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Editorial

CHANGE being the keynote of all activities in the world to-day, THE ERASMIAN did not intend to be an exception. An Editorial Committee of six was chosen from the Upper Forms to act as producers, agents, critics and "vets." They met in solemn conference, rejecting one proposal, vetoing another, even approving one or two ideas, until at last—strangely enough—they reached agreement. The new format is the result.

Speaking of results, we are sure that we should never be forgiven for failing to mention, in this most hallowed corner of the magazine, our J.C.T.'s gallant achievement in winning the Leinster Schools' Junior Cricket Cup this year. Each player a perfect picture of Horace's "*Justum et tenacem propositi virum*," they fought their way through to the Final, and, eventually, in an unforgettable match, carried off the Cup. All praise, J.C.T.! The men of 1947 salute the men of 1938!

Well, here's to the New Year, and while we shiver now in the icy blast, we can only hope that it will be followed by as glorious a summer as its predecessor.

"*Da, puer, anni novi!*"

Nil Desperandum

To G. W. G.

An innings each and twenty-nine behind, It seemed our hopes of winning Cup were gone; While some around were to that fate resigned, Our captain said: "Look, chaps, we'll carry on."

So, taking heart, we set them thirty runs to win, And keenly fought till time was almost up. With just three minutes more, the last pair in, A catch! 'Twas held! "The High" had won the Cup.

And so we'll find that in the Game of Life, 'Twill often seem as though our hopes were gone.

A Voice will still be heard above the strife: "Have courage, friend, and bravely carry on." For o'er and o'er the lesson has been taught: "No game is ever lost until it's won." True pleasure's found in battles squarely fought, And sweet reward the welcome words "Well done!"

A Visit to Switzerland

I HAD a very pleasant holiday this year in Switzerland. I travelled by 'plane to London and spent a night there. The following day I went by train to Folkestone. At the station there, I queued up for about an hour at the Custom House before I went on board the ship for Calais. The sea was calm. I took some snaps of the White Cliffs of Dover.

At Calais the French porters jumped on board the ship and took the luggage to the French Custom House. After my luggage was examined I got into the train for Switzerland. I spent sixteen hours in this train and changed twice before I reached Zermatt, my destination.

Zermatt is a very pretty little village at the base of the Matterhorn, 5,000 feet above sea level. It consists of a main street, off which there are many avenues with large hotels. The village is kept very clean. The people are very friendly; they dress in similar clothes to the people here.

The Matterhorn looked very high. It is always capped in snow even in the hot summer. Very few people have climbed it. There is a museum in the village that shows articles and clothes of men that tried to climb it. I saw a carving of a man who climbed up the Matterhorn and fell from a great height with another man. He was all right, but the other man was killed.

Later, I went on an excursion 5,000 feet higher than Zermatt. At this height I reached snow. I looked through a big telescope and I was lucky enough to see three men descending from one of the peaks near the Matterhorn.

I spent ten days in Zermatt and enjoyed it very much. On the journey home I had a very exciting experience. The carriage next to the one I was in went on fire. No one was injured, so the people came into my carriage at six o'clock in the morning.

I had a very enjoyable trip back to Ireland.

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Milan

MILAN is a city full of ancient buildings and all sorts of Italians; Italians in smocks or elaborate and showy suits; Italians in shirts of all types of gaudy colours, shirts that are worn over the trousers; Italians with greasy faces, with thin and flat faces, with protruding chins, projecting foreheads and high cheek bones; a city of starving Italians, poverty-stricken Italians and here and there a wealthy Italian. It is easy to aggregate the moral traits, the idiosyncrasies, the distinctive physical peculiarities and the qualities which distinguish them as individuals of a race apart from any other. They are unchaste, peculiar in temperament and devoid of any voluntary traits of cleanliness, and they also seem to be devoid of any enthusiasm for work. I am afraid that their veracity is to be doubted, even though their ready talk has the ring of truth. The Italians have the aphorism which I think is most apt to describe themselves in their own most popular occupation—*il dolce far niente*.

Milan is a city full of noisy traffic. There are antiquated cars which rattle on the cobbles while going at the highest speed they can attain. The trams are dirty and badly need not one but several coats of paint. They are always packed, with people leaning out of the windows and hanging out of the doors. The trams make a dreadful noise as they race along. There are newspaper men shouting; filthy old women trying to sell their stinking fish, and a variety of disgustingly dirty men and women trying to "palm off" any old rubbish they can on unsuspecting passers-by.

