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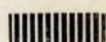
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DECEMBER, 1928.

Editorial.

We take up the Editorial pen

There is a singular pleasure in using the word "we." It is a mark of our Editorial dignity: it puts us for the moment on a level with kings and emperors. Perhaps its use might be more strictly supervised. There might be a Guild of Editors who alone had the right of using it. At present, every little rag of a magazine begins with the words:—

"We take up the Editorial pen"

Strictly speaking, of course, there is no Editorial pen. There should be one; or rather, from the time of the beginning of THE ERASMIAN there should have been one (an eagle's quill studded with jewels, presented by Erasmus Smith to the first Editor, to be handed on, with elaborate ceremonial, to succeeding Editors, together with a waste-paper basket and a dictionary of Latin quotations). At present, unfortunately, this instrument is a mere legal fiction, and as such is rather hard to write with. So we use an ordinary fountain-pen, like a mere journalist; and speaking, alas, only metaphorically, we take up the Editorial pen

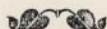
In point of fact, why do we? It might be plausibly argued that nothing has ever been said in an Editorial that could not be as well said elsewhere, if it needs saying at all. The writing of Editorials might even be considered harmful, since the unfortunate Editor is almost forced to write in the Editorial style, which resembles nothing on earth, and must seriously damage his ordinary prose. For indeed the contagion of the Editorial style is amazing. We must watch ourselves. There is a tradition of an Editor of an unofficial lower-form magazine, who, when questioned about the non-appearance of a Greek exercise, replied, "We are at present, we regret to say, without information on the subject referred to, but we will look into it, and we invite correspondence on the subject"!

While we are on the subject, we might as well remark that there is rather a dearth of correspondence. This is remarkable, since it is much easier to say what you think in the form of a letter than in the form of an article. We hope that this will be remedied in future; but *quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*

(This last remark may seem somewhat irrelevant. But we found, just before going to press, that we had not a single Latin quotation in the whole Editorial. It was, of course, impossible to allow it to be printed in this state; and we had to insert the first quotation we thought of.)

And talking of correspondence brings us—of course!—to the subject of contributions, with regard to which we have already made ourselves a nuisance to all and sundry. Short of bludgeons and blunderbusses, we have used every means we can think of to extract articles; but it is a thankless task. We really do not see why the writing of articles should be so difficult. It is not as if THE ERASMIAN appeared every week; there is half a year to write in. But long disquisitions on this topic are always more or less a confession of failure. We hope for better results in the next number . . .

So, more in sorrow than in anger, we take up the Editorial pen.



School Notes.



The School re-opened on Tuesday, September 4th. We fail to see what interest this could possibly have for anyone; but we put it in, because it always has been put in.

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The chief change in the School routine was the shortening of Wednesday and the lengthening of Saturday. This is, in our opinion, an excellent idea, as it gives two half-holidays, and yet does not sacrifice any of our valuable School time.

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On Monday, November 5th, Mr. Yatsley came and discoursed to the assembled School for half an hour on Temperance.

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We congratulate the Headmaster on supplying a long-felt want at Belgrave Square by providing baths. The Football Secretary, who has tried them in his official capacity, reports on them extremely favourably.

We wish to thank the following, who have presented books to the School Library :—

D. T. Bardon, R. S. Savage, and H. W. W. Good.

It is intended in future to purchase new books for the Library every term.

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Mr. A. P. Armstrong has been appointed School Catechist.

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On Thursday, November 15, the Headmaster announced the founding of a prize, by Mr. R. P. Rogers, to commemorate his son, H. J. D. Rogers, who died in 1918 while still at School. At 3 o'clock the School assembled in the Clockroom, where the Headmaster, after a short speech, hung a photograph of H. Rogers on the wall. Mr. Rogers, who was present, also made a short speech.

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The present holder of the prize is J. R. Mahon.

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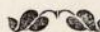
On Monday, October 29th, the School assembled in the Playground and got photographed. Specimens of the result were exhibited in the School.

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We congratulate H. W. Good, W. G. Taylor, W. C. Dick and J. Hawkins on being picked to play in the Preliminary Trial Match for the Leinster Schools' Inter-provincial Team, and H. W. Stephenson on being picked for the Final Trial for the South Side Team.

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We also congratulate T. N. Richardson and D. T. Bardon, who gained the special prizes awarded by the French Government.



The Old Boys' Union.



A meeting was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, 22nd November, to establish an Old Boys' Union. It was very well attended, and much enthusiasm was shown both at the meeting and in the large amount of correspondence received with promises of support.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Armagh, the Primate, presided, and very kindly consented to become President of the Union. Messrs. Mervyn Bell and W. H. Thrift were elected Hon. Secretaries, and the Rev. W. C. J. Proctor was elected Treasurer. The following Committee was appointed:—Prof. E. H. Alton, Messrs. A. J. Beatty, W. H. Carson, K.C., C. H. Darley, J. T. Drennan, the Rev. C. C. W. Duggan, Mr. J. W. Fox, Capt. D. M. Frazer, Mr. Rupert Jeffares, Rev. W. T. Mayne, Mr. A. L. B. Moore, Major Guillamore O'Grady, Messrs. A. R. Patterson, C. E. Riley, Mr. Justice Sealy, Mr. T. S. Tomlinson, Messrs. H. C. Thompson and H. Thrift, F.T.C.D., Prof. W. E. Thrift, Sir W de C. Wheeler, Mr. A. Whiteside.

The following are eligible as members:—Old pupils of the School, the Governors and the Staff.

The objects of the Union are referred to in the Head-master's Report.

It is intended to issue a list of members as soon as possible. The Secretaries will be grateful to those who can furnish them with addresses of Old Boys who have not yet received notices.

THE ERASMIAN will be used for the publication of news about the Union. We hope in our next issue to give a full account of its activities.



Correspondence.

To the Editor of THE ERASMIAN.

DEAR SIR,

The following suggestions might assist the M.C.C. in their endeavour to help the overworked bowler, and reduce the high scoring so noticeable all last season. There is nothing more annoying to a bowler than runs stolen when he is bowling quite well. By a law that "Either batsman shall be out if, in running or at any other time when the ball is in play, he be out of his ground and be struck by any fieldsman with the ball, portion of the field, or other missile weapon," the number of stolen singles might be diminished.

A law which, if passed, would, I feel sure, both brighten the game and at the same time solve the lbw. problem, has not been received by my cricketing acquaintances quite as enthusiastically as I expected. It is that "The striker shall be out if, while attempting to stop the ball with his legs, he be struck down by the wicket-keeper with hand or arm or spare bat." As the odds may now be somewhat in favour of the bowler, the bats-

man might be compensated by a law that he shall not be out unless the appeal be made in Irish, and that if an appeal be made in any foreign tongue except American, five runs shall be added to the score.

