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The Erasmian

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THE EDITORIAL

SINCE the last issue of the "Erasmian" much of interest has happened in the School. Let us refer to one or two of the more important events (that is in an Editor's way of saying that he doesn't know anything to write about, but has to reach the bottom of the page.)

The Annual Concert, or more correctly speaking, the Pantomime, has come and gone. It was a great success, as it was run for three nights in succession, and Geoff Mackay may consider himself clapped on the back. Not too hard, though! He might use his drum sticks to advantage. He seemed rather cut up when someone started whistling the wrong variation of one of his airs.

The Dance has also passed into the limbo of forgotten things, but we hope that all those who were present still have some pleasant memory of that night. We venture to say that everyone there said "Encore!" when one o'clock came round—and that all too soon! But all good things must end, and even the rain could not damp our spirits, if it did our clothes.

The Seniors are always a little "backward in coming forward" to help the Committee to prepare the Clockroom for the Dance, for they know by experience the awful weight of those desks. However, after a little canvassing a good many of the larger of the species responded, and threw their weight about a little. We may add that the members were much decreased when they found that they had to bring them back again.

There is one sin of omission that looms large over our Editorial in Inkpot lack of copy. Nobody seems to want to contribute to the "Erasmian." It was only after a few gentle words of reproach that we got what we did get. Don't all rush at once!

Be that as it may, we hereby express an earnest wish that somebody will write something even at the risk of brain fever; it's all in a good cause. What would happen, Sixth, if you had to write something about nothing, just to satisfy the demands of the—first two pages?

It will have been noticed by all readers that we have successfully evaded inserting a Latin quotation. We didn't know one anyway, so what matter?

THE EDITOR.



Important Notice

BEFORE the Concert, two worthy members of the School applied as sub-elec'ricians. One of these gentlemen brought along a pair of dungarees, as if to work! But lo and behold! the dungarees were left, and so were the electricians, for this worthy never turned up again. Mr. Wilson, in whose charge these outward signs of diligence now are, hereby gives notice that there is a pawnbrokers' near him, and the dungarees will be cashed if the owner does not claim the said articles before next term. Oyez! Oyez!

The Mysterious Manor

I STAYED at an old country manor some time ago, and for the first time (ahem!) in my life I was scared. I will tell you what happened.

I had gone to bed quite early, but all the same the house was in semi-darkness. My bed was an old four-poster, and every time I moved a most doleful moan followed. This rather put the wind up me, and I tried to cheer (?) myself up by going over in my head all the ghost stories I had read.

Suddenly I heard a creak from the direction of the door, and I sat up with a jerk. Immediately there arose a doleful moan, and down I went under the bedclothes again after a while I put one eye over the counter-pane, and as all was quiet, my chin followed it. At that minute hundreds of little feet started scuttling across the ceiling, Hobgoblins, thought I as I disappeared for a while, hastened on my journey under the clothes by the awful moan. Soon I regained a little of my vast courage, and ventured up again. I listened, and heard a steady Thud! Thud! Thud!——Down I went again, to the accompaniment of the moan! "What's this!" I thought, 'a giant!' However, it seemed to die away, and I was soon up again. Then suddenly I heard the sepulchral clank of a chain! Whou! I nearly buried myself under the eiderdown, and the infernal moan that arose nearly deafened me.

Morning at last! I awoke! In the corner the old grand father clock went Thud! Thud! Thud! and Blank! Blank! My Uncle was unchaining the big door! Down I went to breakfast, and at it my Uncle said to me, "This place is full of mice. Did you hear them last night, Jim?" Did I hear them? Hobgoblins? Huh!!!

J. C. L. (V.)

School Notes

THE School re-opened on Wednesday 11th January, after the Christmas Holidays. For the benefit of the uninitiated we beg to state that the School usually re-opens at the beginning of Term.

We offer our congratulations to:—

C. V. Boyle, on being picked to play for Leinster in the School-boys' Inter-provincial Match against Connaught. He was unfortunately unable to play owing to a strained wrist which he got playing Rugby during the holidays.

P. R. Walker, G. Worlin, H. Begley, on getting their trials for the same Match.

P. R. Walker, H. Begley, J. Hamilton A. E. Moore, on being given their places on the Rugby Team of the Boys' Brigade (Dublin Battalion).

J. D. Smyth on reaching the semi-finals of the Juvenile Boxing Championships of Ireland for his own weight...the six stone class.

On Friday 24th February, in the early afternoon, an intrepid team of seventeen or eighteen young football enthusiasts from Bangor Grammar School left there in a bus, fully intended to come to Dublin to play a match against High School, and also to see any International Matches that might happen to be on that day.

Unfortunately for them, the weather was rather inclement. In fact, it was snowing, raining and hailing by turns and all the time it was windy and wet and cold. Despite this slight disadvantage these young gentlemen in the cold, cold bus penetrated as far South as Dundalk. There they and the bus got stuck, literally and metaphorically speaking, and there they had to stay the night. It is rumoured that they had to walk through the blizzard for five miles before they reached Dundalk, but this is only rumour. The team was very lucky, incidentally, in being able to get back again next morning.

