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EDITORIAL

"Girls we love for what they are; young men for what they promise to be."—GOETHE.

The choice of a career is the most important decision of our youth; it is more difficult today than ever before, and all our schooling leads up to it. Yet at this crossroads the signposts are usually unhelpful, and the change from the aim of fulfilling oneself to that of fulfilling oneself in one particular field may be made only from necessity and without sufficient thought or knowledge about the many possibilities.

The two chief problems for anyone choosing a career are finding out about his own talents and interests and then trying to relate these to what he knows about possible careers. The outside influences which are most likely to affect his decision are his school and his parents, but since we tend nowadays to emphasise the rôle of formal education, it is the part played by the school which is generally stressed and often criticised.

In High School we rely mainly on advice and information given by the staff, especially the Headmaster, and on careers talks at fortnightly intervals during Fifth Year. Nobody claims that this system is perfect, or that it is anything more than an amateurish attempt to deal with a complex problem, which in some countries engages trained professionals. There are, however, great obstacles to improvement, among them the Department of Education. The most obvious need is for a careers master, who could devote a large part of his working time to interviewing boys and discovering their abilities, finding out about careers and employers, and talking to parents, but although the school would like this, the Department does not recognise time spent on school work other than teaching, and so the school would have to pay the careers master's whole salary.

Yet it is not necessary to bang our heads against the brick wall of the Department of Education to improve the present situation. The careers section in the school library could be greatly enlarged at little cost, and boys encouraged to use it. The present liaison with the Department of Education in Trinity College for the purpose of intelligence tests could be extended to include aptitude tests, which, in spite

of their limitations, would show to which of the basic "job families" a boy is suited. It should be made clear which careers have a future in Ireland, such as solicitor, and which are likely to mean emigration, such as engineer. Guidance could also be given as to the best use of the summer holidays. It would be well worth while sacrificing a month in the summer to discover what it is like to work in an office, on a farm or as a writer (for the next "Erasmian", perhaps), and this would give holiday work a constructive purpose and ensure that teaching and housekeeping are not the only occupations known intimately.

No amount of information and guidance, however, can bring a boy to a sensible decision about his future if he himself does not take the matter seriously. It is, of course, deplorable that at a time when he has little experience of life and is most open to short-lived influences and emotional upheavals he should have to decide on the direction of his whole working life, but it is futile to argue with necessity. His main object must be to know himself. Likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses (family views should be interesting here), special interests, and physical factors, such as bad eyesight, should all be considered, and in particular he must decide whether he would like to work mainly with people, ideas or things.

For many, perhaps, the chief consideration is what they can get out of and put into their future occupation. Job security, high pay, good working conditions, power and responsibility, service to society and prestige: all these are common aims, but it is generally difficult to combine as many as one would like in one job, and so a list of priorities is necessary. This raises the question of the individual's values and his whole philosophy of life. In choosing a career his beliefs receive a very practical test, the results of which are seen for the rest of his life. It is not so much the final choice (some have very limited opportunities), as the reasons for making it which show whether a person has the courage of his convictions and is being true to himself. This is one of those tides in a man's life which, "taken at the flood, leads on to fortune": but "chiefly the mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands."

Erasmian Prizes

Book prizes presented by the Old Boys' Union have been awarded to B. D. Lewis, H. G. Nason and Sum Kin Hing for their contributions to the December issue.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

(From "The Erasmian", June 1916)

SCHOOL NOTES

Owing to the outbreak of the rebellion, the School did not resume work after the Easter vacation until Monday, May 8th. For a week of the vacation the school was used by the military authorities as a hospital.

Trinity Letter

Normally Trinity College, to the outsider at least, exudes energy and dynamism. Its students will devote any amount of time to organising protest marches, collecting for charities or taking part in hare-brained schemes of one sort or another.

The tide has now turned, however, and Trinity, far from exuding dynamism, rather "drips" with apathy. The apathy which pervades so much of Ireland's social and cultural life today has at last penetrated to the sacred inner sanctum of the country's academic life also. The "Phil" reported an all-time "low" in attendance during the present Trinity term. "Yes", the student charity magazine, went very short of salesmen and failed to realise its target in sales. Even the stirring call of the College newspaper, "Trinity News", which has been exhorting the students in its best "Daily Mirror" prose, has not succeeded in arousing their enthusiasm. The students simply do not care.

In a sense this reversal was inevitable. There has been growing scepticism of the value of the various extra-curricular activities and their rather hypothetical contribution to the cultural education of the student. To adopt a completely negative attitude is, of course, ridiculous, but this present wave of apathy might force the societies and clubs to raise the standard of their

debates and discussions and improve the facilities they offer.

To be fair, however, a quick look through past "Trinity Letters" shows that High School Old Boys are exerting their traditional influence over college affairs. Michael Adams and Ronald Wicklow are both very active on the Student Representative Council—Michael as President and Ronald as Treasurer. I am told that Ronald rather offended the sensibilities of his sportsmanlike fellow mathematicians by actually campaigning for election.

It has been remarked that Trinity's social life lacks a "character". David Norris threatens to remedy that situation. He offended the "stuffed shirts" recently by making disparaging remarks about the participants of the 1916 rebellion, just at a time when Trinity was trying to make everyone forget that it had taken the wrong side.

Cian O'Hegarty showed that Irishmen have not lost the "gift of the gab" when he was a member of the two-man Trinity team that won the *Observer* "Mace" Debating Competition for universities of Britain and Ireland.

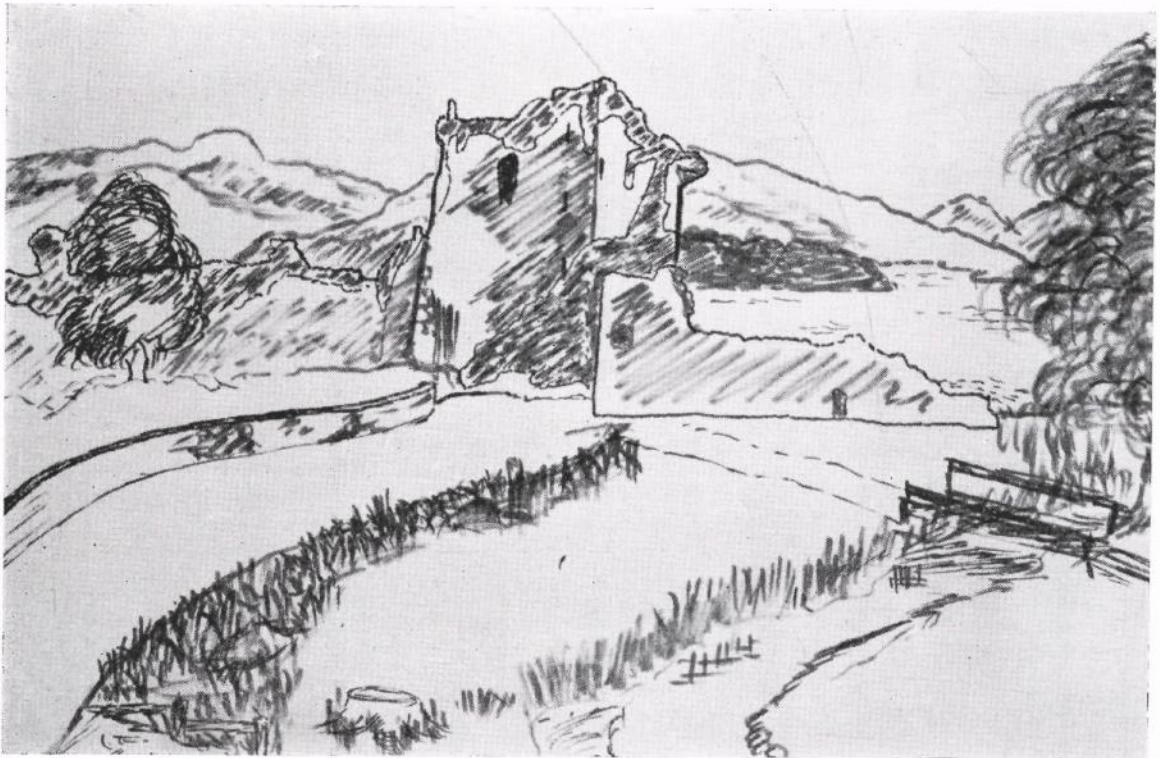
Norman Toms (as advertising manager) and Richard Buchanan are on the staff of "Kosmos", the science magazine. Paul Walsh and John Micks are prominent in the Economics Society and Mike King in the International Society. Don Beck was editor of "Justice", the law magazine, and treasurer of the Law Society.

In sport too, High School Old Boys continue to distinguish themselves—though funnily enough not at sports that they played at school. David Jackson and Rory O'Moore won their colours for soccer, Denis Crampton played in the 1st table tennis team and Don Beck, John Owens and Ron Carson were awarded their badminton colours. Ken Millington, Brian O'Neil and Robert Miller continue to distinguish themselves on the Trinity athletics team. David Wright performed what is, for him, now an annual feat. He again took part in, and completed, the Dublin-Belfast walk.

Finally, I must apologise to those whose achievements or antics I have omitted, whether by ignorance or fear of the libel laws. I can only say, as Pope did—

"All crowd, who foremost shall be damned to fame."

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Ross Castle, Killarney.

R. H. LEWIS (4BL).

Letters to the Editor

WINDGATES,
CLARA,
OFFALY.
22/12/65

Dear Editor,

I have just received the current copy of "The Erasmian" and have read with great interest the news of Jack Stafford.

Unless I am very much mistaken, he also has the distinction of being the only boy to appear twice in the same School photograph! Somewhere around 1927-28 all the pupils were brought out to the playground and posed in a long bank, five or six high, with the rear ranks mounted on piled-up desks, to have a photo of the whole School taken. When we were all finally in position, with the masters in the front row, the picture was taken by a camera mounted on a turntable operated by clockwork, and which commenced at one end and slowly revolved around to the other end of the line,

exposing the film as it turned. Stafford had seen all this performance a few years previously, so having found out at which end the photographer intended starting, he got himself into a position right at that end. As soon as the camera had moved past him he jumped down and sprinted along the back of the group and took up a similar position at the other end before the camera had reached the end of its run. I can remember Willie Wilson's comment when he came to insert the individual names on the copy for hanging in the Clockroom and found that he had to put Jack Stafford's in twice.

If I am wrong, I apologise to Jack Stafford, but perhaps Sammy Evans could confirm or confound my memory. It is a good story, anyway, and if it did not happen it certainly deserved to.

Congratulations on the high, and continually improving, standard of "The Erasmian".

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT FIELD.

39 GREEN ROAD,
BLACKROCK,
CO. DUBLIN.

Dear Editor,

I can claim to be the oldest Old Boy, or one of the oldest Old Boys of the High School, Dublin, being in my ninetieth year, and a pupil there from 1889 to 1894.

