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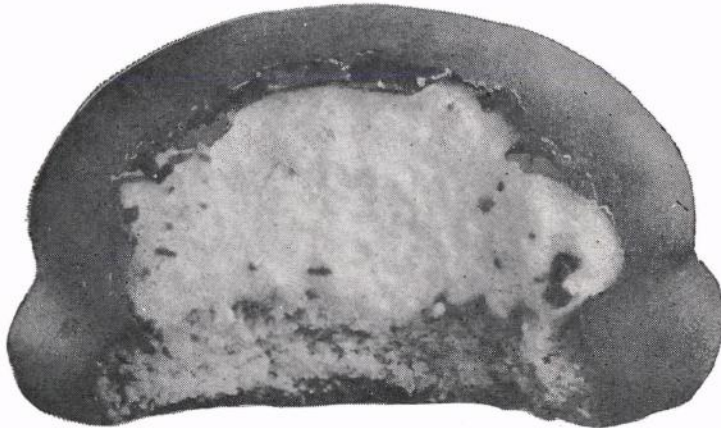
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EDITORIAL

As I begin to write there can be heard about the School a sound not often perceivable in these premises—that of silence. As I entered the School this morning the yard echoed not to the smacking of footballs but to the sound of "Sum, es, est, sumus, estis, sunt; eram, eras". It is the first day of the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate examinations.

It is interesting to note, however, that many of the boys, having completed their examinations, will not retire to take a holiday but will embark on some kind of summertime employment, probably not in this country. This course of action is undertaken by a large proportion of all students, school and university alike, and the purpose is ostensibly to make enough money during the summer to be able to live in modest luxury until the next year. Although students may take the same job again and again, year after year, they distinguish sharply between this and their eventual profession which, unlike the summer occupation, will depend upon the qualifications which they obtain from the School or university. They are in an interesting position in that they are, at one and the same time, both engaged in employment and training for an entirely different employment. This leads one to ask whether there are not too many Leaving Certificate candidates who consider that entry into a university is a natural and necessary follow-up to achieving the required number of honours in the examination.

Since they are apparently so pre-occupied with earning money why do they not enter full time employment immediately they leave school? The reason for this is probably that, while it has always been necessary to undergo a university course to enter the professions, the accepted means of starting on a business career has been to enter an office or business house straight from school, and to receive one's training in the course of one's work. Recently, however, increasing numbers of business appointments have required degrees in Business Studies, or similar, or have given preference thereto. This country has one of the highest percentages of university students in the world, having considerably more per head of the population than in Britain. Yet there is

still considerable pressure on university places. It would appear that the whole country has become university orientated, for more and more posts a university degree has become a *sine qua non*, indeed, it has been carried on to such an extent that a university degree alone is no longer sufficient to ensure employment, as many aspiring H.Dip.Ed's can confirm!

One is also led to ask how students managed to survive before the taking of summer employment became the norm. They were undoubtedly subsidised by their parents but hardly to the tune of £200 or so. In an age when students are very active in condemning capitalism and imperialism it is paradoxical that they seem so intent on earning money whereas their predecessors, who were hardly so militant, were prepared to accept their lot. Youth is no longer a kind of romantic innocence existing on frivolity and trivia. Young people are, on the contrary, very serious and very concerned about the state of the world even though, in a school or university, they are to a large extent insulated and protected from it. What! You exclaim, is it not to the credit of young people that they take such an active interest in the affairs of the state? Certainly, if youth is more responsible, it is to its credit, but is it not worth asking whether, in forsaking romance and ignorant idealism, it has not lost something considerably more valuable than it appears?

One aspect of youth, or at least, of the youth of this School has not changed substantially in the last fifty years. I note that my predecessor, in his editorial in the *Erasmian* 1922, wrote that he and his committee were experiencing great difficulty in persuading the boys to contribute articles for publication in the magazine. He said that the title 'Editor' was entirely misleading in the context of this paper in as much as there was very little editing and a great deal of writing required of him. He pointed out that the *Erasmian* was being composed entirely by the committee and therefore could not represent the whole School, as it should do.

I cannot but echo his words.

I must apologise if this page seems little more than a sequence of unconnected thoughts. I could argue that I am a follower of Joyce's "Stream of consciousness" idea but this would be very misleading and in no way true. Perhaps my best defence (it seems a widely used one nowadays) is to submit that I am a product of the 'System' (whatever that is!).

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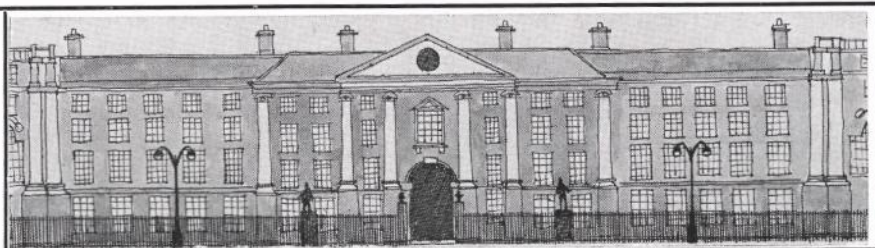
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TRINITY LETTER



Good Brother Erasmus,

*"A dungeon horrible, on all sides round,
As one great furnace flamed"*.

Thus the worthy Master Milton, and indeed this Scribe would woefully re-echo these words when asked for a true delineation of the State of this the College of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. How unlike the place from whence we fell! For truly are we in dire straits. All learning is cast away, and with it undergraduates, for all must now be called Students and are socially aware (sic). Here is true Religion no more prized than true Politicks—Heresy and the Jacobinical Frenzy do thrive marvellously. We students must look to the Board of the Coll., not to provide sound Learning and Discipline, but rather cheap food in the Buttery. Verily is the University to become in sum no more than a gigantic Soup-Kitchen for the indigent poor. All this and more at the behest of the S.R.C.

No doubt you will have read in the Publick prints of the emigré Polack, Master Koralek, his ingeniose Scheme to cover all greenery with monster cement-blocks in the image of his New Library. (*Quaere*—better in that image, mayhap, than in none at all? *Vide* the hideous growth of Botany Bay, called—for it is to such Barbarities that we are sunk—"The Catex", *anglice* "The Catering Extension", i.e., our new Soup-Kitchens).

But would that these cement blocks were all! Alas they are but the mere outward symptom of our horrid Disease within. For

whilst our Fanatique Students (all two dozen thereof) do gather in the Publick places of the Coll. to shriek "Relevancy", "No Fees", "No Internment", "Soup-Kitchens", etc., *ad nauseum*, inside the forces of Ignorance are sucking at our very Vitals.

The Brits are all gone—vanished utterly, all save a handful of cretins from Downside, Ampleforth and the like. Who, you may ask, have we been granted to replace them? A new breed indeed, fresh-plucked from the Bogs, with Bog-Moss still adherent to their heads and faces, still stinking of Bog-Water, and a Bog-Language still spoken of them that none can comprehend. Our noble quadrangles do ring with their cant, verily as if this Coll. were an Erse Revivalist meeting in the Aran Isles. In Front Sq., only the stench of incense drowns the reek of marijuana; learning is scorned and the vanities of oeconomicks, business-studies (shoppe-keeping, adding, etc.), sociology and computer science reign triumphant. All, all is lost and the virtuous gnash their teeth and shed their tears, crying, "*O tempora, O mores!*", "*Ichabod*, for the glory is departed!" and like utterances. Which lamentations fill the ears of the uncouth, who, thinking it a new songe, join in and dance according to their primitive custom.

In the midst of all this pollution and defilement of our once-pure isle of learning, one thought alone remains to cheer the righteous. That, good Erasmus, is of the constant flow amongst us of your erstwhile pupils, the upright *discipuli Erasmi*. Each Michaelmas they

flock to us, and we receive them with open arms and much joy, and all gather to pray for better days ahead, and we drink toasts to the confusion of our enemies, the barbarians, the bidders. For these *discipuli Erasmi* are yet a mighty force in this place. Some stand firm in the public eye, calling for purity and reform; some work their influence through more subtle channels—infiltrating the Billiard Rooms and Poker Tables of the enemy, the Buttery Bar and like resorts of the *mobile vulgus*—in all of these do the gallant men of H.S.D. strive (often at great peril to themselves) to bring the true light of civilization to rout the turfculture of these wretched bog-people. (*Vide* Adam Mesbur, the noted Bridge-player).

In the great multitude of the societies do old Erasmians as ever appear, in the words of the poet—*rari nantes in gurgite vasto*. From the Law Society to the Mathematicks Society (where has Neil Jeffares been of late elected Librarian), is your name exalted, O Erasmus. David Beattie claims to be Chairman of the Irish Physic Students' Association, but since none save he has heard of that Association, I pass on to that ancient stamping ground of Erasmian *alumni*, the Classical Society, where is Duncan Kennedy bearing aloft our great standard. Stuart Wright is said to hold high office in a thing called A.I.S.E.C.; since I know not the meaning of those letters, I know not whether this is good or bad. But as this scribe is reliably informed that these letters initial words in some foreign tongue (as French, Muscovy, Araby, etc.) I doubt that it can be good, and forbear from further comment.

Indeed if your correspondent were of the paradoxical sort, he might verily declare that High School men rule the world, for do not Norman Gamble and Joseph Csizmarik between them rule "Atlas" (the title of a geographers' journal). "Trinity News", once entitled (by its editor, I doubt not) "The 'Times' of College", is nought now but a silly rag, but its coffers are said to have grown more weighty in the reign of David Reynolds as Business Manager.

As for "T.C.D.", hearing that the place where the Histerical Orator and Fanatique, Master J. Hamilton, now reposed his shapeless posterior was not a million miles distant from its editorial chair, I was much sorrowed to find the scurrility and sedition of that journal nothing abated; rather had its lewd ribaldry, its blasphemous slandering grown more heinous under the new incumbent. From such dung-ridden

fields I move on with relief to the more salubrious meadows of College Park.

Here old Erasmians hold great sway. In cricket there towers John Silverstone "who like Augustus, young was called to empire, and has governed long" and also Denis Jacobsen, *et al.* In rugby too do many hardies take temporary refuge from the squalor which triumphs elsewhere: Philip Orr, Michael Gault, Kingsley Aikens, David Duffy, etc.

Of other sports your weary correspondent makes no report, save only Boating, which Robert and Gerhard Schouten and Nigel Cox took up last Michaelmas as "maidens" (sic). The last named worthy was at Easter translated to his family's hereditary occupation (*viz.* cox), which the foul-mouthed aver more suited to his talents than oarsman, for here can he make a great deal of noise without exerting any effort. Others feign astonishment that with him as cox, eight blades are still required to propel the boat—does not his own hot air suffice, they query. (This scribe only reports such calumny to reveal the depths to which the Coll. is sunk).

Gerhard Schouten had the enervating and edifying experience, while rowing past Capel Street Bridge in the Liffey Head, of catching a monster crab and launching himself (cum blade) into the foamy brew. Cox, pausing momentarily, to examine the curious green bubbles ploughed (the word is used advisedly) on to Butt Bridge with seven men. But all three professed great mirth at the Trinity Regatta in viewing the rowing of the Rugby men Aikens and Gault in a Club Four—their laughter rang a trifle hollow when the four won a bottle of champagne.

Robert Schouten and David Beattie both intrigued themselves into positions on the Phil. Council from whence they machinated the unopposed election of Cox as President for the next session. The ineffable Cox, who spurned the Hist. after Disraelian experiences of heckling, etc., from the ideologically impure, is reported much to have enjoyed being described by T.C.D. as "an arrogant, facile, upper-middle class northern unionist". Charles Hickson should be a strong bulwark for the Phil. next year as Registrar, having played prop. in the Freshers' XV, and hence well-suited to the speedy eviction of the proletarian toads, rats, water-moles, etc., which are apt to take refuge from the Elements in that Society's Conversation Room.