These laws would probably be sufficient to relieve any monotony that is felt at present, and no drastic changes, such as making the stumps thicker, would be necessary, especially if care were taken not to prepare the pitch too well. It is to be hoped that in this respect the High School Cricket Teams will set an example by refusing to have their pitches made as smooth as glass.

Yours very sincerely,

W.G.G..

Dundrum.



Athletic Sports.



The Annual Sports were held on Friday, June 22nd. Although the weather on the whole was fine, there were several sharp showers, during which the audience displayed great athletic skill in sprinting for shelter. D. G. Walker won the Senior Cup and G. W. Murdock the Junior Cup. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Thompson. The band of the D.M.G. rendered pleasing selections of music during the afternoon. Results:—

Long Jump (Senior)—1st, D. G. Walker; 2nd, C. J. D. Bullock; 3rd, A. W. Saunders.

Long Jump (Junior)—1st, G. W. Murdock; 2nd, G. A. D. Brewster; 3rd, J. Gibney.

75 Yards (under 10)—1st, V. E. Rowe; 2nd, D. C. Magill; 3rd, W. B. Martin.

75 Yards (under 11)—1st, D. C. Ewen; 2nd, K. H. Alexander; 3rd, F. W. Jones.

75 Yards (under 12)—1st, H. S. Carlile; 2nd, G. A. F. Harrison; 3rd, J. H. Martin.

100 Yards (under 13)—1st, P. R. Walker; 2nd, T. W. Bamford; 3rd, R. D. Magill.

100 Yards (under 14)—1st, R. A. Lutton; 2nd, G. Begley; 3rd, C. H. Williamson.

100 Yards (under 15)—1st, J. H. Hawkins; 2nd, W. E. Farmer; 3rd, G. Murdock.

100 Yards (under 16)—1st, H. W. W. Good; 2nd, J. M. Bryson; 3rd, W. G. Kirkpatrick.

100 Yards (Senior)—1st, J. B. Clarke; 2nd, D. G. Walker; 3rd, A. W. Saunders.

High Jump (Senior)—1st, A. W. Saunders; 2nd, G. C. F. Henry; 3rd, E. Ruttledge.

High Jump (under 15)—1st, G. D. Stewart; 2nd, A. E. Hutson; 3rd, G. A. D. Brewster.

150 Yards (under 12)—1st, H. S. Carlile; 2nd, K. H. Alexander; 3rd, J. H. Martin.

220 Yards (under 15)—1st, G. Murdock; 2nd, W. E. Farmer; 3rd, J. H. Hawkins.

220 Yards (under 16)—1st, H. W. W. Good; 2nd, J. M. Bryson; 3rd, J. D. Clarke.

220 Yards (Senior)—1st, D. G. Walker; 2nd, J. B. Clarke; 3rd, A. W. Saunders.

440 Yards (under 15)—1st, E. Green; 2nd, G. D. Stewart; 3rd, J. M. Caldwell.

440 Yards (Senior)—1st, D. G. Walker; 2nd, H. W. Stephenson; 3rd, R. J. Walker.

Half Mile (over 15)—1st, D. G. Walker; 2nd, H. W. Stephenson; 3rd, R. J. Walker.

One Mile (over 15)—1st, D. G. Walker; 2nd, R. J. Walker; 3rd, H. S. Boyce.

120 Yards Hurdles (Senior)—1st, A. W. Saunders; 2nd, C. J. D. Bullock; 3rd, E. Ruttledge.

120 Yards Hurdles (under 15)—1st, R. D. Magill; 2nd, G. Murdock; 3rd, G. D. Stewart.

Siamese Race—1st, C. A. and C. V. Boyle; 2nd, J. Gibney and B. Hennessey.

Sack Race (under 13)—1st, D. A. Huggard; 2nd, V. S. Dungan; 3rd, K. H. Alexander.

Sack Race (over 13)—1st, J. M. Bryson; 2nd, G. Begley; 3rd, H. S. Boyce.

Obstacle Race (under 13)—1st, T. J. Early; 2nd, R. E. Boothman; 3rd, C. V. Boyle.

Obstacle Race (over 13)—1st, C. H. Williamson; 2nd, F. J. Fox; 3rd, W. J. Collett.

Slow Bicycle Race—1st, E. Ruttledge; 2nd, F. M. Cathcart; 3rd, E. F. Green.

Sisters' Race (under 13)—1st, Miss Bebe Bryans; 2nd, Miss Thelma Scott; 3rd, Miss Isabel Gibney.

Sisters' Race (over 13)—1st, Miss Helen Boyle; 2nd, Miss Boyce; 3rd, Miss Rita Hennessey.

Band Race—1st, Guard Pringle; 2nd, Guard Timmons.

Old Boys' Race—1st, W. D. McHoul; 2nd, A. W. KcKee.

Relay Race (Sixth Form v. Rest of School)—Rest of School won (D. G. Waler, H. W. W. Good, C. J. D. Bullock, I. Webb).

Consolation Race (under 12)—1st, A. E. Morrow; 2nd, W. A. Douglas; 3rd, A. G. Moore.

Consolation Race (under 15)—1st, J. W. Wilkinson; 2nd, H. G. Scott; 3rd, H. Begley.

Consolation Race (Senior)—1st, J. M. G. Buchanan; 2nd, C. R. Rogers; 3rd, J. W. Warwick.

Wind of Winter.

I am Terror and Strength!
The Breaker of Fetters am I!
I am the Conqueror!
I am the Lord of the Sky!

I am a voice in the night
crying in lonely ways
on high bare moors
unlit by the moon's rays.

I am the Song of those
who are strong and ready to fight!
I am the Trumpet that calls
to the fight!

The ancient oaks of the forest,
the elms and the ash-trees grey,
they shall dance, they shall dance
to the tune that I shall play.

The oak shall dance like a sapling,
nodding his reverend crest;
and afterwards, being weary,
he shall lie down and rest . . .

I am the Conqueror!
I am the Lord of the Sky!
I am Terror and Strength!
The Breaker of Fetters am I!



Swimming Notes.



Captain—F. G. Bestall.
Vice-Captain—H. W. Stephenson.
Secretary—W. E. M. Anderson.

We may safely say that the past season was the most successful in the history of the school. We won two of the inter-schools' contests. After a very fine race we won the Leinster Schools' Squadron Championship. We drew a bye into the semi-final of the Water-Polo Cup. We then met Mountjoy School, whom we defeated by four goals to two. At St. Andrew's College Gala on October 8th we

met Belvedere College in the final, and after a strenuous game defeated them by three goals to one. This is the first time High School has ever won the Leinster Schools' Water-Polo Cup, although on several occasions we have reached the final.

