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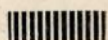
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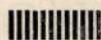
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DECEMBER, 1925.

Editorial.

As we take up the editorial pen which our distinguished predecessor has laid down, we begin to wonder for the first time what an editorial is. We open the dictionary and find an unsatisfactory definition—"A leading article in a paper." Editors of weekly papers fill up their editorials by announcing the contents of the next week's issue. Some editorials are apologies, defences or eulogies of the contents of the paper. Unfortunately we know no better than our readers what the next ERASMIAN will contain. In our defence we would like to say to our critics, that we do not write editorials deliberately, but are compelled by absurd tradition and custom. As our predecessor said, they cannot be omitted. We would also like to say on behalf of our contributors that spelling mistakes in this magazine are not made through the ignorance of our authors (none of them is below the Sixth Form). In our last number a gross spelling blunder was evident to the sophisticated [*i.e.* the masters and some of the older boys], but as the original MS. of the article clearly proves, it was merely a misprint or a slip of the pen. As for praising the contents of this paper, we have nothing to say, if only because our youthful readers would not believe it. Nevertheless, we are thankful that the time has not yet arrived when it will be necessary to write editorials in Irish. But as this is the Editorial of THE ERASMIAN, we think it not out of place to say a word about THE ERASMIAN. THE ERASMIAN brings before the schoolboy many interesting facts about his School which he may not know. Indeed, when we peruse an ERASMIAN it is surprising to find how little we know about our own School, and about those who have left it in former years. And although a part of its contents is already familiar to the majority of the boys, parents are always interested to read these little items of information about the School. Some boys are disposed to treat THE ERASMIAN with indifference and even with contempt,

yet they should remember that their parents obtain their impression of the whole School from its magazine. Bearing this in mind, every boy who is proud of this School ought to give the paper his staunch support, even if he does not contribute to it. We are, however, approaching Christmas, the joyful season when the schoolboy forgets all those things which in Term time seem to haunt his life and from which it seems impossible to escape. Impositions and detention are things of the past. Early rising (say 8 o'clock) is finished; there is no longer any need to emerge into the cold world at the unearthly hour of 9.25 a.m. No longer are the evenings occupied with exercises and preparation. Instead of following the adventures of Caesar and Hannibal, we follow those of Sexton Blake and Buffalo Bill. For a time our ears have repose from the harsh jangling of the School bell, and we are able to listen in peace to the Postmaster-General broadcasting in Irish. Or if we prefer more vigorous and exciting amusement, we can indulge in a rousing game of Tiddleywinks or Snakes and Ladders. So in this season of goodwill, our readers, being at peace with the world, may be kindly disposed to this number of THE ERASMIAN, and may even look with a lenient eye upon this editorial.



School Notes.



The School re-opened after the Summer Vacation on Tuesday, Sept. 1st. It was gratifying to see again a large entry of new boys and an increase in our numbers this term.

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The chief interest was naturally to hear how we had fared in the new Intermediate Examinations. We were not disappointed in the results. We give elsewhere the marks of the successful candidates. A summary will be found in the Annual School Report, but we cannot forbear mentioning the great distinctions won. A. W. H. Breakey was bracketed first with D. M. Mitchell in both Latin and Greek, and these two made the High School First in Classics in the Intermediate Certificate Examination. Breakey was also first in Mathematics, and Mitchell second in French, and G. P. Pearse was first in Drawing. Out of the six Scholarships won by Protestant schools we gained the first three.

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Then in October came the Junior Exhibition Examination. W. S. Glover won the first place and the Kidd Scholarship;

D. B. W. Good was sixth, and gained the High School Exhibition. G. J. Boucher and J. R. W. Fleming were unlucky to miss Junior Exhibitions by a few marks, but were given Erasmus Smith Exhibitions by the Board of Governors, who also awarded similar Exhibitions to W. J. N. Mackey and D. G. D. Harpur, and a special grant to M. F. E. Dobbin. Good and Glover also gained Entrance Prizes.

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E. H. Maynard won the Schoolboy Championship of Ireland in Tennis this summer.

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H. C. Ewen has repeated his last year's success by winning the Junior Swimming Championship this Term.

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The appeal made by Rev. S. C. Woods last Term for the British and Foreign Sailors' Society realised through the boys' collections the sum of eleven guineas, and he wishes to thank all who subscribed so generously.

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This Term Miss A. E. Bunn gave a lecture to the School on October 3rd about the Shaftesbury Homes and the Arethusa Training Ship.

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Our Annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, Nov. 20th, and was a great success.

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The Scripture Examinations are being held on Friday, Dec. 11th. We hope the School will keep up its reputation in these Examinations.

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It is rather a far cry now to mention the School Sports, which were held in June just before the Summer Holidays, but there was a record entry of 155 boys, and as we had a fine day everything went off well. In fact, too well, as the programme proved rather long, and another year it will be necessary to hold some of the events beforehand. We congratulate D. T. Murphy and D. G. Walker on winning the Championships.

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We give elsewhere an account of the Swimming Gala, which was also most successful. The School Championship was won for the second year in succession by P. Ewen.

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Football is flourishing this Term, but would do better if boys would turn out regularly for practice. The captain, D. T. Murphy,

is indefatigable, and should be supported in every possible way.

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Armistice Day was celebrated as usual on November 11th, when all the School assembled in the Clockroom and observed the two minutes' silence. There was a short service of prayer and an address by the Headmaster; and the memorial tablets with the names of the Old Boys who fell in the War were crowned with wreaths of poppies, laurel and palm.

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The School will break up on December 19th and re-open in the New Year on Tuesday, January 12th.

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We congratulate G. J. Boucher on being chosen to play in the Schools' Cricket Interprovincial for the second year. He also played for the Leinster Intermediate League against Ulster. We congratulate him on his fine performances in both.



Notes on Old Boys.



We have to congratulate a large number of old boys on their distinctions.

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R. E. McGuire has passed into the Indian Civil Service.

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They have done particularly well in Trinity. I. E. Jones and W. C. Proctor have won both the Brooke Prizes. Jones was First in the First Class in Classics, and won a Second Class in Ancient History; Proctor obtained Second Classes both in Mathematics and in Science; in Modern Languages, E. J. Weinberger won a First Class, and R. E. Murray a Second Class. In the old days we believe all these would have been Senior Moderators with Gold Medals, but this year a new arrangement of First, Second and Third Class has been introduced.

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A. W. Robertson has won Third Senior Exhibition; he was unfortunate in just missing Scholarship last June, but we hope he will have better fortune next time.

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We must specially congratulate Jones on being elected President of the "Phil"; he delivered a fine Presidentia Address on "Education" at the opening meeting this autumn.

He was given the Society's Gold Medal for Oratory, and the Hon. Secretary, A. H. M. Hillis, was given the Silver Medal.

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We record successes in Banks and Guinness's elsewhere.

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Sir Simon Maddock, D.L. (1881-85), has been elected Chairman of the Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council.

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W. H. Neilson, O.B.E. (1888-93) has been appointed Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust.

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L. J. D. Richardson (1904-12), whose marriage we record elsewhere, has been appointed Lecturer in Classics in University College, Cardiff.

