hearty welcome, and wish him every success in his Headmastership.

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The Examinations for the Leaving and Intermediate Certificates begin on Tuesday, June 12th. Although Irish is now compulsory for passing the Intermediate Certificate, the Vth Form boys are taking the Examination as usual in the other subjects. Two or three boys are, however, taking Irish, and will be eligible for Scholarships.

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Since our last number appeared the Rev. J. Tobias, who has been appointed Rector of Rathmines, has had to resign his post in the School. Mr. Burroughs, who took his place for a time, was then appointed Succentor of St. Patrick's

Cathedral and Headmaster of the Cathedral School. An old High School boy, the Rev. W. C. Proctor, is now acting as School Catechist for the present Term, but after the summer the work will be undertaken by Mr. Armstrong, the new Curate of St. Peter's.

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There has also been a change in the Presbyterian Catechist, and the Rev. R. K. Lyle, M.A., of Greystones, has now been permanently appointed in place of the late Rev. W. S. Kirkpatrick.

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The present Assistant Masters will, we understand, be remaining on under Mr. Bennett, but Miss Hitchins has resigned her position as Instructress in Swedish Gymnastics after twelve years of excellent work.

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Mr. Wilson has again a picture in the annual exhibition of the Royal Hibernian Academy—Killiney from Carrickmines; he also exhibited in the Water Colour Society a picture of "Harcourt Street Under Snow."

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Talking of Catechists reminds us of the Synod Examinations last December, in which the School surpassed itself. Out of 142 candidates 22 obtained first class prizes, 27 second class, and 30 third class; 54 others passed, and only nine failed. We must, in particular, congratulate A. G. Breakey, who obtained the first place and Greek Testament Medal in the Church of Ireland Examinations (Ross being second); H. M. Glover, who obtained first place and special prize of £1 in Greek Testament in the Presbyterian Examination (Buchanan and Mitchell being second and third); E. A. Thompson, who obtained first place and special prize of £1 in the Junior Grade in the Presbyterian Examination; and V. R. Riley, who, with 96½ marks out of 100, was fourth in the Junior Grade in the Church of Ireland Examinations.

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The Ven. Archdeacon Fleming, Archdeacon of the Arctic, gave the School a most interesting lecture on Saturday, May 12th, on his work among the Eskimos in Baffin Land. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. The Archdeacon has since returned to his work in the Arctic regions.

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The French Government has again presented to the School, through Monsieur Blanche, the French Consul-General, two

valuable prizes, which will be awarded to the two boys who obtain the highest marks in French in the Leaving Certificate Examination and the Intermediate Certificate Examination respectively.

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The Rev. G. H. Carpenter, D.Sc., has now permanently endowed the Carpenter Memorial Prize, given in memory of his son, Sidney B. Carpenter, who when in Form 4 lost his life in an accident at Aira Force, Ullswater, in the English Lake District, on August 24, 1915. The prize is given annually for English Composition to the Upper 4th, and we are much indebted to Dr. Carpenter for his generous gift.

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The Annual Athletic Sports take place at Lansdowne Road on Friday, June 22nd, and, judging by the successes gained by High School boys at various Sports Meetings during the Term, we can see that there are plenty of fine athletes in the School.

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We give elsewhere an account of the Football Season, which closed in March. The First XV. were handicapped by the loss of practically the whole of last year's players, but improved greatly during the winter, and were by no means a bad team. The Junior XV. were really a good lot, and deserve high commendation.

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The Cricket Season has not yet closed, but has not been so successful as last year. A professional was engaged for the Term to train the players, but, although the Junior Cup Team played well and did some good things, the Senior XI. never seemed to settle down, and did not do themselves justice.

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Swimming began after Easter, and there will be the usual Gala at the end of the season in September.

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R. J. Ross, of the Upper VI., has been appointed Organist of All Saints, Raheny.

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L. Williams won two first prizes at the Feis, one for the violin and the other in an instrumental trio.

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The School will re-open after the Summer Holidays on Tuesday, September 4th.

Notes on Old Boys.

We are glad to see that the Primate, Most Rev. C. F. Darcy (1870-77), has recovered from his recent illness.

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We congratulate A. W. H. Breakey on winning the First Classical Scholarship, and H. D. Anderson the Third History Scholarship in Trinity this Term. In winning the First Scholarship, Breakey has repeated the success of Good last year, and of many other High School boys before him. We hope many more will follow their example.

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Breakey has also to be congratulated on being awarded a Kitchener Scholarship of £100 a year for three years.

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C. H. Darley (1888-97) has been elected President of the Dublin Branch of the British Empire Shakespeare Society.

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Calverley E. Riley (1884-90) has been appointed General Manager of the Great Southern Railway.

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Harry Thrift, F.T.C.D. (1891-1901), has been elected Captain of the Milltown Golf Club.

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W. H. Thrift (1908-17) has been elected out of 198 candidates to succeed Sir Simon Maddock as Secretary of the Mount Jerome Cemetery Company.

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We reprint in another column the *Irish Times* obituary notice of Sir Simon Maddock (1881-1885), who always retained a most lively interest in the School; gave us prizes for Swimming and Athletics; for many years ran in and won the Old Boys Race at the Sports; and acted as Hon. Treasurer of the Old Boys War Memorial Fund. By his tragic death the School loses a valued and much-regretted friend.