I cannot claim to having been a shining light at school and my name does not appear on the Old Boys' Cup board. The headmaster was Mr. William Wilkins. My memory of him? Well, the least said the better, he was rather inclined to be a bully. Other masters whom I remember were Mr. Cooney, the sports master, and Mr. W. Anderson, who later became headmaster of Mountjoy School. The others, well, I am afraid I cannot remember their names.

I was in the sixth form with the brothers Longworth, Armstrong and Smyly; also Tatlow, Tucker and Beattie. I have a photograph of the sixth form in 1894 with Wilkins and Cooney, and of course Wilkins's young son, who appeared in every photograph of every form.

In 1894, High School came nearest to winning the Senior Rugby Cup; they drew with Blackrock in the semi-final, but lost in the replay by one try.

There is one incident that particularly sticks in my memory. One morning when I arrived into school there was a railway engine stuck half in and half out of the wall of Harcourt Street Station, having over-run the buffers. The engine driver was trapped and had to have his arm amputated before being freed.

During my period at High School I had to walk from South Circular Road, Rialto, there and back in all weathers, and as you can see, it never did me any harm.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. DAVEY.

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Eist Liom, a Mhaistreas Dhilis

A dhaoine,
Tá galar trom ag lúbadh mo chroí,
Tá mé i ngrá le teanga,
An teanga bhinn seo, an Ghaeilge is í,
Agus níl agam ach eolas an-bheag uirthi.

Eist liom, a mháistreas dhilis,
A theanga ón sean-aimsir,
Cén fáth go bhfuil tú ám mhealladh,
Nó cén cúis go dteastaíonn uaim chomh dúth-
rachtach sin,
Eolas níos fearr bheith agamsa ortsá?

Tá mo chuid leabhar i mo thimpeall anois in aice
mo láimhe,
Mo "de Bhaldraithe," mo "Dhineen" is mo
"Bhráithre Críostúla" freisin,
Ach ní thagann tú fós le mo thaobh,
Is fearr leat fanúint i do sheasamh i bhfad
uaimse.

Do tháinig an Fhraincis chugam,
Ach do dhúiltaigh mé í.
Is tusa atá ag teastáil uaim,
A theanga a tháinig chugainn ón sean-aimsir.

Tá éad loiteach orm leis an bPiarsach,
Leis an gCraoibhinn Aoibhinn freisin,
Agus leis na "fáinneoirí" eile go léir,
Ar lig tú dóibh bheith in a suí le do thaobh.

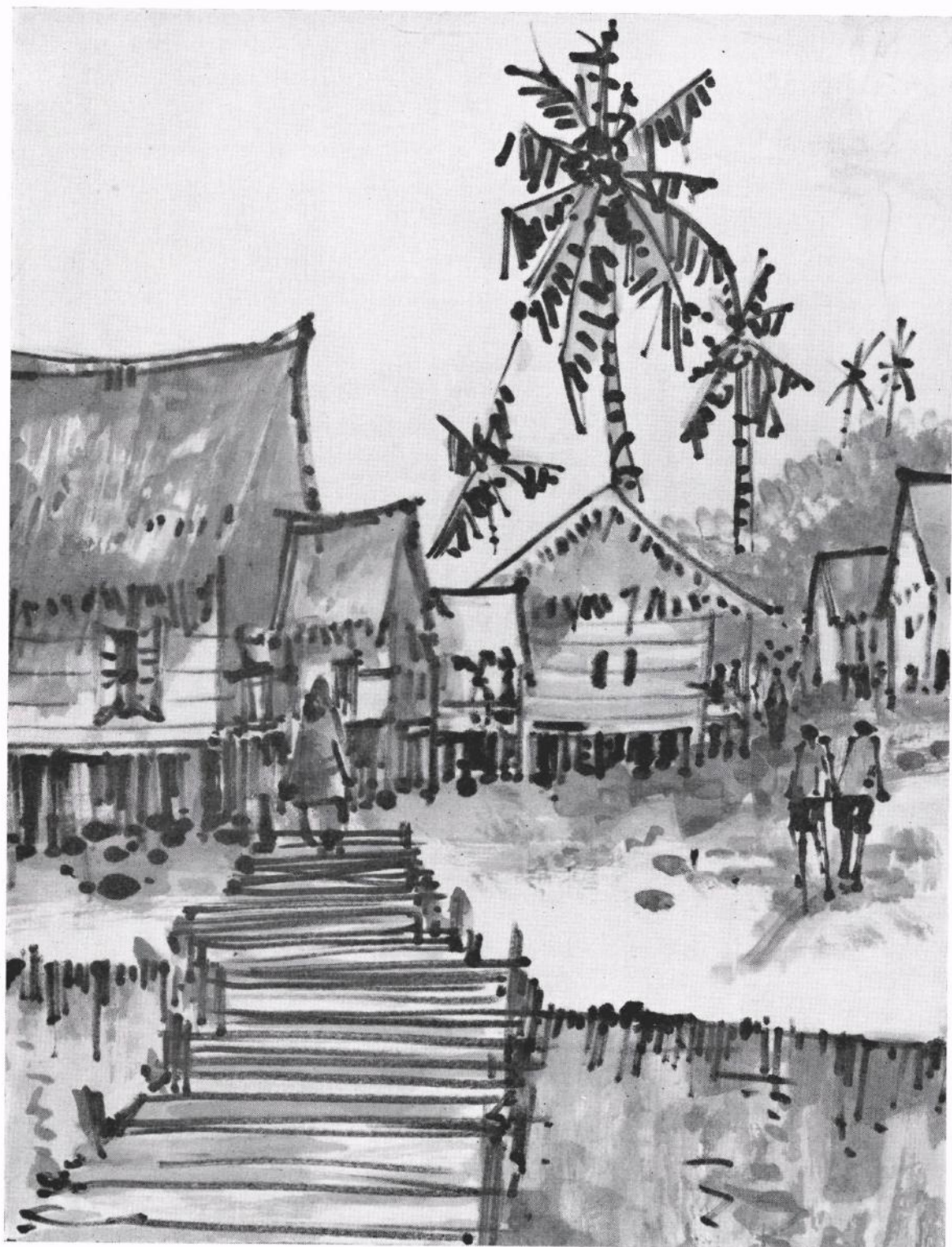
B'fhéidir leo do chora deacra cainte d'fhoghlaím,
D'fhadhbanna go léir a thuiscint ar fad,
Agus do chrua-cheisteanna d'fheiscint go soiléir,
Agus iad a mhíniú go cruinn gan sos smaointe.

O! Féach ormsa anois, a stór,
Agus bíodh trua agat dom féin,
Is mise ag siúl i gcoiscéimeanna romham,
Móráin giollaí agus cairde araibh agatsa trína
blianta.

Coiscéimeanna na bhfilí agus na seanchaithe,
A thug cáil dod' ainm,
Agus díobh féin do shíl tú mórán,
Agus is ormsa atá éad anois leo-san.

Nach trua mór é gurb é an Béarla
(do shean-namhaid searbh),
An teanga is fusa a thagann chuig mo bhéal,
Agus fiú amháin anois mo chuid Gaeilge,
Tá sí truaillithe le Béarla gránna.

S. P. HILLIARD (6B).



Malay Village.

SUM KIN HING (5 FORM).

Nigeria and Ireland

A COMPARISON IN SCHOOL LIFE

As I know more of my former school, King's College, Lagos, than any other one at home, and only High School in Ireland, my comparison will be based on the life at these two schools. Both schools are quite old, King's being built in 1909. The main differences crop up from the fact that one is mainly a boarding school and the other is not. There is also no junior section in King's College. So there are fewer boys there (385 at the end of 1965) than at High School. There are, however, some 35 day students in the school.

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After school hours, activities are bound to be different, since the boys here go to their homes and meet later on in the day, either on the playing fields or at the swimming pool. What of the boys who do not like games? One may be tempted to think that they then must belong to different school societies, but I think this is wrong of High School. There are far too few school societies and the few are not made compulsory to be joined. At King's College, school societies are made compulsory, that is a boy must belong to at least one society. This, I think, is very good, because it broadens the general knowledge of the boys and helps them to know each other more, since the boys are from different parts of Nigeria and speak different languages. These societies go on excursions to different parts of the country and even to other countries, but mainly in West Africa. So a boy at King's College cannot think of asking his English master whether his hair grows like his as I have been asked by one of my classmates in High School!

Games at King's College are more interesting at inter-house level than at High School. This is because the boys develop loyalty to their different houses and a mind of keeping up the prestige of these houses. A boy at King's College would rather prefer to play like a hero for his house than for the school, which is just the opposite in High School. This matter of having the house at heart more than the school may not seem good, but it is the house spirit which develops into school spirit and later on to patriotism to the country.

The boys at King's College are more encouraged to participate in games than at High School. Apart from the fact that the school gets enough funds to buy games equipment, which, I think, are made good use of, there is a spirit of not trying to be content with the achievement attained in these sports, but comparing these achievements with those of the boys of the same age group in other parts of the world, especially

complex is like trying to build a house on sand. This is why the language is not merely desirable, but necessary. The language need never, as has also been suggested, impede our national progress as the modern, emergent, progressive, little nation that we are. On the contrary, Irish must accelerate the proper fulfilment of Ireland as a nation. Holland and Denmark, both smaller countries than Ireland, have their own national languages, and are not in the least prevented from playing a full European rôle. Is it not time for a re-assessment of our attitude towards the Irish tongue?

S. P. HILLIARD (6B).

Oh, to be a Bird!

The casual onlooker at a gliding club usually sees gliders being launched, flying overhead and landing. This is pleasant to watch, as the aircraft are colourful and quiet. Occasionally he may spot a glider much higher than the others, circling in a vast blue haze, in a world of his own: but this is dull and without interest to the onlooker who, looking at the other aircraft near him, imagines that gliding might be rather fun, but underneath has difficulty in understanding why some people become quite fanatical about it. Possibly that uninteresting dot high up contains one of those fanatics, for although he is of little interest, as seen from the ground, in his cockpit the situation is presented by a very different factor. For ahead of him lie the unknown and the unexpected. He is, perhaps, endeavouring to fly his glider to a destination, maybe hundreds of miles away, using only those precious and sacred air thermals that are only visible to a glider pilot. He may, perhaps, reach his destination, he may fail, but does he care? No. The freedom that he derives from his beloved sport is unbeatable. What could be more satisfying than flying in surroundings of colour and beauty, and, apart from the air flowing over the aerofoil, he lives in silence, silence beyond compare, and absolute loneliness. This is the wonderful world of a glider pilot.

This all sounds very exotic and unobtainable, but gliding is not a sport which is out of the reach of students or impecunious persons. This world of sensation described could be within the scope of an ordinary schoolboy wishing to fly, let alone a student.

