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Editorial

THIS year we have the happy task of launching the first Christmas number of THE ERASMIAN to be printed since 1940. The Christmas edition was discontinued in the second year of the War owing to the shortage of paper, but the magazine never ceased to appear as an edition was published each June, though the number of copies was restricted. This Christmas number has been made possible by an increased allowance of paper, which we hope to use in the fairest possible manner. To do this, we have reduced the number of pages in order to allow a sufficient number of copies to be printed for all O.B.U. members to receive one, as well as the boys in the School.

We must apologise to our readers for any apparent repetition in this number of THE ERASMIAN. In June, as we went to press, we were uncertain whether this Christmas number would be possible. We therefore had to include all reports of our activities which should normally have been held over.

Recently, while rummaging—quite legitimately—in one of the School's more obscure cupboards, we came across some early editions of THE ERASMIAN, among them a copy of the first number, all covered with the dust of ages. The first volume appeared in 1899 and was somewhat smaller than its modern counterpart. Sports reports provided the chief subject-matter at that time and nearly filled the magazine. It is interesting to note that prior to the publication of THE ERASMIAN, our literary talent was represented by "The High School Magazine." This appeared once a month, and seems to have been composed, written and distributed by the unfortunate editor, who was changed once a month!

In the course of our researches into the hidden fastnesses, we also came across stacks of "Erasmians" of the 1910 period. At that period the magazine was a small red book, price threepence, which appeared four times a year. The space was still largely dedicated to sport, with detailed accounts of matches, but in several corners the neglected Muse is found. The poetry and articles that did appear were all of a very high standard and included such things as experiments with German and French verse-forms. Besides Sport, Examination Results took a prominent place: the results

of the Intermediate were printed in detail—a prospect which would make the average modern Fifth-former shake in his shoes! The results of this exploration of a neglected cupboard will give some idea of the many interesting things to be found in the School, if one takes the trouble to search them out. Sometimes, on the other hand, skeletons are best left where they belong!

School Notes

SCHOOL reopened after the Summer Holidays on Wednesday, 4th September, 1946, when there was an even greater number of new boys than last year.

We welcome three new members to the Staff:—Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, Higher Certificate of National Froebel Union, who has been appointed to assist Miss Orr in the Preparatory School; Mr. R. J. Reid, B.A. (Respondent), and Mr. H. A. Wheeler, B.A. (Classical Tripos), Cantab., Moderator (Celtic Languages), T.C.D., who have come to us as English Master and Classics Master, respectively.

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We record with regret the death of the Rev. William J. Mayne, M.A., who was a member of our Board of Governors.

On the 19th September the Rev. J. Boyd spoke to the Seniors about the work of the S.C.M. in Secondary Schools.

On Monday, 28th October, we had a visit from Surgeon-Commander Alf Wathney, B.A., M.D., who served in the Royal Norwegian Navy, and was interned in a German prisoner-of-war camp. He gave us a very interesting account of Norway's history before and during the War, and of his own escape from the Germans in a fishing boat.

In November we placed a very handsome oak panel in the Clock-room. It bears the arms of the School and the names of the winners of the Old Boys' Cup up-to-date. Need we say that this panel is the work of our Arts Master, Mr. Wilson?

The Prize Distribution took place on Friday, November 8th.

Mr. Kirkpatrick had the degree of M.A. conferred on him at Trinity College this term.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Keegan on the birth of a son on 19th November, 1946.

We congratulate A. Cooper and F. Brady on being selected for the Dublin B.B. Cricket XI v. the Belfast B.B. XI. The match was played in Dublin on 14th September, 1946, when Cooper was top scorer for the defeated Dublin side.

The Prefects for 1946-47 are:—M. W. Bryan, M. W. C. Williams, H. F. Reid, N. S. Montgomery, D. P. Comley, R. D. Williams, P. Stewart.