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Dr. E. C. Smith (1908-16), who was a Demonstrator in the Trinity Medical School, has gone out as Medical Officer to Lagos, in Southern Nigeria.

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R. A. Heatley (1911-17) has also gone out as a Medical Officer to the Straits Settlements.

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Rev. F. W. Synott, M.C., has left St. Peter's and gone out as a S.P.G. Missionary to Borneo.

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Gordon S. B. Mack (1906-16) has been appointed Headmaster of Sandford Park School.

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R. W. Jeffares (1883-89) has been elected Secretary of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

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T. V. Harris (1912-17) has been elected Captain of Lansdowne First Fifteen.

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R. W. Mather (1911-16) has been awarded his colours for Swimming in T.C.D.

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Stanley Woods (1915-20) has again won one of the National Championships of Ireland in Motor Cycling. He did 25 miles in 25 minutes 46 seconds, and one lap at over 70 miles an hour.

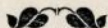
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L. G. M. Tuach (1920-24) has obtained a Clerkship in the Royal Exchange Assurance Co.

C. N. Monsell (1918-24) has gone to London, and is now in the Dunlop Company.

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G. B. Thrift, who left us last year, was chosen to play for Dublin University Chess Club against the Jewish Literary Society. We congratulate him on winning his game.



MARRIAGES.

READ (1910-13) and HORNIDGE—January 28, 1925, at St. Mary's Church, Blessington, by the Rev. C. B. Phipps, LL.D., assisted by the Rev. W. R. Scully, Thomas Frederick Henry, only son of Mr. M. H. Read, of Clonoughlis, Straffan, to Phoebe Lilian, only daughter of the late R. J. Hornidge and Mrs. Hornidge, of Tulfarris, Blessington.

SCALES (1909-15) and THRIFT—July 8, 1925, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by Rev. Canon Lewis-Crosby, B.D., assisted by Rev. E. C. Hodges, B.D.; Rev. H. G. Forde, M.A.; and Rev. N. L. Roberts, M.A.—Eric Wilfrid, youngest son of Richard N. Scales and Mrs. Scales, 62 Palmerston Road, to Dorothy Maude, eldest daughter of Professor Thrift, F.T.C.D., T.D., and Mrs. Thrift, 80 Grosvenor Square, Rathmines.

MacNEICE (1905-07) and COOPER—August 20, 1925, at Sandford Church, Dublin, by the Rev. F. R. Willis, B.A., Harold Sydney, second son of Richard W. and Mrs. MacNeice, Brookville, Sallymount Avenue, Leeson Park, Dublin, to Eileen, youngest daughter of William and Mrs. Cooper, 109 Donore Terrace, South Circular Road, Dublin.

RICHARDSON (1904-12) and PATTON—September 30, 1925, at Cloughwater Church, by the Very Rev. George Thompson, D.D., and the father of the bride, Leopold J. D. Richardson, M.A., 39 Trinity College, Dublin, and University College, Cardiff, to Frances P. Patton, M.A., daughter of Rev. A. Patton, M.A., and Mrs. Patton, J.P., Cloughwater Manse, Ballymena.

EVANS and CARR—July 7, 1925, at Christ Church, Rathgar, by the Rev. J. J. MacAulay, B.A., Samuel Stewart, eldest son of Mathew Evans, Magherafelt, to Lilian, only daughter of W. F. Carr, York Avenue, Rathmines.

BENNETT and ANDERSON—July 23, 1925, at the Parish Church, Farnborough, by the Rev. W. J. Mayne, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Canon W. A. Challacombe, Vicar of the Parish, John Bennett, Sligo Grammar School, son of the late Thomas Bennett, Clonakilty, to Katherine, daughter of the late Rev. G. M. Anderson, Knockbride, and Mrs. Anderson, Farnborough.

DUGGAN (1896-1903) and GOODE—November 24, 1925, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Malta, by the Rev. C. L. Waller, Chaplain, R.N., assisted by Canon S. Moreton, Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Eyre S. Duggan, O.B.E., R.N., youngest surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. George Duggan, Ferney, Greystones, County Wicklow, to Doris Hebe, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Minton Goode, 6 Netherhall Gardens, Hampstead, London.

OBITUARY.

GOULDING (1873-4)—July 12, 1925, at Luttrellstown, Clonsilla, the Right Hon. Sir William Joshua Goulding, Bart.

Swimming Club.

Captain, A. H. Whiteside.

Vice-Captain, P. Ewen.

Hon. Sec., E. H. Maynard.

The Annual Gala was held in the Iveagh Baths on Wednesday afternoon of September 30th. There was a record attendance. The swimming was very good, and the competitions were splendidly contested, showing the good training by Sgt.-Major Burke. Mrs. Watson gave away the prizes. Great thanks are due to Mr. Wilson for the help he has given all the season, and to Mr. Ellerker for his efficiency in umpiring at the Gala. The results were as follows:—

1. Senior Race (66 yards)—First Heat: 1, R. J. Matthews; 2, A. E. Robinson; 3, P. Ewen. Second Heat: 1, T. S. Mason; 2, W. R. Prescott; 3, A. Whiteside. Final: 1, R. J. Matthews; 2, A. E. Robinson; 3, T. S. Mason. Time, 53 2-5 secs.

2. Under 16 (44 yards)—First Heat: 1, W. G. Johnston; 2, D. M. Mitchell; 3, P. W. Smith. Second Heat: 1, T. S. Mason; 2, J. J. Lenehan; 3, H. B. Montgomery. Third Heat: 1, R. W. Reynolds; 2, F. G. Bestall; 3, S. C. Flewett. Final: 1, R. W. Reynolds; 2, F. G. Bestall; 3, W. G. Johnston. Time, 44 secs.

3. Under 15 (22 yards)—First Heat: 1, W. E. M. Anderson; 2, H. C. Ewen; 3, M. Taylor. Second Heat: 1, R. S. Savage; 2, D. L. Hennessy; 3, A. G. Mason. Third Heat: 1, H. W. Stephenson; 2, F. G. Bestall; 3, W. J. Prescott. Final: 1, H. W. Stephenson; 2, W. E. M. Anderson; 3, F. G. Bestall. Time, 19 secs.

4. Under 13 (20 yards)—1, J. M. Bryson; 2, E. Flynn; 3, E. Green. Time, 20 secs.

5. Beginners' Race (20 yards)—First Heat: 1, D. C. McConnell; 2, G. E. Price; 3, A. B. Shaw. Second Heat: 1, A. C. Orr; 2, J. M. Buchanan; 3, W. D. Hughes. Third Heat: 1, H. W. Stephenson; 2, C. W. Keating; 3, W. H. Rae. Fourth Heat: 1, E. McDonnell; 2, A. G. Breakey. Final: 1, H. W. Stephenson; 2, A. C. Orr; 3, C. W. Keating. Time, 21 3-5 secs.

6. Breast and Back Stroke (44 yards)—First Heat: 1, W. R. Prescott; 2, A. G. Mason; 3, J. J. Lenehan. Second Heat: 1, J. A. McKee; 2, E. A. Joyce; 3, T. D. Murphy. Third Heat: 1, T. S. Mason; 2, P. W. Smith; 3, H. B. Montgomery. Final: 1, W. R. Prescott; 2, T. S. Mason; 3, P. W. Smith. Time, 43 secs.