To join a gliding club and experience the sport of the age is not hard. Usually the annual

fee is about ten guineas which is cheap as far as flying clubs go. To actually fly a glider costs about six shillings a flight and to fly like the pilot described earlier, this costs around £16 or £17, which includes qualified instruction and other necessary details. The instruction course usually demands about 60-70 flights. There is a fairly wide distribution of gliding clubs in Britain and Ireland. Ireland has five in all; at Baldonnell aerodrome, Clonmel, Cork, Belfast and Bishop Hill. The Dublin Gliding Club, based at Baldonnell, is typical of the situation connected with gliding: it is easy to reach, being only ten miles from Dublin; has renowned safety procedures, and most important of all—it is looking for more members.

Perhaps I am talking nonsense, perhaps it's just for the birds, but perhaps the non-cricketers and non-rugbyites would consider joining a club to experience "the sport of the age".

F. F. COLLEY (6B).

The Wild Fox

*He jumped on his horse and galloped away,
By the wild brook and over the fence.
He rode like a leopard all over the land.
He rode even faster along the flat grass,
As he chased the wild fox all over the land.*

C. HOMAN (1B¹).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS—1. Trapeze; 5. Easter; 7. Urn; 9. Add; 10. Horses; 12. Dormant.

DOWN—1. Thrush; 2. Amen; 3. East; 4. Eve; 6. Rodent; 8. Tsar; 9. Asia; 11. Old.

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS:

- (1) 25.
- (2) Wales.
- (3) Bective.
- (4) Monkstown v. Dungannon
Wanderers v. Instonians
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This was only broken last year. There are many others like this. As the Nigerian public expects a very high standard in both behaviour and academic work (the school is financed by the Nigerian Federal Government) you can expect the boys to live up to their expectations. The external examination results at King's College seem to be what every member of the public waits to criticise every year, but the boys never give them this chance.

After school hours, activities are bound to be different, since the boys here go to their homes and meet later on in the day, either on the playing fields or at the swimming pool. What of the boys who do not like games? One may be tempted to think that they then must belong to different school societies, but I think this is wrong of High School. There are far too few school societies and the few are not made compulsory to be joined. At King's College, school societies are made compulsory, that is a boy must belong to at least one society. This, I think, is very good, because it broadens the general knowledge of the boys and helps them to know each other more, since the boys are from different parts of Nigeria and speak different languages. These societies go on excursions to different parts of the country and even to other countries, but mainly in West Africa. So a boy at King's College cannot think of asking his English master whether his hair grows like his as I have been asked by one of my classmates in High School!

Games at King's College are more interesting at inter-house level than at High School. This is because the boys develop loyalty to their different houses and a mind of keeping up the prestige of these houses. A boy at King's College would rather prefer to play like a hero for his house than for the school, which is just the opposite in High School. This matter of having the house at heart more than the school may not seem good, but it is the house spirit which develops into school spirit and later on to patriotism to the country.

The boys at King's College are more encouraged to participate in games than at High School. Apart from the fact that the school gets enough funds to buy games equipment, which, I think, are made good use of, there is a spirit of not trying to be content with the achievement attained in these sports, but comparing these achievements with those of the boys of the same age group in other parts of the world, especially

the U.S.A. in athletics. A boy in High School can easily be discouraged from sports if he thinks of what it costs him to do any for the school. The fact that he has to buy most of the necessary things for these games can drive him away. If a boy is representing King's College in any game, he is supplied with almost everything from boots to track suit. These will make the boy train hard in order not to lose his place in the school special group. The members of the various special groups are given certain privileges which any boy will do anything to get.

The matter of a master having the final say in the choosing of a school team is not the case at home. The members of the special group choose their own teams with the advice of the masters in charge, so that the boys can never have the chance of blaming their few misfortunes on these masters.

After listing these differences, it seems that these schools are miles away in many things, but these are insignificant to me, probably because I am made to do less work here, but mainly because I am getting to like the life here.

O. MAJEKODUNMI (5A).

Snow

*I went down to the bus-stop
Going to Scouts,
It was snowing
Sleeting
In the suburb.
Out of the sky it came
Falling from the heaven
Like a parachute,
Suddenly opening,
The fairy, swirling, downy, misty mass,
Some God's challenge to man
Utterly defeated
By tarmac, concrete, car;
And so man spoils his snow
Which rarely comes,
(No wonder
When it is beaten)
But man really loses
For snow
Is beauty.*

V. LESER (2A).

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Natural Science v. Engineering

It was with some apprehension that I accepted Mr. Gardner's suggestion to join the group from High School which was paying a visit to the Chemistry Section in Trinity, only having a vague idea of what I had let myself in for by choosing Natural Science as my course instead of Mathematics.

The Junior Freshmen laboratory, through which we passed on the way up to Professor Cocker's office, impressed upon me the fact that no reagent or piece of equipment is got without it being necessary, but that no wanted equipment was missing. Everything was exactly where it ought to have been and all equipment was used to the full. After a short talk from Professor Cocker the High School group was placed under the care of two young doctors who proved never to tire under the barrage of both relevant and irrelevant questions, nor to lose patience on seeing our blank stares of incomprehension in reply to simple explanations.

We were shown the main lecture hall which was much smaller than the talk of our Old Boys had led me to expect. We saw the Junior Freshmen lab, a little more closely and had a look at the storeroom behind. Much time was spent watching liquid nitrogen trickling from the compact liquifier, and in looking at the fridge and coffee grinder affair which provided endless quantities of ice chips. *En passant* our guide demonstrated one of the relatively new one-pan balances weighing a penny to four places of decimals of a gramme.

We were then shown some of the equipment used by the third and fourth year students. We saw the massive hydrogenator, an enormous extractor (of the Soxhlet type) used for extractions from foreign wood pulp; heat chromatographers requiring only a tiny fraction of a drop for accurate graphical results; the old-fashioned capillary-type chromatographers; infra-red and ultra-violet spectrometers; osmotic and vapour pressure calculators and finally we saw one of the Section's most recent acquisitions, a device which, making use of the fact that hydrogen bonds vibrate at a frequency typifying the groups to which they are attached, can enable the experienced operator to identify the nature of the chemical bonds in an organic sample.

We returned to Professor Cocker's office, where we were supplied with tea and cakes, after which we went home. I would like to

thank Professor Cocker and all those who helped to make our visit a great success. Since the Engineering Section started to have "Open Days" they have attracted many students to their course who might otherwise have become Natural Scientists. This has now been countered and the student about to leave school may now visit each section and make up his mind, knowing what he has ahead of him.

Maybe the High School could learn a great deal from the way in which the Junior Freshmen's lab. is set up. If High School could change to the more logical and less wasteful Semi-Micro analysis (as some other schools have done to much advantage) it would be of great benefit to those doing Entrance Scholarships and to those who are entering Trinity, for this is the form of analysis used there. The only new piece of equipment, apart from some chemical reagents and some smaller test-tubes, that would be necessary is a centrifuge.

We may truly say that the visit to Trinity was a great success.

D. H. VIPOND (6U).

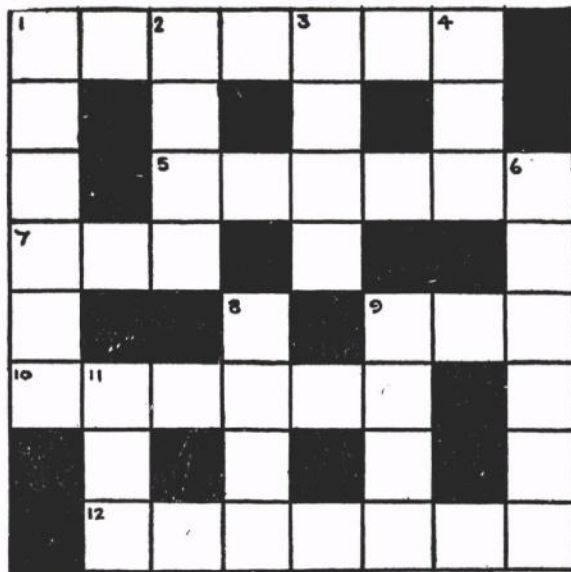
Wonders of Spring

*How does one know when Spring is here?
We know that Spring is coming near,
When the first cold drop of melting snow
Drips into others; and rivulets flow
To join the wide and brimming rivers,
Full of sea-fresh salmon now.
Fish with destination finite
Set on their goal with hearts of granite.
Never waiting, never thinking
of the strange new dangers lurking
In the journey ahead.
Then the first brave snowdrop doth appear,
Just like its name, a drop of snow cut clear.
And soon the redwings (migrant thrushes)
Fly Sweden-bound to pastures luscious.
Then in April come the daffodils,
Pulsing with life and Nature's thrills.
Drenched to the core by April showers
And tricked into blooming in the sunny hours.
Until into May we have the trees
Clad in a covering of delicate leaves:
Gay beeches, shy birches and later the oak,
And then blooms the rose-bush, to gladden all
folk.
After this there is no end
To the beauties of Nature we apprehend.*

D. J. MOORE (2A).

Crossword

(Set by Govender, S. T. & Jarrett, N. G.) 4BL.



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Gymnastic apparatus.
5. Famous Sunday fifty years ago.
7. Grecian pottery for cremated ashes.
9. Join by way of increase.
10. Quadrupeds, anagram of "shores".
12. Inactive.

DOWN

1. "Uncle" chases this bird.
2. So be it.
3. Decapitate raising ingredient to get point of rising sun.
4. First woman to talk with snake.
6. A beaver is one.
8. Russian ruler.
9. Largest continent.
11. "—— as Methuselah."

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Brain Teaser

Five rugby players are sitting side by side in Amiens Street Station. One is an Irishman, one is a Lancastrian, one is a Yorkshireman, one a Scot and one Welsh. Their positions are hooker, prop, centre, out-half and full-back. Ages are 23, 28, 20, 25 and 31. They play for Lansdowne, Wanderers, Palmerston, Bective and Monkstown; play against Ballymena, Dungannon, Instonians, Malone and Collegians on that day.

HINTS:

- (1) Full-back is sitting on extreme left.
- (2) Palmerston player is sitting in middle.
- (3) Irishman is hooker.
- (4) Centre 23 years old.
- (5) Out-half plays for Wanderers.
- (6) Prop playing against Collegians.
- (7) Lansdowne player is Lancastrian.
- (8) Welshman plays against Dungannon.
- (9) One playing against Ballymena is 20 years old.
- (10) Bective player playing against Malone.
- (11) Lancastrian sitting next to Yorkshireman.
- (12) The player who is 31 is sitting next to player playing against Instonians.
- (13) The player who is 28 is sitting next to player playing against Dungannon.
- (14) Full back sitting next to Scotsman.

FIND:

- (1) How old is the prop?
- (2) Where was the Monkstown player born?
- (3) Which club does the centre play for?
- (4) Name the matches that are on.

P. ORR (4B-L).

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"... and in the dust be equal made ..."

