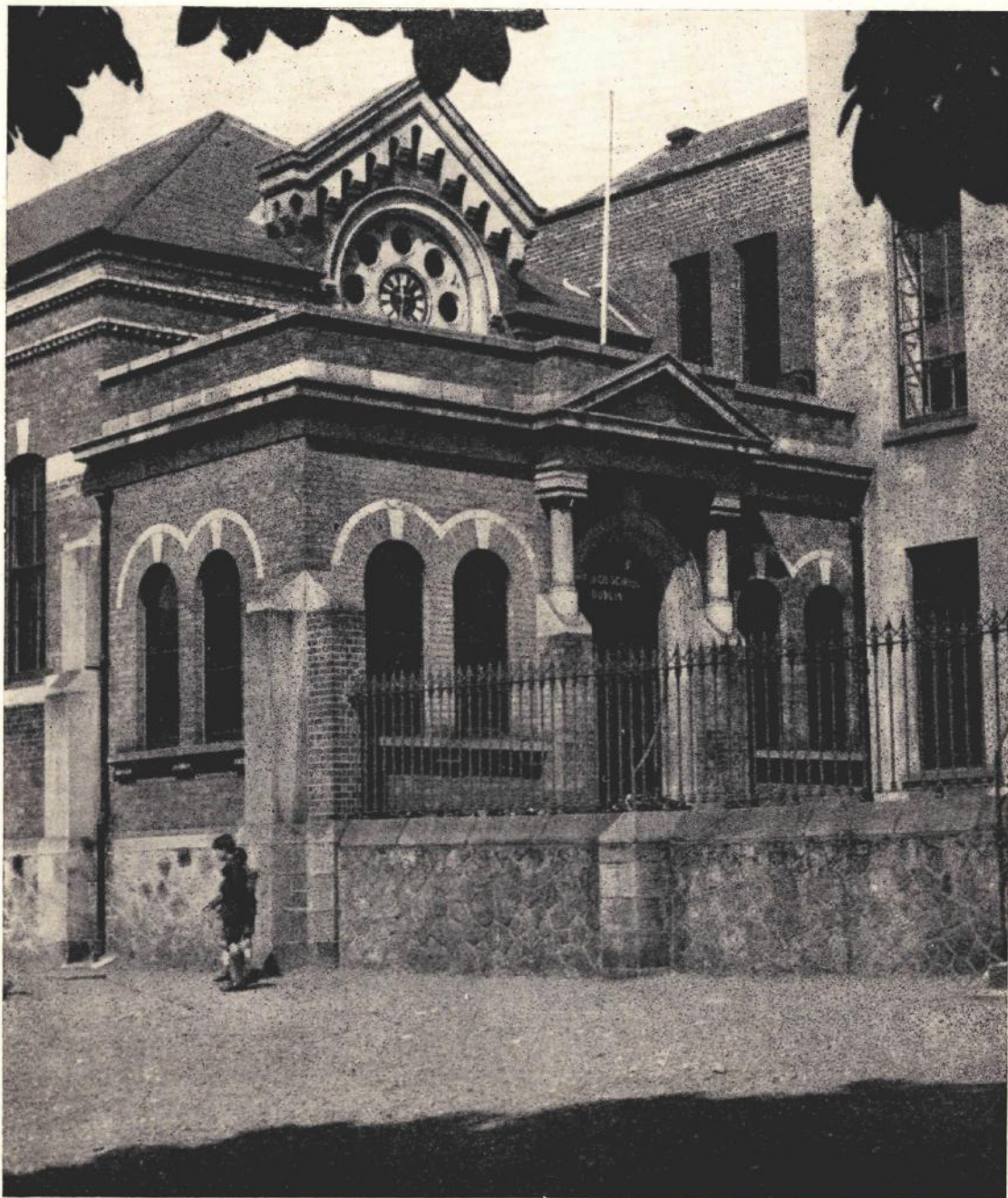


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EDITORIAL

The Summer has come upon us once more, ending yet another school term in a flourish of examinations, and, at the same time, heralding a new edition of "The Erasmian." "The Erasmian" always brings with it a "small task," and in the words of a certain master, we have been "stuck with the job," meaning of course that we have been asked to take up the customary "Editorial Quill."

" . . . And strictly meditate the thankless Muse."

We have searched in vain through our Latin text-books of "other days," but cannot isolate a suitable quotation. The only Latin phrases we can extract from our muddled thoughts are of the type "Haud multum afit quin" and "Quae cum ita sint." We then turned in desperation to the "Golden Treasury" only to discover that the "Romantic Poets" had obviously overlooked the possibility of some budding editor searching through their writings in the hope of obtaining "filling" for his great literary work.

Casting our troubled gaze about us in search of inspiration, we observe a coal heap of "monstrous size" which has been placed to serve as a "prospect" for the boys of F room. The original tuckshop has been replaced by a larger kitchen which, judging from the odours of frying-fish every Friday morn, is more unfavourably positioned with respect to the "yard-bound" breezes.

We notice, too, that three rooms, A, C and D, have been redecorated in a refreshing shade of green, while a fourth retains its former brown and cream colour, although considerably brightened by fresh coats of paint. Fluorescent lighting has been installed in all four rooms.

This year's rugby succeeded in ploughing up Belgrave Square to such an extent that we are now compelled to hold cricket practice on the tennis courts. Unfortunately we cannot play tennis and cricket on the same plot of grass, with the result that tennis playing this season has come to a standstill. However, we may hope for an outstanding season next year when we shall be showing Rathgar how to do things!

In view of some mysterious incidents which have been taking place recently in the School,

we would like to suggest that all pupils "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" rule four, to be found inside the cover of the School prep-book. We also point out that the sum there mentioned is rather small, and with recent price-increases in mind, suggest that it be multiplied by about 1×10^2 in order to bring our financial rates right up to date.

We now wish you all the best of luck for the Summer "holly-ers" and leave you to enjoy the "masterpieces" in writing which follow.

Three O'Clock

By the time three o'clock comes each day, masters are detaining boys ceaselessly, and boys are twiddling thumbs whilst anxiously listening for that enchanting sound which never seems to come, the tinkling of the bell. Doodling takes the place of work and boys are getting ready to dispose of books; watches are constantly under surveillance and it is the unanimous vote that the bell is late. Eventually the bell rings. Salvation! Books are "put" into satchels and away go the throngs of boys. For some it is a much-earned freedom; for others, those who have been allotted a seat in the Clockroom for detention period, it is torture. There is a mad rush in the cloakroom and all is chaos. There is a frightful jam in the bicycle sheds, but eventually the school is evacuated, and in the Clockroom one listens to the ticking of the clock which is hardly ever at the correct time, and to the scraping of pens on paper. At last detention is over and the boys who took part in it run all the way home to prevent parental questions being asked as to the cause of the lateness.

K. DUNGAN (2A).

May Day

The day is dawning fast;
Birds are singing
In the bushes.
May is bringing
Such gems of the year:
With tossing hay at the farm,
And a golden cock singing the alarm.
All is bright,
All is gay,
In the merry month of May.

BRIAN D. TAYLOR (J4). Age 9½.

Le Sergeant

Quand il est neuf heures et quart,
Le sonneur sonne la cloche vite,
"Qui est le sonneur?" vous me demandez,
"Le Sergeant," je réponds tout de suite.

Notre bon Sergeant tous les matins,
Toutes les semaines et tous les ans,
Sonne la cloche pour vous et moi,
Qu'aux leçons nous soyons à temps.

Tous les matins notre Sergeant est,
Dans sa boîte avant neuf heures et quart,
Il regarde les élèves mauvais,
Qui sont sans casquette, ou en retard.

E. N. BRUNKER (2A).

Uncharitable Thoughts on Modern Education

The timeless ticking of the bedside clock;
A gentle breeze that makes the open curtains
rock;

The groan of lazy traffic, all seem to mock
Me; make, at 8 o'clock, me wish the land of
Myth

Upon me once again; convince me that
Erasmus Smith

Could not have seen much far ahead, when
he laid

That Stone, and thought upon this thing that
he had made.