Truly, good Erasmus, could your trusty Correspondent dilate at greater length on the sorrows of our Coll. and on the barbarities of its indigents (Item: It is urged by one sly Plotter that our Chapel should become multi-denominational (sic): today will that sacred edifice be held by the true Church, tomorrow "multidenominational", next week yet another Soup-Kitchen?). But my hand grows fatigued and my aged quill will write no more; therefore must I subscribe myself—more in sorrow than in anger—

Laudator Temporis Acti,
MERCURIUS TRINITATIS.

The Prize Distributions

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday, March 10th. The Chairman was Mr. W. S. Cunningham, B.A., F.C.A., Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the prizes were distributed by Mr. William Murray, M.A., B.Comm., Ph.D., C.A., Assistant Managing Director of Cement-Roadstone Holdings.

The most significant event of the school year, the Headmaster reported, had been the passing away of Dr. Reynolds. Mr. Brook reminded us of the magnificent tributes which had been paid to his predecessor and acknowledged his own personal debt, both as a pupil under Dr. Reynolds and in the legacy of notes concerning all aspects of educational life which he had left to him.

Mr. Brook then went on to praise Mr. Keegan for the splendid way in which he had shouldered the burdens of being Acting-Headmaster, supervising the move to Danum and at the same time continuing a heavy teaching programme. With never-failing calmness and good humour he had tackled every crisis and the smoothness of the transition to the new school was in large part due to his organisational genius.

The Headmaster then emphasised that although new buildings, electronic equipment and new developments in the curriculum are becoming almost commonplace, it must not be forgotten that the most vital element in post-primary education is the teaching force, and that their effectiveness depends largely on the

size of the class units they have to teach. Since the High School already have to employ part-time teachers for 80 to 100 hours per week, a change in the quota system could have grave and damaging consequences. Amongst such consequences would be increased class sizes, the impossibility of teaching a second continental language up to the Intermediate level and also the impossibility of giving increased provision in practical subjects.

In the Intermediate Examination the Headmaster observed that the difficulties of the year past would seem to have contributed to a poorer showing than usual. Of the 57 candidates, 39 passed, of whom 20 passed with honours. In the Leaving Certificate Examination 50 passed, 17 of them with honours, out of a total of 68 candidates. The outstanding performance was that of Neil Jeffares, who gained first place in Ireland in Science subjects and also first place in Ireland in the Mathematics group of subjects, thus giving him a choice of two Easter Week Memorial Scholarships. In the Trinity Entrance Scholarships once again a High School boy won first place over-all and several other boys also won scholarships and prizes from various sources.

In sport, the Headmaster reported the progress of school teams during the year. The Under-14 Cricket team won the Minor Cup. This was their fifth successive year without a defeat, a tribute to the teams and to the coaching of Mr. Fennel. The Senior 2nd XV were runners-up in their league. The Senior XV itself had rather a mixed season, but did have the distinction of being the only side to score a try against Belvedere, the eventual winners, in the whole Senior Cup competition. In swimming, Val Hickey distinguished himself by winning both a Leinster Senior Water Polo Cup and a full Irish Water Polo Cup.

Finally Mr. Brook outlined the other out-of-school activities open to the boys. In particular he mentioned the Burren Expedition, when 34 boys and 4 staff with interests in Geography, Geology, Botany and Caving explored the Burren region of Co. Clare, as having been a marked success.

Mr. Cunningham, in thanking the Headmaster for his report, pointed to three assets of which the school could be justly proud; the new building, the staff and the boys. He paid a warm and sincere tribute to the teachers of the past who had done so much to make the school what it is today.

Erratum

The Old Boys' Cup was presented to Michael Gault, not Nigel Cox as printed. We regret the error.

Dr. Murray, in his address, stressed the view that although the business world must be seen against a background of change, men of traditional business-like qualities were still needed. The High School, he said, had a reputation for producing people of such qualities and he hoped it would continue to do so.

The President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. D. A. Orr, being indisposed, Mr. Cunningham presented the Old Boys' Cup to Nigel Cox, and the Distribution ended with the Benediction.

Special Prizes

John Thompson Scholarship in Classics (£100)—Jonathan Mossop.

High School Exhibition (£100): Michael Gault.

John Bennett Memorial Prize: Alan Mooney.

Glorney Exhibition (£50) and Cup: Nigel Cox.

Bessie Bury Prize in English: Nigel Cox.

Simon Eppel Prize in Science: Jonathan McColl.

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize: Duncan Kennedy.

B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30): Geoffrey Chadwick.

S. S. Evans Prize in Commerce: Ronald Woods.

Dr. Warnock's Prize in Irish: Neil Jeffares.

French Government Prizes: Geoffrey Chadwick, Neil Jeffares.

Mitchell Scholarship: Nial Moore.

Dr. Start's Prize in Chemistry: Nial Moore.

Rogers Memorial Prize: Hayes Dockrell.

Dillon Prize in Mathematics: David Early, Alan Ford, Norman Ludgate.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: Alan Ford.

Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish: Stephen Iland, Seán MacAogáin, John Piggott.

French Government's Prize: Hayes Dockrell, David Early, John Holmes.

S. S. Evans Prize in Commerce: Bevan Myers.

Miss Mitchell's Prizes in Art: Mark Duffy (5), Reginald Kinlan (5), Harold Moseley (4BD), Lesley Gresty (3BD), Philip Davison (2BI), David Lee (2B2).

Debating Society's Medal (O.B.U.): Nigel Cox.

Erasmian Prizes (O.B.U.): Nigel Cox, Neil Jeffares, Michael Gardner, Michael Gault.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday.

March 29th. The Chairman was Mr. F. W. Dungan, Registrar of the Schools founded by Erasmus Smith and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Robert J. McCullagh.

In his account of the progress of the Junior School in the 27th year of its existence, Mr. Brook reported that the number of pupils had continued to grow, an indication that parents place a high value on what we have to offer.

The Headmaster gave an account of the academic and sporting activities of the year and concluded by announcing, with regret, the news of Miss Helen McClure's departure to take up the post of Headmistress of Rathgar Junior School. Miss McClure had been teaching in the School for 19 years, during which time her skill and charm had endeared her to pupils and staff alike. Though she will be sorely missed, Mr. Brook wished her every success in her new position.

The Chairman reminded the boys that in a sense the School belonged to them, and that it was up to them to keep the building neat and tidy.

After the presentation of prizes Mr. McCullagh expressed a deep debt of gratitude for the honour of the invitation, and after some well chosen words of advice to the boys, the Distribution ended with a short concert given by the pupils of the Junior School.

PRIZES

S. S. Evans Memorial Cup: David Meredith.

Scholarships (£25): David Meredith (J5), Andrew Blair (J5), David Temperley (J3), Geoffrey Thompson (J3).

Mitchell Prize (£10): Jacek Majewski (J5).

J4 John Cole.

J3 Christopher Moore.

J2 David Kenny.

J1 Roger Armstrong, Graham Pasley.

Prize in Nature Study: Stephen Malkinson (J4).

Prize in Art: Trevor Sargeant (J5).

Prize in Handwork: Philip Burrell (J1).

Form Mistress's Prize: Julian Khan (J1).

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The High School War Memorial

The War Memorial was unveiled on Armistice Day, 11th November, 1921, by the Provost of Trinity College, Lord Holmpatrick, D.S.O., in a ceremony which followed the Prize Distribution of that year.

The memorial window and two tablets containing the names of sixty-eight boys who lost their lives in the War were formally presented to the School on behalf of the Old Boys by Professor W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D. The Old Boys felt it incumbent upon them, he said, to see that the memory of those who went from the High School and gave up their lives should not be forgotten.

A description of the Memorial and an explanation of its symbolism was printed in the *Erasmian* of March, 1922, and is reprinted here.

"The Memorial consists of a three-light stained glass window, on either side of which are placed on the wall brass tablets inscribed with the names of the sixty-nine (the sixty-ninth name—D. P. W. Carter, Lieut., Royal Engineers was added after the unveiling) Old Boys of the School who lost their lives in the War. Above is a scroll, adorned with palm leaves and bearing the words: 'To the glory of God, and in memory of the Old Boys of this School who lost their lives in the Great War 1914 - 18'."

Each tablet measures six feet by two feet.

The first tablet, which bears the inscription: "Death is swallowed up in victory", contains 35 names. The second bears the inscription: "Their name liveth to all generations" and has 34 names.

The window has three lights; the centre and largest represents Victory, and the two side ones represent Justice and Peace. Peace is gained by the triumph of Justice. "Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other". In the centre light the chief figure is a youthful knight in full armour, who, having fought the good fight, now rests upon his sword. He typifies the young heroes who cheerfully answered the call of duty and honour, scorning all toil and sacrifice; while the angels above offering gifts and laurel leaves signify that those who gave their lives will be held in proud and lasting memory. In the background another knight on horseback carries on high the School banner in the glorious triumph which public

school traditions and training did so much to achieve. Underneath are the School Arms, with children holding out the School Motto: "We are faithful to our trust". The window on the left represents Peace, surrounded by symbolic doves, and raising aloft the Torch of Learning. Underneath is the inscription: "In Terra Pax", and below is David's conquest of Goliath. The window on the right represents Justice, with scales and sword. Underneath is the inscription "Fiat Justitia", and below is the last stand of Horatius defending the bridge.

The whole work has been designed and executed by Mr. W. MacBride of Craftworkers Ltd. It has been admirably conceived and beautifully carried out. The general impression, especially when seen in the sunlight, is that of a richly jewelled and sparkling translucent screen, but the window is also remarkable for the wonderful colour of the robes, the marvellous intricacy of the pattern, and the variety and richness of the glass in the borders.

After the Second World War a further two tablets were erected to commemorate those Old Boys who died in it and the wording of the scroll above the memorial was amended to read: "To the glory of God and in memory of the Old Boys of this School who fell in two Great Wars". When the School moved to Danum the window was dismantled and was re-erected beside the main entrance to the School, in the front hall. It is best observed in the late afternoon, in summer, when its rich colour, illuminated by the declining sun, may be most fully appreciated.

"The Spoilers"

Being an open letter to every boy in the School

All Old Boys and those who suffered and endured their years in Harcourt Street will remember the summer term and will recall dust and certain noisome sheds at the west end of the inner yard. The general atmosphere, the cold, run-down, scruffy and, to be polite, grubby conditions in the latter years may be contrasted with the bright, new, clean, warm and comfortable situation in Danum. All our visitors this year have commented on the vastly improved and civilised conditions in the new School, where carpeted corridors, cleanliness and central heating—even in June—are notable features. Old Boys who inspected our new amenities after the Official Opening ceremony

and those who attended the O.B.U. Dinner were delighted with the facilities provided, more particularly when compared with No. 40.

Perhaps point No. 1 may be regarded as established: We have a splendid new school much superior in appointments to the coach houses and lofts in Harcourt Street.

Unfortunately we have brought with us many boys or at least some boys, whose ideas of fun are so mistaken, and whose house-training has been so inadequate, that they rejoice in any destruction and despoiling of our premises. Gleeful enthusiasm greets any sort of damage and, apparently, until the new building is reduced to the slum-standards we thought we had abandoned, our narrow-minded wreckers will neither rest nor pause. It might be well to consider one aspect of our present situation, taking only one, as time and space will not permit complete coverage of all the anti-social behaviour in the building. Leaving out more than passing mention of fruit and gum trodden into the carpets, broken desks, chewing gum put on seats, damage to fire-hose covers, bending of steel tube chair legs, bursting open of glass-panelled corridor doors, kicking open the other flush doors and all the whole range of damage and discreditable behaviour, let us consider the lavatories or 'ablutions' as they are known to some. Six of these rooms, heated and with appropriate w.c. and urinal facilities have been provided. Each room has six wash-basins with hot and cold water, a large mirror and clean towels, frequently changed. At first these were as aseptic as a hospital theatre and perhaps even cleaner and more sterile than some nursing homes. After three terms some questions may be asked: Why are some boys proud to spoil our mirrors by removing boss-head screw tops and by writing on the glass? Glad to tear out the washbasin stoppers? Happy to remove stopper chains? Delighted to stamp on the soap? Rejoice in the blocking of washbasin outlets? Charmed to steal the H. and C. markers from the tops of the taps? Why will others—or perhaps the same boys—throw fruit peel, paper, chocolate and sweet wrappers, used gum, 'crisp' bags and general litter into the urinals when waste paper bins are provided within a few feet in the same room? Perhaps as much may be said of other areas in the School but the foregoing short (sic!) summary should convey the message. It may be well for *Erasmian* readers to know that the "some boys" referred to

above are said to come from better-off families and it is agreed that the loutish destructive behaviour does not start among the less-well-off boys.

