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Editorial

WAR changes many things. Owing to circumstances engendered by the present conflict, many schools have discontinued entirely the publication of their magazines. In spite of increased costs of production and the shortage of paper, we have decided to continue the publication of the ERASMIAN, limiting it to one issue every year. This issue will be published in July so as to contain all School news right up to the end of term. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking our advertisers for their support and we would also ask our readers to continue their support of ERASMIAN advertisers.

We have often thought, in listening to comments on this and on other school magazines, that the correct function of a school magazine is rarely understood. Many seem to think that a school magazine should be a plentiful representation of the literary prowess of the seniors, while others appear to think that it should consist solely of school news, sports results and other kindred matters. Both sides seem to forget that the prime purpose of a school magazine is that it should be a periodical of the pupils, by the pupils and for the pupils, together with an adequate representation of matters relating to all Old Boys. It should, in short, be a publication in which every aspect of school life should be given notice, and in which every pupil can display his literary talents.

The criticism is often made that the literary contents of a school magazine is not always of the same standard. But can one expect the same standard from a boy in the third form as from a pupil in the sixth? Standard is a relative term. Too often a school magazine has deteriorated into a collection of contributions made by a small clique of seniors; contributions which, though doubtless of high literary merit, are not a fair representation of the school's talent as a whole in that sphere. We would like to see in every issue at least one contribution from every form in the school. In previous issues we have tried to make the magazine really a magazine of the pupils, and we are encouraged to think that we have not been entirely unsuccessful.

One last word. We welcome all criticism, especially if it is in any way constructive. We feel that we have the support of many in our

aim to make the ERASMIAN a school magazine in every sense of the word, and we would welcome any suggestions by means of which our aim could be achieved.

School Notes

SCHOOL re-opened after the Christmas vacation on 14th January and after the Easter vacation on 21st April.

We welcome to the staff Mr. K. O'Shaughnessy who takes the place of Mr. M. C. Fowler, who has left to take up another post.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Storey on the death of his father and to Mr. Keegan on the death of his sister.

On February 13th, representatives of the Staff and senior boys attended the funeral service at St. Anne's Church of Robert Tod Tomlinson who was killed while serving with the R.A.F.

On Friday, 14th February, Mr. Kelleher gave an interesting lecture to both pupils and parents in the Clockroom. The lecture was illustrated with films made by the Irish Tourist Association.

Eight fire-fighting squads have been formed and trained in the school.

We are very grateful to the O.B.U. who presented us with a gift of £10 which was used in laying out and equipping our three tennis courts.

We congratulate—

R. J. Monaghan and A. N. Jeffares on gaining Scholarships in Trinity College, Dublin.

R. R. Quin, H. R. Roberts, B. West and J. R. F. Smith on being awarded Rugby Caps.

J. R. F. Smith on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

The Rathgar Boy Scouts (32nd Dublin Group) on winning the Smyth Cup in April, 1941. Every member of the team was a High School boy and the two officers S. J. Watson (A.S.M.) and E. Frith (P/L), who trained them, are Old Boys. The team was: R. Maltby (leader), R. H. Kyle, J. R. Rhodes and C. G. Machesney.

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the following gifts to the School Library:—

M.C.B. 1868-1938 (2 vols.), by Mr. J. W. Henderson, Head Master of Methodist College, Belfast.

The National Geographic Magazine (1938-39), from Mr. J. Kyle, M.A.

17 books from G. W. Williams.

5 books from E. C. McColl.

Books from J. G. Palmer, S. G. Whitney, G. H. R. Lindsay, A. W. Polden, H. Kevelighan, G. E. A. Day and J. M. G. Carey.

Without Comment

During clearing operations conducted by the Sergeant in the yard, portion of a schoolboy's slate has been found. It was engraved with the name "A. Colvin" and a rough copy of the School coat of arms.

Alexander Colvin was in School between 1896 and 1897.

Cricket

Captain, R. R. Quin. Vice-Captain, J. A. Bell.
Hon. Sec., A. D. Grice.

THIS season our teams, with the exception of the "Under 14," who reached the final of the league, were disappointing. The Senior after a fine win in their first cup match fell away badly in the second round. The Junior won the first and second rounds of the competition only to be beaten in the third round by Wesley. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Rodway for his many services to the club, in particular for the deep interest which he has shown in the "Under 14" team and for the plans he is making for keeping boys in touch with cricket during the holidays. We hope that many boys will avail themselves of the facilities so generously offered.

SENIOR CUP MATCHES

H.S.D. v. St. Mary's College at Templeogue, 26th May.

High School.—201 for 7 dec. (Wright 61, Willis 39 not out, West 33, Gardner 20).

St. Mary's College did not bat.

High School won by a walk over.

H.S.D. v. Blackrock College at Serpentine Avenue, 1st June.

Blackrock College.—103 (O'Malley 26, Molloy 20, Quin 3 for 12, Williams 3 for 36).

High School.—52 (West 20, Egan 6 for 22, O'Malley 2 for 4.).

COLOUR MATCH

H.S.D. v. O.B.U., at Belgrave Square, June 16th and 17th. O.B.U. won by 69 runs.

O.B.U.