We held our Annual Gala in the Iveagh Baths on Friday Evening, October 5th. The programme was varied and was worked through expeditiously. There was a very large attendance, and all the events were well contested. The Leinster Junior Schoolboy Championship and two Water-Polo Matches added interest to the programme. As the result of Sergt.-Major Burke's instruction, most of the competitors used the speedy crawl stroke. Mrs. Bennett very kindly distributed the prizes. Many thanks are due to Mr. Wilson for the help he has given during the season, and to all those who officiated at the Gala.

The results were as follows:—

- 1.—Senior Race (66 yards)—1, J. J. Thompson; 2, A. G. Mason; 3, J. Stafford. Time: 59 1-5 secs.
2. Under 15 (22 yards)—1, J. Begley; 2, E. G. Flynn; 3, A. L. Orr. Time: secs.
- 3.—Under 13 (20 yards)—1, P. R. Walker; 2, A. E. G. Moore; 3, E. M. White. Time: 19 3-5 secs.
- 4.—Championship—H. W. Stephenson. Time: 76 2-5 secs.
- 5.—Beginner's Race (22 yards)—1, P. R. Walker; 2, A. L. Orr; 3, H. C. Gowan. Time: 20 secs.
- 6.—Breast and Back Stroke Race (44 yards)—1, L. Rogers; 2, H. W. Good; 3, G. F. Mitchell. Time: 44 secs.
- 7.—50 Yards Junior Schoolboy Championship of Leinster—1, P. Dockrell (St. Andrew's College); 2, D. Towell (St. Andrew's College); 3, K. Dolan (Belvedere College). Time: 35 4-5 secs.
- 8.—Diving Handicap—1, J. Stafford; 2, J. M. Bryson; 3, R. W. Walker.
- 9.—Open Handicap for Boys of Dublin Schools (66 yards)—1, B. Ball (St. Stephen's Green School); 2, A. E. Quin (Mountjoy School); 3, J. De Vere White (St. Stephen's Green School). Time: 51 4-5 secs.
- 10.—Old Boys' Handicap Race (66 yards)—1, J. A. W. McKee; 2, A. E. Robinson; 3, S. Mason. Time: 42 1-5 secs.
- 11.—Squadron Race—The Old Boys defeated the present School by half a yard. Time: 1 min. 50 secs.
- 12.—Water-Polo Cup Tie—Belvedere College, 3 goals; St. Andrew's College, 1 goal.
- 13.—Water-Polo Cup Tie—Dublin University "A," 5 goals; National University, nil.

This year 24 boys won the Leinster Association's Swimming Certificates—4 first class, 6 second class, and 14 beginners. Many thanks are due to Mr. Ellerker for examining these boys.

We should add that the School team finished third in the All-Ireland Boys' Squadron Race in the Tailteann Games held in Blackrock Baths in August.

A Tuck Shop on the "Drage" System.

Now that almost anything can be bought on the "Drage" System, it is reasonable to expect that it will soon be adopted by tuck-shops. There are cases on record where boys who have forgotten pens or pencils have been able to procure new ones on credit; but the boy who forgets his lunch has absolutely no hope. Certain boys in such a predicament have borrowed money from their schoolmates, but that is contravening the School Rules. Often, too, these misguided boys are tardy in payment of their debts, and are administered harsh treatment by their exacting creditors. All this could be avoided, and a much-needed reform in school life effected, if only the tuck-shop authorities would adopt the "Drage" System. There would be no more hungry boys to be seen slouching around the playground during lunch-time and refusing to be comforted. No more would the heartless creditor beat the unhappy debtor round the school. Instead, an all-pervading sense of happiness would be present, which would be greatly beneficial to all. Let us hope that the day will soon come when one can, for a payment of a farthing, obtain at least one cup of tea and three slices of cake. The following ought to be typical of the conversations which will take place between the customers and the attendant:—

Customer: "I want sweets on 50 pay-way and no deposit, please!"

Attendant: "And you're most welcome! What does your order come to?"

C.: Just twopence-halfpenny. I divide that by 50 to get my first payment?"

A.: "Yes, you pay only one-fifth of a farthing now, and I will give you all the sweets at once."

C.: "Then I just pay one-fifth of a farthing daily for forty-nine days?"

A.: "Quite correct. You see, nothing will be added to the twopence-halfpenny for the credit you take."

C.: "Now about references?"

A.: "Don't trouble to give them, please. Instead, I'll give you something. Here's your Drage Protection in case you are ill."

C.: "Then if I can't go on paying I keep what I've paid for?"

A.: "Yes, less an agreed reasonable deduction for use."

C.: "I like your sweets very much, but your terms and courteous treatment are just wonderful!" W.W.

Football Notes.

Captain—H. W. Stephenson.

Vice-Captain—H. W. Good.

Secretary—W. G. Taylor.

The Rugby season started very late on account of the School's swimming activities. Our first S.C.T. match was on September 29th, but we were unable to play another until October 13th. The J.C.T., however, played several matches during this period.

Although we have six of the regular members of last year's S.C.T., this year's team is rather weak. One of the chief reasons of this state of affairs is that there are less than thirty boys over fifteen years of age who play football. This is disgraceful in a School with as many as we have. Another reason is that the team will not train together or regularly.

The 2nd XV. is not doing very well. The team has to be filled up with members of the J.C.T., which itself is not as good this year as last. The "Under 13," however, is showing great promise under the Captaincy of P. R. Walker, who also plays on the J.C.T.

The Pavilion at Belgrave Square has been greatly improved by the installation of two baths. Two masters attend the field every day to organise practices.

We are grateful to Messrs. Newman and Young, either of whom is at the field every day, and to Messrs. Evans, Watson, Dillon and Simpson, who also attend.

Bird Life in H.S.D.

A most unusual, perhaps unprecedented, thing happened on the Playground the other day. A pigeon was feeding in the Playground, as the pigeons are accustomed to do, when suddenly a sparrow-hawk pounced upon it and commenced to tear at its skull. We rushed out and succeeded in driving off the hawk, which then flew off round the Gym., while the pigeon flew weakly across the Playground; but before it reached the far side the hawk was on it again, and had it practically finished by the time we arrived, when there was nothing to do but end the poor victim's life.

Besides such out-of-the-way occurrences as this, the ordinary bird-life of the Playground is very interesting. Any day at present the following birds may be seen within the precincts of

the School: of the crows, the rook, jackdaw and starling, of the gulls the common gull, the herring gull and the black-headed gull (at this season without their brown hoods), the house pigeon (the rock pigeon, domesticated and degenerated by interbreeding with escaped fancy breeds) is very numerous. The small birds are represented by the blue and great tits, the pied and grey wagtails, and the ubiquitous house sparrow. In summer the swift may be seen overhead, and I have once heard the chiff-chaff, also a summer migrant.