Now for point No. 2: Some people are spoiling our pleasant school and, given time, will ruin it.

Point No. 3: What you have to do, you, reading this, if you are still at school: Discourage the wreckers; withhold admiration from the thieves who display their loot (stopper chains, 2B1?); obstruct the louts and try to prevent further damage by the thoughtless or vicious. If enough decent boys do something positive to prevent damage it will stop. If the silent majority of ordinary boys act together the maladjusted hooligan few may learn from better example. If not, if you remain inactive and silent, or if you give the spoilers the supporting and admiring audience they crave, you will be helping to turn our excellent school building into a shabby stinking slum.

Before you go on to another item in this magazine here is a challenge. Write down the reasons why it is thought humorous or funny to put toilet paper fittings (complete) down the w.c. bowl. Try to express the ideas so that an independent and uninvolved reader would understand the need for such action. You are challenged to try and if you do you will not need to be told point No. 4 of this article.

Durt Burd.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools

The attitude which most people take towards this subject is similar to the general attitude which assists towards the National Debt i.e., people know these institutions exist and also they have a vague idea that there is something wrong. The Reformatory and Industrial Schools system developed in a haphazard way out of a series of Acts in the 19th century. The state is compelled by the constitution to care for deprived children. The children who are in these institutions are there because they have committed criminal offences, broken the School Attendance Acts, or have one or both parents dead or missing. This article is based on the Kennedy Report (1970) into the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Systems.

The present structure is as follows:—(i) 29 industrial schools, 2 reformatories, St. Patrick's (for criminal offenders 18 - 21), and Marlborough House (remand centre). (ii) Responsibility is divided between the departments of Health, Education and Justice. This results in each department avoiding responsibility. (iii) Most of the institutions are run by Catholic religious orders. Any Protestants who are placed in detention do not go into any of the institutions but are placed with foster parents by the minister of their own denomination.

However, the present system is antiquated and a blot on the social conscience of this country (if such things exist). To quote from the government report, "We find the present reformatory system completely inadequate". The following major defects must be noted:

(1) The emphasis is on the wrong points. "Much of the emphasis is on provision of material comforts and accommodation for children and on safeguarding them from moral and physical dangers. Too little emphasis has been placed on the child's needs to enable him to develop into maturity and to adjust himself satisfactorily to the society in which he lives".

(2) The system is antiquated. "It may have been admirable at one time but it is now no longer suited to the requirements of our modern and more scientific age and our greater realisation of our duty to the less fortunate members of society".

(3) No trained staff. "Most of those working in Industrial and Reformatory Schools have no proper qualifications for their work".

(4) The buildings used are unsuitable for working with children. Marlborough House, the remand centre, was condemned by Dublin Corporation as a dangerous building in 1957.

(5) No education is provided for the children. "We have had experience of meeting children who had so little contact with the outside world that they were unaware that food had to be paid for or that letters had to be stamped".

(6) When the children are released no attempt is made to have Social Workers or Probation Officers keep an eye on them. As a result the majority resume their criminal activities.

(7) No distinction is made between the children who are committed because of criminal offences and those whose parents have died or abandoned them. Thus young children, with no criminal tendencies, are allowed to mix freely with hardened delinquents.

(8) Not enough money is spent. In London £120 per week per child is spent. In Ireland just over £8.

The entire report reads like an account of conditions in the Middle Ages. Most of the children have no shoes because the Government will not spend the money. A psychological survey was carried out among these unfortunate children and the results showed that "a very high proportion of the children in care in the schools are generally backward. Indeed the indications are that there are a certain number of the children who are mentally handicapped".

The Government report which condemned the system of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in this country, was published in 1970. Now, 2 years later nothing has been done apart from the customary grunts and groans from the appropriate ministers. How many more children are to be committed to a system of child care condemned as inadequate by the Report? *Is it not time "all children of the nation were cherished equally?"*

Clive Slattery (6)

Note: The 1970 Report on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools can be obtained from the Government Publications Sales Office, G.P.O. Arcade. Price 27½p.

Gypsies

*Gypsies pitch their tents by night,
The horses sleep out in the moonlight
The morning comes, another day,
And now they're on the road to Bray.
The Gypsy race from India now
Head for Cavan and Virginia.
Their caravans are painted fine,
Completely different from mine.
I hope the Gypsies will always exist
But if they don't they will be missed.*

Owen Matthews (1B2)

The Burren Expedition

On the morning of Thursday, May 4th, a strangely-dressed cavalcade departed from Danum in three cars. The passengers of the cars were twelve members of the fifth year and the drivers were Mr. Broad, Mr. Brook and Mrs. Brook. It was the Fifth Year combined Geography/Geology/Biology field trip to the Burren.

On the way down to Co. Clare, we stopped in Portlaoighise for refreshments. After seeing drumlins and moraines we examined a slate quarry near Killaloe and ate pack lunches there. We made several detours to see interesting geographical phenomena. On account of this we did not arrive at the Kinvarra Youth Hostel where we were to stay until after dark.

Friday morning dawned, and after a delicious breakfast prepared by cooks and quarter-masters Michael Stirling and Dave Mitchell with the aid of Roy Siggins, we set out on a tour of N. Clare. We visited a polje at Carran, a fine example of a limestone pavement near L. Aleenaun and then had lunch near some dry valleys at Glenslade Castle. In the afternoon we surprised a herd of cows while tracing a disappearing river and went to look for fossils. During this Mr. Broad's car travelled a mile mysteriously of its own volition.

In the evening, ten of us, Mr. Broad and Mr. Brook donned caving-gear and descended into Poulmagollum (cave of the fairies) and stayed under for two hours. The main incident was when Mr. Broad accidentally set fire to Mr. Brook's hair!

On Saturday we divided up into teams of two and invaded farms for a farm study. After asking the farmfolk embarrassing questions, we returned to the cars and pooled information. The cars then split up and made their separate ways home.
D.E.

Outsiders

I—ONE LAST WISH

*Dragging the last seconds out together
The cigarette's hard odour works
Cancer-atom chemistry of piercing pleasure
Before
Staccato
Spikes the sleepy air and static like a well-worn film
Leaps radiantly before blood-blurred eyes
Focus, zoom the advancing ground . . .*

II—THE GYPSY

*Night dies under the anaesthetic,
Hopping goblin prisms of liquid sun
Assuage the cold sweat glistening
On the pores of the earth;
Sun-short intense reincarnation—
Droops laser beams of day
Thru growling clouds, now dabbed
Benevolently water-colour silver-grey;
Spirals, stairways to heaven.*

*The gypsy rises from a bed of straw
Sits cross-legged by an open fire
Whispering in a strange, wind-worn
language,
The liturgy of morning,
Rebirth of day.*

R. St. Leger (Form 6)

JUNIOR SCHOOL

A Story

The town hall clock struck twelve in the distance. I knew that now I would be safe, but my heart pounded as I made my way across the field in the shadow of the hedge. I had been watching everything that Mr. Jones did and I knew all that went on in the farmyard every night. At six o'clock he milked the cows and fed the hens. After that he checked that all the tools were in their places, and he put the tractor into the shed. Ben, the sheep dog, was let out for a run at about eleven o'clock each night and at half past he was chained up for the night in case he might chase sheep.

By now Farmer Jones would be fast asleep and all would be quiet in the farmyard. It is quite easy to climb through the bars of the gate into the yard. I make no sound as I run along beside the hay barn. There, in front of me is the hen-house door, and the bolt has not been fixed. Speed is what counts now. I leap for the door and push it open. Now for a nice fat hen, got it, and away, down by the barn, out through the gate, across the field, and into the safety of the woods, if there is any place really safe for a fox.

Samuel Smith (J3).

On A Plane

One day I asked my father to take me on a Jumbo and he said yes. He took me to Dublin Airport, and he asked could we have a seat up in the lounge. The pilot said yes. The hostess got us some sweets and we looked out of the window and I saw rivers, houses, fields and trees. Then a captain came out of the cockpit and said that we could go into the cockpit. We stayed in the cockpit for a long while until we started to go down. When we landed our mother was there. She drove down.

Mark Lyttle (J1).

March

*March brings winds—brrr! How cold!
But spring is coming, so we are told,
Crocuses pop up all bright and yellow,
And I can see puffy pussy willow.*

*Clouds dance across the blue sky,
And sailing boats flash by,
Then the wind whistles
And blows all the thistles,
And the wind blows low and high.*

*Through all the doors the wind blows
As fast as water coming out of a hose,
All the bells on the cattle ring,
Goodbye, winter—hello, spring!*

Howard Last (J4J)

An Orchestra Tuning Up

*Strings twang,
Cymbals bang.
A razzle-dazzle cat-call
Fills the air, and things start to blare.*

*With a whizgig and a tweedle,
A honkle and a bonkle,
Rattleboxes blast
And a tantara perels.
A rowdy-dow cat concert.
What a ballyhoo hub-a-bub pandemonium.*

*The thrum and the rumpus of a shivaree let loose,
The bedlam and the rukus of a clamouring brawl;
This is the snapperack of the klaxon calliope drawl.*

Stuart Stein (J4M).

The Mary Celeste

The Mary Celeste was a small sailing ship that has caused a great mystery. This mystery is still unsolved even though it is now one hundred years old. Many people have tried to explain away this mystery. One thought put forward was that an octopus had removed the crew one by one. Another was that plague had broken out on the ship. There are many other theories I found in my 'Treasury of Sea Stories'

The theory I think explains what happened is the one given by the mate of the Dei Gratia. He said that when someone on board the Mary Celeste tested the depth of the water in her bilge that morning, water had surged up the pipe, giving an entirely false reading. He said it had happened to him sometimes when the ship was rolling. The water surged up and the reading on the line became ten or twelve feet instead of two or three. So the crew panicked, thinking the ship was sinking under them, and left her.

Brian Finn (J2).

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SCHOOL RECORD

School News

Congratulations to Peter Scott (J4M) who won a medal at the Limerick Festival of Music, in the Under 15 Piano Competition. This is the second successive year in which he has won a prize.

Staff:

Mr. MacMahon was married in December and we would like to wish him and his wife, Breffni, every happiness in the future.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hickmott on the birth of a daughter in February.

Mr. Broad was the Chairman of the recent and highly successful Dublin Arts Festival in which Mr. McMullen was also involved. Several boys in the School assisted them in the preparations for the Festival.

We are sorry to report that Miss Helen McClure will be leaving the staff this year to take up the post of Headmistress of Rathgar Junior School. We congratulate her on this appointment and wish her every happiness and success in her new surroundings.

Erasmus's Notebook

FIRE DRILL

Shortly after entering the new premises the more observant among us noticed small square devices located on the walls in strategic places about the building. Contrary to popular belief these are not tombstones erected to the memory of mice embedded forever in the masonry. Close inspection reveals the inscription "In case of fire break glass". It would appear that these objects are a deliberate temptation to all schoolboys, inviting them to indulge in the satisfying shattering of the fragile transparent material and at the same time to throw the operation of the School into chaos.