7. Championship (100 yards)—1, P. Ewen; 2, W. R. Prescott; 3, A. H. Whiteside. Time, 75 secs.

8. Diving—1, H. Burchill; 2, W. R. Prescott; 3, J. I. Stafford.

9. Old Boys' Race (66 yards)—1, N. J. Mather; 2, W. J. Stafford; 3, R. W. Mather. Time, 49 2-5 secs.

10. Open Race for Dublin Schools (66 yards)—1, J. Harper (Synge St.); 2, E. Hession (Belvedere); 3, R. Sheridan (Belvedere). Time, 58 secs.

11. Water Polo Match—High School, 5 goals; Wesley College, nil.

IRISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION— LEINSTER BRANCH.

Junior Schoolboy Championship—Winner, H. C. Ewen.

Proficiency Certificates.

First Class (4).

J. Begley	W. R. Prescott
R. J. Matthews	A. E. Robinson

Second Class (10).

W. E. M. Anderson	D. M. Mitchell
J. M. Bryson	H. B. S. Montgomery
S. C. Flewett	R. W. Reynolds
W. G. Johnston	J. A. Savage
J. J. Lenehan	R. S. Savage

Beginners (26).

W. Begley	F. J. Fox	A. C. Orr
A. P. Besson	A. J. Hughes	W. J. Prescott
C. A. Boyle	W. D. Hughes	W. H. Rae
A. G. Breakey	F. E. V. Keating	E. Ruttledge
G. Brownlee	S. Lapedus	A. B. Shaw
M. Buchanan	D. C. McConnell	N. J. Smith
J. D. Clarke	E. G. McDonnell	J. I. Stafford
H. E. Conlan	R. E. Montgomery	M. Taylor
J. R. Dick	W. R. Nickells	

Judges—E. M. Ellerker and F. W. H. Leland.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.

JOHN McCRAE.

IDEM LATINE REDDITUM.

Belgarum per agros crebra papavera
 Interfusa vigent ordinibus crucum,
 Quae qua nostra iacent ossa sat indicant;
 Caelo carmen alauda adhuc
 Edit forte volans, pœne fragoribus
 Telorum obstrepitum; nos ibi mortui,
 Qui vivi fuimus perbreui abhinc die;
 Nobis sol oriens, rubor
 Solis decidui, gaudia amantium
 Erepta; heu sub humo nunc requiescimus!
 At vos proelia nostra excipite hostium;
 Vobis deficiens manus
 Taedam nostra iacit; tollite in arduum;
 Nobis falsi eritis si morientibus,
 Nequicquam ossa tegent rubra papavera,
 Insomnes agitabimur.



Intermediate Examinations.



Marks on Honour Papers are in heavy type:—

LEADING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

		Result.	English (300)	Greek (400)	Latin (400)	French (300)	Maths, (600)	Chemistry (300)	German (300)
R. S. Baskin	...	P.	145	...	304	126	383	155	...
G. J. Boucher	...	P.	195	202	282	133	509	160	...
W. F. Doak	...	P.	160	...	326	158	390	170	121
J. R. W. Fleming	...	P.	120	381	367	133	341	(120)	...
J. L. Gray	...	P.	140	307	292	128	368	170	...

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

	Result	English. (300)	Greek (400)	Latin. (400)	French. (300)	History & Geography. (300)	Maths. (600)	Science (300)	Commerce (300)	Drawing (200)
F. G. Bestall	...	H. 165	...	255	120	140	416	185	...	...
A. W. H. Breakey	...	H. 195	400	400	180	165	596	150	...	...
R. K. Craig	...	H. 200	379	293	120	160	306	(150)	...	...
T. S. Dagg	...	P. 140	...	217	(65)	(105)	279	(90)	133	...
K. N. Douglas	...	H. 200	342	294	(85)	185	360	155	...	...
H. A. E. Egan	...	P. 125	240	186	(46)	145	(230)	(70)	...	...
G. E. Gill	...	P. 240	...	228	120	150	334	...	...	...
W. G. Johnston	...	P. 130	240	206	120	(105)	245	(85)	...	...
J. A. W. McKee	...	P. 150	377	295	155	160	349	135	...	...
T. S. Mason	...	P. 150	...	167	120	145	302	210	...	...
D. M. Mitchell	...	H. 215	400	400	220	190	392	210	...	...
H. B. S. Montgomery	...	H. 175	275	241	120	145	389	200	...	...
G. P. Pearse	...	P. 130	...	193	(44)	(105)	328	125	...	199
R. W. Reynolds	...	H. 235	393	341	157	125	400	180	...	...
T. N. Richardson	...	P. 160	...	296	143	160	364	135	176	...
W. H. L. Waddell	...	P. 125	...	160	131	(95)	258	(100)	151	...
A. W. H. Breakey	}	Scholarships, £40 a year for two years.								
D. M. Mitchell										
R. W. Reynolds										



Calculations Extraordinary.



HOW TO STOP STRIKES!

A young American bank clerk asked for an increase in salary. The managers replied as follows:—

The year has ... 365 days
 You work eight hours a day, *i.e.* $\frac{1}{3}$ of the year,
 therefore only ... 121 ..

Also you do not work on Sundays ... 52

This leaves ... 69 ..

You have also $\frac{1}{2}$ day off every Saturday ... 26 ..

This leaves ... 43 ..

You have also 1 hour off every day for lunch,
 making in the year ... 13 ..

This leaves ... 30 ..

Then there are two weeks' holidays ... 14 ..

This leaves ... 16 ..

And also Bank Holidays and other festivals, say...	12	„
	—	
This leaves ...	4	„
And you certainly are away ill four days ...	4	„
	—	
This leaves ...	0	„
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Therefore, as you do no work at all during the year, how can you ask for more salary?

Vive la statistique!



The Annual Prize Distribution.



The Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, November 20th, at 3.30 p.m. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Cashel and Waterford, D.D., presided, and gave away the prizes, and there was a large attendance of parents and friends. The following Governors were also present—Dr. L. C. Purser, Vice-Provost T.C.D., who gave a delightful address to the parents and boys; Mr. J. Andrew, Mr. A. Purser, Mr. R. C. de Versan, K.C.; the Archdeacon of Cashel, Mr. A. O. Miller, and Mr. A. L. B. Moore (Registrar). Apologies were sent by:—The Primate, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Provost of Trinity College, Lord Donoughmore, the Dean of Christ Church, Professor Thrift, Rev. Principal H. K. Moore, Captain Carden, Lord Justice Best, Captain Coddington and Mr. J. Garvey.

The Headmaster read the Annual Report as follows:—

The report of the work of the High School for the past year is a record of satisfactory progress, and I think you will agree, of conspicuous all round success.

The number of boys on the School roll continues to increase, and is this term 291, or 10 more than this time last year.