On the whole, one must admit that in Milan affairs are bad, but not nearly as bad as they are in smaller cities and villages in Italy. The Italians are starving, and if they hope to eat they cannot possibly afford to clothe themselves at the same time.

I have tried to draw a picture of the people of Milan as I saw them, not as they probably are. I have portrayed the things that are so indelibly impressed on my mind. The relationship between my sketch and the truth is entirely a matter of opinion.

Milan is certainly a magnificent city as far as architecture is concerned. The *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele*, built in 1878, is the greatest arcade in Europe. It is shaped something like a star. Everything branches off from the centre.

This suffered in the war along with the rest of Milan. The whole arcade used to be covered by a glass roof, which has been practically all blown away. The arcade is always crowded with people. One can always hear the strains of music and the babbling of thousands of voices. In the arcade are most of the big stores and restaurants. There are cafés every few hundred yards where one can get a *casata*, an Italian delicacy in ice-creams. This can be bought for about 200 lira—a fabulous price. (All Italians take a special pride in robbing you).

Another place of interest is a wonderful old church called the *Basilica di Sant' Ambrogio*. It was built in 386 and still stands, a marvellous church of sculptures, frescoes and mosaics.

Then there is the Cathedral. It is *magnificent*—a masterpiece of brilliant Gothic workmanship. It was built in 1386, and it still stands, a monument to those great architects of the past who designed that wonderful marble monument to God. I can see it now in all its splendour and beauty, with its many marble statues and stained-glass windows: each one of those hundreds of marble statues a masterpiece in itself; each one of those many stained-glass windows a triumph of brilliant vitri-factual skill. I look on it as being one of the greatest examples of man's powers of flam-buoyant workmanship.

I write as one inspired by the beauty of one of the seven wonders of the modern world. I will always remember that Cathedral in Milan, long after these now vivid memories of Milan and the rest of Italy have faded into the inevitable mists of time.

J. D. ERDBERG (Form 5¹).

A Visit to a Cathedral

ONE day J.3 went to Christ Church Cathedral with Miss Orr and Mr. Evans. First we went down under the Church to the crypt. We saw statues of King Charles II and King James II. Then we saw a model of the Cathedral, it was made of cardboard, and it was all made by hand. We saw some pieces of masonry, too.

Then we saw the cat and the rat that climbed up an organ-pipe and got stuck. Apparently, they had had a chase round the Church and the rat climbed up the pipe and got stuck half-

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way up, the cat followed and it, too, got stuck. When the new organ was put in, the cat and the rat were found.

Then we heard another story about a regiment of English soldiers who were attending a funeral, and when it was over a lieutenant went to explore and he got lost and went down a passage and was eaten by the river-rats.

The crypt was built in Norman times. It is supposed to be the only crypt in the world that has wooden wedges.

When we went up to the Cathedral itself we saw Strongbow and his half-son, whose legs were supposed to have been cut off to stop him from running away from the battlefield. As a service was just going to begin, we had to hurry away because we had to go back to school and could not wait, so we did not see any more.

D. J. FITZPATRICK (Form 3C²).

[This article had to be held over from the June ERASMIAN. Meanwhile, the author has been promoted to a higher class.—Ed.]

Jamboree France, 1947

JAMBOREE Mondiale de la Paix, or the "Jamboree of Dust" as it was more popularly known, was an event which every scout who had the good fortune to attend will remember for the rest of his life. The Jamboree lasted from August 6th to August 21st, and during that period there was not a single drop of rain. From early dawn until late in the evening the sun shone down upon us fiercely.

The Irish scouts were all together in the sub-camp "Auvergne," and, as their flag-pole was the tallest, had the honour of seeing their flag floating above those of the other sub-camps. Incidentally, our flag was, on a number of occasions, mistaken for the Italian one. The green kilts and uniform of the Irish scouts attracted a great deal of attention, and one American scout offered the record "price" of two tents and some additional equipment for one!

Amongst the many activities of the campers were visits to Paris and to the homes of some French scouts. Some of the most famous buildings which were visited were the Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile, Cathédrale de Notre-Dame, Tour Eiffel, L'Opéra and La Place de la Concorde. On one visit to a French scout's

house in Paris it was very noticeable what an effect the French wine had on the Irish scouts. Two of the smaller scouts were entirely overcome and had to lie down to sleep off the effects.