Rumour had it that there was to be a fire drill. This would be a total surprise and would have no forewarning. Unfortunately, however, the firebell sounds, to the uninitiated, identical to the normal school bell so that the more enterprising forms were able to leap from their desks as soon as the merest tinkle of a bell was heard and to acquit themselves of any



irreverence to their teacher of which they were accused, by making the reasonable excuse that they thought it was a fire drill. When the firebell did eventually ring it was a surprise not only to the boys but also to those who were to organise the fire drill. Moreover, it happened at a time when no fire that was not the most dastardly scoundrel of blazes would dare to issue the merest puff of smoke—dinner hour!

Members of the Upper Sixth were, at the time the fateful bell tolled, engaged in an experiment in the investigation of probability, and dismissed the cause of the prolonged ringing as being due to a short circuit, a prominent member of the form just having proclaimed "full house, aces high" and another member feeling somewhat aggrieved as he held two aces himself. Curiosity overcame them, however, and upon finding the cause of the ringing they proceeded, along with the rest of the School and in an orderly fashion to the play-ground where they were accounted for. It must be said that the evacuation of the building and calling of rolls to ensure that everyone was present was extremely efficient.

The cause of the alarm was swiftly discovered. It appeared that two fifth formers, engaged in their favourite pastime of trying to push each other down the stairs, had stumbled against one of the aforementioned alarm devices and had triggered it. They were suitably reprimanded and the pupils were told that they might resume their activities. Just at this juncture a member of the staff emerged from the building to enquire as to what was going on. A boy informed him, "hard luck sir, you've just been burnt to a cinder".

High School's answer to the Eton Wall Game

Members of the upper forms are considering taking out a patent on a sport which they claim to have invented. To play the game, which bears some resemblance to cricket, one requires a litter bin, 18" high and 12" square, a teaspoon (standard size), and a small rubber ball of the type given free with certain breakfast cereals, i.e., one which, if dropped from a height of 3' will bounce to a height of at least 2' 6".

The game is played in a rectangular space 20' x 10', totally enclosed. The method of bowling is optional but the batsman or "spoonsman" as he is called is dismissed only if the ball enters the litter bin, having bounced once, or if he is caught or run out. Running is optional and scoring is frowned upon, provision for scoring not having been made. This means that the game is played purely for its aesthetic values and not in a competitive manner. It is advisable not to have any breakable objects (Ming vases, pets, windows, lights, peoples' heads etc.) in the playing enclosure.

Lenten Collections

The following amounts were collected by the boys during Lent for charitable organisations:

	organ-
	isations: £ p
N.S.P.C.A. (J1)	2 50
Handicapped Children (J2)	2 50
Missions to Seamen (J3)	3 00
Blue Cross (J3)	3 00
Council for the Blind (J4J)	3 50
D.S.P.C.A. (J4J)	3 50
D.S.P.C.A. (J4M)	8 05
Old Men's Shelter (J4M)	8 05
Missions to Seamen (1B1)	3 00
Frail Elderly (1B2)	5 35
St. Luke's Cancer Research Fund (2A)	4 00
D.S.P.C.A. (2B1)	3 00
Conquer Cancer Campaign (2B2)	12 58
R.N.L.I. (3A)	37 00
R.S.P.C.A. (3B1)	7 00
Frail Elderly (4A)	5 40
Samaritans (4BL)	3 50
Simon Community (5)	1 10
Homeless Girls' Society (5)	6 94
Gorta (6)	5 00

Bequest

Lt. Col. Thomas Edmond Flewett (1911 - 1916) bequeathed the sum of £100 to the School, to be used at the discretion of the Governors, who allocated it to the Library fund.

He entered the Royal Dublin Fusiliers via the Dublin Schools' Cadet Corps and served all his life with the British and Indian Armies. When he retired he devoted himself to the service of the British Legion in Eire.

Of his seven brothers three others, Frederick George, Francis Wynne Hewson and Samuel Cecil are also Old Boys. They were all choristers of the Chapel Royal.

Question Time

The annual School Question Time was held in Assembly Hall on 9th March, 1972. Six schools were represented, including our own, the others being Alexandra School and College, Diocesan School, Park House, St. Andrew's College and Wesley College.

All teams achieved full marks in the first round of questions, which were asked by Dr. Brian Wilkinson. After this "honeymoon" round, however, the questions became rapidly more difficult. Witty answers were readily available from members of the audience and served to fill spaces taken up with frantic brain-racking on the part of members of the teams. The High School attained an early lead which they maintained although, perfect gentlemen that they are, they attempted several times to lose it. In vain, however, they won the competition with 76 points, Alexandra were runners-up with 64 points.

The highest individual score, 21 points out of a possible 24 was achieved by Una Johnston from Alexandra; Bobette Jagers from Park House; and Jane Letters from Wesley. The cup was presented to David Early, the High School team captain.

Concert 1972

The Twenty-ninth School Concert held for the first time on the permanent stage, proved as enjoyable as ever. The first form choir gave a very entertaining rendition of Handel's "Where'er you Walk" and the "Pilgrim Song"

by Dunhill, accompanied by Mrs. Olive Stringer.

The French play "L'entente Cordiale" written and produced by Mr. Keegan, proved highly popular even though some had seen it on a previous concert not so long ago. Stephen Iland gave an excellent portrayal of "Sykes" complete with a faultless and well sustained cockney accent. Bryan Flewett as "Lupin" and Alan Ford as "Maigret" gave a polished performance although not quite as effortless as Iland's. A special word of praise must go to Bruce Burgess for managing to stay alive in the 120° fiery inferno known as Hector. One French lover remarked that the plays at least taught us to say "A Londres" and not "Au Londres" since Lupin for some unknown reason raised his voice some 20 - 30 decibels when uttering the expression. One had the impression that the culture lovers would have expired there and then had he accidentally said "Au Londres".

Alfred Potter and Mark Duffy, both well known at school concerts, gave impressive and competent performances on the piano between plays. Beethoven's "Für Elise" and Brahms' "Waltz in A flat" played by Alfred Potter, admirably demonstrated his considerable talent on the piano. Mark Duffy's selection proved no less enjoyable—the "Tribute to Roberto Garcia Morillo" by Ginastera provided a welcome stirring effect.

"Love not Riches" written by two second formers, Reggie Deane and Karl Daly, was excellently handled by all concerned and should put fifth and sixth formers to shame for their lack of material. The actors obviously enjoyed their roles—Reggie Deane being particularly well received as the overwrought Mrs. Paddington. Brian Weekes and William Campbell deserve praise for their respective parts. The play in fact was an excellent effort all round and similar ventures should be encouraged (the drama workshop is a welcome development in this respect).

The high standard of Irish plays set by Mr. MacMahon over the years was ably maintained by Mr. Peters' production of his play "Rithe go Bhfreasúra". The boys were obviously very much "at home" in the classroom (one could not help wondering if in fact their antics were taken from "real life" experiences). Michael Gill's part as the misguided, patriotic schoolmaster was well executed, whilst the entrance

of the headmaster (Alan Cormack), attended by two valets from J1, proved highly popular with the audience. The rest of the cast were relaxed and confident and for the most part spoke clearly and effectively (which is particularly important in "language" plays).

The highlight of the evening (need I say) was Miss Barklie's production of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Iolanthe". I can only echo the words of my colleague last year when he said that any criticism is superfluous. Miss Barklie consistently manages to instil a degree of professionalism and confidence in her productions which was no less absent this year. "Iolanthe"—looking remarkably like a certain lady member of Westminster, as a well known scholar of opera remarked—was efficiently played by Brian Lewis. The chorus of peers and ladies provided excellent support, whilst their costumes were the most colourful seen in recent years. Undoubtedly the star of the performance was Geoffrey Chadwick as the Lord Chancellor who gave a crisp performance and tended to dominate the stage. George Willoughby and David Woods gave clear portrayals of the two Earls after overcoming some initial nervousness. Graeme Murray proved the most popular of the peers and was certainly very enthusiastic in the closing scenes. One must again pay tribute to Miss Barklie for her untiring devotion in producing both the opera and the first form choir.

The long hours and hard work put in by the stage hands under the direction of Mr. Peters, deserve special mention. It is not generally known that Mr. Peters and his loyal helpers spent many afternoons preparing scenery and props, whilst the electricians and costume makers must be given equal praise. Mr. O'Kane is to be thanked once again for his efficient seating and ticket arrangements.

M.E. (6U).

Careers

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The Drama Workshop

An innovation to the extra-curricular activities of the School this year was the Drama Workshop, founded by Mr. MacMahon and Mr. Blackmore. The idea behind this project was to give as many boys as wanted to an opportunity to involve themselves in a dramatic production in whatever capacity they felt suited them best. The onus was on the boys themselves to form their own groups, find their own plays (or write them) and do all the organising necessary to bring their efforts to the stage. Apart from the obvious educational benefits of drama, the side benefits accruing from learning to work things out democratically amongst themselves should be, it was thought, of considerable value.

The Workshop was open to boys throughout the School but 4th Form and higher did not produce anything, possibly due to pressure of exams or possibly because of the very self-consciousness which the Workshop was founded to alleviate. Three groups from 3rd

Form began and looked promising, but dropped out for reasons best known to themselves, so that in the end only 2nd Form and 1st Form were responsible for the entertainment which was staged on the evenings of the last Friday and Saturday of May, 1972.

Seven plays were produced, five of them written by the boys themselves. Considering all the circumstances the plays were of very high, sometimes excellent, standard. Not least amongst these circumstances was the fact that the work was done entirely in the boys' own free time.

The first of these informal evenings began with "The Hut", performed by some boys from 1B1. It was well acted but suffered from being first on and the audience were rather cold at the beginning, otherwise they surely would have laughed when Cliff (Michael Geddis) deliberately tripped, showering the stage with assorted pots and pans. One of the biggest laughs came when the curtains knocked the microphones to the ground. They deserved better.

The second production was "The Inside Job" by Karl Daly and Walter Lee of 2B2. The authors show great promise in this, the 'blockbuster' of the Workshop. It seemed to contain more plots than a Harold Robbins novel, but all brought to a successful conclusion in just under an hour. The players had great life and enthusiasm and demonstrated considerable *sang froid* in time of crisis. The Detective Inspector (Willie Campbell) while engaged in a radio conversation with headquarters seemed to suffer a temporary loss of memory. (The prompter must have been at the toilet). Did this lead to an embarrassing silence? No. Headquarters, in the form of Malcolm Hunt, (speaking through a cup from off-stage), led the audience to believe that static was making radio conversation impossible. In a star-studded cast it was perhaps the robbers, (Pascal Morrison, Kenneth Holmes, Robert Patterson and John Hick, all 2B2), who stole more than the loot.

Finally came "Who Dun It?" by Colin Day (2A). Of all the pupil-written plays this was the most accomplished in structure and plot, and also had some first-rate humorous situation writing. Some plays of the same sort written by professionals and shown on television, have not been half so successful. The

players carried it all off in great style and the audience, by now thoroughly warmed up, enjoyed it hugely.

The first play on Saturday evening was "Croagh Patrick and the West" by Trevor Sargeant of 1A. This play, a satire on the scepticism and materialism of the older generation as contrasted with the idealism of youth, was acted with great gusto and the players deserve considerable credit for successfully creating the illusion of climbing Croagh Patrick while on a bare and level stage. The three sons' (Alan Kelly, Richard Godsil and Trevor Sargeant, all of 1A) rendering of "It's a long way to the top of Croagh Patrick" (to the tune of "Tipperary") received an almost show-stopping ovation.

Next came a play written by Form IB2, under the supervision of Miss McCaffrey, entitled "High School Hotel". This play had everything; and looking at the list of characters, almost everyone. Georgie Best (John Lawson), Abraham Rickashade (Jonathan Harte), Lord and Lady Chuckleberry-Courseback (Kenneth Moore and Brian Beardsley), and a Special Branch man who wore an 'L' plate on his back (Daniel Pendleton) were amongst the many exotic characters portrayed. The many actors were splendid, but if one had to be singled out it must be Jonathan Harte, whose American accent, loud, twangy and slow, was absolutely perfect and never failed to raise a laugh.

