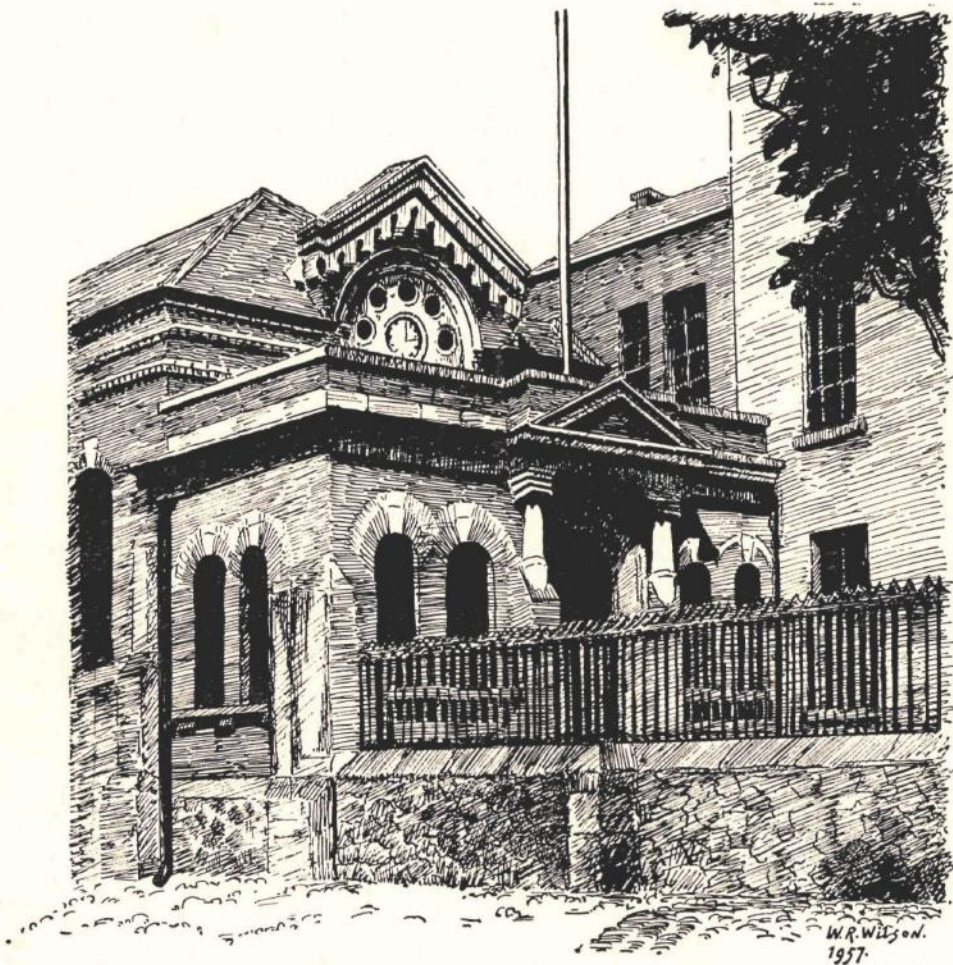


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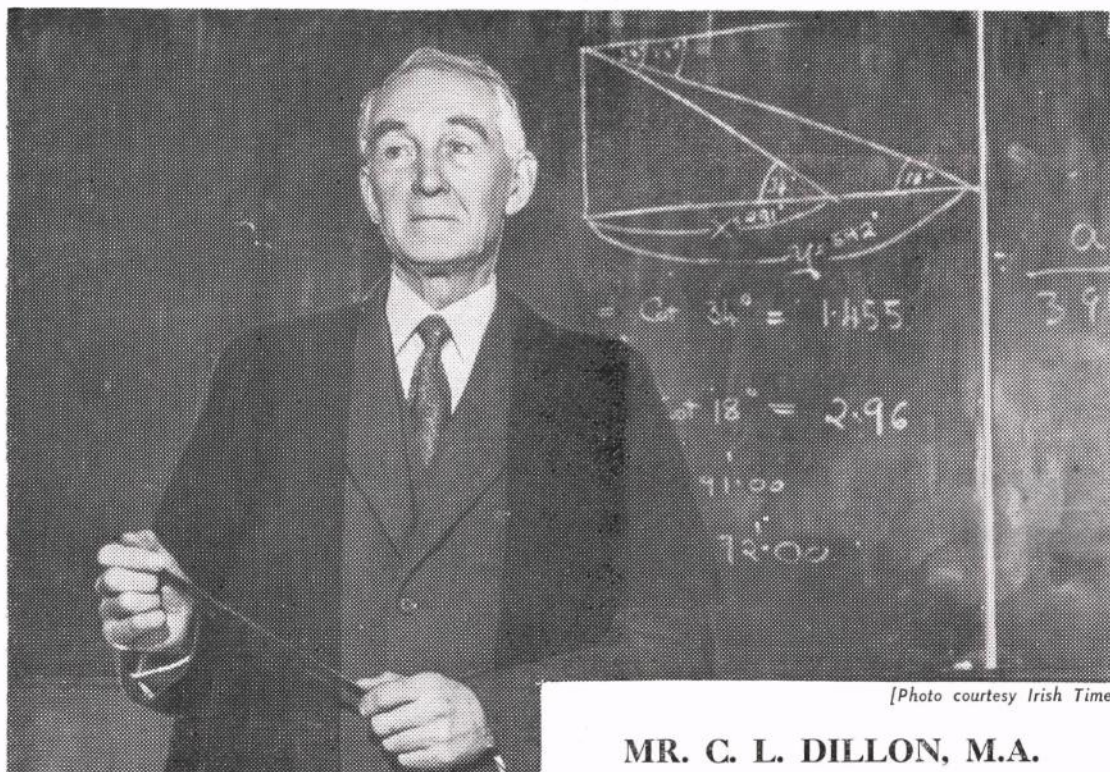
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EDITORIAL



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MR. C. L. DILLON, M.A.

An Appreciation by a Pupil

Incredulity, bewilderment and then great sorrow followed the news of Mr. Dillon's death. When the first impact of the shock was over I looked back, as all boys who knew him must have done, on some of the happiest classes of my schooldays. All his classes had a friendly atmosphere about them which however did nothing to undermine order, for due to the success of his method he never had to enforce discipline. This sense of happiness in his classes resulted a great deal from his good-natured jokes about the boys—and about the masters, sometimes, too—which endeared him to us all. Furthermore there was nothing in the least unkind or cynical in his attitude to any of us—he would laugh as much with us as at us. In fact, the reluctance which we all felt to displease him arose from the genuine affection which we felt towards him. Despite his light-hearted attitude to all

the boys in class, though, anyone with a real problem could not wish for a better man in whom to confide. He was kind and sympathetic and did all he could to find a solution. Whatever the school may have lost with Mr. Dillon's death, the boys have lost a well-loved master and a well-loved friend.

D. J. C.

An Appreciation by an Old Boy

Just two years ago I wrote: "The High School, Dublin, can boast of more than one man who has given the best years of his life in devoted service to the school." That was upon the occasion of the death of Willie Wilson.

I cannot think of more appropriate words with which to refer to the sudden passing of Charlie Dillon, who, like Willie, had spent over 40 years teaching at the school. He

served under three Headmasters and on two occasions must have formed a most useful link with the past. On the death of John Bennett he, with his greatest friend and colleague, S. S. Evans, held the fort until the arrival of their former pupil, the present Headmaster, Dr. Reynolds. To him their loyal support must have been a tower of strength, for as Vice Headmasters, they have been a unique and perfect combination.

Elected President for the fourth time of the Secondary Teachers' Association, Charlie brought honour to the School of which he was so proud.

Looking back it must be said that Charlie was far from being a spectacular figure in any sense of the word. As I remember him he was a good and conscientious teacher, strict but never severe. If his ring finger did at times come in contact with my head, it was always my fault.

He it was who first taught Irish at the school and well do I recall those charts hung upon the walls of his room depicting animals and objects of all kinds captioned in the native tongue. He was one of the four masters chosen to have a House when the House system began.

Finally I recall his close friendship, even in those days, with S. S. E. and how he would often enter his room by that connecting door to share a story he had heard the night before, or discuss some problem of mutual interest.

In later years he always welcomed an opportunity to meet his former pupils and would tell, with obvious pleasure, and pride, of every new success in the school. He was a strong supporter of every Old Boys' function, including the Old Boys' Dance, to which he and Mrs. Dillon were often accompanied by their family.

He enjoyed a happy home and family life and was obviously greatly pleased when the Board found a place for him after he had reached the retiring age. He was a man of simple ways who never looked for thanks and never sought the limelight.

On the day that he died he attended school as usual; took his classes as he had always done; opened that connecting door and had a chat with his greatest friend; and then, after lunch, he went to play a round of golf. He was not a great golfer but he enjoyed the game and that is how he died.

Charlie has left us no visible memorial nor would he have wished to do so. His memorial will be the gratitude and appreciation of his many pupils, past and present, for a job well done.

R. J. W.

An Appreciation by a Colleague

The sudden passing of a friend and colleague, with whom one has worked and played for nearly forty years, must, inevitably, leave a deep sense of loss. When I first came to High School, I felt, like any young master, somewhat lost and not quite "sure of my bearings". I shall always be grateful to C. L. Dillon, who, without being asked, came and gave me advice and encouragement to tide over the period of my early days. That was so like him. Freely and generously he gave of his time and talent to anyone who needed it. As a teacher, he was in the front rank. He knew how to present his subject in such a way that it was crystal clear to every boy. I discussed the capabilities of many boys with him, and, such was his kindly nature, that he never failed to see some good in each one. And his help was readily available to those who wanted it. As a colleague, he was a tower of strength. He listened quietly to our "Staff difficulties", and so profound was his knowledge of school matters and so logical his reason, that he usually found the simple solution to what seemed to us a very involved problem.

After his family his greatest devotion was to the school. He never spared himself where school was concerned. An excellent musician, he was responsible for the famous series of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas performed by our boys, until brought to an end by the war. He was on the executive of Ceol Chumann na nOg and took parties of boys to concerts by the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra. As most people know, he was a noted educationist. I remember well how pleased he was in 1933, when, at the Annual Convention of the Association of Secondary Teachers, he was elected President. That was, indeed, a well-deserved honour. He was elected President again in 1943 and 1944. And he set a record (with great honour to our school) by being elected again for the fourth time this year, the Golden Jubilee of our Association. Everyone recognised him as a sort of

"walking encyclopaedia" of matters connected with Secondary Education. As a tribute to his knowledge, skill and wisdom, he was elected Chairman of the Secondary Teachers' Registration Council, set up by the Government, to regulate entry into the profession.

What was he like "outside school"? To my knowledge he was a man of simple ways—finding enjoyment in his home, family, garden and, of course, golf. He got an immense amount of pleasure from the game—and when I look back through the years—I know we had some of our happiest moments in life as we wandered over the fair-ways of our beloved Grange, and "poked the ball" out of the simple-looking bunkers.

As a devoted husband and father he was a living witness of the power of love in transforming a household into a happy home. The world can ill afford to lose men of his calibre. He passed from life leaving a wide circle of friends who will retain memories of a man who, during his life-time, did much good.

S. S. E.

A Trip to America

As my father, my brother, and I were waiting in the lounge at Shannon Airport the loudspeakers called: "Flight fifty-nine to Detroit and Chicago is now ready to leave, will passengers please embark?" We left our seats in the lounge looking for exit number 2. In a few minutes we found the exit with the porter ready with our tickets. When we came on to the tarmac we could just see the full length of the four engined plane in the darkness. We walked up the steps and we were shown by the stewardess where we were to sit.