A small railway encircled the camp. It was originally part of the railway of the Maginot Line, and served as a means of travelling between the various camp sites.

The most impressive spectacle of the whole Jamboree was the lighting of the torches of friendship. A brand from the last Jamboree Fire—that in Holland ten years ago at Vogelzang ("the Song of the Birds")—was lit, and from it, in turn, over 30,000 torches were lit and carried round the camp.

Never shall we forget the happiness, the sunshine, the heat (and the dust) of that glorious fortnight spent in France at Moisson at the Jamboree of Peace, 1947.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

School re-opened after the summer holidays on Wednesday, 3rd September, 1947.

We welcome three new masters to the staff: Mr. P. J. O'Kane, M.A., N.U.I. (Classics); Mr. H. G. Foster, Scholar and Moderator, B.A., T.C.D., and Mr. C. D. Buckley, B.A., Royal University, (Modern Languages).

Mr. R. J. Reid, B.A., left us in June to take up an appointment in England. We wish him well in his new work.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Goulden on the birth of a son.

The Prefects for 1947-48 are: R. D. Williams, E. C. T. Perdue, W. G. Palmer, W. P. Northen, A. H. Erdberg, R. A. Custis, K. B. Henderson, and A. H. Knight.

The House Rugby Captains for 1947-48 are: Abbey, G. W. Griffin; Belgrave, E. C. T. Perdue; Harcourt, W. G. Palmer.

The Committee of the Lending Library are grateful to the following who kindly presented books during this term: Mr. Gardner (9), R. E. Devlin (2), and A. S. Holt (4).

A party of boys from the Junior School visited the National Museum (Ancient Irish Art Section) this term under the guidance of Miss D. V. Orr.

A new trophy has been added to the School collection. It is the ball which was used in the match in which our J.C.T. won the Leinster Schools' Junior Rugby Cup in 1938, and it bears the autographs of all the members of the team. The ball was presented to the Headmaster by the Rev. R. E. Weir, M.A., outgoing President of the O.B.U., on behalf of his son, Dr. R. J. S. Weir, who was captain of the victorious team.

We congratulate the following:

W. Palmer, E. Perdue and N. Kerrison, on being selected to play in the Leinster Schools' Rugby Inter-Provincial Trials.

N. Kerrison (H.S.D. and Pembroke Swimming Clubs), who has been selected by the Olympic Training Committee for a special course of training.

E. S. Couse, on being one of the party of Irish Boy Scouts chosen to go to the International Jamboree at Moisson near Paris, in August last.

The High School Photographic Society

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THE Society continues to flourish despite the steadily rising prices of materials and the perennial difficulties of shortage of supplies. The highlight of the term's meetings was a lecture-demonstration by J. G. Berry and W. P. Northen on "Correction of Errors in Negatives." Intensification and reduction of incorrectly developed negatives was dealt with in full detail. A large number of negatives was brought in by members for criticism. Prints were made before and after correction, and the improvements noted.

The lecturers demonstrated the limits of effective correction; explained the composition of the solutions used, and outlined the chemistry of the process.

The Prize Distribution

THE annual Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 14th November. Mr. Cecil H. Darley, B.L., Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. There was a very large attendance of parents, boys and their friends.

In his report, the Headmaster referred to the continued increase in the number of applicants for entry to the School and of the consequent changes in organisation. He spoke of the solid basic teaching throughout the School and reviewed our remarkable examination results. The record of pupils of The High School in Trinity College during its first fifty years was so outstanding that a booklet was published containing full details. "But," he said, "no part of it equals the record of the last ten years."

Turning to the subject of business careers, the Headmaster said that the School had been all too successful in finding positions for boys in business. Far too many boys left before they were mature. From the point of view of sport, too, the loss of so many senior boys would have a very serious effect on senior rugby and cricket.

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Religious instruction was important, for without religion life is meaningless. In this and the building of character, however, the most important influence is not within the control of the School, but in the home. Again, he found that too often there is a belief among parents that the only part of a boy's intellectual education which really matters is that which fits him for the work by which he will earn his living. Surely it is the success of that mere technical and material education which has frightened the world to-day. Everybody is looking for more leisure and when they get it they do not know what to do with it. They have no resources in their empty heads..