Another detective mystery in the form of "The Case of Colonel Black", by David Pate of 2B1, was the next offering. A good effort, the cast served it well. Though obviously under-rehearsed they put in a creditable performance. The most lively scene was perhaps that in which the stage was occupied by three unconscious bodies.

The evening's proceedings were brought to a close by "Refund" by Fritz Karinthy. This was performed most ably by a group from Form 2A. It was perhaps the most difficult play, containing as it did many lengthy speeches. Such was their confidence that they took to the stage without the precaution of a prompter, and such was their thoroughness that none was needed. The plot of the play involves a former pupil (Philip Sterne) returning to his old school to demand a refund of his tuition fees on the grounds that he was taught nothing useful while at the school. Although the teachers in the play are parodies, the actors

wisely resisted the temptation to make them parodies of High School teachers (not least because of the number of staff in the audience). All were excellent but a special mention must be made of Colin Sainsbury and Ian Dunlop, who, due to the indisposition of Philip Blom had but a short time to learn their parts.

A special word of thanks is due to Michael Cann of 4A, who rendered invaluable assistance throughout both evenings.

Of the 86 participants, 52 received prizes. These prizes were made possible by money contributed by the audiences. It is felt, however, that the giving of prizes tends to tarnish the spirit of the whole project and that if money is contributed in future it should be given to charity. Hopefully the boys of this year will participate in future productions as they move up the school so that eventually we will have plays from all forms.

The Chess Society

The Chess Society has had a very successful year, with an increase in numbers and standard of play. In the Leinster Schools League we started with two defeats, but won consistently after that; this was very satisfactory as we were the youngest team in the League.

Eric Choy won the Junior Tournament, with Edward Lee as runner-up. Walter Lee won the prize for the most improved player in the Challenge List. We would like to thank Mr. Eames for the use of his room and for his organisation throughout the year. *John Sterne.*

The Choral Society

In the first Concert to be held in the new building the Society performed "Iolanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan. The acoustics of the new assembly hall compare extremely favourably with those of the old Clockroom and helped to make "Iolanthe" one of our most successful productions.

Although we do put in a concerted (pardon my pun) effort just prior to the concert we meet during the whole year on every Monday afternoon and anyone who feels he would like to take a part, large or small, in the opera or in any function of the Society will be very welcome to come along. As always, none of our activities would be possible without Miss Alice Barklie, for whose work in the Society no praise is too high. *G.A.C.*

Debating Society

The Debating Society had a relatively satisfactory term although numbers were far from encouraging. Meetings, however, proved lively and entertaining even though the same speakers tended to dominate. Peter Murtagh represented the School at the *Irish Times* debating competition in the Mansion House; members also attended various inter-school meetings throughout the term. Perhaps the most interesting occasion, however, was the Masters v. Boys debate on the motion "The youth have no cause to rebel". This was held in the staff room and proved very enjoyable to all concerned. Needless to say the motion was defeated! We would like to thank the staff for their co-operation in making the evening a success and for their help throughout the year which is always appreciated.

For the Society to function well next year, however, the support from the higher forms, particularly fifth, will have to increase. The Society depends on fifth formers to carry on the 'good work'. It seems a pity that post-Inter euphoria and apathy sets in so deeply, particularly since the Debating Society serves such a worthwhile function in preparing one to speak clearly and confidently in public. We can only hope that next year the Society will flourish as it has done for many years since its foundation.

M.E.

The Gramophone Society

The Gramophone Society is now non-existent as a society. However, for those interested in playing records during free time, the equipment and space are readily available.

M.E.

The Library

The Library has again been used by a great number of boys (and staff) both during lunch-time and after school. Throughout the year we added many new books to our shelves. At this point, I would like to thank Mrs. Harte, S. T. Naik, P. G. Davidson and S. Alkin for their contributions of books. Two large donations, one of £10 and another of £50, were given to the Library. Mr. Gardner gave us a useful collection of "Look and Learn". I would like to take this

opportunity on behalf of everyone connected with the Library to say how much these donations are welcomed.

The Parents' Association's Wine and Cheese Party raised £169 for the Library. Thanks to the Parents' Association for organising this function and our appreciation also to those of you who helped to make this function so successful.

Lastly may I extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the Library Committee, for their continued devotion to the Library throughout the year.

G. S. Baker.

Library Committee—S. Alexander, J. Baker, D. Boate, D. Chaloner, M. Davies, C. Galloway, B. Hanna, S. Harris, J. Hutchinson, D. McGarry, N. Moore, P. Murtagh, J. Sterne, R. St. Leger, D. Woods, D. Whyte.

Photographic Society

The Swiss Navy exists, although Switzerland is not a maritime country and arboriculturists are said to visit oceanic islands, and even Antarctica where trees do not grow. It is possible to imagine a Society for Theoretical Plasterers who do not plaster, another for Imaginative Bricklayers who do not lay bricks and perhaps another for Suppositional Plumbers who do not plumb. The existence of a photographic society depends upon provision of dark room facilities. It is scarcely possible for such a society to operate without a dark room but this essential amenity has not yet been provided in Rathgar. Rumours of conversion of the Physics Lab. preparation room remains mere rumour as the windows are still untrammelled with any sort of decorative screen or drapery much less functional black-out devices. Hopes were raised when window frames in the Sixth Form specialist laboratory were surrounded with metal troughs, called trunking, and when "audio visual" Venetian blinds appeared in that room. Alas, and likewise, as is customary, alack, the room cannot be blacked out. Audio-visual blinds are, no doubt, very satisfactory in their own sphere of activity. Compared with torn gowns, loose blackboards, pieces of cardboard and broken shutters, as used in Harcourt Street language rooms, they are one imagines, sources of delight and satisfaction. They are quite useless for the windows of a photographic dark room, where total darkness is essential.

If you have borne with us so far you will realise that the H.S.D.P.S. had a bad year but we are still working, showing and competing as well as aiming an occasional camera. We thank Anthony Reynolds, B.A. (Mod.) for presenting us with our enlarger and regret it has not been used since last June in the relative squalor of No. 40. Several members notably the Walton twins (6th), D. Aikens (6) and G. Richards (3B1) gave us presents of equipment and materials. We look forward to using them in Danum sometime.

We congratulate E. Meredith (4BD) on winning second prize in his group in the Dodder Valley Association competition in the Spring, and G. Richards (3B1) for gaining the Bronze Medal in the Leinster Schools Photographic Competition. The exhibition of entries in the the Communications Centre, Booterstown, attracted much attention and the enlargements of action photographs from Mondello Park (Meredith) appealed to the younger visitors. Richards' photographs of Georgian Dublin and his prize winning photographic record of the old school were much admired.

The prize winners at the Hobbies Exhibition were D. Dockrell (3A) and P. Scott (J4M). Dockrell showed photographs of seascapes and animals in the "wild", that is in a cageless zoo. Scott specialised in a photographic study of a dog, different attitudes, different expressions and so on. We look forward to further animal photographs as these competitors move up the School.

We would like to thank an Old Boy, Mr. G. Abbott (1931 - 1937) for displaying some thirty enlargements of action photographs of the J.C.T. XV at the Hobbies Exhibition. Many of the team members and parents and friends would have liked to obtain copies and Mr. Abbott may find himself running a production line.

E.F.W. & J.B.W.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 1971-72

(only one prize per competitor)

Overall Winner—G. Richards (3B1). *Colour*—1st E. Moss (4BL). 2nd R. Siggins (5). 3rd E. Meredith (4BD). Highly commended, E. Moss (twice). *Black and White*—1st I. Sargent (1A). 2nd M. Gardner (6). 3rd K. Harris (4BD). Highly commended, I. Sargent, E. Meredith, B. Walton (6). *Colour Transparencies*—1st A. Nolan (6). 2nd R. Towell (5). 3rd I. Newman (2B1). Highly commended, M. Eppel (6) R. Towell.

We wish to thank our judges, Mr. K. Ross (Ross Studios), Mr. Connolly (Hamilton Long & Co.), Mr. J. Csizmarik (P.S.I.) and Miss L. McWeeney (Artist and Art Teacher).

The Radio Society

We wish to congratulate Mr. Gardner on passing the theoretical side of the Post Office examination for Radio Experimenters licence. Activities this term centred around the practical aspect of electronic construction with members of the Society working during break and after each school in the completion of individual projects from match box radios to digital clocks and we welcome the enthusiasm of young boys from the junior forms. It is hoped that next year full short-wave listening facilities will be restored and that transmission by Mr. Gardner will commence with the completion of his examinations.

D.G.R.

Hobbies Exhibition

The Exhibition attracted 150 entries, all of a very high standard especially the projects area. Highlights of the Exhibition were the 3A class project "War of Independence" which was highly commended by the judges as an outstanding example of team work. The best over-all entry was Edward Lee, 3B2, with his study of the ecology of a pond in Rathdown. This was very sophisticated for his age and the judges considered it to be well up to the "Young Scientist" standard. 34 prizes of £1 each were awarded in all.

PRIZE WINNERS PROJECTS

Class Project:

1st Prize and Evans Cup: Form 3A—"War of Independence"

Group Projects:

Over 14:

1st: 4A—"Precious Stones".

2nd: 3B1—"Transport in Ireland".

Under 14:

1st: 2—"Animals of Africa".

2nd: 1A—"Monasteries of Ireland".

Individual Projects:

1st: J. MacKay—"Space".

2nd: David Lowe—"History of Stamps".

3rd: David Pate—"H.M.S. Victory".

Junior Projects:

1st: J4—"The Aran Islands".

ART

6th Form: 1st (tie): Dermot Simms, Mark Duffy.

2nd Form: 1st (tie): R. Potter, G. Speller.

1st Form: 1st: Trevor Sargeant.

Sculpture:

5th Form: 1st: Kim Factor.

4th Form: 1st: Stephen Rowe.

Special Prize: Trevor Tallon.

3rd Form: 1st: Philip Davidson.

Science:

1st: Edward Lee.

Junior: 1st: Shane White.

Cookery:

Over 14: 1st: William Anderson.

Under 14: 1st: Brian Lewis.

Junior: 1st: Mark Styles.

Craft:

Over 14: 1st: Ian Travers.

Under 14: 1st: Peter Foss.

Special Prize: Derek Dockrell.

Junior: 1st: Peter Thompson.

Models:

Over 14: 1st: Ray Stewart.

Special Prize: David Lee.

Under 14: 1st: Christopher and David Moore.

Junior: 1st: Howard Last.

Collections:

1st: Edward Moss.

Special Prize: Norman and Alan Gray.

Junior: 1st: David Pendleton.

Commended: Desmond Preston.

Parents' Association

The year opened with a meeting in January on 'Youth Counselling' at which Mr. & Mrs. Cox, from Greystones, gave us a most interesting talk which led to a lengthy question and answer session afterwards.

In February we ran a Cheese and Wine Party from which the proceeds were to go to the school library. This was most successful both socially and financially and altogether a total of £167.79 was handed to the school for this purpose.

The Headmaster and Mr. Hickmott organised the March meeting on 'Career Guidance' which created a great deal of interest and this was followed in April by Mr. Michael O'Donnell,

who gave us a talk on the courses available in Bolton Street and Kevin Street Vocational Schools.

The Hobbies Exhibition was held this year in April and the P.A. once again provided the prizes. Mr. MacMahon was in charge of this function and he is to be congratulated on its success.

To finish the season the P.A. have three 'sporting' events planned, and they are as follows:—

Friday, 9th June—

Fathers' v Staff Golf Match—Edmondstown.

Monday, 26th June—

Fathers' v Staff Cricket Match—Danum.

Tuesday, 27th June—

Mothers' v Boys Tennis Match—Brookfield.