Following our usual practice, I shall take first the results of the various external examinations, beginning with those in Religious Knowledge held last December conjointly by the Church of Ireland and by the Presbyterian Assembly. Of the Church boys 84 passed, and of the Presbyterians 18, making a total of 102. Of these 29 won prizes. The best results were obtained in the Junior Grade, where four boys obtained First Class Prizes with over 85 per cent., and in Greek Testament,

where similar honours were gained by six boys, and we were so fortunate as to repeat a distinction won by us on several previous occasions of obtaining the Silver Medal in the Church Examination and the First Place and Special Prize of £1 in the Presbyterian Examination. The two successful boys were J. R. W. Fleming and W. S. Glover.

The next Examinations were those held last June by the Ministry of Education, which has replaced the former Intermediate Board. "The old order changeth, giving place to new," and the old Intermediate Examinations in three Grades, Junior, Middle and Senior, with their Pass and Honour papers, and their Medals, Prizes and Exhibitions, have passed away, and this year we had the first Examinations of the new system. We have no reason to be dissatisfied with our results. There are now two Examinations only. First, the Leaving Certificate Examination for candidates of about 18 years of age, in which there are Pass and Honour papers, but no Prizes or Exhibitions of any kind. For this we entered five boys from the Upper VI., who all passed with credit. And secondly, the Intermediate Certificate Examination for candidates of about sixteen years of age, in which there are only Pass papers, Honours being obtained by high marks, and on the result of which 75 Scholarships, each of £40 a year for two years, are awarded for the whole of the Free State. For this Examination we entered one candidate from the VI. Form and seventeen from the V.; fifteen of the eighteen passed, and seven obtained Honours. We also as an experiment entered a few boys from the Upper IV., but only one of these passed, and the experiment will not be repeated, as the boys had not covered the course. In this Examination two boys, A. W. H. Breakey and D. M. Mitchell, obtained full marks and First Place in both Latin and Greek; Breakey also gained First Place in Mathematics with 596 marks out of 600; G. P. Pearse obtained First Place in Drawing with 199 marks out of 200, and Mitchell Second Place in French with 220 marks out of 300, one boy being above him with 222. With regard to Classics, all the nine boys who took Greek obtained Honours in that subject, and although there were two other schools where one boy obtained full marks in both Greek and Latin, there was no other school in which, as in ours, two boys obtained this distinction. Of the 75 Scholarships awarded in the whole of the Free State, six were gained by Protestant schools, and of these six we won the first three, A. W. H. Breakey being third, D. M. Mitchell thirteenth, and R. W. Reynolds twenty-eighth. It is gratifying to have done so well in the first Examinations of the new system.

On the results of the Junior Exhibition Examination in

Trinity College last autumn the High School Exhibition of £25 a year for four years was awarded to Geoffrey B. Thrift, and Erasmus Smith Exhibitions were awarded to I. F. Ratthaus, A. W. Robertson and S. G. Reeves. This autumn the First Place at this Examination carried with it the valuable Kidd Scholarship of £80 a year for four years, and was won by W. S. Glover. Although we have won the First Place at the Junior Exhibition Examination no fewer than fifteen times since then, the last time we gained the Kidd Scholarship, which is awarded only once in every four years, was in 1889, when it was won by Professor W. E. Thrift. The High School Exhibition has been awarded to D. B. W. Good, who gained Sixth Place in the Examination. Good has also won two Entrance Prizes for Classical Composition, and Glover one for Experimental Science. The Board of Governors has awarded Erasmus Smith Exhibitions to G. J. Boucher, J. R. W. Fleming, W. J. N. Mackey and D. G. D. Harpur, and a special grant to M. F. E. Dobbin.

Former pupils of the school in Trinity College have also been gaining many and high distinctions. Last autumn R. E. Maguire obtained First Senior Moderatorship with Large Gold Medal in Classics, and Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Ancient History and Political Science; on these results he was awarded the University Studentship in Classics, £100 a year for five years. Since then he has this summer passed successfully into the Indian Civil Service. Last autumn I. E. Jones won the Mullins Classical Exhibition, in the spring A. H. M. Hillis gained a Classical Scholarship, and this term A. W. Robertson has gained a Senior Exhibition. This autumn the method of awards in the Moderatorship Examinations for Honour Degrees has been changed. Instead of the time-honoured distinctions of Senior and Junior Moderators, the successful candidates are now placed in three classes of First, Second and Third Class Honours. I. E. Jones has been placed First in the First Class in Classical Moderations, and has gained also a Second Class in Ancient History and Political Science; E. J. Weinberger has obtained First Class Honours in Modern Literature, and R. E. Murray Second Class Honours in the same subject; and W. C. G. Proctor has obtained First of the Second Class Honours in Mathematics and also Second Class Honours in Experimental Science. On these results I. E. Jones has been awarded the Brooke Prize for Classics, and W. C. G. Proctor the Brooke Prize in Mathematics, in both cases the next highest distinction to Studentship. I. E. Jones has also had the honour of being elected President of the University Philosophical Society for the current session. Last year in that Society R. H. Colwill was awarded the Gold Medal

for Composition and the Silver Medal for Oratory, and this year I. E. Jones has been awarded the Gold Medal and A. H. M. Hillis the Silver Medal, both for Oratory.

Among distinctions gained during the year by old boys of this school in wider fields I should like to mention that Dr. Maunsell has again been elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Major-General R. W. Sawyer and Sir W. I. de C. Wheeler members of the Council; Sir Simon Maddock has been elected Chairman of the Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council; in India Colonel A. A. Gibbs has been appointed Hon. Physician to the King, W. H. Neilson, O.B.E., has been elected Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, and T. E. O. Moore Engineer to the Nizam Railway; Dr. E. C. Smith has been appointed Medical Officer in Southern Nigeria; T. J. D. Large, Collector of Customs and Taxes for all Northern Ireland; L. J. D. Richardson, Lecturer in Classics in University College, Cardiff; and last season Mr. Harry Thrift was President of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

Coming back to the work of the School, I would call attention to the names of boys that you will find in your programme who have been successful in other Examinations besides those I have mentioned, especially in passing for Banks and for Guinness's Brewery, and here I take the opportunity to announce that the Second Class School Scholarships have now been awarded to C. G. Thomson, R. J. Walker, K. G. Nicholson and J. D. Clarke. I pass on to mention our other activities. During the winter and summer months Football, under the Captaincy of G. J. Boucher, and Cricket, under the Captaincy of V. E. Kerr, have, with the assistance of the masters, flourished in Belgrave Square. The Governors are spending a considerable sum in the improvement of the Square, and the Football and Cricket could be much improved if all parents would consider it their duty to send their boys regularly to the Square for practice. There are too many distractions at the present time out of school hours for boys in a day school like this, and some of them have not the proper sense of honour in supporting their school. They would also be far healthier and better boys for regular games in the open air. The Annual Athletic Sports were held very successfully at Lansdowne Road in June; there was a record entry of 155 boys; the Senior Championship was won by D. T. Murphy and the Junior by D. G. Walker. We have to thank many parents and friends for presenting prizes. The Swimming Club, under the Captaincy of A. H. Whiteside, has again been a great success. The Annual Swimming Gala was held in the Iveagh Baths on September 30th. There were 67 entries, and the School Championship was again won by P. Ewen. The

boys generally have made excellent progress under the swimming instructor; H. C. Ewen again won the Junior Swimming Championship of Leinster, and 40 boys obtained Certificates for Proficiency in Swimming from the Leinster Union.