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Ernest F. Rice (1913-16) is Deputy Chief of the Correspondence Department at the Bank of Ireland and Organist of St. Aidan's Church.

G. A. Rice (1917-20) is now Pastor of the Baptist Church, East Templeton, P. Quebec.

A. Seymour Rice (1922-26) has been elected a member of the Architectural Association of Ireland.

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H. M. Daniel (1901-09) is now Squadron Leader of the Royal Air Force Medical Service at Aboukir, in Egypt.

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We heard the other day from S. R. Benner (1889-93), who is President of the Benner Chemical Company, Chicago.

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N. J. Mather (1912-20) is House Physician to the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, Gloucester.

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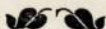
E. J. Wynburne (1919-21), who was for some time acting temporarily on the Translators' Section of the League of Nations Secretariat at Geneva, is teaching Modern Languages this Term at Ashby de la Zouch, in Leicestershire.

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W. R. Prescott (1924-27) has obtained a Clerkship in the Ulster Bank.

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E. R. Gray (1900-09) has been transferred from Drogheda to Enniskillen as Sub-Agent of the Bank of Ireland, and E. M. Wright (1914-22) from Roscommon to Drogheda. W. H. Jolley (1917-22), in the Provincial Bank, has been transferred to Royal Avenue, Belfast. W. H. Squires (1916-24), of the Royal Bank, from Ranelagh to Rathdowney as Cashier; and G. E. Abbott (1917-22), of the Ulster Bank, to Donegall Place, Belfast.



MARRIAGES.

FREEMAN (1913-19) and WHITE—February 1, 1928, at Congregational Church, Spalding, Lincs., by the Rev. H. Burn, Flight Officer Richard G. Freeman, R.A.F., Medical Service, son of the late J. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman, 1 Hillside, Howth, County Dublin, to Muriel Constance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. White, Hillegom, Spalding.

FELTON (1908-09) and JONES—April 18, 1928, at Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. J. J. Macaulay, B.A., Robert Evan, B.A., T.C.D., Solicitor, eldest son of Edward Felton, of 33 Oakley Road, to Ruby, eldest daughter of Robert O. Jones, J.F., and Mrs. Jones, of Fortfield Lodge, Terenure, Co. Dublin.

WRIGHT (1914-22) and POWELL—April 21, 1928, at Packwood Church, by Rev. A. E. Newton, Eric Moore, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. H. Wright, 35 St. Kevin's Park, Rathgar, to Janet Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Powell, The Mount, Packwood, Warwickshire.

KNAPP (1889-92) and NEVILLE—April 25, 1928, at St. Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, by the Rev. Dr. Hughes, William Knapp, M.B., Dulwich, eldest son of the late W. H. Knapp, M.A., Monkstown, County Dublin, to Vera Elizabeth, eldest daughter of George Warner Neville, Esq., Saffron Walden, Essex.

DEATHS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. B. B. FOSTER (1890-95).

Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. B. Foster, Indian Medical Service, died in Dublin of pneumonia on the 5th December, while on leave from India. Lieutenant-Colonel Foster was the second son of the late Rev. Robert Foster, Vicar of Upavan, Wilts, formerly Chaplain of the Royal Hibernian Military School. He was educated at High School, Dublin, and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained a Junior and School Exhibition. He took his medical degree at Dublin University in 1900, and obtained the D.P.H. (Cambridge) in 1907.

He entered the Indian Medical Service in 1901, was promoted Captain in 1904, Major in 1912, and Lieutenant-Colonel in 1920. He served in the campaign in Somaliland, 1903-1904 (medal and clasp), and during the Great War in Egypt and Mesopotamia (1914-1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medals). He also saw service on the North-West Frontier of India in 1919 (medal and clasp). Recently he was placed on the list of selected Lieutenant-Colonels, and was to have taken up the appointment of Civil Surgeon, Ootacamund, on his return to India. Among other appointments Lieutenant-Colonel Foster had held was that of Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology at the Medical College, Madras. He married in 1921 Millicent Wyndham, only daughter of the late Henry Wyndham Ball, 5 Palmerston Park, Dublin, who survives him.—(from the "Irish Times.")

SIR SIMON MADDOCK (1881-1885).

We regret to announce that Sir Simon Maddock, Mount Jerome House, Harold's Cross, Dublin, died in the Meath Hospital late during the night of December 16th from the severe shock and burns which he sustained in the recent fire at his home. Sir Simon attempted to quell the flames and to rescue a dog and parrot from a burning room, but the floor suddenly collapsed under him, and the shock he sustained, in addition to his severe burns, left him in a state of complete exhaustion, accompanied by acute pain.

He was taken to the Meath Hospital; his condition was regarded as serious by the staff, but in a day or two there was the welcome news that there was a decided improvement. Later, however, he took a turn for the worse, and the end came peacefully.

Simon William Maddock was a son of the late Benjamin Maddock, and was born in 1869. In 1901 he married Miss Johnstone, a daughter of Colonel John Douglas Johnstone, D.L., and first cousin of the present Lord Louth. He was a Governor of the Meath

Hospital and the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt Street. For the Children's Hospital he was the means of raising £5,000 a few years ago.

He was well known in commercial circles too; he was a director of Messrs. Johnston, Mooney & O'Brien, Ltd.; Messrs. J. H. Webb & Co., Ltd., and the Association for the Housing of the Very Poor. He was an elected member of the Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and also of the Council of the Association of Chambers of Commerce in the Irish Free State.