1st innings		2nd innings	
W. Shiel lbw b Quin	... 31	c West b Wright	... 8
H. Booker lbw b Wright	... 14	c Sub b West	... 8
M. Wilson c West b Quin	... 18	b Wright	... 2
A. O'Malley c Davie b Quin	... 17	b West	... 9
W. H. Walker b Williams	... 3	b Williams	... 8
J. Gilmour c Davie b Quin	... 3	b Wright	... 7
E. Spence b Wright	... 14	b Wright	... 4
E. Frith c West b Wright	... 20	b Wright	... 25
E. Flynn b Bodell	... 9	lbw b Williams	... 4
B. Hennessy b Bodell	... 5	G.H. Mulroney b Wright	... 8
S. Whitney not out	... 0	not out	... 0
Extras	... 12	...	... 7
Total	... 146	...	... 90

H.S.D.

1st innings		2nd innings	
G. Gardner b Booker	... 4	c Spence b Walker	... 2
R. Quin b Walker	... 0	c Wilson b Mulroney	... 2
W. West st Frith b Booker	45	c Flynn b Mulroney	... 0
G. Davie b O'Malley	... 19	Stephens b Mulroney	... 3
S. Wright c Flynn b Walker	16	b Mulroney	... 0
J. Bell lbw b Booker	... 11	b Mulroney	... 1
J. Greening hit wkt. b O'Malley	1	c Flynn b Walker	... 11
D. Grice c Shiel b Booker	... 2	st. Frith b Booker	... 19
R. Smith c Wilson b Walker	... 5	b Booker	... 5
E. Bodell b Mulroney	... 0	absent hurt	... 0
G. Williams not out	... 0	not out	... 0
Extras	... 13	...	... 8
Total	... 116	...	... 51

H.S.D. Bowling

West 0 for 25, 2 for 28
Wright 3 for 43, 6 for 41
Quin 4 for 30
Bodell 2 for 3
Williams 1 for 32, 2 for 12

O.B.U. Bowling

Walker 3 for 28, 2 for 8
Mulroney 1 for 1, 5 for 15
Flynn 0 for 11
Booker 4 for 45, 2 for 7
O'Malley 2 for 26

JUNIOR CUP MATCHES

H.S.D. v. Sandford Park, at Ranelagh, on 14th May.

High School.—136 (Wright 74, Gardner 15, Joughin 5 for 40).

Sandford Park.—30 (Barry 11, Williams 6 for 19).

H.S.D. v. Kingstown Grammar School, at Kingstown, on 23rd May.

K.G.S.—22 (D. Snow 12, Williams 4 for 16, Wright 3 for 6, Bodell 3 for 0).

H.S.D.—141 (Stephens 39, Lyons 28 not out, Kyle, R. F. 26, Campbell 23, Hudson 3 for 33).

H.S.D. v. Wesley College.

Wesley College.—82 (Hopkins 35, Gillespie 14, Bodell 6 for 25).

H.S.D.—58 (Stephens 21, Gillespie 5 for 9).

"UNDER 14" LEAGUE FINAL

High School, 51. Masonic, 54 for 6.

The following are criticisms of the players of the 1st XI:—

R. R. Quin (Capt.)—Main faults due to temperament or possibly to responsibility of captaincy. He seldom allows himself time to settle down before attempting to force the bowling. As a bowler he may do well when he begins to control length and flight.

J. A. Bell (V.-Capt.)—Prone to applying theory before he has really succeeded in acquiring practice. He too attempts to force the pace too much. He must beware of trying to turn too many balls to leg.

West, W. B.—One of our most reliable batsmen and fielders. As a bowler he needs much practice in order to perfect his control over length. He must learn to be hit without worrying.

Williams, G.—Should have been our best bowler, but has persisted in his attempts to become a second Larwood, with very evil results on his length and swerve. He must also try to conquer his defeatist attitude towards his batting.

Wright, S. J.—He must learn to attack loose balls on the off. This could probably be done if he did not insist on a bat which is too heavy for his wrists. His bowling has, on the whole, improved in variety this year.

Greening, J. R.—Owing to his tennis interests this has not been too successful a season for him. He must improve his footwork and play his strokes with more confidence.

Grice, A. D.—Very efficient Hon. Sec. He has not been too successful at the wicket. This is mainly attributable to his tendency to slow motion both of foot and hand. A tendency towards pulling up the bottom of the bat must also be corrected.

Willis, P.—A useful fielder and batsman though in his latter capacity he is unorthodox. He too must use his feet to get to loose balls on the off.

Davie, G.—A cheerful hitter, he should try to acquire something more of the technique of batting. In this way he could undoubtedly turn his strong wrists to better effect.

Bodell.—A very promising bowler who sometimes over-reaches himself by sacrificing length and guile to mere pace. As a bat he is too slow on his feet and until this fault is corrected, he will continue in the poultry business.

Tennis Club

Captain J. A. Motyer. Secretary J. R. Greening.

WE started the season with practice for the Senior and Junior teams at Anglesea hard courts, but when the ground improved we were able to move to Belgrave Square, where there are three courts in good condition. We are able to play Inter-Schools matches on them. Having our own courts has proved a great advantage as the teams are able to practise together.

The Senior Team is very promising this year as we have four of last year's team, and the No. 1 position is strengthened by F. S. Lyons, the Connaught Junior Champion, this year's handicap winner at Elm Park Hard Courts Tournament. The Juniors are not very strong, but as the majority of them are under age for the team next year we expect more promising results. They have not done too badly, having drawn with C.U.S., but they went down badly against Belvedere who have a particularly strong team.