The Prize Distribution

THE Annual Distribution of Prizes was held in the Clock-room on Friday, 8th November. There was a very large attendance.

The Headmaster in his report stated that in the year 1945-46 seventy-eight new boys entered. This was one of the largest entries in the history of the School. The Staff, the

number of classes and the number of classrooms have been increased. The classes are not too large, as there is a teacher for every twenty boys. In the Summer of 1946 the entries were closed, when about the same number as last year had been admitted.

The results of the Certificate Examinations of the Department of Education were very satisfactory. All boys seeking business openings were successful, and all candidates who had been attending the School passed the University Entrance Examinations. [*Particulars of distinctions gained at Entrance to Trinity College during the past year appear elsewhere in this issue.*] Since 1940, 14 Sizarships and 13 Scholarships, Exhibitions and Prizes were gained (the value received was about £3,540). In addition, the High School and Thompson Exhibitions to the amount of £1,200 were awarded. For the last two years in succession the High School boys have been first in all years in the Mathematical Honour School and won all the prizes available. High Honours were gained in nearly all the other Honour Schools, especially Classics. A University Studentship, the highest award in the Honour Degree Examinations, was won in each of the last four years.

The Headmaster explained the provisions made in the Upper School for specialisation, under expert teachers, by pupils taking up a business career or entering the Professional or Honours Schools of the University. He also dealt optimistically with the prospects which our boys have of making a successful career in this country.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. C. H. Darley, B.L., gave some interesting reminiscences of his school-days. Boys are the same in all generations, he said, and the things of value, at which they should aim, are unchanging.

The Dean of Christ Church, the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis Crosby, B.D., also spoke, and the Rev. R. E. Weir, M.A., President of the Old Boys' Union, presented the Old Boys' Cup to the winner, E. J. Margetson.

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

Examination Results

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S EXAMINATIONS, 1946.

Intermediate Certificate: Honours—J. Blair, R. A. Custis, A. H. Erdberg, K. B. Henderson, A. H. Knight, H. D. McLindon, W. P. Northen, W. T. G. Palmer.

Pass—H. W. Burleigh, D. T. Faiers, D. Jones, F. N. Willis.

The School Choir qualified for the Department Grant with 85 per cent.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

First Class—R. A. Dalzell, I. R. McAulay, G. A. Henderson.

Second Class—A. Williams, B. R. Wilkinson.

MR. WARNOCK'S IRISH PRIZES.

Senior—R. C. Shiel.

Junior—K. B. Henderson.

BUSINESS CAREERS.

Over 30 boys obtained positions in business (including Accountancy, Bank, Insurance and other openings). A number of these pupils also passed Trinity Entrance.

Positions available were much more numerous than the available candidates.

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DEGREES.

M.A.—A. N. Jeffares, W. G. Kirkpatrick, Rev. H. G. W. MacDonald.

B.D.—Rev. N. D. Browne, Rev. H. G. W. MacDonald.

B.A. (Moderatorship)—C. F. G. Delaney (1st of 1st Mathematics and Gold Medal, 1st of 1st Experimental Science); J. A. Motyer (Mental and Moral Science); J. W. W. MacDonald (Oriental Languages); Supplementalist — W. G. Kirkpatrick (Modern History and Political Science).

B.Sc.—C. F. G. Delaney.

B.A.I.—A. C. Stewart (1st Class); H. R. J. Fogarty.

B.A. (Arts)—H. W. Adcock.

DISTINCTIONS AT ENTRANCE.

N. J. F. Rodway—Sizarship in Classics; The Thompson Exhibition (£100); Qualified for Junior Exhibition (£50).

P. Comley—The High School Exhibition (£100); Backhouse Prize (divided); Qualified for Junior Exhibition (£50).

DISTINCTIONS IN COLLEGE.

C. F. G. Delaney—1st of 1st Moderatorship in Mathematics, and Gold Medal; 1st of 1st Moderatorship in Experimental Science; Studentship in Mathematics; John Winthrop Hackett Prize; French Government Scholarship.