The large colony of house sparrows which used to breed in the ivy on the west wall of the Store Room and the Headmaster's Study vanished one holidays recently. One pair once attempted to build in the flue of the fume-press in the Science Lab. [We wonder what they thought of H_2S .—ED.] Though I have never noticed the chaffinch about the School, there is a nest in one of the chestnut trees in the Playground.

G.F.M.



Headmaster's Report for 1927-'28.



In bringing before you the Report of the work of the High School for 1927-8, I am conscious that I am trying to fill a very difficult position, for I have taken the place of a man who was one of the ablest of the Schoolmasters of Ireland for a generation. Mr. Thompson was of a naturally unobtrusive character, but his scholarship, personality and honesty of purpose made him a leader in every assembly of men. I worked under him here for over six years, and I know that all the Staff had a respect and liking for him which grew with time. In the Classical Association of Ireland, his scholarship put him in the front rank in an assembly of scholars. In the Headmasters' Association, we all looked to him for guidance in every crisis. Yet I think that what most of all created confidence in him was his absolutely altruistic enthusiasm in the cause of Education. Even those who differed from him realised that all his aims were directed to the good of Education in the best sense, and never merely towards his own interests or those of his School.

He served the High School for 38 years. The old pupils still talk of what they owed to him during his 18 years as Assistant Master. When he became Headmaster, there were less than 100 pupils in the School: he has left a visible memorial of his success in the numbers which you see here to-day; "Si monumentum requiras, circumspecte."

Mr. Thompson worked hard—he worked for longer hours than any professional or business man whom I know, and the record of his last year of Headmastership, which I am about to read to you, is all a tribute to his long years of untiring labour.

In the Examinations in Religious Knowledge, held last December under the joint direction of the Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Assembly, the School presented 142 candidates. Of these 135 passed and 79 gained prizes. This was by far the largest number of prizes ever won by the School. In Greek Testament the School obtained for the fourth year in succession the Silver Medal for First Place in the Church of Ireland Examination. This year it was won by A. G. Breakey. In the Presbyterian Examination also for the fourth year in succession the School gained the First Place in Greek Testament and a special prize of £1. The winner was H. M. Glover. In the Junior Grade, too, E. A. Thompson gained the First Place with a special prize of £1.

In the Examinations held in June by the Board of Education in place of the old Intermediate Examinations, the School upheld its fine past record. The real result is obscured by the fact that no boy can now gain an Intermediate Certificate unless he takes Irish.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination four boys passed, two with Honours. The only boy candidate in the Free State in German was F. G. Bestall, who was awarded Honours in the subject.

In the Intermediate Certificate Examination only two boys were awarded Certificates owing to the new rule about Irish. I may add that these boys both obtained Honours in Irish.

Most of the others, however, showed an excellent standard of Education in the other subjects. One of them gained Honours in six subjects—twice as many as are necessary for a Pass with Honours.

J. W. Bridle and W. Warnock both gained Scholarships of £40 a year for two years. The High School still retains its record of having won a larger number of these Scholarships than any other Protestant Schools in the Free State during the years since they were first awarded.

W. Warnock also gained First Place in the Examination in English.

We owe our best thanks to the French Government and to Monsieur Blanche, the Consul-General, for the splendid prizes which they have again presented to this School. The prizes are awarded to T. N. Richardson and D. T. Bardon, who obtained the highest marks in French in the Leaving Certificate and the Intermediate Certificate Examinations.

We are very grateful also to Mr. R. P. Rogers for the Prize which he has founded in memory of his son, who died while he was a pupil at the School. The present holder is J. R. Mahon.

The record of our Entrance Examinations to Trinity College last autumn is most satisfactory. The School gained four Exhibitions out of a total of fourteen, the highest number ever won by the School, only one other School winning as many as two. The Second Place and the High School Exhibition of £25 a year for four years was won by D. M. Mitchell. The three other boys who obtained places in the Junior Exhibition list were R. W. Reynolds, J. A. W. McKee and M. H. G. Ellis, and an Erasmus Smith Exhibition was awarded to H. A. E. Egan. The Special Exhibition previously granted to M. F. E. Dobbin was extended. R. W. Reynolds also won the Entrance Prize for Greek Verse.

There is only time to mention the outstanding successes, but a closer scrutiny of the results will show the soundness of the general work of the School. Passes, Honours or other distinctions have been gained by the majority of candidates in such a range of subjects as the following:—Religious Knowledge, English, Irish, Greek, Latin, French, German, Mathematics (including Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry), Science, History, Geography and Commerce.

Our former pupils, too, figure prominently in the records of the Universities and elsewhere.

In Trinity College A. W. Breakey gained First Classical Scholarship and a Kitchener Scholarship of £100 a year for three years.

H. D. Anderson won a Scholarship in History.

A. W. Robertson gained First of First Class Moderatorship in Experimental Science, and was one of the only two Irish candidates who were successful in the Indian Civil Service Examinations.

A. H. M. Hillis won the Brooke Prize in Classics and two Moderatorships.

In the Junior and Senior Freshman years, D. B. W. Good and A. W. H. Breakey gained First of First Class Honours in Classics, and G. E. Gill First of First Class Honours in English.

In the Divinity School, W. C. G. Proctor was awarded a First Class Theological Exhibition (£180).

D. B. W. Good gained the Gold Medal for Oratory in the Philosophical Society.

Mr. E. H. Alton has been awarded the Degree of Litt.D. and elected Professor of Latin in Dublin University.

Mr. C. B. Maunsell is the Representative of the College of Surgeons in the Medical Council of the Free State.

Many other honours and distinctions will be found in the book of results which has been distributed. I have just heard of another success which has not been included: J. P. Martin won the Foy Scholarship (£20) in the Dublin Technical Schools. I should like to refer briefly to the other educational equipment provided. Provision is made for training in Carpentry and Wood-work. A Linguaphone has been purchased to help in teaching Irish and French; and an Epidiascope Lantern greatly extends the range of interesting lectures given to Junior boys.

In sport, the various Clubs continued their usual activities. The Swimming Club was the most conspicuously successful. For the first time the School won two Championships: The Leinster Schools' Polo Cup and the Leinster Schools' Squadron Championship. During the season 22 new swimming certificates were awarded. The School Swimming Championship was gained by H. W. Stephenson.

Very successful Sports were held in June at Lansdowne Road; the Senior Championship being won by D. G. Walker, and the Junior Championship by J. W. Murdoch. We have to thank the Old Boys and Parents for their generous contributions to the games.