The Senior Team started the season in fine style by defeating C.U.S. by four matches to

two at Belgrave Square. This success was followed up by the defeat of St. Andrew's College by six games to nil. After these victories we needed three matches in our next engagement to win our section; these we succeeded in gaining by defeating Presentation College, Glashule, by four games to two. Lyons and Motyer in singles have showed the most consistent form, neither of them having conceded a set. Motyer and Greening in the doubles, and Kerr and Rutherford have won all their matches. At the time of going to press we are in the semi-final of the Leinster School Senior Tennis Cup.

J.R.G.

Swimming

Capt. J. W. Moore. Vice-Capt. R. R. Quin.
Hon. Sec., R. L. Jones.

THIS year, owing to the shortage of coal, our swimming season started at a later date than usual. Our opening meeting was held at the Iveagh Baths on Monday, 2nd June. Unfortunately, the attendance and general standard is below that of former years. Some Juniors, however, are showing signs of promise and we hope that in time to come they will offset these lean years. Sergeant Case has once again come to help us, and his experienced services are much appreciated.

The High School Boxing Club

Captain, R. R. Quin. Vice-Capt., E. A. Foster.
Hon. Sec., S. J. Whitney.

OUR first match of this season was held in the Gymnasium, where we fought Portora Royal School. This match was very closely contested and the School only succeeded in beating Portora by five bouts to four. Results:

Portora		High School	
Under st. lbs.			
6 - W. E. Dickie	w.o. S. N. Grant (overw't.)		
6 7 J. Madill	beat H. Burgess (points)		
7 - P. W. Larmor	lost to S. J. Wright (points)		
7 7 H. J. Irvine	lost to J. D. Spoor (points)		
8 - J. B. Stevenson	beat A. W. Polden (points)		
8 6 W. J. Francis	lost to S. J. Whitney (points)		
9 2 A. N. K. Cole	lost to D. E. Dann (points)		
9 6 R. Francis	beat A. C. Stewart (points)		
10 10 T. R. B. Taylor	lost to R. R. Quin (Capt.) (t.k.o. 2nd rd.)		

Our next match was again held in the Gymnasium where we met Xavier School. This contest was also closely contested and they beat us by five bouts to four. Results:—

Xavier School		High School	
Under st. lbs.			
4 7 B. Hourihane	beat D. Silverman (points)		
5 7 D. Whelan	beat G. Harrison (points)		
6 - J. McCarthy	beat W. Campbell (points)		
6 7 M.M.-Hayden	beat C. Grice (points)		
6 7 C. Crowley	lost to S. N. Grant (points)		
6 7 D. Costello	lost to C. G. Machesney (pts.)		
7 7 R. O'Brien	lost to S. J. Wright (points)		
8 - G. Roche	beat J. Rudd (points)		
8 3 B. McCarthy	beat J. G. Smith (t.k.o. 2nd round)		
8 6 A. Corbett	lost to S. J. Whitney (t.k.o. 1st round)		

On March the 20th, we met St. Andrew's College at Trinity Gymnasium for the annual match for the Ellerker Cup. At first the outlook was very bad for the School as we lost the first four fights, but then our more experienced boxers entered the ring and we won the next four fights. However, we lost the last fight and for the first time in seven years the Ellerker Cup left the School. Results:—

St. Andrew's College		High School	
Under st. lbs.			
5 - D. Harris	beat P. H. Stewart (points)		
6 - O. Craig	beat C. J. Grice (points)		
6 7 N. Carnduff	beat C. G. Machesney (pts.)		
8 - C. Reede	beat S. M. Burch (points)		
8 8 G. Joughin	lost to S. J. Whitney (t.k.o. 2nd rd.)		
9 2 R. Williamson	lost to D. E. Dann (points)		
9 10 W. Waugh	lost to J. R. Greening (points)		
10 8 S. Stewart	lost to R. R. Quin (Capt.) (t.k.o. 1st rd.)		
11 8 S. Williamson	beat R. J. Machesney (pts.)		

We closed the season with a match against St. Columba's College, whom we beat by seven bouts to two. Results:—

St. Columba's Coll.		High School	
Under st. lbs.			
6 7 Knighton-Smith	lost to C. G. Machesney (pts.)		
7 7 Smith	lost to S. J. Wright (t.k.o. 1st round)		
7 7 Powell	beat B. D. Waugh (points)		
8 - Perrott	beat E. W. Brennan (pts.)		
8 - McKea	lost to A. W. Polden (points)		
8 6 Payne	lost to S. M. Burch (points)		
9 10 Sullivan	lost to J. R. Greening (points)		
10 8 Welply	lost to R. R. Quin (Capt.) (t.k.o. 1st rd.)		
11 - Medlicott	lost to E. W. Frith (t.k.o. 2nd round)		

The Boxing Club would like to thank Messrs. Goulden and Kirkpatrick for their kind help and advice, and also the gentlemen who so kindly acted as officials at our matches, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Bennett for her kind help in preparing refreshments for the visiting teams.

This year for the first time it was decided to award Colours for keenness and merit. Rules were drawn up governing such awards and under this new code the following boys were awarded Colours for the season 1940-41:—

Senior:—R. R. Quin (Capt.), S. J. Whitney, J. R. Greening, D. E. Dann.