Sleep. Dreams. Freedom from the thoughts
of day.

But no—that can never be the way.
But no—"Get up! Get dressed in school
attire!

You're riding to town along with your sire.
Your fast, quick break! and here's your sand-
wich lunch.

Your bag?" (that makes you stagger like a
punch).

Beep! Beep! Look out! We're off for the
day's instruction,

And woe'll betide to any obstruction!

No need to hurry—we're there in time,

And in we troop, all lipping rhyme.

Prayers; and then to our assigned rooms we
press.

For our humiliation and distress.

For all the gentry who in knowledge flow,

Seem to want in patience for the lesson so.

And, from the pupils' point of view, they take
Delight in making all our "own time"—fake.

But, at five to three, when we are looking back,
We just can't think why it looked so black.
At 3 o'clock, because they do their worst just
then,

We fume and futile fret, and wonder when
We'll get "let out," or when we'll get the
chance to raze

This institution, where we slowly craze.

Home again we might sit on the step and
castles air,

(But then, when aired, to build them time is
found too spare!)

Or, "dutiful" perhaps, we do our work,

Or, returning to reality (not without a jerk),
We think that mighty thought—

"Oh! What that wasted money could have
bought!"

For even as we'll grow to death,
We'll always, always, know Macbeth.

"To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death."

"It is a tale told by" a fool,
So it just as well applies to school.

J. C. HALE (3A).

Meteorology

Meteorology is the science of the weather, called by Aristotle "Τα Μεωετρα" "the things above the earth," on which almost everyone, even from the earliest times, has made observations. The state of the clouds must have been observed as a weather prognostic from the very beginning of the human creation, and to-day the state of the weather is a constant interest (or worry) to everyone, and the subject of constant research to the official meteorologist. Weather forecasts for large areas are impossible to make from the weather of one local spot. We are all at the bottom of the atmospheric ocean, and from one spot can learn little more of it than an oyster could learn of the Atlantic. Weather forecasts from the Meteorological Office are the result of thousands of weather reports received by radio from all over the world, including the sea; indeed, the number of weather reports received at Dunstable forecasting station was 100,000 during every 24 hours before the end of the last war.

But the average person is concerned only with local weather conditions, and for weather forecasting for the family picnic these are usually quite reasonably accurate. The instruments needed are few, and easily obtained. Wet and dry-bulb thermometers, maximum and minimum thermometer, barometer, and rain-gauge are the essentials. The wet-bulb thermometer is simply an ordinary outdoor thermometer with a small water container and wick to keep the bulb moist.

A bath thermometer does excellently! The dry-bulb thermometer, strangely enough, is the thermometer hanging outside the back door. The wet-bulb usually reads lower than the dry-bulb, due to heat needed to vapourise the water on the wick being taken from the thermometer bulb. This gives a means of measuring the humidity; that is, the concentration of water vapour in the air. It is usually obtained as a percentage from tables. The barometer acts partly on this principle because water vapour in the air makes it lighter, and so the barometer falls. When the humidity is high (barometer low, small difference in wet- and dry-bulb readings) the air cannot hold much more moisture, and so very slight cooling, or very small increase in water vapour concentration, will cause rainfall. It is usually found, however, that the most certain sign of rain is a sudden rise in humidity, or fall of barometer. The maximum and minimum thermometer, and rain-gauge are used purely for record purposes, and form useful guides for future forecasting. Without a barometer I have found the wet- and dry-bulb thermometers to be the most reliable for forecasting for the immediate future. As an illustration of my last statement may be given the following figures and results. They are for the last day of the last Easter holidays. April 9th, 6.30 p.m.—Wet-bulb, 50°F.; Dry-bulb, 54°F.; % Humidity, 80. April 10th, 8.30 a.m.—Wet-bulb, 56°F.; Dry-bulb, 57°F.; % Humidity, 90.

I did not know the significance of the sudden rise in humidity at the time, so coming home at 5 o'clock by bicycle I got drenched to the skin. $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain fell that night. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch is a really bad day's rain. Please note that it is the difference that matters (big difference means low humidity, and vice versa), and not the actual temperature. No instrument is needed for measuring the wind force as it is

usually taken from its effects on smoke, trees, dust, umbrellas, and slates according to the Beaufort Scale. Wind direction is obtained from the direction of the clouds.

Temperature readings should be taken twice to four times daily; others once daily. A typical day's readings look like this:—Date, 9/5/'56; Time, 3.30 p.m.; Wind Direction, S.W. Force, 5; Rainfall, $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; Wet-bulb, 54°F.; Dry-bulb, 58°F.; Humidity, 65; Temperature, 8.30 a.m., 56°F.; 1.00 p.m., 73°F.; 3.30 p.m., 61°F.; 5.30 p.m., 63°F. Remarks on unusual happenings are usually written on the opposite page to these readings, which are put in table form in a notebook. Cloud formations are also put here, but they are beyond the scope of this article.

Here are a few hints to help you forecast the weather for your next picnic. Fair weather indications:—Undersides of poplar leaves visible; afternoon clouds decrease towards sunset; even red glow in west at sunset. Bad weather indications:—Clouds move fast; yellow sunset; red in east at dawn; red reflected off clouds all over sky at sunset. Also some true weather "saws":—

Rain before seven,
Fine before eleven.

Mackerel skies, and mare's tails
Make tall ships carry low sails.

With regard to the moon:—

The bigger the ring,
The nearer the rain.

When the stars begin to huddle
The earth will soon become a puddle.

With regard to the barometer:—

Long notice, long last,
Short notice, soon past.

There are many true weather prophecies in the Bible: Job 37, v. 9; Isaiah 21, v. 1; Zechariah 9, v. 14; St. Luke 12, v. 54 and 55; Hosea 13, v. 15; Ezekiel 17, v. 10. These, of course, apply particularly to Palestine, but they are surprisingly suitable for Ireland too.

A. WATSON (5A).

Beware of Davy Crockett

I'm sick of him, I'm tired of him,
He really is a bore!
I'd give him ten bob willingly
To leave old Ireland's shore.
If he would go off somewhere in a rocket
Our wild west pal, the wonder, Davy
Crockett.

[With apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Crockett, Alamo
View, Mountain Top, Tennessee, U.S.A.]

D. W. R. (2A).

The Clouds

The clouds high up in the sky
Pass o'er the land and sea,
Changing shape as they go by
In forms unknown to me.

Strange shapes in black, strange shapes
in white,

Travelling on both day and night;
Some travel fast, some travel slow,
Where they'll go, I'll never know.

H. BESTE (2A).

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Frogmen

This year if you go to a popular seaside resort, you can expect to see at least two amateur frogmen. Why two, you may ask; well, it is not wise to swim alone, for if anything happens to one the other can give aid or send for it.

The hobby of swimming under water will be more popular than ever this Summer. It began to develop last year about August, but this year I think it will start earlier. The reasons for this being:—

- (1) The foundation of an Irish Sub-Aqua Club.
- (2) The appearance of equipment in nearly every shop window.

The essential equipment is a face mask, breathing tube and flippers (and bathing trunks).

With these you can lie, face downwards, on the surface and observe marine objects; then when desired you can submerge (the valve on the breathing tube automatically closes). Ear-plugs must never be worn for diving, the water would compress the air trapped in the ear-plug and would burst the eardrum.

When you become expert at this you can buy a harpoon gun, but unfortunately these are not cheap; they range from £7 to £12. They are worked by rubber, and fire a harpoon with a line on it at fish. In this case, a piece of meat can be worn on the belt to attract fish, which are usually tamer than expected.

But the dream of all amateur frogmen is to own an aqua-lung, so he can stay submerged for long periods. With this, he can enjoy the real wonders of the deep, like caves and wrecks.