"Do not take boys away from school too soon," was his advice to parents. A boy's intellect matures more quickly after the age of sixteen and an extra year or two of education then makes a great difference. If boys learn to recognise real greatness and to appreciate only the best, they will themselves achieve true education.

The Chairman congratulated the Headmaster on the high standard achieved and maintained in the School. He agreed that boys should remain at school as long as possible; sacrifices by parents might be necessary, but they were generally justified. Even though a boy might not be the best in his class, he might be kind, just and honourable, which was quite as important.

The Most Rev. Dr. James McCann, Lord Bishop of Meath, advised boys to take up the work for which they felt a special liking. Nothing counts so much as ability to do one's chosen work well. "We are living in an age when other countries are highly organised," he said, "and we shall need all our energy to compete with them successfully."

Major R. R. Wilson, President of the Old Boys' Union, reminded us of the changes for the better that had taken place since his school-days. He then presented the Old Boys' Cup to the winner, N. S. Montgomery.

After the Benediction tea was served to the visitors and boys.

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Boys entering from The High School won *four* out of the *ten* awards in the examination for Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions, and *four* places in the Sizarship list.

B. H. Murdoch:—First Entrance Scholarship (£240) and 1st Place in the Mathematical Sizarship Examination, but ineligible for Sizarship.

P. H. Stewart:—Classical Sizarship and £80 Entrance Exhibition.

N. S. Montgomery:—Mathematical Sizarship and £80 Entrance Exhibition.

J. A. E. Sutton:—Classical Sizarship.

M. W. Bryan:—Entrance Exhibition (£50).

The total value of the awards obtained is about £1,000. In addition, the Erasmus Smith Board awarded The High School Exhibition (£100) to P. H. Stewart and the Thompson Exhibition (£100) to J. A. E. Sutton.

(Since 1940, The High School has won 3 First Entrance Scholarships, 17 Sizarships, 11 Entrance Exhibitions, 3 Backhouse Prizes and 1 Louis Claude Purser Exhibition. The estimated value of these is £4,600. The Erasmus Smith Board has also awarded Leaving Exhibitions to the value of £1,400).

DISTINCTIONS OBTAINED BY FORMER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS IN COLLEGE

TRINITY MONDAY, 1947.

Fellowship—Dr. J. D. Smyth.

Scholarships—R. H. Kyle (1st Scholar in Mathematics); E. D. R. Simms (2nd Scholar in Classics); J. L. B. Deane (1st Scholar in Legal Science).

(i.e.:—*One* out of *three* Fellowships and *three* out of the *eleven* Foundation Scholarships awarded).

AUTUMN EXAMINATIONS, 1947.

Doctorate—F. S. L. Lyons (Ph.D., Modern History and Political Science).

Moderatorships—G. W. Williams (1st of 1st Class and the Gold Medal in Classics, and 1st of 1st Class in Ancient History); G. H. F. Gardner (1st of 1st Class and the

Gold Medal in Mathematics, and Moderatorship in Experimental Science); J. L. Barry Deane (1st of 1st Class in Legal Science); D. M. Collie (Moderatorship in Modern Languages).

University Studentships—G. H. F. Gardner (Mathematics); G. W. Williams (Classics).

(i.e.:—*Two* Gold Medals out of *four* awarded, and *both* of the Studentships. The High School boys have thus won *seven* out of *twelve* Studentships awarded in the last six years).

Special Prizes in Arts:

Bishop Laws Mathematical Prize (£100)—G. H. F. Gardner.

Lefroy Stein Research Exhibition (£100)—J. L. B. Deane.

Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship—C. F. G. Delaney.

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 H.Dip.Ed. (1st Class Honours)—F. A. L. Gardner (Mod.), M.A., B.Sc.

Honors Examinations

E. D. R. Simms (J.S.)—Classics (1st of 1st Rank).
 E. W. Brennan (J.S.)—Modern History and Political Science (1st Rank).
 R. F. Kyle (J.S.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).
 R. H. Kyle (S.F.)—Mathematics (1st of 1st Rank); Experimental Science (1st Rank).
 J. M. G. Carey (S.F.)—Classics (2nd Rank).
 N. J. F. Rodway (J.F.)—Classics (1st Rank).

Term Examinations

Final Freshman—J. M. G. Carey, D. E. Dann, R. H. Kyle, E. J. Margetson.