G. H. F. Gardner—Lloyd Exhibition (1st of 1st Junior Sophister Hons., Mathematics).

G. W. Williams—Mullins Classical Exhibition (Classics).

E. D. R. Simms—William Roberts Prize (1st of 1st Senior Freshman Hons., Classics).

R. H. Kyle—Townsend Memorial Prize (1st of Junior Freshman Hons., Mathematics); Ekenhead Scholarship.

A. C. Stewart—Alexander Prize (Engineering).

HONORS EXAMINATIONS.

Junior Sophisters.

G. W. Williams—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.

G. H. F. Gardner—Mathematics, 1st of 1st Rank; Experimental Science, 1st of 1st Rank.

J. L. B. Deane—Legal Science, 1st of 1st Rank.

D. M. Collie—Modern Literature, 2nd Rank.

Senior Freshmen.

E. D. R. Simms—Classics, 1st of 1st Rank.

R. F. Kyle—Mathematics, 1st Rank; Experimental Science, 2nd Rank.

E. W. Brennan—Modern History, 2nd Rank.

Junior Freshmen.

R. H. Kyle—Mathematics, 1st of 1st Rank; Experimental Science, 1st Rank.

J. M. G. Carey—Classics, 2nd Rank.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING.

G. D. Lyons—Junior Year Examination.

R. Maltby and G. F. A. Day—Entrance.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

G. A. S. May—Higher Diploma in Education.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SCHOOL OF DIVINITY.

R. K. Maguire—2nd Prize, Downes Divinity Premiums (Reading the Liturgy).

ARTS.

A. P. Richardson—2nd Prize in Hebrew (Middle Year); Prize in Syriac and Aramaic.

R. A. Cole—1st Prize in Hebrew (Junior Year).

OTHER EXAMINATIONS.

INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY.

S. A. Siev, B.A., LL.B.—Final Examination for Apprentices to Solicitors.

W. D. Boyle—Intermediate Examination for Apprentices to Solicitors.

W. M. Noyk, B.A.—2nd Examination in Irish.

Boxing, 1946-47

Capt.: P. H. STEWART.
 Vice-Capt.: B. N. COMISKEY.
 Junior Capt.: H. GOLDING.
 Hon. Sec.: E. S. COUSE.

ONCE more it is time for us to report on the activities of the Boxing Club, and it is with pride that we can announce a large increase in the membership of the Club. Although the weights are, on the average, lighter than usual, competition for places on the team is no less keen.

For eleven years we have exchanged visits with Portora Royal School, and the large attendance at this year's contest, which took place in the Clock-room on Saturday, 16th November, indicated the continued popularity of this event. The High School won by nine bouts to four.

THE HIGH SCHOOL v. PORTORA ROYAL SCHOOL.

(1) 5st. 7lbs., L. N. Acheson beat G. A. Bayne (on points); (2) 5st. 7lbs., H. N. G. Lundy beat M. S. Wallis (on points); (3) 6st., H. Golding lost to G. C. A. Lemon (on points); (4) 6st., D. H. Griffith lost to F. R. Thornton (on points); (5) 6st. 7lbs., E. E. Pearson beat A. J. McKinley (on points); (6) 6st. 7lbs., G. T. Rippingale beat W. F. Wilson (on points); (7) 7st., A. J. Sinclair beat T. A. Malcolmson (t.k.o., 1st round); (8) 7st., A. S. Holt lost to W. D. Seeds (on points); (9) 7st. 7lbs., C. B. G. Kendall beat D. McC. Boyle (on points); (10) 8st. 7lbs., J. A. Sutton beat W. J. Crowe (t.k.o., 1st round); (11) 9st., P. H. Stewart (Capt.) beat W. T. Wilson (t.k.o., 1st round); (12) 10st. 7lbs., D. T. Faiers lost to P. J. Kirwin (t.k.o., 1st round); (13) 11st. 7lbs., B. N. Comiskey beat J. E. Kulski (t.k.o., 2nd round).