All the same, with the bare essentials it can be good fun, and it is so amazing that all the wonderful colours would have to be seen to be believed. All the stones which on land are various shades of grey turn to be beautiful reds, blues, greens and yellows through the face mask.

G. R. L. BURNE (2A).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

Term began after the Christmas Holidays on 16th January.

We welcome to the Staff Mr. F. T. Peters, B.A. (T.C.D.), and say farewell to Mr. O'Hanrahan, who left at the end of the Christmas Term, and has joined the Staff of Wesley College.

We wish to thank the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. R. J. Walker, for the Silver Cup which he has kindly presented to the School. The Cup will be known as the "Walker Cup" and will be awarded annually to the winner of the one mile handicap at the School Sports.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Gardner on the birth of a son, May 6th, 1956.

In February a half-mile handicap race was held at Iveagh Baths. A shield bearing the School Arms was presented by the Old Boys' Union for award to the winner. Thirteen of the fifteen competitors finished the course, the result being: 1st, S. C. Quick (8); 2nd, R. J. Bellis (8); 3rd, J. D. Reynolds (8).

The School was again visited by the Mass-Radiography and B.C.G. units.

The annual collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution amounted to £3 9s. 0d.

We congratulate P. R. S. Kelly, of Form 3B, on being awarded the Boy Scout Gilt Cross for Gallantry. Kelly, who is a member of the 11th South Dublin (Zion) Troop, rescued a woman from drowning in the River Dodder last June.

A sum of £7 was contributed to Dr. Barnardo's Homes as a result of collections made among the boys.

Mr. W. R. Wilson has presented a Levaillant's parrot — a rare species from Mexico — to the Dublin Zoological Gardens. Mr. Wilson brought the parrot with him from Belfast over 25 years ago, and he assures us that in spite of quarter of a century in Dublin it still speaks with a pronounced northern accent.

By means of their nature magazine on an outing with Miss Williams to Killakee the boys of J6 were able to collect £2 11s. 6d. for

the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. J5 contributed £1 13s. 0d. through their magazine, "On the Seashore," to the same Society.

During the Summer Term J6 have been on outings to the country twice to study Spring flowers and birds. J4 have been to the National Art Gallery to look at Dutch Paintings and Renaissance pictures.

The buildings and grounds at Danum, Rathgar, will become the property of the Governors in July. Danum is in Bushy Park Road, just opposite Zion Church. Extensive plans have been made to develop the grounds, and it is hoped that five rugby fields and two cricket pitches will be available in due course. Some years must elapse before the scheme can be completed, but every effort is being made to provide one rugby field and one cricket field for use next year. Belgrave Square will still be used in the meantime.

A framed facsimile of the Proclamation of the Republic 1916 was presented to the School by An Tríú Cath i mBriogáid Átha Cliath, Óglaigh na hÉireann.

Visitors to the School this Term included Max Nurock, O.B.E., who is now Israeli Minister to Australia, and Rev. W. G. Leach, who is home on holidays from Canada.

We Congratulate:—

Mr. Brook on being selected to play for the Leinster Hockey Team in the Junior Inter-provincial matches against Munster, Ulster, and the South-East.

J. D. R. Oakes on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

R. W. G. Hall on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' Rugby Team against Connacht, and against Munster.

N. P. D. Kilroy on being selected to captain the Leinster Schools' Cricket Team against the Leprechauns.

D. Goody and A. Rance on being selected to play on the first-ever juvenile Badminton match between players under 16 from Belfast and Dublin.

W. S. A. Gibney on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for rugby.

Examination Results

EXAMINATIONS IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1956

Greek Testament

Prizes (1st Class)—R. G. Miller, D. Watson, R. S. F. Murphy, V. R. Eakin, M. Kennedy. **(2nd Class)**—R. A. Buttimore, N. D. Simpson.

Pass—J. D. Reynolds.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes (1st Class)—I. B. King, G. D. Lawson. **(2nd Class)**—J. P. Sides, R. C. Balmer, C. S. Maybury, R. W. Scales, A. H. Griffen, G. H. Dodd, H. B. Knott, T. G. McCamley, A. J. Roy, N. Clements. **(3rd Class)**—D. J. Lewis, W. N. Stuart, R. D. Warrington, C. A. Watson, F. McQuestion, B. L. Meyer.

Pass—A. S. Doak, D. W. Micks, C. N. Sherwood, S. C. O'Keefe, K. W. Rigley, D. S. Burgess, T. H. Lloyd, A. T. Ruddock, R. J. Grier, J. A. Rowe, D. G. Lyster, B. N. Allman, P. H. Medcalf, J. M. Watson, R. H. Hickey, G. B. Hammond, E. C. Morton, R. A. Carter, J. C. Robinson, G. D. Taylor, N. R. Gallo-way, M. A. Robinson.

Second Year

Prizes (1st Class)—J. R. Williams, R. Curtis, F. R. O'Neill, G. A. McCamley, W. J. Moody. **(2nd Class)**—G. D. Hudson, T. W. Dobson, T. Doyle, S. A. Mackey, G. L. Byrne, G. Lanigan, H. F. Price, M. O'Hehir. **(3rd Class)**—E. W. Lewis, L. N. Coombs, R. D. Owen, D. Emmett, D. W. Gill, R. A. Talbot.

Pass—M. S. Hall, H. Beste, V. W. Armstrong, W. A. Fisher, G. R. Graves, G. T. Patterson, A. J. Hyland, B. E. Killen, N. E. Darby, J. B. Grier, M. Davenport, J. Heighway, W. B. Cooper, M. Dignam, P. V. Hautz, N. J. Reeves, A. Kelso, D. A. Talbot, J. S. Stokes, D. F. Youell, G. H. Ball, D. R. Maher.

Synod—Third Year

Prizes (1st Class)—T. O. Driver, R. P. Carroll, B. McClay, C. P. Williams, J. E. Bardon, P. W. Pappin. **(2nd Class)**—S. C. Quick, T. Haskins, J. D. Challen, M. W. Taylor, G. A. Aitken, A. H. Gill, J. F. O'Neill, R. B. Boyce. **(3rd Class)**—I. D. Doak, E. E. Kerr, B. C. Johnson, R. W. Bellis, N. Lambert.

Pass—A. C. Rance, A. F. Morton, D. S. Pickett, W. B. Lyster, J. H. Hartley, R. J. Talbot, B. B. Killen, D. M. Drought, D. W. Goodey, W. J. Hogan.

Scripture only—V. C. Kelly (54/70), J. C. Hale (53/70), R. F. Browett (35/70).

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Year (Pass)—T. H. Gick, J. Robinson, B. Allen, B. Coxon, B. J. Morgan.

2nd Year (2nd Class)—R. M. Carson.

3rd Year (Pass)—J. H. MacNab, P. M. Cobbe.

METHODIST CHURCH

1st Year (2nd Class)—P. Nelson, A. Skerritt, R. R. Miller. **(Pass)**—W. J. Davis, C. S. McLean, E. Simpson, F. Cheatle.

2nd Year (2nd Class)—A. K. Pope.

3rd Year (2nd Class)—D. J. Bryans, R. McDonnell.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Governors have awarded Scholarships to the following boys:—

Under 13

P. E. Hall (High School).
B. L. Meyer (High School).
D. S. R. East (High School).
R. G. H. Simmons (St. Stephen's).
T. H. Lloyd (High School).
G. D. Lawson (High School).
D. Emmett (High School).
J. A. Rowe (High School).

Under 12

N. Toms (High School).
G. M. Tyrrell (Sandford).
J. M. Adams (High School).
B. A. Stokes (Sandford).
M. A. McCullagh (Rathgar).
N. G. S. Willis (Kilternan).

B'nai B'rith awards have been given to G. C. S. Burne, N. G. S. Willis, R. M. Davie, and G. H. Gill.

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B.A.I.—C. A. Bowden, W. M. Gregory, A. O'M. Williams.

B.D.—The Rev. E. C. T. Perdue.