His persuasive temperament often prevailed among parties to trade disputes and he generally proved a successful arbitrator. When a strike was threatened in Irish banking circles in 1920, the banking officials appointed Sir Simon as their arbitrator, with the results that the members of the profession received a generous award, followed by harmony between bank directors and their staffs.

He was formerly a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant.

He was Secretary to the General Cemetery Company of Ireland, and lived at Mount Jerome House, Harold's Cross.

Sir Simon Maddock was a man of varied activities. As a young man he was a member of Bective Rangers Football Club, and played on the Cup team twenty-three years ago. He also was a fine runner, and won a number of sprints. His first taste for public life was shown in the old Leeson Park Debating Society, where he was a contemporary of the present Bishop of Killaloe. He showed great aptitude as a speaker in those days, and his early training was very useful to him later on when he became one of the most prominent members of the Irish Unionist Alliance.

During the war Sir Simon Maddock played a leading part in the recruiting campaign. He was an excellent organiser, and never spared himself, with the result that he was able to inspire his assistants with some of his own abundant enthusiasm. After the war he was knighted by the King, and began to devote himself to municipal affairs. As Chairman of the Rathmines Urban Council for the last few years he has made many changes in the township. He was personally responsible for the widening of street corners throughout Rathmines, and took the keenest interest in the municipality's affairs. A member of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society, he was Secretary of the Reception Committee which entertained the visiting officers at the two last Horse Shows, and devoted a good deal of his time to his work at Ballsbridge.

In the social life of Dublin he was a very popular figure. He was an excellent actor, but of recent years his many other activities claimed so much of his time that he rarely appeared on the stage. He never missed a Rugby International, travelling invariably to Twickenham, Murrayfield or Wales with the Irish team, while he was often to be seen at Lansdowne Road watching an ordinary club match. An old High School boy, he played cricket and hockey on the school team, and created a "record" at the school sports by winning the old boys' race ten years in succession. He held the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and vellum for a brave rescue from drowning at Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal in 1920.

A very wide circle of friends will mourn him, for he was a man who was capable of great comradeship, and was always ready to do a good turn. He will be missed sorely by the ex-Service men of Dublin, in whose cause he was untiring, and on whose behalf he

never was reluctant to break a lance. To his widow and daughter we extend our deepest sympathy.—(From the "Irish Times.")

SPENCE (1878-82)—January 29, 1928, at Lithgow, 14 Combe Park, Bath, Arthur William Spence, M.I.M.E., M.I.C.E.I., the dearly-loved husband of Selina Jane Spence, only son of the late William Spence, Cork Street Engineering Works, Dublin, aged 64 years.



FAREWELL.

(Sonnet addressed to Mr. Thompson).
 To you we bid our farewell with a cheer.
 Tho' lustily it sounds and happy seems,
 Still in the heart of each of us there beams
 The mem'ry of our friendship—not of fear—
 Your interest in each one of us sincere,—
 The leader whose advice we always sought
 Whene'er our planning failed or came to nought.
 But now, alas! the time to part is here.
 And so we wish you health for future time;
 May Fortune grant, as just reward for zest,
 That you enjoy from now on—day by day—
 A hard-earned and a well-deservéd rest,
 While we behind you in the old school stay
 And mindful of your teaching upward climb.

W. G. K., IV. Up.



THE GOBLIN.

As I was walking out one day,
 A goblin passed me on my way,
 He wore a little coat of red,
 And cap of green upon his head.
 He was walking very quickly
 Along a field of wheat,
 When he found a fairy mushroom,
 And he used it as a seat.
 And when I overtook him
 He was sitting eating grain.
 He said his name was Fairy Jim,
 And he lived up yonder lane.
 "My home is snug and cosy
 And is painted white and red;
 I have a wife called Rosy,"
 And that was all he said.

21/3/28.

H. BEGLEY, Form 2.

Football Notes.

The following table shows the results of the matches played by the various teams during the past season:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. for	Pts. agst.
S.C.T. ...	25	11	0	14	123	278
2nd XV. ...	5	1	0	4	27	49
J.C.T. ...	21	12	3	6	263	139
"Under 14" ...	6	1	1	4	41	65
"Under 13" ...	2	2	0	0	24	3

From the above figures it will be obvious that the Senior Cup Team has not had an extremely successful season. This was due to weakness among the backs. Although our forwards are, as a rule, able to hold their own better than our backs, in the past season the difference in strength of the two divisions was much more noticeable than usual. To strengthen up the defence we were obliged to play an extra back, and reduce the number of the pack to seven. Even with this reduction in number it may be asserted that on most occasions the forwards gave their opposing eight a good game. As we stated in our earlier Notes, we were handicapped by a general lack of experience. This was remedied to a certain extent by practice, but did not quite wear off; nevertheless, an improvement was evident in the play of all members of the team towards the end of the season.

The S.C.T. travelled to Belfast and played Methodist College on the morning of January 28th, the day of the Ireland v. France match at Ravenhill; this gave the team the opportunity of seeing this match. We also played a return match with the Methodist College on the morning of February 11th in Belgrave Square. Both of these matches were played under very wet conditions, and resulted in victories for our opponents. In the Senior Schools' Cup we were drawn against Clongowes Wood College, who defeated us very decisively. Caps for the best forward and back were awarded to H. W. Stephenson and J. R. Stewart respectively; other caps were awarded to D. G. Walker and F. G. Bestall. We have again to thank the Bell Brothers for presenting one of the caps.