*A man could live in glory and reach heights
Above his fellow man;*

*A wonder could he form or beauty could he
make*

*And even save a comrade from his death,
But soon must he depart this earthly sphere
And be as others: put to rest at last in graves
Silent and still
Stereotyped.*

A. B. EPPLE (4A).

The Day I met the Tigers

The weather at Easter was very poor. The weekend after should have been good. It was worse. Gale force winds, prolonged periods of rain with snow on high ground was forecast. This was an underestimate.

Ballinclea is a simple hostel, it was bitterly cold inside and my breath hung in puffs in the air, but I slept well with seven blankets underneath and six on top.

On Saturday we walked in slight rain to Knickeen Ford to cross Table Mountain to Glenmalure. The ford was very wide, and icy cold with snow on each side. But we soon warmed up on the heavy slog uphill out of the Glen of Imaal. We could see snow showers rushing down the valleys on Lugnaquilla and patches of snow became bigger and bigger until they covered the track. We had to walk in water or in soft snow, which was worse. Soon the mist and snow-flurries cut off the view, we could not see one marker cairn from another. This meant compass readings, sighting as far as we could see in the cloud.

The eastern side had deeper snow and thicker mist, fewer cairns and weathered turf in banks all smoothed over by snow. The light began to fail before we reached Glenmalure hostel, where we fried a very large tea. The journey had taken us over eight hours. Four hostellers came in, having crossed from Donard in 3½ hours, almost three miles more than our journey, and soon after a very big man in shorts who had come from Holywood through rain, snow, heather and darkness, arrived. Men who can average five miles an hour, or more, with packs are sometimes called Tigers. We had a grand party, they treated me like a fellow-Tiger and told me routes to take and much hostel gen. The cold wet snow was forgotten. I slept like a log and on Sunday started for Glendaloch.

I could write about sliding down the steep slopes of Mullacor, or the tourist trippers in Glendaloch. I could describe the long walk in very heavy continuous rain to Glenbride, where the warden dried our clothes, but I do not think I shall ever forget the happy atmosphere in Glenmalure hostel the day I met the Tigers.

F. M. A. GARDNER (1B¹).

The Countryside in Spring

The young lambs in the fields, they skip and play;

The young birds from the nest, they make their way;

The sun is strong, the flowers bloom,

Everything has a sweet perfume.

Things come to life, the young are born;

How easy it is to rise on a spring morn.

Spring is here, how gay it is to watch life jumping frantically about,

The butterflies, white and brown, dazzling they skim the air,

The apple blossoms glorify the listless trees,

The countryside is fresh again, something rare

The hawthorn bush sways gently in the breeze.

Winter has at last but gone, the white blanket Of snow has left us for another year.

D. FIGGINS (1A).

Why we should learn Irish

"Why should we learn Irish?" is a plaintive cry, often heard in 40 Harcourt Street. The simple answer to this is, of course, "cos you can't getcher Leavin' without it," but there are others. If we, as a Protestant minority, are going to play an active, integrated part in the affairs of this country, we must first know and fully understand the people, the other 95 per cent., with whom we shall be working. These are the inheritors of this ancient, Gaelic, Roman Catholic, peasant culture, which is with us today in its albeit battered condition, having survived many severe onslaughts in the past.

To understand a people, you must first understand their history. This should be obvious. The present reflects the past. To understand their history you have to understand the literature, written at the time. It is not enough to know that in 1847 the Whigs, under Lord Russell, set up the soup kitchens which fed three million a day. To get the full, authentic picture of Famine conditions, you have to read poems, written by anonymous, starving, 19th-century Gaelic poets. Simple, moving poems, reflecting hunger and death, love and yearning. And to understand a people's literature, you have, sad to say, first to understand their language. Irish has clothed the thoughts and

aspirations of Irishmen from earliest times up to the time of the Famine, it has shaped this country in the past, it has watched it grow and has grown up alongside it, right up to the present day. To be ignorant of Irish, therefore, is to be ignorant of Ireland.

Irish is not "desirable". I believe it is essential; essential to our survival as a nation, in the fullest sense of the word. What is the use in having a well-nurtured body if it has no soul, a soul which reflects the past, as well as the present? This is what has happened to the English today. They have a body without a soul. The result is the average, English work-ingman. Let us be careful, therefore, lest we too degenerate into a greedy, soulless, decadent race of materialists. Or is this generation of Irishmen going to be held responsible in the future for having killed the only language and literature Ireland ever had to call her own, and at a time when, at long last, every encouragement was being offered towards acquiring it and assimilating it? We need the language to preserve the identity of our nation which was fought for in blood, and won in 1922.

The language need not, of course, be a divisive factor between North and South, as has been suggested. In the early days of the Gaelic League the language brought together in unity Irish people of all backgrounds—employer and employed, Catholic and Protestant, North and South, rich and poor, before, as my grandmother puts it (herself an old Leaguer) the "extrem-ists" got at it, and turned it into a political issue. The language can do the same thing today, when there is so much disunity, tension and intolerance abroad. It is the one thing which can bring the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, the Federated Union of Employers, the Labour Court and Dr. Hillery all together and give them a common identity, because at the moment they have none. The language can give our young people stability and a sense of pride and self-respect. At the moment, born and brought up in Ireland, bearing unmistakable Irish characteristics of speech and habit, our young people are torn and wrenched in two, trying to relate the English and American hit-parades to the country they know, Ireland, failing, and ending up confused, restless and aggrieved. What has this country to offer them? They have not been told.

To try to build a nation on a youth which is constantly haunted by a national inferiority

complex is like trying to build a house on sand. This is why the language is not merely desirable, but necessary. The language need never, as has also been suggested, impede our national progress as the modern, emergent, progressive, little nation that we are. On the contrary, Irish must accelerate the proper fulfilment of Ireland as a nation. Holland and Denmark, both smaller countries than Ireland, have their own national languages, and are not in the least prevented from playing a full European rôle. Is it not time for a re-assessment of our attitude towards the Irish tongue?

S. P. HILLIARD (6B).

Oh, to be a Bird!

The casual onlooker at a gliding club usually sees gliders being launched, flying overhead and landing. This is pleasant to watch, as the aircraft are colourful and quiet. Occasionally he may spot a glider much higher than the others, circling in a vast blue haze, in a world of his own: but this is dull and without interest to the onlooker who, looking at the other aircraft near him, imagines that gliding might be rather fun, but underneath has difficulty in understanding why some people become quite fanatical about it. Possibly that uninteresting dot high up contains one of those fanatics, for although he is of little interest, as seen from the ground, in his cockpit the situation is presented by a very different factor. For ahead of him lie the unknown and the unexpected. He is, perhaps, endeavouring to fly his glider to a destination, maybe hundreds of miles away, using only those precious and sacred air thermals that are only visible to a glider pilot. He may, perhaps, reach his destination, he may fail, but does he care? No. The freedom that he derives from his beloved sport is unbeatable. What could be more satisfying than flying in surroundings of colour and beauty, and, apart from the air flowing over the aerofoil, he lives in silence, silence beyond compare, and absolute loneliness. This is the wonderful world of a glider pilot.

This all sounds very exotic and unobtainable, but gliding is not a sport which is out of the reach of students or impecunious persons. This world of sensation described could be within the scope of an ordinary schoolboy wishing to fly, let alone a student.

To join a gliding club and experience the sport of the age is not hard. Usually the annual

fee is about ten guineas which is cheap as far as flying clubs go. To actually fly a glider costs about six shillings a flight and to fly like the pilot described earlier, this costs around £16 or £17, which includes qualified instruction and other necessary details. The instruction course usually demands about 60-70 flights. There is a fairly wide distribution of gliding clubs in Britain and Ireland. Ireland has five in all; at Baldonnel aerodrome, Clonmel, Cork, Belfast and Bishop Hill. The Dublin Gliding Club, based at Baldonnel, is typical of the situation connected with gliding: it is easy to reach, being only ten miles from Dublin; has renowned safety procedures, and most important of all—it is looking for more members.

Perhaps I am talking nonsense, perhaps it's just for the birds, but perhaps the non-cricketers and non-rugbyites would consider joining a club to experience "the sport of the age".

F. F. COLLEY (6B).

The Wild Fox

*He jumped on his horse and galloped away,
By the wild brook and over the fence.
He rode like a leopard all over the land.
He rode even faster along the flat grass,
As he chased the wild fox all over the land.*

C. HOMAN (1B¹).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS—1. Trapeze; 5. Easter; 7. Urn; 9. Add; 10. Horses; 12. Dormant.

DOWN—1. Thrush; 2. Amen; 3. East; 4. Eve; 6. Rodent; 8. Tsar; 9. Asia; 11. Old.

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS :

- (1) 25.
- (2) Wales.
- (3) Bective.
- (4) Monkstown v. Dungannon
Wanderers v. Instonians
Palmerston v. Ballymena
Lansdowne v. Collegians
Bective v. Malone

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

I am a Goldfish

My name is Gonk Goldy Gonk. I live in a p-po-pond, I mean pond. As you see, I have a s-s-stu-t-tter. It may seem fun-ny to you but it is not. The cat c-c-caught m-m-my, I am terribly sorry, I meant to say my tail, and gave me my stutt-er. The boys that feed me g-give me lots of ants' eggs. I am scared because at a certain time the c-c-c-ca-cat c-comes pr-prowling for m-mice.

On Monday I watched t-t-the L-Lone R-R-Ranger. After that I saw a horror film. A man was cooking a fish. Some of my friends have died because they cannot breathe properly. My h-h-hobbies are sp-spider-watching and seeing who can jump the highest out of the water. Help! Here comes the cat. Hey, my stutter's gone! Now I have been made king, I am a happy king.

Goodbye!

P. ROBBIE (J1).

Four Grey Rabbits

*I have four grey rabbits,
And they each have different habits.
They eat so much food,
They just sleep or they brood,
Do my lazy, furry, grey rabbits.*

*They live in a hutch
That they like very much.
It has a wire door
And a sawdusted floor,
Does the hutch of my four grey rabbits.*

*If they lived on a farm,
They would do so much harm,
That the farmer would soon take his gun.
But if I were there,
I would shout out "Beware!
Run rabbits, run rabbits, run!"*

M. DAVIES (J4).

Summer

*In summer when the flowers are out
And bees and insects fly about;
The bees take pollen from the flowers
And work so hard for hours and hours.*

CLIVE HUGHES (J3).

The Central Remedial Clinic Film

Last term the Junior School went up to Mr. Johnson's room to see a film about the Central Remedial Clinic. The lights went out. The screen lit up. The film started.

We were speeding along a road in an ambulance. It took us to the Central Remedial Clinic in Goatstown, which is a Georgian house, painted pink. The film showed the various treatments given to the children and the exercises done in the gym—climbing bars and tumbling all over the place. There was one exercise where the children had to get on a bed and tumble off on to the floor. They showed a beautiful swimming pool. In this the patients are helped to gain confidence as the water supports their weak limbs.

The film also showed work done by the physiotherapists to make limbs good and strong. All patients are treated individually. We saw the kitchens where food is cooked. Some children have to be fed, but others can feed themselves. We all enjoyed the film and afterwards made a collection which amounted to over £50.