Some minutes later the engines were started up and we moved on to the runway where the pilot tested the engines. We taxied to the end of the runway, turned round and the full power of the four engines was turned on. The runway lights flashed past us faster and faster until we left the runway and became airborne and headed out in the darkness over the Atlantic.

At twelve o'clock, our time, we were given our supper and when we had finished our supper the stewardess gave us blankets to put over us while we were asleep. I slept very

well, although some people could not sleep with the noise from the engines.

When dawn broke we could see the St. Lawrence river. Later, a huge lake came into sight which afterwards proved to be Lake Ontario. I was amazed at all the flat land I saw until we came to land at Metropolitan Airport in Detroit.

We landed smoothly on the runway and taxied right up to the customs building where we got off the plane and got our bags checked. My grandfather and uncle were waiting for us in the airport to bring us to where they lived.

We stepped into a huge car which could hold nearly eight passengers.

On our way home we were travelling on a twelve-lane highway with big food factories and self service shops. When we arrived at my grandfather's house, where we were to stay, there were no fences round the front garden and no other front gardens had any fences round them either. We all went in to have breakfast, for it was six o'clock in the morning. When breakfast was finished we lay down to have a short rest.

A. J. WINTER (Form 1B¹).

Switzerland, North and South

Two hours after taking off from the London airport the B.E.A. Viscount landed at Zurich. My first experience when leaving the aeroplane was an atmosphere of stifling heat.

An open bus brought passengers from the airport to the main railway station of Zurich and this gave me my first views of Switzerland. An electric train of the "Schweizerische Bundes Bahnen" or State Railways was boarded for a journey of about three hours to Bellinzona, the capital of the Ticino canton. En route could be seen lakes Zurich, Zug, and Lucerne, and then the train entered the nine and a half mile long St. Gotthard tunnel which was opened in 1882: it took the train about nine minutes to pass through the tunnel. Before entering the tunnel the scenery was what is considered to be typically Swiss—high snow covered mountains and wooden chalets. On the other side of the tunnel the scenery is more generally termed "Italian", with vineyards and tobacco plantations covering a large proportion of the countryside.

At Bellinzona I left the train, which was proceeding to Milan and Rome, and travelled by a local train to Locarno near the northern border of Lake Maggiore. Locarno is an important residential town and has also many large hotels. The promenade is decorated with ornamental gardens containing oleanders, magnolias and hydrangeas. At one end of the promenade is a small fishing port with some fishermen's cottages. The fishermen use specially equipped rowing boats and often fish at night with the aid of lanterns. At the other end of the promenade is a shipping pier from which pleasure steamers come and go.

Lake Maggiore is mostly Italian territory. Practically all the pleasure steamers are registered in Italy, but, while the Italian flag is always flown at the stern of the steamer, the Swiss flag is flown at the mast when in Swiss waters. Steamers which cross from one territory to another have customs officials on board who examine passengers' luggage when the demarcation line is passed: the officials seemed to be particularly interested in an Irish passport. In the lake are the famous Borrome Islands and Isola Brissago, which have been subjects for many paintings. On the borders of the lake, Locarno (Switzerland) and Stresa (Italy), were the venues of world famous political conferences, and many other smaller towns and beautiful villas have their own claim to distinction—Ascona is much frequented by artists, Brissago is famous for the manufacture of cigars, Luino for its markets, and Villa Taranto for its gardens which are owned by a Scotsman and have many rare plants, including a camphor tree.

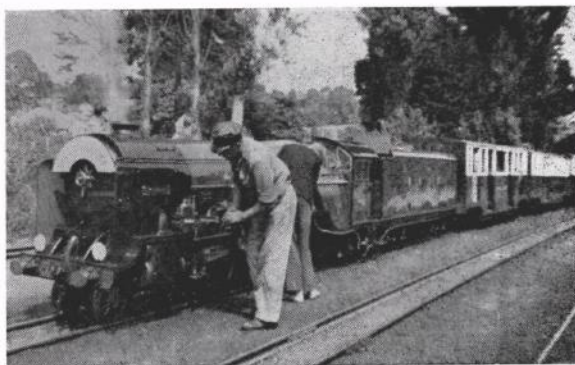
N. TOMS (Form 4A).

A Visit to the World's Smallest Public Railway

While I was on my holidays in England this summer I visited the world's smallest public railway in Kent.

I left Waterloo station at 10.30 a.m. and arrived in Folkestone an hour later. From Folkestone I went to Hythe by bus. There are nine small engines belonging to this railway. The railway is fourteen miles long and the track is fifteen inches wide. Engine No. 7, "Typhoon", was at the head of the Marshlander which was due to leave for Dungeness

at 2.20 p.m. We steamed out of Hythe for New Romney ten minutes late. There are several small stations on the line, but the trains only stop if required. New Romney is the biggest station on the line and in the loco shed No. 9, "Winston Churchill", and No. 10, "Doctor Syn", were in store. These engines are Canadian type and were built in 1931. Behind some trees is Red Tiles, the bungalow which belongs to the owner of the line, Captain Howey. There is also in New Romney a model railway line which is the finest in the world. As we travelled on we



Engine No. 7, "Typhoon".

Photo: K. Johnston.

passed some small stations. The next largest one was Dungeness which is on a loop line. The track goes over to the lighthouse and back again. There is also a little railway restaurant where I had some refreshments. As I came out the driver and some children were cleaning the brasses on the engine. The train left at 4.25 p.m. to take us back to Hythe. On our way back I saw at New Romney engine No. 8, "Hurricane", which was getting cleaned. On the side of this engine was a brass plate to commemorate the Queen's visit to the railway in 1958.

K. JOHNSTON (Form 1B¹).

"Modern Art"

In this industrialized, speed-crazy and highly artificial world of to-day little time or thought is given to art. Art in almost every form is being every day elbowed indiscriminately further and further away from its rightful place in society. The three classic examples of this are music, painting, and sculpture. In music, the prevalent tendency

towards Rock and Roll is one of many manifestations of the cultural retrogression so noticeable to-day. The disciples of this cult, not content with the destruction of musical harmony, have also attempted to destroy the English language, by introducing an alien tongue of their own manufacture, completely incomprehensible to the uninitiated. What logical progression of thought brought about the invention of such words as a "hop", a "bopper" or a "square"? Or such phrases as "I dig this"? From my somewhat limited experience of Rock and Roll it appears to me that this is just an attempt to get as far back into the customs of primitive man as one can. This form of entertainment is one which I can quite imagine being prevalent in the early stone age, when man had to put up with what music he got, if he got any. In my opinion, one word is concisely descriptive of Rock and Roll. That word is "primitive". You may say: "Oh! but Rock and Roll is quite modern, it was unheard of in even, say 1949." It certainly was not! Rock and Roll was flourishing in the African jungle (under a different name) before America was discovered. I am, on the other hand, not denying that some Rock and Roll stars can (at rare intervals) produce noises not unpleasant to the ear, as well as shout, rave and generally misconduct themselves. But who dare compare the brilliant and fantastic gaiety of Chopin, or the profound meditations of Beethoven with the work of such popular artists as Russ Conway? I myself find that his playing forms a very pleasing, if not stimulating, background to reading. Whereas, on the other hand Chopin, Smetana, Grieg, Beethoven and Liszt demand one's complete attention.

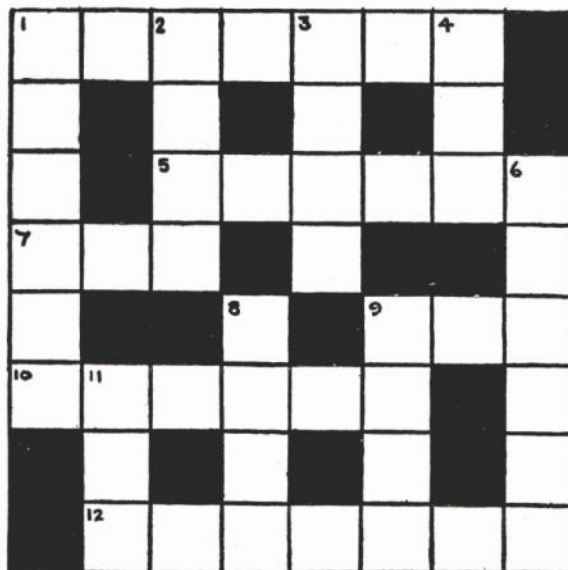
In the field of painting, too, degradation has become apparent. In a recent Paris exhibition, one of the works was by a world-famous futurist artist. It consisted of a canvas, upon which two horizontal stripes had been painted. In the middle of the "picture" a jagged hole had been made, and through this had been pushed an old newspaper, presumably as an after thought. I leave you to draw your own conclusions. The futurists will tell you that they are not portraying material things, but emotions. To me this is as incomprehensible as infinity.

Of course, the outlook is not so gloomy as one might imagine. There are, fortunately,

still the faithful few, who even yet, despite the ravages of modern civilization, still express themselves artistically in such a way that other people can understand and appreciate their work. So here is to the cultural renaissance of the twentieth century, the dream of which, alas, is gradually fading as the century rolls on.

D. NORRIS (Form 4A).

Crossword



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Contains unknown factors.
5. Partly foreign neckwear worn by scouts.
7. Victor did.
9. Robert figures quite a bit in the school rules.
10. There is something icy about this amount of applause.
12. Concentration provides its solution.

DOWN

1. The end of the book gives the right one.
2. Mark of mastery.
3. For wearing or carrying.
4. Law in disorder.
6. Do this to help mummy keep well.
8. Confused in French class, but almost himself in Latin.
9. A clanger which is usually welcome.
11. In short, this young devil is worthy of note.

(Answers on Page 14)

Salesmanship

I was asked to help on our Troop's Junk Stall at the Scout Fair in the Mansion House, so I decided to look around and take a few lessons in salesmanship.

On my way up Camden Street with friends, we passed a stall where a high-pressure salesman was going through his act. We stopped to listen:

"Now this pen! It has a 14-carat gold nib. I've sold it all over Ireland. Grafton Street is asking 6/- but I'm giving it to you for 1/-. Better still, you can have the pen, a packet of envelopes and this superb copybook printed specially for Belvedere College—oh, and Wesley, too (catching sight of us, bad guess!)—all for two shillings and sixpence as it's me birthday—I'm seventeen—around the collar! Now these toys, they're unbreakable! Mind you, the kids will smash them occasionally but you should be glad to have such strong, healthy children. Here, sonny—drop this gun on the ground. Don't throw it!" He showed signs of annoyance as it fell in pieces and the kid ran off laughing. Next he picked up a bottle:

"Now this cleaning fluid!" (everything started with "now") . . . "As good as modern science can make it so only one bottle for each person. Believe you me, I have to keep up my good reputation round here and I'm selling it for 1/-, remove the stain but not the coat." He demonstrated, and after that held up a squeaking-doll, while his other hand squeezed a rubber-squeaker underneath the counter: "Sure the damp gets in sometimes, dearie. And now for to-day's extra-special bargain! With these binoculars (only sold to private patients in the Eye & Ear 'Ospidle) you can see from the Gasworks to Ballyfermot—or those windows where they never draw the blinds . . ." he went rambling on as we departed.

When the time came to try out the method, I discovered that I just hadn't the personality to carry it off, or else the old junk-dealers who came to buy at the stall were better trained than I was:

"Are yez sellin'? How much is that ould coat?"