Turning to the J.C.T., we are pleased to report a very definite improvement on recent years. We can confidently state that the J.C.T. was one of the best that the School has ever put in the field. Among other causes, we attribute this largely to the keenness of the members of the team and substitutes in training so constantly throughout the season. So keen was the

competition for places in this team that it was not until after Christmas that it assumed its final form. We were unfortunate in losing from the team through injuries the out-half and one of the forwards barely three weeks before the Cup match. In the filling of the former all-important position we had to alter considerably the existing back division, a dangerous procedure so close to a Cup tie.

In the First Round of the Junior Schools' Cup we were drawn against Mountjoy School, with whom we drew; the re-play, however, resulted in a victory for us. We then met Castleknock College in the Second Round, and another draw resulted. In the subsequent re-play we were defeated by a small margin. Castleknock College then passed into the Semi-Final and hence into the Final, to win the Junior Cup; to draw with the Cup winners is surely a meritable performance, considering the superiority of weight and size possessed by our opponents.

On the J.C.T., as on the S.C.T., the forwards excelled the backs in their respective duties. Their greatest point of excellence lay in forward rushes; these were executed with the greatest fire and a tireless energy. In the tight scrums they were handicapped by a lack of weight, but nevertheless held most packs. The defence on the part of the backs was sound, but in attack they were somewhat weak, lacking that last little bit of dash which carries the ball those last two yards to the goal-line.

Of the other teams we turned out, the Under 13 was the most successful. The Under 14 played with great enthusiasm. The 2nd XV. was rather spoiled by the weakness of the S.C.T. and the constant alterations which were tried with a view to strengthening the 1st XV.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. Newman and the other Masters who assisted us by refereeing matches and training the teams.

NOTES ON PLAYERS.

- H. W. Stephenson** (forward)—Fast in the loose and good in the tight; excels at dribbling. Was picked as substitute for Leinster Schools' Interprovincial Trial.
- W. E. M. Anderson** (forward)—Clever in the loose, rendering much assistance to the three-quarters. Possesses a good place kick.
- F. G. Bestall** (forward)—A strong forward who pushed his weight in the scrum, and followed up well in the loose. Always in good training.

- W. G. Taylor** (forward)—Played strenuously throughout the season; goes down very pluckily and tackles doggedly.
- B. A. Mills** (forward)—Very good in the line-out, his height giving him a considerable advantage. He also employed his weight with some effect in the scrum.
- R. E. Montgomery** (forward)—Tall and heavy, but somewhat slow. Also did good work in the scrum.
- J. B. Clarke** (forward)—Fast but rather inexperienced; is a newcomer to the game.
- H. W. Good** (scrum half)—Played well and pluckily behind the scrum. Scored more tries than anyone else on the team. Gets quickly away from the scrum, and is most effective in stopping forward rushes.
- J. R. Stewart** (out half)—Mainstay of the back division. Combined well with his fellow-half. Has a strong punt and a good place kick.
- J. M. Buchanan** (wing three-quarter)—Strong runner and good in defence. His handling, however, was erratic.
- M. M. Wilson** (centre three-quarter)—Handling and kicking sound, but lacked pace and weight.
- G. A. Bamford** (centre three-quarter)—Very cool; tackling good, but he lacked thrust in attack.
- W. C. Dick** (wing three-quarters)—Probably the most experienced of the three-quarters, but should get off the mark more quickly.
- J. M. Manson** (five-eighths)—Played extra back to assist the three-quarters. Tackled and ran well, but his kicking was weak.
- D. G. Walker** (full back)—At full back he was probably the most outstanding member of the back division. Possesses a very long kick and his fielding is very safe. His tackling generally good, however, was faulty on occasion. Was picked for the South Side Schools' Interprovincial Trial.

SENIOR CUP TIE v. CLONGOWES WOOD COLLEGE.

Played at Donnybrook on March 1st.

In this match as the score indicates, we were outclassed. In spite of our opponents' vast superiority, they did not cross our line during the first fifteen minutes. Our pack played a tremendous game until they were worn down by a lack of weight and the necessity for supporting the **backs**. The play needs no description, as it amounted only to a prolonged series of periods of defence on the part of the High School **backs**; each period terminated by a score, and our opponents scored in all 43 points.

JUNIOR CUP (1st ROUND) v. MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.

Played at Donnybrook on February 17th.

This match commenced energetically with a forward rush by our opponents which ended in a score. The ball was then taken into the Mountjoy half, where it was kept by stubborn scrummaging and vain attacking movements until just before half-time. Cashel at **centre** for Mountjoy gained a converted try between the posts, after running from his own "twenty-five;" so we changed ends 8 points down.

Fortunately we managed to stage a brilliant recovery after the interval. This was commenced by Ballagh, who kicked a goal from a penalty awarded against Mountjoy. After much strenuous play in the Mountjoy **twenty-five**, Walker crossed for a try and Ballagh converted from a nasty angle, leaving the match a draw with 8 points each.

FIRST ROUND REPLAY v. MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.

Played at Donnybrook on March 6th.

