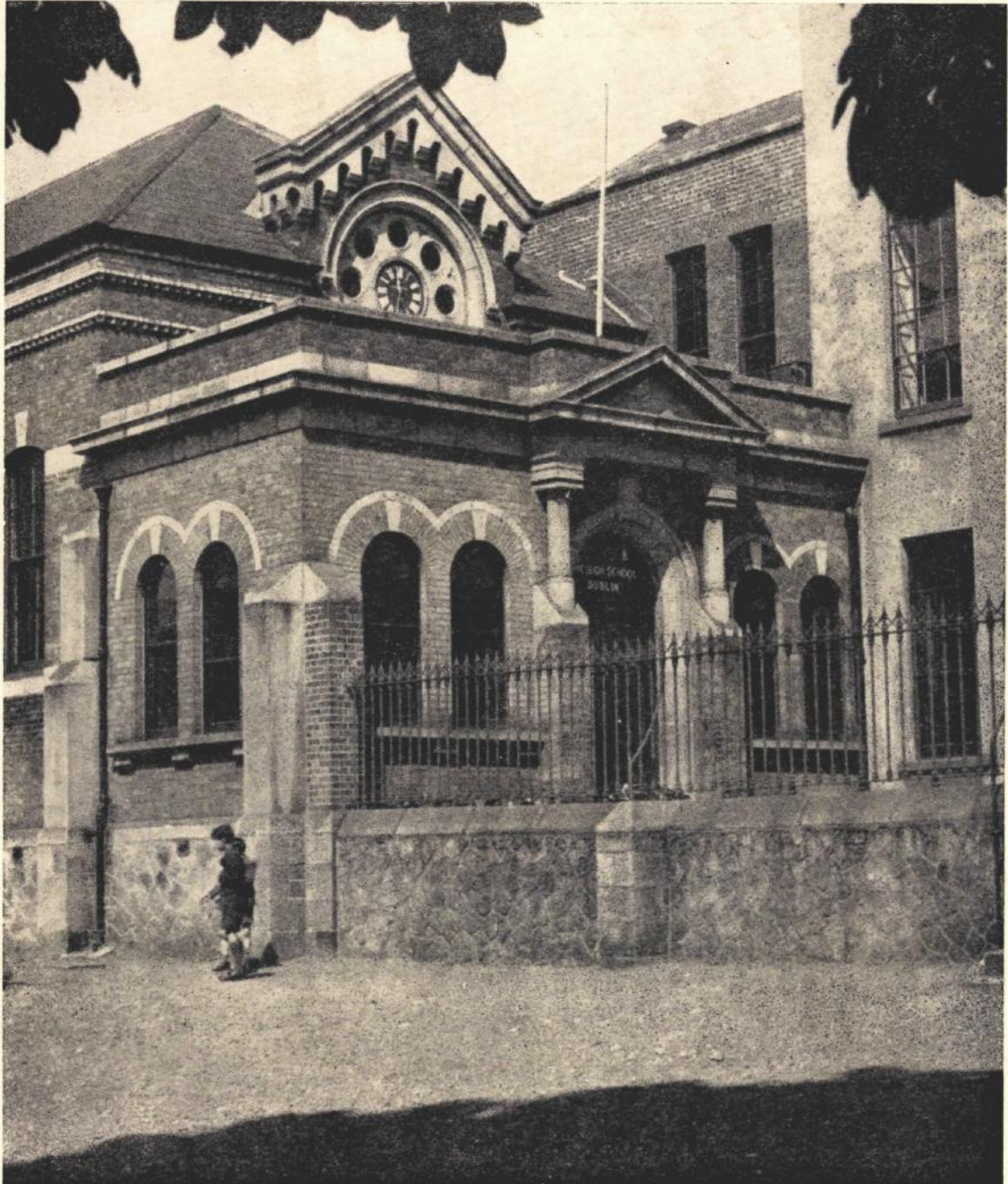


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## EDITORIAL

The first duty of the editorial is to add a few short words of appreciation to those which have been said with respect to Mr. Wilson. The School, both masters and boys alike, has lost a sincere friend; he will long live in our memories. We offer to his relatives our sympathy in their bereavement. We also note with regret the death of Mrs. Bennett, who contributed so much towards the good of the School.



Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Bennett, and Mr. Dillon.

[Photo taken by Mr. Goulden in 1937]

On reviewing the present term in school, what is it that has struck us all most? Perhaps we have noticed many strange young gowned figures flitting about and disappearing after a short while. This can be explained by the fact that certain classes are being taken by students from the School of Education, T.C.D., and that for other specialised classes additional staff have been engaged. Was it the fact that once again a heavy load has fallen upon Belgrave

Square and that the mud there is still as clinging as ever? The new caterer then comes to mind; surely this has been an outstanding feature of the last term. The dinners have vastly improved, and the only complaint now heard is from 5th and 6th forms who have to take their place in the single queue. No, in every case you would be wrong, my readers; the thing which has struck us most this term has been the Asian 'flu.

This "contagious febrile disorder, usually with rapid prostration and severe catarrh," certainly struck the School with a vengeance. Few have escaped it and it has disrupted many activities. Rugby almost came to a standstill—an unparalleled event in recent history; the plays at the junior prize day were affected, and the malady even had the effrontery to attack masters. This meant that a few unassuming 6th formers were suddenly faced with the awful horror of having to teach Scripture ("of all things!" said the science specialist) to some of the J classes. We are glad to report that the worst is now behind us and, barring a sudden recurrence, the Christmas examinations will take place as arranged.

Unfortunately examinations are now an accepted part of school life so they must be faced up to by all with firm resolution. Indeed, the School has done so well in recent years that we do not envy the younger pupils who are continually being told about the "preservation of our good name" and are being indoctrinated by similar propaganda. Now I will lay down my pen as I think I have just about reached my appointed number of words (I have been counting them all along) and allow you to pass on to the literary talent which follows.

## U.N.O. at Geneva

In July, as one of three representatives from Ireland, I attended the third Summer School to be held in Geneva, to study the social and economic work of the United Nations. This Summer School was organised by the Friends' Service Council, and was timed to coincide with the annual session of the Economic and Social Council, known as ECOSOC. Our party consisted of twenty-four (one leader, twelve boys, and eleven girls), chiefly from Great Britain, but

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including also four from the United States of America and two from Scandinavia.

We stayed at a United Nations Hostel in Geneva for a fortnight, and during that time attended several sessions of ECOSOC, and listened to about fifteen lectures on various aspects of the social and economic work of U.N.O. and its Specialised Agencies. We also had time for shopping, swimming and sight-seeing in Geneva, and went on three most enjoyable excursions, two to places around Lake Lemman, and one to a pass in the French Alps.

Our lectures were given by fairly senior members of the U.N. Secretariat or the Specialised Agencies, and had such titles as "The Work of ECOSOC," "The Needs of Under-developed Countries," "The U.N. Technical Assistance Programme," "The World Refugee Situation," "The League of Red Cross Societies," "The International Labour Organisation (ILO)," "The Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)," and "The World Health Organisation (WHO)."

We learnt that there are six main organs of the United Nations of which ECOSOC is one, and that its chief aims are to further economic

and social welfare, and human rights. ECOSOC consists of one principal council (whose work is to co-ordinate the activities of the specialised agencies, to make a survey of world conditions, to hold discussions on new sources of energy, natural resources, commodity control, human rights, the status of women, etc.), and many subsidiary commissions.

We discovered that WHO goes to the aid of any Government that asks for assistance, sending the best people at their disposal to that country to work with its Government. These specialists may be of any colour, class, creed or sex. WHO has vaccinated a hundred million people against tuberculosis and they have found out that one injection of penicillin can cure a person completely of yaws (a type of external ulcers covering the body). Their activities would be much wider if they had more money, and I felt this, together with the work of the International Red Cross, to be among the most useful achievements of U.N.O.

We learnt that one advantage in the situation of the Hungarian Refugees was that the general public had awakened to the fact that millions of refugees, who have been in camps

for many years, are still waiting for homes. These were jealous at being passed over by the Hungarians, many of whom were immediately resettled.

During our stay we had three film shows, two of which were at the fully-equipped cinema at the United Nations. Subjects included the Hungarian Refugees, the work of the Red Cross, the Forgotten Indians of South America and the United Nations. We were also taken on a conducted tour of the Palais des Nations, which was formerly the headquarters of the League of Nations, and shown over the buildings housing ILO and the International Red Cross.

Although our days were very full, we enjoyed every minute of them, and learnt much about this other side of the work of the United Nations, of which one seldom reads in the news.

M. C. TAYLOR (Form 6A).

## Vacances en France

"Attendez-vous quelqu'un sur le navire, m'sieur?" boomed the huge gendarme who suddenly confronted me. I had not seen his approach, and to say that I was taken by surprise is an understatement. Although what he asked me was simple enough at the time, the words went right over my head. However, I stammered something about "l'auto" and "mon père" and he directed me to another section of the quay.

About ten minutes previously, we, that is my parents, my brother and myself, had arrived in France, and I had for the first time in my life set foot on foreign soil, if the war-scarred quay of Boulogne can be termed as such. Naturally, I was determined not to miss a thing, and was engrossed in watching the large crowd of French people who had gathered to see the docking of the ship; not that there was anything strikingly different in this crowd, but the mere fact that they did not speak the same language as myself rendered them the subjects of my intense interest. For this reason I failed to notice the gendarme who was clearing on-lookers from that section of the quay on which I was standing. But having guessed from my "reply," that I was just another "unilingual Englander," he sent me to where the passengers from the ship waited for their vehicles to be disembarked also.

As I joined my mother and brother, waiting for my father with our car, I was feeling rather mortified at having made such a mess of my first encounter with a Frenchman, especially as I had brushed up my French somewhat for this visit to France.

After a long wait we got under way and my father drove, rather cautiously at first through Boulogne's streets. There were numerous signs warning left-hand drivers to "keep to the right," but my father very soon got used to it and we never found ourselves on the wrong side of roads.

Our ultimate destination was the Riviera coast, although we referred to this destination as "Nice." We did the journey there in five laps. From Boulogne to Arras was the first lap. At Arras we had friends, a French family, with whom we stayed a couple of nights. We planned to camp throughout the whole vacation, and those two nights in Arras were our last under a solid roof for three weeks. Here, also, I had a chance to listen to people speaking French, and not having to answer myself, for my father, who speaks French better than anyone else in the family, did most of the talking for us. However, I did very cautiously speak sometimes, usually spending some time beforehand rehearsing in my mind some phrase, or wishing I had my French school grammar with me, that I could check some irregular verb or some obscure construction. But even after only three days with that family I found speaking easier and picked up a number of colloquial phrases.