Entrance

R. Cochrane, K. Donaghy, D. Faiers, J. S. Jackson, W. G. Palmer.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S EXAMINATIONS, 1947.

Intermediate Certificate:

Honours—M. S. Burton, B. M. Comiskey, J. C. Haine, R. B. Maude.
 Pass—E. W. Allen, M. D. Buchalter, E. S. Couse, D. N. T. Eustace, C. B. G. Kendall.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 1947.

First Class—J. E. Burrows, R. G. Brooks, C. R. J. Rudd.
 Second Class—J. W. Dowse, W. M. Gregory.

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LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP WINNERS, 1947.



Standing:—T. W. Williams, W. J. Free, N. H. Kerrison, Mr. G. C. Johnson,
 D. T. Faiers, A. W. Cooper, A. P. Menary.

Sitting:—Mr. W. G. Kirkpatrick, K. Styles, C. E. Maltby, G. W. Griffin (Capt.),
 F. Brady, D. Freedman, Dr. J. Bennett (Headmaster).

Cricket, 1947

JUNE 25th, 1947 . . . what a day! On that dull Wednesday afternoon was held, at Leinster Cricket Club grounds, Rathmines, what must be described as the most exciting afternoon's cricket seen in a Schools' Cup match for a very long time. That match was the final of the Leinster Schools' Junior Cup between St. Columba's College and The High School, culminating in a win for The High School by 12 runs.

We batted first and made 64 (G. Griffin 20, A. Cooper 18, D. Faiers 13), to which St. Columba's replied with 93 (Cooper 3 for 29, Williams 3 for 40, Brady 3 for 15), leaving them leading by 29 runs, with 75 minutes left to play. We batted again and in 35 minutes ran up a total of 58 for 6 (Griffin 22, Cooper 14), when G. Griffin made a declaration, which afterwards proved to be timed to a split-second. St. Columba's needed either 30 runs to win in 40 minutes or else to hold on to their wickets to win on the first innings. St. Columba's met the challenge in a very sporting spirit. But . . . after about 5 minutes, three of their batsmen were back in the pavilion for 0—the result of a hat-trick by A. Cooper, who clean-bowled all three with the first three balls of his first over. After that there was no holding Cooper and T. W. Williams, and the last wicket fell to a brilliant catch by C. Maltby off the bowling of Williams. This happened after a heart-breaking stand for nine maiden overs by St. Columba's last-wicket pair, and with only 3 minutes left to full time. Bowling (2nd inns.): Cooper 7 for 6, Williams 3 for 8. What a game! and some say Cricket is *not* exciting!

The J.C.T. reached this final by beating Sandford Park in a very exciting semi-final. Details:—

HIGH SCHOOL: 1st inns., 30; 2nd inns., 87 (Griffin 29, Williams 16).

SANDFORD PARK: 1st inns., 16 (Cooper 4 for 5, Williams 6 for 5); 2nd inns., 30 (Cooper 2 for 3, Williams 4 for 4).

This J.C.T. also held an unbeaten record for the first time in memory. They played 7 matches, made an average of 10.8 per wicket, as against 4.3 by their opponents.

The senior team, consisting of over 50 per cent. juniors, lost their first round Cup match after holding a narrow lead in the first innings.

Details:—

HIGH SCHOOL: 1st inns., 70 (M. Williams 25, G. Griffin 19); 2nd inns., 29 (D. Faiers 20).

WESLEY COLLEGE: 1st inns., 65 (Cooper 6 for 16); 2nd inns., 51 for 1.

The Annual Match with the Old Boys ended in a win for the latter after some big scores. (H.S.D., 31 and 129; O.B.U., 157 and 76 for 7).

On the Saturday before the Cup final, The School beat The Parents by 4 wickets in a very enjoyable match.

These two Sports-week matches at Belgrave Square yielded eleven sixes.

Cricket Awards:

SENIOR: Batting: G. W. Griffin, average 15.6.

Bowling: A. W. Cooper, average 5.4.

JUNIOR: A bat, autographed by the Indian Touring Team of 1946, kindly presented by two Old Boys, Messrs. J. and C. G. Morton, for best Batting average in Cup matches; won by G. W. Griffin, average 18.

Bowling: A. W. Cooper, average 2.92.

Special Awards:

JUNIOR: F. Brady (scored a century in a friendly match); T. Williams (bowling average 3.2).