Junior:—S. M. Burch, S. J. Wright.

The design for the Colours was kindly executed by Mr. Wilson.

Athletic Sports

THE Annual Sports were held on Friday, 27th June, at Lansdowne Road (by kind permission of the I.R.F.U., Leinster Branch). Results:—

75 Yards, Under 10.—1, S. R. Rowe; 2, T. Williams; 3, D. Eustace.
75 Yards, Under 11.—1, S. Martin; 2, H. Erdberg; 3, D. Macaulay.
75 Yards, Under 12.—1, W. L. Young; 2, D. P. Comley; 3, S. Martin.
100 Yards, Under 13.—1, D. Ellis; 2, G. Harrison; 3, J. Hengstenberg.
100 Yards, Under 14.—1, R. H. Kyle; 2, R. Maltby; 3, S. Baigel.
100 Yards, Under 15.—1, B. Waugh; 2, W. Young; 3, K. Bird.
100 Yards, Under 16.—1, G. B. Quin; 2, G. Cole; 3, D. Gillespie.
100 Yards, Senior.—1, S. S. Weir; 2, H. Adcock; 3, R. G. Smith.
150 Yards, under 12.—1, D. Comley; 2, J. Sutton; 3, S. Martin.
220 Yards, Under 15.—1, B. Waugh; 2, W. Young; 3, F. Fine.
220 Yards, Under 16.—1, G. Cole; 2, A. Jolley; 3, G. B. Quin.
220 Yards, Senior.—1, J. R. F. Smith; 2, T. S. Harvey; 3, S. A. Belford.
Siamese.—1, Ticher and Burleigh; 3, Macaulay and Barry; 3, Maharry and Romney.
Sack, Under 13.—1, J. A. Kerr; 2, I. Barry; 3, T. Williams.
Sack, Over 13.—1, G. Cole; 2, L. Wilkinson; 3, O. Fallon.
Obstacle, Under 13.—1, D. Comley; 2, H. Burleigh; 3, T. Ticher.
Obstacle, Over 13.—1, S. J. Wright; 2, G. Gardner; 3, R. Maltby.

Long Jump, Under 15.—1, K. Bird (16ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.); 2, W. Young; 3, R. H. Kyle.
Long Jump, Senior.—1 R. R. Quin (17ft. 8ins.); 2, H. White; 3, J. Greening.
High Jump, Under 15.—1, K. Bird, R. H. Kyle (tied, 4ft. 6ins.); 3 J. G. Smith.
High Jump, Senior.—1, R. Clinton, R. R. Quin (tied, 5ft.); 3, R. G. Smith.
Hurdles, Under 15.—1, B. Waugh; 2, K. Bird; 3, S. Bennett.
Hurdles, Senior.—1, N. Lambert; 2, R. R. Quin; 3, S. S. Weir.
Sisters' Race, Under 13.—1, Miss S. Smith; 2, Miss A. Sparkes.
Sisters' Race, Over 13.—1, Miss A. Burleigh; 2, Miss Burgess.
Old Boys.—1, D. Carroll; 2, G. F. Cole.
440 Yards, Under 15.—1, W. Lyons; 2, J. Palmer; 3, F. Fine.
440 Yards, Over 15.—1, S. S. Weir; 2, J. R. F. Smith; 3, J. R. Greening.
Half Mile.—1, J. R. Greening; 2, G. Stephens; 3, J. R. F. Smith.
Mile.—1, N. Lambert; 2, J. Greening; 3, S. J. Whitney.

SPECIAL AWARDS.

Handball, Junior.—L. Drew and S. Burch.
Handball, Senior.—R. Willis and O. Ferguson.
Tennis, Junior.—S. Bennett.
Tennis Senior.—R. R. Quin.
Best Batting Average.—R. P. Willis.
Best Bowling Average.—S. J. Wright.
House Relay.—Winners, Harcourt House—West, W.B., Belford, S., Smith, R. G., Quin, R. R.
100 Yards Junior Champion.—K. Bird.
220 Yards Senior Champion.—S. S. Weir.
Junior Cup.—B. Waugh.
War Memorial Cup.—R. R. Quin.

HOLMPATRICK CUP.

	Rugby	Cricket	Athletics
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Belgrave House	... 0 ...	0 ...	4
Harcourt House	... 6 ...	2 ...	2

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Rugby

GENERALLY speaking the season 1940-41 was not quite so successful as that of previous years, chiefly because the extremely bad weather of early 1941 made necessary the postponement of many matches. In addition, the J.C.T., which as an Under 14 team had promised great things, failed to redeem that early pledge. A severe crop of injuries also deprived most of the teams of some of their best players. Finally, the Under 14 team, very crude and inexperienced, lost the services of their captain, Bird.

We did, however, have our bright spots. A greater number of boys played Rugby last season than ever before. Not only that, but the experiment of segregating the very small boys to a separate playing-field at Dartry Road was tried, and proved very successful in the hands of Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Keegan. Granted freedom from injuries, we are looking forward to a good year in 1941-42.

S.C.T. Captain, J. R. F. Smith.