Gymnastics are part of the regular school curriculum. The annual display, in which 90 boys took part, was held on May 15th in the Swedish Gymnasium, where the class medals for proficiency were distributed. The boys, under Miss Hitchins' tuition, make very good progress. Lastly, *THE ERASMIAN*, the School Magazine, has for the second year been capably edited by D. B. W. Good.

I should like to add, in conclusion, a few words on the present position of Education in our schools. As I have already said, a new system of Secondary Education came into force throughout the Free State during the past year. It means more freedom (I do not say complete freedom, but certainly more freedom) for the schools and teachers in the choice of methods and syllabus and books; it means less Examination by the Board of Education, two instead of three sets of Examinations for a smaller percentage of the pupils; and it means the substitution of a new method of paying School Grants, viz., a capitation grant instead of the old system of payment on the results of Examinations, together with the rest of the complicated system of grants which had grown up during the past few years. As we have not yet received our School Grant for the past year, it is not possible to speak precisely, but the grant as a whole is likely to be more generous than the total of the different grants in former years, although unfortunately it will not be on as liberal a scale as grants to Secondary Schools either in Great Britain or in Northern Ireland. While this is so, the Government and the country must be prepared for the inevitable deduction that our schools generally cannot be expected to be as efficient. The Government has also at last dealt with the vital question of teachers' salaries on lines which, in spite of certain defects, bid fair to provide a satisfactory solution of the teachers' claims: briefly in a boys' school like ours, to recognised teachers in receipt of a stated minimum salary of not less than £200 from the school authorities the Ministry of Education will also pay additional salary by annual increments which will eventually amount to £210 or in some cases £250, i.e. in addition to the salary paid by the Board of Governors.

I am now going to put forward three suggestions. Last year when I made certain criticisms I was publicly taken to task by the Ministry for looking at Irish education too much from an English point of view. Well, the Free State is not exactly in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and if I say that

teachers' salaries are incomplete without a scheme of pensions, and that pensions are absolutely essential if we are to induce our best University graduates to enter the teaching profession here, it is because Britain and Northern Ireland are so near to us that we cannot, without a pension scheme, hope to prevent the cream of our Universities from going to those countries, where the conditions of entering the profession are less stringent and where their life's future is much more secure. First, then, pensions are immediately necessary. Secondly, although the new system is an improvement on the old in many respects, it is still far from perfect. The proper method to secure its continued progress is to concentrate upon its problems the best public opinion. This requires the formation of an Advisory Council, a statutory body meeting at stated dates to discuss the various problems as they arise. This Council should contain representatives of Universities, of Secondary, Primary and Technical Schools, of Chambers of Commerce, and of other educational interests. This would further help to remove one of the greatest hindrances to Irish Education, viz., the want of broad-minded and enlightened public criticism. Ireland will never have the education of which she so sorely stands in need until the general public are as much interested in their schools as they are, say, in racing or cinemas or bazaars. And, thirdly, such a body would be able to give sound and well-considered advice on the question of compulsory Irish, with which our schools are threatened in 1927-8. Until it has been so debated from a wide and large outlook, we ask that compulsory Irish should be at the very least postponed. For it is not a question to be decided off-hand; all kinds of interests have to be considered. We maintain that our schools turn out Irishmen who are thoroughly patriotic and useful members of the State without compulsory Irish, that the parents who by fees and taxes contribute the larger part of the cost of the maintenance of the schools are entitled to have their opinions considered, that the overwhelming majority of them prefer a curriculum for their children on the present lines without compulsory Irish, and lastly, that if we provide facilities for learning Irish to those pupils whose parents wish it, we are doing all that is necessary and advisable. Anyhow, since I made a similar protest here a year ago, it has become abundantly clear that there is a strong current of public opinion flowing against the present methods of forcing Irish upon the schools.

It only remains for me to thank most heartily the Board of Governors, the Staff of the School, and the parents and others who during the past twelve months have contributed to the year's successful work.

The Chairman, having distributed the prizes won last

Christmas and at Midsummer, offered his warmest congratulations to the Headmaster on the marked success of the school's work. The Governors of the school appreciated very highly the strenuous, self-sacrificing efforts made by Mr. Thompson, and they were quite satisfied with its position as to scholarship and general culture.

Continuing, he said—"The Headmaster has formulated a list of improvements. They represent a moderate view of the requirements of the teaching profession. No doubt, these reasonable requests will be complied with. It is of the highest importance that our teachers should have easy minds, so that they may be able to concentrate upon their work without any uneasiness regarding the future.

"What is true of the teachers is also equally true in every department of public life in Ireland. We all want quiet and freedom from strain. At present the public mind is restless, suspicious, easily alarmed. You can see this in the tone of many of the speeches of our public men; and, having regard to the possibilities amongst an excitable people, it makes men in positions of trust very uneasy. A great many men in the Free State are anxious to promote peace and good-will. They are using all the influence they possess to keep people of financial stability in the country. Many of these people are seriously influenced by the general restlessness, and unless there is a speedy improvement we shall not be able to keep them.

"The times are out of joint. It is a very easy thing to stir up strife. Wise men concentrate upon what makes for peace and good-will. We trust that the educational authorities will not add to the prevailing restlessness by pressing their views unduly upon those who cannot conscientiously agree entirely with them. It is quite easy for a Government to make rules, but in the carrying out of an educational policy it is essential to have the will of the people behind it."

Dr. L. C. Purser congratulated the school on the success of its students in the study of Greek and Latin. He was delighted to see the Classics flourishing so well. It would take a great many years before Latin was displaced in their schools, but Greek was fading away—not, he was glad to say, in the same degree in this country as in England, where the neglect of the ancient language was shocking. There was no better training for boys than the study of Latin and Greek, so long as they did not stay too long at it.

He felt with Mr. Thompson the strong necessity for an Advisory Council to the Ministry of Education. One of the functions of such a body would be to urge upon the Government a postponement of the infliction of compulsory Irish. The question of Irish was a far-reaching one, to which pre-

eminently applied the wisdom of the phrase, "the more haste the less speed." Even if the aim were a good one, of which he had the greatest doubt, the element of compulsion was not likely to secure it.



Football Notes.



The following Officers were elected for the season 1925-6 :—

Captain—T. D. Murphy.

Vice-Captain—P. Ewen.

Secretary—R. W. Reynolds.

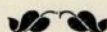
Our S.C.T. has commenced this season more successfully than last season. Although we have only about half-a-dozen of last year's S.C.T., yet there is plenty of new material available. Our J.C.T. is also doing better; it was defeated by Blackrock and Belvedere by very narrow margins. Our 2nd XV. and "under 13" are also doing well.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts. for	Pts. against
S.C.T. ...	10	5	5	133	121
J.C.T. ...	7	4	3	91	81

Scorers—S.C.T.: Ewen 7 tries, Waddell and Reynolds 5, Maynard 5 goals.

J.C.T.: Fox 12 tries.



Examination Results.



INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

R. E. McGuire (1914-20).

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Junior Exhibition Examination.

First Place and Kidd Scholarship (£80 a year for four years)—
W. S. Glover.