During the year the Association contributed quite a substantial amount of money to various areas in the school and as a result funds are now on the low side. The membership of the Association was down this year, so I would like to take this opportunity of asking parents to join and give us your support.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in October and at it we hope to have a showing of 'The High School'. All parents are invited and details will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

H. W. BURGESS,
Honorary Secretary.

Table Tennis Club

The club has enjoyed a very successful season, highlighted by the victory of the senior team in the Leinster Schools League. Members of the team were—Ding Soo Hee, Naik Soo Tick, Chuah Seong Thar, Eric Choy, Peter Tsang, Leslie Richards and P. Ping. In the final we defeated Mountjoy and Marine 5/4.

The junior team, consisting of Peter Tsang, D. Cormack, A. Cormack, P. Sterne, I. Jackson, and Gordon Richards, reached the final of their section where they were beaten by Colaiste Dhulaigh. The table tennis house competition was won by Belgrave, who defeated Abbey 3/2 in the final.

We would like to congratulate former members Rodney Smythe and Des Fox who were chosen to represent Leinster in the United Churches' League.

L.J.R.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Entrance Scholarship

8th Place—Geoffrey A. Chadwick (value £400)

M.A.—D. L. W. Beck; R. A. J. Carson; D. J. Temple.

B.A. (Mod.) (1st Class)—A. E. B. Beck, M. Fenner.

(2nd Class) (1st Division)—R. A. J. Carson.

(2nd Class) (2nd Division)—D. S. Cresswell.

(3rd Class)—V. W. Talbot.

B.A.—B. J. Gutkin, Loh Hung Ghee; R. W. Stringer, B. D. Carson.

B.B.S.—J. B. Davey (Hons.) (2nd Class).

B.A.I.—B. D. Carson (Hons.) (2nd Class).

LL.B.—D. S. Cresswell.

Foundation Scholarship in History and Political Science—N. J. Cox. Nigel had the great distinction of being awarded a scholarship in his Junior Freshman year. His was the only scholarship awarded in his School.

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SPORTS REVIEW

Rugby

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T.	23	17	5	1	301	170
2nd XV	18	9	9	—	284	231
J.C.T.	25	13	12	—	337	266
Under 14	19	9	9	1	261	260
Under 13	16	6	9	—	193	301
Under 12	10	2	8	—	92	251
Under 11	10	4	6	—	104	253
Under 10	4	1	3	—	22	106

S.C.T.

This year's S.C.T. was not only the most successful team in the School but also the most successful team for many years by reaching the semi-final of the Leinster Senior Cup before losing to Belvedere by 8 points to 4 (Belvedere eventually won the Cup). In the 1st round High School met C.U.S. whom they beat 13-0. High School's captain, David Lewis,

got High School off to a terrific start by landing a 35 yard penalty in the first minute of the game. Two second-half tries by Fitzgerald and Burns and an excellent conversion from far out by Robbie saw High School into the quarter-final of the Cup. One of the features of the game was John Reid's powerful running on the left wing. In the quarter-final the team's opponents were C.B.C. Monkstown. High School trailed by 3 points - 0 at half time. However, early in the second half the teams were level due to a fine dropped goal from 30 yards by out-half Ian Burns. But minutes later C.B.C. restored their 3 point lead by a dropped goal. For a while C.B.C. looked like holding on to their lead but eight minutes for time second row Peter Gault crashed over for an unconverted try. This try came from a well planned set piece. In injury time Donald Lewis sewed up the match when let in under the posts by Burns for a try to which David

1st XV 1971-72



Standing (left to right): D. J. Wright, M. H. Duffy, J. H. Reid, I. C. Travers, P. J. M. Gault, B. Holmes V. Hickey, C. V. Galloway, Mr. Cole.
Seated (left to right): Mr. Cornish, B. G. Hilliard, P. Boyle, D. T. Lewis, A. Godsil, D. J. Lewis, Mr. Brook. J. C. Robbie. I. G. Burns.

Lewis added the points. And so to the semi-final at Lansdowne Road on March 17th against Belvedere. High School took a deserved lead after twenty minutes when David Wright crawled through the Belvedere scrum to touch the ball down for an unconverted try. However, Belvedere's left wing, Coyle, drew the sides level again with an unconverted try. And so the situation remained the same until half-time. After the interval High School attacked continuously and camped in Belvedere's twenty-five for twenty minutes but could not get ahead. From one of the few Belvedere attacks their centre, Ray Finn, crossed for a try 12 minutes from time. Despite brave efforts from the team to get back into the match Belvedere held on to their lead and so came out winners by 8-4.

During the season the feature of the team's play was the way in which they played as a team. They played exciting open rugby, and anybody who saw the team in action will agree that their brand of rugby was entertaining. Although the pack was light they won plenty of possession and the feature of their play was their line-out jumping. The backs combined together well and ran with tremendous power and speed scoring about 80% of the team's tries. Some of their victories were Terenure 20-12, Belvedere 16-9, Newbridge 11-9, St. Mary's 12-7 and 16-12, The Leys College, Cambridge 14-3.

The cheer leaders would like to thank Mr. Myles for a loan of his loud hailer for the Cup matches.

J.C.T.

This year's Junior Cup team met the holders of the cup St. Mary's in the 1st Round and were beaten by 17 points - 7. However, this scoreline is not a fair reflection on the game, for High School dominated the second half but lacked the backs to take advantage of the extraordinary amount of good ball won by the pack. Undoubtedly High School's man of the match was scrum-half Neville Couse who played superbly and also scored the team's only try. David Cornick got the other 3 points by kicking a 30 yard penalty. At one stage St. Mary's led by 17-0 due to three fine tries by their full back and captain O'Donnell. The pack played brilliantly for the whole match despite losing No. 8 Duffy with a broken ankle after only five minutes. This indeed was a great loss but with only seven forwards they

showed terrific spirit and were dominant in every phase of the game. High School's Hooker, Harold Booker, aided by a terrific push from the two second row men, Peters and Willoughby won numerous peels against the head.

The story during the rest of the season was the same with the pack doing extremely well but the backs being unable to capitalise on the advantage won for them by their pack's play.

Some of their victories were Newbridge 24-14, Templeogue 16-14, C.B.C. 16-11 and 16-8, Sandymount 46-0.

2nd XV

The second XV captained by centre David Robbie had a good season reaching the quarter-final of their competition before losing to Belvedere by 20-7. They won their section of the league by beating King's Hospital 14-8, De La Salle 17-0, O'Connell's School 30-9 and Clongowes 13-10.

The team was good in attack with strong runners in the nature of Taylor, Odlum, Robbie and Cunningham, but unfortunately were weak in defence. The pack was full of good individuals but too often failed to combine together effectively. However, on its day it was a match for any pack. In the loose, wing forward Ford excelled himself. Some of their victories included wins over Clongowes 20-7, St. Columba's 45-3, Templeogue 23-6, Sandymount 18-0.

UNDER 14

The Under 14 team was quite small but had two good strong running backs in Huissoon and Fox. The pack, although not big, did very well in the line-outs and in the tight but unfortunately were slow around the field. The backs were weak in defence but were strong in attack and scored some fine tries. One of the team's failings was that it never really combined together as a team. If they are to be a successful Junior Cup side next year there will need to be a big improvement in their tackling and in the loose.

Some of their victories were St. Andrew's 41-3, Masonic 32-6, St. Columba's 42-0, Clongowes 18-10, St. Michael's 18-7 and a fine 4-4 draw with St. Mary's.

UNDER 12

The Under 12's got off to a disastrous start to the season losing their first six matches and

only managing to score 11 points in them. However, this sequence was broken with a fine 42-0 victory over Sandford Park. Although the team is small they have good fighting qualities and are eager to improve. They enjoyed their trip to Clongowes and won by 32-0. Their pack is light but is quick in the loose. The backs are weak in defence but can handle well and they scored some fine tries.

UNDER 11

The Under 11 when at full strength were a good side. Captain and second row forward Blair proved himself good enough to play on the Under 12 XV. Unfortunately in some matches they were under strength. Their pack is big and strong and work well. The backs are good runners and also strong tacklers. This is a team that in future years should do well.

Some victories were St. Michael's 8-4 and 10-3, St. Andrew's 34-0, De La Salle 12-0.

UNDER 10

The Under 10's played four matches and were successful in one. Under Mr. Willoughby's guidance they thoroughly enjoyed their matches. They showed good promise with their players combining together as a team. They tackled with great tenacity and ran hard with the ball.

Their victory was over De La Salle by 8-4.

Cricket 1971

	P	W	L	D
S.C.T.	7	1	3	3
2nd XI	3	2	1	—
J.C.T.	4	—	3	1
Under 14	10	8	1	1
Under 13	7	2	3	2
Under 12	3	1	2	—

S.C.T.

With a predominantly young team the S.C.T. did well to finish second in their league, beating Mountjoy and drawing with King's Hospital, but losing their vital match against St. Andrew's. At the end of the season the match with the Old Boys was played and the team gained a creditable draw. The captain, Des Telford and opener Brian Buttimer both gained Leinster trials. Brian Buttimer, Ian Burns and Alan Ford were selected for South Leinster in the Jeyes Cup Under 19 competition.

2nd XI

This team did well in their league, winning the first two matches against Wesley College and Sandford Park, but in their final match they lost to a strong St. Columba's side.

J.C.T.

Despite an apparently strong side the J.C.T. had a very disappointing year, being beaten by St. Columba's in their only league match, and failing to win any others.

UNDER 14

The under 14 were the most successful side in the School. The team was only beaten once—in the semi-final of the Minor Cup. The most successful players were Guy Burgess, Howard Block, David Cornick and Brian Crowe.

UNDER 13 & UNDER 12

Relying mainly on openers Derek Dockrell and Ian Jackson, the Under 13 showed much potential but lacked a consistent team effort. But for shortage of time, victories, instead of draws, could have been recorded against Wesley College and St. Andrew's.

The Under 12 team was perhaps the keenest in the School. This was shown by the encouragingly large attendance at practices.

In the house matches at the end of term Abbey ended up winners after beating Belgrave and Harcourt.

Mention must also be made of the performance of Derek Dockrell who won the Leinster Under 13 single wicket competition, beating G. Satchwell of King's Hospital, in the final.

Cricket 1972

So far this season the weather has been good and a full programme of cricket is in progress. The high standard of cricket has been maintained, all teams having their measure of success.

The S.C.T. has so far won six and drawn two matches. In the League they have beaten Wesley College, St. Andrew's College and Mountjoy, and have drawn with Belvedere. At the moment they are top of the League, and are certain of at least a play-off for a place in the final.

The 2nd XI were unlucky as they only had one league match against King's Hospital, which they lost.

The J.C.T. have had a successful season and have won their section in the league by beating Masonic and Mountjoy. They are now in the semi-final.

The Under 14 have maintained the high standard of past years. Recovering from an early league defeat by Belvedere they have since won all four of their league matches.

The Under 13 team have had a disappointing season so far, losing four of their five matches. I must apologise to the Under 12 team for the lack of fixtures, as they are an enthusiastic group. It is extremely difficult to get matches for teams in this age group, but we keep trying.

SENIOR CRICKET CUP

Senior League Final, at Richview, on May 31st, June 1st and 2nd, 1972.

High School v St. Columba's College.

Result: High School won by 6 runs.

The match started well for High School—they won the toss. David Lewis elected to bat on what was a slow but true wicket. For 24 minutes Lewis and Hayes Dockrell proceeded cautiously against some tight St. Columba's bowling. But just as they seemed to be getting on top David Lewis was bowled and he was followed ten minutes later by Ian Burns, caught behind off the dangerous opening bowler, J. Anderson.

The situation was retrieved by the best partnership of the innings, between Robbie and Dockrell, which realised 41 runs in between frequent showers. Because of the rain the out-field was slow and High School were using up their fifty overs rapidly. Unfortunately, when Robbie tried to force the pace he was well caught by mid-on, after compiling a chanceless 18. Matters got worse when Peter Gault was immediately out, followed by the patient Hayes Dockrell ten runs later. Thus with the score at 55 for 5 and 30 overs gone High School were in trouble.