Portora Royal School Captain, J. H. Alston.

E. S. Couse (H.S.D.) was to have fought at 8 stone, but was unfortunately unable to travel, owing to a leg injury.

We hope to have equally enjoyable tournaments with other schools during the season.

We have not yet chosen a date for our Annual Championships, but hope to be able to announce this soon.

E. S. C.

Table Tennis Notes

Capt.: E. C. T. PERDUE.
 Vice-Capt. and Hon. Sec.: D. T. FAIERS.

THE attendances were small, when practices started in October, and it was not long before the final team was decided upon. Up to the time of writing, the team has not been very successful, as we have lost both matches played. This is mainly due to lack of coaching and experience; however, the team is not lacking in enthusiasm.

A handicap tournament was held recently and the two finalists, E. C. T. Perdue and D. T. Faiers, will compete in the Leinster Schools' Handicap Singles, to be held at a later date in the Abbey Lecture Hall, Dublin. With a full fixture list, we look forward to an enjoyable season.

We wish to thank Mr. Evans for the trouble and time he took to repair the lighting in the Gymnasium, and Mr. Kirkpatrick for his guidance in arranging fixtures.

Team: (1) E. C. T. Perdue, (2) D. T. Faiers, (3) G. W. Griffin, (4) A. H. Knight, (5) W. J. Free, (6) A. H. Erdberg.

D. T. F., Hon. Sec.

Swimming, 1946

Capt.: R. A. MALTBY.
 Vice-Capt.: T. SPENCE.
 Junior Capt.: N. KERRISON.

As the Iveagh Baths were still closed this year, School swimming activities remained almost at a standstill. However, we competed, as usual, in the Leinster Schools' Championships. We were not successful in any of the events, but this has in no way damped our enthusiasm.

No Gala was held this season, but the School Championships and the House Squadron Race took place at Blackrock Baths during September. The results were as follows:—

Senior Champion: T. Spence.

Junior Champion: N. Kerrison.

House Squadron: Belgrave House (R. Maltby (Capt.), T. Spence, P. Comley, N. Kerrison).

D. P. C.

Rugby, 1946-47

Captain: H. F. REID.

Vice-Captain: M. W. WILLIAMS.

Hon. Sec.: J. M. BLAIR.

AS usual, our S.C.T. this year is too light to be able to stand up to some of the Leinster Senior Schools' teams. Now, however, after a rather bad start, followed by some re-shuffling of the back positions, the team is beginning to settle down.

The forwards are lively and keen, but some of them do not follow up closely enough in the loose, while their marking in the line-out might be better. The backs are gaining some confidence now after a shaky start, but they must learn the arts of tackling and team-work if they hope for any success.

Our annual away match with Bangor Grammar School has been arranged for December 14th. We are looking forward to seeing the Ulster v. British Army match at Belfast on the same day.

The Junior Cup team has, as we expected, made a promising start. Most of them played on last season's Under 14, which had a very good record. This year's Under 14, Under 13 and Under 12 teams are very keen, and it is gratifying to know that there are so many juveniles playing Rugby.

The first of the House matches have been played. We should like to see more interest in the Inter-House Competition.

As we go to press, we learn that the following have been selected for the first of the Leinster Schools' Inter-Provincial Trials, to be played on 19th November: (Forwards)—P. Stewart, D. P. Comley, R. Cochrane; (Backs)—J. M. Blair, and J. Sutton (sub.).

J. M. B.

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Tennis, 1946

Capt.: E. J. MARGETSON.

Hon. Sec.: J. A. E. SUTTON.

Junior Capt.: B. ELLIS.