After having left Arras we headed for Troyes, through the rather unexciting terrain of Northern France. It was mainly a vast area of land sown with crops of various kinds and dotted by sporadic clumps of trees. From Troyes we journeyed to Bourg, near the Swiss frontier. Only when we began to move south from that town did the nature of the land and the climate begin to change. Mountains reared up on our left and the country became more wooded. Our first experience of anything like unusual heat came near Grenoble, which seems to me to be the gateway to the south. From Grenoble onwards the heat became, for us anyway, fairly intense and the woods gave way to attractive vineyards, many terraced along the hillsides.

Certainly I shall never forget the little town of Castellane in which we spent our last night

before reaching Nice. Apart from the cars parked in the streets, it could have been a medieval village or a tiny Arab township. Narrow streets, bead curtains, and tall buildings almost meeting overhead, characterise that little Provence town of Castellane.

But we had to move on, and the next day, having passed through several mountain valleys and climbed to quite a height, we caught our first glimpse of the Mediterranean between the mountains. Descending through the town of Grasse, famous for its perfume, we neared our goal.

The road wound down beneath the tall plane trees to the coast, from Grasse, until quite suddenly we were there. We seemed to be in an altogether different world, a world of golden beaches, palm trees, exotic flowers, giant cacti and clumps of red bougainvillae, entwined among the walls of magnificent white villas. This was the "Côte d'Azur," as vivid and beautiful as anyone could imagine it to be.

The temperature along the Riviera seaboard was usually around 95°-100° during the day and we never experienced any rain below the 48th parallel. Indeed, we had reached Paris

on the return journey before we had any rain at all.

We actually reached the coast some miles east of Nice, and we decided to journey through Nice to the Italian border, and then return westwards along the coast through Cannes and Marseilles.

Nice is a beautiful city which has grown upwards rather than outwards, for most of the buildings are very tall, like "small-scale skyscrapers," and are all either white or occasionally pink, to reflect the sun's rays. The sea-fronts and promenades are lined with palm trees, and also with very expensive hotels and cafés. The beaches are not so very good, as the sand is rather stony, and further east into Italy, as far as Ventimiglia, there are no beaches at all but cliffs and rocks. Another annoying factor about the beaches is that almost every decent strip of sand is privately owned by some hotel or café.

But the most enthralling part of the Côte d'Azur is definitely Monaco. We spent three days there, in Monte Carlo, sightseeing during the day and returning to the camp-site, at Cap Martin, in the evenings. We visited the museum



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and the famous casino. Prince Rainier and Princess Grace were away on a cruise in the Mediterranean, but we saw the Royal palace, situated in the centre of the old Monégasque village of Monaco. (Monte Carlo occupies the remainder of the principality.)

Leaving Monaco we motored further east over the Italian Frontier and spent a short time in Ventimiglia. It was rather difficult to get round there for none of us could speak a word of Italian. So, with about ten days left, we retraced our steps to Nice and drove on to Marseilles. However, about half-way there we came upon a most delightful resort named Le Lavandau, where we couldn't resist staying for a while. Indeed, we remained there four days, the longest period of time we spent in any one place. There were excellent sandy beaches there and the swimming was first-rate.

The journey from Le Lavandau to Marseilles was the most beautiful part of the whole trip. The red cliffs of the Provence coast were prominent, and the deep blue of sea and sky made them stand out. A thing one notices at once in sunny regions, anywhere, is how brilliantly the bright sunlight brings out the natural colours. Colour photography is particularly rewarding in these regions. We ourselves brought a movie-camera and reels of colour film to record the whole holiday permanently.

Because we wanted to spend a few days in Paris, we had to be content with a few hours in Marseilles. I remember particularly the old harbour of Marseilles, because it was so full of floating rubbish it was often difficult to see the surface of the water.

From Marseilles we turned north through Avignon, scene of the "Babylonish Captivity," and through Lyons. From around Lyons the climate became cooler, although we still had sunshine every day.

Roads in France can be divided into two classes, namely, 1, excellent, and 2, atrocious, but usually they are of the former class, except where one passes the warning-sign "chaussée déformée," and when the French admit that you can be quite sure that the road is really "déformée." The organised camp-sites in France are generally excellent situations, often having a washroom, toilets, and a shop laid on for visitors. On the journey down through Troyes, Bourg, Castellane, etc., these camps

were especially good, but not so on the more frequented route through Paris, Nevers, Lyons, and Avignon.

We entered Paris by way of Versailles and St. Cloud and from the latter suburb we had a unique view of the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame all at once. We camped in the Bois du Boulogne in an excellent but rather crowded camp. There were touring coaches from all over the world there, from Finland and Germany to Brazil in South America. From this establishment we sallied forth daily to view "gai Paris."

I think that apart from Monaco I enjoyed Paris more than any other place through which we passed. We travelled by "Metro" or underground railway, because driving on Paris streets is often rather hectic, as most French drivers waste no time on the roads. Among the many places we visited were the "Palais de Chaillot," Jardin des Tuileries, Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur and the Montemarte, the latter described accurately as a place of pleasure and nocturnal life by many guide-books.

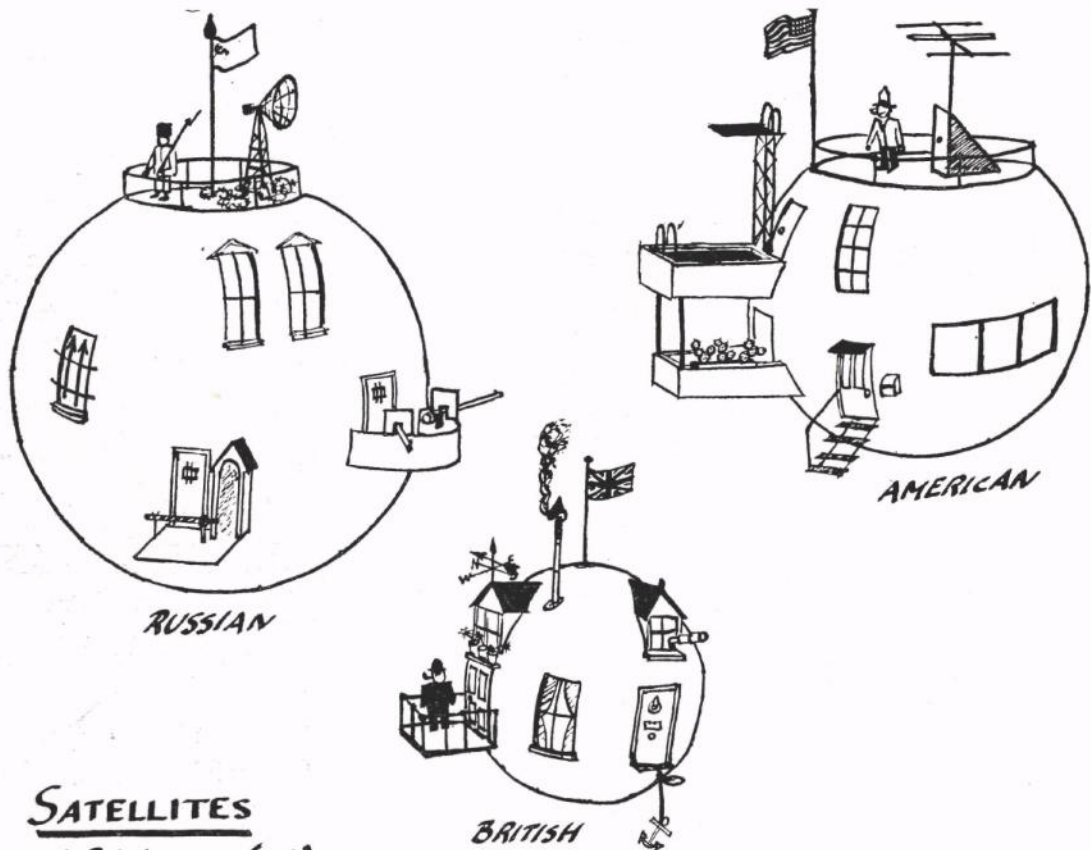
The Seine at night must be one of the most beautiful sights anywhere. It flows slowly along, seemingly covered with rippling reflections. The bridges over the Seine are most magnificent elaborate constructions, access under which is easily gained. Indeed the spaces "under the bridges of Paris" are much frequented, day and night, as the popular song of that title infers.

Three or four times we traversed 1,880 metres of the famous "Champs Elysées," and many other equally famous avenues. It would take a complete book to describe in detail even our short three-day stay in Paris, there was so much to do and see.

It was raining as we left Paris on the last lap of the journey to Boulogne and home to Ireland. Our stay had been short, but Paris is a city which if you visit once you will visit again. I remember distinctly the words of that garage-owner on the "Avenue de la grande armée" as we refueled ready to leave.

"Vacances terminées?" he asked, "mais un jour vous reviendrez en France et à Paris, n'est-ce pas?" and we all hastened to agree with him.

D. W. ADAMS (Form 4A).



**SATELLITES**  
BY G.B. WISDOM (6A).

## The Tables Turned

Not long ago the hero of this tale caught a cold which he couldn't afford to keep. So to get rid of it he took a stiff "nightcap" of syrup. He slept and saw . . .

A roomful of forty boys, sitting on long wooden benches at long wooden desks which had copious amounts of foolscap and pens strewn on them. For all this they looked unhappy. Some gnawed their pens, others scribbled as if for dear life, one scratched the back of his head—clearly the seat of memory. Another tapped his forehead as if to make sure that there was nothing in it. Yonder sat one with his head in his hands, looking dreamily at the ceiling. All at some time glanced wistfully at the windows and thought of the free life of a bird—for in birdland there are no exams!

No earthly torture lasts for ever. At last the martinet in cap and gown, who kept a wary eye on his victims to catch the slightest sign of "cogging," cries "Time's up" and collects the papers. That done he says: "Now you can go." "Yes, but you can't," cries the cock of the school, who jumped across the room, locked the door and pocketed the key, "the tables are going to be turned by the boys in a body."

"Conspiracy!" gasps the tyrant. "Murder! Don't you wish you could suffer it," cries the spokesman, "sudden death is honey compared with the torment in store for you! Sit down in the middle of yon bench, and taste the pie you have so often baked for others. Every boy," he continued, "must have his share in the baking of this pie, so let every boy cudgel his brains and make up some racking question. The examined must answer every question fully and completely or his rear will become the football of forty well-shod feet."

The prisoner groaned, the examiners cheered, and set about framing their questions. This labour of love completed, they presented the question paper to the bitten biter. The questions ran thus:

1. Give the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Sanskrit, Chinese, Icelandic, French, Dutch, American, Italian, German and Spanish for "big toe."