When I replied: "Ten shillings," she would say scornfully, all in one breath:

"Not-worth-2/6-give-you-5/-for-it," at the

same time proceeding to grab it while I held on to the other end and the poor thing nearly parted at the seams (the coat, I mean). Another woman held me with her glittering eye while she recited a new National Anthem she had composed, ending with ". . . green Ireland shall be free—only £25 Royalties I'm askin' for it," while I watched that all the waving hands didn't pick up something by mistake, ahem. She didn't appear in any hurry to get her pram-container filled up and went on to tell me:

"Yesterday—you know where O'Connell Street meets Parnell Street at Mooney's pub? Well, a vanman was delivering to a pork butcher when an ould bouler (trans. "dog") snapped a six-foot string of sausages from the open van and dragged them across O'Connell Street, stopping all the traffic. Yer man chased after and caught the other end, like a tug of war. He got the most of them back and 'they'll be as good as ever after a run under the tap,' sez he."

By the end of the day, I had realised there was more to salesmanship than just getting "money for your value".

D. KING (Form 3A).

The Kenya African

People who have lived in Kenya fall into two very distinct categories: either they are passionately fond of it, or they dislike it intensely (my father and I, incidentally, happen to belong to the latter group). The only reason for the former class that I can see is owing to those who are either Kenya born, or those who came to the colony in the early days. Thus they regard it as their home; for them, England is just another distant land.

Kenya is a comparatively new country. The present capital, Nairobi ("Naih'rrorai" is a Masai word meaning "swamp"), grew up from a pause in the construction of the railway line from the coast in 1899. Before that, many missionaries, notably Krapf, and explorers, such as Speke, had penetrated the hinterland. In those early days, the natives were in a very backward state; they had not even discovered the wheel. Tribal warfare was virtually a daily routine, and some native rulers inflicted mutilations on innocent people to emphasise how great would be the suffering

of the guilty. The early explorers of about seventy years ago thus discovered a land which for the most part was in a very sorry state of disease, evil, backwardness, paganism and strife. Here was ample scope for doctor and missionary.

Nowadays, the conditions of living for the African are entirely different. His health is greatly improved, since he can avail himself of medical services at little or no cost to himself, and he can listen to Swahili programmes on his own radio. In addition, he has greater freedom than his South African counterpart in many ways. He may even gain a seat in the Legislative Council (or "Legco", as it is popularly known). Some tribes, however, show merely disinterest in European ways. The Masai are a notable example, and continue to herd cattle on the plains, living simply and drinking a mixture of milk and blood.

Many other tribes, however, had different ideas. They saw in the European mode of life a great improvement on their former disastrous state. The white man has been gradually improving their living conditions; however, the saying "a little learning is a

dangerous thing" proved itself with time. The African had been introduced to a new "toy"—Western civilization. However, he was, and still is, too "young" to be allowed full control of it. A penknife is a very useful device, but one would hardly entrust it to a three-year old! Facts must be realised: the majority of Africans in Kenya are still mentally of this age, and will be so for many years to come. You see, they were shown this new "toy" by the European, and were told that, until old enough, they could handle it under supervision only. Unfortunately they, in their passion to gain possession of it too early, decided to kill their benefactors. Thus, in about 1944, that evil organization—Mau Mau—originated, and broke forth in 1952. The first step taken was to gain the support of all the Africans in Kenya by force. The means of attaining this are unmentionable. A blood-curdling document, the Mau Mau oath, was drawn up, and it involved everything gruesome and evil conceivable. Not only were all Christian ethics and principles violated, but also all their tribal beliefs and customs. This explains the vehement opposition of the organization from so many tribal members

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and elders. Those who suffered most at the hands of the Mau Mau were the Africans themselves: the infamous Lari Massacre of 1953 involved the most revolting cannibalism and torture of the African by the African. Under the Mau Mau during the Emergency, over two thousand loyal Africans died. The other figures were over twenty Indians and over eighty Europeans. Many people in the British Isles are of the opinion that the Mau Mau were "poor oppressed" men, fighting for their freedom. This is hardly the case; I have already spoken of how the African is being steadily invested with power by the European, and to-day few white people object to the presence of an African in the lounge of the New Stanley Hotel in Nairobi's centre.

Self Government

Most Africans in Kenya are in brain-power still inferior to the European (though many people would consider Jomo Kenyatta, the villain who initiated the Mau Mau, to be exceptional in this respect). This is only to be expected—one cannot expect to raise a virtually stone-age people to the level of intelligence of the white man overnight. After all, the European had to achieve his present brain-power only after a period of centuries (Julius Caesar considered the contemporary British as savages). I suggest that a similar state exists with the African, who will require, in all probability, at least a further hundred years before he gains self-Government. Also, I cannot conceive how the native of Kenya to-day can be ready for such. They have shown their incapability by the barbarity of Mau Mau. I cannot be convinced how any people capable of such childish savagery could possibly be fit to take over any country in their present state. "What about Ghana?" you inquire. Ah yes—but Ghana has known at least a century of civilization more than Kenya. Even in places like Cyprus, no slaughter comparable with that of Mau Mau has occurred. In view of the fact that societies such as the K.K.M. ("Kiama Kia Muingi", or "Assembly of the People"), with intentions identical with those of Mau Mau, have arisen, is it any wonder that as yet the African cannot be given too much control?

Many people argue: "But isn't it their country? Why can't they have it?" To them I reply: "If the Africans are to have their

country before they are ready for it, they should be given the land as it was when the European came, with all buildings and structures, designed by the white man, removed." The African must be instructed gradually before he can possibly be the mental equal of the European. Too many of the modern African leaders, for example Tom Mboya, fail to see this. Africans like this boast their intelligence and capability for ruling, and forget that the source of their knowledge came from the white man. Where are the great African scientists, poets or dramatists?

The African I distrust most is, oddly enough, the more educated one. The friendliest and most sincere type of African you will find off the beaten track. This man has seldom any ill-will towards the European, yet he lives in a simple thatched hut. He is the type who detests the Tom Mboyas and Jomo Kenyattas of East Africa, and who is intensely loyal to the Governor and the Queen.

JAMES C. DARLING (Form Upper Sixth).

To Scotland—and Back

This is the story of a cruise in my father's yacht to the Clyde and back. The yacht is a thirty foot gaff-rigged converted Galway hooker. She is cutter rigged, that is she carries a jib, resail and mainsail and is fairly fast. The crew consisted of my father, who was skipper and navigator, Robert MacDowell, a friend, who served as mate, and was the only one able to cook well, and also looked after the food supplies. I was bosun, in charge of gear, as well as anchorman. There was also Graham who joined us in the North.

It was on Tuesday evening the 30th June when the yacht "Pamela" left Dun Laoire under power, there being no wind. We reached Howth that night. At 3 a.m. we got up and left harbour at 4 a.m., having had our breakfast, with a strong S.W. wind astern (behind us), so strong that when we reached Lambay Island we shortened sail in the lee of the island. As the day progressed the wind continued strong so that by evening we reached Ardglass where we were told by the fishermen that it was blowing practically a full gale outside, as if we did not know.

The following day it was blowing just as hard but we did the short hop of 20 miles to Portavogie where we awaited Graham. He

arrived on Friday afternoon so that we set sail for Scotland at half past twelve midnight. The wind was dead astern again about force 5, with the sea broken by white crests, and at dinner time on Saturday we passed Ailsa Craig. We dropped anchor off Lambash on the Isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde at 6 p.m. The next day was Sunday so we decided to sail to Ardrishaig as all shops close in Scotland on a Sunday. We left in a light breeze but an hour out we were nearly flattened by a fierce squall off Goatfell on Arran so we reefed again and churned along through the raging white sea. The squall lasted from 2-3 hours and then suddenly dropped off so that it was very peaceful when we reached Ardrishaig in the evening. We went ashore there to see the beginning of the canal which joins the outer isles with the Firth of Clyde. We were invited aboard another very beautiful yacht there and sat and talked as well as polishing off a large bottle of orange. This one should never do as the stomach does not appreciate it. We went to bed that night at about 12.30 a.m.

The following morning my father and I went ashore to do the shopping, forgetting the money, of course, and bought some rope and provisions. We returned aboard and the other two went off to pay for all the stuff while we did some running repairs. After lunch we went to Tarbert, a beautiful landlocked natural harbour where we anchored amidst all sorts and sizes of boats.

The Kyles of Bute

On Tuesday off with us to Tignabruaich in the Kyles of Bute, a really lovely place. But time was marching on, so the following day we set off for Lamlash which we reached just as the sun was descending behind the hills. At 3 a.m. we up-anchored (why waste the nights sleeping) and off with us under power, there being no wind, to Ardglass where we went ashore and had a meal. The next morning dawned bright and clear, at least I'm sure it did, I didn't wake up till 8 a.m. There was a fresh S.W. wind so we motored out of the harbour in the direction of Howth leaving to seaward the Carlingford whistle buoy. The wind grew stronger but we could not use it, it being dead ahead. We passed the Rockabill lighthouse (a few miles off Skerries) in the late afternoon from whence we went

on to Howth where we arrived at 10.30 p.m. covered with salt from the spray and looking like four old sea-dogs. At Howth we became weather-bound until Monday morning when we at last reached Dun Laoire. We had covered 500 miles within 13 days, 200 of which were with the wind dead astern.

What impressed me most during the cruise perhaps was the beautiful sea and landscape of Scotland with its multitude of islands. The transport between these islands consists of the tub-like battered Clyde Puffers which carry every type of cargo, and the sleek, low, long, greyhound-like passenger steamers which act as buses running to frequent schedules. These also carry the mail. Cruising is a very enjoyable way of spending a holiday, but if one starts with the notion that all that there is to do is to lie on the deck reading or listening to the radio, one is soon disillusioned and one is instead clad in oilskins most of the time and has always too much work to do. The beauty of cruising is that if one doesn't like a place one can easily move on. I, on reflecting, got great enjoyment out of the cruise despite the old saying:—

"He that goes to sea for pleasure,
Will go to — for amusement."

H. B. KNOTT (Form 5A).

"Bullfighting"

On my first visit to Spain one of the first things in mind naturally was a visit to a bullfight. Such barbarity as I saw I thought only possible in time of war.

The bullfight begins with a striking figure draped in seventeenth century dress opening the pen, and a prime sturdy bull rushes into the arena full of fight to engage in so-called sport. Matadors rush to greet the bull, and a display of cloak-handling begins, at length the bull is fatigued, and apparently has lost some of his zest. Meanwhile the mounted picadors enter on the scene, and the poor unfortunate bull receives a pica jabbed in his back, the first blood has been drawn, and exactly the same procedure is performed by the other picador. The picadors leave the arena with a clatter of armour.

In the next phase the bull receives a pair of "Banderillas" (thin rods, trimmed with plaited paper and ending with a harping-iron) stuck in the fleshy part of his back. Three

pairs in all are fixed into the bull. At this stage, blood streams down both sides of the bull. One can only imagine the intense pain the bull is suffering. The matadors continue with their cloak passes, until finally the heroic, gallant, idolized toreador (as the crowd see him) appears in the arena. The Spanish cheer in anticipation, knowing every move of the

of the fight, a sporting chance, but many times the most skilful toreadors are gored. The reason for this is the crowds, who force the toreador into taking extremely dangerous risks. The crowds are a part of a bullfight, a part of the majestic colouring, but the splendour and fascination is outweighed by cruelty—cruelty which is hard to find anywhere else in the world.

H. SHAPER (Form 3s).



A matador exhibits a pass, while in the foreground a pair of banderillas are being passed to another matador.