R. WAYMAN (J3).

Going on Holidays

*Off we go on our holidays.
Such joy that fills our hearts.
Through the woods and over the hills
Passing big tractors and horses with carts.*

*Out of the town and into the country,
Waving to all we see.
Andrew is tired and moans and groans,
So up he gets upon Mum's knee.*

*Passing out lorries laden with milk,
As we journey onward.
Ten more miles we have to go,
Before we reach the journey's end.*

*"Here we are," shouts Daddy.
And everyone shouts with joy.
In we go for tea as
Andrew jumps down from Mum's knee.*

D. P. FINNEY (J4).

Me

*My hair is brown,
My eyes are blue,
My cheeks are red,
My lips are too.*

*My pants are grey,
My socks are white,
Now don't you think
I'm gay and bright?*

PETER MURTAGH (J5).

A Hero

I have chosen as my hero a man who has recently died. He is Albert Schweitzer, and I admire him very much.

He was a great musician and loved playing Bach. Even later, in his hospital, he had a piano. He was also a philosopher and a theologian. Later he became a Missionary doctor and gave up a great life in Europe to go out to Africa to help suffering humanity. He had a great love of animals and would never kill anything. He also had many pets. He was very kind and went round all the wards at night to say "good-night".

He won the Nobel Peace Prize, and I think that it is better to have a hero of peace than of war.

N. J. MOORE (J4).

A Cat

*There was a cat
Who had a hat.
He went to sleep on a mat.*

*There was a man
Who owned the cat,
And his name was Billy Bat.*

*The cat was clever
And caught a mouse,
And there were lots of them
Running around the house.*

*Billy Bat was pleased to say
There weren't any more that day.*

STEPHEN KINGSTON AND LESLIE HOLMES (J1).

What My Grandfather Told Me

My grandfather fought in the Signal Corps in the Boer War.

He joined up in 1900 in Dublin and was sent to England to Aldershot for three week's training. Then he was given a week-end's home leave before he went out to Africa. He sailed from Southampton on a Canadian liner that was turned into a troop-ship. When the ship was leaving there was a band playing "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

The ship stopped at Queenstown (Cobh) to collect more troops and then at Las Palmas. At last they reached Cape Town after a journey of eighteen days from Aldershot. The troops got into coal trucks which had straw in them and they went to Blomfontein. That journey took three days. After a week or two they went to Springfontein where he stayed till the war was over. He arrived there in December 1900 and at Christmas Queen Victoria sent the troops plum puddings, cigarettes and tobacco.

My Grandfather was there for a year, and then he came back to "The Girl He Left Behind Him" and got married.

RICHARD GRAY (J2).

My Dog

*My dog is small,
Her name is Scruff.
She eats lots of food
And becomes very tough.*

*She runs very fast,
And catches a ball.
She wears a large collar,
And comes to my call.*

DAVID POYNTER (J1).

The Sea

*I love the sea,
When it's calm and bright
As it seems to me
A beautiful sight.*

*I hate the sea
When it's rough and white,
As the sailors will have
A stormy night.*

BRIAN CROWE (J3).

My Tadpole Pond

I made a pond for my tadpoles out of an old sink.

First I put some river sand in the bottom of the sink and then laid some peat moss on top of the sand. After that I filled the sink with water. I put in a few large stones as a shelter for the tadpoles and for the frogs to sun themselves on at a later time. I went down to the Dodder and got some fresh waterweed. This I put in the sand so that it would continue to grow. My sink was ready for the tadpoles then.

ROY STEWART (J2).

Nine Lives

My little cat was as brave as can be.

He lost his first life when he fell from a tree.

'Twas in water he fell when his second he lost,

Number three went away when he slept in the frost.

Number four was soon gone when he fell in a ditch,

And number five went away with a horrid old witch

Six went so fast; 'twas really bad luck.

The last three went with alarming speed,

Electricity's dangerous, and cats cannot read.

RICHARD P. B. ROSS (J5).

SOME MEMBERS OF UPPER SIXTH, 1966



(Courtesy of Church of Ireland Magazine)

Back (left to right)—David Ford, James Hamilton. Centre (left to right)—Arthur Allen, Frederick Harrison, Front (left to right)—David Vipond, Bernard Thomas.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

We congratulate Brian Carson on winning the Old Boys' Cup for 1966.

The School joined in the National 1916 Commemoration on April 22nd. Following a Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the boys returned to the Clockroom, where the Headmaster read the Proclamation, the Head Boy (David Ford) read W. B. Yeats's poem "Easter 1916", and Mr. Willoughby gave an excellent summary of the historical background to the Rising. Mr. Rex Dick, representing the Governors, introduced the proceedings.

Plays and Concerts

While we often bewail the inconveniences of school life in a busy city, it has its compensations also. One of the most important of these is the opportunity it affords for the boys to share in the cultural life of the city. Dublin's theatrical tradition is in sad decline, but there are still some worthwhile productions. At the last Theatre Festival some of Fifth form went to the Abbey to see a fine production of Brecht's "Galileo". Later a party from Fourth year went there to see "The Conspiracy", an interesting play about Parnell's duel with *The Times*. Another Fifth form party went to the magnificent Russian film version of "Hamlet". Two other large groups went to see two of Shakespeare's plays—"Twelfth Night" produced by the Guinness Players, and "The Tempest" by the Lantern Theatre Club. There are also the regular Radio Eireann Symphony Concerts for Schools and 100 boys attended one in March.

Heart Survey

In May forty senior boys had their height, weight, width, blood pressure and the thickness of their skin measured. Then a small sample of their blood was taken, and they filled in a ten-page form giving details of the food they eat and how much of it and how often, and also of their hobbies, sports and smoking habits. These boys were some of 130 volunteers taking part in the Ireland-Boston Heart Study, which is trying to discover the causes of coronary thrombosis. The organisers hope to keep in touch with volunteers in Dublin and Boston to find out

which ones die from heart disease. The study will be continued next term.

Valete

At Easter Miss Alice Hanratty resigned from her post as Art Teacher to take up a position in Africa. We wish her success in her new post. Her successor is Mr. Charles Cullen. Roger Hill (6B) has taken a position in the Insurance Corporation of Ireland, and Alan Black (Form 5) has begun training for Hotel Management in the Hotel Russell.

Presentations

Miss Edith Martin has very kindly presented to the school an Irish International Cap won by her uncle, Harold Sloan, in 1903-4, when he played for the Bohemian Football Club. He was killed in the First World War. Mrs. Sloan presented one of his cups to the school a few years ago, and it is awarded annually for the long jump. The Old Boys' Union has presented a medal to the Debating Society. The medal is silver and is awarded to the outstanding debater of the year, and should be a stimulus to the young Society. Perhaps the most useful of the presentations made to the school are those made to the school library by boys leaving school. This year £35 worth of books was received.

Extra Muros

One interesting and encouraging feature of the past six months has been the number of boys who distinguished themselves in outside activities. W. J. Cromer (6B) won a silver medal and £15 for coming second in the Massey-Ferguson Farm Essay competition. The subject was "Television as an educational medium in agriculture," and Cromer received his prize from the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, and later appeared on television. In the world of music boys from the School Choir took part in the Dublin Grand Opera Society's performances of "Carmen" and "La Boheme" in the Gaiety Theatre last December. In the more recent opera season in May and June, some of Fifth Form could be seen in colourful costumes taking part in "Tosca". The Maccabi Club

organised a quiz competition for six schools, and a team of High School boys, Niall Gordon, David Factor and Alan Nagur, was runner-up to Alexandra College and School, Factor winning the individual prize.

Sport

It was in sport, however, that most of our extra mural successes were achieved, the most outstanding being those of Brian Carson (6A) in badminton. Carson travelled to Glasgow as a substitute for the Irish "Under 21" International team, and then played for the Leinster "Under 23" team against Connacht, against

Mark Bloom has represented his golf club, Edmonstown, and now has reduced his handicap to three. Bloom was a member of the Edmonstown team which won the *Irish Times* Shield.

Geographical Expedition

On the cold, wet morning of 5th April, a group of 40 Fifth formers set off on a geographical expedition, let by Mr. Langridge and Mr. Cole. A hired bus, which occasionally needed a push, brought us to the Glen of the Downs, where we were to start our hike. As we walked Mr. Langridge pointed out various interesting



Fifth Form (and C.I.E.) in difficulties.

S. LLOYD (5).

Munster and against Ulster. He crowned all this by winning the main event in the Irish Juvenile (Under 18) tournament, the championship singles. T. Darlington and T. Woods were also successful at badminton, and both played for Dublin against Belfast in a juvenile match. Darlington also played for the Dublin Boys' Brigade rugby team against Belfast, together with David Singleton, Jim Weekes, David Lowham and James Mercer from High School. In table tennis and golf, boys were also active, with Poh Tai Mun (6B) becoming Table Tennis Champion of the Malaysian Students of Ireland for the second year in succession, and

features, such as river-capture and U-valleys. After lunch we wandered slightly off course due to the heavy mist which had come down. Eventually, however, in teeming rain, we found our way back to the Glen of the Downs where we dried off in a local hall. At 4.15 p.m. the bus arrived and brought us back into town.

H. G. N.

Educational Trip

On May 10th a party of 120 boys and six masters went on an educational trip to Athlone, organised by C.I.E.

The three buses carrying the boys set out from the school shortly after nine o'clock, and after a brief stop on the way reached Athlone at lunch time. After a good lunch in the Royal Hotel, and a little time to look around Athlone itself, the boys went to Clonmacnoise and looked at the monastic ruins there.

From here they went on to Lough Derg and enjoyed a cruise on the Lough by C.I.E. launch. Then it was straight back to Athlone for tea in the Royal Hotel, after which they set out again for Dublin, arriving back in Harcourt Street around 10 o'clock.

J. A.

Talks

It brightens routine school life considerably when visiting speakers come to talk during school hours, and this year we had a number of interesting personalities. In the religious sphere we had Dr. Alan Cole of the C.M.S. from Singapore and Rev. Philip Hacking from the Dublin Young People's Convention, and from the secular world Mr. John Ross told us about his visit behind the Iron Curtain. Fifth Form were encouraged to think about their future careers by Mr. Bruce Lyster (Chartered Accountancy), Mr. Maurice Duncan (Banking), Mr. R. P. Willis (Insurance), Mr. Alan Figgis (Book-selling), and Dr. Desmond Mackey (Medicine).

Walk to Bray

On Whit Saturday a group of Fifth Form boys, organised by K. Finlay and N. Lowe, walked from O'Connell Street to Bray to collect money for the Central Remedial Clinic. They raised the very creditable total of £37 17s. 4d.

The Concert

The 25th Annual School Concert had one outstanding feature: its music. From the National Anthem, sung after the arrival of Mrs. De Valera, to the last encore of "Trial By Jury", music was the dominating theme, and this made all the better setting for the three dramatic productions.