2. "Nero fiddled while Rome was burning." Who said this? and give the exact day and year when it was said. Prove him a liar and clench the proof with a full history of the invention of the fiddle.

3. Give the law of I.b.w., and explain fully, with the aid of diagrams. If you agree, or disagree with it, back your view with sound reasons off your own bat.

4. Explain with suitable diagrams how your brain works, if you have one.

5. How many inches between the sun and the moon? (log tables must be used).

6. How many sweets make five? If you know, say how you came by this knowledge, and give the exact year, month, day and hour when you first discovered this fact.

7. Give us a short history of Sputnik II (illustrated). Give its speed in feet per second, and say how many Mar's bars and Star crisps the dog ate before he died.

8. What was the name of Napoleon's grandmother? Who did she marry and how many of her children died of mumps?

9. A widower married his first wife's grandmother's son-in-law's cousin, seven times removed. Work out the relationship between the first wife and the second.

10. How many shirts and slaves had Cæsar?

11. Did you ever catch a mouse asleep? If not, why not?

12. Without looking, write down the number of buttons on your shirt. (This will be verified afterwards.)

13. Describe exactly the eggs of the following birds: sparrow, bullfinch, owl, kestrel, duck, moorhen, eagle, robin, wren, budgie, blackbird, swallow, swift, goose and wagtail.

14. What's the good of dates without stones in them? Give your reasons fully.

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15. Explain the obvious absurdity of measuring men by feet and horses by hands. If there is no absurdity, give the reason.

16. Of what did the Dead Sea die?

(Time allowed,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours).

There the questions ended and so did the old boy's dream, for he woke up, and found himself on the floor.

D. WATSON (Form 6B).

## Geology around Dublin

To the geologist, the area around Dublin from Lambay to Bray Head is very interesting. He finds examples of many items, including glaciation, weathering, fossils and folding, within twenty miles of Dublin. The coast of this area is formed mainly of Carboniferous Limestone and Cambrian Shale.

The most interesting geology walk which I have found is from Loughshinny to Skerries, where large crystals of quartz can be found at the entrance to an old disused copper mine. An example of "folding" can be clearly seen in the cliffs and it is possible to find some fossils there. Another interesting walk is that around Howth Head. Howth was once upon a time an island, and the isthmus joining Howth Head to the mainland at Sutton is a seabeach raised above sea-level in Neolithic times. Near Howth Harbour one can see good examples of Dolomitic Limestone, and on the other side of the head the red rock of Redrock is Cambrian Shale. Fossils can be found on the "raised beach."

Because granite weathers, granite hills are recognised by their smooth round appearance. The quartzite hills can be distinguished from the granite hills by their sharp, irregular appearance. The examples of quartzite mountains near Dublin are the Great and Little Sugarloaf. It is the presence of quartzite which causes Howth Head and Bray Head to remain so firm against the currents and waves of the Irish Sea. The Three Rock Mountain and Douce are examples of granite mountains.

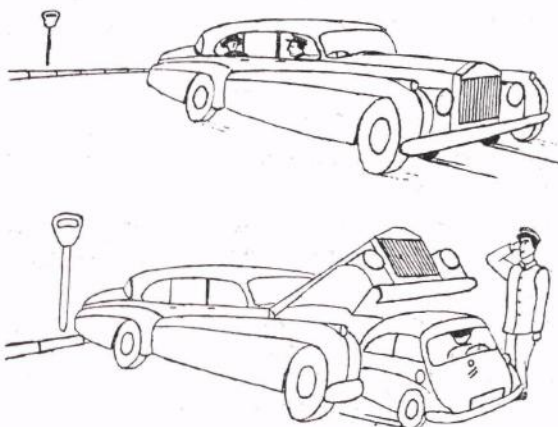
North of Dublin is Lambay, a small island, which is the stump of an ancient volcano. Porphyritic andesite, a green volcanic rock, is found there. Killiney Bay is one of the most remarkable displays of glacial deposits which

can be found in Ireland. Rocks can be seen in the cliffs which have been scratched by glaciers. At the base of the cliffs is hard reddish or blackish boulder-clay full of scratched blocks and also rocks from Antrim and the Clyde Valley.

Eskers, or gravel-ridges, are proof of the former existence of glaciers over Dublin. These eskers look like long green hills and often are cut into to provide gravel quarries, like the esker at Balrothery near Tallaght. Another proof of glaciation near Dublin is the rock-strewn valley known as the Scalp. When the ice melted in the glacier the rocks were left stranded on the sides of the valley, where we now find them. A friend, who is a geologist, pointed out to me the sudden change from granite to mica-schist in the Scalp. Co. Dublin is covered by a rich deposit of boulder clay left by the glaciers as they made their way from Scotland and Scandinavia across Ireland.

To sum up then—the main kinds of rock which are found round Dublin are limestone, shale, quartzite and granite. The granite is quarried and is used economically. Dun Laoghaire Harbour was built from granite obtained from Dalkey Hill. The soil is very rich in Co. Dublin because a layer of boulder-clay covers the county. The limestone fragments existing in the boulder-clay form a natural fertiliser in Dublin and Wicklow, which otherwise lack limestone.

M. W. TAYLOR (Form 5A).



The little giant does all the work.

K. Mills (6A).

## On Having a Bath

Having a bath is one of the few pleasures that have remained unrivalled down through the ages. To be a good bather many sciences have to be embraced, such as thermotics, densities, ballistics (for plotting the course of the soap), elevation of boiling point (when the soap is trodden upon), depression of freezing point (when the towel cannot be found), volumetric analysis and many other entertaining if no less unspellable subjects. However, the main point in having a bath is to make haste slowly. The temperature is the first consideration. To arrive at a satisfactory answer the family baby is appropriated and dipped into the water; if baby turns red—the water is too hot, if baby turns blue—the water is too cold, and if baby turns white—the kid must have been dirty! Then having checked that the soap, toy boats, sponge and loofa are all at hand we are ready for this entertainment of kings, clowns and rugby players.

The tantamount advantage of a bath over all other forms of profitable entertainment is that three feats may be pursued simultaneously, i.e., read, rest and cleanse. Therefore, considering that we rest automatically and will forget to wash ourselves anyway, this leaves but one aspect untouched. This is the real delight in bathing—reading!

Reading in the bath requires experience and practice. If a funny book is read it is likely that, during convulsions, we let the book or ourselves slide under, accidentally. If our literature is too absorbing however we may let the water go cold, a common fault among the inveterate readers; leave the telephone unanswered, for it always rings during bath-time, or commit many other crimes against the bather's code. The veteran bath reader will always have plenty of hot water ready for consumption, the telephone unplugged and all the difficulties counter-balanced. This means neither absorbing nor funny works should be chosen by all but the experts. (We would venture to suggest school books, but we wish to offend no one's good tastes.)

We must not however treat bath-night too light-heartedly. (What ho! buckets of irony!) The Ancients regarded it as a help to their thoughts and inventive powers. What school-boy has no mental picture of Archimedes, soapy, pink, glistening and betoweled shouting

"Eureka" (spelling only guaranteed to three places of decimals) to all? Bath-night in the Ark must have been a "state of chassis." Imagine the elephant trumpeting for his pumice stone (my heaven's! does he smoke too?), the lion roaring for the shampoo for his mane, and the hippopotamus being scolded for bringing his mud into the bath with him! Baths may not be so rowdy or adventuresome to-day but we can still enjoy the same pleasures as they did. Good luck, and many happy bath-nights to you all!

I. A. Fox (Form 6B).

## Training

One day last summer I was waiting for a train connection at Trimagh, a forlorn little junction in the West of Ireland. It was a sleepy little place and the only railway employee around was a rather corpulent ("fat" for our uneducated brethren), sleepy-looking individual reading the "Dandy." Suddenly a man dressed in a very loud suit, a check shirt and a jazzy tie walked in to the station. He was American, even to the way his shoelaces were tied. He marched up to the hum of activity who was in charge of the station.

"Say, yew there! Waken up!" shouts the American. The fellow casts aside his literature: "Me sir?" "Yes yew. How long will the next train be?" asks our American pal. "Sir, probably an engine, a tinder and two carriages," answers Dopey. "Aw shucks, yew're smart!" observes the Yank. Back comes the answer "Oh no, sir. Smart's gone for his dinner; I'm Murphy." "Aw forget it, Jake. By the way, funny fella, I had to walk tew miles from the town to this dive. Why don't they have the railway station in the town instead of miles away from it?" demands our American Charlie. "Well, sir, dey taut 'twould be more use near de railway," retorts yer man. "Aw, cut the comedy, bud."

The poor American by this time is in despair. "Git me a timetable," he pleads. Murphy obligingly gets him an ancient book dated 1882. "O.K., O.K., I wanna go to Newcastle," says the worn-out Yank. "Look it up for me, will ya?". Our fat friend looks up the timetable and starts to read aloud: "Newcastle, Co. Down, page fifty-two . . . arrive nine-ten, sir." It now appears that the Yank does not want to

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go to Co. Down. "Newcastle-on-Tyne, on-Tyne," he shouts. "Yes, sir, you'll arrive on time all right, sir, nine-ten," Murphy tells him helpfully. "Goldarn it, look up Ostend for me," yelps yer man. Dopey again looks at the timetable and starts reading aloud: "Ostend, page ninety-six . . . Sir, you can't do it." The American asks him why and he replies logically. "Sir, because page ninety-six is torn out." Now, Mexico, on page seventy-four, is a grand spot. Sir, you'll have to go to Mexico!" The American again enquires why and Murphy tells him that it is the only foreign spot in the book. "Aw sufferin' ducks! Now, listen, when does the next train leave here?" enquires the Yank. As it did not go until six-thirty, the American says "Then I have to stay here till six-thirty." "No, sir!" replies Dopey. "Oh then there is a train I can get between now and then," says our American, very relieved. "No, sir." "Then what can I do," he asks. "You can go away, sir."

D. ROWELL (Form 4A).

## Jubilee Jamboree

This year, being the Jubilee Year of Scouting and the Centenary of the birth of its founder, Lord Baden Powell, it was decided to hold the World Scout Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. For this important event 35,000 Scouts and Scouters from countries and islands all over the world gathered together.

For months previous to the Jamboree Scouts and Scouters were busy organising concerts, jumble sales, in order to raise funds to assist boys going to the Jamboree. Then came the day of departure. Haversacks were packed and labelled and 500 Irish Scouts and Scouters left Westland Row Station on the morning of July 30th en route for Dun Laoghaire. In a very short time everyone was on board the Cambria and we sailed to Holyhead, where we were met by a deputation of English Scouts. Having been provided with refreshments, we boarded the special train for Sutton Coldfield, which we reached about 7 p.m.