Sizarships, Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions

Second Entrance Scholarship—A. M. Gann.

Sizarship in Mathematics—A. R. L. Beck.

Second Class Junior Exhibition—A. R. L. Beck.

Entrance Exhibition—T. T. West.

In addition to the actual awards made above, A. M. Gann obtained First Place in the Sizarship examination in Classics, but was debarred on financial grounds, and T. T. West obtained second place in the Sizarship examination in Mathematics and a place in the Junior Exhibition test, but was also debarred on financial grounds.

Backhouse Prize at Entrance to Engineering School—B. E. W. Dowse.

Term Honor Examinations

- C. C. Walker (J.S.)—Mathematics (2nd Rank).
 J. R. Hautz (J.S.)—Economics and Political Science (1st Rank).
 D. J. G. Irwin (J.F.)—Mathematics (2nd Rank).
 A. Thompson (J.F.)—Mathematics (3rd Rank).
 J. T. Killen (J.F.)—Classics (1st Rank).

School of Physic

- Final Medical Examination (B)—T. W. Williams.
 Second Medical Examination (Part I)—R. D. Taylor.

Matriculation

E. M. Browett, S. J. D. Brooks, R. W. G. Hall, C. E. Harvey, S. H. Heaney, B. St. C. Herman, M. C. Kennedy, N. P. D. Kilroy, H. M. McCamley, J. D. F. McKee, C. J. Mathews, N. C. J. Pope, M. R. H. Taylor, A. Watson, C. N. Watson, D. W. Williams, J. D. Wilkinson.

Incorporated Law Society

First Examination in Irish—J. G. Fish.

Youth Review of Industry

The Vocational Service Committee of the Rotary Club of Dublin has adopted a scheme for conducted visits to a group of manufacturing establishments in the city. The object is to give boys a preview of conditions in various industries, which would prove helpful to them in the choice of a career.

The companies visited this year were:—17th February, the Hammond Lane Foundry Co., Ltd.; 2nd March, Dollard Printing House Ltd.; 13th April, E.S.B., North Wall Power Station; 27th April, Mineral Waters Distributors Ltd.

We were unfortunate in that a visit arranged to the Killeen Paper Mills had to be cancelled because ice-bound roads made travelling conditions dangerous.

Parties of twelve boys (different each time, where possible) from the Senior School visited these establishments after school hours and showed much interest in the technical processes of each industry.

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Christmas Party

The annual Senior School Christmas party was held in the Clockroom on Tuesday, 20th of December, 1955. Sixty boys and their partners enjoyed dances and games—and a splendid supper.

Our best thanks are due to the ladies who organised the catering and to Mr. "Paddy" Walker of the O.B.U., who arranged the loan and installation of the public address system.

A. M. G.
J. D. R. O.

Fifth Form Dance

The Fifth Form Dance was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 13th of January. This year it was decided that only boys on the School books at the time would be eligible to attend. This very naturally reduced the numbers. Despite this reduction and the "ill-omened" date, the dance was a very pleasant and enjoyable social function. Music was by George Hall and his band, who, with our jovial M.C., Rodney Walshe, "made the dance."

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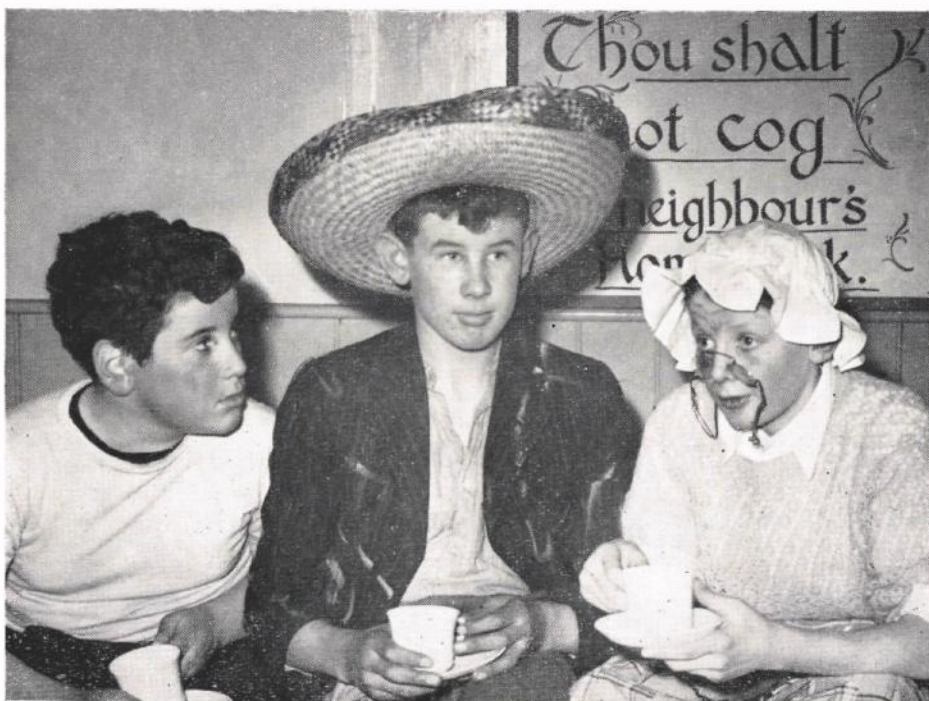
The fifth annual Concert was held on Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th February, 1956, and the Clockroom was full on each night. On Saturday night we were honoured by the presence of Mrs. Eamon de Valera, who had been invited to see her own play, "Teach I nAirde," performed by Form 3A. The programme was as follows:—

"TEACH I n-AIRDE" ("HOUSE TO LET"). By Sinéad de Valéra. Produced by Mr. Gearóid O Lochlainn and Mr. J. R. W. Goulden. Michael (the caretaker), R. A. Buttimore; A Lady, D. J. Challen; An Old Man, V. C. Kelly; Patrick O'Ryan, T. O. Driver; Stephen McKeon, G. A. Aitken. By frighten-

Sally Gardens (arr. Woodgate); Allegro (Tele-mann); Bablock-Hythe (Sumsion); Minuet (Bach).

PIANO SOLO. A. M. Gann. First movement of Sonata in C major (Mozart); Remembrance, Opus 68 (Schumann).

"TOM SAWYER." Adapted from Mark Twain's story by Dorothy Scott (by kind permission of Messrs. J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd.). Produced by Mr. K. Milne. Synopsis of Scenes: 1, Kitchen; 2, Garden; 3, Sunday School; 4, Day School. Tom Sawyer, D. M. Drought; Aunt Polly, B. B. Killen; Sid, T. B. Waddington; Jim, M. C. Gorman; Other Boys, S. T. Mason, G. H. Dodd, M. W. Taylor, A. H. Gill; Mr. Walters, D. W. H. Adams; Judge Thatcher, J. F. O'Neill; Mrs. Thatcher, D. Emmett; Becky, J. D. Reynolds; Mr. Dobbins, N. Lambert; Schoolgirls, V. J. Robinson, A. K. Pope.



T. B. Waddington, D. M. Drought, and B. B. Killen in "Tom Sawyer."

ing away prospective tenants with tales of imaginary defects in the house, Michael has managed to retain a home and position for himself. He judges applicants quickly, and always concocts a story calculated to scare the particular individual, and so hopes to prolong this state of affairs indefinitely. In the end he finds a man whom he cannot frighten.