The First Year Choir led off with three gay songs, of which I liked Handel's "The Fairy Folk" best, and it was good to see that most of the singers were not afraid to open their mouths wide and look as if they enjoyed their music. This opening item also introduced the two star musical personalities of the evening: Miss Alice

Barklie, who conducted the choir which she had trained, and Bernard Thomas (6u), who was the accompanist. Eoghan Mac Aogain followed this with a piano recital of the third of Medtner's "Quatre Contes" and Mendelssohn's "Consolation", and it was a pleasing performance, with the slower Mendelssohn the more accomplished.

Mr. G. W. Keegan's production of his own play, "Jacques et le Haricot Géant", had a special interest for me, since I took part in the last performance of it four years ago. It has undergone only minor changes in the meantime, and the story of Jack and his beanstalk is still by far the most consistently amusing item in Mr. Keegan's repertoire. The completely ingenuous nature of the comedy makes it irresistible, and this year the highlights were the cow's jig, the goose laying its golden eggs (or were they lemons?) and the rapid growth of the beanstalk during Jacques's second soliloquy. One minor defect which might be rectified next time was that the death of the giant took place offstage, whereas in past years he has generally had a more spectacular exit.

The French play was followed by two musical items. The first was "Sonata in D Minor" by Telemann, played by Bernard Thomas on his recorder. This instrument is having something of a revival nowadays, but for most of the audience it must still have been an unusual experience to hear an eighteenth-century composer's music played on the instrument for which it was originally intended. Thomas and his recorder had conjured up images of pipe-playing shepherds surrounded by lambs, but now we were plunged into a night club atmosphere as Antony Reynolds (6a) played his first piece of jazz, which was slow and rather voluptuous. His second piece, "The Spanish Flea", was his best, although his left hand lacked variety.

Mr. MacMahon's Irish play, "Ins an Mála", was the most sophisticated dramatic production of the concert and was the best Irish play for many years—a suitable offering for Mrs. De Valera. The plot was an old one, being a Gaelic version of French bedroom comedy, and was easily followed even by those who could not understand all the dialogue. The *femme fatale*, Citi, was played with charming femininity by Trevor O'Shea (3a), and the suitors gave good performances too, with Alan Moore (5) providing a most realistic interpretation of the old villain Moses Andai.

After the interval we saw the Forum scene from "Julius Caesar", produced by the Headmaster. Donald Cromer (6b) gave an accomplished though undemonstrative performance as Brutus, but, of course, Mark Antony had all the best lines, and Alan Beck (6a) did full justice to this part. He extracted the last ounce of drama from his rôle, and brought out well the irony of his claim to be a "plain, blunt man". The mob of sixth formers was well rehearsed and acted well, but was perhaps too genteel a representation of the Roman original.

Bernard Thomas then gave the first public performance of three of his own compositions, including the slow movement from the "Fourth Sonatina" which won the Henley Prize. His "Wedding March" in particular aroused much comment, and one gentleman was later found searching the building for Thomas to find out how he made "those fantastic discords". However, one necessity for good music was lacking: silence during the performance. The irritating percussion accompaniment coming from backstage, on Saturday night in particular, was exasperating.

This year's Gilbert and Sullivan light opera, "Trial by Jury", was shorter than those of previous years, but was still by far the most elaborate production of the concert, and Miss Barklie deserves our heartiest congratulations for it. The most memorable part of the performance was undoubtedly the extremely high standard of the acting. The Judge was played hilariously by Derek Chapman, whose facial expressions, tone of voice, clear diction and excellent make-up all combined to produce first-class comedy, especially during his flirting scene with the Plaintiff, well played by Mark Jeffares (2a). John Grice (4BL), as the Usher, was also outstanding—every movement of his supercilious and very flexible eyebrows was comically expressive. The Jury and the Public made good choruses and their rapid exchanges with the principals were particularly good. The sweet little bridesmaids, all keen rugby players, were as popular as ever, and achieved their effect as much by their singing as by their acting, and their appearance was a tribute to Mrs. Robbie and Mrs. Gill, who made the costumes, and to Miss McClure, Miss Harris and Mr. Ledingham, who arranged the make-up. There were many encores (some almost before the audience had begun clapping), and on Saturday evening Miss Barklie received a well-deserved bouquet.

D. F. F.

School Library

This year we have continued to add to all sections of the Library, but, although the Governors have increased their grant, progress is slow. The reason for this is simple: most of the books we need are expensive. Still we have purchased volumes as diverse as the New Cambridge European History (Vols. VIII and IX), Aldous Huxley's "Selected Essays", Clegg "Biology of the Mammal", Heller "The Bible as History in Pictures", the "First Book of Jazz" and "Modern Aeromodelling".

The final total from the appeal to boys leaving the school to present a book to the Library was £35, and we bought 31 books with this. These included Daix "Picasso", Vaczek "Enjoyment of Chemistry", A. J. P. Taylor "English History 1914-45", Joynson "Better Rugby for Boys" and "Motor-cycles and how to manage them". We are very grateful to all those who subscribed.

We are also very grateful to those who make gifts of books to the Library. Since the last issue of the magazine we have received donations from Dr. K. Milne, Mrs. Micks, B. D. Lewis (6a), K. N. Cairns (6a), N. Lowe (5), and D. F. Ford (6u). R. C. Burrowes (6a) presented a full set (12 volumes) of "Understanding Science". This is an excellent series and will be much appreciated.

The new committee for next year have been appointed, and are already at work. They are enthusiastically tracking down those menaces of the Library—boys who keep books out for an unreasonable length of time.

COMMITTEE: G. W. Flewitt, K. Finlay, N. E. G. Gamble, R. D. Green, H. McC. Hamilton, N. de L. Murtagh, E. B. Nason, K. G. Sloper, D. W. Townshend.

The Debating Society

We opened the term with an Inter-Schools' debate on the motion that "This House places confidence in Telefis Eireann," to which we invited Alexandra College and the Holy Child Convent, Killiney. This was defeated by 33 votes to 28, with one abstention. At our next debate we were treated to a really powerful flood of oratory from our guest speaker, Mr. Cian O hEigeartaigh of the Historical Society in Trinity, and winner of the Observer Mace

debating trophy, on the subject that "Irish Patriots have died in vain". We would like to thank Mr. O hEigeartaigh here for a splendid lesson in oratory which gave us all plenty of food for thought. The motion was defeated by 8 votes to 6 with one abstention.

We closed the year with a somewhat heated discussion in which Mr. Beck single-handedly defended his contention that "St. Patrick need not have bothered". Mr. Beck carried on expounding his theory with admirable determination, patience and fortitude. The result, however, represented a substantial and uncompromising rejection of his contention, to the tune of 11 votes to one (his own).

Besides these debates we have sent representatives to outside debates at Wesley College; The Hall School, Monkstown; The Holy Child Convent, Killiney, and one at the Metropolitan Hall, so it can be seen that we have had a busy term. However, the discharge of these functions is still falling on too narrow a group of boys. With many other schools taking an interest in debating, we are trying to widen our circle of acquaintances. As "The Erasmian" goes to press we have an invitation to a debate at Glengara School in Dun Laoghaire.

The Debating Society has now completed its third year of existence and we who are leaving school would like to wish it every success in the future. We would also like to thank all the masters who have helped us over the past year with their advice and encouragement. We congratulate David Ford (6u) both on being runner-up in the Oratory Competition for the Irish Times Trophy held by the St. Michan's and St. Paul's Debating Society, and on being awarded our own society's silver medal for debating, which has been kindly presented by the Old Boys' Union.

S. P. H.

The Gramophone Society

The Gramophone Society continued its meetings into the summer with a good regular attendance. Untraditionally we had the use of a tape-recorder which enabled us to hear many interesting concerts from Telefís Éireann which were introduced by Professor Brian Boydell. These included works by Paganini and Ravel. By a yearly membership fee we were able to add a record, Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" symphony, to the Society's collection. In keeping

with the 1916 celebrations, we played "A Terrible Beauty is Born," written by Brian Boydell for the occasion. It remains a great loss, both to the Society and the boys themselves, that none of the sixth form attended any of the meetings during the whole year. I would like to thank Mr. Miller for his help to the Society, and also Miss Barcroft for the use of her room.

L. D. H. L.

H. S. D. B. U.

Now in its ninth year, the Bible Union continues to meet on Friday afternoons after school. So far this year we have seen several films, including a Fact and Faith film entitled "Time and Eternity", and a Missionary Aviation Fellowship filmstrip "More than an Ambulance", which showed the work done in making an airstrip for a M.A.F. ambulance plane and also the prosperity that followed in the district. Among the speakers we had were Mr. Ivor Powell, from Wales; Mr. Victor Reid, and Mr. D. Harding, a full-time worker with the Tell Ireland movement.

Since Christmas our numbers have somewhat deteriorated, due to other school activities. We would like to thank those who have come along and we extend a hearty invitation to others to come along in the autumn when the meetings commence again.

K. F.; N. G.; T. W.

The Choral Society

Now that the number of our senior members has increased somewhat, we feel that we are ready to tackle a more difficult opera than the last. After some discussion, the members agreed on the fairy opera "Iolanthe", for which rehearsals have already begun. We hope that we will make a success of this venture.

D. F. C.

Parents' Association

Rarely do we have demands from parents for a repeat meeting, but this was what happened as a result of the visit of Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Lecturer in Mathematics in U.C.D. Mr. O'Brien gave us a lecture and demonstration on the new teaching methods of mathematics in December, a splendid, very well attended meeting which gave your Committee much encouragement.

In January, Mr. I. R. Gault, lately retired from Government Service in Kenya, traced the development of Kenya from 1900 to the present day. He was most ably assisted by his wife, who showed a wide range of slides and a cine film. Mr. Gault is a new member of the Committee, and we are most grateful to him and his wife for a splendid evening.

February provided the Association with its Annual Careers Meeting, when Professor J. T. Baxter, Director of the School of Veterinary Medicine; Mr. W. N. Keery from the Appointments Office in T.C.D., and Capt. R. Quinn, together with the Staff Superintendent from Aer Lingus, talked, respectively, about Veterinary Medicine, appointments open to a graduate of T.C.D. and life in Aer Lingus. Again a very well attended meeting; what a pleasure it was for us to have to bring in more chairs to an already crowded room!

Various school activities made it difficult to have a meeting in March which was to have been a debate with the Debating Society.

However, perhaps a session with fewer meetings of a high standard is what we ought to aim for. It has certainly been successful this year.

A. F. RICE (*Hon. Sec.*)

Examination Results

Degrees

Moderatorship—Economics & Political Science:
Second Class: H. B. Knott.

Ph.D.—M. C. Taylor.

M.D.—M. R. H. Taylor.

M.Sc.—R. T. Murray.

M.A.—J. W. Cox, V. H. B. Dowse, N. C. J. Pope.