The chief strength of the S.C.T. lay in the pack which averaged over 10½ stones. Only rarely

were the forwards beaten by their opponents, but unfortunately there were weak spots (mainly due to immaturity and inexperience) in the back line. The main features of the season were the Cup matches; the Portora match, played at Belgrave Square; the Kilkenny match, played at Kilkenny, and the Colour match against the Old Boys. Later the Place-and-Drop Competition was held at Miltown and was won, rather unexpectedly but none the less convincingly, by W. Rutherford.

J.C.T. Captain, S. J. Wright.

This team proved very disappointing. It is disheartening to find a talented team playing slovenly and careless football because it lacks a true *esprit de corps*. No excuse can be offered for boys who are so lacking in school spirit that they allow themselves to be beaten by over 30 points on occasion, and later, when they choose to exert themselves, pull the adverse balance down to twelve. All teams are liable to be beaten; no stigma attaches unless that beating is due to the carelessness of the defeated team. We hope that the members of the J.C.T. will take these points to heart next season.

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Under Fourteen. Captain, R. Bird.

There is no reason why the Under Fourteen team should not distinguish itself as a J.C.T. next season. It is big, the backs are fast and strong, many of its members have much experience of Rugby. If, however, it is to do well, those playing on it must play strongly and spiritedly till the final whistle sounds. Enthusiasm and training will perhaps produce a team capable of bringing back the Junior Cup again.

Under Thirteen. Captain, R. H. Kyle.

This team is good, but still inclined to sit back and watch one or two more senior mem-

during the year. We wish to see every small boy trying his hardest to win a place on this team. Rugby is a fine game for growing lads and the friendship of the field is not easily broken in later life.

SENIOR CUP MATCHES.

High School v Catholic University School.

Played on a fine day at Donnybrook, this match was intensely exciting, for the fortunes of the game swung to and fro as the moments ebbed and passed. The two teams were evenly matched; each had previously won a friendly

SENIOR CUP XV, 1940-41



Back Row: J. A. Bell (Hon. Sec.), J. R. Greening, A. D. Grice, H. W. Adcock, E. A. Foster, Mr. G. C. Johnson, A. L. P. Jones, R. L. Gardner, R. J. Machesney, S. S. Weir.
Second Row: W. B. West, H. R. Roberts, J. R. F. Smith (Capt), R. R. Quin, W. E. D. Rutherford, Dr. Bennett.
On Ground: J. W. Moore, E. C. A. McColl.

bers playing the opposition. Teamwork is important in Rugby football and the Under 13 must remember it. We hope that all members of this team will train hard next term. It is only by such training that a good team will emerge.

Under Twelve. Captain M. A. Cole.

This is perhaps the keenest team in the school and we enjoyed many fine matches

fixture, so that it was not surprising that there was no score until late in the first half when Joe Moore dived over for a try.

When the second half opened our forwards again surged down the field. From the sidelines we watched Machesney bullock his way over for a try—festooned with enemies! Roberts converted, and we felt no dismay when a very

fine individual effort by Macaulay gave C.U.S. a well-merited score close on time. High School, 8 points; C.U.S., 3.

High School v. Roscrea.

The weather had been wet and the ground was heavy underfoot. It was a good day for forwards. Our pack waged a ding-dong struggle with one of the best school packs in Leinster. Behind the scrum a different situation prevailed. The great Roscrea threequarters, older and more strongly built than our young players, hammered away at the centre. They could not fail but be rewarded. Until half-time we held them fairly well. In the second half the difference in pace and strength told heavily, and we were finally beaten by 28 points to nil.

High School 1st XV v. Portora Royal School.

Portora had reached the final of the Ulster Senior Schools Cup and were anxious for a game. Only the claims of hospitality could have persuaded us to play on the swampy morass

that had been Belgrave Square before the rains came. The referee and the two captains rowed out to inspect the crease!

For the first ten minutes Portora made creditable attempts to get their three-quarters moving. Miraculously, the wings did have some dashes for the line. Then, despairingly, the two teams settled down, the forwards to struggle in the slime, the backs to shiver as they regarded the sixteen mud-covered monsters. Eventually Portora won by 11 points to nil. They later won the Ulster Senior Schools Cup by 11 points to 3.

Colours Match. High School v. O.B.U.

There is an atmosphere and a sentiment about the Old Boys' match that is unique, for no other match is played with just that same blend of light-heartedness and intensity. Even the referee confessed that he was at times overwhelmed by the surge of events. Last year we had originally planned to play the Colours Match on January 15th. Heavy falls of snow and the demands of the Schools' Cup matches made a postponement necessary, and, in fact, the match was played on 6th March. A report of the match will be found in the O.B.U. Rugby report.

JUNIOR CUP MATCHES.

The first match against Kilkenny was a moderate one. Kilkenny were going great guns and our team seemed content to have it so. We were fortunate to have only one try chalked up against us in the opening minutes. Later, individual efforts by Lambert and Cole gave us a match which we hardly deserved.

The second match against Castleknock opened in the same lackadaisical fashion, the enemy scoring 11 points in as many minutes. Faced with defeat, our boys pulled themselves together, but could do no more than score one try (Lambert). A final try by 'Knock clinched the issue.

High School v. Kilkenny College 6—3. W.

High School v. Castleknock College 3—14. L.

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Table Tennis Club

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ALTHOUGH this was our first season and the club was only being run as an experiment it has certainly proved a great success.