Our first job was to locate our camp sites. I was camping with the 5th Troop, and we were to camp in Sub-Camp Moisson. As our neighbours we had Danish, English, American and Nyasaland Scouts and we were all soon on friendly terms.

The first day of the Jamboree was spent in clearing up our camp sites, erecting gates and drawing rations; and most important of all, swopping badges and exchanging souvenirs. On August 1st came the opening day. Jamboree scarves were worn for the first time and 35,000 Scouts and Scouters crowded into the arena to await the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. The Irish contingent were lucky being almost in the centre and we had a grand view.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh had promised to visit the Jamboree. That morning my A.S.M. told me that I had been chosen to represent the Irish contingent and that Mr. Scott, our contingent leader, and myself, were to be presented to the Queen. After lunch everyone hurried over to the arena to await the arrival of the Queen and the Duke. The March Past having ended I went over to the refreshment tent, together with the representatives of the other countries to await the arrival of the Queen. As the name of each country was called out the Queen and Duke shook hands and spoke to each representative in turn. The Duke showed great interest in the Irish Scouts.

Each day during the Jamboree special displays were given in the arena, and the Irish Pageant, "The Crock of Gold," won great applause and was very well received. Every day was a full day at the Jamboree and we were kept busy swimming in the swimming-pools, visiting camp sites and attending campfires at night. On several occasions we were taken on excursions to different places of interest in the neighbourhood.

All too soon came the closing ceremony by Lady Baden Powell, and we all started to pack up for home, bringing with us our souvenirs and badges, and, above all, a lot of happy memories. It was an interesting and exciting experience and one we shall never forget.

F. MCQUESTON (Form 3B).

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## It Pays to Increase your Word Power

*(With apologies to Readers' Digest)*

The object of this exercise is to select the definition which best suits the given word. We offer no prizes.

### BUNK:

- (a) Sailor's bed.
- (b) Sudden departure from school.
- (c) Advice from a master.

### YARD:

- (a) Place for acquiring grit in kneecap.
- (b) Part of rigging.
- (c) Distance by which you missed your man in last rugby match.

### FRENCH LEAVE:

- (a) Involuntary exit from French class.
- (b) Holiday spent in Paris.
- (c) Permission de quitter la salle de classe.

### Longbow:

- (a) Pendant shoelace.
- (b) Drawing instrument for impressing classes.
- (c) Tall boy at 5th form dance.

### COG:

- (a) Serration on edge of wheel.
- (b) Work done by proxy.

### DETENTION:

- (a) Rest cure for the restless.
- (b) Resort of the recidivist.

### RUGGER:

- (a) Mud and blood bath.
- (b) Comparative of rugg.
- (c) Cutter of rugs; devotee of dancing.

### HACK:

- (a) Ambling nag.
- (b) Sudden and vigorous application of rugby boot.
- (c) Writer of Erasman editorials.

### IMPOT:

- (a) Contribution exacted from Frenchmen by State.
- (b) Contribution exacted from schoolboys by staff.
- (c) Prefabricated copy of school-rules for use in case of detention.

### REPORT:

- (a) Sudden frightening noise.
- (b) Missive from school to give good start at beginning of holidays.

### PREP:

- (a) Work done in train or bus.
- (b) Grammatical abbreviation.
- (c) Main reason for detention.

### TUCK:

- (a) Fold in cloth.
- (b) Pabulum for playtime.

## The Rugby Season

*(With profound apologies to John Keats)*

Season of scrums and general muckiness,  
Hard-booted kicks, and many aches and pains,  
Of greasy balls; and some ref's fussiness  
Seeking to rob us of our hard-earned gains.  
When times the ball so blithely leaves our hands  
And bounces forward with amazing speed,  
And watching masters raise a wintry cheer,  
To spur us on to meet the moment's need,  
With spirits soaring at the hint of praise  
We nobly battle on; our inner gaze  
Delighting in the joy of victory near.

W. M. S. (Form 3B).

## The Night Will Never Stay

The night will never stay,  
The night will still go by,  
Though you pin it to the sky.  
Though you pin it to the moon  
The night will still pass soon  
Like sorrow in a tune.

T. J. K. DUNLOP (Form J5).

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## School News

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Bennett, widow of Dr. John Bennett, and of Mr. Wilson, Art Master at the School since 1917. Appreciations appear on other pages.

We welcome to the Staff Mr. E. W. Cookman (Mod.), B.A.; Mr. R. H. Fennell, B.A., and Mr. C. Allen (Mod.), B.A., who is teaching part-time. At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to Mr. A. P. R. Brook, who has left to take up a position in an English school.

Miss Daphne Huet, who was School Secretary for the past five years, was married during the summer, and has resigned. At the end of the Summer Term Miss Huet was presented with a canteen of cutlery by the Staff and the boys. Her place as School Secretary has been taken by Mrs. P. W. Williams.

Miss Edna B. Williamson has been appointed to the new position of School Caterer. Her efficient and conscientious work has already resulted in a noticeable improvement in the quality of the lunches which are now taken by about 160 boys daily.

We congratulate Mr. Dillon on being re-elected to the Executive Committee of Ceol Chumann na n-Og.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. O'Kane on the birth of a daughter, August 7th, 1957.

The Demonstration of Physical Education was held in the open air on June 11th on the lawn at Danum. Some 350 boys took part, under the direction of Mr. Myles, and a large audience enjoyed the display and the sunny weather.

Talks during Term were given by the Rev. E. Patey, Secretary of the Youth Department of the British Council of Churches, who spoke on the Church International; Miss Jacoby, who spoke on the Moscow Youth Festival; Mr. E. J. Montgomery, who spoke on a legal career; and the Rev. H. S. O. Wilkins, Warden of

St. Cyprian's, Masasi, who spoke on missionary work in East Africa.

Sixty boys attended an orchestral concert given by the Radio Eireann Orchestra on October 16th. This Concert was sponsored by Ceol Chumann na n-Og.

We are grateful to the Parents' Association for the generous gift of a Film Strip Projector at a cost of £45; and to Mrs. W. L. McClelland, who generously gave £10 for the purchase of film strips.

Many films were shown during this term. They included films of general interest—on air transport, on motoring and motor-cycling; of chemical interest—on the oil industry, on crystallisation of oil, and on liquid fuels, all by courtesy of "Irish Shell Ltd."; of geographical interest—on East and West Africa; of technological interest—on radar, on the radio-telephone, and on Calder Hall atomic power station, all by courtesy of the British Embassy; and the film, "Irish Ropes," showing the establishment and development of the industry in Co. Kildare, by courtesy of Irish Ropes Ltd., Newbridge.

We wish to thank Dr. John Fielding, an Old Boy now practising as an oculist in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, for sending us a brochure, illustrated with coloured photographs, on the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

*We congratulate:—*

R. A. Buttimore on winning an Intermediate Scholarship.

J. D. Ridgeway on not only getting two Interprovincial Rugby Caps, but on the great honour of being selected as Captain of the Leinster Schools' Team in the match against Connacht. We also congratulate him on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for cricket.

D. G. Fish on being selected to play in the first Leinster Schools' Rugby Trial.

A. C. Rance on being a member of the Leinster Minor Interprovincial Badminton Team which played Ulster.

## Mrs. Bennett

### AN APPRECIATION

With the death of Catherine Parsons Bennett on Monday, 14th October, a chapter in the history of the High School came to a close.

Born in London, her formative years as a member of a large family in the Rectory at Knockbride, Co. Cavan, developed a strong sense of service to others which later found expression when, during the first World War she became a V.A.D. and served in France. Afterwards she was Secretary to the Red Cross Society in Edmonton, Canada. On her return to Ireland she became Matron of Sligo Grammar School. There in 1924 she married John Bennett, who was Headmaster of the School. In 1928 she came to Dublin with her husband on his appointment as Headmaster of the High School. A forceful character, of great charm, she filled the exacting position of Headmaster's wife with grace and distinction.

Possessed of a remarkable memory she had a detailed knowledge of the history of most of the Protestant educational establishments of the Republic over the last fifty years. She knew and could recall on demand the details of the schooldays and careers of a host of Old Boys. While living at No. 40 Harcourt Street she knew all the boys by sight, and when the change of residence to Cowper Road made this impossible she still was able to keep a vast mass of intricate detail and interconnected facts in clear focus.

When Dr. Bennett died, and she moved to South Hill, nothing pleased her more than to have a visit from "one of the doctor's pupils." Then, before a cheerful fire and stroking her cat, Ginger, she would recall and relive the olden days. In the same way she would welcome each issue of THE ERASMIAN, which allowed her to keep in touch with the School.

Her work for the School Concerts and her crowning gift to Dublin University for the benefit of High School boys are referred to elsewhere in this issue.

To her sisters now living in England and to her sister and nephews in Canada, we offer our deepest sympathy.

V. W. G.

## The Prize Distributions

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, 7th November. The Chairman was Mr. C. E. Sowman, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the Special Speaker was Mrs. E. H. Lewis-Crosby.

The Headmaster, in his report for the year 1956-57, gave parents an insight into the daily activities of their children in the Junior School by tracing the course of an imaginary pupil from the moment of his arrival at school in the morning until his departure for home in the afternoon. He thanked the teachers for the really solid work they had put into their teaching during the year. In the Under 12 Scholarship examination, in competition with the best boys from the Dublin National Schools, our boys had obtained three places in the first seven. He added a special word of thanks to Miss Smyth, who had, along with her ordinary teaching duties, the special responsibilities of Senior Lady Teacher, and to Mr. Evans who was responsible for the smooth running of the Junior School.

The Chairman congratulated Dr. Reynolds on his report. Speaking of the progress made at Danum, he said that all the fields had been levelled, two had been ploughed and sown and the rest would be sown in spring. In school there had been a great improvement in the catering and for this they were indebted to Professor Smith and the parents who had sat on the sub-committee.

Mrs. Lewis-Crosby said it was a great pleasure for her to see the High School on such a happy occasion and to congratulate the prize-winners. But she would like to speak also to those who did not win a prize and to those who never even dreamt of getting prizes. At Danum she had seen two enormous machines working very hard all day with great patience and perseverance to get the field ready for the boys of the High School. The fields would be sown and soon would be covered by a beautiful green sward. School work was rather like that—working day by day, going over the same ground again and again in preparation for the future. Though the work might be hard they should try to master it. All life was preparation. After leaving school they would go on

learning all through life in preparation for a greater and fuller life to come. So they should work hard and eventually they would have great rewards.

When Mrs. Lewis-Crosby had distributed the prizes she was presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums by the Head Boy of the Junior School, B. D. Taylor.