The Annual Gymnastic Display was held on May 25th. when the medals were distributed to the successful boys in each class.

THE ERASMIAN, the School Magazine, was published as usual; it was edited by T. N. Richardson.

I have given you a summary of the School's record during the past year. I had nothing to do with the production of it, so that I can say what I really feel about it—that it is a splendid record of successful work.

May I dwell for a few minutes on the future and say something about what we are trying to do, because we can hope for success only if you understand and help us?

On the scholastic side, I have no doubt that the standard of solid education given in the Classrooms will be maintained, because fortunately the School still has the Staff which achieved success in the past.

In the next place, we are trying to get every boy to come and take part in games. There is no doubt at all that regular games are of incalculable benefit to all boys of normal health. Two Masters attend at Belgrave Square daily to train boys in games, and I would particularly draw the attention of parents to the arrangement by which a Master goes there specially to organise matches and practices for small boys. The Football Ground for the latter has been greatly improved by being altered and fenced with wire.

Baths have been provided in the Pavilion, and a second Dressing Room is also in the course of construction.

We hope shortly to have our own Gymnasium. When the building is completed, various other activities will be started, including Boxing, in which I have already had a promise of help from members of the Trinity College Club.

The boys are preparing a French Play, followed by a Concert, to be held on December 7th. The proceeds will be given to the Athletic Funds, which are in need of help owing to the various activities which I have mentioned.

We owe our best thanks to those who are helping us, including several old pupils.

I hope that all friends of the School will encourage the boys' efforts and help their Sports by coming to the Concert.

Last night a large and enthusiastic meeting of Old Boys was held in this room to found an Old Boys' Union. The chair was taken by one of our most distinguished past pupils, His Grace the Archbishop of Armagh, the Primate, who has very kindly consented to become President of the Association. Messrs. Mervyn Bell and W. H. Thrift have been elected Secretaries, and the Rev. W. C. G. Proctor Treasurer. The School has a very large list of Old Boys in different parts of the world. Many of them hold conspicuous positions in various walks of life, and there is no doubt that such a Union will be of great benefit to the members and to the School.

The School Library is being reorganised and enlarged. It will be divided into two parts, one of books of recognised high literary value, the other of lighter literature suitable to boys. I think that a School Library should have these two sides. A boy must first acquire the reading habit, and then his standard will improve. When he has once come to read the great masters of literature with pleasure, he will learn more by reading than all the Schools of Europe can teach him. Some of my hearers may have boys' books which are no longer of use to them, but which would be a great boon to us.

May I say a few words about Secondary Education in the Free State? I should like first to acknowledge the marked improvements made in Secondary Education by the present Department of Education, and their unfailing courtesy in meeting any reasonable requests from the Schools. They have greatly improved the whole system of Higher Education by allowing the Schools to choose their own courses and follow their own methods of instruction. This being so, I have never been able to understand why they retain the principle of compulsion in prescribing subjects of study. I am not now talking of compulsory Irish, which I look on in the same light as compulsion in any other subject. Personally I have no doubt

that I would have derived more good from Irish than from some of the other subjects which I was compelled to do at School and College.

Compulsion in Higher Education is wrong. All boys have not the same intellectual tendencies, and the teachers alone can decide in individual cases. The aim of the systems of Education elsewhere is to give increasing freedom. If I had time I could give you examples of this, and, amongst others, a remarkable attempt which is being made in Australia not only to give the Schools freedom, but to accept their internal examinations instead of external tests. The Universities are co-operating, and the experiment is proving successful.

In the Free State the compulsory subjects to obtain recognition or to gain an Intermediate Certificate are :—Irish, English, History, Geography, Mathematics (including Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry), and one other subject. There is little time left for anything else. For years past I have had to take boys daily outside of their regular classes to do subjects which this incubus of compulsion made impossible in school time.

No country in Europe would allow its Higher Education to achieve the result of crowding out all other European languages, as is happening in the Free State to-day. A generation is growing up here in such isolation that they will have no real understanding of any other country in Europe, for you cannot understand a people unless you know their language. Could the Department of Education not be induced to appoint a representative Committee, including particularly the Universities, to consider the whole question? I can hardly think that there is any Educationist in the country who would not welcome freedom for the Schools to choose their subjects of study.

Two distinguished past pupils of the School died during the year : Lieut.-Col. R. B. B. Foster, who had a brilliant career in the Indian Medical Service, and Sir Simon Maddock. Sir Simon Maddock was known to all in Dublin. He took an interest in everything which was done in his old School, and his active participation was shown by the fact that he won the "Old Boys' " Race at the Sports for ten years in succession. By his death the High School has lost a good friend.

In conclusion, may I say that the first three months of office have given me increasing confidence in the future of the School. My reasons are these : The School has a great initial asset in its fine Class Rooms and central Sports Ground. The Board of Governors have shown understanding and generosity in adopting any suggestions which I have made in the interest of the School. The Staff have not only supported me in the Class Rooms, but are giving unselfishly a great deal of time

outside of school hours to promote various activities for the good of the boys. The Senior boys, too, have been helpful, and the parents whom I met have given a kindly welcome.

These are my reasons for confidence, and to all who are helping our work I feel deeply grateful.



Xenophon on Rugby.



(For Greek Students only.)

- 1—In this year [in which Stanley Woods won the trophy and Cosgrave was archon in Dublin] the Scholarii, having collected as many as fifteen men, went away to the stadium,
- 2—winter having begun. Arriving there, they prepared as for a land battle, having eight hoplites and seven tar-
- 3—geteers. And the Mountjochoi drew up their line of battle and made a sally from the fort which is built at
- 4—one end of the stadium. But Novander, a general of the Scholarii, having sounded a trumpet, led forth his
- 5—soldiers towards the enemy on a level plain. Then an obol, having been cast in the air, fell in a manner unfavourable for the Scholarii; so that it was necessary for
- 6—them to fight facing the sun. Then both armies raised a shout, and the Scholarii, having hurled a certain leathern bag towards the Mountjochoi, ran forward and
- 7—attacked as quickly as possible. And the targeteers, seeing the hoplites running forward, followed to the
- 8—pursuit. For each side tries by running round, as ships sail in a sea fight, to place the ball or bag behind their
- 9—opponents' line. But the Mountjochoi, having seized
- 10—each a man, hurled him violently to the ground. Then indeed the hoplites and the Scholarii, having brought
- 11—help, engaged with the hoplites of the enemy. And both sides having come together, pushed violently against each other, striving as to which side should obtain the
- 12—bag. And a certain targeteer of the Scholarii, having picked the bag from under the feet of the hoplites, threw it to his comrade, who, running forward, placed it

Sentence 1 (In which, etc.) Bracketed by all editors as spurious. 5. (Then an obol...Scholarii). The reference is obscure, but may refer to some method of taking auguries. 6. (A certain leathern bag). Tischendorf explains the bag as a thin bladder filled with gas, and brackets sentence 8 as a gloss. He considers it one of the earliest allusions to "chemical warfare."