The Leinster branch of the Irish Table Tennis Association had a discussion among the representatives of the schools and decided to run an inter-schools league competition. This competition was won by King's Hospital, with Masonic second and High School third. The School team was as follows: (1) F. Lyons, (2) T. G. Grey, (3) J. R. Greening, (4) W. E. D. Rutherford, (5) E. Frith, (6) R. Kerr.

We are indeed very grateful to Mrs. Bennett who supplied the tea during all competition matches, and again we thank Mr. Wilson for making us two magnificent tables.

This Club was confined to Sixth Form, and I know it is their wish that Table Tennis should now play its part in the regular school games.

W.E.D.R.

The High School Book Club

SHORTLY after the beginning of the Easter term plans for a large and comprehensive school book club were suggested to the various classes by Mr. Storey. The scheme was enthusiastically approved by everyone, but even in the very short time in which it has been in existence it has surpassed the most optimistic expectations—so much so that our shelf capacity was very quickly exhausted, and Mr. Wilson very kindly put up additional shelves.

Membership now exceeds 130, each member subscribing a minimum of 1d. per month; the total amount of money received since March 27th is £5 10s. With this we have bought approximately 50 books and a further 280 have been presented to us. The popularity of the Book Club may be best judged by the fact that from the time of its initiation over 924 books have been borrowed.

We have recently added to the library such new books as "And tell of Times," "Memory hold the Door" and a number of books dealing with various aspects of the present war: "The

Epic of Dunkirk" and "The R.A.F. in Action" being those in greatest demand.

We have a very good selection of books for Junior and Intermediate boys, but the number of books for Senior boys is still comparatively small, and we would welcome gifts of any novels by popular authors which our readers could spare.

The Break-Up Dance

THE annual "Break-up" dance was held in the Clock Room on 20th December, 1940. Cyril Gibson's Band provided the music. It was, as usual, a great social success. The number present was the greatest yet on record and the number of Present boys was also greater than usual. Nevertheless, we hope that still more Present boys will join in next time.

As well as being a social success the dance was a financial success and the Sports Fund gained appreciably from its proceeds. This was chiefly due to Mrs. Bennett's supervision of the catering. We are very grateful to the parents and friends of boys who kindly sent us gifts of cakes, spot prizes and provisions of various kinds. Mr. Wilson's ingenuity once more contrived decorations which helped to brighten the Clock Room.

Owing to the absolute necessity of restricting numbers we hope that those who wish to attend our next dance will, to avoid disappointment, make application for tickets as soon as possible after the date is announced—that is, if conditions still permit us to carry on. For the sake of all—Present boys, their friends and Old Boys—we hope it will be "On with the Dance!"

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Now fades the crowd on glistening cycles borne,
And silence fills dread Learning's still abode,
But still delinquents, incensed, breathing scorn,
Are "stuck" to write again some maddening ode.

LAMENTATION

Here rests his head in hands, bereft of mirth,
A youth to Fortune and to Fame unknown;
Dull History frowned upon his humble birth
And Mathematics called him not her own.

No further seek his frailties to disclose—
His noble spirit triumphs o'er despair,
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The Stranger from out of the Wastes

In a wilderness we met him,
In a misery of snow,
With matted stubble on his chin
And a rag around his toe.
Hitched up to an empty sledge,
He staggered as he walked;
A clotted wound upon his head
Made him ramble as he talked.
So starved for food and proper care,
His frame with fever racked,
His bleary eyes in stony stare
Looked, but sight they lacked.
I wonder where he came from?
—Nobody still can tell.

Yet one thing we are sure of
He's a man that had been through hell.
—Not a hell like those poor blackguards,
Not a torture of the mind,
But the freezing hell of a blizzard
When its whip-lash strikes you blind.
Yes! We took him back and fed him,
Cared for his frozen feet,
Brought him back to the city's din
Back to the crowded street.
Yes! Back unknown we took him
Ignorant who he might be;
Somewhere his own folk mourned him,
Or left him alone,—so did we.

* * * * *

Only once have I seen that stranger
Since we saved him years ago,
Not down in the heat of a summer
But up in perpetual snow.
There he stays at his "tradin',"
Helped by an Eskimo friend,
Knowing only the name that we named him:
"Joe"—without any end.

E. J. BARKER.

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High School Old Boys' Union

SINCE the Annual General Meeting, which was held in October last, three important functions of the Union were held: the Annual Dance on 2nd November, 1940; Whist Drive on 13th December, 1940, and the Annual Dinner on the 18th January, 1941

As in past years the Annual Dance, under the able secretaryship of Mr. Cecil Morton, supported by Mr. H. Bunbury and a small sub-committee, was very successful both socially and financially. There was an increase in the attendance from 356 in 1939 to 416, and those in charge of the organisation deserve the greatest credit.

The Whist Drive in past years had not been considered very successful and accordingly the Committee decided that it might be an advantage if this function took the form of a Turkey Drive to be held shortly before Christmas, and furthermore, it was agreed that a change of venue might be desirable. Accordingly it was decided to hold this function at the Kenilworth Bowling Club Pavilion on 13th December last. The wisdom of this course was borne out by the fact that there was an exceptionally good attendance and, in fact, there was not sufficient accommodation for all those who came.

The Annual Dinner, as in past years, was again held in the Clock Room.