B.A.—V. W. F. Armstrong, M. C. Gorman,
A. F. Skerrett.

Senior Freshmen

Term Honors

Mathematics (First Rank): D. A. Jackson.

Natural Sciences (Second Rank, second division): N. Toms; (Third Rank) P. V. Hautz, H. J. Burgess.

History and Political Science (Second Rank, second division) J. M. Adams.

Economics and Political Science (Third Rank):
P. R. D. Walsh.

Legal Science (Second Rank, second division):
D. L. W. Beck.

Junior Freshmen

Mathematics (Second Rank, first division):
R. A. J. Carson; (Third Rank) R. C. M. Wicklow.

Natural Sciences (First Rank): R. A. J. Carson; (Second Rank, second division) R. L. Gordon, A. Horner, J. Owens; (Third Rank) N. J. Miller, B. S. Lloyd, D. M. Gordon, M. R. Alvey.

History and Political Science (Second Rank, second division): D. Scott.

Mental and Moral Science (First Class): A. D. McCrea.

ENTRANCE AWARDS

Louis Claude Purser Scholarship (£200 x 2)
D. H. Vipond (Maths, Physics, Chem.).

Entrance Exhibitions (£150 x 2)

D. F. Ford (Classics).

B. C. Thomas (Classics).

Entrance Exhibition (£75 x 2)

N. A. Allen (Mathematics).

Harris Prize (£48)

J. H. Hamilton (History).

Matriculation Exhibition (£150 x 2)

R. A. Reynolds.

Collections for Charity

As usual, each form made a collection during Lent for a charity chosen by the boys themselves. This year most forms decided to support the special drive being made by the Central Remedial Clinic. About £85 was collected altogether, and the details, as known at the time of writing, are as follows:

	CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC					£	s.	d.
Form 6A	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	6
" 6B	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	11
" 5	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	7
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" 4BD	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	6
" 3A	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	9
" 3BL	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	5
" 2A	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
" 2BL	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6
" 2BD	-	-	-	-	-	3	17	6
" 1A	-	-	-	-	-	0	16	1
" 1B ²	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2

SPORTS REVIEW

CLUB OFFICERS

CRICKET

Capt.: D. F. Ford.
Vice-Capt.: B. D. Carson.
Hon. Sec.: R. Wynne.

BOXING

Capt.: P. D. Moore.

RUGBY

Capt.: D. F. Ford.
Hon. Sec.: J. W. Orr.

SWIMMING

Capt.: J. W. Orr.
Vice-Capt.: D. R. Gault.
Hon. Sec.: D. W. Townsend.

ATHLETICS

Capt.: I. H. A. Smyth.
Hon. Sec.: D. B. Dungan.

Rugby Notes

The S.C.T. had a middling season this year. They had some very fine successes, but, unfortunately, they lost their Cup Match against Wesley College. In this game they scored a very fine converted try, but Wesley eventually won with a penalty goal and a drop goal, by the narrow margin of 6 points to 5. In the closing minutes of the match we only just failed to cross the line for the winning points. They were also



S.C.T. v. Royal High School, Edinburgh. A. B. EPPLE (4A).

defeated by the Royal High School, Edinburgh, in Dublin, by another narrow margin of 3 points to nil. This was the closest game ever between these two teams in their annual match. Only seven of this year's team will be leaving school and therefore eight will be left for next year's senior team.

The 2nd XV had mixed fortunes this year. They started the season well, but fell off slightly towards the end. They have a very mobile pack and a fast set of backs, and they also lost some of their members to the seniors

when injury struck. They travelled to Waterford for their last match this year, but they were defeated by a strong Newtown side by 16 points to 11. However, they are a young team and many of their members could become very useful seniors in the coming season.

The Junior Cup Team had a successful season, reaching the quarter-finals of the Schools Cup. In the first round of this competition they narrowly defeated St. Paul's by 8 points to 6 points. This put them in the quarter-finals where they met Castleknock. After a shaky start, they found themselves 14 points down at half-time. However, in the second half they fought back strongly and were unlucky only to cross the Castleknock line twice, leaving the final score 14-6.

The "Under 14" team had very little success, winning only three of their fifteen matches, but they were considerably better than these results appear to indicate, due to the fact that they were very unfortunate with several injuries. However, they showed a great deal of improvement as the season advanced, and if their back line could improve, both in attack and in defence, their prospects as a J.C.T. next year could be quite good.

The "Under 13" team played well on some occasions, but they also had a few "off days". The tackling in the backs is rather weak and if this can be improved they could become a very useful team next season.

The "Under 12" team had the best record of all the school sides, losing only one of their nine matches and this was to a strong Willow Park side. They have an excellent set of backs and also a very successful pack.

The "Under 11" team were very unlucky with the weather this year and were only able to play four matches. However, they are very

keen and a number of their members played for the "Under 12s".

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
S.C.T.	24	8	13	3	172	257
2nd XV	15	5	10	—	127	207
J.C.T.	18	9	9	—	177	148
Under 14	15	3	11	1	75	233
Under 13	14	5	9	—	129	139
Under 12	9	6	1	2	74	17
Under 11	4	2	2	—	29	29

J. W. O.

Cricket 1966

Since these notes were written the Senior team won the Cup by beating King's Hospital, and the Junior team won their Cup also, beating St. Mary's. We offer our congratulations to both teams.

So far this season the weather has been extremely good. The high standard of cricket in the School has been maintained and all of the teams have been very successful.

The 1st XI have exceeded expectations and have won their section of the League with maximum points from the five games they have played. In the vital fifth match they overcame Blackrock in a very exciting game. They are now looking forward to meeting King's Hospital in the final.

The J.C.T. have reached the final of the Junior Cup, accounting for Belvedere, Masonic and King's Hospital in that order. The Cup final in which our opponents are St. Mary's begins on Thursday, 26th May.

The "Under 14" XI have been doing pretty well so far this season, winning two of their three League matches and losing one friendly to St. Mary's. They are still in the running for the League, and should provide some members for the J.C.T. next season.

The "Under 13" XI have only had one game so far this season which they won. They have the makings of a good team and are expected to do well in the League next year.

The "Under 12" XI have had two matches so far this season and have won both of them. They are a very promising team.

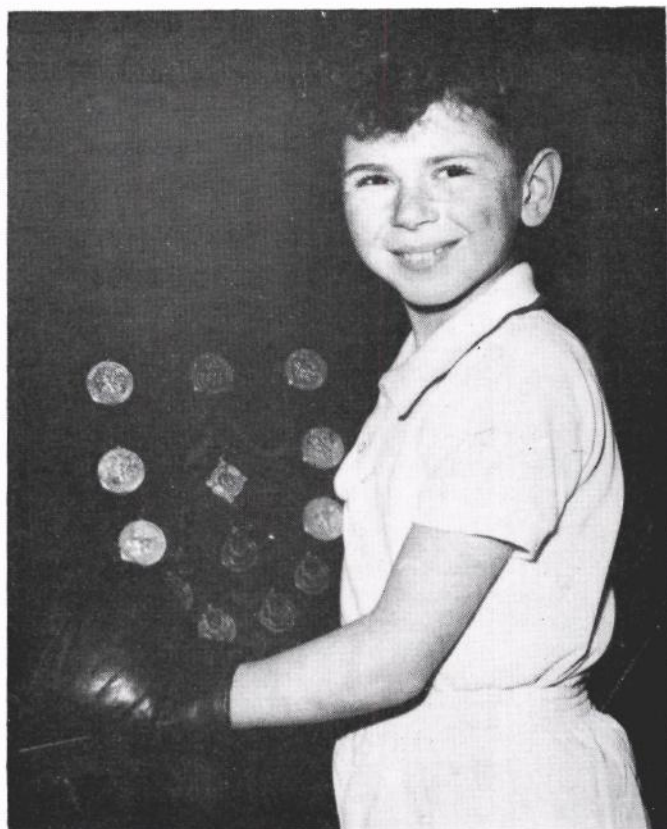
We would like to congratulate D. Ford, B. Carson and R. Molins on being awarded an Interprovincial Schools' trial, and R. Molins on being selected to play for Leinster against Munster.

R. A. W.

Boxing

The 25th Annual Championships of the Boxing Club were held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 2nd April, 1966. We would like to thank the officials of the Amateur Boxing Association, who judged and refereed; Mr. David Went who acted as M.C. and also Mr. S. MacMahon who fulfilled the rôle of timekeeper. We would like to thank Mr. Myles and Mr. O'Connor, who arranged the bouts and everything else connected with the championships.

This year we had only nine bouts. This was due to the poor attendance from the senior



P. S. Ross (J3), first winner of the Jackie Stafford Shield.

school during the year, but we are hoping for better attendance next term.

The Jackie Stafford Shield for the "Best Scrapper" of the year was presented for the first time to P. S. Ross. We are all very sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Stafford in Hastings last May.

G. Manek and N. J. G. Fallon provided a good display of boxing. Manek was very fast on his feet, and punched hard and straight, which won him the contest.

R. P. B. Ross and V. Leser also provided some delightful boxing. They both put up a good fight, but Ross proved to be the better of the pair.

The medals were presented by Mrs. S. S. Evans, and Dr. Reynolds congratulated the boys taking part and thanked those who had given up their time to make the event possible.

RESULTS

st. lbs.

- 5 0 J. C. Robbie (A) bt. P. S. Ross (H).
- 5 7 L. J. Richards (B) bt. C. W. Richards (H) (Novice).
- 6 0 R. P. B. Ross (H) bt. V. Leser (B).
- 8 7 G. Manek (A) bt. N. J. G. Fallon (G).
- 9 7 D. Worrell (G) bt. R. M. G. Sealy (G).
- 10 0 D. W. Lowham (G) bt. L. R. Alkin (G).
- 11 0 A. S. Alkin (A) bt. N. B. Storey (A).
- 12 7 R. Wynne (G) bt. G. W. M. Andrews (H).

P. D. M.

Swimming

Swimming went on as usual in the Iveagh Baths every Friday afternoon, but it is disappointing to see so few taking an interest. However, the most interesting event this term was the half-mile race, which took place on Friday, 13th May. Congratulations are due to all those who took part, particularly to G. W. Armstrong who was first, and T. C. Mitchell and B. C. Storey who were second and third, respectively. D. Gault swam the 40 lengths in the fastest time of 16.48 minutes. The winner received gold cuff-links presented by the Old Boys' Union.

As so many are leaving at the end of this year, perhaps some more of the younger boys will take a keener interest in swimming and create a better competitive spirit for places on the squadron team.

D. W. T.

Tennis

This year the Fifth form decided to revive the tournament for the Tennis Cup. We would like to thank Mr. Evans for all his help and support in running the tournament. The singles tournament was run very successfully.

At the moment a doubles tournament is being run for the senior school and there are 32 entries. It is hoped that the courts will be in use at Danum next year.