The pupils then entertained the visitors with the following items:—

Form J2: Songs (Miss Blakeney). Form J4: Percussion Band (Miss Williams). Form J1: Song (Miss Smyth). Form J5: Pantomime, Cinderella (devised by Miss Smyth). Form J3: Choral Speaking (Miss Smyth). Form J6: "All on a Summer's Day," by Ronald Gow (Miss Williams).

There was a display of Handwork and Painting in Miss Blakeney's room, arranged by Miss Blakeney and Miss McClure.

The Distribution closed with a hymn and afterwards visitors and boys were entertained to tea.

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 8th November. The Chairman was Mr. S. W. Meyer, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the Special Speaker was Mr. J. M. Barron, formerly of the Colonial Administrative Service.

Dr. Reynolds began his report on a note of sadness. Just three weeks ago the School had been shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Wilson. He had been at work as usual the previous day; indeed the last thing that he did for the School was to finish, that morning, some badges for the Swimming Club. He had taught drawing and manual instruction in the School for 40 years—very nearly half of its existence. He had given freely of his unusual talents and there is scarcely a corner of the School that does not show something that he made. The stage and its scenery, the boxing ring, the panel of Old Boys' Cup Winners, and the panel of Presidents of the Old Boys' Union that he was working on before he died, the portraits of the Headmasters, the School flag, the board at Belgrave Square, the School Crest in the Clockroom, the beautifully-written copy of Lord Rugby's speech which hangs in the Clockroom, the cover of THE ERASMIAN, and the title

page of the Prospectus, all these and countless other smaller things had been made by him. But above all there was the simple, warm-hearted personality that made him loved by all of us. We all called him Willy—boys, old boys, and masters alike—and none of us will readily forget him.

Only a few days previously the death of Mrs. Bennett had broken another link with the past. During the period when the School produced Gilbert and Sullivan operas she had worked with Mr. Wilson in making the many and elaborate costumes that he had designed. As Headmaster's wife, she had taken a great interest in all the other activities of the School also, interest that did not cease with Dr. Bennett's retirement. By her will she had endowed the John Bennett Fund with an income of £50 a year, which is to be used to assist Old Boys of the School to continue their studies in Trinity College. We appreciated her continuing regard for the School with which she was so closely connected, and we are doubly glad that this Fund will so appropriately commemorate the affection which Dr. Bennett had both for his School and for his College.

Continuing his report, the Headmaster said that he had recently received with the greatest pleasure a message from Mr. David W. Mitchell that he wished to give the School £1,000 to provide an annual scholarship or prize. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had taken a close interest in the School and their two sons, David, a professor in the Royal College of Surgeons and one of the leading physicians in Ireland, and Frank, a Fellow of Trinity College and Registrar to its Board, were Old Boys of the School. This most generous gift would endow two Mitchell Prizes, one of £30 for the best boy completing his fifth form year, to encourage him to continue his studies for at least one more year; the other of £10 as a special prize for the boy who obtained first place in the Under 12 Entrance Scholarship examination.

One further new prize was endowed during the year—the Simon Eppel Memorial Science Prize. Simon Eppel and his son, Ellard (now a doctor), were both Old Boys of the School, and his grandson is now in J1. Dr. Reynolds expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Eppel for this generous gift.

Once more the School had excellent results in public examinations. In the Entrance Scholarship and Exhibition examinations into Trinity College four boys had obtained £100 exhibitions—twice the number any other school could claim. The successful boys were G. Johnson, J. D. Wilkinson, S. H. Heaney, and E. H. Winter, three specialising in Mathematics and one in History. To Mr. Graham and Mr. Willoughby and the other masters who taught them, warmest congratulations. Johnson also won first place and the Backhouse Prize in the Engineering Entrance Examination, but later decided not to enter the Engineering School. He has been awarded the High School Exhibition, and A. Watson the Glorney Cup and Exhibition.

This year for the first time Trinity College offered valuable awards in the ordinary Matriculation examination. All five of these went to High School boys, R. S. F. Murphy winning a £300 Exhibition, and R. J. Miller, A. Watson, D. J. Maynard and W. G. G. Fisher, £100 Exhibitions. E. H. Winter was second in this examination, and would have qualified for an award had he not already received one in the specialist examination. In addition, High School boys came first in English, Mathematics, Greek, Additional Mathematics, Irish, Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography. In the Intermediate Certificate examination 58 boys had followed the course and all sat for the examination; 49 passed, 34 of them with honours. R. A. Buttimore had been awarded a £40 Intermediate Scholarship—the second year in succession that the School had figured on this honours list. The Headmaster thanked the Staff for their conscientious work during the year. Changes had taken place in the Staff during the year. Mr. Duke had gone to America, and Mr. Brook to England.

Under the care of Mr. Cornish and the other games masters the School rugby and cricket teams had acquitted themselves well in the many matches played against other schools. J. C. Ridgeway had been selected for the Leinster Schools' final rugby trial and also for the Leinster Schools' cricket team. A new fixture had been arranged for February, 1958, when the Royal High School, Edinburgh, would send a team to Dublin to play the High School team, which, in turn, would visit Edinburgh the following season. At Danum work had continued and considerable progress made, some

of the fields already having the new grass growing on them. In June a Greek play had been successfully performed on the lawn at Danum. Another innovation of the year had been the complete reorganisation of the catering system. This originated in a suggestion by the Parents' Association, a most active body which has helped the School in many ways in the past, and has given to the School as its latest gift a splendid film-strip projector which can be used in the classrooms in daylight. With the co-operation of the Governors and the Staff a joint committee was formed under the chairmanship of Professor J. D. Smyth. A new caterer, Miss E. B. Williamson, was appointed; the dining-rooms altered and repainted; the kitchen structurally improved and new equipment installed. As a result there had been a great improvement in the quality of the meals.

The Chairman, Mr. Meyer, then presented the prizes, one of the prize-winners being his own grandson, B. L. Meyer of Form 3A. Mr. Meyer spoke of his enthusiasm for Old Boys' Unions, in particular for the High School O.B.U. The Association of Schools' Unions and the Union of Irish Schools were successful and valuable organisations. He asked all boys on leaving school to join the Old Boys' Union.

The Special Speaker, Mr. Barron, a distinguished Old Boy, said that it was 48 years since he had last spoken in the Clockroom, at the opening meeting of the Literary and Debating Society. He entertained the boys with many stories of life in the High School under two Headmasters, William Wilkins and John Thompson.

The President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. E. J. Montgomery, presented the Old Boys' Cup to M. R. H. Taylor. The winner of this Cup was almost always an obvious choice and this year had been no exception. Taylor had distinguished himself both in school work and in sport, where he had been Captain of rugby. He was now going into Trinity College to study medicine.

Mr. C. P. Glorney presented the Glorney Cup to A. Watson and wished him every success in his future career.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin pronounced the Benediction, and visitors and boys were afterwards entertained to tea.

## William R. Wilson

AN APPRECIATION BY A FRIEND WHICH APPEARED  
IN THE *Irish Times*

The High School, Dublin, can boast more than one man who has given the best years of his life in devoted service to the School, but in the passing of William R. Wilson, on Thursday last, it has lost not only such a man, for he had spent 40 years teaching there, but one of whom it can rightly be said: "He was a prince amongst men."

What was it that made him so different? He was quite an ordinary man in build and there was nothing striking about his appearance. He had no peculiarity about his dress, his daily habits or his speech which would single him out for special notice, and yet there was something about him which had found for him a place of affection in the heart of every High School boy, past and present.



Mr. Wilson

It is true that he had in his early days won many awards in his particular field of art and that he had in his later years done many things to adorn the School; that he had painted the portraits of four former headmasters with very great care, and in every case after the death of the subject, working from any available photographs and records he could find.

Nothing that he ever won or did for the School changed him, and in this lay the secret of his greatness. He was always just "Willy Wilson" to his colleagues, to his Old Boys yes, and to his pupils. Somehow it did not seem disrespectful to refer to him in this way, for those words connoted not only a name by which he was known, but they at once brought to mind all that he was.

There was a quietness about him, an ease about his work and a complete absence of any desire to seek credit for himself. He lived simply and yet he seemed to enjoy every part of his work.

No boy, no matter how small, could have failed to love him and to enjoy his classes. I do not think he ever failed to see some good in every boy and this was reflected in his marking of their work. To those who needed his help most in classes he was most readily available; he was never rude, never harsh or sarcastic, and no boy could ever have been afraid of him.

Who will now paint the portraits, build the boxing-ring, make and erect the concert stage, design and erect the notice-boards, prepare and engross the special notices, do the hundred and one other things which fell to his lot? This is the challenge that his passing presents.

Surely no school can boast an art master who has given more freely and generously of his time and talent to his school. "Some there be that have no memorial," but of him we can truly say: "*Nullum quod tetigit non ornavit.*"

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### Medical School

First Medical—F. R. Baigel, D. S. Nowlan.  
First Dental—F. R. Baigel.

### Incorporated Law Society of Ireland

Preliminary Examination—W. S. Barrett.  
First Law Examination—J. G. Fish, 1st Place  
and Centenary Prize.

### Society of Incorporated Accountants in Ireland

Passed Final Examination—J. Love.

## Greek Play

An event of unusual interest took place on the lawn at Danum on 24th June, when the "Medea" of Euripides was presented, mainly in Greek. Some twenty-eight years ago Dr. Bennett produced the "Acharnians." So far as we know, this was the only other performance of a Greek play by an Irish school for very many years.

The text of the play was shortened by about one-third. Medea lost her most famous speech, but otherwise the action developed consistently. The dramatic episodes were given in Greek; Rex Warner's translation was used for the choral odes and also for the Nurse's opening lines, and it was interesting to find how much thinner these lines sounded than the original Greek. The music to accompany the odes was especially composed by Mr. A. S. Burrowes, and played by him on the recorder. We were fortunate to have the services of Mrs. J. W. T. Tuckey, L.G.S.M., in training the young chorus in their movements. The words of the odes were dramatically spoken by I. A. Fox.

Two Old Boys, now undergraduates in Trinity College, played the leading parts, and gave a strength to the performance that we could not otherwise have achieved. J. T. Killen was Medea, subtle, intelligent, and passionate; A. M. Gann was a distinguished and disdainful Jason. The other parts were all taken by boys: N. D. Simpson (Nurse), J. D. Reynolds (Tutor), R. A. Buttimore (Kreon), R. J. Miller (Aigeus), and R. S. F. Murphy (Messenger), with R. O. W. Wormell and R. A. Reynolds, from Form J1, as the two little children. The members of the chorus were J. P. Hayes, E. N. Brunner, N. D. Spurgeon,

I. B. King, A. H. F. Griffin, R. R. Miller, A. J. Roy, D. W. Micks, A. F. Skerrett, D. S. Ellis, M. N. Maiden, E. J. Bradfield, J. H. Dick, and D. V. McCamley; D. E. Simpson was an attendant.