Photo: H. Shaper.

toreador, various passes are executed with sword and muleta. After some time the toreador changes his present sword for an "estoque" which is the special sword for killing the bull. At last the long awaited moment has arrived for the crowd. A small mark (not visible to the throng) on the bull indicates where the sword is to be thrust. A silence reigns over the overawed crowd, as the toreador skilfully and gracefully performs the rapier thrust. If the toreador is successful, the bull will drop immediately, however, as often happens, the sword has not struck upon the vital vein. The half dead bull stands looking at the toreador while the sword is removed, and the rapier thrust is performed again, this time the toreador is a little more successful, the bull drops, but is still alive. Finally the vet. administers the final blow with a knife, and so twenty minutes of indescribable torture has ended.

If bullfighting were stopped, this would be a deed worth remembering, but alas I fear bullfighting has become part of the mode of life of the Latin American, and to me appears to be so ingrained in the average Spaniard that I fear it will take more than wishful thinking to have it prohibited.

The poor bull has never, in any phase

The Wilrush and the Cornishman

(With apologies to "Lewis Carroll")

1.

At half-past three on Tuesday eve',
The boys began to gather
To view the muck on Belgrave Square
And ponder on the weather.
And this was odd because it was
Last week as hard as leather.

2.

The match began at four o'clock
With constant "super-vision"
A couple of bawlings from the touch
Soon stopped the victims grinning
"It's very rude of them," we said,
"To come and spoil the swimming."

3.

We won the line outs and the scrums
The backs they were a treat
Their togs were crushed, their faces mushed
Their boots were full of feet
They looked like "teds" in pants so tight
Who dig that crazy beat!

4.

But half time came and still no score;
We'd run a mile or so,
And then I rested on a boy
Conveniently low,
And all my little team-mates stood
And waited in a row.

5.

"The time has come," the Wilrush said,
"To talk of many things
Of ground being kissed and tackles missed
Old grannies on the wings.
You're like a lot of useless babes
Without their teething rings."

6.

"But wait a bit," the Captain cried,
 "Before we have our chat,
 For some of us are out of breath
 And all of us are 'bated'!"
 "Come off it," said the Cornishman,
 "Now don't you give me that."

7.

Four sparkling converts followed then,
 And yet another four;
 And thick and fast they came at last,
 And more, and more, and more—
 But then, alas, the whistle blew
 Before we'd passed their score,

8.

"It seems a shame," the Wilrush said,
 "To play them such a trick,
 After we've brought them out so far,
 And made them trot so quick!"
 The Cornishman said nothing but,
 "The mud is caked too thick."

9.

"O messieurs," said the Cornishman,
 "You've had your bit of fun!
 Shall we be trotting home again!"
 But answer there was none—
 And this was scarcely odd, because
 They'd bunked-it, every one.

R. A. J. CARSON (Form 3A).

The Lighthouses on Wicklow Head

One summer we went to the Silver Strand, County Wicklow, for our holidays. We stayed in a caravan on a cliff near the sea and often went to the beach to play and to swim.

The most exciting day that we spent was when we went to the lighthouses on Wicklow Head. We walked to them from the caravan and brought our Siamese cat, Smokey, with us. He was frightened of the cars and Daddy had to carry him, but when we got to the private road to the lighthouses he walked on his lead beside us. Along the road we met the lighthouse keeper's wife and she said that her husband would show us around.

There are three lighthouses. One is over eight hundred years old. On the top of this

one turf used to be burned to give light to ships. The second lighthouse is not used now because the mist used to come in from the sea and the light could not be seen by ships. The following week a film company was going to make a film named "Shake Hands with the Devil" in which they used the second lighthouse. Later on we saw the film and recognised the places in it. The lighthouse keeper showed us the third lighthouse which is on the side of the cliff. We climbed up and up the steps, and when we were near the top he showed us some flags for signalling to ships before radio was invented. Then he showed us how the light works, and the log book in which he has to keep a note of the wind, the tides and the ships that pass.

We walked back to the caravan and, when we came to a stream that we had to cross, Smokey thought it was great fun to paddle and he paddled up the stream a little way. We were all very tired and hungry when we got to the caravan, but had enjoyed the visit to the lighthouses very much.

H. G. NASON (Form J3).

On Making a Beginning

A correspondent of my favourite journal, "The Evening —", recently complained of the prevailing "leave me aloneness" so apparent in the restaurants of our land. He would like to alter the existing state of affairs so that one might exchange a few friendly remarks to lighten the burden of the day. "I wonder what would bring about such an agreeable change in the deeply insular ways of our natives," he inquires.

Well, there is, of course, the weather with which to start a friendly conversation. A common mistake with those who use this topic is to make some obvious remark that can be dismissed with a monosyllabic reply of polite agreement. But, properly used, the subject can be made to lead to discussion. On a bright autumn day, for instance, remark to your neighbour: "Very snowy isn't it?" He will give you a discourteous look, and say: "I beg your pardon." Your reply should be, "Very snowy, I said—not here, of course, but at the North Pole"; and there you are with the subject of the day before you.

Another way of getting into conversation is to call the manager and accuse your neighbour of picking your pocket. After the disturbance is over the exchange of profuse apologies and genial assurances that it is nothing may be the beginning of a life long friendship.

A method that has rarely failed is that of asking for the honour of paying for your neighbour's lunch. This generally brings a reply of some kind, and as often as not the bright chat which follows can by tactful management be made so interesting that the offer that began it is quite forgotten by both parties.

A further graceful introduction to conversation was witnessed in a city restaurant only last week. Two strangers were lunching at a table, one an Englishman, the other apparently a Frenchman. Suddenly the latter, with all the charm and abandon for which his race is noted, filled his glass from the Englishman's bottle and drank his health, afterwards addressing a few felicitous and well chosen words of admiration and esteem. It was an exceedingly pretty incident.

G. H. DODD (Form 5A).

The Youth Hostelling Movement

The Youth Hostel movement was founded by Herr Richard Schumann, a German, in 1908. The movement has spread to twenty-nine countries, and the number is increasing every year. Among the member countries are, Egypt, Tunisia, Japan, Canada and Austria. The object of the movement is to encourage young people to see and appreciate more of the country, by providing cheap accommodation for its members. The size of the hostels varies from huge modern establishments in Germany, holding several hundred hostellers, to small cottages which can only sleep six people. Each hostel is controlled by a warden, who usually lives in or near the hostel. In each one there are facilities and utensils for cooking, which are free to any member. The overnight fee is approximately 2/6d. for seniors—those over sixteen years—and 1/3d. for juveniles. This fee includes use of bed, blankets and pillow, and also of the kitchen. As well, everyone is expected to perform some small chore, as directed by the warden.

Irish Hostels

In Ireland there are about fifty hostels, a third of which belong to the Youth Hostel Association of Northern Ireland, the rest to An Óige. In the Republic, there are thirty hostels, situated in four main chains—in Donegal, Wicklow and Dublin, Kerry and Cork, and West Connaught. All the hostels except for two, which hold eighty, have between twenty and fifty beds. None of them provide meals and it is necessary to bring food into the hostels, where there are fairly good facilities for cooking. Many are rather primitive: those who expect running water and electric light will be disappointed, as only a third of the An Óige hostels have either. Paraffin-lamps are used as a substitute and there is generally a well near at hand. The wardens are usually farmers and one can buy eggs, potatoes and milk from them. The Youth Hostel Association of Northern Ireland has about twenty hostels, which in size are very similar to those of An Óige, but which unlike those of An Óige were constructed as hostels, while An Óige has converted farm-houses and coast guard stations. The largest and best equipped hostels in Ireland are: Aghadoe House, Killarney, the Dublin hostel in Morehampton Road, the Ballygally Youth Hostel (north of Larne), and the Kinahalla Youth Hostel (in the Mourne Mountains).

Great Britain

In Great Britain there are two associations, the Scottish Youth Hostel Association, and the Youth Hostel Association of England and Wales. The English Association has over three hundred hostels. They vary in size from the one hundred and fifty bed Llangollen Hostel to the fifteen bed Milton Abbas Youth Hostel. Nearly all provide meals, which are usually extremely wholesome, for a 2/6d. charge. All hostels, whether they provide meals or not, have excellent cooking facilities. Many of them are converted houses or mansions, but some have been constructed as hostels. Unlike the Irish hostels, only a handful of them are without electric light and running-water. The Scottish Youth Association has ninety hostels, of which only about fifteen, in Central Scotland, provide meals. However, nearly all these hostels have a store in which one can buy provisions. These hostels vary amazingly in size: South of the

Caledonian Canal there are few that hold less than one hundred people—the Loch Lomond Youth Hostel has three hundred beds, while in the Outer Hebrides there is a hostel which has only six beds. Like the English hostels, nearly all have electric light and running-water.

However, although these hostels in Great Britain provide meals, and are generally bigger and better, nevertheless the An Óige hostels, small as they are, are often more friendly. In An Óige's hostels, everyone knows and helps each other, while in many of the bigger hostels in Great Britain, there are so many people that they do not get together to talk and make friends.

I have experienced hostelling during the last three summers. Three years ago I cycled eight hundred miles on the English-Welsh border and in the West Country. When I was thirteen years old I went, with a friend of my own age, cycling in Scotland. We covered four hundred and fifty miles without mishap. This year, despite the rule of An Óige's which prevents juveniles hostelling by themselves, I cycled five hundred miles in Northern Ireland and Donegal. For the last tour we were away for two weeks, and although we stayed in two bed and breakfast guest houses, and though we travelled from Carrick-on-Shannon to Dublin by train, the all-in cost came to less than eight pounds. The Youth Hostel movement really does provide cheap accommodation for its members.

J. M. ADAMS (Form 4A).

You DON'T Say!

"Would you like to hear it, Sir? Well, we wuz all gathered round Aloysius McGovern—he's the caretaker in Lord Mac's place—an' he wuz tellin' us about catchin' some poachers. Then, what happens but the door floies open, and Seamus Kelly stands there with the rain howlin' in. He wuz drowned to the skin, an' he looks as if he wuz a corapse. 'Come in man,' sez aul' Foley—Foley's a gran' aul' charikter, y'know. Him an' me's often been out in the beootiful summer nights doin' a spot of fishin' when McGovern's away somewhere. Lord Mac don't loike it, y'know—but to get back to me story. Foley sez come in, and Seamus comes. He wuz walkin' kinda

queer, an' he had a funny look'n his oiye. We wuz all a bit wary loike, 'cos . . . thanks sor, oi will . . . 'cos his aul' gran'pa went off a bit, y'know. Well, he comes up, an' sez: 'Michael, give us a double, quick. Oi needs it.' He drinks it up, an' he looks a bit better. Then he sez, kinda frightened loike . . . 'Ah, no sor, Oi'll pay for this . . . kinda froightened loike: 'Lads, Oi just seen 'em.' 'What,' sez we, 'Leprychawns, upon th' oul' hill.' An' with that, he heels over in a dead faint loike he wuz a felled tree. Now Seamus, sor, Seamus is a foine strong man, an' it'd take a lot to make 'im go loike that. So whoile the rest of 'em looks after 'im, Foley, me an' young Jonah there, we goes out round the back an' into the garden—Moichael's a very foine garden, sor, you should see it. He got a proize down in Ballymacrossan for 'is cabbidges—but Oi wuz furgettin'. We buzzes out the back way to see what we c'n see on th' aul' hill . . . The hill? Oh sor, that's our cemet'ry. Me pa wuz buried there this day twelvemonth. Oiye, it wuz a beootiful service. Father Murphy spoke great about 'im. I wuz reel touched. Ah, me father wuz . . . Sorry sor, Oi'm furgettin' agin. Well, what d'you think we sees, a kinda big broight loight, an' smoke risin' up, an' little figures runnin' round. Oh sor, it wuz a sight to make you scary, yeah. Well, if you saw sum'p'n loike that at noight an' the rain beltin' down an' the wind howlin' loike it wuz a banshee . . . Yeah, you would . . . Sure Oi will sor, tellin' stories is thirsty work—Michael! . . . What happened then? Well, we charged back in, an' tells th' others. Seamus wuz jus' comin' round. You can't keep Seamus down fur long. No indeed. He's the champiyn foighter in th' valley, an' he's a hard man to . . . Sorry sor. Well, to go on. We tells th' others, an' all they do is laughs. So we tells 'em to go out'n see. So they goes, an' in a minit or two, they's back. They wuz all a bit shaken loike, even Georgie over there wuz a bit whoite-lookin', an' you see what sort of a man he is. Well, we all goes into a huddle, an' we decides to go an' tell Father Murphy, an' we'll all go up there to-morra t'investigate . . . No sor, you don't have to worry about "time" here. Th' only guard around is O'Shaughnessy, an' he comes in 'imself about ten to . . . well, sor, if you must be goin' soon, to cut a long one short, we toddles up there the nex' day, an' what do we find? A

whole gang o' them little spalpeens the Boy Sprouts. They wuz campin' up there 'cos there's a well, an' they'd lit a foire the noight before Ah sor, you'll have one for the road? Michael, another one fur the gentleman