The innings was rescued by some good hitting by Alan Ford and stout defensive play by Mark Duffy and Guy Burgess. Ford, in his 44, hit three fours and a six as he punished the tired bowlers, while Duffy, in a stay of 21 minutes, and Burgess, who batted for 55 minutes, kept the other end.

After the departure of Ford, who hit his own wicket, the St. Columba's bowlers reasserted themselves and High School were all out for 101, made off 49.3 overs.

There was then a vitally important twenty minutes batting left for St. Columba's. In a tense tussle High School captured the vital wicket of C. Anderson, Columba's most successful batsman, and also that of the night watchman. After one day's play High School went home with the game strongly in their favour.

Thursday, however, turned out bright and sunny, with a fast out-field. Peter Gault got the team off to an excellent start, getting opening batsman Cox Cotton caught by Mark Duffy after only twelve minutes play.

But after this initial success wicket-keeper Charlie Latta and Columba's captain Richard Greene came together in the best partnership of the match—62 runs in 47 minutes. Latta, particularly strong on the leg-side, hit three fours in his 38, before being caught by Duffy off the bowling of Ford.

Greene was now batting dangerously well, but, with the advent of Robbie into the attack, was contained and, after a break for rain, was bowled by the same bowler. Robbie followed up this success by dismissing Stewart for a duck, caught behind by Lewis. When Ford bowled J. Anderson for three Columba's were 80 for 7—only 21 runs short of High School. However, Ford trapped McMullen lbw and High School seemed to be home. But in a stubborn stand David Greene and Chris Rayment brought the score to 91 when the former was bowled. Amidst much tension the last man came to the wicket with Columba's wanting 11 runs for a first innings lead. Thanks to a dropped catch they brought the score to 95 before the last man was bowled off-stump.

The High School second innings started in a mood of optimism. Lewis and Dockrell increased this feeling in a steady opening stand of 28, before both were out trying to increase the scoring rate. After the departure of these batsmen there was a slow, but steady collapse, the batsmen seeming to lack any offensive strokes against some innocuous bowling. When the innings finally closed at six minutes to eight High School only totalled 65. After being very decidedly on top High School now seemed in some danger of defeat.

Friday started reasonably clear, with forecasts of sunny spells in the afternoon. But when the team arrived at Masonic's ground it was raining quite heavily. This rain continued throughout the afternoon and the day's

play was finally abandoned at 6.15. As the match had not been completed, High School won by 6 runs on the first innings.

High School—1st Innings:

H. Dockrell c. Latta b. J. Anderson	13
D. Lewis b. C. Anderson	5
I. Burns c. Latta b. J. Anderson	1
J. Robbie c. MacMullen b. Rayment	18
P. Gault b. Rayment	0
A. Ford hit wicket b. Cotton	44
M. Duffy b. J. Anderson	2
G. Burgess b. Cotton	3
B. Hilliard not out	0
P. Boyle run out	2
G. Drake c. Fraser b. C. Anderson	0
Extras	13

TOTAL (49.3 overs) 101

Fall of wickets—1-13; 2-14; 3-45; 4-45; 5-55;
6-67; 7-98; 8-99; 9-101.

Bowling:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. Anderson	21	6	27	3
C. Anderson	12.3	3	21	2
C. Rayment	12	1	35	2
C. Cotton	4	1	5	2

St. Columba's—1st Innings:

C. Anderson c. Lewis b. Ford	2
C. Cotton c. Duffy b. Gault	4
S. Morshead c. Lewis b. Ford	0
C. Latta c. Duffy b. Ford	38
R. Greene b. Robbie	32
A. Stewart c. Lewis b. Robbie	0
J. Anderson b. Ford	3
R. MacMullen lbw b. Ford	0
D. Greene b. Ford	9
C. Rayment not out	3
D. Fraser b. Ford	1
Extras	3

TOTAL (46.1 overs) 95

Fall of wickets—1-4; 2-4; 3-8; 4-70; 5-71; 6-80;
7-80; 8-86; 9-91.

Bowling:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Ford	23.1	10	30	7
Gault	8	2	20	1
Hilliard	3	0	15	0
Robbie	12	4	27	2

High School—2nd Innings:

D. Lewis c. Fraser b. Rayment	20
H. Dockrell c. Latta b. Anderson	12
I. Burns lbw b. D. Greene	7
J. Robbie b. Rayment	3
P. Gault c. MacMullen b. Rayment	0
A. Ford b. D. Greene	6
M. Duffy b. D. Greene	4
G. Burgess c. R. Greene b. Stewart	5
P. Boyle c. MacMullen b. D. Greene	0
B. Hilliard not out	0
G. Drake b. Stewart	0
Extras	8
TOTAL	65

Fall of wickets—1-38; 2-38; 3-43; 4-43; 5-55;
6-56; 7-61; 8-61; 9-65.

Bowling:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. Anderson	18	10	14	1
C. Anderson	7	4	4	0
C. Cotton	4	0	14	0
C. Rayment	7	2	9	3
D. Greene	6	5	5	4
A. Stewart	0.3	0	0	2

A.F.

Athletics

There has been a good response this year to athletics in the junior part of the School. After an appeal by the Headmaster for more support in minority sports, the first meeting in the School athletics calendar was the Leinster Zone games. In the track events John Reid qualified in the 200m Senior and went through to the final of all Leinster. Peter De Lacy ran a good heat in the 1,500m Junior to qualify for the zone final. Ian Travers, the athletics captain for this year qualified for the finals of the Leinster 100m hurdles. Our jumpers had a good day also with both Ian Travers and David Wright qualifying for the high jump—5' 8"—and long jump—17' 9½"—respectively.

The School Sports were held on Thursday, 25th May in the evening. The weather was fine enabling a good standard to be achieved all round.

The winners of the cups are as follows.

100m Under 15 Magill Cup	D. Cornick
100m Senior Taylor Cup	J. Reid

200m Senior Moore Cup I. Burns
 1,500m Senior Walker Cup P. Boyle
 800m Senior Southam Cup P. Boyle
 Long Jump Senior Sloan Cup D. Wright
 Under 15 Cunningham Cup J. Turner
 Senior War Memorial Cup (Equal 1st)

I. Travers, R. Taylor.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Toomey and Mr. Myles, on behalf of the Athletics Club, for devoting so much time to training and organising this year.

J. Reid (V).

A.F.A.S.

(The Association for Adventure Sports)

A.F.A.S., which was founded in May 1969 is the Representative Council of Organisations in Ireland for Canoeing, Caving, Skin-Diving, Mountaineering, Orienteering, Skiing and Surfing.

Its three main aims are:

1. To encourage interest in adventure sports particularly amongst young people.
2. To promote proficiency and safety in all adventure sports.
3. To protect the beauty and amenities of the Irish Countryside.

Since Adventure Sports were introduced to High School a total of seventeen events have been organised. These include talks, demonstrations, training sessions and courses. A total of over two hundred places have been taken up by boys over the seventeen events, and most boys in V and VI have been given the opportunity to try Adventure Sports.

The School is officially associated as group members with A.F.A.S. and the Irish Speleological Association and is in the process of joining the Irish Canoe Union. Boys will be encouraged to go on any A.F.A.S. training courses and full details will be available in the School, but after assessing the response from boys and the interests of members of staff, it has been decided that in future the School will concentrate on the three activities of Climbing, Canoeing and Caving.

Rock Climbing

The Rock Climbing three days at Easter was overall quite successful. Ten boys took part from the School with a few outsiders.

The standard of the climbing was quite high and a few boys were able to undertake several climbs with little difficulty. The basics were taught on a small crag at the Devils Glen on the first morning. Climbing was later undertaken on the cliffs at Glendalough (twin buttress) and also at Dalkey Quarry. Emphasis was on climbing with safety and there was no more than four of us to one instructor. We were so keen that on the last day we forced the instructors to take us climbing in torrential rain. All of us enjoyed ourselves and asked for another course. This course has been arranged with A.F.A.S., to include canoeing and climbing and has had an overwhelming response. The future of climbing looks quite promising as many boys are very keen to take it up as a sport. We hope that more boys will take part in General Mountaineering next term.

Our thanks is due to Mr. Hickmott, Mr. Hilliard and Paddy O'Leary and A.F.A.S., for making it possible for us to climb.

D.M.

Badminton

The Badminton Club have had quite a successful season. Our first team: Nigel Darragh, Dominic Yeow, Richard Gray and Douglas Wright won the Leinster Schools' Badminton Shield, defeating St. Michael's, Omeath, in the final. Our second team were runners-up in Section 2 narrowly losing to St. Benildus.

The Leinster Branch of the B.U.I. organised a match for our 1st's with the Ulster champions, Coleraine, which was very exciting even though we were beaten. After the match the Ladies Committee of the Leinster Branch laid on a fine tea for all those involved, for which we are very grateful. Our tournaments were again held in the Summer term but despite an encouragingly large entry we were disappointed with the number of matches which resulted in walk-overs. Nigel Darragh won the Senior Championship (Hennessy Cup) beating Dominic Yeow in the Final. The Junior Championship was won by Richard Mossop who beat Alan Cormack.

Congratulations go to Nigel Darragh who was awarded a place on the Leinster Junior inter-provincial team and also on being runner-up in the Nescafé under 18 championships.

A.J.S.

Caving

A successful caving trip to the Burren of Co. Clare was held at the end of the Easter term. The trip was specially organised for members of the 1st Rugby Fifteen who had not been able to partake in an earlier trip in the year. Eamon Devoy, the A.F.A.S. Instructor, to whom we are very grateful, once again led the caving down two very different sorts of caves Poul-an-Ionain and Poul-na-Gollum. It is hoped to organise the next expedition in September.

I.B.

Canoeing

Since the first outing on the Liffey at the Wild Water Kayak Club near Chapelizod, we have been going down to the Curragh Army Baths for basic training in kayaks with Ernest Lawrence, a member of the W.W.K.C., on Thursday nights. Most of us are now reasonably competent in basic paddle and rescue technique. On the 25th of March last, one member, who shall remain nameless, competed in the Irish Schools Long Distance Canoe Racing Championships from Leixlip to the King's Hospital School at Palmerstown. The course was eight miles long with four weirs and one large set of rapids. He was placed twentieth out of thirty paddlers in his class.

The result was very encouraging and perhaps we will have more paddlers next year for this important event. Canoeing has had a good following on various A.F.A.S. courses run by the School and the courses went down very well.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Hickmott, Mr. Blackmore, Ernest Lawrence and Leslie Hyland who organise and run canoeing trips and instruction and who have helped us in and out of the water.

R.S.

The Swimming Club

At the time of going to press, a date still had not been finalised for the Half Mile Race. This annual event had to be postponed, due to unforeseen circumstances. It is hoped, however, to hold it before the end of term.

Swimming has been going on as usual in the Church of Ireland pool in Rathmines every Tuesday evening. It is rather heartening to see such a good regular attendance. So many of those regular swimmers are sixth formers who will be leaving at the end of this term, perhaps some of the younger members will take a keener interest in swimming and create a better competitive spirit for places on the squadron team.

Congratulations to Val Hickey who was on the Leinster and Ireland water polo teams.

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OLD BOYS' UNION



News of Old Boys

MICHAEL ADAMS (1948 - 1958) is General-Secretary of the National Youth Council.

KINGSLEY T. AIKENS (1963 - 1970) was a member of the Dublin University 1st Rugby XV last season.

R. REGINALD CALDWELL (1935 - 1940), F.C.A., has been co-opted to the Board of Directors of Glen Abbey Ltd. He was formerly Chief Accountant with Hughes Bros. Ltd.

REV. JAMES M. G. CAREY (1936 - 1945) has been installed to the incumbency of the grouped parishes of St. Fin Barre and St. Nicholas, and to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of Cork.

DAVID J. CHALLEN (1949 - 1960) obtained his M.B.A. from Harvard University, USA, in June, 1971, and has since taken up a career in merchant banking.