In this game our forwards attacked strongly from the start, scoring early from a forward rush. throughout the game we had most of the play, attacking nearly all the time. Just before the interval, however, a Mountjoy centre ran the length of the field for a glorious individual try between the posts, which was converted. In the second half we again attacked, but only once broke through. This was brought about by Hutson, who ran about twenty yards and beat four opponents to score a try. The kick failed, and we were left victors by one point, having had very much the better of the play.

JUNIOR CUP (2nd ROUND) v. CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE.

Played at Donnybrook on March 15th.

This perhaps was the best match played by the Junior XV. We were heavily outweighed, and only magnificent defence saved us from defeat. Twice we were doomed, and only an adroit handtrip on the part of the wing three-quarters warded off disaster. The forwards fought with the greatest determination, and to them chiefly should praise be granted for the splendid performance of that day. The play was necessarily of a scrappy nature, and finally in the second half became a dogged defence of our line. The three-quarters tackled gloriously, and the other backs played with great success. The result was a scoreless draw, a very meritorious performance, as our opponents subsequently won the Junior Cup.

REPLAY v. CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE.

Played at Donnybrook on March 20th.

Whatever hopes we may have had of defeating our heavy opponents in the replay were immediately dispelled by the condition of the ground. Rain had fallen all morning, and the ground was one mass of oozy, sticky mud. Under conditions of this type our adversaries' weight told decisively. Again the sturdy play of our forwards against tremendous opposition saved us to a certain extent. Our opponents scored three trys and passed into the next round of the Cup. The play consisted entirely of rush and counter-rush and long tiring scrums.



Cricket Notes



The following officers were elected for the season :—

Captain—J. E. Scarff.

Vice-Captain—H. W. Stephenson.

Hon. Sec.—J. M. G. Buchanan.

The Cricket Season, on the whole, could hardly be considered very successful, since the successes of last year were not repeated. The Seniors won only two out of the four League Matches arranged. The batting was very uneven, and there was a sad lack of change bowlers. There was no lack of talent, but few members of the team did themselves justice, chiefly on account of the disinclination for proper practice, although a professional had been specially engaged this Term to give them instruction.

The Junior Cup Team had very hard luck in not getting into the Final. They passed the first two rounds by beating Synge Street and Blackrock College most convincingly, but were beaten by the narrow margin of 18 runs by Masonic School. There are many promising cricketers on the team, and next year it would not be surprising if they reached the Final.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank both Mr. Young and Mr. Butler for the interest they have taken in the game, and for umpiring the matches so regularly.

The following is a summary of the results, compiled to June 8th :—

		Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn
S.C.T.	...	12	4	6	2
J.C.T.	...	8	5	3	—
2nd XI.	...	4	3	1	—

S.C.T. MATCHES.

Date	Home Team	Runs	Visiting Team	Runs
April				
21	Masonic School	116 ...	High School	51
25	Belvedere College (8 wks.)*	187 ...	High School	47
28	St. Andrew's	59 ...	High School	59
May				
2	Mountjoy School (9 wks.)	50 ...	High School (6 wks.)*	84
5	High School	40 ...	C.U. School	57
9	Blackrock College (5 wks.)	102 ...	High School	42
16	St. Andrew's College (1 wkt.)	72 ...	High School	69
17	High School	77 ...	A. W. Breakey's XI.	42
19	High School	70 and 32 (1 wkt.)	Wesley College	24 and 72
23	St. Columba's College	114 ...	High School	31
30	High School	26 and 36 (3 wks.)	Synge Street	28 and 32
June				
8	Synge Street	9 and 57 (4 wks.)	High School	35

* Innings declared.

High School S.C.T. v. St. Andrew's College. League Match.
Played at Donnybrook:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Boucher c Barber b Flett	...	5
Stephenson b Flett	...	0
Buchanan c and b Mitchell	...	8
Bullock c and b Davies	...	16
Ballagh b Davies	...	3
Scarff c Mitchell b Davies	...	25
Taylor b Flett	...	4
Hutson c and b Davies	...	0
Anderson not out	...	2
Bamford b Davies	...	0
Bestall c Wallace b Davies	...	4
Extras	...	2
Total	...	69

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Barber not out	...	14
Fine c and b Stephenson	...	28
Mitchell not out	...	22
Extras	...	8
Total (1 wkt.)	...	72

High School S.C.T. v. Synge Street School. Played at Belgrave Square. League Match :—

SYNGE STREET.

1st Innings	...	...	28 (Williams 11)
2nd Innings	...	...	32

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings	...	...	26 (Taylor 8)
2nd Innings	...	...	36 (3 wkts., Scarff 21 not out)

High School S.C.T. v. St. Andrew's College. Played at Donnybrook :—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Buchanan b Mitchell	...	...	11
Boucher c Barber b Mitchell	...	...	15
Stephenson c Flett b Kernoff	...	...	1
Scarff c Mitchell b Kernoff	...	...	15
Taylor b Kernoff	...	...	0
Bamford lbw b Kernoff	...	...	1
Hutson b Mitchell	...	...	1
Bestall b Mitchell	...	...	0
Anderson b Mitchell	...	...	5
Bullock b Kernoff	...	...	3
Doak not out	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	5
Total	...	...	59

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Barber b Scarff	...	...	1
Fine b Scarff	...	...	7
Mitchell c and b Scarff	...	...	24
Wallace b Scarff	...	...	0
Davies c and b Boucher	...	...	12
Price b Boucher	...	...	0
Patterson b Stephenson	...	...	7
Whieldon run out	...	...	1
Buchanan b Scharff	...	...	0
Flett c and b Hutson	...	...	0
Kernoff not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	7
Total	...	...	59