WE played our annual match against the Parents on Wednesday, June 26th. The fathers were represented by Messrs. Couse, Maltby, Rowe, Jones, Haine and Sutton. They were rather unfortunate in having one member of their team cry off at the last moment; whether this was one of the causes of their defeat by six matches to one we do not venture to say! It was the first win for the School since the competition began. The fathers seemed to enjoy the match thoroughly, judging from the way they contested every match, and some of the victories won by the School were gained by the narrowest of margins. The parents who turned up to watch the match were very enthusiastic spectators, too.

The Senior Championship was won by E. J. Margetson, and the Junior Championship by B. Ellis.

For the House matches, it was decided by the Committee that in order to get through the matches reasonably quickly, each team should consist of four players. The winner of these matches was Abbey House, captained by E. J. Margetson.

There was a good entry for the Doubles Handicap Tournament. The winning pair in the Senior Section were B. Ellis and E. Perdue, while the Junior Section was won by J. For-syth and B. McCracken.

Over sixty boys played tennis this year, and in spite of bad weather we had a very enjoyable season. Particulars of the early part of the season appeared in the June ERASMIAN.

Finally, we congratulate our Captain, E. J. Margetson, on being selected to play in tournaments at Lansdowne, Fitzwilliam, Kilkenny and Dundalk during the summer. He reached the semi-finals in the two provincial tournaments,

J. A. E. S.

The High School Lending Library

AT the beginning of the Easter Term the Library was reorganised and put on a subscription basis, tickets being prepared and issued to members at a cost of twopence each. The subscription is a nominal one of one penny per month during term, and helps to buy new books. The Library is also supplied with new books, purchased by the School. It is run by a committee of boys, under the supervision of Mr. Keegan. Each class has two representatives, who take it in turn to go on duty during lunch-hour, receiving tickets from boys who borrow books and returning them to boys who bring books back. In September, at the request of its members, the Book Club, which had fallen on evil days, was amalgamated with the School Library, and the two are now administered as one.

We are grateful to the following people for gifts of books this term:—Mr. Gardner (7), R. A. Custis (13), G. W. Bull (2), G. H. Taylor (1), and E. S. Couse (1).

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Cricket, 1946

Capt.: N. RODWAY.

Vice-Capt.: M. WILLIAMS.

Hon. Sec.: R. C. SHIEL.

Junior Capt.: R. D. WILLIAMS.

THE Senior XI had, on the whole, a successful season, even though the number of players was poor. The attendance at practice should have been far better.

In our Cup match we were beaten by Sandford Park School by 98 runs to 87, after a hard-fought match. We played our annual fixture against the Parents on June 22nd, and, on one of the few fine days of summer, defeated them in a most enjoyable match. Perhaps our biggest triumph was in holding the Old Boys' XI to a draw, having passed their first innings total. This came as a welcome surprise, especially after our heavy defeat last year. The match was played at the Square on June 27th and 28th.

The following awards were made at the end of the season: Best Bat, N. Rodway; Best Bowler, M. Williams.

The J.C.T., after a successful start, was disappointing. As reported in the June ERASMIAN, they defeated St. Andrew's College in an exciting Cup match. On June 20th, they met King's Hospital in the semi-final, but were beaten by a better team.

Once again the Under 14 reached the final of the Under 14 League—this time against St. Mary's College. Yet, again, we were fated not to win the Cup. This was the fifth final in which the High School was represented since the inception of the League in 1937.

This year larger numbers from the lower Forms were available for cricket, and this promises well for the future.

R. C. S.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—C.A.I. (Coleraine Academical Institution), and Sligo Grammar School Magazine.

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Athletics, 1946

THE Annual School Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, 29th June, 1946. Heavy rain delayed the start, but the weather cleared up later and there was a good attendance of parents and friends. Showers and the strong wind which arose made some races difficult. This year the Preliminary rounds were run off at Belgrave Square, on Tuesday, the 25th, at 4 p.m., and although the afternoon was very wet, it was a most successful experiment.