"POPO THE PUPPET." D. W. Micks. Chorus: J. P. Sides, R. C. G. Balmer, P. H. Nelson. Produced by Mr. R. M. Mahon.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR AND RECORDER BAND. Choir Master: Mr. A. S. Burrowes. Down by the

"WILLOW PATTERN PLATE." Miniature Opera by Frederick Norton. Produced by Mr. A. S. Burrowes and the Headmaster. Narrators, H. M. McCamley and M. R. H. Taylor; Koong Shee (the Mandarin's daughter), G. L. R. Burne; Chang (the Mandarin's Secretary), R. E. Grocock; The Mandarin, A. K. Dungan; Child Servants, A. H. F. Griffin and C. S. Maybury; Koong Shee's Maid, B. L. Meyer; Koong Shee's New Maid, A. J. Roy; The Duke, D. E. Simpson; Soldiers, D. R. Maher, J. S. Heighway, F. G. H. McQueston; Banner Bearers, R. R. Miller, D. S. Burgess, R. D. Warrington, H. B. Knott; Musician, T. G. McCamley; Dancers, G. C. S. Burne, M. W. Stuart, W. J. Davis, C. S. McLean.

MAGICAL MOMENTS. L. N. H. Coombs.

"SHYLOCK MAKES A BARGAIN." A scene from the "Merchant of Venice." Produced by Mr. Gearóid O Lochlainn. Shylock, K. A. H. Mills; Bassanio, S. H. Heaney; Antonio, N. C. J. Pope.

VIOLIN SOLO. E. H. Winter. Accompanied by Julian Dawson. Meditation (Massenet); Hungarian Dance, No. 5 (Brahms).

"LE CHAT BOTTE." Written and produced by Mr. G. W. Keegan. Scene 1: The King's Court. Scene 2: On the bank of a river. Scene 3: Before the Giant's castle. Le Chat Botté, R. O. W. Wormell; Jacques, fils du meunier, D. W. Powell; Le Roi, G. H. Lanigan; La Princesse Mélita, F. R. O'Neill; Le Géant, R. Curtis and E. N. Brunner; Le Lion, I. A. McKay and J. R. Williams; Le Serviteur, J. P. Hayes; Le Cocher, R. M. Carson. Cornet off-stage played by H. Beste.

Stage Manager—Mr. W. R. Wilson.

Organiser—Mr. P. J. O'Kane.

Costumes—Mrs. R. W. Reynolds, Mrs. W. N. Gill, Mrs. M. A. Handy.

Assistant Stage Managers—Mr. R. M. Mahon, Mr. N. E. Beresford, Mr. F. Peters.

Stage Assistants—P. M. Cobbe, B. W. Moffett, K. Leary, A. Fisher, J. S. Cochrane.

Parents' Association

Our Thirteenth Session is nearly complete and once again I am able to announce a new record in membership—174 subscriptions have been received!

I finished my report on our Twelfth Session at our Annual General Meeting, expressing the hope that the Thirteenth might be counted unlucky by those who did not participate in it, and I think that many of our members will find themselves in this category. Despite our arranging meetings on varying nights, it was disappointing that our average attendance showed little or no increase on last year's figure. The subjects were all most interesting and we were very fortunate to have good speakers, all fully conversant with their subjects. Following the meetings mentioned in the Christmas "Erasmian," we had Dr. Owen Sheehy Skeffington, who spoke on "Education in Ireland"; four speakers from T.C.D., who addressed us on their own subjects of Appointments, Public Administration, Chemistry and Geology, and Dr. F. C. O'Herlihy, who gave much information on Poliomyelitis. Besides these meetings we had two social occasions, a Film Show and a Whist Drive.

To those who have not attended any of our gatherings I would say, loudly and clearly:

"Why not come along to the next one? We value your financial support, but would appreciate even more your presence with us. It is very pleasant to hear the various speakers and afterwards have the opportunity of chatting with other parents and a number of the teachers over a cup of tea."

We propose, D.V., to hold our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 26th, 1956, and look forward to a big crowd in the Clockroom on that occasion.

On July 1st, the School will take over the new Sports Field, but much work will be required before this can come into full use. It occurs to me that, under suitable supervision, many of the boys (and maybe some parents, too) could lend a hand during the holidays and derive much satisfaction from the knowledge that they have made a positive contribution to the benefit of the School. Have we anyone who would undertake to organise working parties? If so, please get in touch with the School authorities to explore the position.

The next important item is the Hobbies Exhibition, which, we hope, will be an even greater success than last year. Please encourage your boys to take part and so assist in the firm establishment of this as an annual feature of the School year. A separate announcement appears elsewhere in this issue.

And now, I have a double farewell to take. Firstly, to each boy who is leaving the School, we of the Parents' Association offer our sincere wishes that you will find happiness (in the widest sense of the word) in whatever "lane" of Life's Highway you travel. Secondly, a personal note. A business appointment has meant my return to England and consequently my resignation as Honorary Secretary. I shall miss the pleasant tasks I undertook for the Association and count myself privileged to have met so many parents and to have received so much help from Dr. Reynolds, Mr. Evans, Miss Huet, their colleagues and the members of our Committee. My memories of The High School, Dublin, Parents' Association will always be of the happiest, and I hope that each succeeding year will see the advancement of this important facet of the life of the School.

Many, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

G. F. BELLIS,

Hon. Secretary.

Erasmian Committee

Literary contributions are invited from present and past pupils, and all others interested in the School.

Editor—W. G. G. Fisher.

Assistant Editor—B. F. C. Kenny.

Sports Editors—R. W. G. Hall, N. P. D. Kilroy.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: C.A.I., The Columban, The Masonic Schools' Magazine, Portora, The Wesley College Magazine.

Top of the Form

On the 22nd of February a quiz was held by the O.B.U. in the Clockroom at 7.30 p.m. Just before the quiz started, the three teams (Abbey, Belgrave, and Harcourt) filed down the centre of the hall, and up on to the stage. Mr. Mervyn Bell, who was the quizmaster, took the chair.

The teams were made up of six boys apiece. Each team was represented by one boy out of each year. There were four rounds, one of which tested the boys' musical knowledge. The questions were very well assorted, covering history, geography, sport and knowledge of Dublin.

After the second round the contestants were given a rest, while they watched the fine miming of Mr. Mackay, and listened to the piano-playing of Julian Dawson. Once more the quiz was resumed, and again the boys did their best to answer the questions.

At the end of the fourth round the prizes were presented by Mrs. Walker, the President's wife. Not only Abbey, the winners, received prizes, but also the other two teams, who were given packets of sweets. After the quiz, both the teams and the parents had tea in the Boardroom.

As two contestants, we can say how much we enjoyed the evening, and would like to thank the Old Boys' Union, who made it possible for everyone to have an enjoyable time.

M. W. TAYLOR and D. J. CHALLEN (3A).

Film Shows

Two film evenings of interest to transport enthusiasts were arranged during the Spring Term. Railway films (by courtesy of British Railways) were shown on January 26th. The proceeds of a collection made at this Show went to help the Rugby Club meet its travelling expenses. We must thank Mr. Buchanan for arranging that High School had the Irish "première" of these films. On March 15th, films dealing with aircraft, motor cars and motor cycles were shown. Our thanks are due to the film-librarian of the British Embassy for these films, which included the latest from the Farnborough Show.

Hobbies Exhibition 1956

The Second Annual Hobbies Exhibition will be held at the School on Saturday, September 15th, 1956, and will be on similar lines to that of last year.

Age Groups are as follows:—

Group 1—Under 11 years on August 1st, 1956.

Group 2—Under 13 years on August 1st, 1956.

Group 3—Under 15 years on August 1st, 1956.

Group 4—Over 15 years on August 1st, 1956.

Exhibits will be classified under two Sections as follows:—

Section A (Art and Science, Natural History)—Drawing and Painting, Modelling or Sculpture, Lino Cuts, Pottery, Photography, Collections of various kinds.

Section B (General) — Handwork, Model making, Carpentry or Woodwork, Engineering and Metal Work.

Bayco, Dinky Builder and similar models and train layout are **not eligible**, but any part of a layout made by the Exhibitor may be submitted.

N.B.—The above lists are examples. If your hobby is not actually mentioned, send in your exhibit in any case. Any number of entries may be sent in.