High School S.C.T. v. Wesley College S.C.T. League Match. At Belgrave Square:—

1st Inns.		WESLEY COLLEGE.		2nd Inns.	
Cornish b Ballagh...	...	0	lbw b Stephenson	...	14
Hodgins c and b Stephenson	...	0	b Bamford	...	0
Sutton lbw b Ballagh	...	0	b Stephenson	...	36
Hanna run out	...	0	c Patterson b Stephenson	...	2
Quinnell c Hutson b Ballagh...	...	1	b Stephenson	...	1
Blennerhasset run out	...	1	lbw b Bamford	...	3
de Courcy b Ballagh	...	12	b Hutson	...	0
Taylor run out	...	1	c and b Bamford	...	0
McKeever c Bamford b Ballagh	...	0	not out	...	3
Douglas b Ballagh	...	2	c Ballagh b Bamford	...	2
Clingan not out	...	0	c Boucher b Stephenson	...	0
Extras	...	7	Extras	...	11
Total	...	24	Total	...	72

1st Inns.		HIGH SCHOOL.		2nd Inns.	
Boucher lbw b Cornish	...	19	not out	...	10
Patterson b Cornish	...	5	b Hanna	...	2
Buchanan b Hanna	...	0			
Bullock b Hanna	...	2			
Bamford b Hanna	...	14			
Ballagh not out	...	2			
Taylor run out	...	0			
Stephenson b Cornish	...	11	not out	...	12
Bestall c Taylor b Cornish	...	6			
Hutson b Hanna	...	0			
Scarff absent	...	0			
Extras	...	11	Extras	...	8
Total	...	70	Total (1 wkt.)	...	32

High School J.C.T. v. Synge Street J.C.T. First Round Junior Schools Cup. Played at Terenure:—

1st Inns.		SYNGE STREET.		2nd Inns.	
Byrne b Murdock	...	1	c Green b Murdock	...	0
Gaynor b Ballagh...	...	0	b Ballagh	...	0
Durnin b Murdock...	...	0	b Ballagh	...	0
Brennan c Anderson b Ballagh...	...	12	b Ballagh	...	0
Walshe, L., c Green b Murdock	...	2	b Ballagh	...	0
Walshe, J., b Murdock	...	0	c Boucher b Ballagh	...	8
Elliot b Murdock	...	0	b Murdock	...	5
Byrne b Murdock	...	4	b Ballagh	...	0
Ryan c and b Murdock	...	0	c Green b Murdock	...	0
O'Toole not out	...	1	b Murdock	...	2
Strahan b Murdock	...	0	not out	...	0
Extras	...	6	Extras	...	6
Total	...	26	Total	...	21

HIGH SCHOOL.

Boucher lbw b Durnin	...	39
Hutson b Brennan	...	14
Thompson b Durnin	...	3
Patterson not out	...	54
Anderson c Durnin b Brennan	...	6
Murdock c and b Byrne	...	15
Ballagh b Byrne	...	2
Green not out	...	16
Extras	...	8

Total (6 wkts)* ... 157

Did not bat—Lyster, Hawkins, Good.

* Innings declared.

High School J.C.T. v. Blackrock College J.C.T. Second
Round Junior Schools Cup. Played at Williamstown:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Boucher c Cavanagh b Blackall	...	34
Hutson c Mahon b O'Sullivan	...	16
Patterson b O'Sullivan	...	0
Thompson b Blackall	...	19
Anderson c O'Leary b Canavan	...	2
Murdock not out	...	42
Ballagh b Blackall	...	0
Green not out	...	12
Extras	...	10

Total (6 wkts) ... 135

Did not bat—Lyster, Keating, Hawkins.

BLACKROCK COLLEGE.

O'Leary b Murdock	...	3
Meagher b Murdock	...	1
Maher c Patterson b Murdock	...	0
Madi run out	...	5
Kavanagh b Murdock	...	6
O'Sullivan c Green b Murdock	...	0
Sadlier b Murdock	...	4
Canavan b Murdock	...	5
Blackall not out	...	0
A. Healy c and b Murdock	...	2
T. Healy c and b Murdock	...	0
Extras	...	7

Total ... 33

High School J.C.T. v. Masonic School J.C.T. Semi-final of Junior Schools Cup. Played at Richview, Clonskeagh:—

MASONIC SCHOOL.

Myles not out	...	13
Conn run out	...	0
Shinner b Ballagh	...	0
Brown b Hutson	...	8
Hoey c Boucher b Hutson	...	4
Montgomery b Murdock	...	3
Fosbery b Ballagh	...	22
Roy b Murdock	...	10
Gamble lbw b Murdock	...	2
McNeill b Murdock	...	0
Murison lbw b Ballagh	...	1
Extras	...	9
Total	...	72

HIGH SCHOOL.

Boucher b Brown	...	0
Hutson b Montgomery	...	0
Thompson b Montgomery	...	4
Patterson b Murison	...	29
Anderson c Montgomery b Brown	...	0
Murdock b Montgomery	...	6
Green c Fosbery b Montgomery	...	1
Ballagh c Myles b Montgomery	...	12
Hawkins c Gamble b Brown	...	0
Lyster not out	...	0
Keating b Montgomery	...	0
Extras	...	2
Total	...	54

SECOND ELEVEN.