Be that as it may, we hope that the rain raineth not, and the wind windeth not, but that the sun shineth when this team comes down again on April 1st. Perhaps they may even see the International. Let us hope that on this of all days, we are not fooled as we were before.

For these two days—the 24th and 25th February, the attendance at school was much less than half the usual number. The Head said that it was unprecedented, and that he had never seen such a low attendance in his life. This, of course, can be easily understood, since all communication by bus and, at times by tram also, was cut off. Even the trains stopped, to the undiluted joy of many of our distant pupils.

The Young Erasmian

The following is an extract from the "Erasmian," of October, 1903—one of the first extant copies of this paper.—

The following is a specimen of an essay "as she wrote, but ought not to be." It is said to come from India.

"The horse is a very noble quadruped, but when he is angry, he will not do so. He is ridden on the spinal cord by the bridle, and sadly the driver places his foot on the stirrup, and divides his lower limbs across the saddle, and drives his animal to the meadow. He has four legs, two are in the front side and two afterwards. These are the weapons on which he runs, he also defends himself by extending those in the rear in a parallel direction towards his foe, but this he does only when in a vexatious mood. There is no animal like the horse; no sooner they see their guardian or master they always cry for fooding, but it is always in the morning time. They have got tail, but not so long as the cow and other such similar animals."

[Ed.] This is doubtless good compared with some of the essays corrected by the English masters.

A Conversation in the Hereafter

THE Grey-haired scientist straightened his back and heaved a weary sigh. But he had no thought of rest, for the preparations were complete for his great experiment, which he hoped would enable him to hear sounds from the region allotted to departed souls which men call the hereafter. On the bench at which he had been working was an intricate mass of wire and wireless valves, connected to the back of a panel on which the dials of four large condensers were mounted.

With the eagerness of an explorer and the air of a small child about to take a clock to pieces, the Professor began to rotate the dials on the panel, a feat requiring remarkable juggling skill.

For a few moments there was no sound except for a low sibilant whistle, which might have been a shepherd's reed on Mt. Olympus, but actually was produced by the vacuum cleaner next door.

Then a voice broke the silence with such startling suddenness that the Professor nearly fell off the rickety chair that was the only sane thing in the room, not even excepting its owner. "A B is equal to C D," it said, "therefore, if a straight line. E.F.—"

"Don't you know there's no such thing as a straight line?" interrupted a second voice. "My dear Einstein, it is required to prove that question enters into plain geometry," said the first speaker in a matter of fact tone, "I can draw a straight line or my name's not Euclid!"

The Professor gasped as a pause followed. He had evidently overheard a conversation between Euclid and Einstein. So far as he knew, Einstein was still alive, but he had not read a newspaper for many weeks and anyway his invention might be capable of penetrating the future. But the conversation was re-commencing—

"By the way, Einstein, have you finished measuring the length of the curve of the solar system?" No but with the help of the marvellous instruments you have up here, I should soon complete that task Herr Doktor."

"Who are the assistants in your laboratory?"

"Marconi and Edison. They have great ability for constructing instruments when I give them the necessary theories."

"I see, I knew a fellow once on Terra, who was in our line, a mathematician called Pythagoras. He worked out an obscure proposition which I included in one of my books I made it famous, but he had a patent on it."

"So there were Scotsmen in those days—eh?" The two laughed and there was a slight pause, during which the Professor regarded his loud speaker with anxiety. Then the voice of Einstein broke in again. "Well I'll see you again next week" and Euclid replied "quod erat demonstrandum, that is to say, in your language, Auf Wiederschen!"

'Auf Wiederschen! Herr Doktor!' came Einstein's answer. Then a prolonged silence followed, unbroken except for a rhythmic noise like a loud clock. A horrible suspicion dawned on the Professor, which was confirmed when a voice with an Oxford accent gave the awful announcement that "This is the National Programme from London. You have just heard Number Four in our series of 'Talks in the Hereafter.' Next week we will have——" But the Professor had started a vigorous attack on the loud speaker with the leg of his chair.



High School Pantomime "Sinbad the Sailor" December, 1932
Scene II. The Cannibal Island

To a Bird

Oh! to be a little bird—
 To top the trees and hedges,
 To fly right over people's heads,
 To hop on window—ledges.

I'd fly above the deep blue sea,
 And sing a song of pleasure,
 I'd swoop right down upon the earth,
 And breakfast at my leisure.

And when I'm thirsty, I would drink
 Out of a crystal river,
 But when the winter comes along
 My little tail would quiver.

I don't know how you fly so high
 I only wish that I could!
 Some day perhaps, if you have time,
 You'll teach me,—if you would?

J.D.S. (IV.Upr.)