These are the Rules:—

1. The entry submitted must be mainly the work of the boy exhibiting, but the joint effort of two or more boys will be accepted.
2. The entry must bear a number, which will be allotted by Mr. Evans.
3. Entries must be brought to the School on Friday, 14th September, and removed on Monday, 17th September.
4. The decision of the Judges is final. Every care will be taken of the exhibits, but no responsibility can be accepted.

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Group 3 - -	10/-	7/6
Group 4 - -	15/-	10/-

SECTION B

General Hobbies

	First Prize	Second Prize
Group 1 - -	7/6	5/-
Group 2 - -	7/6	5/-
Group 3 - -	10/-	7/6
Group 4 - -	15/-	10/-

Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4—Eight prizes of 5/- will be awarded for meritorious entries in any Section or Group.

Certificates of Merit—Eight of these, accompanied by a prize of 3/6, will be awarded to deserving entries.

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Hon. Sec. : N. P. D. Kilroy.

BOXING

Capt. : N. A. Adam.
Vice-Capt. : D. G. Gregory.
Hon. Sec. : D. R. Dagg.

ATHLETICS

Capt. : H. M. McCamley.
Vice-Capt. : R. W. G. Hall.

CRICKET

Capt. : N. P. D. Kilroy.
Vice-Capt. : T. T. West.
Hon. Sec. : R. W. G. Hall.

TABLE TENNIS, 1955-56

Capt. : E. M. Browett.
Vice-Capt. : S. H. Heaney.
Hon. Sec. : S. Seager.

SWIMMING

Capt. : J. D. Ridgeway.
Vice-Capt. : M. R. H. Taylor.
Hon. Sec. : W. Burrowes.



S.C.T. (1955-56)

Standing—M. R. H. Taylor, D. Dagg, J. D. Ridgeway, Mr. Lowry, B. E. W. Dowse, B. A. Dennis, N. A. Adam, E. H. Winter.

Seated—Mr. Cornish, N. P. D. Kilroy, J. D. R. Oakes, R. W. G. Hall (Capt.), S. Seager, T. T. West, Dr. Reynolds.

On Ground—S. H. Heaney, D. L. Semple. Inset—A. R. W. Hughes.

Cricket

In spite of ludicrous lack of accommodation and facilities the season has been very successful to date. Our Senior team defeated a strong St. Mary's side in a very exciting finish in our First Round Cup match. Unfortunately, in the Second Round, we were defeated by Belvedere in a very close game. Bad batting and lack of match practice contributed materially towards our downfall. We would like to con-

gratulate our Captain, N. P. D. Kilroy, on being selected to captain the Leinster Schools versus the Leprechauns.

We are glad to note keen competition for places on the J.C.T. This team has had a very satisfactory season and at the time of going to press has reached the final of the Junior Cup.

Like the J.C.T., the "Under 14" have yet to be beaten in their competition. This team has already won its section of the League and has

reached the semi-final of the Cup, which we won for the first time last season.

The "Under 13" has played a number of matches this season, and while it is at present more conspicuous for its keenness than for its success, the team is steadily improving.

Cricket in the Junior School is flourishing and large numbers are witness to the enthusiasm shown for the game in this promising section.

R. W. G. H.

Rugby

This year the Senior team has had a very successful season. The team played 22 matches in all, which included two matches played in Northern Ireland. These matches, against Larne Grammar School and Bangor Grammar School, are annual fixtures. Later on return matches were played in Dublin. The team was a stronger, although a lighter, team than usual.

In the first round of the Leinster Schools' Senior Cup Competition, we defeated a heavier Wesley team by 3 points to nil, although the game was not quite as close as the score would suggest. In the second round we drew (6 points all) with Presentation College, Bray. We were unfortunate not to win this match, especially as our opponents were a good deal heavier than ourselves. In the replay, our heaviest forward was injured in the fourth minute and had to leave the field. [His injury proved more serious than expected and he was detained in hospital for four weeks.] Nevertheless we held out until 4 minutes from the end before our line was crossed.

Owing to adverse weather conditions, we were unable to play against the Old Boys' XV, much to the School's disappointment.

The team this year was captained by R. W. G. Hall, whom we must congratulate on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' XV against Connacht and Munster. Oakes and Seager were earlier selected for the Leinster Schools' rugby trial.

The Junior Cup team, after a very poor beginning, turned out to be quite competent. The team was fortunate in having a rather heavier pack than usual. It was around this pack that any hopes we had were built. Indeed the team put up a very good show in the first round of the Leinster Schools' Junior Cup Competition, but were finally beaten 10-3 by Newbridge, who got through to the final.

The "Under 14" team enjoyed a very successful season. The team was very keen and played its matches under any conditions. The team played very open rugby, and, in all, scored 73 tries in 17 matches.

Both the "Under 13" and "Under 12" teams played their games with much gusto, and seemed to derive great enjoyment from doing so. "Under 11" and "Under 10" teams took the field this year and in no way disgraced the School by their standard of play.

N. P. D. K.

Athletics

This season we made a good start by making some additions to our equipment. We now have a javelin, discus, and a jumping pit which is suitable for long and high jumps, and also pole vaulting. We are thankful to Mr. Wilson for making us such an excellent slideway, and also to Mr. Myles for allowing us the use of his poles.

We entered a number of boys for the Leinster Schools' Sports this year, but owing to cricket matches our numbers were reduced. Notwithstanding, the relay teams, although not placed, gave a good account of themselves. R. W. G. Hall qualified for the semi-final of the Senior 100 yards, but owing to a cricket match was unable to run. M. McCamley qualified for the semi-final of the hurdles, but was unplaced.

At present we are getting ready for the sports, and we look forward to a large entry, and also a good attendance of parents and friends.

M. McC.

Boxing

In 1955-56, as in previous years, the boys took a very keen interest in boxing and the Club had quite a successful season under the training of Mr. Myles. Two fixtures were held. The first, which we won, was against a very sporting and aggressive team from Morgan's School. The second was against a team from St. Columba's College, in which victory went to them. Our losing this fixture was partly due to the fact that they could not meet us in all our weights, consequently some of our better members were not fighting. We should like to congratulate N. A. Adam, who, although losing his bout, gave a splendid display of courage and skill against an opponent who was almost a stone heavier.

D. R. D.

OLD BOYS' UNION

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The Annual Dinner

We are pleased to report that the 1956 Annual Dinner, held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 21st January, was once again an outstanding success. Congratulations to our President, Mr. Ralph J. Walker, on the very capable manner in which he presided and for the excellent speech he made when he proposed the toast of "The School."

The principal guests were Sir Alexander Clutterbuck and Mr. Gerard Sweetman, Minister for Finance. We had two very fine speeches from these gentlemen when they replied to the toast of "Our Guests and Kindred Associations," ably proposed by Mr. F. E. Tate.

Our best thanks are accorded to Mr. Mervyn Bell and the musical guests for an excellent musical programme.

This was certainly a very enjoyable and happy evening for the 218 members and guests who were present.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

The President and Mrs. Walker very kindly opened their gardens and grounds at Fernhill, Sandyford, on 22nd April, 1956, in aid of the above scheme. It was a great tribute to our

President that so many came along to enjoy the beautiful show of flowers and flowering shrubs and to walk through the fields, the wood and the gardens, and to see the wonderful views of Dublin Bay and the surrounding countryside. The receipts amounted to £41 10s. Very many thanks, Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

The Hon. Treasurer invites members who have not so far subscribed or are not already subscribers to send subscriptions from two shillings and sixpence upwards to him.



Water-divining at Fernhill.

A.S.U. Annual Sportsman's Service

This year's Service was held in the Abbey Presbyterian Church and Dr. Jack Kyle was the special preacher. The church was filled to capacity and many people were unable to get in. A collection of over £140 was given to the Adelaide Hospital.

Question Time

A very successful Question Time for the boys was held in the Clockroom on 22nd February, 1956. The Old Boys' Union presented prizes for the winning team and a prize for the best individual was kindly given by Messrs. Hodges, Figgis & Co., Ltd. Consolation prizes for the losers were kindly provided by Lemon & Co. Our best thanks to the Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association for providing tea afterwards. A collection for the School sports fund brought in over £7.