SENIOR: M. Williams (fielding).

We are proud to congratulate M. W. Williams, our Captain, on being selected on the Leinster Schools' XI.

The "Under 14" team was not as strong as in previous years and yet was rather unlucky in losing its League matches.

The Juveniles played many matches and enjoyed themselves thoroughly in Belgrave Square.

We were fortunate this year in having Mr. A. L. Knott as coach.

We also wish to thank Messrs. Johnson and Kirkpatrick for their unfailing interest in cricket, but regret must be recorded at Mr. Johnson's resignation as Sports' Master after this season.

R. A. C.

Tennis, 1947

TOWARDS the end of the season, we held our annual School Championships, for which there was a keen entry. On the 25th June, the Parents paid us their annual visit; it was a most enjoyable match, and resulted in a 6-0 win for the Parents—thus avenging their defeat of last year.

We are very grateful to the I.L.T.A. for offering to coach two of our senior members at Anglesea L.T.C.; E. C. T. Perdue and G. W. Griffin were the two boys chosen for these special lessons.

Our two Cup Teams had a rather disappointing season, as regards the League matches. The S.C.T. showed good promise at the beginning of the season, but, unfortunately, failed in the Cup matches.

The following are the results of the season's competitions:—

Senior Champion: A. Knight.

Junior Champion: G. Griffin.

Handicap Doubles Tournament:

Senior: J. Haine and R. Maude.

Junior: J. Seager and G. Chambers.

House Competition: Abbey House (Capt. N. S. Montgomery).

Athletics, 1947

THE Annual School Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, 28th June, 1947. There was a good attendance, and the competition was very keen.

During the season, teams were entered for the Leinster Schools' Sports, and for a Triangular Contest with King's Hospital and St. Andrew's College. It is pleasing to note that the juniors and juveniles are very promising.

We wish to thank Mr. Evans for his great interest in Athletics, and Mr. Hennessey for training boys at the Square.

The following were the winners of the principal Cups:—*The War Memorial Cup*, R. Maude; *Junior Championship Cup*, A. Menary; *the Moore Cup*, W. Palmer; *the Magill Cup*, W. Free; *Lord Holmpatrick Cup*, Abbey House (Capt., N. Montgomery).

Swimming, 1947

THE Iveagh Baths still being closed, our School swimming remained almost at a standstill. However, now that the fuel position has improved, we hope to have some training in the near future.

We were unable to enter a squad for the Leinster Schools' Championships, but had a good entry for the solo events. We won the Intermediate diving, and secured third place in Senior diving.

No School Gala was held, but the School Championships were decided at Blackrock Baths in September as follows:—

Senior Champion: N. Kerrison (Belgrave).

Junior Champion: C. Maltby (Harcourt).

House Squadron: Abbey House (B. Comiskey, G. Griffin, S. Wright, W. Lochtie).

N. H. K.

Boxing, 1947-48

THIS year the Boxing Club is flourishing once again with a large number of members. The number of entrants for the Championships was over sixty and the preliminary bouts were fought very keenly. The Championship Finals were held in the Clockroom on Tuesday, 18th November, before a large gathering of parents and boys and their friends.

The following are this season's Champions: Under 3 st., A. P. Burgess; under 4 st., M. R. H. Taylor; under 4 st. 7 lbs., M. Lundy; under 5 st., W. M. Gregory; under 5 st. 7 lbs., K. Allen; under 6 st., G. Lundy; under 6 st. 7 lbs., E. Pearson; under 7 st., K. Styles; under 7 st. 7 lbs., N. S. Rothwell; under 8 st., A. J. Sinclair; under 8 st. 8 lbs., B. Tomlinson; under 9 st. 2 lbs., E. S. Couse; under 9 st. 10 lbs., E. W. Allen; under 10 st. 8 lbs., D. W. Forsyth; under 11 st. 8 lbs., R. Adam.

We wish to thank Mr. Carroll (referee), Mr. Purcell and Mr. Bryan (judges), Mr. Dann (time-keeper) and Mr. Kirkpatrick (M.C.), and all other friends who helped to make the Championships a success, not forgetting Messrs. Goulden and Wilson, on whom all the arrangements and organisation of the event devolved.

Rugby, 1947-48

AS in recent years, our S.C.T. is very light and has not met with much success so far. However, the team is now settling down and improving after a poor start.