The following were the winners of the principal Cups:—*The War Memorial Cup*, M. A. Cole; *Junior Championship Cup*, A. W. Cooper; *the Moore Cup* (220 yds. Senior Cup), M. A. Cole; *the Magill Cup* (100 yds. Junior Cup), A. W. Cooper; *Lord Holmpatrick Cup*, Abbey House (Capt., E. J. Margetson).

HOUSE COMPETITION (1945-46):

	Points	Abbey	Belgrave	Harcourt
Rugby	6-3-0	4½	0	4½
Cricket	4-2-0	4	0	2
Swimming	4-2-0	0	4	2
Tennis	4-2-0	4	1	1
Athletics	4-2-0	2	0	4
Total		14½	5	13½

Cup Winners, 1945-46: Abbey House.

A Visit to a Factory

ONE day I went to a chocolate factory and I saw the sweets being made. First I went to the room where the cocoa beans were roasted and shelled and ground. After that we saw the machines pressing the cocoa butter out of the powdered beans. Then we went to the room where the chocolate was melted and mixed with milk and butter. We saw the centres being made and the biscuits being baked. Then we saw them passing on a band through a machine that poured the melted chocolate over them. Then we saw them going along the band into a big, long refrigerator and coming out cooled and hard.

We saw the boxes being made and the sweets put into them with fancy paper round them.

It takes a long time to make a sweet, but it does not take long for us to eat them.

G. H. BLEAKLEY (9½ years).

Keeping an Aquarium

THE keeping of an aquarium is an interesting and exciting hobby. If it is undertaken at all, it must be done properly, for, unfortunately, by careless management an aquarium may be completely ruined in a few days.

An aquarium may be any size, from small tubes for minute specimens to huge tanks for large fish, but anything larger than eight cubic feet is unwieldly and difficult to manage at home. As an aquarium is generally made of glass, it is better to wrap some dark material around the sides to exclude light, for the animals and plants it contains are used to light which enters from above. I find that fine river sand is excellent for the purpose of growing water-plants. It is unwise, however, to plant many weeds, as they obscure the view from above and one rarely sees the smaller creatures as they hide in them. If weeds are planted at each end of the aquarium, one may then observe the small animals as they pass to and fro. Large stones do not look well in an aquarium, and, besides, they may carry substances harmful to fish. After a while the water-plants should give off oxygen to replace that which the fish breathe. I have never had water-plants which replaced all the oxygen taken from the water, and I think it best to bubble air through the water frequently. The water in the aquarium should be changed at least once a month. I take out half of the old water and I then refill with fresh river-water.

I find that when stocking an aquarium with creatures it is much better to choose those which give the least trouble. For instance, if trout are put in an aquarium they soon die because they cannot breathe a sufficient quantity of air to keep them alive. Sticklebacks get on very well in captivity, but only one male should be kept because they fight and often kill one

another. The males are easily distinguished by their red underparts. Great Diving Beetles are carnivorous both in larval and adult stages and will prey upon almost any other creature. They even eat other members of their own species. If diving beetles are to be kept in an aquarium at all, it is advisable to have members of a smaller genus.

I find an aquarium is much more interesting when one keeps only one species in it. I keep water-mites in small jars. These little creatures are generally one or two millimetres long. They are, in a way, like spiders, as they have eight legs. They are oval in shape, but vary in all other respects. Some have swimming-hairs on their legs, while others have none. Some have two pairs of eyes, while others have only one. Some have hard shells, while others have soft. Many adult mites are bright red or brownish red, others are blue, green or yellowish green, and mixtures of these colours are common. Under a microscope, one can observe a mite properly. Its first pair of eyes are round, its second pair are triangular. It has a pair of palps which correspond to the antennæ or

feelers of a butterfly, an oval body and six joints on each of its eight legs.