Shakespeare on Schooldays

(With Apologies)

To work, or not to work: that is the question:
 Whether tis easier for a boy to suffer
 The impositions of outraged masters,
 Or to attempt to do his work in school,
 And thus attempting do it? let's say: 'We'll work
 No more;' and by this resolution thus will end
 The heart-ache and the thousand dreadful shocks
 That we are heir to, 'tis a consummation
 Devoutly to be wished. Go slack, to fool;
 To fool: and get kept in: Ay, there's the rub;

For when we are kept in the thoughts that come
 While we are labouring with an imposition,
 Must make us pause. There's the respect
 That makes calamity of the schoolboy's life;
 For who would bear the whips and canes of school,
 The master's wrong, those dreadful impositions,
 Detention's drudgery, and tell-tale reports.
 When all of it might easily be avoided,
 By working well? Who would masters bear,
 To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
 But that the dread of some time after school,
 That awful time when one must work to live,
 Threatens us all:
 And makes us rather do our work ourselves.
 Than leave it to the boy who sits beside us,

D.H.M. (VIb)

Holidays.

"Levabo oculos ad montes"

"I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills." On this text I heard an English Curate preach at a tourist resort in Switzerland many years ago. The preacher supposed the Psalmist to mean that he went to the hills to draw strength of mind and body from their grandeur and beauty. Whatever the Psalmist meant he certainly did not mean this, because the admiration for great mountains, except as a background to a lowland scene, is very modern indeed. The Swiss used to call them "Les Monts Mandits," "The Accursed Hills," and readers of tales by travellers across the Passes will remember such adjectives as 'terrible,' 'terrifying'—'foul beyond description' said Livy of old.

During the last hundred years man has awakened to a sense of the sublimity of the Alps and the Swiss have found the accursed hills a source of considerable profit.

It became, in fact, an obligation to go to Switzerland at least once, but it is noticeable that the majority of people who go there once or twice do not go again. I have often seen

visitors completely overwhelmed, at first, by the grandeur of the towering snow-capped heights, and at the end of a week completely bored. Some years ago I told a well-known Dublin Professor that I had just come from Switzerland. He said that he had once been in Lucerne, paid about £1 a day in an imposing hotel where the food was nothing to boast of and was soon wishing that he had stayed at home. I too have carried large loads of Dress Clothes and Shirts and other necessities to stay in a big hotel in Switzerland and been tied down to one spot, but experience taught me sense, and now I know no other holiday equal to one amongst the hills: nor is it necessary to risk one's neck on the slippery precipices of the Matterhorn. There are less heroic pleasures to be found among them.

Perhaps an actual description of one such holiday may be of use to somebody who reads this.

First of all we took a return ticket to Bale, on the frontier, and a circular ticket (third class) for £1, covering a chosen route from North to South Switzerland and back. Leaving Victoria at 9 a.m. we passed, during the day, through the greater part of the war area where every building is new. The quiet sunny villages along the Marre make it hard to realize the horrors which took place in them a short time ago. The day train is always very empty and you can lie along the seats and go to sleep whenever you like.

We reached Bale that evening, and walked into one of the many hotels near the station for the night. The Hotel system in Switzerland is excellent. You can get a book free, which gives you the exact price in every Hotel, and ten per cent., is added for attendance. There are no tips. I have stayed in numerous Swiss Hotels, and never in a bad one. The staff were always cheerful and polite and never showed any tendency to look for more than the lawful ten per cent.

Next day we travelled through very interesting country, along by the Lake of Lucerne and the great valley to the St. Gothard Pass. We stopped at Goschenen, a pretty village just at the entrance to the famous tunnel. There we stayed in an excellent hotel for nearly a week, exploring the surrounding valleys every day, in clear sunshine, with a flask and a packet of sandwiches. Then one morning, leaving our luggage, we shouldered a ruck-sack and started up the Pass. It is a marvellous journey. The boiling Reuss tumbles and roars down the valley, which is flanked by rocks that seem to tower to the sky. At one point, it is so narrow that huge gates of metal hang there to be shut right across and defend the valley at a place where there is a monument to Russian soldiers, killed in a battle with the French. As we go along by the leaping torrent, again and again the sun catches the spray and fills the valley with rainbow light.

At last we reached Andermatt and turned right to Hospental, near which we had a good feed and a sleep in a wood. Much refreshed we walked on to Realp, always flanked by the enormous cliffs with the snow peaks glittering in the sunlight. We slept here at a very excellent hotel, and next morning, laden with sandwiches, fruit and the cheery good-byes of the hotel keeper and family, we started up the Furka Pass.

After about two hours walking we reached the top (about 9,000 feet) and, like Stout Cortes suddenly came on one of the grandest views in the world. All the highest peaks in the Alps lift up their gleaming white heads as far as one can see. The descent on the other side showed something fresh at every moment, the changing views ahead, the flowers coming out as soon as the snow melts, their time being short, and finally the imposing Rhone Glacier. That night we slept in the hotel at Gletsch, belonging to the famous Dr. Seiler's family.