Spring Dance

This Dance was held in the Ballroom of the Gresham Hotel on Friday, 9th March, 1956, and enjoyed by all who were present. It is to be regretted that Dick Mahon and his committee did not get the support of more members for this function.

London Dinner 1956

A Past President said that this was our best London Dinner so far, and we think that all the 52 members and guests, who were present at this function in the Overseas League House on Friday, 10th February, 1956, will be in full agreement. A first-class meal, an excellent programme of entertainment by Mr. Mervyn Bell and his musical friends, to whom we are deeply indebted; some funny stories by Mr. "Ham" Lambert (our best thanks to the editor of the I.T. London Letter for claiming him as an Old Boy), and last but by no means least our President, who once again made the evening with his excellent speech and by the manner in which he presided.

We were very pleased to see Dr. Reynolds and a good number of members from Dublin coming along to meet our cross-Channel friends, many of whom travelled long distances in very severe weather.

Our very best thanks are due to Mr. P. J. Custis for the efficient manner in which he organised the Dinner and to the Overseas League, who made us so welcome and so comfortable.

Would it be possible to make the next Dinner even better—now is the time to think about it and it has been suggested that this function should in future be open to the wives and lady friends of members.

Sports Notes

Rugby — Our rugby team beat Wesley College O.B.U. by 8-3 in a match at Bloomfield.

Hockey—Mountjoy O.B.U. defeated our representatives by 4-1 at Claremont Road.

For Your Diary

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the School on Friday, 19th October, 1956.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 3rd November, 1956.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 19th January, 1957.

The Golf Outing and Supper will be held at the Grange Golf Club on Monday, 3rd September, 1956.

News of Old Boys

R. J. Adam (1946-48), who had been engaged in electrical engineering in Canada, left New York at the end of May with four other young men on the 45 ft. yacht, "Wooden Shoe II," for a three-year cruise around the world, during which he hopes to call at Dun Laoghaire.

H. E. P. Anderson (1918-24) has been appointed to the Executive Council of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland. The Association has a membership of 34,000 and since it was first formed, only four other Irishmen have served on the Council.

S. Baigel (1938-45) is Anaesthetist at the Lister Hospital, Hitchin, Herts., England.

P. F. Browne (1947-48) has been appointed an Assistant Lecturer at the University of Manchester.

Jack Bell (1909-15) was President of Lansdowne R.F.C. for the past season.

Mervyn Bell (1915-22) has been elected a Member of the Council of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.

E. H. Bodell (1940-44) has been elected Captain, and **J. A. Bell** (1930-42) Hon. Secretary of Clontarf Cricket Club.

Thurloe Conolly (1931-34) has joined the Design Research Unit of Ireland as senior executive designer.

A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51) has spent the academic year, 1955-56, as a Research Assistant at Queen's University, Belfast.

Julian Dawson (1951-54), with the assistance of an orchestra and an augmented choir, gave a recital in St. Stephen's Church last January. Included in the recital were the Bach B minor prelude and fugue, and pieces by Mozart, Handel, and Vienne.

G. H. F. Gardner (1936-43) has been acting as Visiting Professor at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, for 1955-56.

D. G. Gregory (1952-56) has joined Thomas Pearson & Co., Dublin, where he is engaged in Work Study.

W. M. Gregory (1946-52) won the Irish Universities' Light-Welterweight Boxing Championship, 1956.

J. C. Haine (1943-48) and **J. W. A. Scott** (1946-51) have transferred to the Lagos, Nigeria, branches of the Insurance Companies for which they are working.

P. C. H. Hillyard (1910-17), head of the variety department of the B.B.C., received the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours.

R. G. F. Jackson (1953-56) is now at H.M.S. Fisgard, Artificers Training Establishment, Plymouth.

D. M. Johnston (1946-53), while on H.M.S. Conway, was selected to play for the Welsh Secondary Schools' Rugby Team against France—he was the first player from H.M.S. Conway ever to receive a cap—and also to tour South Africa with the Welsh Schools' Team.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32) was non-playing Captain of the Irish Davis Cup Team which defeated Finland in the first round, and lost to Germany in the second round of the Davis Cup.

Dr. Walter M. Levitt, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.F.R. (1911-16) recently presented the School with a number of his articles and contributions to learned journals. He is Associate Physician to the Department of Radiotherapy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, author of "A Handbook of Radiotherapy," and also a Barrister-at-Law. The articles included "The Causation and Nature of Atomic Injuries," "The Symptomatology and Treatment of Radiation Injuries," "Reticulosis and Reticulosarcoma," "Modern Trends in the Civil Law in relation to Medical Practice," and "Coroners and Inquests." The Headmaster would be glad to receive similar contributions from other Old Boys, in order to make the School's collection as complete as possible.

Arnold McKiernan (1930-36) has been appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. He is also Lecturer on Theory at the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

D. R. Moody (1946-54) has joined the Ellerman Line as a Cadet. On his first voyage he went to the Persian Gulf & India.

R. R. Quin (1936-42), Senior Captain, Aer Lingus, was seconded to the West African Airways Corporation during the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Nigeria.

Harry Thrift (1891-1901) has resigned the position of Hon. Secretary of the International Board of the Rugby Union which he occupied for twenty-two years. On the morning of the International match to mark the opening of the New Stand at Lansdowne Road, he was presented by the Committee of the I.R.F.U. with a silver salver engraved with the Arms of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

Ivan Webb (1925-29), managing director of G. & T. Crampton, Ltd., has been elected President of the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland.

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Marriages

Stanley A. E. Belford (1935-41) to Erma Kontturi, April 7, 1956, at Toronto. Service conducted by Rev. William Leach (1939-45). Best man, Roger Johnson (1938-44).

David Alan Bowles (1937-46) to Rosalind Anne Halliday, March 31, 1956.

Robert Reginald Caldwell (1935-40) to Cynthia Catherine Marshall, March 24, 1956.

Herbert A. W. Calvert (1936-44) to Heather P. Gray, May 5, 1956.

Donald W. Forsyth (1942-50) to Sheelagh A. C. Smith, March 24, 1956.

Samuel J. Cole (1938-45) to Rosemary June Sargent, September 3, 1955.

Maurice A. Cole (1938-46) to Gladys R. C. Squires, June 6, 1956.

Cecil William Martin (1937-40) to Margaret Lavinia Irwin, August 3, 1955.

Albert J. Morton (1942-43) to Iris Bredin, June 4, 1956.

Ivan Webb (1925-29) to Valerie Hall, May 30, 1956.

R. Derek S. Wilson (1936-45) to Mary Joan MacLeod, December 9, 1955, at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Douglas C. Wright (1934-43) to Roberta Ann Hughes, April 2, 1956.

Deaths

William John Lewis Clarendon (1874-77), April 26, 1956, in his 94th year.

James Henry Sproull Cousins, Master at the High School, 1905-13, February 20, 1956, in Madanapalle, India.

Rev. George A. Joynt (1891-98), January 31, 1956.

Maurice Nurock, M.D. (1906-14), April 25, 1955.

Calverley Edwin Riley (1888-90), March 16, 1956.

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The London Dinner 1956

39 years is a long time. I was very conscious of this as 6.30 p.m., Friday, 10th February, approached. Perhaps having taken no part in the Old Boys' Union during this somewhat lengthy period, it would have been more tactful to have stayed away indefinitely. Suppose such serious gaps are revealed in one's memory that one is denounced as an impostor? What if matters are resurrected which one would prefer to continue to forget? The clock in the Overseas League lounge struck the half-hour and, putting these doubts behind me, I entered the Hall of India.

The Honorary Secretary quoted my address from memory. Strangers vaguely remembered me and referred to names and events which sometimes meant little. I recognised a contemporary who did not recognise me. Two members of a well-known school family chatted amiably with me. I did not have to ask their names. A couplet containing my name was recited.