The production aimed at preserving fidelity to the Greek conventions, so far as could be achieved with the resources at our disposal. Mr. Wilson and an Old Boy, Mr. R. M. Mahon, designed and erected a simple but very effective entrance to Medea's house, somewhat in the style of a Greek temple. The actors moved on a long raised bank in front of this, and the chorus made patterned movements on the lawn at a lower level, occasionally using a flight of steps constructed in concrete by Mr. Peters and some of the boys. For the final scene Medea appeared with her chariot on a raised mound, which happened to be conveniently situated at the "foreign" end of the bank.

The costumes were designed in colourful materials by Mrs. Reynolds, following the best available authorities, and made by Mrs. W. N. Gill, Mrs. M. A. Handy, Mrs. W. P. Simpson, and herself. Fortunately the day was sunny, and the bright and contrasting shades showed up to their best advantage. One of the most striking features of the performance was the use of masks for the speaking parts—always a difficult problem for the producer. His task was made easy, however, by the kindness of Mr. James Mahon of the Theatre Royal, who designed and made a set of masks which were both characteristic and conventional, and also allowed the words to be clearly heard. Many of the audience will probably remember these masks as the most striking feature of the whole performance.

Despite the shortness of the time available for rehearsal, the actors remembered their lines remarkably well, and succeeded, according to their several abilities, in conveying a good deal of the emotion underlying them. Whether a performance of a Greek play can become an annual event or not, only the future can tell. The audience—which included Professors and Fellows of Trinity College, and a large group of welcome visitors from the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, as well as parents and friends of the School—certainly hoped that it would. Sophocles' "Antigone" is a possibility for next June.

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## The Hobbies Exhibition

On September the 21st the Hobbies Exhibition of 1957 was opened in the Clockroom. This exhibition has become a regular and popular event in the School year. Once more there was a very good attendance.

The entrants maintained the high standard set in previous years. There was a variety of exhibits ranging from a puppet-theatre and various shell models, to a display of badges collected at the recent Jamboree. There was a number of model aeroplanes, but one entry which merited particular attention was a xylophone music machine!

In the junior section several entries deserve praise. Chief among these were a well-arranged collection of shells and an aquarium. The boys showed a keen interest in a car which must have entailed a great deal of work. This was no model, for it ran on petrol and was capable of 20 miles per hour.

The generous prizes offered by the Parents' Association, who sponsor the venture, were distributed by Mrs. A. H. Burgess, wife of the chairman of the Parents' Association. Among these were cigarettes for Mr. Evans, who did so much work in organising it.

## High School Dramatic Society

The above society was formed early this term with the purpose of reading some one-act plays and selecting one for the School Concert. This year, being experimental, only had boys from 5th and 6th years present, but over a dozen of them have joined and readings so far have been enjoyed by all.

I. A. F.

## Question Time

One day in the middle of November the house captain came and found me in the classroom where I was struggling with some point-less mathematical problem. Would I take part in the forthcoming Inter-House quiz? Yes, of course; no bother at all. I thought of the prestige and honour I could win: "Pride goeth before destruction."

My confidence slowly disappeared during the following week. Tuesday, the 26th, came—the day of the quiz. The pep-talk of Dr. Reynolds only served to send me further into the depths of despondency. I looked at the boys on the opposing teams; confident and intelligent, they

seemed eager for the contest. The only pleasant moment of that afternoon was when I was given a piece of green ribbon to wear that night. During the remaining periods I managed to drive three masters mad by fiddling assiduously with it.

A quarter-past seven, fifteen minutes to go, the three teams were waiting—frozen—in the hall. At last the word was given to enter the Clockroom, so we took our places facing the tribunal—I mean the audience. The question-master's jovial beam was met with corresponding smiles from the others, and a rather feeble attempt from me. The questions started and everyone, especially the juniors, seemed to be answering well. At length it came to my turn. I walked slowly to the microphone, preserving (I hope) some outward semblance of calm. But before I was asked anything the question-master informed the audience that my name was "Muttimore!" I was so insulted that I refused to answer the first question. I think the sense of injury continued into the next round, because I did not answer my second question either. In the second round, we had to name tunes played by the pianist, and sing them. This year the Old Boys were very daring and even included some modern "pops." The singing, perhaps because of this, was much better and more enthusiastic than formerly. However, I was one of the lucky ones; I did not know my tune so I did not have to sing.

Eventually, an interval relieved the intellectual strain and we sat back to collect our scattered wits. However, after ten minutes the brain-washing continued with renewed vigour. The juniors and first-formers were not at all put out by the speed and ferocity with which the questions were put, but answered excellently. However, among the older boys, much learning had taken the place of whatever intelligence they had ever had, and several questions were met by that fatal phrase "I'm afraid I don't know, sir."

At half-past nine when the contest proper was over we watched with interest a fight between two of the juniors, Micks of Abbey, and Jones of Harcourt, for the Highest Individual Score prize. Mr. Mervyn Bell ended with the only fair decision, giving each equal awards. We also must congratulate Belgrave on winning the House prize; the members of the team showed a consistently high standard of answering throughout. At last we came to the best part of the evening—the free tea! I went home

that night with this thought: "Perhaps even this will be remembered with pleasure sometime."

R. A. BUTTIMORE (Form 5A).

## "... and a True Verdict give, according to the Evidence"

On Thursday, the 31st of October, Form 6A, accompanied by Mr. Gardner, paid a visit to the Four Courts. They were met by a solicitor friend and shown something of the building, including the room, then vacant, in which the Supreme Court sits. It was interesting to learn that there are nineteen Courts in the vicinity, including the four from which the name "Four Courts" is derived. The class sat in a public gallery of the High Court and saw a jury called, and after two objections, sworn. The case at hearing was to assess damages for the near-destruction, by a lorry, of a building. Cross-examination of witnesses by Counsel produced many apparent discrepancies and some rather amusing conflicts of evidence. The class went home secure in the knowledge that even the serious things of life are not without humour.

The visit proved very interesting and instructive in the mechanism of a court of law during a jury-hearing and in the manner in which the judge held an even balance between the litigants. Our best thanks are due to our solicitor friend and to the Court Registrar for arranging the visit and smoothing the way for us.

## Parents' Association

We began our notes twelve months ago with the hope that the year 1956/'57 would show keener enthusiasm on the part of parents, in our organisation, which, after all, was initiated to serve their interests and those of their children. We were, accordingly, glad to see good attendances at the various meetings, but we should be better pleased if this interest were more positively expressed by an increased membership. Among those who came to address us during the past year were: Dr. McCracken, Mr. Thomas Mason, Mr. Horner Beckett, who all gave interesting and informative talks. The annual Whist Drive was held but as usual badly supported. A Film Show, on the other hand, proved markedly more popular. The Hobbies Exhibition, which has now become a

regular feature, showed increased entries and was a great success.

On the constructive side, a good deal of attention was focussed on the vexed question of school meals. As a result of the formation of a sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Smyth, the catering system was changed entirely. A new caterer was appointed, and the diningrooms were re-decorated colourfully and given a completely new look. The results of the reorganisation have been most satisfactory.

At our 14th Annual General Meeting in October Mrs. Dungan, on behalf of our Association, presented to Dr. Reynolds a Film Strip Projector, which can be used in daylight. Dr. Reynolds and other Masters present expressed their appreciation of this gift, which they considered would be of practical value in teaching. We hope that as time goes on we may be able to contribute further towards the amenities of the School.

In conclusion, we should like to congratulate Dr. Reynolds and the Staff on the most successful scholastic year. To them and all our readers we say a merry Christmas and a glad New Year.

WALTER P. SIMPSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

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Editor—R. S. F. Murphy.

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## Erasmian Prize

A Book Token has been awarded to A. Watson for the best contribution to the June, 1957, issue. This prize was kindly presented by the Old Boys' Union.

## Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: C.A.I., The Columbian, The Dalriad, The Grammarian, Portora, St. Andrew's College Annual, Burlingame B. (Burlingame High School, California).

## Lending Library

We wish to thank an Old Boy, G. A. Watt, for presenting to the library a number of magazines on Architecture; also J. L. Cochrane who presented sixteen books, and A. K. Dungan who presented two books.

# SPORTS REVIEW

## CLUB OFFICERS

### RUGBY, 1957-58

Capt. : D. G. Fish.  
Vice-Capt. : J. D. Ridgeway.  
Hon. Sec. : R. R. O'Moore.

### BOXING, 1957-58

Capt. : D. R. Dagg.  
Vice-Capt. : K. A. Gregory.  
Hon. Sec. : T. Haskins.

### SWIMMING, 1957-58

Capt. : J. D. Ridgeway.  
Vice-Capt. : G. A. Aitken.  
Hon. Sec. : R. R. O'Moore.

### CRICKET, 1957

Capt. : J. D. Ridgeway.  
Vice-Capt. : S. H. Heaney.  
Hon. Sec. : W. I. Hunter.

### TABLE TENNIS, 1957-58

Capt. : R. R. O'Moore.  
Vice-Capt. : J. D. Ridgeway.  
Hon. Sec. : D. J. Maynard.

### ATHLETICS, 1957

Capt. : W. S. Gibney.  
Vice-Capt. : R. J. Kirkham.  
Hon. Sec. : J. D. Ridgeway.



### SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1957

Standing — T. Haskins, R. D. Clarke, W. I. Hunter, Mr. Lowry, D. W. Goodey, G. A. Davidson, P. L. Stafford.

Seated—Mr. Cornish, K. A. Gregory, W. S. Gibney, J. D. Ridgeway (Capt.), W. S. Barrett, S. H. Heaney, Dr. Reynolds.

## Cricket

Cricket got off to an unusually early start this year, due to some Herculean work on the part of the groundsman, who manufactured some practice pitches out of Belgrave Square. Later in the season we even managed to have some home matches for the "Under 12" and "Under 13" teams. It is encouraging to hear that we may have the use of Danum within the next year or so. Undoubtedly reasonable playing facilities will go a long way towards

improving the standard of cricket throughout the School. The Senior and Junior Cup teams continued to use Civil Service grounds, Phoenix Park, for their home matches.

The S.C.T. had to start the season without even a nucleus of last year's eleven, and as a result had rather a lean season. They were beaten by Blackrock in their final round Cup match. Following a good display by our bowlers, our batsmen fell rather easily to some accurate Blackrock bowling.