Date	Home Team	Runs	Visiting Team	Runs
April 21	High School	10 and 17	Masonic School	44 and 44
26	High School	77	Masonic School	29
June 6	High School	35	St. Columba's College	34

JUNIOR CUP TEAM.

	Home Team	Runs	Visiting Team	Runs
April 25	High School	20	Belvedere College	56
28	High School	30 and 12	Mountjoy School	19 and 15
May 2	Wesley College	34	High School	84
9	Synge Street	26 and 21	High School (6 wks.)*	157
19	Earlsfort House School	65	High School	55
23	Blackrock College	33	High School (6 wks.)*	135
28	Masonic School	72	High School	54
30	King's Hospital	24	High School	64

* Innings declared.

UNDER 14.

May	Home Team	Runs	Visiting Team	Runs
12	High School	61 and 25 ...	St. Andrew's Coll.	15 and 7
16	High School	16 ...	Belvedere College	23



The Annual Gymnastic Display.



Our Annual Gymnastic Display took place on Friday afternoon, May 25th, at 5 o'clock. Some sixty-four boys took part, and the following interesting programme was performed:—

1. March in by all Forms.
2. Swedish Free Standing Gymnastics and Apparatus:
Forms 3c up., 3c lr., 2, 1a and 1b.
3. Ditto: Forms 5, 4 up., 4 lr., 3a and 3b.
4. Obstacle Race: Forms 3c up., 3c lr., 2, 1a and 1b.
5. Jumping: All Forms.
6. Team Race: Forms 4 up., 4 lr., 3a and 3b.

After the Display the Silver Medals were presented by Mrs. Thompson to the winners in each class as follows:—

Form 5: J. G. Glazier; hon. mention, C. H. Glover.

4 up.: E. Croxon, I. Webb; hon. mention, W. G. Kirkpatrick.

4 lr.: C. G. Morton, G. W. Taylor; hon. mention, J. W. Warwick.

3a: E. Ruttledge; hon. mention, E. F. Green, J. M. Bryson.

3b: F. J. Fox; hon. mention, E. G. Flynn.

3c up.: J. Gibney; hon. mention, A. E. G. Moore, B. E. Hennessey.

3c lr.: G. Begley, T. J. Early, A. L. Orr; hon. mention, M. L. Pappin.

2: D. A. Huggard; hon. mention, H. Begley, K. M. White.

1a: N. E. Nason, T. L. McLoughlin; hon. mention, V. S. Dungan, C. L. Keegan.

1b: D. E. Ewen; hon. mention, V. R. L. Hamilton.

Miss Hitchins and the boys presented Mrs. Thompson with a beautiful bouquet of roses, for which she expressed her thanks to them.

The Headmaster complimented Miss Hitchins and her staff on the Display, and on the efficiency of the training given to the boys not only during the past year, but for the whole of the

twelve years during which she has been Instructress to the School.

It is with great regret that we hear Miss Hitchins is resigning her connection with the School at the end of this Term. She is giving up the Gymnasium next door and concentrating on her Gymnasium in Upper Mount Street.



Swimming Notes.

Captain—F. G. Bestall.

Vice-Captain—H. W. Stephenson.

Hon. Secretary—W. E. M. Anderson.

We commenced our season at the Iveagh Baths on April 19th. We are concentrating on our Water Polo Team this Term, and have excellent hopes for a highly successful season. We have already engaged in several matches with strong club teams; although we lost all of these, we put up strong opposition in each contest. We have also played matches against the Cup-holders, Mountjoy School, and against Belvedere College, both of whom we defeated. The score in the former case was two goals to nil, in the latter three goals to two.

With regard to the Squadron Team, we embrace equally high hopes. We have exactly the same team as obtained third place in the Leinster Schools' Squadron Championship last October. Many of the younger swimmers, too, are showing good form.

Unfortunately, we are obliged to report that the number of boys attending the Baths is falling off. This will cause a dearth of swimmers in future seasons. Every boy should wish to learn to swim, and should attend the Baths, where instruction is provided, with the object of realising this desire.



Examinations.

RESULTS OF SCRIPTURE EXAMINATIONS,

DEC. 9th, 1927.

CHURCH OF IRELAND.

Greek Testament: A. G. Breakey 80, First Place and Silver Medal; R. J. Ross 77 (Second Place), G. F. Dalton 70, First Class Prizes.

5 others passed.

Middle Grade : H. C. Doak 91½, W. Warnock 90, J. W. Bridle 85½, First Class Prizes; E. G. Curry 83½, Second Class Prize; J. H. Hawkins, 69, R. E. Montgomery 67½, K. G. Nicholson 65, Third Class Prizes.

18 others passed.