- 13—behind the enemy's line. And for a long time the fight continued, till Novander, sounding a trumpet, caused
14—both sides to retreat. But the Mountjochoi, taking away their dead under a treaty, went to the fort and there
15—buried them. And Novander having again sounded the trumpet, the fight was begun afresh on both sides, and
16—lasted almost till sunset. Then both armies, having
17—raised a shout, retired. And the Scholarii, on the one hand, claiming the victory, stripped a corpse and set
18—up a trophy. But the Mountjochoi, on the other hand, deserting the fort, departed homewards as many as were able, while the Scholarii ravaged the neighbouring country.



Old Boys' Farewell Dinner to Mr. Thompson.



A Dinner was held on the 27th June by the Old Boys and Parents in order to make a Presentation to Mr. Thompson.

The enthusiastic support which was given to the Presentation and the attendance at the Dinner showed the very high esteem in which Mr. Thompson was held. We are glad to be able to print his farewell speech, as we are sure that his old pupils would like to keep it.

MR. THOMPSON'S SPEECH.

It is a very great pleasure for me to be here to-night, and to meet once more so many of my old pupils, some of whom have come from a considerable distance to be present on this occasion. You have come to do me honour, and to show your appreciation of the work I have done in the High School now over a long lapse of years, and I find it difficult to express to you in words how deeply I am touched by what the Chairman has said, by your kindly thoughts of me, and by your magnificent presentation. For all this I thank you with a full heart, and I know quite well that Mrs. Thompson would wish to join me in this expression of gratitude for your gracious gift to her personally, which she will deeply appreciate. She has always followed with the greatest interest the welfare of the School. No one has been more pleased than she with its success, and no one has, or could have, helped me more in my work. I cannot, and shall not, attempt here to estimate my indebtedness to her. I know she will wish to thank you all for your kindness in

specially remembering her this evening. When, nearly thirty-eight years ago, I landed in Ireland without knowing a single soul here, I little imagined what was in store for me in the future, and it would have been impossible for me in my wildest dreams to picture such a scene as this here to-night, and the warmth of the reception you have given me. Dr. Johnson said of the Scotch that they were a fair people; they never spoke well of one another. I do not know what he would have said of Irishmen. While they have rather a habit of speaking in depreciating terms of Englishmen in general, to the English individually they extend an extraordinary welcome of kindness, generosity and friendliness which it is impossible to repay. But then I remember that you belong to that section of the British people who are the finest of its stocks, and have often been its mainstay; I mean the Anglo-Irish.

As an Old Boy myself I have always looked back, as an outstanding influence in my life, to the teaching and character of my own Headmaster, Dr. Abbott, and if my influence in the case of the High School has been in any way comparable to his at the City of London School I should be well content. The number of boys I have admitted to the School during my Headmastership has been over 1,300, and, counting those who were in my Classes before that time, there must be at least 2,000 of you who have come under my care. In many ways a Schoolmaster's life is enviable, and my life has certainly been very happy. It is, no doubt, full of responsibility and hard work, and involves a continuous strain on the nervous system, but there is the compensation of always living in contact with the charm of fresh minds not yet disillusioned by experience.

Time cannot wither, nor can custom stale,
Their infinite variety,

And this helped to make life interesting and to keep one young. Some of my friends say that I am younger than ever, but alas! alas! *canities* and *calvities*, and other e's, deny the pleasant impeachment.

I am sometimes asked whether boys have improved in recent years. It is hard to say. I always think of that splendid hexameter which the greatest Irish scholar of to-day, whom we are glad to have with us this evening, quoted at one of our prize-givings. I do not know the author, and sometimes think he made it up himself:

Sunt pueri pueri: pueri puerilia ludunt.

Boys are always up to some tricks. Nowadays they play a mysterious game in a part of the playground called the Muddy Dungeon; why I do not know, as it is not particularly muddy, and is a perfectly open space. I am told by an Old

Boy who was here in the 70's, and is now a distinguished artist and inventor, that then a favourite amusement at 3 o'clock was to shoot with catapults at pigeons on the roofs of the houses on the opposite side of Harcourt Street. The ringleader was either one who is now (I have forgotten which) a distinguished member of the Northern Parliament or a Right Reverend Member of the Bench of Irish Bishops. There was in those days no R.S.P.C.A., which a few months ago threatened me with prosecution if I did not remove a cat from the roof of No. 40. Well, I am not a cat burglar. The cat after its kind *solvit ambulando* or *desiliendo*, and saved me from the Police Court. Inside School the Primate told us on one occasion a favourite trick was, behind Dr. Creswell's back, to climb a ladder which was then in the Clockroom and towards three in the afternoon to move forward the hands of the clock. In my predecessor's days a usual game was to fire barbed pens into the roof, and when I took over the Headmastership there was a regular primæval forest of them up above. Only one boy in my time was ever successful at this game. There was some excuse for him. It was no doubt due to inherited instinct which he couldn't resist—*prisca vestigia fraudis*—which he derived from his father, now a Senior Fellow of T.C.D. I have since watched his career with fear and misgiving, for, as I used to teach my Classes :

*Raro antecedentem scelestum
Deseruit pede pæna claudo.*

Sure enough, a condign penalty has already overtaken him in early manhood, and he has this month been interned for life in Mount Jerome. I am glad they have let him out for this evening.

If you want to succeed as a Schoolmaster, and to save yourself from these annoyances, you have to play the game. There are well-known and recognised rules. The Master must be top-dog, and the boy is quite content to be the under-dog provided the top-dog mouths him and mauls him and nibbles him nicely and doesn't bite too hard, and teaches him all he knows.

A Headmaster has to deal not only with boys, but with other people. Sometimes it is the young Masters, beginning to teach, who haven't learnt the rules. They think they know better than the old, experienced dogs; they want to play *bon camarade* and to be *bon enfant* with the boys. It never pays. Wasn't it the first Lord Houghton who said :

Speak roughly to your little boy,
And beat him when he sneezes,
For if you don't he'll you annoy,
And do it when he pleases.

You may be quite sure we have a lot of old, well-seasoned dogs at the High School who don't allow much sneezing.