Sixth Place and The High School Exhibition (£25 a year for four years, with special privileges as to rooms)—

D. B. W. Good.

Entrance Prizes.

Second Entrance Prize in Latin Verse	} D. B. W. Good.
" " " " Greek Verse	
" " " " Experimental Science—W. S. Glover.	

Erasmus Smith Exhibitions.

(Awarded by the Board of Governors.)

J. R. W. Fleming.	G. J. Boucher.
J. W. N. Mackey.	D. G. D. Harpur.

Special Grant.

M. F. E. Dobbin.

Special Distinctions.

Classical Scholarship	... A. H. M. Hillis (1921-23)
Senior Exhibition	... A. W. Robertson (1917-23)
Mullins Classical Exhibition	... I. E. Jones (1912-21)
Brooke Prize for Classics	... I. E. Jones
Brooke Prize for Mathematics	... W. C. G. Proctor (1912-21)

Moderatorships.

First of First Class in Classics	... I. E. Jones
First Class in Modern Literature...	E. J. Weinberger (1919-21)
Second Class in Ancient History	... I. E. Jones
Second Class in Mathematics	... W. C. G. Proctor
Second Class in Experimental Science	W. C. G. Proctor
Second Class in Modern Literature	R. E. Murray (1919-21)

MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Preliminary Scientific Examination.

Physics	... G. B. Thrift (1916-24) (Passed on High Marks, June)
	H. W. Dalton (1917-24) (First Place, October)
	D. G. McCauley (1918-23)
Chemistry	... G. B. Thrift (Passed on High Marks)
	H. W. Dalton
	D. G. McCauley
Botany and Zoology	{ G. B. Thrift L. B. Harris (1917-23) } Passed on High Marks
	H. W. Dalton

Intermediate Medical—Pt. II.

R. P. McGarrigle (1911-22).

Final Medical—Pt. I.

S. Smith (1911-17), N. J. U. Mather (1912-20),

G. E. Dodds (1913-21).

Clinical Hospital Practice (Dentistry).

F. D. Matthews (1911-19).

Final Freshman Examination (Littlego).

A. H. M. Hillis, A. W. Robertson, W. S. Cunningham (1917-23),

E. J. Montgomery (1913-23), L. B. Harris.

Jun. Freshman Term Exam. and Special Prelim. Exam. in Arts.

C. G. Monson.

Entrance Examination—High Place.

M. F. E. Dobbin.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

Passed Intermediate B.Sc.—H. Montgomery (1913-22).

ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE, IRELAND.

Passed Final Professional Examination—

R. T. Sheppard (1909-13).

GUINNESS'S BREWERY.

A. B. L. Marshall (1920-21).

BANK CLERKSHIPS.

W. R. W. Cooper	(1923-24)	Provincial Bank
M. E. Bardon	(1916-24)	
H. C. McCauley	(1919-25)	} Bank of Ireland
B. R. Stewart	(1919-24)	
C. H. L. Waddell	(1920-24)	
T. S. Dagg	(1922-25)	National Bank

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

First Class.

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| 1. R. S. Savage | 3. D. T. Bardon |
| 2. W. E. M. Anderson | 4. W. G. Kirkpatrick |

Second Class.

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| 5. C. G. Thomson | 7. K. G. Nicholson |
| 6. R. J. Walker | 8. J. D. Clarke |

Scholarships Extended.

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| D. B. W. Good (one term) | A. W. H. Breakey (one year) |
| W. S. Glover " " | J. L. Gray " " |

Other Scholarships.

St. Columba's College—R. E. H. Northridge.

Erasmus Smith (Drogheda Grammar School)—N. O'Farrell.

SONNET: SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

Poet, historian, and philosopher,
Statesman, explorer, fighter by land and sea,
Of all his Queen's great age, epitome—
Raleigh had sure a strange, rich character.
Living in times of vivid life and stir,
Foremost in reckless deed and gallantry,
He still preserved a gentle dignity
Alike as courtier and adventurer.
Something in him we see of all the men
Who made that age so full and unconfined.
Know him, and Drake and Hawkins live again,
You will have glimpsed some part of Shakespeare's mind;
Both had a vision that no walls could pen,
Each had a spirit that no bonds could bind.

G.E.G.



SONNET: THE SEA.

The gulls fly screaming o'er the sad sea cold:
The waves that gently break on the grey stones
Murmur and mourn like wind through age-old bones,
Last remnant of some being whose flesh is mould.
They tell of wrecks, and ruin of proud plans bold,
Of hopeful schemes, ended in death and groans
Of blood-red decks and disregarded moans,
And drear lives lived in sordid search of gold.
But not far off, upon the jagged rocks
Rises a surge of thunderous boom, and roar;
Chanting a saga, 'mid the mighty shocks,
Of high endeavour on forsaken shore—
A grand, majestic, joyful song that mocks
The mournful wail of waves on stony floor.

G.E.G.



Athletic Sports.

Our Annual Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Monday, June 29th. The weather was fortunately fine, and a long programme was carried out successfully. T. D. Murphy won the Senior Challenge Cup and D. G. Walker the Junior Challenge Cup. W. Prescott performed well in winning the Senior Mile and High Jump. At the close of the meeting

Mrs. H. Thrift presented the prizes. The D.M.P. Band played selections during the afternoon.

Results :

- Throwing the Cricket Ball (Senior)—1, G. J. Boucher; 2, A. H. Whiteside.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior)—1, J. Begley; 2, C. J. S. Bullock.
 Long Jump (Senior)—1, G. J. Boucher; 2, A. H. Whiteside; 3, W. R. Prescott.
 Long Jump (Junior)—1, D. G. Walker; 2, G. S. Stewart; 3, J. C. Hutson.
 100 Yards (under 10)—1, J. Murdock; 2, J. J. Hamilton.
 100 Yards (under 11)—1, E. G. Venson; 2, E. V. Dunne; 3, E. Croxon.
 100 Yards (under 12)—1, G. W. Murdock; 2, J. Hawkins; 3, E. G. Flynn.
 100 Yards (under 13)—1, J. R. Stewart; 2, R. M. Graham; 3, H. W. W. Good.
 100 Yards (under 15)—1, R. L. Burgess; 2, J. R. Dick; 3, T. O. Hempenstall.
 100 Yards (under 16)—1, T. S. Mason; 2, R. W. Reynolds; 3, W. M. Lovell.
 100 Yards (Senior)—1, H. W. Love; 2, T. D. Murphy; 3, G. J. Boucher.
 High Jump (Senior)—1, W. R. Prescott; 2, E. A. Joyce; 3, A. H. Whiteside.
 High Jump (Junior)—1, A. W. Saunders; 2, H. Ewen; 3, E. Croxon.
 220 Yards (under 12)—1, L. B. Hutson; 2, G. W. Murdock; 3, J. Hawkins.
 220 Yards (under 15)—1, E. G. Curry; 2, T. O. Hempenstall; 3, A. W. Saunders.
 220 Yards (under 16)—1, P. W. W. Smith; 2, R. W. Reynolds; 3, T. O. Ruttledge.
 220 Yards (Senior)—1, T. D. Murphy; 2, G. J. Boucher; 3, A. H. Whiteside.
 440 Yards (under 15)—1, D. Walker; 2, H. W. Stephenson; 3, G. V. Evans.
 440 Yards (Senior)—1, T. D. Murphy; 2, T. S. Dagg; 3, A. H. Whiteside.
 Half-Mile—1, T. D. Murphy; 2, W. R. Prescott; 3, D. Harpur.
 Mile—1, W. R. Prescott; 2, T. O. Murphy; 3, D. Harpur.
 120 Yards Hurdles (Senior)—1, A. H. Whiteside; 2, W. Lovell; 3, E. A. Joyce.