DEREK F. CHAPMAN (1962 - 1969), a member of the cast in the Trinity Players' production of "Xerxes" (an adaptation of Aeschylus' "Persians"), produced Bertolt Brecht's most popular work, "Mother Courage and her Children" for the Trinity Week production for the Dublin University playhouse.

DEREK G. COBBE (1957 - 1959) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of The Longford Leader and The Longford Printing & Publishing Co. (1930) Ltd. Having been engaged in the Printing Industry in Ireland and America, during which time he was awarded the Godkin Memorial Trophy for Graphic Design. He joined The Longford Leader in April 1971 as Manager and was later appointed General Manager.

WILLIAM S. CUNNINGHAM (1917 - 1923) has been appointed the Chairman of the Brooks Thomas Group of Companies.

JOHN B. DAVEY (1965 - 1967), of Stokes Brothers and Pim, has been elected to the Students' Group Committee of the Dublin Society of Chartered Accountants.

DAVID T. FAIERS (1943 - 1947), a member of the sports reporting staff of Independent Newspapers Ltd., was nominated "Soccer Writer of the Year" by the Irish Soccer Referees Society.

IAN A. FOX (1948 - 1958) comperes the Radio Eireann feature "Top Score—The Brain Game".

MICHAEL H. GAULT (1964 - 1971) was a member of the Dublin University 1st Rugby XV last season.

SPENCER HAYES (1946 - 1955) has founded a firm, Hayes, Henderson & Co., Land and Farm Business Services, in New Elgin, Morayshire.

R. GRAHAM HEATHER (1945 - 1957), a Director of Lloyd, Armstrong & Ramsey Ltd., Insurance Brokers, has been elected Vice-President of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers of Ireland.

STEPHEN P. HILLIARD (1953 - 1956) was the University correspondent for University College, Dublin, for the Irish Times last year.

ARTHUR R. W. HUGHES (1954 - 1956) is a research physicist in the Department of Physics at Sheffield University. He has been involved in rocket and satellite experiments and has travelled to Russia, U.S.A., Canada, Denmark, Italy and Australia in the course of his work.

F. S. L. LYONS (1941) gave a series of talks on Radio Eireann under the heading "From War to Civil War in Ireland". Marking the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty Debate, the three features were entitled "The Meaning of Independence", "The Days of Decision" and "The Great Debate". He is Master of Eliot College, in the University of Kent, at Canterbury.

JOHN H. MAYBURY (1963 - 1970) has been awarded a three year scholarship under the Goulding Group Scheme.

T. W. ROLAND MEATES (1943 - 1954) has been elected to the Committee of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union on which he represents Dublin University.

ADAM S. MESBUR (1965 - 1970) has enjoyed considerable success at bridge since he began to play about two years ago. Playing in conjunction with various partners, he has won several competitions this year including the Malahide Congress Pairs, the National Under 35 Championship, the Shamrock Lodge Trophy and the 1916 Golden Jubilee Cup.

At the recent Tramore Bridge Congress he won all three major events, the Congress Pairs, Mixed Pairs, and the team event, an achievement which is thought to be unique in Irish Bridge. In the Congress Pairs he was partnered by another Old Boy, Donald L. Seligman (1939 - 1945) who was also a member of the team which won the Cross Cup and who plays internationally.

R. S. FOSTER MURPHY (1952 - 1958), now resident in London, is the Secretary of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Youth Organisations. He co-ordinates the work done by these bodies in Great Britain and arranges co-operation with their European equivalents. He also acts as an intermediary between them and the British Government through the University of Education.

DOUGLAS A. McCOY (1964 - 1971) and BRYAN C. STOREY (1963 - 1970) both played on the Old Wesley 1st Rugby XV last season.

PROFESSOR ALAN C. NEWELL (1952 - 1958) now holds the position of Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Potsdam University, New York State.

PHILIP A. ORR (1961 - 1969) was a member of the Dublin University 1st Rugby XV last season.

HILARY G. M. PAYNE (1948 - 1950) has obtained the degree of Master of Applied Science from the University of Windsor, Ontario, and has undertaken the duties of part-time lecturer in civil engineering.

He has also been appointed Deputy Commissioner of Works.

ALAN K. POPE (1951 - 1960) is Secretary-Accountant with British Leyland Ireland Ltd.

GRAHAM C. RICHARDS (1962 - 1969) is a member of the Church of Ireland Board of Education and of the Church of Ireland Youth Council.

NORMAN J. F. RODWAY (1938 - 1946) played the leading role in "The Stag Party", a recent production at the Olympia Theatre.

JOHN C. R. SEAGER (1943 - 1952), a Senior Research Officer in An Foras Talúntais, has just completed an extensive tour of North America in which he visited mainly horticultural research stations.

PROFESSOR J. D. SMYTH (1930 - 1936), Department of Zoology and Applied Entomology, Imperial College, London, gave a public lecture, "Parasites as Biological Models", in Trinity College in February.

ALEXANDER THOMPSON (1948 - 1955), of the Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies, spoke on "Cosmic Ray 'Heavy Primaries' and their Methods of Detection" to the Irish Branch of the Institute of Physics National Conference at Carrickmacross.

He was also one of the three Irish physicists principally involved in the development of a device for detecting low energy cosmic rays. This was designed and developed at the School of Cosmic Physics in Dublin and installed on Orion, the Lunar Excursion Module of Apollo 16. It was activated by the American astronauts at the landing site in the Lunar Alps.

DONALD TEMPLE (1957 - 1964) is a member of the Staff of Masonic Boys' School, where he teaches French, Latin and Civics.

C. RICHARD TINSLEY (1958 - 1964) has been awarded a Henry Krumb Fellowship to read for an M.S. in Mining at Columbia University, New York.

REV. CHRISTOPHER B. WARREN (1946 - 1954) gave a lecture to the Dublin University Gaelic Society on the Irish Harp and its Music. He has himself made a replica of the famous Trinity Harp and strung it with brass strings.

SENATOR T. TREVOR WEST (1954 - 1956) has been elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

ROBERT P. WILLIS (1935 - 1941), a Governor of the School, has been appointed Chairman of Cement-Roadstone Holdings Ltd.

ERIC H. WINTER (1949 - 1957) had the degree of Master of Business Administration conferred upon him by Wayne State University, U.S.A., in June, 1970.

Deaths

LT. COL. HAROLD THEODORE BIRD, E.R.D., B.A., B.A.I., F.I.C.E., (1909 - 1916), of Bramleys, Woodhall Spar, Lincolnshire, 14th December, 1971.

GEORGE ST. P. BUNBURY (1928 - 1934) (suddenly) in London 9th June, 1972.

ERIC GEORGE HUGHES (1937 - 1940) of Ballytore Road, Rathfarnham. 22nd March, 1972.

ERNEST KENNETH KENT (1932 - 1934) of Braemor Road, Churchtown, 15th May, 1972.

MARCUS ALBERT HAUGHTON MILLS (1915 - 1916) of Bradford, Yorkshire. 22nd February, 1972.

THOMAS DESMOND MURPHY (1922 - 1926) 27th September, 1971. Tom Murphy played an active part in the Old Boys' Union and was for many years a member of the Committee. His sons, Thomas and David, were both pupils of the High School.

ALEXANDER HARPER RODGERS (1939 - 1940) of Rose Bank, Rathfarnham. 10th January, 1972.

LOUIS O. SHER (1905 - 1909) of Ben Lomond, Cabinteely. 29th March, 1972.

THOMAS CUTHBERT SMITH (1931 - 1933) of Brighton Road, Rathgar, and Bailieboro', Co. Cavan. 19th March, 1972.

SOLOMON WINE (1911) of Slaney House, Rathmines. 15th January, 1972.

Marriages

We congratulate the following Old Boys on their marriages and wish them every happiness.

GEORGE J. CAIRD (1957 - 1965) to KATHLEEN NASH.

SPENCER HAYES (1946 - 1955) to JESSIE RACHEL MACKAY at New Elgin, Morayshire.

ALAN J. HUGHES (1959 - 1965) to MONIQUE VAN LEEUWEN in Sydney, Australia.

DOUGLAS R. MEDCALF (1959 - 1965) to PAMELA M. BIGGER.

KARL H. A. MILLS (1948 - 1958) to IRENE WANDA FROELICH in London, Ontario.

JAMES F. O'NEILL (1952 - 1958) to HELEN R. VINCENT.

ALAN PARKE (1959 - 1965) to CAROL HOOD.

DONALD TEMPLE (1957 - 1964) to RACHAEL ADAM.

ERIC H. WINTER (1949 - 1957) to CLAUDINA SARES in Detroit.

Annual Dinner

Held on the 15th January and attended by 294 members and guests, the first Dinner to be held at Danum was a most enjoyable function. Our President was in the Chair and his guest Mr. P. A. Macrory replied to the Toast to "Our Guests and Kindred Associations" proposed by Mr. R. P. Willis. Mr. A. P. R. Brook attending the Dinner for the first time as Headmaster, replied to the Toast of "The School" proposed by the President who also responded to the final Toast of the evening proposed by Mr. E. W. Frith. The usual high standard of entertainment was provided by our musical friends and the familiar atmosphere of these Dinners very soon developed, despite the unfamiliar surroundings. Your Committee, however, does realise that certain difficulties arising from the new environment prevented the Dinner reaching the usual high standard and members are assured that the necessary action has been taken to prevent any re-occurrence in the future.

A.S.U. Events

The Seven-a-side competition held at Palmerston R.F.C. was won by St. Andrew's. The High School were defeated in the semi-final.

The Annual Golf Outing held as usual at Royal Dublin was won by St. Columba's with the High School finishing fourth.

For Your Diary

Annual Golf Outing—31st August, 1972, at The Grange Golf Club.

Annual Dance—4th November, 1972.

Annual Dinner—20th January, 1973, at Danum.

London Dinner

As usual the London Dinner was held on the eve of the Irish/English International at Twickenham at The Royal Overseas Club, a record number of 134 members and guests being present. A very good meal was followed by excellent speeches and musical entertainment and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

This particular function is increasing in popularity particularly for those travelling for

the International and it is to be hoped that more of the O.B.U. members residing in the U.K. will note the date and make an effort to attend future London Dinners.

Examination Results

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons
Final Professional Examinations—G. Naidoo.
Diploma in Child Health—Dr. D. M. Bowie.

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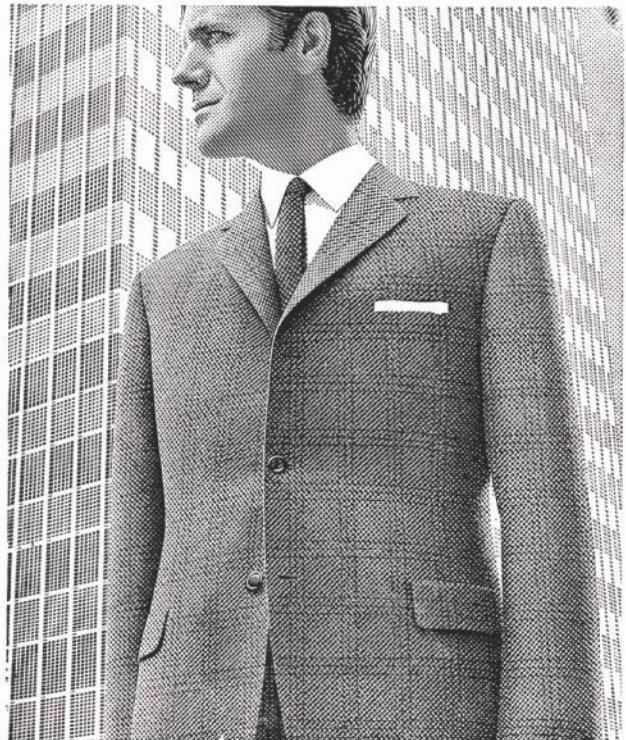
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