One of the most delicate situations for a conscientious Headmaster is when a parent, father or mother, or worse, both parents together, come to enquire why their backward young hopeful doesn't get on as well as some other boys they know. They wish their geese to be swans. Well, a goose is not at all a bad bird, especially at Michaelmas, and after all it was the geese that saved the Capitol, and when I look at the memorial window and tablets in the Clockroom I see that many of the names there did not figure prominently in the prize lists, but they have nevertheless achieved a higher and nobler immortality. Remembering this, you are able to reassure the doubting parent. We will do our best; they must have patience, and wait and see.

Besides boys and masters and parents, there are the Board of Governors, whom I am glad to see represented here to-night. From them I have always received the greatest kindness from the very first day that they unanimously elected me to the position I am now resigning. One of the Chairmen wrote to me in words I have always prized, and shall always prize. Perhaps I ought not to quote them, but they are these: "There was not anything within the purview of the Board in which I had so absolute and complete a confidence as in your handling of the High School." There is, however, one remark I should like to make. I am frequently asked why the Erasmus Smith Board do not do this, that or the other, but it is not generally understood that it is not a wealthy endowment, when you consider the large number of calls upon its funds, and there is not a superabundance of money for many things which both they and I would have wished to do. They have done, however, and are continuing to do, a great many things for the good of the School; and then, lastly, there is the Board of Education, which so largely controls our work. I quite admit they have a difficult task, and much praise is due to them for many things they have done. I am also sure that the Government would willingly do much more for the Schools, but facts are stubborn things, and so far as the Schools are concerned there are two outstanding facts which are not very pleasant to which the Government has committed itself and for which it is responsible:

1. Although it has largely increased our grants and given increments to teachers' salaries, our Schools are receiving in this way from public funds considerably less than similar Schools in other parts of the British Isles, and to that considerable extent we are handicapped,

and Secondary Education in the Free State must suffer in comparison.

2. The Government has deliberately adopted, and is imposing on our Schools, a different Syllabus of Secondary Education from that to which we have been accustomed, and under which our Schools have been carried on in the past. It is a serious experiment, and in my opinion a mistake. The Government, in this as in some other things, has been in too much of a hurry. Violent changes are always objectionable.

These are difficulties that I have to bequeath to my successor, who will no doubt face them with courage and, I hope, success. I have great confidence in Mr. Bennett, whom I have known intimately for many years, and I can recommend him to you and hand over the School to his guidance with full assurance of his capacity.

I hope I am not tiring you, but before I close I want to say a word about the present position of the School. We have been told lately that Headmasters should not be like company promoters, praising themselves and their goods, but we are here *en famille*, as it were, and some of you may not realise what the School has been doing. So I would like to sum up for you our successes for the past year, so that you, like myself, may be proud of its work.

Taking only the past year, the School has gained in Trinity a Classical Sizarship, Classical Entrance Prize, four Junior Exhibitions, two Scholarships (First in Classics and another in History), First Senior Moderatorship in Experimental Science, Brooke Prize in Classics, a Kitchener Scholarship, and a place in the Indian Civil Service.

In the Intermediate Certificate Examination we passed 18 out of 19 candidates, 7 with Honours, and won two Scholarships (one boy winning Second Place), the largest number obtained by any Protestant School, making our total of Scholarships higher than that of any other Protestant School under the new scheme. In Scripture we won First and Second places in Greek Testament in the Church of Ireland Examination; First, Second and Third places in Greek Testament in the Presbyterian Examination; First place in the Presbyterian Junior Grade, and Fourth place (with 96½ per cent) in the Church Junior Grade.

This is not a bad record; nor is that of our games for a Day School which carries on Cricket, Football, Swimming, Athletics, Gymnastics, and a Magazine. Last year we reached the Final in the Senior Cricket Cup, and this year a good Junior Cup Team was only beaten by a few runs by the team

In conclusion, I thank you all with all my heart for your kindness and generosity to me, especially this evening, and particularly I should like to mention our Chairman, and those who have organised the Dinner and the Presentation, Mr. Mayne, Mr. Tom Bell, Mr. Mervyn Bell and Mr. W. H. Thrift.



		English (400)	Greek (400)	Latin (400)	French (300)	Maths. (600)	Chemistry (300)	Result.
4275	Bestall, F. G.	250		248	150	426	223	H.
4267	Glover, H. M.	240	293	284	97	(180)	(64)	P.
4277	Richardson, T. N.	305		297	202	450	218	H.
4278	Ross, R. J.	210	302	236	154	(180)	(61)	P.
			German					
	Bestall, F. G.		205					

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS, 1928.

	Irish. (400)	English. (400)	Greek (400)	Latin. (400)	French. (300)	German. (300)	Hist. & Geo. (300)	Maths. (600)	Science (300)	Commerce (300)	Result.
923 Bardon		240	268	237	178	.....	111	(173)	105	.....	F. [H]
924 Bridle	260	235	.....	346	177	.....	130	525	190	.....	H. [H]
929 Glover		180	.....	132	120	110	(62)	246	125	.....	F. [P]
930 Good		220	200	177	115	.....	(88)	224	(75)	.....	F. [P]
931 Keating		180	.....	(86)	104	.....	93	332	195	.....	F. [P]
934 Maslin		175	165	184	(77)	.....	(82)	393	(65)	.....	F. [P]
935 Mitchell		230	272	319	150	.....	106	334	220	.....	F. [H]
938 Ronayne		165	.....	(73)	(42)	.....	(84)	319	125	120	F. [P]
939 Savage		170	.....	212	94	130	(36)	194	105	.....	F. [P]
940 Thompson		180	205	200	119	.....	(79)	235	90	.....	F. [P]
942 Warnock	266	310	.....	351	162	.....	100	341	210	.....	H. [H]

The letters in brackets indicate what the result would have been if Irish were not compulsory.

TRINITY COLLEGE, 1927-28.

The High School Exhibition, 1927.

Awarded on the result of the Junior Exhibition Examination (£25 a year for four years, with privileges as to rooms in Trinity College).

D. M. Mitchell (Second Place).

Junior Exhibition.

R. W. Reynolds.

J. A. W. McKee.

Special Exhibition of £25 for Five Years.

M. H. C. Ellis.

Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibitions.

H. A. E. Egan.

High Place at Entrance.

A. G. Mason.

Special Distinctions in Arts.

A. W. Robertson—First of First Class Moderatorship in Experimental Science. Indian Civil Service.

A. H. M. Hillis—Brooke Prize in Classics: Second Class Moderatorship in Classics. Second Class Moderatorship in Legal and Political Science.

W. C. G. Proctor—Prize in Ecclesiastical History.

A. W. H. Breakey—First Classical Scholarship. Kitchener Scholarship of £100 a year for three years.

H. D. Anderson—Third History Scholarship.

Term Honours in Arts.