I also keep hydra. These are animals of peculiar appearance. They are usually one centimetre long and resemble minute tree trunks, with six or eight branches radiating from the top. These are thin, delicate tentacles which catch food, such as water-mites, small worms and water-fleas, and transfer it to the mouth, which is between the tentacles at the top of the trunk. Hydra can move by turning slow somersaults, and when food is plentiful they reproduce by budding. The new hydra grows on the stem of the "parent" and then separates from it.

I think that an aquarium is best used for studying and keeping minute organisms. These require little attention and only small quantities of food, and they are always entertaining and instructive.

R. B. MAUDE (Form 5¹).



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The block-sheet's then no use at all—
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He tears it up with angry roar
And flings it on the fire;
Then tramples on his wonder pen
To work away his ire.

He then repents, but 'tis too late,
His pen's completely shatter'd,
His treasure's lost—but that's not all:
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THE Annual General Meeting was held in the Board Room on Friday, 18th October, 1946. We welcome as our President this year the Rev. R. E. Weir, M.A., and hope that his year of office will be a happy one. The result of the election of Honorary Officers and Committee are set out above.

ANNUAL DANCE

The Annual Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 2nd November. Once again this function was very well

supported by members and their friends, and the attendance reached a new record of 491. The Dance Secretaries would like to thank all those who co-operated with them to ensure the success of the evening.

GOLF

Report for Christmas Term, 1946.

The Annual Competition for the Old Boys' Cup was held at Milltown Golf Club on 5th September.

Old Boys' Cup and Replica: E. E. C. Reeves, 80—12=68. Runner-up, C. L. Dillon, 88—17=71. Best Gross, H. D. Gorman, 82. Visitor, N. C. Phillip, 78—8=70.

The Annual Competition for the Union of Irish Schools' Trophy was held at Milltown Golf Club on 23rd October. The winners were Clongowes Wood College with 143½. Our team were 9th with 149½—a good result considering that the bogey for the course is 74.

Our team was:—J. E. Allen and M. A. Cole; V. V. Drennan and A. H. Whiteside; H. D. Gorman and A. C. Orr.

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Report for Season, 1946.

Mainly due to bad weather conditions, we were only able to get two matches played this year; however, they were what we consider the most important ones, namely, the School Colour match and our annual battle with King's Hospital O.B.U.

The match against the School was played at Belgrave Square, on what we considered to be the "best ever" wicket seen there. We batted first and due to some excellent School bowling by Williams and Freedman, were all out for 43 runs—one of the lowest totals we have made at Belgrave Square for many years. The Boys replied with 68 runs, giving them a first innings lead of 25 runs. We batted again and declared at 103 for 3 wickets, out of which Brislane made 43 not out. When time was called, the School had made 36 for 3 wickets, leaving the game drawn.

Next we went to Blackhall Place, where we had won the last two matches against King's Hospital Old Boys, but they turned out their "all-star" team and beat us by an innings.

W. G. BOOKER, *Hon. Sec.*

FORTHCOMING FUNCTIONS

Annual Dinner: Saturday, 18th January, 1947, in the Clock-room.

Ladies' Night: Thursday, 13th March, 1947, in Mills' Hall. This function takes the form of a Dinner and Musical Evening, and, owing to limited accommodation, is confined to members and their partners.

Full particulars of both these functions will be sent to all members in due course.

Correction

We regret that a mistake occurred in the statement of "Decorations" in our last issue, and we take this opportunity of publishing the correct statement (instead of M.B.E. we should have written C.B.E.).

C.B.E.—R. W. D. Leslie (1891-92), C.B., Major-General.

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News of Old Boys

Dr. E. H. Alton (1885-92), Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, was the recipient of the Honorary Degree of D.Litt. from Queen's University, Belfast, this year.

Rev. C. C. W. Browne, B.D. (1928-34), was awarded the "Sophie Taylor" Prize by the Diocesan Library Committee of Down, Connor and Dromore, for his essay on "Christianity and Otherworldliness."