Next morning we turned again to the right and climbed the Grimsel Pass, at the top of which is another magnificent view, and beside the road the gloomy "lake of the dead." The Pass had a good deal of snow but the sun was so hot that I washed and dried a pair of socks while we had lunch.

One can only tell a little of the experiences of such a walk, but all day long we had the sunshine and the air like wine, and, as we came down-down to the valleys, the pine woods and cool streams. That night we slept at Handeckfall, where two different coloured mountain torrents leap over a precipice at right angles to each other, meet in the midst of their fall and disappear down, what seemed to us, hundreds of feet, (I do not know the real height.)

The next day took us to sunny Meiringen, through the marvellous Gorge of the Aare and thence to Lucerne, where we rested for two days. Up in the heights there were few speakers of English, but at Lucerne we met an American. The place was full of Americans: you could not get away from them, but he was unique. We were looking at the famous Lion Monument of Lucerne, when he came up and asked me what it represented. I tried to tell him of the stand made in defence of Louis by the Swiss Guard, in whose memory it was erected. He thought over my information carefully for a while and then said "I guess then that it is the British Lion!" No, he was not pulling my leg. The look of the man and the rest of his conversation were in keeping with the remark.

Then we set out by boat along the Lake of Lucerne and circled back to our luggage at Goscheren. After a day's rest, we set off again by train through the tunnel, down to the South of Switzerland in the sunny Italian climate and spent another week there, thoroughly enjoying it.

The charges in the hotels including tips, range from 6/- to 10/- day, and they are always good. We never got better cooking anywhere than we got in a little hotel near Kandersteg where we stayed for a week some years ago at 6/8 a day. The people are quiet, honest and cheerful and the hotels are spotlessly clean.

It is not, of course, always fine, and I do not want to repeat the experience of being caught in a thunderstorm at a height of over 9,000 feet, but rain rarely outlasts the day. Most of the walking referred to is done over ground not less than 3,000 feet above sea level, and all "hikers" know that walking is easy at this height.

Alas! It may be that the days of travel in Switzerland are over. I am reminded that one day about 1920 I got into a train at Martigny in Switzerland, having come over the Pass from Chamonix, on my way to Italy. The train was crowded and I stood in the corridor talking to a little Scotsman, who was going to Zermatt. He told me that he made a special effort to go and see the Matterhorn "for the last time." "For," said he, "some great break up of Society is coming soon in Europe and none of us ordinary people will have again the freedom that we used to have to travel and do what we wanted."

I wonder if he spoke the truth.

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The "Break-Up" Dance.

Tuesday, December 20th, 1932

THE Annual Dance in the School has become quite an established event, and indeed it is doubtful if there is any other item in the School calendar that arouses quite so universal an enthusiasm in both present and past boys.

Owing to the overcrowding of the previous year it was found necessary to restrict the invitations to be sent out to recent Old Boys, and we must express our regrets to those "Older" Boys who felt and expressed their disappointment at not being invited this year.

The Dance was held on Tuesday, 20th December, and there was an attendance of approximately 250, which is just about the capacity of the Clockroom for dancers.

One dance is pretty much the same as another, but still



High School Old Boy's Dance, November, 1932

this coming-together of boys in a room with academical traditions seems to give the "Break-Up" Dance a unique quality all of its own. Although the floor, worn by the feet and blackened by the ink of generations, does not present an ideal dancing surface, it does not affect the enjoyment of the dancers.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Bennett for the excellence of the supper arrangements; and in this respect, we also have to thank the parents and friends who so kindly contributed gifts of cakes and sandwiches. Miss Campbell's band, with Geoff. Mackay at the "noises on," could not have been any livelier by any backing of scenery whatsoever, but the dancers all admired Mr. Wilson's background—the best piece of work he has ever shewn High School. He was mainly responsible for the decorations of the ballroom, and he did a lot more besides for us. He must not be forgotten. Then last but certainly not least, there comes Mr. Watson. This retiring gentleman has aided us very greatly in the running of every dance so far, with his help and very practical advice, and for that and his patience we want to thank him again.

H. B. MOORE	} <i>Hon. Secs.</i>
C. V. BOYLE	

Annual Entertainment

THE Fifth Annual Entertainment was held in the Clockroom on the 15th, 16th and 17th of December, 1932. It was the first occasion that we catered for a three night's run. We took the risk, because for the past three years, there was a request for a third night for Charity: but the extra advertising which then became necessary tended to swamp the profit for that night.

However, we are glad to report that this year's concert is a record for the series financially. The Headmaster was anxious to clear off a debt on the pavilion, and our efforts have been successful.