- 120 Yards Hurdles (Junior)—1, W. G. Taylor; 2, H. W. Good; 3, C. W. Keating.
- Siamese Race—1, A. C. Fox and D. Walker; 2, G. D. and J. Stewart.
- Sisters' Race (under 13)—1, Sheila Morton; 2, Helen Boyle; 3, Phyllis Waddell.
- Sisters' Race (over 13)—1, Rita Hennessey; 2, Grace Harpur; 3, Dorothy Draper.
- Band Race—1, Sergeant Fitzgerald; 2, Constable Maguire.
- Sack Race (under 13)—1, J. Bryson; 2, G. A. D. Brewster; 3, R. H. S. Ballagh.
- Sack Race (over 13)—1, J. Manson; 2, W. C. Dick; 3, E. E. Ridgeway.
- Old Boys' Race—1, W. C. G. Proctor; 2, J. T. Ballagh.
- Obstacle Race (under 13)—1, T. C. Hammond; 2, H. W. Good; 3, G. D. Burney.
- Obstacle Race (over 13)—1, J. M. Buchanan; 2, J. O. Early; 3, D. McConnell.
- Consolation Race (under 12)—1, F. A. G. Wallis; 2, J. E. Ryan; 3, D. S. Dick.
- Consolation Race (under 15)—1, C. A. Boyle; 2, J. D. Clarke; 3, W. Begley.
- Consolation Race (Senior)—1, S. Boothman; 2, R. J. Walker; 3, R. J. Matthews.
- Tug-of-War—Rest of School beat Sixth Form by 2 pulls to 1.



OLD TEXT-BOOKS.

Does Cyrus still march parasangs
Towards Babylon? (How slow
His progress!) Do wild asses scour
With bustards for one glorious hour
The plains as long ago?

Can one still hear "Thalassa"
Leap from ten thousand lips,
When the last pass is conquerèd,
And the wine-dark Colchian sea is spread
Below, with white-sailed ships?

Does Caesar still come, see and win
In that superior tone
That made us wish the Aedui,
The Belgae and Menapii
Might come into their own?

And on his reed does Tityrus
Play when the sun is low
Of golden apples, golden sleep,
Of olives on the hillsides steep,
Of cream-like mountain snow?

You need not answer: drifting past
Ulysses-like I hear
From darkened shelves the siren-songs
Of text-books: on I steer:
Comes the faint flutter of their leaves
Nearer and still more near.

G. C. DUGGAN



Autobiographies.



Autobiographies on the whole, it must be admitted, are distinctly dull. Few men who have lived a life of action have either the time, power or inclination to write well; and so the general run of "memoirs" is about as slow as it can be.

Some centuries ago it was rather different. Writing was not regarded as sacred to a few specially gifted people, but whoever was not quite illiterate and had anything of interest to communicate wrote about it as simply and directly as possible.

The first approach to autobiography was the book of travels. Marco Polo in the thirteenth century told of his adventures in those then incredibly distant and wonderful lands, Cathay and Cipango. Similar to his book is that of the somewhat mythical "Sir John De Mandeville," who has "seen and gone thorough many divers lands, and many provinces and kingdoms and isles," and has "passed thorough Tartary, Persie, Ermonie [Armenia] the little and the Great; thorough Libye, Chaldee and a great part of Ethiop."

One of the earliest regular autobiographies, however, is Benvenuto Cellini's. Born in Florence in the year 1500, when the Renaissance was at its height in Italy, when Da Vinci and Buonarroti, Botticelli and Raphael, and many scarcely less famous were at work, Cellini was absolutely in tune with his age. His two volumes tell of fights, imprisonments, conversations with fellow-artists and with the Pope, of commissions from kings and appointments with gay Roman ladies. The occasional glimpses of childish conceit and impatience

which are given us cannot alter our admiration for him. Here is a man who, while a brilliant engraver and sculptor, can hold his own in the attempts made to poison and stab him, who can jest in a "tight" situation, and whom even the dungeons of Rome cannot subdue.

Casanova's *Memoirs* (written about two hundred years later) is the only book of this sort approaching Cellini's in interest. He, again, is a man of affairs, a writer living more fully than any, unless, perhaps, Chaucer or Villon. But the *Memoirs* is not as purely autobiographical as Cellini's book. The famous escape from the lead prisons of Venice certainly took place, but other of his stories have been proved imagination rather than fact.

Similarly Borrow's *Lavengro*, *Romany Rye*, *Bible in Spain*, and *Wild Wales* are strange mixtures of truth and fiction. There can be little doubt that many of the recorded incidents occurred, though some of the most credible did not. The characters throughout are convincing, and nowhere else can we get such a picture of the "Vagrant gypsy life" that could still be led in nineteenth century Europe.

When you have read these you will find all others pale and uninteresting in comparison. There is, however, one remaining point worthy of note—which might, indeed, form a separate study—the scraps of self-history given sometimes by fiction-writers. So, in *Don Quixote*, Cervantes tells some of his actual adventures as a slave in Algiers; in *Roderick Random* Smollet recounts incidents of his own life in the Navy; in *David Copperfield*, Dickens, like James Joyce in *Portrait of the Artist* and *Dubliners*, pictures his own youth.

G.E.G.



Fractions in Rugby.



About one o'clock one Saturday in February, 1926, I forget the date, I passed through the turnstiles at Lansdowne Road [not without a ticket] to see Ireland play England. I obtained a good position to view what was one of the most thrilling Rugby matches it has ever been my pleasure to witness. Ireland had not beaten England since the war (the Irish war), but they drew with them last year, and every Irish Rugby enthusiast entertained high hopes of a victory this year, in spite of the secession of one of last year's International forwards to the ranks of the professionals, and the

absence of H. W. Stephenson, C. F. Hallaran and J. B. Gardiner.

While England, true to tradition, relied on the usual formation, Ireland, in spite of Mr. C. A. Kershaw's warning, adopted the formation which is at present in vogue in Rugby circles in the Fiji Islands. At first they chose seven forwards, a Rover, a full back, two three-quarters, one five-eighth, and one seven-eighth and one 15/16. One of the Committee, however, who had learnt "fractions" in his youth (I don't think he went to High School), pointed out that the backs altogether added up to only six complete men (approximately). The Committee, therefore, added another forward to the pack. They decided to adopt the practice of numbering the jerseys of their team. This time they numbered the full back 1, the other backs with their fractions, the Rover with an R, and the forwards from 2 to 9. The Irish team, with their numbers, was this:—Full back: W. E. Crawford (1), (15/16) F. S. Hewitt, ($\frac{7}{8}$) T. J. Millin, ($\frac{3}{4}$) A. C. Douglas, ($\frac{3}{8}$) G. V. Stephenson, ($\frac{5}{8}$) T. Hewitt, ($\frac{1}{2}$) Hall, ($\frac{1}{2}$) McDowell, (R) Sugden. Forwards: (2) G. Beamish, (3) Browne, (4) Bradley, (5) Cagney, (6) Clinch, (7) Flood, (8) Cunningham, (9) McVicker.