(With profound thanks to Darby O'Gill, Walt Disney, and all authors of ghost and mystery stories, to whom this story is dedicated). C. SMITH (Form Upper Sixth).

Mozart

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg. In his very earliest years his love and talent for music were clearly recognised. He began playing the piano at three years of age and he was composing at five. He was a wonderful infant prodigy. So great was his fame that his father brought him on a tour around Europe and all the monarchs he visited were amazed by his wonderful talent. It was when staying in Chelsea while on this tour, that he wrote his first two symphonies. They are in the style of John Christian Bach, then at the height of his fame in London, who organized the concert at which the boy Mozart appeared.

Mozart's great memory and his ear for music are both shown in the following incident—one of the most amazing feats ever known to the world of music. It happened that, while yet a boy, he paid a visit to the Church of St. Peter in Rome, where he heard a very impressive Mass being sung by the choir. At home again he stayed up into the early hours of the morning, deliberating it and wondering how he might procure a copy of it. Most writings were written on parchment in those days and his father certainly could not afford to buy a copy for him. Finally he wrote the whole Mass from memory in his own bedroom fully seven hours after he had heard it sung.

Mozart's piano concertos fall into three groups: the first four early works which he adapted from other music, the next six he composed during his residence at Salzburg, and the last fifteen he wrote in Vienna after 1782. He wrote most of these piano concertos when he was in need of a little money, and presented them at the various subscription concerts which he held from time to time. He had greater affection for the piano than for

the violin, which he played only in his Salzburg days.

Mozart had been born into a good home, and, apart from occasional illnesses, the early part of his life very enjoyable, but like so many other famous musicians the latter part of his life was quite the reverse and he died in poverty. Only two friends were present at the funeral of this great composer, and to this day the place of his burial is unknown.

Mozart was the most cultured musician the world has ever known. Among the operas which he wrote are "Clemenza de Tito", "Don Giovanni", "Entführung aus dem Serail", "Figaro", "Seraglio", and "Zauberflöte" (Magic Flute).

JOHN LUNDBERG (Form 3A).

Answers to Crossword on Page 5

Across—1, Algebra; 5, Woggle; 7, Win; 9, Bob; 10, Ripple; 12, Problem.

Down—1, Answer; 2, Gown; 3, Bags; 4, Awl; 6, Embalm; 8, Ipso; 9, Bell; 11, Imp.



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A Miniature Naval Battle

While on holiday in Scarborough this summer, I spent a very pleasant afternoon in Peasholm Park, where, every Monday and Thursday afternoons, a miniature naval battle took place on the lake. Admission was 1/- and there was a huge crowd of spectators there. The battle was between the British and an unknown enemy. "The enemy" comprised two destroyers, a submarine and one cruiser, while the British fleet was made up of one liner, a merchant vessel, a battleship, two cruisers and a dozen aircraft. Ships were worked by remote control through electric motors, and underwater cables. Special electrically detonated fireworks were used for ammunition.

Across the water, in full view, a two-funnel British luxury liner sailed gracefully. However, she had been followed by an enemy submarine, which surfaced and opened fire. The liner was shelled, but suddenly, patrolling British warships opened fire, and the submarine, apparently damaged, sank. There were some powerful underwater explosions as the warships dropped depth charges, and the warships started their patrol again.

Meanwhile, the luxury liner encountered an enemy cruiser. However, the cruiser was spotted by British planes, which swept over with some well-aimed bombs. The British battleship steamed up, and the cruiser made off with the battleship in pursuit.

The action changes with the appearance of an unarmed British merchantman. She is spotted by the enemy submarine which fires two torpedoes. The submarine, resurfacing, shells the merchantman which sinks, a total wreck.

Suddenly, Royal Air Force planes dive down and the submarine is annihilated. The action grows fierce as the British fleet attack the "shore" installations of the enemy. The enemy, finally, has to admit defeat, and the victorious British fleet sail away.

It costs more than £60 to stage the "battle" and it takes half a day to prepare the models before each performance. The vessels, each about twenty ft long, cost more than £6,000. They are all scale models of real ships. In the course of the "battle",

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D. BOWIE (Form 4A).

Newgrange

During the summer holidays we went for a long drive in the car to Newgrange, the place where many of the old Kings of Ireland were buried.

From outside, the burial place looks just like a mound in a field. It is built out of stones piled on each other. These stones are found only in the Mourne Mountains so they must have been dragged all the way from there, a distance of about one hundred miles. Some are thirty feet long and four feet high and are very thick, and it must have been a hard job to get them there. The guide who showed us around said that slaves dragged them all the way.

Inside the mound there is a long narrow tunnel with rocks on either side which have designs like circles cut on them. At the end of the tunnel is a big cave. To one side of it is a huge stone basin where the dead kings' bodies were burnt. The ashes were then put in gold urns and these were put in an inner cave. There are no urns left there now because about a thousand years ago the Norsemen broke into the tumulus and took them. Newgrange was already about two thousand years old when raided.

D. HOURIE (Form J3).



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

Mr. C. L. Dillon's death on October 19th was a severe shock to the school, and appreciations of him will be found elsewhere in this issue.

We record with regret the death of Colonel H. H. C. Lewis who had given many years of valuable service to the Governors and to the School as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Three new governors have been elected: The Most Reverend the Bishop of Meath (Dr. R. B. Pike), who is an Old Boy of the former Abbey School, Tipperary; Mr. W. S. Cunningham, F.C.A., an Old Boy of the High School and Past President of the O.B.U., and Mr. R. E. Minchin Clarke, who is Trade Manager of Messrs. A. Guinness, Son & Company, Limited.

We welcome to the staff Miss M. Newman, Moderator, B.A., Mr. D. W. S. Jones, B.A.I. (Hons.), and Mr. F. J. Meagher, B.Sc. (N.U.I.).

We should like to congratulate Mrs. C. Weekes, a former Lady Teacher in the Junior School, on the birth of a daughter.

A collection made in school in June for the National Council for the Blind amounted to £1 10s. 11d.

This being World Refugee Year, each form in the school contributed gifts of sweets, biscuits and toys to be sent to refugee camps in Europe.

Talks were given during the term by Mr. W. S. Cunningham, F.C.A., on Chartered Accountancy; by the Rev. W. Poole-Hughes on the work of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa; by the Rev. R. S. Good, of the Church Missionary Society, and by the Rev. R. L. Roberts of the Missions to Seamen, Brisbane.

Members of the school choir took part in the Dublin Grand Opera Society's production of "Carmen", at the Gaiety Theatre in November and December.

We congratulate R. F. Kilroy on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for cricket.

Valete

B. M. B. Allman (1955-59) has obtained a position with the Brunswick Press,

K. J. Bannister (1953-59) has joined the R.A.F. as a Boy Entrant.

W. A. Barnwell (1954-59) has obtained a position with the Norwich Union Insurance Societies.

D. G. Cobbe (1957-59) passed the Printers' Apprentices examination and has secured a position with Messrs. Bailey, Son and Gibson, Ltd.

D. R. Dowling (1957-59) has obtained a clerkship in the Northern Bank.

W. T. Dukes (1952-59) has been appointed laboratory assistant in Messrs. Johnston, Mooney & O'Brien.

I. B. Erskine (1952-59) has obtained a position with Messrs. C. C. Wakefield & Co.

D. M. Fleming (1953-59) has obtained a clerkship in the Ulster Bank.

P. M. Grantham (1948-59) has been accepted as an apprentice by Irish Shipping, Ltd., and has made his first voyage on the "Irish Spruce" to the Gulf of Mexico.

T. Haskins (1953-59) has obtained a position with the Sun Insurance Co.

A. J. Hyland (1950-58) has obtained a position with the General Electric Company, Adelaide Road.

A. W. P. Kelso (1954-59) has joined the British Army (R.E.M.E.).

B. E. Killen (1949-59) has obtained a position in the General Accident Assurance Corporation, Ltd.

K. J. Leary (1953-59) has obtained a position in the Timber Department, Messrs. Thos. Dockrell, Son & Co.

D. W. R. Lee (1958-59) has secured a position with Messrs. Nicholson Bros., Ltd. of South William Street.

D. R. Maher (1954-59) has obtained a position with Messrs. George Garratt & Sons, Manufacturers Agents (Crossleys of Halifax).

S. C. O'Keefe (1955-58) has obtained a position with Messrs. S. McCormick, Ltd., of Inchicore.

A. C. Rance (1953-59) has obtained a position with Messrs. W. & H. M. Goulding, Ltd.

B. H. Welsh (1952-9) has obtained a position as production control trainee with Messrs. James Winstanley, Ltd.

The Prize Distributions

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, November 12th. The Chairman was Major R. R. Wilson, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was Mrs. Frances E. Mitchell.

The Headmaster said that it was always difficult to summarize for a Prize Distribution report the work of the Junior School, as only the top classes take part in an open examination (the Under 12 Scholarship, in which this year one of our boys, D. F. Ford, secured first place out of forty-five candidates). But the work of giving the boys a sound basic education in "the three R's and I" went on successfully throughout the school year, thanks to the work of the lady teachers, the masters, and the ubiquitous presence and controlling hand of Mr. Evans. With the increasing needs of the senior school it had been found necessary to discontinue the seven-year olds class, formerly called J1. Beginning now at eight years of age, boys will normally pass through the Junior School in either three or four years, depending on their rate of progress. During the year Miss Blakeney and Miss McClure had moved into two of the three new classrooms into which the gymnasium had been divided, and now the whole Junior School worked in a little group of adjacent rooms convenient to the playground.

The Chairman traced the history of the school cap, telling how its present design, incorporating the cross of St. Patrick in red, was the result of an idea of his own when he was a member of a committee of staff and boys set up to produce a new cap some years ago. He urged the boys to develop clarity of expression in their writing, and asked parents not to be over-anxious about utilitarian subjects.