The programme, as in previous years, consisted of a play and a pantomime. The play chosen was a comedy in one act, "Apartments" by Fand O'Grady (Mrs Cruise O'Brien). We are indebted to the Author for permission to produce the play, and also for her kind help at a rehearsal. Mr. J. R. Ferguson had charge of the production, and in it he maintained the high traditions of the School. Mention may be made of T. J. R. Atkinson's Mrs. McCarthy, a very difficult part which he depicted just as the Author intended. C. V. Boyle as Mrs. McCarthy's husband acted his part with the dignity of the "retired actor." T. H. M. Chillingworth was a perfect

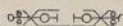


High School Pentomime "Sinbad the Sailor" December, 1932

Princess Almira, H. A. Bradbury	Scene V. Interior of Palace	
	King El Mihraj, W. R. Bryans.	Sinbad, W. Burgess

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lady and he amused the audience with the typical mannerisms of the "lady lodger." The scenery and staging were all that could be desired, thanks to our able artist, Mr. W. R. Wilson.

The Pantomime, this year, was Mr. G. A. Mackay's "Sinbad the Sailor." Several children, who have been fortunate to see both ours and other Dublin Pantomimes, have declared that, ours was the best, as it is impossible to follow the story at others. As it should be, therefore, Mr. Mackay followed the story. Some have said, "there was not enough fun in it this year." Others say "cut out the rough and tumble, and let us have good music." Well, it must be agreed that Mr. Mackay did all that was possible to steer a course between these limits on the "Robert E. Lee." The melodies were all composed by himself, but we are indebted to Captain A. H. Mathews for the orchestration.

We make no apologies for stating, that the scenery this year was better than ever. Mr. W. R. Wilson put in many weeks' work, and some of his screens have rarely been surpassed in any of our Dublin theatres. We owe him a debt of gratitude, as without his wonderful assistance our shows could not rise to such great heights.

Once more we must mention the kindness of Mrs. Bennett who always takes a deep interest in our efforts, and who is personally responsible for the preparation of all our costumes.

A word of thanks is due to our electricians, Messrs Stringer and White. The lighting effects are really wonderful, considering the small space at our disposal.

Lastly, we come to the artists. One and all they did their parts nobly and efficiently. W. S. Kelly, A. G. Goff and J. T. Hamilton put over their "stuff" with the swing of true comedians. J. D. Penny made an excellent captain and T. W. Buckley was a real find for the "carnib. l. king." H. A. Bradbury repeated last years success as our princess.

In conclusion may we suggest that we cannot go on producing pantomimes from the same sources year after year. Hence we would welcome offers of help or suggestions for next years and we especially invite Old Boys to come forward and do their bit. Any suggestions will be gratefully received by Mr. C. L. Dillon who looks after the organising of our shows.

Boxing Notes

Captain—G. W. Keegan

Vice-Captain R. W. Mason

The boxing Club is in a flourishing condition this term, and we are glad to say that, owing to the increase in attendance, classes are now held twice a week as in former years.

In February we entered G. W. Keegan. J. D. Smyth and J. C. Long, for the Juvenile Championships of Ireland. Of these Smyth was the only one successful, winning two bouts in a convincing manner, to reach the semi-final, which he lost by a very narrow margin. We hope this year, to have bouts with one or two other schools, in addition to our annual competition with St. Andrew's College.

Rugby Football Club

Captain—C. V. Boyle.

Vice-Captain—P. R. Walker

Hon.-Secretary—G. W. Keegan

The season which is just concluding has being outstanding if only for one thing, and that in the fact that the Senior Cup Team has won more matches than it has lost. The Junior Cup Team also has won as many as it has lost. It is quite an appreciable time since this has happened before.

The S.C.T. realised the need for team work and they played together magnificently throughout the season. The training practices once a week was very well attended and it is with much satisfaction that we say that training was taken seriously and that play improved week by week.

Unfortunately about half the S.C.T. were stricken down with Flu or bad colds a fortnight before the Cup Match. On account of this we did not do ourselves justice in the Cup Match. We were defeated in the first round by Terenure College the score being a solitary try scored in the first half. As we had defeated Terenure in a friendly match we were very disappointed to see our hopes of going far in the Competition thus vanish in the first round.

We would like to congratulate our Captain C. V. Boyle on his being selected to play in the Leinster Schoolboys' Inter-provincial Team. It is very nearly a decade since we have had a player on this team.

The projected strike on the railway had the effect of cancelling our annual fixture with Kilkenny College. However, we hope to arrange another match before the season ends. We have given up our fixture with the Methodist College and hope to play Bangor Grammar School, in future. Owing to the postponement of the International Match at Dublin, Bangor did not travel down, but we hope to receive them here on International Day.

The J.C.T. showed an improvement in form and finished the season well, winning as many matches as it has lost. The Juniors were much keener after Christmas and although few matches were played owing to the state of the ground, and for other reasons, they won most of these. In the first round of

the Junior Schools' Cup we met Belvidere College, and in a match chiefly confined to the forwards were beaten 12 pts. to 3 pts.

The juniors showed great interest in the game and the number of boys under 14 years of age attending Belgrave Square was very satisfactory. The "under 13" and "under 14" teams had in an uneventful season, but one or two players showed great promise.