The J.C.T. was by far the most successful team in the School. Fulfilling the promise shown by the eleven of the previous year, they developed into a strong batting side, but unfortunately the chances of the team were hampered by a lack of "sting" in the bowling. They defeated St. Andrew's by a single run in the second round of the Cup. An exciting finish was provided by a last wicket stand of 10 runs. In the third round they had an easy win over Avoca, and so to the semi-final. They faced a strong C.U.S. side, possessing exceptionally good bowling. However, not to be deterred by this, the team hit up a sparkling 127. Included in this total was an excellent sixth wicket stand of 73. C.U.S. scored 39 before our bowlers gained any reward for their efforts. Then, with tension running high, there began a tense struggle between our spin

The "Under 13" had a very unlucky season, having had nearly all their matches cancelled, but they remained a very enthusiastic team throughout the season.

The "Under 12" had a good run of matches this season, and as usual this section was conspicuous for its numbers and enthusiasm.

W. I. H.

## Rugby

This year Belgrave Square has again to bear the heavy burden of most of the rugby. This is due to the levelling of the pitches at Danum.

The Senior team seems to be settling down into a good combination after a rather shaky



## A FINE AFTERNOON AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

bowlers and the C.U.S. batsmen. And although our bowlers did an excellent job, C.U.S. eventually won by two wickets. However, the J.C.T. deserves heartiest congratulations for such an excellent display, which augurs well for future S.C.T. teams. C.U.S. later defeated Belvedere in the final.

The "Under 14" had rather a weak team at the beginning of the season, but they steadily improved, and were later defeated by Belvedere in the final of the "Under 14" League.

start, which was mainly due to illness (which, indeed, has been a major problem for all teams this year). The pack, which is slightly above our average in weight, is at the moment rather erratic. The backs have been hampered so far by the lack of centres, and this problem has been aggravated as a result of injuries.

The 2nd XV has been badly hit by the changing around of its forwards; it has not had a full team yet this season. It is all the same playing well as a team.

The J.C.T. should develop into an effective unit; its form is improving, and it has a reasonable record, but so far nothing spectacular has been produced.

The "Under 14" seems to be a good team as is shown by some of its results, but its record has been somewhat marred by losing to teams which should have been beaten. It has won four and lost three of its seven matches.

The "Under 13" is a steady team and has a good record to date. It has now started to concentrate on playing open rugby.

The "Under 12" has so far a hundred per cent. success, but as it has only played two matches, it seems a little early to forecast anything.

We wish to congratulate D. G. Fish and J. D. Ridgeway on being selected to play in the first Leinster Schools' Trial, and J. D. Ridgeway on being selected to captain the Leinster Schools' rugby team against Connacht.

R. O'M.

## Swimming

The Swimming Club held its Annual Gala on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1957. In spite of the Asian 'flu, which was at its peak at the time, it was a great success and the committee would like to express their thanks to all who helped to make it so.

The main results of the Gala were:—

Senior Championship—J. D. Ridgeway.

Junior Championship—D. W. Micks.

4 x 20 metres House Squadron—Belgrave  
(J. D. Ridgeway, D. W. Micks, S. C. Quick, G. A. Aitken).

During the interval there was an exhibition of Life-saving organised by Mr. Myles; it was much appreciated. The last event on the programme was a water-polo match between High School Past and Present and Wesley College Past and Present. After a very exciting match, High School won narrowly. We hope to arrange a match against some other school in the near future.

R. O'M.

## Boxing

We have had an uneventful boxing season so far this term. Our numbers have diminished since last year, but the keenness and standard of boxing in the club is well above usual. Our lighter section, in particular, is showing plenty of promise. We would, however, like to see a few more heavier members in the gym on Fridays.

We hope to hold our Annual Championships early next term, and also to stage some inter-School matches. We hope that these will be as well supported as they have been in the past.

T. H.

## Athletics

Mr. Myles continued his weekly coaching at Belgrave Square, and we are glad to report that more senior boys attended these sessions this year. In the Leinster School Sports R. J. R. Kirkham reached the final of the Intermediate 220, in which he was just beaten for 3rd place.

Sports Day was very successful, mainly due to the organisation of Mr. Evans. The attendance, however, was somewhat disappointing. Cup-winners were as follows:—

War Memorial—J. D. Ridgeway.

Moore Cup—R. J. R. Kirkham.

Magill Cup—L. Mantle.

Danum Cup—G. Dodd.

Walker Cup—J. O'Neill and K. Mills.

B. G.

## Table Tennis

Table tennis began in October and the Club has now over forty members. This year the boys are very keen, and practice on Tuesday evenings has been well attended. The standard of play is fairly high, and we expect to have both a good Senior and Junior team for matches against other schools, which are being arranged for the near future.

D. J. M.

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The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 18th October, 1956; the President, Mr. T. J. Lewis, was in the Chair. There were 50 members present, including many who have left school in recent years.

The Hon. Secretaries' report for the year 1956-57 showed that in the twenty-ninth year of the Union's existence all the activities were very well maintained. 34 new members were enrolled. The President, Mr. T. J. Lewis, was in the Chair at all our social functions and committee meetings and we thank him for the valuable work he did for the Union during his year of office.

The Annual Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 3rd November, 1956; the attendance was 426.

The Annual Dinner took place in the Clockroom on Saturday, 19th January, 1957. Mr. Justice Cahir Davitt was principal guest and despite petrol rationing, 216 members and their guests were present.

The Ladies' Night was a great success; it was held at "Fernhill" on Friday, 1st March, 1957. 80 members and guests attended.

The sports activities have continued to play a prominent part in the life of the Union and

we thank the various Hon. Sports Secretaries for all their help.

On the 19th November, 1956, a very successful Question Time was held in the Clockroom. We thank Mr. J. E. Allen for his organisation and Mr. Mervyn Bell, who acted as question master. A collection was taken for the Hungarian relief fund.

During the year the Old Boys' Union presented the School with a Public Address system. The equipment for this cost £118-4-11 and the installation was very kindly carried out by two of our members, Dick Mahon and Neville Beresford. We thank these two Old Boys for giving up so much of their spare time. We understand that the system is working well and was in use at the Annual Sports Meetings at Belgrave Square and Lansdowne Road, as well as at our Annual Dinner and other School functions.

We sent a subscription of £5 to the Irish Olympic Council and we have decided to subscribe £2-2-0 each year to the Earl Haig Fund to provide wreaths for our war memorials in the Clockroom. We gave prizes to the School for articles in THE ERASMIAN and for a swimming race.

The Hon. Treasurer's report showed an excess of expenditure over income of £81-13-5.

### The Annual Dinner, 1958

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 25th January, 1958. If you intend being present, please advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, on or before 18th January, 1958.

### 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.

### London Dinner

A London Dinner will be held at Overseas House, St. James', London, on Friday, 7th February, 1958 (the eve of the England v. Ireland Rugby International at Twickenham).

Ladies may be invited as guests for the first time. Full details will be circulated early in January.

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## Danum

The Headmaster and Mrs. Reynolds will be informally at home to all Old Boys at Danum, Zion Road, Rathgar, on the last Sunday of each month (except for the holidays). It is hoped that Old Boys will come, between 8 and 10.30 p.m., without waiting for a further invitation.

## Lord Rugby

A telegram of congratulation was sent on behalf of the O.B.U. to Lord Rugby on the occasion of his Golden Wedding. In the course of his reply, Lord Rugby said it gave him great pleasure to renew happy links with the "Clockroom" in moments grave and gay.

## Letter from the President

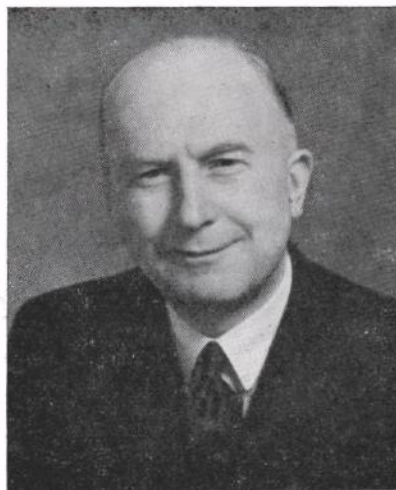
MY FRIENDS,

Fully conscious of the responsibilities of the high office to which I have been elected for the coming year, I am addressing this letter to the members of the Union to ask for their support.

Our Union has grown through the enthusiasm and energy of the members, and more especially of its succeeding Committees, until it is now one of the strongest and most popular. This is not enough. Until we reach the position that boys leaving school automatically join the Union we have a long way to go, and we are losing a lot of our power to do good. I therefore appeal for the younger crowd to give us their support.

We have a most excellent social programme to bring members and their friends together during the year and I hope members will make full use of it and in particular will make a special effort to come to our Annual Dinner in January. If you come once you'll come always.

As well as amusing ourselves and enjoying each other's company, we also try to do some good for other people and naturally our first



Mr. E. J. Montgomery.

thought is for our School. There is a lot of help we can give by taking an interest in the School functions. Dr. Reynolds has gone out of his way to create a liaison between the School and the Union and I would ask you all to back up his efforts. Until the Union takes an interest in the School it is hard for the School to take an interest in the Union.

There is also the Adelaide Hospital Scheme which is sadly in need of greater support. It is our only charitable effort and with a membership of over 600 it is not a great credit to us. I know everyone cannot sign a Banker's Order, but if everyone would subscribe each year the cost of a packet of cigarettes or a gallon of petrol, our worries would be over. Please do something now before you forget about it.

I strongly advocate the wearing of the Old School Tie. There is a lot of good we can do for each other and when I see someone wearing the tie I know that he has been taught a proper standard of values and can be trusted.

Before I close I must refer to the passing of "Willy" Wilson, the greatest friend our Union ever had. His time and his talents were always so generously at our disposal. He has built in the hearts of us who knew him and loved him a memorial more enduring than bronze.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD J. MONTGOMERY,

President.

## Golf Report

A.S.U. Competition, Royal Dublin, 6th June, 1957: 1st, St. Andrew's, 284; 2nd, High School, 285; 3rd, Sandford Park, 286. High School scores: G. A. Gole (13), 67; G. F. Cole, 7 (71); J. Bell (11), 71; A. F. Bennett (15), 76. Best net of competition: G. A. Cole, High School (13), 67.

O.B.U. Competition, Grange G.C., 29th August, 1957. Old Boys' Cup: J. Greening (18), 71. Harry Bunbury Cup: W. F. Doak (23), 82; runner-up: T. J. Early (15), 72. Best Gross: G. F. Cole, 79. Single Figure: F. E. Tate (8), 75. Visitors: J. S. Pickering (14), 68. Hidden Score (Under 16): J. Bell (11), 77. Hidden Score (Over 16): W. G. Booker (20), 95.