H. M. Chillingworth, B.A. (1925-33), has been appointed Instructor at a Royal Naval College.

R. A. Cole, B.A. (1933-40), has been appointed a Lecturer in Classics at Oak Hill College, London.

C. H. H. Fennell (1909-10) is Agent of the Bank of Ireland, Ballsbridge.

F. Fennell (1909-10) is Manager of the Royal Bank of Ireland, Wick'low.

P. R. G. Fennell (1909-15) is in the London Office of Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son & Co., Ltd.

V. W. Graham, M.A. (1927-32), has been appointed an Assistant Lecturer in Mathe-

matics at Trinity College, Dublin. His lecturing in College, however, does not prevent him from taking his ordinary classes in The High School.

Dr. A. N. Jeffares (1930-39) has been appointed Assistant to the Professor of English in the University of Gröningen in Holland.

Major D. A. Orr, M.C. and Bar (1930-40), has now returned to his studies at Trinity College. He is playing on the 1st XV and was recently on tour with them in England.

R. R. Quin (1936-42) is now a 1st Officer with Aer Lingus.

L. J. D. Richardson, M.A. (1903-12), has been appointed Professor of Greek at Cardiff University.

Diarmuid C. Russell (1911-19) is an author's agent of wide reputation in the U.S.A. He has recently edited "The Portable Irish Reader," published by The Viking Press of New York in their series of "Portable" editions of well-known writers.

In "Hermathena" No. LXVII, May, 1946, there are contributions from two Old Boys: Professor L. J. D. Richardson, M.A. (1903-12),



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on "A Line of Horace," and E. A. Thompson, M.A. (1925-32), on "Christian Missionaries among the Huns"; and from a former member of the Staff, H. R. Chillingworth, M.A., who wrote on "William Molyneux."

We were glad to receive letters during the term from the following Old Boys: The Very Rev. Joseph Jackson, Dean of Tuam (1898-1902); Major D. E. Allen, U.S. Army (1906-1912); and H. R. Ardill (1896-1904), who wrote from Quebec.

Marriages

ARTHUR JAMES BEATTY (1908-13) to DOROTHY (BETTY) RUTLEDGE, 3rd September, 1946.

REV. CECIL CHARLES W. BROWNE, B.D. (1923-34), to MURIEL JOAN BROWNELL, 27th September, 1946.

DONALD GEORGE CATHCART (1920-26) to BARBARA TELFORD, 4th September, 1946.

LT.-COMMANDER HENRY CRAIG EWEN, R.N. (1921-25), to SECOND-OFFICER HELEN B. GRAHAM, W.R.N.S., 4th September, 1946.

JOHN RICHARD GREENING (1935-41) to LAURA DESIREE WILTSHIRE, 19th Sept., 1946.

GEORGE ROBERT HUGGARD (1929-36) to RENEE NEWELL, 26th October, 1946.

PERCY CECIL SCOTT, B.L. (1922-27), to BERTHA HALL, L.P.S.I., 27th June, 1946.

FREDERICK SYKES (1921-25) to GLADYS MARY SMITH, 10th September, 1946.

WILLIAM WARNOCK, B.A. (1922-29), to DOROTHY MURRAY, 15th August, 1946.

Silver Wedding

THOMAS BELL (1905-08) to CHRISTINA GALLO-
WAY LYON, 8th September, 1921.

Deaths

ALFRED ARTHUR D. BRUNKER (1885-89), 24th August, 1946.

DESMOND THEODORE MALLEY, B.A. (1936-37), 28th October, 1946.

REV. WILLIAM JAMES MAYNE, M.A. (1890-92), 17th June, 1946.

CHARLES SAMUEL MAYSTON (1887-89), 28th September, 1946.

DR. EDGAR HENRY WILKINS, M.B. (1895-1902), 13th June, 1946.

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