The house matches, which were interrupted by the Cup matches are now being played as usual, but we must say that far greater interest is taken in the Junior House Matches than in Senior Matches. Perhaps the latter are too strenuous to be enjoyable.

Senior Cup Match

High School v. Terenure College

Play was rather scrappy and scrums were general for about five minutes. High School was the first to break away and a fine rush by their forwards brought play to the Terenure line, but a penalty relieved pressure. High School returned again with a fine run by H. S. Keegan and Terenure's defence was sorely tested. Terenure attacked and only fine tackling by High School saved their line. After some time Terenure's persistence was rewarded by Doran slipping away from a scrum near the line and scoring. The kick failed, when Terenure heeled the ball in High School's "25", C. V. Boyle effectively despoiled Doran and making a great solo effort dribbled the ball the length of the field and was only stopped a few yards from the Terenure line. As the game progressed High School's attack improved and desperate efforts were made to score and several attempts just failed. P. R. Walker with a grand tackle took his opposite man down inches from the line in the last minute of the game.

Junior Cup Match

(Extract from "Evening Mail")

Belvedere College qualified for the 3rd round of the Junior School's Cup yesterday when at Donnybrook they defeated High School by 4 tries to 1 penalty goal. It was a well contested match and though the Belvedere boys were the greater part of the time on the aggressive High School put up such a stout defence that the first half was well advanced before the scoring opened. From a loose rush by Belvedere forwards play was brought to the High School line and Keane burst over for a unconverted try.

Early in the second half Meagher scored a try for Belvedere. Then High School attacked and from a free Alexander kicked a good goal. Belvedere resumed the attack and McCarron scored

but Murphy failed to convert. Before the end McCarron added another try.

High School:—K. H. Alexander, D. C. Magill, J. S. Ellis, R. Chillingworth, A. Scott, W. Boyle, D. C. Ewen (Capt.), W. Bryans, H. Jarrett, H. Giles W. Houston, A. E. Morrow, V. Hamilton, G. J. McCabe, B. P. Hamilton-Hunter.

The following table shows the results of matches played by the School teams this season.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
S.C.T.	17	9	8	0	140	90
J.C.T.	18	8	8	2	109	97
'Under 14'	7	3	3	1	36	58

Remarks on the Players

of the Senior Cup Team

- D. McNeill—First season in Senior Rugby. Has improved a lot but lacks a sense of position. Trains hard.
- G. Worlin (L. Wing)—secured place in Leinster Schools final trial. A very speedy wing but does not use his speed to its best advantage, inclined to kick when in possession. Defence doubtful.
- J. Early (L. Centre)—A very reliable player with a useful cut-through but lacks finish; unfortunately we were not allowed to play him in the Cup Match.
- H. S. Keegan (R. Centre)—A first year man who is rather inclined to try to intercept instead of going for his man. Weak in defence but strong in attack. Good place kick.
- R. D. Magill (R. Wing)—A strong runner but far too selfish with the ball, handling faulty, Trains hard
- P. R. Walker (out-half and Vice-Captain)—Has a very good tackle and plenty of speed combined with a deceptive swerve his only fault is a strong inclination to starve his backs.
- C. V. Boyle (Scrum Half and Captain)—Very quick to get the ball away from the scrum, but is inclined to pass rather high. Is very good both in defence and attack and is with his partner the mainstay of the backs.
- H. Begley—We find no criticism to offer of this player. A splendid forward, fast and best dribbler we have seen in Schools Rugby this season. Has a good tackle and is a good kick. Can adapt himself to any position.
- G. W. Keegan—Excels in line-out but rather light for a forward. Hard to fit in scrum on account of his height.
- D. F. Reeves—A good forward prominent in all forward rushes. Does not shove his weight in the set scrums.
- G. G. Watson—Hooked very well throughout the season. Showed keenness, but still lacks a thorough knowledge of the game.

- R. W. Mason—Does not use his weight and size to full advantage in the loose. Works hard in the tight scrum.
- W. S. Moore—Captained the juniors last season. Worked hard in front row, inclined to waste his breath with useless talk. Slacked off in training after the Cup Match.
- P. R. Purcell—Started Rugby this season and played himself on to the team. A fine forward both in tight and loose, Has still a lot to learn.
- T. H. Walker—A good back-row forward and an opportunist in the loose. Is inclined to hamper scrum-half by breaking too quickly from scrummage.
The following also played for S.C.T. during the season.
- A. E. G. Moore—Did not reproduce form showed last season but was rather unlucky not to gain his place again.
- J. H. M. Beattie—Was on the team last year but showed little improvement on last years form although he trained hard.
- R. S. Young and J. McKell—also played on several occasions.

Examination Results

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Term Honour Examinations

HILARY TERM

G. F. Mitchell (J.S.)	First of First Rank Honours in Natural Science ...
J. H. Hawkins (S.F.)	First of First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science
J. D. K. Freeland (S.F.)	Third Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science
A. W. M. Cox (S.F.)	First Rank Honours in History
R. J. Walker (S.F.)	First Rank Honours in Mathematics and in Mental and Moral Science
V. W. Graham (J.F.)	First of First Rank Honour in Classics
E. A. Thompson (J.F.)	