Was I myself or my brother? This query recurred throughout the evening. It was not always so easy to answer, particularly when it wasn't clear whether the enquirer was himself or his brother.

But what about the dinner? Well, with the preoccupations outlined above, I was perhaps not so observant as usual. It can safely be said that the best speeches were made, most appropriately, by the President and the Headmaster. The diners were unanimous in insisting that Mervyn Bell must sing. One could recognise at all stages that the planning had been good.

It was 10.30 p.m. in no time at all. The dinner was over. An Old Boys' Union affair had at long last been attended, and enjoyed, by your correspondent.

W. E. ABBOTT (1912-1917).

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AN APPRECIATION

The passing of W. H. Crosthwaite has meant to our O.B.U. the loss of one of its most enthusiastic and loyal members. An engineer by profession, Harry spent most of his life with the old Great Southern and Western Railway, on whose behalf he acted as expert in fixing up contracts in Great Britain and elsewhere for the necessities connected with the Inchicore Works and general running of the Railway.

Harry was a big man in every sense of the word, not only in stature, but his whole outlook on life was one of big heartedness and anxiety to help others. Often referred to as our "Prize Old Boy," he made a point of attending all our Annual Dinners and on at least two occasions came from the Continent in order to be present in Dublin, while we believe he was with us at all functions in London. Owing to his retiring nature we could never get him to make a speech, but those members who were present at our Jubilee Dinner a few years ago will recall the President referring to his sterling worth and requesting him to stand up as an acknowledgment of our appreciation.

Living as he did in Leamington Spa we did not see as much of him as we would have liked, but he made a point of coming to Ireland each year for fishing in the West of Ireland and on such occasions he invariably contacted a few old friends and got the latest news of the O.B.U. and its various members. This year before our Annual Dinner he wrote regretting that for the first time for many years he feared he would not be present in Dublin, but hoped to get to London to join us at the Overseas Club, of which he was a member. In this letter, he enclosed a cheque for our Adelaide Hospital Scheme, in which he mentioned he was very interested. We can ill afford to lose men of his calibre, but he has left behind him a wonderful example, especially to those younger members to whom we look to follow in his footsteps.

He is survived by his widow, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

S. W. M.



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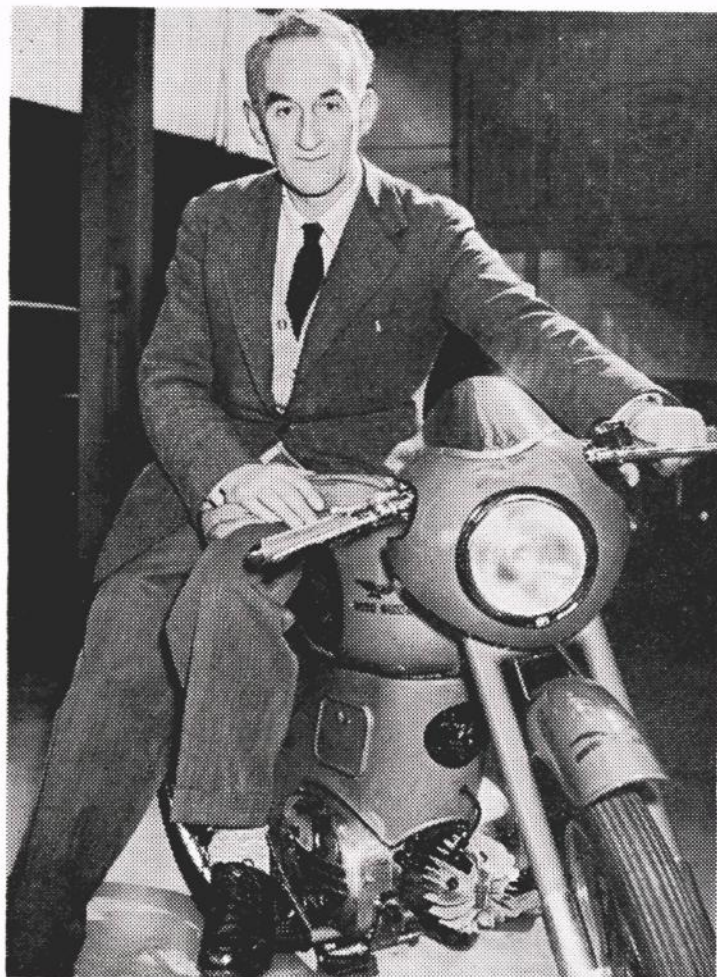
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Stanley Woods

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Since last summer the future of motor-racing has been precarious. A few fatal accidents

along has been clear: speeds were too high for public road circuits. This view might be heresy if voiced by some racing drivers, and high treason if propounded by a motor-cycling enthusiast; yet, with one qualification—for average riders—it is shared by Mr. Stanley Woods.



Stanley Woods.

ruffled the pool of public opinion, sending out ripples which threaten to rock the sport severely in some countries and engulf it in others. The recent deaths at Goodwood have stirred them up again.

To those outside motor-racing the issue all

A quiet-spoken Dubliner, Stanley has won the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy, the supreme award in motor-cycle racing, more often than anyone else. When he flashed home to victory in the 1926 Senior T.T., he had coaxed his 500 c.c. to 67 m.p.h. In recent years, 125 c.c.

bikes have been averaging 70 m.p.h. on the same circuit.

"And there is no doubt about it," he explained, "to-day's 125 c.c. motor-cycle is vastly superior to the 500's of 20 years ago. This is the kernel of the problem. The speed, safety and comfort of the modern motor vehicle has been evolved on the road racing circuits of Europe, but now engine development has got a bit out of hand. The power available to any young lad with sufficient cash is too great to be exercised with safety by the average rider on the normal road circuit; this is particularly true in races where you have vehicles of varying capacities. This is what can happen"—here he held up his left hand to show where once there was an index finger—"in trying to pass out a fellow going at a slower speed."

Stanley Woods became a motor-cyclist in the summer of 1915, at the age of twelve, after a glorious afternoon spent rumbling around on an enormous Indian combination. He had already inherited a taste for racing from his father, the late "Ted" Woods, a confectionery salesman from Rathgar, who extended his interest in horse-racing to buying a few horses of his own. But son Stanley saw greater possibilities in mechanical horse-power, and for months on end father was pestered until at last, in 1919, young Woods was given a two-stroke machine.

At 16 Stanley began trials riding around Dublin. Thereafter his studies at the High School held interest only if they could be applied to the sport, which was gaining immense popularity in the years following the first World War. He had some local successes, but when the young Dublin lad (who had entered his father's business, and took great delight in speeding round the country in a noisy sidecar outfit) announced his intention of going to the Isle of Man in 1922, everyone said he was mad. He entered for the T.T., and hit the headlines by going on fire in the second lap and continuing, without brakes, to finish fifth.

He returned with some measure of confidence the following year and won the Junior T.T. He won the Junior again in 1932, '33, '38 and '39, and the Senior T.T. in 1926, '32, '33 and '35, the year in which he also came

first in the light-weight event. Stanley also collected the principal prizes at one time or another in most of the leading European meetings.

Up to 1926 the sweet trade in Ireland supplied his bread and butter; in that year he turned professional rider. Since then Stanley Woods has had a professional interest in motor-cycling. He severed his connection with the Norton firm in 1933 to become a free-lance and ride Continental machines. In more recent years he has been a partner in a Dublin motor business; but he occasionally turns a twist-grip to show younger members of the Motor-Cycling Union of Ireland that their vice-president is still active.

Other well-known men who have made speed their business usually turn to sailing or fishing for relaxation. Not so Stanley Woods. His hobby, outside of motor-racing, is another fast sport which, no doubt, could be labelled "dangerous" by motor-cyclists. He is a regular visitor to the Swiss winter resort of Davos, and to-day skiing holds more thrills for him than motor-racing. But he admits that he is considerably less expert on skis.

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