We were unfortunate in losing two of our best and heaviest forwards—Comiskey and Cochrane—early in the season, but the remainder, though very light, are keen enough. The backs miss the services of G. Griffin, who is out of the game until next term, but have been encouraged by the "discovery" of a good scrum-half in D. Fox, whose place on the wing has been taken by R. Maude—a speedy runner with a sound tackle. The tackling of the team in general, however, leaves much to be desired.

The J.C.T. has met with more success, and have given a good account of themselves in most of their matches. They, too, have been unlucky in losing Menary, through an injury. The under 14, under 13, under 12, and under 11 teams are very keen this year, and show great promise for the future. The under 13 team has won all its matches to date.

The annual match with the Old Boys was played at the Square on November 19th, and although the School was beaten, it was a very enjoyable game.

The House matches have just been played, and Belgrave proved to be the most successful team.

We congratulate the following on being selected for the Leinster Schools' Inter-Provincial Trials:—Forwards: E. C. T. Perdue, N. H. Kerrison (sub.); Backs: W. G. Palmer (sub.).

J. C. H.

Table Tennis, 1947-48

THE attendances were small when practices started in October, and soon the team was decided upon. Up to the time of writing, the team has not been very successful.

We wish to thank Mr. Wilson for repairing the tables, and Mr. Kirkpatrick for arranging the fixtures.

Team: (1) E. Perdue, (2) G. Griffin, (3) A. Knight, (4) W. Free, (5) W. Poole, (6) W. Northen.

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OLD BOYS' UNION

THE Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, November 7th. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. Mervyn Bell had decided to resign from the office of Honorary Secretary. The President, Major R. R. Wilson, warmly thanked Mr. Bell for all he had done for the Union during his 18 years as Honorary Secretary, and said that it was largely due to his efforts that the Union was in such a strong position to-day. After the meeting, Mrs. Bennett very kindly entertained all the members present to supper.

The following are the Honorary Officers and Committee for 1947-48:—

Patron:—Dr. E. H. Alton, Provost, T.C.D.

President:—Major R. R. Wilson.

Vice-President:—Dr. John Bennett (Headmaster).

Hon. Secretaries:—Harry Bunbury, 18 Westbourne Rd., Terenure; Cecil Morton, 33 Rathgar Rd.

Hon. Treasurer:—Thomas Bell, 3 & 4 College St.

Asst. Hon. Treasurer:—P. R. Walker, Fernhill, Sandyford, Co. Dublin.

Committee:—H. E. P. Anderson, Mervyn Bell, R. H. Kyle, T. D. Murphy, D. A. Orr, E. E. Spence, R. J. Walker, W. H. Walker, N. S. Montgomery (winner of O.B.U. Cup, 1946-47).

Cricket Secretary:—W. G. Booker.

Rugby Secretary:—E. W. Frith.

Golf Secretaries:—S. S. Evans, H. Williams

Dance Secretaries:—Cecil G. Morton and Harry Bunbury.

Athletics Secretary:—Brendan Hennessy.

Annual Voluntary Subscription

It has been decided to circularise the members each year, inviting them to send, if they feel so disposed, a voluntary subscription, not exceeding 5s., to the Hon. Treasurer. The High School O.B.U. is the only Union, with one exception, that does not have an annual subscription, and money collected in this way will be used to increase our charitable bequests and to defray deficits on certain social functions. Will members who are willing to subscribe this year, please fill up the enclosed form and send it to Mr. P. R. Walker, Fernhill, Sandyford, Co. Dublin. If members so desire, this subscription could be handed to Mr. P. R. Walker at the Dinner.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clock-room on Saturday, 17th January, 1948.

Change of Address:—Will members please notify the Honorary Secretaries of change of address.

Golf Report

The A.S.U. Competition for the Royal Dublin Cup was held at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 12th June. This was won by Castle Park with a score of 285. Our team was second with 292, made up as follows:—H. Williams, 71; V. V. Drennan, 72; S. H. Boyce, 74; W. H. Taylor, 75.

The Competition for the Old Boys' Cup took place at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 4th September.

Old Boys' Cup and Replica—R. L. Bryson, 66.

Runner-up—W. H. Taylor, 68.

Best Gross—H. Williams, 78.

Visitors—D. F. Robinson, 71.

Special Cup—T. Bell.