To describe the game in a word, the English were overwhelmed by numbers. In fact, the Irish backs quite upset their calculations, Millin and F. Hewitt especially playing brilliantly.

It was now near the end of the game. Ireland had a 6 points lead, but England was pressing fiercely. The spectators, including myself, began to feel anxious. The fractions on the backs of the Irish backs began to get unpleasantly near, for I was standing near the Irish line. Those fractions seemed to recall unpleasant memories of our Mathematics Class. Besides, it was so hard to remember which player was which. [If you couldn't afford a programme.—Ed.] It was easier in the old days when no quarter was given. They were getting nearer. Would the referee never blow his whistle? Beads of perspiration stood on my brow. Ireland would win if those fractions did not bring bad luck; as the proverb says, "Divided we fall." Ah! At last the whistle blew. I woke up [About time.—Ed.] with a D.S.E.R. engine's whistle ringing in my ears. It was 8 o'clock in the morning, and it was still 1925. Thank goodness, they have only got as far as seven-eighths.

ALF BACK.

(The characters in the above story are *not* entirely fictitious.)



Cricket Notes.

In the Cricket Season of 1925 we were fortunate in obtaining better weather than in previous summers. The S.C.T. was on the whole successful, though we lost two out of the three League matches we played. The experiment of buying matting proved a success, though some boys were slow to accustom themselves to it. Our Captain, V. E. Kerr, performed very well with the bat, but his bowling seemed to have fallen off somewhat. On the other hand, G. Boucher, who was selected to play in the Schools' Interprovincial, showed great improvement in bowling, but did not obtain half the total of runs he amassed in 1924. The Juniors did well, and were unlucky to lose their Cup match by two runs.

The records of the teams are:—S.C.T.: Played 10, won 7, lost 3. J.C.T.: Played 8, won 3, lost 4, drew 1.

The S.C.T. averages and some of the matches are appended below:—

S.C.T. AVERAGES, 1924.

BATTING.

Name.	No. of Innings	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
Kerr	9	0	69	184	20.44
Ballagh, F.	10	1	41	130	14.44
Boucher	11	1	37*	134	13.40
Savage, J.	5	0	17	41	8.20
Coulter	10	0	12	55	5.50
Baskin	9	1	18*	40	5.00
Richardson	8	3	11*	24	4.80
Early	10	1	16	43	4.77
Love	11	0	11	48	4.36
Breaky	3	0	9	12	4.00
Scarff	7	1	10*	18	3.00
Harpur	6	0	9	15	2.50
Whiteside, A.	9	2	10	16	2.28

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Breaky	12	4	19	5	3.80
Boucher	132.5	38	203	44	4.61
Early	18	7	27	4	6.75
Coulter	35	4	77	11	7.00
Kerr	70	19	128	18	7.11
Savage	19	6	37	4	9.25

Also bowled—Ballagh, 1 for 5; Richardson, 1 for 7.

We would like to thank Messrs. Simpson, Butler, Young

and Doak for the interest they have shown in the game, and for umpiring matches.

High School (S.C.T.) v. C.U.S. (S.C.T.). Played at Belgrave Square :—

C.U.S.		
McMeaney b Boucher	...	3
McArthur c Coulter b Boucher	...	15
Kelly lbw b Boucher...	...	11
McPhillips b Kerr	...	4
Hogan lbw b Boucher	...	5
Jansens run out	...	5
Crowe c and b Coulter	...	8
Harper b Coulter	...	8
Barrowell b Boucher	...	0
Doyle b Boucher	...	0
Mangan not out	...	0
Extras	...	4
Total	...	63

HIGH SCHOOL.		
Boucher run out	...	13
Baskin lbw b Kelly	...	0
Coulter c and b Kelly	...	8
Ballagh c McPhillips b Crowe...	...	15
Early c Jansens b Kelly	...	0
Maynard b Crowe	...	9
Kerr b Crowe	...	41
Whiteside b Crowe	...	1
Breakey c Hogan b Crowe	...	9
Love c and b Kelly	...	5
Richardson not out	...	0
Extras	...	4
Total	...	105

High School v. King's Hospital (S.C.T.). At Blackhall Place :—

1st Inns.	HIGH SCHOOL.		2nd Inns.
Coulter run out	...	3	c Knox b Noble ... 2
Love c Law b Noble	...	2	c Wall b Mullen ... 0
Boucher b Noble	...	19	c Wall b Noble ... 5
Ballagh b Noble	...	6	not out ... 17
Early c Knox b Mullen	...	5	c Taylor b McKiernan ... 1
Kerr c Davison b Noble	...	3	c Shaw b Noble ... 1
Scarff c Davison b Noble	...	1	c Wall b McKiernan ... 0
Savage b Noble	...	1	c and b McKiernan ... 0
Richardson b Noble	...	1	c Cheetham b McKiernan ... 0
Harpur c Cheetham b Mullen	...	1	c Davison b Noble ... 9
Whiteside not out	...	0	b Mullen ... 0
Extras	...	0	Extras ... 3
Total	...	42	Total ... 38

KING'S HOSPITAL.

Noble b Boucher	...	...	3
Taylor b Boucher	...	...	0
Cheetham c Kerr b Coulter	...	...	1
McKiernan lbw b Boucher	...	...	27
Davison c Coulter b Savage	...	...	1
Ford c Boucher b Savage	...	...	12
Knox not out	...	...	28
Wall c Coulter b Boucher	...	...	0
Mullen b Boucher	...	...	0
Mahony b Boucher	...	...	7
Shaw c Whiteside b Savage	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	5
Total	...	...	84

High School (J.C.T.) v. Sandford Park (J.C.T.). At Sandford Park:—

1st Inns.	SANDFORD PARK.		2nd Inns.
Smith c Orr b Ballagh	...	lbw b Ballagh	... 10
Carroll c Green b Ballagh	...	c Scarff b Richardson	... 16
McNaughton b Ballagh	...		
Jones b Ballagh	...		
Grimes b Ballagh	...	st Conlan b Ballagh	... 11
Pilkington c Scarff b Ballagh	...		
Acton c Conlan b Scarff	...		
Tweedy c Conlan b Richardson	...		
Draper c Orr b Ballagh	...	not out	... 7
Good b Richardson	...		
Nash not out	...		
Extras	...	Extras	... 5
Total	...	Total (for 3 wkts.)	... 49

HIGH SCHOOL.

Green st McNaughton b Grimes	...	0
Lenahan run out	...	2
Richardson c Draper b Grimes	...	0
Ballagh b Grimes	...	42
Conlan b Smith	...	0
Stephenson c Grimes b Smith	...	4
Scarff c Nash b Smith	...	21
Orr b Jones	...	6
Bullock run out	...	4
Sibley b Draper	...	9
Stewart not out	...	0
Extras	...	0
Total	...	88

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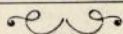


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