School of Law

Feudal and English Law:—

Roman Law:—

Constitutional Law:—

Jurisprudence:—

- D. B. W. Good (First Place)
 D. B. W. Good (First Place)
 J. D. Clarke (First Class)
 D. B. W. Good (First Place)
 C. A. Boyle
 D. B. W. Good (First Place)
 J. D. Clarke

Final Freshman Examination
 W. G. Kirkpatrick G. F. Mitchell
Chartered Accountants in Ireland.
 E. L. Riley—Intermediate Examination
College of Surgeons and Physicians
 J. C. McGoldrick—Matriculation

Scripture Examinations (For Secondary Schools)

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The following were awarded prizes

Greek Testament.—E. B. Moore, H. B. Moore, S. A. Moore (First Class); M. C. Fowler, (Second Class); W. S. Morrow, (Third Class.)

Senior Grade.—G. W. Keegan, (Third Class.)

Middle Grade.—W. W. Mahon, J. C. Long (Second Class), J. D. Penney, B. Hunter, (Third Class.)

Junior Grade.—H. Brislane, R. Monaghan J. A. Allen, (First Class); C. G. Smith, K. E. Tyrrell, J. F. Dudgeon, N. E. Rowe, H. L. Moore, (Second Class); G. S. Prince, L. P. Hill, R. C. Jackson, A. R. Maynard, H. T. Wall, W. D. Boyle H. J. Fennell, D. A. Orr, G. Abbott, A. N. Jeffares, W. H. Booker, H. A. Bradbury, R. C. McKell, R. T. Motyer, G. Mulroney, (Third Class.)

PRESBYTERIANS.

Middle Grade.—A. F. Agnew, W. Thompson, J. H. Worlin, (Third Class.)

Junior Grade.—H. Rue, (Third Class.)

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Junior Grade.—E. R. Young, (First Class); R. T. Towson, G. A. Treanor, V. C. Ellis, D. C. Ewen, F. E. Pasley, (Second Class.)

74 other boys obtained Pass Certificates.

The Old Boys' Union.

THE object of the Union is to provide a bond between the past pupils of the School and to bring them together by games and sports and social functions. It also helps those who

have left Dublin to hear of and keep in touch with their School contemporaries. The Union has already been of value to the present boys of the School.

Life subscription is one guinea, which may be paid in two annual instalments. Boys leaving School may, if they wish, have their names placed on the Register of the Union. Part at least of their life subscription must be paid within three years. *The Erasmian* is sent free to all members.

President.—The Most Rev. C. F. Darcy; D.D., Primate of All-Ireland.

Vice-President.—The Headmaster.

Hon. Secretaries.—Mervyn Bell and Arthur J. Beatty.

Hon. Treasurer.—T. Bell.

Sports Secretaries.—FOOTBALL, T. D. Murphy; CRICKET, D. Hennessey; GOLF, H. Williams; BADMINTON and TENNIS, E. H. Maynard.

The Annual Dinner.

THE Annual Dinner was held in the Clock Room on Friday, 20th January. Mr. Rupert Jeffares was Chairman. There was an excellent attendance.

Before the dinner there was a short silence in memory of the former pupils of the School who fell in the Great War. The Memorial Window was illuminated for the dinner by "flood-light." This was carried out by Barry Mason.

The Toast of the School was proposed by Mr. Cecil Darley. In a very interesting speech he showed that the School was prospering at present and gave many recollections of its past history. The Headmaster in reply said that the number of boys had continued to increase. He stressed the value of "out of class" activities, and showed how these were being developed in the School by the help of the Old Boys.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Professor W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D., T.D. has always kept in close touch with the School, first as a pupil, and afterwards as a Governor, and through his sons who were all pupils of the High School. Although, as he said, he came as an Old Boy and not in his official capacity, the members did not allow him to escape from making a speech. He showed how the Governors by their actions were doing all in their power to advance the interests of the School.

The audience was obviously very glad to hear Professor Thrift.

The Toast of the Guests was amusingly proposed by Mr. H. Thrift, F.T.C.D. Dr. Starkie and Mr. J. Oakes replied.

The Toast of the Secretaries (Messrs. Mervyn Bell and A. J. Beatty) and the Treasurer (Mr. T. Bell) was proposed by Mr. G. B. Butler.

Last of all the Chairman addressed the House, in reply to the Toast of his Health, proposed by Mr. W. H. Carson, K.C. There is no use in trying to describe a speech of Mr. Jeffares. If good honest laughter helps digestion, nobody who was present need have suffered from the High School Dinner. One guest expressed the feeling of all, when he said afterwards "It was worth coming to the dinner to hear that speech."