Mrs. Mitchell spoke of the prizes to be sought in life apart from examinations, such as thrift and tidiness. She recalled a box kept by a former headmaster, Mr. Thompson, into which boys paid fines incurred through forgetting their school books, and how the half-pennies in the box soon mounted up to shillings. She asked the boys to put their things away tidily when they had finished their homework, and then to get ready what they would need the next day.

A number of musical and dramatic items were then presented by the boys of the Junior School, under the direction of Mrs. Stokes, Miss Blakeney, Miss Williams and Miss McClure.

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, November 13th. The Chairman was Mr. L. V. Bishop, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was Dr. T. W. Moody, F.T.C.D.

The Headmaster opened his report by referring to the death of Mr. C. L. Dillon on October 19th. He had taught in the school for just over forty years, and for the past twelve had been Vice-Headmaster. Through his own personality and his great gifts of friendship and understanding he had made for himself a unique place in the history of the school.

Dealing with the past year's examinations, Dr. Reynolds said that while our candidates for the Intermediate Examination were not as successful as in previous years (out of fifty candidates, twenty-three obtained honours and eight others passed), it was compensated for by the fact that fourteen of the fifteen boys presented for the Leaving Certificate had passed. No other school had produced so many successful candidates in the University examinations. R. A. Buttimore obtained first place in the Entrance Scholarship Examination, and was awarded the Kidd Scholarship. M. T. Richardson, J. D. Reynolds and C. P. Williams won Entrance Exhibitions, and D. J. Challen, though under age, qualified for the Harris Prize.

The Headmaster welcomed the new test in oral Irish that now lay before our Leaving Certificate candidates, and said that he would like to see it extended to other modern languages. He hoped, however, that failure in oral Irish would not cause failure in the whole examination. Turning to games, he said that both the Senior and Junior rugby teams had reached the quarter-finals of the Cup competitions, and that the Seniors had flown to play the Royal High School, Edinburgh. Among athletic performances he mentioned that R. J. R. Kirkham had won the A.A.U. 100 yards Youths' Championship. He recorded with appreciation the gift by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips of a cup to be awarded for life-saving in memory of their son John, who was drowned in the summer of 1958.

Three new school groups had been formed during the year, the Bible Union, the Chess Club, and the Gramophone Society. There was now something for everybody, and a boy who passed through school without taking an active share in at least one such society was missing a most valuable part of his education.

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Colonel Lewis who had, he said, done a great deal of voluntary work for the school.

Dr. Moody opened by saying that a prize-giving was a notable occasion and regretted that the spirit of emulation tended to be lost in the new educational developments in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He was glad to see the High School encouraged its pupils to listen to music. He recommended also that they should look at pictures such as were to be found in our art galleries. With regard to the Irish system of education he felt that a recognition of its faults might be the beginning of wisdom, and mentioned two such weaknesses. Geography, a subject that was most effective in extending the experience and kindling the imagination, he felt to be neglected in Ireland, and as for history, it could only be said to be laying the foundations on which a really good senior school history of Ireland would be written. Finally, he told the boys to set their sights high, to do as well as they possibly could those things that lay to hand, to make the best use of their talents according to the highest standards, and to adopt as their policy the reverse of the catchphrase "I couldn't care less."

Presenting the Old Boys' Cup to T. Haskins, the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. W. F. Burgess, associated the Old Boys with Dr. Reynolds' remarks about Mr. Dillon.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Most Reverend the Lord Bishop of Meath, Dr. R. B. Pike.

The Erasmian Committee

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Examination Results

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1959

Honours—M. W. Taylor.

Pass—J. A. C. Deering, A. H. Gill, P. M. Grantham, T. Haskins, B. C. Johnson, D. J. C. Johnston, P. R. S. Kelly, B. B. Killen, R. F. Kilroy, N. Lambert, N. J. F. Mitchell, M. N. MacKay, A. C. Rance, D. Wine.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1959

Honours—I. B. King (7), A. H. F. Griffin (7), D. J. Lewis (7), C. S. Maybury (6), R. R. Miller (6), D. S. R. East (6), A. J. Roy (6), R. C. G. Balmer (5), H. B. Knott (5), P. H. Nelson (5), G. C. S. Burne (5), G. H. Dodd (5), T. H. Lloyd (4), G. D. Lawson (4), H. D. Graham (4), P. E. Hall (4), B. L. Meyer (4), C. A. Watson (4), A. S. Doak (3), C. N. Sherwood (3), T. H. Gick (3), G. D. Taylor (3), A. T. Ruddock (3).

Pass—C. S. McLean, F. G. H. McQueston, E. C. Morton, M. C. Plant, M. H. Robinson, R. W. Scales, A. F. Skerrett, W. M. Stuart.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Old Boys' Cup: T. Haskins.

High School Exhibition (£100): M. T. Richardson.

Thompson Scholarship in Classics (£100): R. A. Buttimore.

Glorney Exhibition (£50 and Cup): C. P. Williams.

Mitchell Scholarship (£30): D. J. P. Bryans.

B'nai B'rith Scholarship (£30): R. Curtis.

Bury Prize in English Literature (£10): R. A. Buttimore.

John Bennett Memorial Prize (£5): N. D. Simpson.

Silver Medal in Greek Testament: J. P. Hayes.

John Philips Rogers Prize (£3): I. B. King.

Dr. Warnock's Prizes in Irish: D. Wine, A. H. F. Griffin.

French Government's Prize: G. H. Dodd.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize: I. B. King.

Simon Eppel Memorial Prize in Science: M. N. MacKay.

"Erasmian" Prizes (O.B.U.): D. W. Adams, C. F. L. Smith, G. H. Dodd, R. A. J. Carson.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Degrees

M.A.—Rev. E. J. R. Tobias.

Moderatorship: Natural Sciences (Physics); D. J. G. Irwin (1st Class); Modern History and Political Science (Second Class, second division)—G. N. Eames.

Degree of Bachelor of Music: Preliminary Examination—J. S. Dawson.

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions

- James Patrick Kidd Scholarship—R. A. Buttimore.
 Entrance Exhibitions—M. T. Richardson, J. D. Reynolds, C. P. Williams.
 Walter Wormser Harris Prize—D. J. Challen.

Term Honours

- A. M. Gann (J.S.)—Classics (2nd Rank).
 A. R. W. Hughes (J.S.)—Natural Sciences (2nd Rank).
 J. D. R. Oakes (J.S.)—Legal Science (3rd Rank).
 A. R. L. Beck (S.F.)—Mathematics (1st Rank).
 J. D. F. McKee (S.F.)—Natural Sciences (3rd Rank).
 A. C. Newell (J.F.)—Mathematics (1st of 1st Rank), Natural Sciences (1st Rank).
 J. W. Cox (J.F.)—History (2nd Rank).
 R. J. Miller (J.F.)—Classics (1st Rank).
 R. S. F. Murphy (J.F.)—Classics (2nd Rank).
 N. C. J. Pope (J.F.)—Natural Sciences (2nd Rank).
 A. W. Burgess (J.F.)—Natural Sciences (2nd Rank).
 R. T. Murray (J.F.)—Natural Sciences (2nd Rank).
 K. A. H. Mills (J.F.)—Natural Sciences (2nd Rank).
 G. B. Wisdom (J.F.)—Natural Sciences (3rd Rank).
 R. R. O'Moore (J.F.)—Natural Sciences (3rd Rank).
 D. G. Fish (J.F.)—Economics and Political Science (2nd Rank).
 S. C. K. Quick (J.F.)—Economics and Political Science (3rd Rank).

School of Divinity

- Prize in Ecclesiastical History—W. R. D. Alexander.
 Newport White Prize—W. R. D. Alexander.

School of Education

- Higher Diploma: Pass—C. B. Warren.

Medical School

- Pre-Registration Examination: Chemistry—D. A. Mackey (2nd Class Honours).
 Physics—D. A. Mackey (1st Class Honours). G. E. Blundell (2nd Class Honours).
 Second Medical Examination: Pass—G. B. Fisher, D. J. FitzPatrick, R. M. Galloway.

Law School

- Intermediate Examination in Law: Pass—E. R. A. Glover.
 Prize in Law of Property—E. R. A. Glover.

School of Engineering

- Entrance Examination—I. D. Doak (1st Place and Backhouse Prize), V. C. Kelly, R. J. R. Kirkham.
 First Year—K. A. Gregory, D. J. Maynard, M. C. Taylor, T. Samuels.
 Second Year—N. D. Knowles.
 Third Year—B. E. W. Dowse, M. H. Heatley, B. F. C. Kenny.

Other Examinations

- Society of Incorporated Accountants—Final Examination, Part I—R. S. Schlesinger.
 Part II—D. C. B. Taylor.

Insurance Institute of Ireland

- Prizes to Students — Life Branch—J. F. Buttimore.
 Diplomas to Fellows and Associates—H. E. Killeen, N. S. Butler, R. N. Walker, K. W. Prescott.

Question Time

At 7.30 on December 2nd the Quiz run by the Old Boys' Union, which has now become an annual occasion, was held in the Clock-room. The team as usual consisted of boys selected from forms ranging from J.5 up to 6A. The proceedings were opened with a round on general topics, which was followed by rounds including questions on such varied subjects as opium and Nelson Pillar. As in previous years, too, there was a musical round which provided a great deal of entertainment, for the audience at least.

The questions, if a little harder than usual, were all graded and everyone was given a fair chance to answer some, at least, of those he was asked. It is worth putting in a word of praise for the participants, here, too. They came through the ordeal—for much as it may be called a game, they take it very seriously—with a great deal of composure, and none gave anything but a good account of himself.

With the combination of good questions, set, as usual, by Mr. Allen, good teams, a good audience, and an excellent question-master in Mr. Walker, the evening could hardly fail to succeed. If the Rugby fund benefits in proportion to the success of the evening, the team from the Royal High School, Edinburgh, this year, should enjoy royal hospitality.

Result: Abbey, 73. Belgrave, 101. Harcourt, 76. Galway, 76.

Individual Prize—D. J. Lewis.

Runner-up—M. R. Jones.

Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens, presented by the Old Boys' Union, have been awarded to R. A. J. Carson and D. F. Ford for their contributions to the June issue.

The Hobbies Exhibition, 1959

On September 19th this year, the Annual Hobbies Exhibition was held in the Clockroom. There were not, perhaps, as many entries as usual, but their standard was just as high as ever.

The entries were divided into age groups (under 11, under 14, under 15, over 15) and types (collections, models and general hobbies). They were very varied, ranging from radios in soap-containers to girls' dresses and from home-made enlarging-machines to iced-cakes. There were many cakes, and Miss Williamson, the school caterer, expressed her surprise at their quality. (We envied the judges having to taste them!).

On the mechanical side, there was a very clever radio built in a soap-container, as I mentioned; it was a direct-coupled, four transistor set, and one could hear Radio Éireann or Luxembourg through a little ear-piece. The enlarging-machine appeared to have been made from tin cans and boxes, but the results from it were certainly very impressive. Model boats and aircraft were in

abundance, most of which were painted gaily, and they made a very colourful sight in the Clockroom. A rug and a firescreen of the High School crest showed us that some boys must actually like school! A second rug, made from bits and pieces of bed covers and blankets, looked very cleverly made indeed, as did a guitar. Last, but by no means least, was a beautiful little harbour, complete with fishing-boats, nets and telegraph poles. In the same field of modelling was a pretty little house, and garden, full of shrubs and flowers.

The prizes were awarded by Mrs. E. W. Beck, wife of the Chairman of the Parents' Association (the organisers of the exhibition), to whom we are very grateful; our thanks must also go to the Old Boys who judged the exhibits, and of course to Mr. Evans, who did all the work behind the scenes.