U.I.S. Competition, Milltown G.C., 19th September, 1957. 1st, Castleknock, 138½; 2nd, St. Kiernan's, 141; 3rd, High School, 142½. High School scores: R. T. Motyer (10) and G. H. Priestman (12)—69; F. E. Tate (8) and T. J. Early (15)—73½; J. E. Allen (10) and G. F. Cole (7)—79½.

O.B.U. Competition, Grange G.C., 4th September, 1958. Will O.B.U. "Golfing" members please send their names and addresses to the School?

S. S. EVANS.

## News of Old Boys

E. H. Bodell (1940-44) was a member of the Gentlemen of Ireland team against Scotland, and also against the M.C.C. at Lords.

W. W. A. Bornemann (1948-54) was selected and played for the Leinster Rugby team against Ulster and against the Australians.

C. A. Boyle (1922-31) has again been elected a member of the Leinster Branch, I.R.F.U. Selection Committee, and also of the Irish Selection Committee.

E. W. Brennan (1936-42) is now in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Rev. J. G. M. Carey (1936-45) has been appointed Curate of St. Ann's, Dublin.

P. M. Cobbe (1952-57) has begun work in the engineer's office of Messrs. Players, Dublin.

A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51) has been appointed assistant professor in a United States naval post-graduate college in Monterey, California, where he expects to be engaged in research on moving striations in low current inert gas discharges.

G. M. Crockett (1928-36) is an architect practising in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

Dr. C. F. Delaney (1936-42) and I. R. MacAuley (1943-52) helped Professor Poole to construct an apparatus in the Physics Department, T.C.D., by which it is possible to measure the radio-activity of archaeological specimens and date them for thousands of years back.

G. A. W. Fitch (1952-57) is an apprentice miller in the Hanover Street Mills.

D. A. A. Fleetwood (1953-57) is an articled clerk in Messrs. W. C. Ribbeck & Co., Accountants.

W. M. Gregory (1946-52) is a civil engineer employed in the Department of Highways, Ontario, Canada, and engaged on bridge design. He received his B.A., B.A.I., in 1955. Another Old Boy, H. W. Adcock (1938-41) has been an engineer in the same Department for some time.

Dr. Charles Harris (1937-42) is Divisional Health Officer in Wigan, Lancashire.

R. J. E. Hill (1946-53) won a fishing competition, organised last August by the Ballyshannon Anglers' Association, with a bag of 38 perch.

J. C. Hutson (1923-28) has been appointed Dublin Branch Manager of the Atlas Assurance Co., Ltd.

T. E. Jinks (1942-51) has gone to Rhodesia to take up a position in Insurance in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, where his postal address is Box 2389.

"Michael Johnn," pseudonym of the author of "Doctor on the Dole," conceals the identity of an Old Boy. Readers will find in the book a subjective account of the School during the period 1910-16.

A. R. Jolley (1936-42) has been appointed a District Commissioner, Boy Scouts of Ireland.

E. E. Kerr (1953-57) has obtained a position in the Scottish Union Assurance Co.

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**J. T. Killen** (1945-55) has won the Gold Medal for composition of the University Philosophical Society.

**B. M. McCracken** (1946-52) has been admitted to practice at the Bar.

**Rev. R. F. Marks** (1943-49) has been appointed Curate of Christ Church, Londonderry, having been junior curate of St. Columba's Cathedral before that.

**T. W. M. Meates** (1943-54) was a member of the Leinster Junior Interprovincial Rugby team which played against Munster.

**C. G. Morton** (1923-30) has been elected President of the Association of Referees, Leinster Branch, I.R.F.U. The following members of the O.B.U. are active Referees with the Leinster Branch, I.R.F.U.: **J. A. Bell** (1930-42), **W. G. Booker** (1927-37), **E. W. Frith** (1932-41), and **H. R. Roberts** (1936-41).

**R. Y. Newport** (1949-53) obtained a 1st Class Pass in the City and Guilds of London examination in Flourmilling Technology. He has gone to the Chelsea Flour Mills, London, to continue his studies, after which he intends to go to mills in South Africa for some years to obtain further experience.

**J. T. Paul** (1949-55) has been appointed Hon. Secretary; **C. B. Warren** (1946-54), Hon. Treasurer, and **A. M. Gann** (1951-56), Hon. Registrar of the University Philosophical Society. **D. W. Piel** (1951-55) and **T. T. West** (1954-56) are members of Council.

**D. S. Pickett** (1953-57) and **T. Doyle** (1954-57) have obtained positions in Messrs. Brooks, Thomas.

**G. H. Priestman** (1933-38) was elected Captain of the Grange Golf Club.

**Surgeon Rear-Admiral R. L. G. Proctor** (1910-12) is Deputy Medical Director-General of the Royal Navy. His daughter was presented at Court last April.

**Major C. J. Reid** (1912-17) is this year's President of the Dublin and Regional Branch of the Federation of Builders and Allied Trades, and a Council Member of the whole of Ireland.

**S. W. J. Seager** (1944-57) is a student in Greenmount Agricultural College, Antrim.

**J. R. Spence** (1955-57) has obtained a position with Messrs. J. Langdon & Sons, South William Street.

**P. L. Stafford** (1949-57) and **G. S. Dowse** (1948-57) are apprentice technicians in Unidare Ltd.

**B. T. Tomlinson** (1942-51) has gone to New Zealand.

**G. H. Watson** (1945-53) is an engineer on the staff of H. G. Acres & Co., Ltd., Consultant Engineers, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

**J. V. Williamson** (1939-42) is in the Sumrie Shop, Regent Street, in the tailoring business.

**D. Willis** (1946-49) is going to Norway to study the timber trade.

**N. E. Wilson** (1943-49) has become an Associate Member of the Institute of Structural Engineers, London. He has been appointed Lecturer in Syracuse University, U.S.A.

## Marriages

**Alan M. Bain** (1939-45) to **Olive F. Bowles**, September 9, 1957.

**Leslie R. Belford** (1938-45) to **Sheila Alexander**, July 3, 1957.

**Frederick G. R. Brady** (1944-48) to **Beryl P. McCrae**, September 14, 1957.

**M. Don Buchalter** (1940-48) to **Patricia M. Gold**, September 1, 1957.

**Gerald C. Chambers** (1942-51) to **June R. Noble**, September 28, 1957.

**David S. Couse** (1941-45) to **Violet F. Holland**, September 1957, in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

**Ronald Custis** (1942-47) to **Enid Rowe**, September 7, 1957, in Cardiff.

**Rev. Cecil A. Faull** (1939-41) to **Rosslyn Perdue**, September 3, 1957.

**Bromley J. Featherstone** (1947-48) to **Dorothy E. Mackenzie**, September 7, 1957.

**Eric L. Kimberley** (1949-53) to **Doreen A. Walsh**, September 20, 1957, in Toronto.

**Donald L. Seligman** (1939-45) to **Barbara Levine**, September 16, 1957.

**J. Meikle Turner** (1947-49) to **Emma Frazer**, August 7, 1957.

**J. Victor Williamson** (1939-42) to **Brenda E. Thomas**, November 30, 1957.

**Nyal E. Wilson** (1943-49) to **Carol A. Pratt**, September 28, 1957.

## Deaths

Catherine P. Bennett, widow of Dr. John Bennett, October 14, 1957.

Innis E. Gibson (1897-99), July 7, 1957.

Robert Galloway Louis Leonard, Q.C., LL.D. (1889-97), June 22, 1957.

Rev. Robert E. Weir (1884-94), June 14, 1957.

William Robert (Willie) Wilson, F.R.S.A., Art Master at the High School, 1917-1957, October 17, 1957.

James Garrett Yates, M.A., T.C.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge (1930-34), November 1, 1957.

## Obituary

MR. R. G. L. LEONARD, Q.C., LL.D.

Mr. Robert Galloway Louis Leonard, Q.C., LL.D., who died at his residence, 27 Pembroke Park, Dublin, on Saturday, was one of the most prominent men at the Irish Bar, and gave very distinguished service to the Church of Ireland. He was in his 79th year, and was one of the few remaining Queen's Counsel in the Republic.

Mr. Leonard was educated at the High School, Dublin, and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he was a classical scholar, a senior moderator in legal and political science, and a Reid Law Scholar. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1899, before he took his degree—he became a Doctor of Laws in 1903. Following a brilliant academic career he was for five years, from 1904, Reid Professor of Law in Dublin University.

He was a very able lawyer. He joined the Connaught Bar, and rapidly built up a very good practice. In 1908 he became Junior Crown Prosecutor for Co. Sligo, and served in this capacity for ten years; between 1916 and 1918 he was also Junior Crown Prosecutor for the then King's County.

Mr. Leonard took silk in 1918, and was Senior Crown Prosecutor for Co. Sligo from 1918 until 1922. During his long career he appeared in a large number of important cases, and as well as standing counsel for a number of important concerns.

He became a Bencher of the King's Inns in 1928 and Treasurer in 1949. He was chairman of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting.

Few laymen have given greater service to the Church of Ireland than Mr. Leonard. He was for many years a member of the Representative Church Body, and took a prominent part in all legal and financial matters affecting the Church. He was recognised as an authority on Church law. He was judge of the Court of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, and he was Chancellor of the diocesan courts in the dioceses of Dublin, Glendalough, Kildare, Meath, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh, among others.

As a young man he was a good swimmer and hockey player. He was interested in all sports, and in later years he fished, hunted and played golf.

In 1904 Mr. Leonard married Miss Mary Geraldine Millar. He is survived by his widow and by two daughters, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald and Miss Molly Leonard.

—From the *Irish Times*.

## REV. R. E. WEIR

The death has taken place of the Rev. Robert E. Weir, M.A., 4 St. Catherine's Road, Glengary, former rural dean and incumbent of St. Matthew's Parish, Irishtown, Dublin. He served with the Y.M.C.A. in France during the 1914-1918 war, and on his return to Ireland was appointed to Ballyfin Parish, Co. Leix. Subsequently, he served in Mountrath, and in 1931 was appointed to St. Matthew's. He retired in 1954.

Mr. Weir was one of Ireland's best-known clergymen. He was for many years managing director of the Irish Land Finance Co. of the Church of Ireland, vice-president of the Church of Ireland Labour Yard, and grand chaplain of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Order. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Weir; his son, Dr. Stuart Weir, Brighton, and his daughters, Mrs. R. Graham Leslie, Mrs. C. Colin, and Mrs. Hewitt Wilson.

—From the *Irish Times*.

Mr. Weir was a member of the Board of Governors of the Erasmus Smith Schools for many years.

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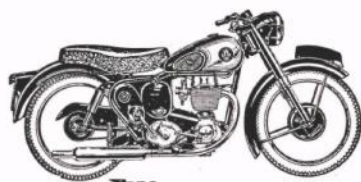
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