Dr. Starkie, in addition to a speech which was greatly appreciated, entertained the members with his violin and stories of his adventures among the Gypsies.

The following also contributed to the Musical programme:—

The Chairman, Messrs. Sealy Jeffares, David Mitchell, J. Cowle and the Bros. Reynolds.

These dinners have always been very successful, but they seem to have become even better since they were first held in the Clock Room. Their success is due in a large measure to the following causes:— The work done by the Secretaries, the support given to them by a large group of old pupils, of twenty to forty years ago, the excellent catering of Messrs Mills (special thanks being due to Mr. Lovell, an Old Boy of the School.) The loyalty of the Old Boys was this year shown by the fact that several of them who could not be present, sent their subscriptions to help the dinner funds.

Dinner In Belfast.

THERE is just time as we go to Press to give a short account of the Old Boys Dinner held at the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast, on Friday, 10th March. The Headmaster was in the Chair. This the first attempt to gather together the Old Boys who live under another Government than ours. There was an attendance of over thirty, and the organizers hope to collect a much larger number next time.

It was quite obvious that those who attended enjoyed the function greatly. We noted several cases in which boys who had known each other at school only discovered each other again at this dinner. It was so successful that many members have since suggested that a Branch of the Union should be formed in Northern Ireland, and those who were present bought the Old Boys Tie with enthusiasm. Some of the Officials of the Union travelled up from Dublin to attend the Dinner, but the number of Southern members would have very much larger, if it had not been for the Railway Strike,

The following officials have been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Union:—

Hon. Secretaries.—Norman Allen and Eric Scales.

Hon. Treasurer.—Gordon Macbeth.

Will any Old Boy intrested in the formation of a Branch or the holding of future functions please communicate with the above, or the Hon. Secretaries, The High School, Dublin.

Notes On Old Boys.

CANON GEORGE VIVILIERS JOURDAN, D.D., has been elected Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Trinity College, Dublin.

MAX NUROCK, received the O.B.E., in the New Year's Honours List.

T. BELL, was chosen to referee the Match between England and Wales at Twickenham.

THE REV. J. L. S. SMYLLIE, M.A., has been appointed Vicar of Ellastore and Stanton, Staffs.

M. H. G. ELLIS and G. E. GILL have been called to the Bar.

G. E. GILL has been touring the American Universities as a representative of the College Historical Society.

J. STAFFORD has been chosen as one of the Dublin University Boxing Team to compete in the University Championships at Oxford.

D. B. W. GOOD has been elected Captain of the Dublin University Swimming Club for the present season.

D. T. BARDON was selected for the Senior Interprovincial Rugby Team.

C. A. KEMP was chosen to play for Ireland in Table-Tennis.

Notices.

The Old Boys in Northern Ireland have arranged to hold a Dinner at the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast, on Friday, 10th March. It is hoped to form a Northern Branch of the Union.

The Badminton Club has been meeting in the Clock Room on Wednesday evenings. The attendance might have been better. They had a match with St. Andrew's which was won by the School. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to A. A. Stringer who saved them considerable expense by putting up lights for the Court in the Clock Room.

Marriages.

SMYTH & MARCHANT—February 28, 1933, at Rathfarnham Parish Church, by the Rev. E. G. Sullivan, M.A., Rector, Samuel Smyth, Captain I.M.S., youngest son of the late David and Mrs. Smyth, 14 Cabra Park, to Ismay youngest daughter of T. F. and Mrs. Marchant, 2 Greenomunt Road, Terenure.

Deaths.

From the *Irish Times*

THE REV. J. C. FORRESTER M.A.

The death has taken place at his residence, Kilmersden Vicarage, Radstock, Bath, of the Rev. John Charles Forrester, M.A., who for some years was a prominent clergyman in the Church of Ireland. He was a son of the Mr. J. W. Forrester, of Dublin, and while at Trinity College, Dublin, he had a successful career, distinguishing himself both as a science and divinity student. He obtained his B.A. degree in 1898 and his M.A. three years later.

In 1899 he was appointed Curate of St. George's Parish Church, Dublin. He held that position until 1907 when he went to Hazaribagh as missionary for the Dublin University Mission, and from 1912 until 1927 he was head of the Chota Nagpur Mission as well as being examining chaplain to the Bishop of Chota Nagpur. Between 1921 and 1929, when he went to Kilmersden, he held several important posts in connection with Church work in Ireland. He was Chaplain to Trinity College, Dublin, until 1927, Warden of the Church of Ireland Divinity Hostel, Dublin; Lecturer at Trinity College, Dublin; Rector of Achonry and Killoran from 1927 to 1929. He was also Honorary Private Chaplain to the Bishop of Meath from 1927; Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Tuam from 1928, and a member of the Senate of Dublin University from 1925.

Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—T C D (Trinity College, Dublin) "The Campbellian" (Campbell College, Belfast); "R S D," (Royal School, Dungannon); "School News" (Royal Belfast Academical Institution "M C B" (Methodist College, Belfast)

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