The first prizewinners were:—

Under 11—"A" Lewis, B. "B" Murtagh, N. "C" Lewis, B.

Under 13—"A" Lewis, S. R. "B" Wilmot, L. "C" Went, D.

Under 15—"A" McClatchie, H. "B" King, D. "C" Frencken, J.

Over 15—"A" Pope, A. "B" Luke, R. "C" Dungan, K.

Cakes—1st, Crocker, R.

2nd, Squires, A.

3rd, Blundell, A.

G. R. CAIRD (Form 4A).

Lending Library

We are grateful to Mr. S. W. Meyer, former President of the Old Boys' Union, for a gift of books to the library; also to A. S. Doak, who presented 16 books, and to D. N. Spurgeon, who presented 15 books.

Films

Several I.C.I. films, designed and made for science class instruction, were shown during the term. They included "Ammonia"; "Colour"; "The Discovery of Oxygen"; "How to Use the Burette"; "The Manufacture of Sulphuric Acid"; "Water"; "The Water Cycle" and "Uses of Limestone". Our best thanks are due to an "Old Boy", Mr. D. R. Meyer, who made these entertaining and instructive films available to us.

Gramophone Society

This year a further gap was filled in the field of extra-mural activities by the establishment of a Gramophone Society. Using the instrument which the Parents' Association gave to the school we play records which are made available by the members. The number of records which we are able to play has now assumed quite substantial proportions and will be augmented by periodic additions to the school's collection. In fact, not only has the Parents' Association helped us by providing the gramophone itself but we must thank them for a very generous gift of five pounds to be devoted to records for the school. Thanks are also due to Mr. Wallace who talks to us about the music we are to hear, and who assists us in the organization of the society.

Our programmes so far this term have consisted of a great deal of Tschaikovsky's music. It is our intention to play a reasonably comprehensive selection of works of as many composers as we can. We have started with Tschaikovsky, playing his fourth and fifth symphonies, his second piano concerto and the violin concerto as well as some shorter works, since his music figures most prominently in our catalogue. We have also heard Grieg's piano concerto, a Mozart trio, and Brahms's "Academic Festival Overture", with Hoffnang's Interplanetary Music Festival adding the lighter touch.

It is a welcome sign to see new societies becoming established. In the case of our Gramophone Society we have quite a consistent attendance of about fourteen members. This, as all who have helped to run a society of this nature will know, is a reasonably promising figure, and since it contains a number of boys who will be staying a further year at school, there is every reason to hope that the newly formed Gramophone Society will flourish.

D. J. C.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of "The Columbian", "C.A.I.", "Schola Regia", "Newtown Review", "St. Andrew's College Annual."

Parents' Association

The Hobbies Exhibition, our popular annual opening function, was well up to standard as regards the variety and interest of the exhibits but there were fewer entries than last year, for which the exceptionally good summer weather may have been partly responsible. Once again Mr. Evans, with his customary efficiency, coped with the problems of organisation and we are very grateful to him and all his helpers.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 7th October and was attended by about 90 members who elected a new Committee as follows:—

Messrs Adams, Beck, Burgess, Erskine. Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Scales.

Hon. Auditor, Mr. Wisdom; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Stuart; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Mowatt.

Mr. Beck was re-elected Chairman.

The first meeting arranged to start our series of activities during the coming months took place on 5th November. The members stood in silence after the Chairman had paid a tribute to the late Mr. Dillon. Then we heard three stimulating talks on related subjects:—"The 'Teenager at Large'"—Rev. E. G. Daunt; "The 'Teenager at Home'"—Mrs. Kingsmill Moore; "The 'Teenager in Love'"—Rev. W. R. Bowell.

The applause from the large number of members present left no doubt as to the popularity of the subjects and, incidentally, of this kind of programme, of the speakers and the substance of their addresses.

To help them in planning their programme of events, the Committee again invite suggestions, criticisms, requests for speakers or any other communications, all of which will be carefully considered with the intention of exciting the interest of all parents, whether members of our association or not. It is our hope, indeed, that our efforts may inspire others to join us, at the modest cost of only 5/- per family per year.

By the time this appears in print, December will be upon us so we send our Greetings to the School and the Old Boys' Union and wish them all prosperity in 1960.

H. P. MOWATT, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Choral Society

Last year, a new idea was introduced into the school by the new music teacher, Miss Alice Barklie. It was that male voices should join with the better singers in the ordinary school choir to form a choral society. This society would practise four-part songs during the terms, and would sing some at the school concert. The number of older boys who joined the society last year was not very large, and indeed, it soon decreased to four—two basses and two tenors. This year, the society is being continued, and there is an increase in the attendance of the seniors, there being now an average of four basses and four tenors.

At present we are singing the well known song "Linden Lea", and also some negro spirituals. By the time this magazine goes to press we shall be practising "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". Miss Barklie hopes that if some more male voices join the society, we shall be able to sing extracts from such major works as Bach's B Minor Mass. Her idea of forming the society is a good one, as it seems a pity to cut out all singing for the boys once their voices have broken. The society gives them a chance of improving both their voices and their knowledge of music.

C. F. L. S.

The Dramatic Society

This is the third year that the Dramatic Society has been in existence in the school. It was started in 1957, and is still a flourishing group. There is an average attendance of a dozen boys, which is a compact and manageable number. We meet every fortnight on Tuesday afternoons to read plays. So far this term we have had three meetings. We have read two of Synge's plays, "Riders to the Sea" and "Shadow of the Glen", and also Noël Coward's famous comedy, "Blithe Spirit". When this article appears in print we shall have read "The Lady's Not For Burning" by Christopher Fry.

The society provides some scope for those boys who can, or think they can, act. In the past two years it has produced two plays for the school concert, John Galsworthy's "The Little Man" and a thriller by W. W. Jacobs,

"The Monkey's Paw". While we cannot claim to have an Olivier in our ranks, we do get some experience and a great deal of pleasure out of it.

C. F. L. S.

Fifty Years Ago

(From THE ERASMIAN, March, 1909)

So much ingenuity is expended upon the contrivance of excuses that we are not surprised to hear that ——— could not take part in the match against Clarinda Park at Kings-town because he was unaware which tram plies between the city and that locality. Questioned as to why he did not ask a constable, he replied, "I did not like to worry the police."

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H. S. D. B. U.

The High School Bible Union has now been in existence for almost a year, and we feel that it has now taken its place as one of the "School Activities".

For the past two months we have been using Mr. Coghlan's room for our meetings, which take place on Friday afternoons after school. During the term we have had the pleasure of welcoming as speakers the Rev. E. M. Neill, Rev. C. A. B. Williams, Mr. Hugh Lewis, Mr. T. R. Sparks, Mr. W. Fry and Mr. C. Robinson.

Our attendance still averages from ten to twelve, and although this seems small we would remember that numbers are not everything. Any boys who are interested will see a notice on the Clockroom notice-board whenever a meeting is due. I should here like to stress that the Union relies on the prayers and support of those interested, without which it cannot be of any benefit to the school.

N. D. E.

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RUGBY, 1959-60
 Capt.: P. R. S. Kelly.
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SWIMMING, 1959-60
 Capt.: G. H. Lanigan.
 Vice-Capt.: P. R. S. Kelly.
 Hon. Sec.: F. McQueston.

CRICKET, 1959
 Capt.: P. R. S. Kelly.
 Vice-Capt.: R. F. Kilroy.
 Hon. Sec.: D. Goodey.

ATHLETICS, 1959
 Capt.: T. G. O'Malley.
 Vice-Capt.: R. J. R. Kirkham.
 Hon. Sec.: E. A. G. Hill.



SENIOR CUP TEAM 1959

Standing—D. Micks, T. Haskins, J. McClay, Mr. Lowry, G. H. Lanigan, A. C. Rance, S. T. Mason.

Seated—Mr. Cornish, A. J. Donaldson, R. F. Kilroy, P. R. S. Kelly, D. Goodey, R. Warrington, Dr. Reynolds.

Cricket

In spite of the ludicrous lack of accommodation and facilities last season was very successful. It is hoped to have reasonable playing facilities in the not too distant future, which will go a long way towards improving the standard of cricket throughout the School.

The S.C.T. had a successful season, and were a very enthusiastic team throughout the season. In our First Round Cup match we played C.U.S. This match was to develop into a very exciting contest. In the end we were narrowly defeated in a very close game. Once again our annual match with the Old Boys was played with great eagerness shown on both teams. The Old Boys won by getting the last wicket with the last ball of the match. We would like to congratulate P. R. S. Kelly and R. F. Kilroy on being selected to play in the Leinster Schools' Inter-provincial Trial.

We were glad to note keen competition for places on the J.C.T.. This team had a very satisfactory season. Although the team was heavily defeated by St. Mary's in the second round of the Cup, they later showed their ability by defeating the winners, Sandford Park, in a friendly match.

The "Under 14" was another team which improved steadily as the season progressed, and was one of the keenest teams in the School. This team came second in its section of the League.

The "Under 13" played a number of matches during the season, and while it was more conspicuous for its keenness than for its success, the standard did improve considerably.

Cricket continued to flourish in the Junior School and the large numbers attending were witness to the enthusiasm shown for the game.

D. W. G.

Athletics Report, 1959

The Athletic Club has had a most successful season. Once again we are most grateful to Mr. Myles for his coaching in the various events. There is a certain lack of enthusiasm among the Seniors at the moment, but this is offset by the very keen spirit displayed by the Juniors.

This year the sports were unfortunately curtailed due to torrential rain, most of the field events being cancelled. We would like to congratulate R. J. R. Kirkham on winning the War Memorial Cup for Senior events, and R. A. J. Carson on winning the Danum Cup in the Junior section.

R. C.

Boxing Report

During the past few years boxing has become very slack and numbers have decreased. This year we are glad to say that many more boys have joined the club. Most of these boys are in first and second forms and it is hoped that they will retain their present enthusiasm.

The standard of boxing is improving, and there is a chance this season of holding our Annual Boxing Championships once more. Last year it was found impossible to hold them due to lack of numbers.

If there are any boys who would like to join the club we would be glad to see them between four o'clock and five o'clock on Friday afternoons in the Clockroom.

V. J. R.

Swimming

The Swimming Club held its Annual Gala this year on Friday, November 6th, 1959. The gala had been originally fixed for October 20th, 1959, but owing to the tragic and lamented death of Mr. C. Dillon it had to be postponed to the latter date. Unfortunately, too, it was found impossible to obtain the baths for an evening and so we were forced to hold our gala during the afternoon. This led to a much smaller attendance than usual of friends and supporters. However, the gala proved to be a great success, and the numbers of entries showed an increase on previous years. It was gratifying to see the number of Juniors who competed for the different events. Mr. Myles, Mr. O'Kane and

Mr. Evans and other members of the staff devoted much of their time to pre-gala preparations and to their untiring efforts the success of the gala is due. The Committee would like to thank Mrs. Reynolds who so kindly presented the prizes.

The main results of the gala were:—

Senior Championship—I. Usher.
Junior Championship—K. McCormick.
4 x 20 metres House Squadron—Harcourt House (Kelly, Young, McQuestion, Goodey).

We regret to say that we were unable to hold our usual Old Boys' Race owing to the unsuitable time.

We should also like to thank the schools which took part in the Inter-Schools Squadron, the winners this time being St. Andrew's College.