Jun. Soph., D. B. W. Good—First of First Class Honours in Classics.

Sen. Fresh., A. W. H. Breakey—First of First Class Honours in Classics. Term Prize in Classical Composition.

G. E. Gill—First of First Class Honours in English. Term Prizes (two) in Composition.

T. R. W. Fleming—Third Rank Honours in Classics.

Jun. Fresh., R. W. Reynolds—Entrance Prize for Greek Verse. Second Rank (Honours) in Classics.

H. B. S. Montgomery—Second Rank (Honours) in Natural Science.

M. H. G. Ellis—Third Rank (Honours) in Classics.

J. A. W. McKee—Third Rank (Honours) in Classics.

Final Freshmen Examination, 1927.

D. B. W. Good (First Class).

D. G. D. Harpur (Third Class).

G. J. Boucher.

J. R. W. Fleming.

H. D. Anderson.

School of Divinity.

W. C. G. Proctor—Theological Exhibition.

School of Engineering.

R. E. D. Bain—Entrance.

School of Law.

P. C. Scott—Constitutional and Criminal Law and Feudal and English Law.

Medical School.

R. H. Simon—Preliminary Scientific.

H. W. Dalton—Intermediate Medical, Part II.

L. B. Harris—Final Medical, Part I.

R. P. McGarrigle—Final Medical, Part I.

I. F. Ratthaus—Final Medical, Part II.

Degrees.

D.LITT—E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D.

LL.B.—A. H. McN. Hillis.

M.A.—Rev. A. E. McComas.

B.A.—M. F. E. Dobbin (First Class), H. W. Dalton, R. P. Mc Garrigle, G. B. Thrift.

College Societies.

- D. B. W. Good—Philosophical Society's Gold Medal for Oratory. Council of Philosophical Society, and Committee of Choral Society.
- A. W. H. Breakey—Librarian of Philosophical and of Classical Society.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

- J. Hemphill—Passed Preliminary and Pre-Registration Examinations.
- R. J. F. Matthews—Passed Preliminary, Pre-Registration, and Biology Examinations.
- G. P. Pearse—Passed Preliminary, Pre-Registration, and Biology (First Place).
- E. A. Joyce—Passed Anatomy and Physiology Examination (First Place in Histology).

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS.

- Seymour Rice—Matriculation. Second Prize awarded by "The Builder."

BANK CLERKSHIPS.

- F. H. Ballagh—Provincial Bank.
- W. R. Prescott—Ulster Bank.
- T. O. Rutledge—Royal Bank.

OTHER DISTINCTIONS.

- E. H. Alton, D.Litt, F.T.C.D.—Professor of Latin, Dublin University.
- R. C. B. Maunsell (ex-President)—Representative of Coll. of Surgeons on Medical Council, I.F.S.
- C. H. Darley—Pres., Dublin Branch of British Empire Shakespeare Society.
- Calverley E. Riley—General Manager of the Great Southern Railways.
- W. H. Thrift—Secretary of the Mount Jerome Cemetery Co.
- E. F. Rice—Deputy Chief of Correspondence Department of Bank of Ireland.
- H. M. Daniel—Squadron-Leader of R.A.F. Medical Service (Aboukir).

School Concert



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

The concert opened with a French play (scenes 1 and 2 from Act IV. of Molière's "L'Avare"), with the following cast:—

Harpagon	.....	.....	G. F. Mitchell
Maitre Jacques	.....	.....	W. Warnock
Valère	.....	.....	W. G. Taylor
Cléante	.....	.....	J. W. Bridle
La Merluche	.....	.....	H. W. Stephenson.
Brindavoine	.....	.....	L. R. Rogers
Dame Claude	.....	.....	C. V. Lyster

The scene chosen was concerned almost exclusively with Harpagon, Valère, and Maître Jacques. Mitchell, in the lengthy and difficult part of Harpagon, acquitted himself excellently, particularly in the speech beginning "Que diable, toujours de l'argent!" Taylor, as Valère, acted with great spirit, particularly in the second scene, and made the most of his part. Warnock, as Maître Jacques, acted perhaps most realistically of all. In particular, the change of tone in the second scene was well managed. It is noteworthy that all the players, even in the most heated scenes, managed to retain an excellent pronunciation. The minor parts were efficiently filled, and all concerned acted in the spirit of the artiste.

The next item was a musical interlude by Messrs. T. Eager, D. Leach, S. Horrell, Geo. H. and J. Begley. We particularly liked "On Wings of Song," sung by T. Eager as a solo. "Ol' Man River" was rather unsuited to treble voices.

The School Choir, trained by Madame Alicia Keogh and Mr. Dillon, performed brilliantly. If we might make a suggestion, however, we think that the sea shanties might have been better as "community singing," with the choir leading. This would also have given the occupants of the "gallery" at the back something to do.

The three dances, by sisters of present pupils, were excellently performed, and the Ladies' Quartet was delightfully melodious, particularly in "Has Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded?"

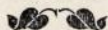
The two violin solos were very pleasing. D. W. Rice played "Souvenir," by Drdla, and L. Williams the Adagio of Griazioli's Sonata in B flat.

Besides those mentioned in the Headmaster's report, other old boys have distinguished themselves in other ways. Three of these—Messrs. Coomber, May and Sealy Jeffares—performed at the concert. Messrs. Coomber and May gave "Stay out of the South," "The Song is Ended," and others. This was one of the most popular items.

Mr. Sealy Jeffares, needless to say, had a *succès fou*. Some of those at the back particularly appreciated his song about "the bad little boy." In the second song, "Ain't You Coming Out, ma Julie?" he gave the best imitation of a cat we have ever heard. As an encore he gave us a "Recitation."

Madame Alicia Keogh and Mr. R. J. Ross accompanied. In the sea shanties, the piano was supplemented by two violins.

In conclusion, we wish to thank all who helped to make the concert a success, and in particular Mr. Chillingworth, who stage-managed the French play; Mr. Dillon, who supervised the musical part of the programme; and Mr. Wilson, who constructed the very excellent and artistic stage.



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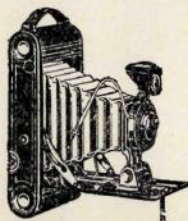
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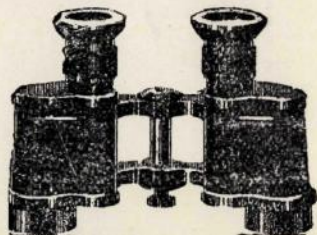
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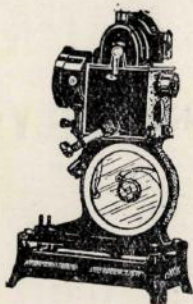
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