The U.I.S. Competition for the Irish Schools' Shield was held at Milltown on Thursday, 18th September. Our team was:—H. D. Gorman, J. E. Allen, A. C. Orr, S. H. Boyce, R. L. Bryson, W. H. Taylor. The Shield was won by Sandford Park with 139. Our team was fifth, with 148½.

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News of Old Boys

Rev. C. C. W. Browne, B.D. (1928-34), has been appointed Rector of St. John's, Sligo.

H. G. N. Bunbury (1925-30) has recently opened a China and Hardware Shop in Terenure.

Dr. J. M. Caldwell (1924-32) was a representative of Uganda at the Commonwealth Tuberculosis Conference in London this year. He has been a District Medical Officer in Uganda for eight years.

Rev. W. Sydney Callaghan (1936-44) has been appointed to the Dalkey Circuit by the Conference of the Methodist Church.

W. M. Carte (1909-11) has been appointed Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association in Eire.

D. M. Collie (Mod.), B.A. (1935-43), has been elected Record Secretary of the College Historical Society for the 1947-48 session.

R. A. Custis (1942-47) has passed the Entrance Examination for the British Civil Service and is now working in the Treasury in London.

J. L. B. Deane, Sch. (Mod.), B.A. (1941-42), has been elected Treasurer of the College Historical Society for the 1947-48 session.

C. F. G. Delaney, B.A. (1936-42), has been appointed Lecturer in Physics at Dublin University.

G. H. F. Gardner, B.A. (1936-43), has gone to study in Pittsburgh with Professor J. L. Synge. Professor Synge was formerly a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and is now one of the leading authorities on Applied Mathematics in America. Last June, Mr. Gardner was elected Auditor of the Mathematical Society in Trinity College.

R. A. Kerr, A.R.I.C.S. (1936-41), is now a Chartered Quantity Surveyor in London. He passed his Final last March and has been elected to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Professional Associate).

R. F. Kyle (1935-44) has been elected Librarian of the Mathematical Society.

Dr. F. S. L. Lyons (1941) has been appointed to the post of Assistant Lecturer in History at University College, Hull.

Sir Henry Mack (1910-13), United Kingdom Representative to the Government of Austria, was invested with the K.C.M.G. by the King this year.

D. A. Orr, M.C., B.A. (1930-40), gained his Inter-Provincial Rugby Cap for Leinster in the match which was played against Munster at Limerick.

B. B. Russell (1931-34): We regret to record the tragic death of B. B. Russell who was killed in the Isle of Man T.T. Race in September. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

P. H. Stewart (1937-47), who was Captain of the School Boxing Club last season, won the Featherweight title in the Dublin University Novice Boxing Championships in November.

Marriages

GEORGE DAVID LYONS (1933-40) to MARIAN HILDA SMEE, July 5, 1947.

MORTON JOSEPH MCCLINTOCK (1934-39) to FRANCES SHEILA HUNT, June 11, 1947.

CECIL GEORGE MORTON (1923-30) to VERONICA MARY KEAN, April 14, 1947.

RICHARD ROLAND QUIN (1936-42) to NADA PRESTON, August 23, 1947.

WILLIAM HOPKINS SUTTON (1924-28) to EILEEN HIRON, July 7, 1947.

REV. ROBERT EDWARD WEIR, M.A. (1888-94) to DORIS MARY WALSH, October 8, 1947.

ROBERT JOHN STUART WEIR, M.B. (1932-40) to JOAN MURIEL GARGAN, October 1, 1947.

SAMUEL STUART WEIR (1938-42) to TRUDY REIL, August 2, 1947.

EDWIN RICHARD YOUNG (1932-37) to BEATRICE (BETTY) CAMPBELL, July 1, 1947.

NORMAN REGINALD YOUNG (1939-43) to WINIFRED JOY LAMB, October 7, 1947.

Deaths

JOHN COLLIE DUNCAN, B.L. (Scholar, T.C.D.), (1892-1903), October 21, 1947.

ROBERT MAZIERE EXHAM, B.A. (1888-90), February 6, 1947.

HAMILTON BARRETT GOULDING, M.B., B.CH. (1903-09), July 10, 1947.

ROBERT ARTHUR HEATLEY, M.D. (1911-17), April 9, 1947.

BENJAMIN BUCKLEY RUSSELL (1931-34), September 9, 1947.

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