It was a matter of great regret to the members that our President, Mr. W. R. McCaw was unable to attend owing to illness, but, notwithstanding this, he did all in his power to ensure the success of the evening. It is gratifying to know that he subsequently made a rapid recovery and we are glad to say that, as always, the Hon. Officers receive his fullest support in all matters.

The attendance at the Dinner was very good and, although not a record, was exceptional in view of the fact that a number of members and their friends were unavoidably absent through illness and the transport difficulties created by the shortage of petrol.

In the absence of Mr. McCaw our immediate past President, Mr. H. J. Johnston, presided.

The speeches, without exception, were of the highest order, and the speakers, supported by the musical guests, provided a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Three of the Committee are now serving with His Majesty's Forces, H. E. P. Anderson, Cecil Morton and D. A. Orr, while A. D. Mason is serving with the Irish Army. They carry with them the best wishes of their friends in the Union.

The interest in the athletic activities of the Union is well maintained as will be seen from the accompanying notes.

Again we would urge the boys on leaving school to enrol immediately as members of the Union and in this way ensure that the work of those Old Boys who have carried on up to the present will continue to prosper.

As has been pointed out in former issues of this Magazine, facilities are afforded to the boys leaving school who may become members by paying 5/- during the first year, 5/- during the second year and 11/- during the third year.

O.B.U. Rugby Report

SINCE our last report appeared we played the School again, this time in the "Colours" Match, at Belgrave Square on 6th March, 1941. The team was: J. Smith; G. S. Prince, B. Griffin, R. Beattie, R. Motyer; G. A. D. Brewster, H. Booker; W. Sheil, W. G. Kirkpatrick, G. Priestman, M. Rooney, J. Hazlett, E. G. Flynn, B. E. Hennessey, R. W. Magill.

The weather was not very good but it was a grand game. The result was in doubt until the final whistle was blown. The School scored first through a try from Weir. We then scored, Magill using his strength and speed to cross for a try which Flynn converted. In the second half Quin kicked a penalty for the School, but near the end of the match Booker broke away from the scrum to give us the lead again and Flynn converted with a good kick.

Result—Past, 10 points; Present, 6 points.

B. E. HENNESSEY
(Hon. Rugby Sec.).

Cricket

AS the ground at Belgrave Square was unplayable owing to dry weather our first match against the School was played at the L.C.C. Ground, Rathmines. Winning the toss we batted first and scored 138 (Gilmour 46 not out and O'Malley 44). The School replied with 158 for 5 wickets.

Our next match was against Masonic Old Boys at Clonskea. They batted first and totalled 125; we made 53, most of them in the dark.

The return match with the School was played at Belgrave Square. Batting first we made 146 (W. Shiel 31). The School replied with 116. In our second knock we went for the runs and were all out for 90, leaving the School 121 runs to win. Thanks to some excellent bowling by Mulroney they were dismissed for 53 runs with six minutes to spare.

Two other matches were arranged but had to be postponed owing to weather conditions.

W. G. BOOKER, }
J. C. GILMOUR, } *Hon. Secs.*

Association of Schools' Unions

THE second Golf Outing of the above was held on June 12th at Dollymount, when the Royal Dublin Cup and other prizes were competed for. Over 120 players took out cards and over 100 attended the supper subsequently. The following Schools took part:—Earlsfort House, High School, King's Hospital, Sandford Park, St. Andrew's, St. Columba's, Wesley College, Portora, Mountjoy.

The Cup was won by Mountjoy O.B.U., St. Columba's and High School tying for second place.

We were all pleased to see "Billy" Thrift looking so fit, after his recent illness, which judging from his score, has not had any effect on his golfing ability.

Mr. A. W. Briscoe (Old Columbans), this year's President, presided over the supper and musical entertainment held during the evening.

Our Union had every reason to be pleased with the support given, as in addition to Dr. Bennett and Mr. W. R. McCaw (President), four past Presidents and a large number of members attended.

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News of Old Boys

T. Bell (1905-08), President Irish Rugby Football Union (Leinster Branch). We offer our hearty, if belated, congratulations to Mr. Bell.

A. W. Breakey (1920-26), Deputy Commissioner, I.C.S.

H. S. Carlile (1927-32) was in the Leinster Table Tennis Team this year.

P. J. Custis (1930-37) has passed the Preliminary and Intermediate Examinations of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

D. Hennessey (1925-27) played Table Tennis for Ulster this year.

A. N. Jeffares (1930-39) has been elected Hon. Treasurer of the D.U. Classical Society.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32) captained the Leinster Table Tennis team this year.

G. C. McKeon (1938-41) is a Clerk in the G.N.R.

Lt. A. G. Mason (1921-28) lectured at the R.D.S. on 6th January, 1941. His subject was "Some Experiments with Corncrakes."

- R. J. Monaghan (1930-38) has been elected Auditor of the D.U. Mathematical Society.
 Rev. R. D. Murray (1928-32) was ordained for the Curacy of Dromore.
 Rev. E. F. Plant (1927-33) has been appointed Rector of Borris in Ossory.
 T. O. Rutledge (1919-26) lectured in the R.D.S. on the same occasion as Lt. Mason. He spoke on "Watching and Photographing the Badger."
 R. W. Rumball (1935-39) passed the Examination for Clerkships in the G.N.R. in March, 1941. He has now been called.

With the Forces

(ADDITIONAL LIST).

Serving in the Irish Army.