F. McQ.

Rugby Report

The Senior team, under the captaincy of P. R. S. Kelly, has so far this season had a fair share of the spoils. Having played five matches, two have been won, one drawn, and the remaining two lost. The usual complaint of size and weight is still with us although the lack of weight is made up for by mobility. The backs are better this season than they have been for some years and when they have been given the chance have shown what they can do with the ball.

The 2nd XV are a strong mobile team this season. This fact is indeed shown by the results which they have obtained. They have had a one hundred per cent. success, four matches having been played, and four won.

We are pleased to be able to turn out a 3rd XV team again this season and although they have not played many matches there are a number arranged for the near future.

The spirit of keenness shown amongst the boys of the Junior team is perhaps a contributory fact to the results which they have been obtaining. These are one match drawn, four matches won, and not one match lost. A fact which will encourage all those who read this article is that this team is, with the help of the sports masters, playing good open rugby.

The Under 14 XV ties with the 2nd Senior XV in being the most successful team in the

school. They have played and beaten four of the best schools which they are likely to meet, Masonic, Belvedere, St. Andrew's, and Terenure. Should this team continue to play as well as it has been playing we look forward to seeing a very fine Junior team next season.

Although the Under 13 team have not had a great many matches they are a very keen side. There is a large number of boys in this age group and so this group boasts a 2nd team. Both these teams with a little experience and encouragement could go a long way.

Both the Under 12 and Under 11 teams have played matches and it must be very encouraging to the organizers of the game in school to see the enthusiasm with which these boys look forward to their matches.

Unfortunately we are still handicapped by the lack of fields available at Danum. This affects the Under 13 XV most of all as there is a large number of boys in this section. However, we are pleased to hear that some more pitches will be available in the near future.

We would like to congratulate P. R. S. Kelly, G. H. Lanigan, and D. W. Rowell on being selected to play in the Leinster Schools' Trials, and we wish them the best of luck in this severe test.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is quite a privilege for me to write as President of the O.B.U. and I feel honoured at being elected to this high office for the year 1959-60. I will endeavour to justify my election and retain the high standard set by my predecessors.

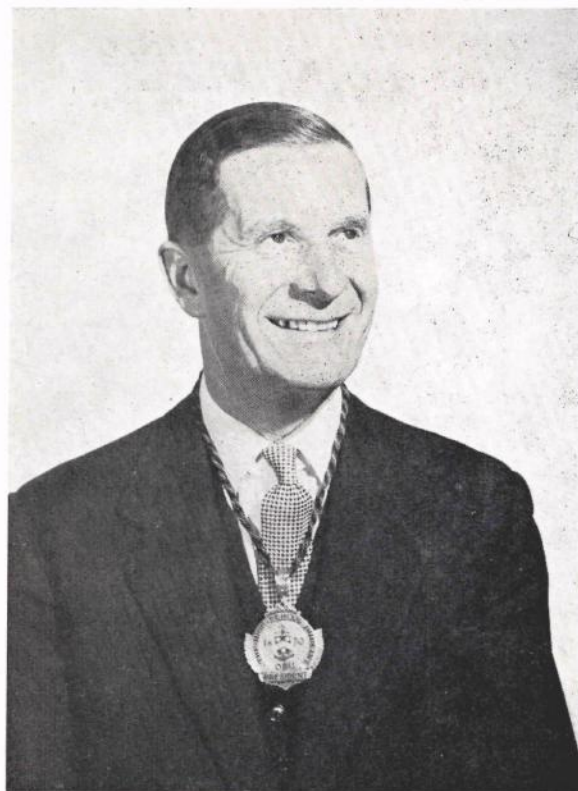
My first official duty was to attend the funeral of the late Charles Luke Dillon. It was indeed a very sad occasion for a great number of Old Boys. He will be long remembered by this generation, not only in connection with his long and valuable service to the School but also for his loyal support of the O.B.U. We will miss him at our various functions.

The Annual Dance was again a tremendous success, not merely because the Metropole was filled to capacity but, more particularly, because of the friendly spirit which prevailed throughout the evening.

Congratulations to our Dance Committee for carrying out their duty with energy and efficiency.

It is encouraging to report that 29 new members have joined the union during the last year. I am glad to see so many of our younger men taking a keen interest in the affairs of the Union. Their support is most important as they represent the link between the older members and the young men leaving school.

The Adelaide Hospital Fund is still deserving of greater support and I would suggest that, when members are sending in their cheques for the Annual Dinner in January they would also complete the Banker's Order which will be sent out with the Dinner application



W. F. BURGESS

form. For those who do not wish to adopt this method I would suggest they send a postal order or cheque.

The London Dinner has been arranged for February 12th, 1960, the eve of the England v. Ireland Rugby International, and it is hoped that as many as possible will support this important reunion with our friends across the Channel.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all readers every happiness at Christmas and hope that 1960 will be a year of Peace and Prosperity for all.

Yours sincerely,
Wm. F. Burgess,
President,

Christmas, 1959.

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REPORT OF HON. SECRETARIES

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 16th October, 1959; the President, Mr. W. S. Cunningham, was in the Chair. There were 43 members present.

The Hon. Secretaries' report for the 31st Year (1958-59) was received with satisfaction, the following are items of note taken from it:

The President, Mr. W. S. Cunningham was in the Chair at all our meetings and represented the Union at many of the functions given by our kindred associations.

Our 30th Annual Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 1st November, 1958, and thanks to Mr. M. G. Keartland and the Dance Sub-Committee was a complete success. 498 members and friends were present.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 17th January, 1959; 219 members and guests sat down to dinner. Our principal guest was Mr. G. F. Klingner.

The Ladies' Night was held in the University Club on Saturday, 14th March, 1959; 83 members and guests were present.

The Question Time which has now become an annual event was held in the Clockroom on 1st December, 1958. A sum of £15 8s. 10d. was collected for the school rugby travelling fund.

The total received for the late Willie Wilson Memorial Fund was £100.

The O.B.U. Presidents' Board has been completed and now hangs on the wall in the Clockroom near the O.B.U. Cup Winners' Board.

The sports activities have continued to play a prominent part in the life of the Union and we extend our best thanks to the various Hon. Sports Secretaries for their work throughout the year.

A subscription of £10 10s. 0d. was sent to the Trinity College Library Extension Fund and prizes were presented to the School for articles in "The Erasmian" and for swimming.

29 new members joined the Union during the year.

Our Union was represented at all U.I.S. and A.S.U. meetings and functions.

The Hon. Treasurer's report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £13 13s. 4d. for the year.

The Annual Dinner, 1960

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 16th January, 1960. If you intend being present, kindly advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, on the form enclosed with this issue of "The Erasmian".

London Dinner, 1960

This Dinner will be held in the Overseas League on Friday, 12th February, 1960, and ladies may be invited as guests. If you intend being present, kindly advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, on the form enclosed with this issue of "The Erasmian".

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

Members who are not already subscribers are asked to send a subscription for this fund to the Hon. Treasurer, E. W. Frith.

News of Old Boys

W. R. D. Alexander (1946-53) was awarded a Certificate for Composition by the College Theological Society for the session 1958-59.

J. K. Bailey (1948-54) was a member of the Leinster Junior XV which played against Munster this December.

E. H. Bodell (1940-44) played for the Gentlemen of Ireland against Scotland, June, 1959.

K. H. Bornemann (1949-54) was a member of the Irish Athletics team in a contest with Scotland at the Highland Games, Edinburgh, in August last.

W. W. A. Bornemann (1948-54) has been capped again for Leinster.

G. A. D. Brewster (1923-28) has been appointed joint managing director of Hely's Ltd.

N. S. Butler (1951-55) has become an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

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J. F. Buttimore (1949-54) has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

F. Fine (1937-45) was a member of the Irish team which contested the European Bridge Championship at Palermo, last September.

D. J. FitzPatrick (1945-55) played for the Combined Universities XV against the Rest of Leinster XV.

M. S. Haskins (1949-55) has left the Bank of Ireland and has entered Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, with a view to taking Holy Orders.

G. D. Hudson (1954-58), who has been with Messrs. Brittain, has joined the R.A.F.

D. J. G. Irwin (1945-55) has been awarded the Rogers Fellowship in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he hopes to do research work in physics.

D. N. Jupe (1946-53) has been appointed recently to Messrs. W. H. Smith & Co., Ltd. Stafford Branch.

J. T. Killen (1945-55) has been awarded the Robert Gardiner Scholarship (£1,350) tenable at the University of Cambridge for three years.

G. A. Kirwan (1924-28) is Senior Superintendent and Commandant of the Northern Police College, Karuna, Nigeria, where he has organised rugby teams among the Nigerian recruits.

Dr. F. S. L. Lyons, F.T.C.D. (1941), lecturer in history at Trinity College, Dublin, has been awarded a Research Fellowship by the Council of Europe.

D. Macaulay (1939-42) is captain of the Leinster Golfers' Alliance.

J. H. Matthews, F.C.H., A.C.I.S. (1924-31) has been elected President of the Insurance Institute of Cork for the year 1959-60.

Rev. S. W. Reede (1937-43), who was Curate-assistant at St. Finian's, Cregagh, Belfast, has been appointed head of the Southern Church Mission to Ballymacarrett.

R. A. Q. Skerrett (1947-54) is a sub-editor on the staff of the Bulletin, a weekly paper issued by the Press and Information Office of the German Federal Government in Bonn.

P. H. Stewart (1937-47) was awarded the Kedah Commemoration Medal by His Highness the Sultan of Kedah (Malaya), March, 1959.

G. H. Watson, B.A.I. (1945-53), who has been engaged in engineering work in Canada for the past three years, is now in London studying at Imperial College.

T. T. West (1954-56) has been elected Auditor of the D.U. Mathematical Society for the present session. A. R. L. Beck (1946-56) is the Hon. Secretary.

Canon F. A. G. Willis (1922-31), Editor of the "Church of Ireland Gazette" and Rector of Bagenalstown, was one of the speakers at the opening meeting of the College Theological Society in October.

N. E. Wilson, M.A., M.A.I. (1943-49), who was awarded a teaching fellowship at Harvard University in 1958, has now been appointed Professor of Civil Engineering (Soil Mechanics) at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Danum

The Sunday evening At Homes in the Headmaster's flat at Danum have been discontinued.

Marriages

Stanley Browning (1946-50) to Rosemary Furlong, August 29, 1959.

David John A. Galloway (1944-50) to Patricia Joan Williams, August 29, 1959.

Alan Frederick Grey (1931-38) to Charlotte Elizabeth (Betty) Petrie, September 5, 1959.

Dan H. Griffith (1946-50) to Ina Kerr, October 10, 1959, in Toronto, Canada.

Gordon Henderson (1943-51) to Norma Pullen, September 26, 1959.

Edward Victor Ingram (1949-52) to Joan Patricia McKee, July 13, 1959.

Norman V. Jones (1945-52) to H. Olive Reed, July 11, 1959.

Geoffrey A. Lovegrove (1940-41) to Lorna M. Davies, October 3, 1959.

Stanley Walter McCamley (1945-48) to Dorothy Evelyn Keegan, August 29, 1959.

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Maude Linton, B.A., September, in
Armagh.

Dr. W. J. G. Warwick (1922-30) to Mrs. Iris
Duncan, August 30, 1959, in Wolver-
hampton.

Adrian Woods (1941-49) to Ann Wheeler,
September 26, 1959.

Deaths

Charles Luke Dillon, M.A., Vice-Principal of
The High School, Dublin, October 19,
1959.

Robert Evan Felton (1908-09), October 25,
1959.

Lieutenant-Colonel Howard Cornewall Lewis,
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