D. W. L.

Athletics Report

Due to the pressure of exams and other school activities it was not possible to hold our Annual Cross-Country Championships this year. Nevertheless, training got under way immediately after the Easter holidays under the supervision of Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Myles. It was encouraging to see a number of new faces each week, especially among the senior boys.

We entered a team of seven in the Leinster Schools' Sports in which over 700 boys from 52 schools competed. Although we did not have any major successes, congratulations are due to the following: I. Smyth, who reached the intermediate 100 yards semi-final; J. Orr, who reached the senior 100 yards semi-final; B. Dungan, who reached the senior 880 yards final; the Intermediate Relay Team (I. Smyth, D. Moran, T. Govendor, H. Shatter) who reached the semi-final.

High School boys were as usual well represented at the Boy Scouts' Annual Sports—D. Moran, N. Murtagh, A. Nagur and D. Rivlin being amongst the winners.

We are now looking forward with great interest to the School Sports which will be held at Danum on Wednesday the 22nd and Saturday the 25th of June.

D. B. D.

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Sports and Social Hon. Secretaries—J. Ridgeway and R. W. Meates (Rugby); N. D. Kilroy and F. Sowman (Cricket); S. S. Evans and G. F. M. Cole (Golf); B. E. P. Hennessey (Athletics); M. G. Kearthland and R. M. Mahon (Dance).

Annual Dinner

Our Dinner, which was held in the Clock-room on the 15th January, was once again a most enjoyable event. President Robin Chillingworth carried through a very full programme of Toasts and Music. Principal guest was Dr. Owen Sheehy Skeffington. A total of 268 sat down to dine and even at this number we regretfully were unable to cater for all who wished to attend. The musical entertainment so ably provided by Mr. Jack Cowle, Mr. Paddy Henry, Mr. Bob McCullagh and Mr. Brendan McShane, with the support of Mr. John Hughes was an outstanding success. Just as the good wine is kept to the last, the final "quartet" songs brought the evening to a close in rousing style.

London Dinner

The Overseas League was the venue on 11th February (eve of the England/Ireland Rugby match) for this event. Over 80 members, wives and friends enjoyed the dinner in very pleasant surroundings and the highlights of the evening were the speeches and entertainment which surpassed all to date. Messrs. Cowle, Henry, McCullagh and McShane were in sparkling

form and the feminine touch was provided by Miss Joan Regan, who was present as a guest and very kindly sang for us. The nostalgia of the Percy French songs brought a lump to many throats and it is on occasions such as this that one realises the strong ties of the Union across the water.

A. S. U. Seven-a-side Rugby

It is with pleasure we report for the second year running of this competition, that our "A" Team emerged battered, bruised and worthy winners, defeating a strong Portora Team 8-3 in the final. The Team was John Ridgeway, Wally Bornemann, David Rowell, Neville Quin, Robert Kilroy, Clive Brownlee and Stanley Mason.

Old Boys v. School Cricket Match

This match will take place at Danum on the evenings of Thursday/Friday 23rd/24th June. Come and give your support.

Golf

Our Annual Competition for the Old Boys' and Harry Bunbury Cups will be held at the Grange Golf Club on Thursday, 1st September, followed by dinner in the Club House. For further details please contact the Hon. Golf Secretaries, S. S. Evans and G. F. M. Cole or H. L. Drew.

News of Old Boys

Michael Adams (1953-63) has been elected President of the Dublin University Students' Representative Council and **Ronald Wicklow** (1957-64) has been elected Treasurer.

G. H. M. Beattie (1927-33) was a welcome visitor to the School in February. After a distinguished career in the Colonial Office he studied anthropology and is now lecturer in Anthropology in Oxford University. He has written books and many articles on various aspects of the subject.

Geoffrey T. Beggs (1956-63) has left Messrs. Brown & Polson on appointment as Irish Re-

presentative and Merchandizer to Messrs. Mars Products Ltd., England.

Michael Browett (1952-56) has left I.C.T. and is now working on computers with Messrs. Goulding.

G. Robert Caird (1952-62) has been awarded the A. J. O'Sullivan Memorial Scholarship in the Medical School in Trinity College.

Brian Chadwick (1949-55) had a picture hung in the 1916 Exhibition in the Municipal Gallery, Dublin.

Rev. Dr. Alan Cole (1933-40), who is lecturer at Trinity Union Theological College, Singapore, gave a talk on the work being done at the College in Singapore to the annual meeting of the Dublin University Far Eastern Mission last November.

Eric O. Crampton (1951-54) has been appointed Trade Adviser to Coras Tráchtála

Desmond Dagg (1953-58) has recently joined Aer Lingus from the Irish Army Air Corps with the rank of First Officer.

Dr. C. F. G. Delaney, F.T.C.D. (1936-42) has been appointed Professor of Experimental Physics in Dublin University.

G. Rex Dick (1922-27) has been elected President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Stuart Dobbyn (1958-64) has qualified as an Aer Lingus pilot and is flying regularly in Ireland and Britain.

David Dorman (1961-62) has been awarded a £50 Travelling Scholarship by the Adelaide Hospital.

Cian O hEigeartaigh (1961-62), with the former Sandford Park pupil David McConnell, representing the College Historical Society of Trinity College, Dublin, won the *Irish Times* Debating Tournament in February, and then went on to win the *Observer* Mace from teams representing all the Colleges in Great Britain and Ireland. Both members were awarded special gold medals by the College Historical Society. Cian and other members of Misneach were on hunger strike for a week during the 1916 Commemoration to draw attention to the lack of fulfilment of many of the 1916 ideals, with particular reference to the restoration of the Irish language.

Gordon V. Erskine (1954-61) has left the Merchants' Warehousing Company to take up an appointment with Castrol (Ireland) Ltd.

Richard Fleury (1961-62) is working as an engineer with Messrs. Goulding on their new building extension at East Wall.

Donald Gill has obtained with distinction the Diploma of the Institute of Bankers.

Harold Graham (1922-25), branch manager for the Life Association of Scotland Ltd., has been appointed Manager for Ireland. He joined the Life Association of Scotland as a junior inspector in 1929.

George H. Grice (1926-28) has been elected President of Palmerston Rugby Football Club for the coming season.

G. Paul Hayes (1955-60), who was awarded a Moderatorship in Legal Science in 1965, has qualified as a solicitor and is working with Messrs. McMahon & Tweedy.

Rev. C. G. Hyland (1946-55) has been appointed Curate of Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

Brian Johnson (1949-60) has been appointed to the permanent staff of Chemical Construction (Great Britain) Ltd. For the past eighteen months he has been site engineer for Chemical Construction at Tolka Quay Road, constructing the new fertilizer plant for Messrs. Goulding.

Arthur R. Jolley (1936-42) has been elected joint hon. librarian and press officer of the Insurance Institute of Ireland. **R. G. Heather** (1945-51) has been elected joint hon. education secretary.

Rev. W. W. Leech (1922) is Anglican Chaplain to the Brigham Hospital in Boston; the hospital is connected with the Harvard Medical School.

Professor F. S. L. Lyons (1941) has been awarded the degree of Litt.D. by Dublin University.

G. Frank Mitchell, F.T.C.D. (1922-30) has been appointed to the Professorship of Quaternary Studies in Dublin University. The Chair has been created specially for him, in recognition of the work that he has done in this field.

R. Jonathan Mitchell (1952-57) has been appointed secretary of Mitchell & Son, Kildare Street.

Norman Montgomery (1938-47) is Captain of Rathfarnham Golf Club.

Dermot Mowatt (1956-62) has been promoted to First Officer in Aer Lingus.

Ruaidhrí O Moore (1947-58) has been awarded the M.Sc. degree by Dublin University for his thesis on steroid hormone excretion in the urine during pregnancy.

Dr. Brian H. Murdoch, F.T.C.D. (1946-47) has been appointed Erasmus Smith Professor of Mathematics in Dublin University.

William M. Noyk (1932-40) is master of the Goldburn Beagles.

Rev. Sam. Reede (1937-43) is Chief Inspector of Religious Education of the Dioceses of Connor, Down and Dromore.

Norman Rodway (1938-46) is playing with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon. He made his debut in the part of Hotspur in "Henry IV, Part One".

Canon R. J. Ross (1923-28) has been chosen by the Archbishop to act as a temporary and honorary Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, pending the completion of plans for reorganisation.

David Rowell (1950-60) has left the R.C.B. and joined the staff of Irish Pensions Trust.

Geoffrey G. H. Smith (1954-64) has taken a position with the Phoenix Assurance Co.

Wilfrid Smith, inspector at the Dublin branch of the Life Association of Scotland Ltd, since 1961, has been appointed assistant branch manager in Belfast.

David Taylor (1948-53) has returned to Dublin with his wife and three daughters. He has taken up a position as Chief Accountant in the Kenning Motor Group, Ireland.

Dr. Mervyn Taylor (1947-57) has completed his research fellowship in the Department of Medicine in Trinity College, where he was working on the use of radio-active tracers in medicine. He is now Senior House Officer in the Royal Northern Hospital, London.

Michael C. Taylor (1951-58) has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by Dublin University for his thesis on Hydraulic Model Studies in a Tidal River.

John Townshend (1956-64) has been transferred to the Letterkenny branch of the Royal Bank.

Robert A. Vipond (1955-64), who is in the Tea Department of Allied Services Ltd., has been transferred to the branch in Calcutta.

P. R. Walker (1925-33) is Chairman of the City of Dublin Cancer Hospital.

R. J. Walker (1924-31) is Chairman of the Old Men's Home, Northbrook Road.

W. A. H. Walker (1921-24) has been elected President of Bective Rangers Football Club for the coming season.

T. Trevor West, Ph.D. (1954-56), who has been visiting assistant professor at the University of California since leaving Cambridge, has been appointed Lecturer in Pure Mathematics in Trinity College, Dublin.

Bryan R. Wilkinson (1943-52) has been awarded the Ph.D. degree by Dublin University for his thesis on the *Otia Imperialia* of Gervase of Tilbury.

Robert P. Willis (1935-41) has been appointed general manager of the Irish Life Assurance Co., Ltd. He is a Governor of the School.

Marriages

We congratulate the following Old Boys on their marriages and wish them every happiness in the future:

John A. C. Deering (1952-59) to **Patricia M. Osman.**

E. R. Adrian Glover (1950-55) to **Audrey F. Talbot.**

David Goodey (1953-60) to **April Foster.**

David McKee (1949-57) to **Christine Ennis.**

Richard Mahon (1942-50) to **Joan Cochrane.**

Robin Miller (1951-58) to **Reba Armitage.**

R. S. Purcell (1949-52) to **Lynda B. Martyn.**

Victor W. Rothwell (1952-54) to **Pamela B. Holland.**

Deaths

Dr. John Ingham Stafford, M.B.E. (1922-30), of 100 Victoria Avenue, Hastings, at St. Helen's Hospital, May 3rd, 1966. "Jackie" Stafford and his wife called at the School last autumn to present to the Boxing Club a Shield bearing the medals he had won during his boxing career.

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