- G. D. H. Mulroney (1930-37), 1st A.A. Battery.

Corrigenda.

- A. G. Mason (1921-28), Lt. Army Ordnance Service.
 S. Woods (1915-20), Capt. Supply and Transport Corps.

Serving with the Forces of His Britannic Majesty.

- H. E. P. Anderson (1918-24), Royal Enniskillens.
 T. W. La B. Bamford (1925-31), R.A.F. Promoted F/Lt. August, 1940, Squadron Leader, June, 1941.
 H. S. Boyce, M.B. (1921-31), R.A.F.
 A. G. Breakey (1923-29), Gunner, 32nd L.A.A. Battery, R.A.
 W. de B. Gilmour (1929-37), Cadet, R.A.F. (Cambridge).
 H. F. Lovell-Butt (1933-35), Inniskilling Dragoon Guards (Dunkirk).
 C. G. Morton (1923-30), Royal Inniskillens.
 D. A. Orr (1930-40), R.U.R. (Ballymena).
 P. R. Owen (1930-35), P/O R.A.F.
 H. J. Paine (1930-37), Cpl., Irish Guards.
 W. N. Pratt (1929-35), No. 5. B. & G. School, Jurby, I.O.M.
 D. F. Reeves (1925-27), 2nd Lt., 59th Reconnaissance Batt.
 J. Smyth (1933-39), Instrument Repairer, R.A.F.
 M. H. Waters (1925-28), Lt., R.A.M.C.
 F. A. Woodcock (1930-34), R.N. (H.M.S. "Ark Royal").

Reported Missing

- W. T. HEANEY (1931-38), Sergeant-Observers, R.A.F. Reported missing over France.

Roll of Honour

BUTLER (1925-27) — Leslie Booker Butler, Sergeant, R.A.F., missing, believed killed in aircraft crash on 16th June, 1941, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Butler, Ivydene, Cowper road, Dublin.

TOMLINSON (1928-36) — February 8, 1941, No. 550950, Sergeant Robert Tod, D.F.M., R.A.F., elder son of Captain and Mrs. T. S. Tomlinson, 2 Hume street, Dublin.

WOODWORTH (1929-31) — July, 1940, at Singapore, as result of a flying accident, Sergeant Desmond Henry Woodworth, R.A.F.

Birth

MOORE — June 3, 1941, to Florence (née Pyper), wife of Hugh B. Moore, 10 Frankfort Park, Dundrum, a daughter.

Marriages

BAMFORD (1925-31) and BISSET — June 2nd 1941, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Douglas, I.O.M., Squadron Leader T. W. La Bassée Bamford, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Bamford, Knocksedan, Howth, Co. Dublin, to Emily Graham Craig, elder daughter of Mr. A. R. Bisset, A.M.I.C.E., and Mrs. Bisset, "Santa Rosa," Douglas, I.O.M.

DIGGES (1913-21) and SANDERSON — March 22, 1941, at Holy Trinity Church, Bangalore, Charles Ernest Gordon Digges, Imperial Bank of India, Bangalore, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Digges, of Dublin, and Elizabeth Ballantyne Sanderson, younger daughter of Mr. Robert Sanderson and the late Mrs. Sanderson, of Billabong, Marsden, New South Wales, Australia.

MELLON (1924-27) and KNOTT — January 3, 1941, at Christchurch, Liversedge, Yorks, by the Vicar; Edward R. F., M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., son of the late R. E. Mellon, Brighton square,

Rathgar, and Mrs. E. G. Mellon, to Muriel Florence, eldest daughter of the late W. Knott and Mrs. Knott, Adare, Co. Limerick.

MILEY (1924-25) and DUNNE—June 3, 1941, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, by the Rev. Noble Hamilton, M.A., Rector; Richard Eric, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miley, Kimmage road, Dublin, to Theo Doreen, elder daughter of the late Thomas E. Dunne, of Dublin, and Mrs. Robert Chalmers, Portrane, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

TAYLOR (1921-29) and HODGES—June 11, 1941, at St. Philip's Church, Milltown, William Gregg, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Moyne road, Dublin, to Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hodges, Dartry road, Dublin.

WATERS (1925-28) and MASON—30th October, 1940, at Donore Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Thomas Bole, B.A., Maurice Hubert Waters, M.B., only son of the late Algernon W. Waters and Mrs. Waters, of 10 Arranmore road, Herbert Park, Dublin, to Jessie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mason, of "Hawthornden," South Circular road, Kilmaham.

Deaths

BRYSON (1920-25) — March 25, 1941, at Edinburgh, Seymour Frederick, eldest son of F. C. Bryson and Mrs. Bryson, 31 Villiers road, Rathgar.

MONTGOMERY (1885-87)—April 9, 1941, at a Dublin Hospital, Joseph Henry Montgomery, Solicitor, of 78 Northumberland road, Dublin, aged 72 years.

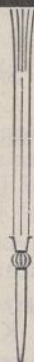
TWIGG (1883-85)—January 5th, 1941, Arthur Twigg at Malahide, Co. Dublin.

WRIGHT (1879-82)—February 3, 1941, Lloyd Blood Wright, M.D., son of the late Matthew Wright, Esquire, of Dunganstown, County Wicklow, grandson of the late Robert Stanley, Esquire, Mespil road, Dublin. Greatly regretted.

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