Junior Grade : V. R. Riley 96½ (Fourth Place), F. A. G. Willis 93, R. A. Marchant 92½, R. H. Rooney 92, H. S. Boyce 88½, E. B. Moore 88½, E. Croxon 88, H. G. N. Bunbury 85, C. A. Kemp 85, G. A. Mahon 85, J. M. Bryson 63½ (out of 70), R. J. Walker 62½ (out of 70), First Class Prizes; G. A. Bamford 84, J. C. Boyle 84, J. H. Matthews 83½, J. Cairns 83½, A. W. Saunders 83½, M. H. Maxwell 82½, R. Boucher 82, E. F. Plant 81½, C. G. Morton 80½, V. W. Graham 80, R. A. McDonnell 80, H. A. Penney 79, A. C. R. Heaney 79, A. H. McKee 78½, W. G. Dukes 78, W. M. Leonard 77½, E. V. Dunne 77, C. H. G. Lyster 76, T. Eager 75½, W. A. Ingram 75, F. J. M. Leach 75, H. G. Scott 75, M. L. Pappin 75, W. R. D. Leary (59 out of 70), T. H. Walker (55 out of 70), Second Class Prizes; W. A. M. Cox 74½, W. D. Hughes 74½, N. T. Marchant 74, W. T. Morrow 73½, E. P. Hill 73½, E. Rutledge 73, D. R. Meyer 72½, G. Keegan 72½, G. E. Woodcock 71½, L. Williams 71½, H. A. Scott 70, E. V. Beetham 70, E. W. Wells 69½, W. E. Farmer 69, O. L. Wynne 69, J. C. Hutson 67, C. C. Gick 66, C. V. Boyle 66, R. A. Lutton 65, S. C. R. Horrell 65, F. J. Fox (52 out of 70), P. R. Walker (52 out of 70), G. D. Stewart (48 out of 70), E. E. Dagg (47½ out of 70), Third Class Prizes.

24 others passed.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Greek Testament : H. M. Glover 93, First Place and Special Prize £1; J. M. G. Buchanan 84 (Second Place), G. F. Mitchell 76 (Third Place), First Class Prizes.

Middle Grade : J. M. Manson 73, W. G. Taylor 70, Third Class Prizes.

Two others passed.

Junior Grade : E. A. Thompson 96, First Place and Special Prize £1; R. C. Agnew 83, Second Class Prize; F. A. Mackey 68, Third Class Prize.

Five others passed.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN. SCHOLARSHIPS.

A. W. H. Breakey (1920-26), First Classical Scholarship.
H. D. Anderson (1923-4), Third History Scholarship.

HILARY TERM.
HONOR EXAMINATIONS.

Senior Freshmen: G. E. Gill (1924-26), 1st of 1st rank in English.

A. W. H. Breakey, 2nd rank in Classics

Junior Freshmen: R. W. Reynolds (1919-27), 2nd rank in Classics.

D. M. Mitchell (1920-27), 3rd rank in Classics.

H. B. S. Montgomery (1919-27), 3rd rank in Natural Science.

Junior Freshmen Term Examination:

T. E. B. Eason (1920-23).

H. A. E. Egan (1917-27).

TRINITY TERM.
HONORS EXAMINATION.

Junior Sophisters: D. B. W. Good (1915-25), 1st of 1st rank in Classics.

Senior Freshmen: A. W. H. Breakey, 1st of 1st rank in Classics.

Junior Freshmen: J. A. W. McKee (1921-27), 3rd rank in Classics.

M. H. Ellis (1926-27), 3rd rank in Classics.

B.A. Degree: M. F. E. Dobbin (1916-25).

M.A. Degree: Rev. E. A. McComas (1894-95).



Correspondence.



To the Editor of The Erasmian.

Hatherop Rectory,
Glostershire,
15th May, 1928.

DEAR SIR,

As an Old Boy who was fairly closely connected with Mr. Thompson in the past, I feel I must write and say how sorry I am to hear that he is shortly retiring from the Head-mastership of the High School.

The magnificent tributes paid by the Bishop of Cashel, the Provost of Trinity (reported in the last issue of *The Erasmian*), to his devoted work on behalf of the School will doubtless in some measure help to mitigate his own sorrow at severing a 38 years' connection with you all, but I expect it will be a long time before you will be able to reconcile yourselves to your great loss.

My personal recollection is a happy one. I was in the High School from 1890-1897—a little English boy in an Irish school delighted to find English Masters on the Staff!—and I remember with gratitude Mr. Thompson's painstaking efforts during my last year to coach me for a Scholarship at Oxford. (That my College was not prepared to do more than accept me as a member without further examination was obviously not his fault!) I always have the feeling that an obscure and ephemeral journal I ventured to launch about the year 1892 (entitled *The Upper Fourth Monthly*) was the first forerunner of *The Erasmian*, to which I remember I was pleased to contribute an "Oxford Letter" during my residence at the University, 1897-1901. It was a real pleasure to me to welcome Mr. Thompson to these parts one summer some years ago, and I trust that your impending loss may prove to be my own gain, and that England may see something of him again!

May I conclude by wishing the best of luck to the old School and to *The Erasmian*, in which I have always felt a peculiar interest?

ARTHUR W. R. CHEALES.



OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Magazines:—"T.C.D." (Trinity College, Dublin), "C.A.I." (Coleraine Academical Institution), "School News" (Royal Belfast Academical Institution), "R.S.D." (Royal School, Dungannon).

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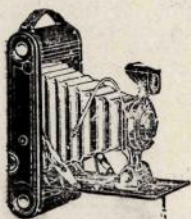
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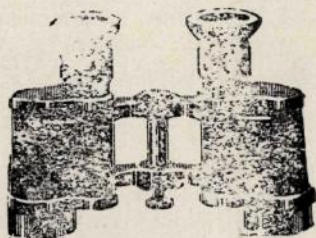
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