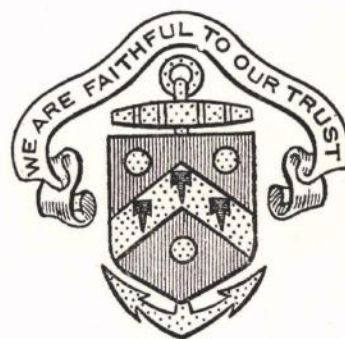


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TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Editorial

THE time has come at last for a mighty effort on the part of all schoolboys to scatter the black cloud which has hung like a pall over schools since their foundation. Now is the time for some stalwart leader, inspired by the many recent examples provided by fellow-labourers in other fields, to inspire his youthful followers to strike against that intolerable burden of them all—work. Arise ye slaves of the block-sheet and pen! Let your aim be: "Ample Leisure for Meditation!"—your motto: "Dum spiro, spero!"

Strike while the iron is hot and the time ripe. The examinations ended, your formerly vigilant taskmaster now sits at his desk, bemused, bewildered, saddened. The sun, happy agent of the forthcoming *coup d'état*, beams through the window and slowly curls the papers he is correcting on his desk. Yes, slave! Now is the time! But where is the use? . . . The long vacation awaits us; it is warm and, seeing visions, we have forgotten our present responsibility is to edit an eminently respectable publication. We must be "Faithful to our trust."

Last December's ERASMIAN represented our first return to the pre-war twice-yearly publication. Welcome appearance as it was, it may, we sincerely hope, be regarded as an omen of the times to come. However, its come-back may have had an adverse effect on this, our June number, due to adjustment and experimentation necessary owing to the change-over. By next December we hope to have remoulded THE ERASMIAN in a more settled style and composition. Nevertheless, our troubles have not ended—where shortage of paper was once our worry, rising cost of production now threatens to narrow the flow of information and literary excellence we are wont to pour forth. Still, we must not complain, for, while post-war problems, common to all, cannot leave us untouched, some of our difficulties are in a sense welcome, since they arise out of an ever-increasing circle of readers at home and abroad. The O.B.U. membership continues to grow, and so do the numbers of entrants to the Old School. Floreat H.S.D.!

School Notes

AT an informal gathering in the Clockroom on the last day of the Christmas Term, the Headmaster, on behalf of the staff and boys, presented a dinner service to Mr. J. R. W. Goulden to mark the occasion of his marriage. We offer Mr. and Mrs. Goulden our best wishes for their happiness.

We thank Captain D. M. Frazer, an Old Boy of The High School (1887-95), for his generosity in presenting over a hundred books to the School Library.

The Revs. C. Ellis and Russell, of the Mission to Lepers, addressing the School after Prayers on Thursday, 27th February, spoke of the work among lepers in India.

On Friday, 30th May, the Rev. J. Boyd spoke to the Seniors on the subject of S.C.M. Summer Camps.

On Monday, 9th June, we were given a half-holiday to celebrate the remarkable successes of some of our Old Boys in College. An account of their achievements appears elsewhere in this issue.

A new arrangement has been made in the organisation of sports in the School. Mr. Hennessey has taken over responsibility for the whole Preparatory Section, in addition to coaching the Seniors in field athletics, while all the Cricket, Rugby and Tennis of the Upper School is in the hands of the Sports Masters, Messrs. Johnson and Kirkpatrick.

We congratulate:

N. S. MONTGOMERY (6A) on being the winner of the Old Boys' Cup, 1947.

M. W. WILLIAMS (6A) on being selected for the Leinster Schools' Cricket XI. He has, so far, played in three matches, viz.: v. Leinster "A," v. Trinity College "A," and v. Leinster Schools' Coaches.

P. H. STEWART, J. SUTTON, D. P. COMLEY, J. M. BLAIR and R. COCHRANE on their selection for the Leinster Schools' Rugby Trials.

D. P. COMLEY (6A) on winning the "Place and Drop" Cup, 1946-7.

M. W. BRYAN (6A), a holder of the Boy Scouts' Bronze Cross, on being selected as one of the Irish representatives who went to London for the unveiling of a memorial plaque to Lord Baden-Powell. Patrol-Leader Bryan also read

one of the Lessons at the Memorial Service for the late Lord Powerscourt at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 20th April, 1947.

R. A. CUSTIS (6A), who has been chosen as one of the party of Irish Boy Scouts who are going to the International Jamboree at Moisson, near Paris, in August.

A. W. COOPER (4¹) on winning the Junior Rugby Medal, 1946-47. Cooper also won the MacArthur Cup for the best all-round boy in the 14th Dublin Company of the Boys' Brigade.

W. S. W. POOLE (4¹), who played the part of Jim Hawkins in a dramatised serial of "Treasure Island," broadcast from Radio Eireann in January and February, 1947.

Three essayists: R. B. MAUDE (5¹), the winner of the Carpenter Memorial Prize, 1947, a condensed version of whose essay on "A River" appears in this issue; D. JONES (6B), who won the Rev. R. Lee-Cole's prize for an essay on "A Visit to Collinstown Airport"; and J. D. ERDBERG (4¹), whose essay on "Ireland's Sea Fisheries" has been selected as The High School's entry for the Essay Competition, organised by The Maritime Institute of Ireland.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR, who gained higher marks than in any former year at the Department of Education's Examination. Their excellent mark in Sight-Reading was the greatest single factor in this success. Congratulations to their Choir Master, Mr. T. L. B. Cooley.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines: C.A.I. (Coleraine Academical Institution), and the magazine of The High School, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

The following events have been arranged for our Annual Sports Week at the end of this term:—

Saturday, 21st June—CRICKET: Fathers v. Boys.
Belgrave Square 3.0 p.m.

Monday, 23rd June—GYM. DISPLAY.
The High School 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th June—ATHLETICS: Preliminary Rounds.

Belgrave Square 4.0 p.m.

Wed., 25th June—TENNIS: Fathers v. Boys.
Belgrave Square 5.0 p.m.

Thursday, 26th June—CRICKET:
Old Boys v. School.
Belgrave Square 6.0 p.m.

Fri., 27th June—CRICKET: Old Boys v. School.
Belgrave Square 6.0 p.m.

Saturday, 28th June—ATHLETIC SPORTS.
Lansdowne Rd. Rugby Grd. 2.30 p.m.

Examination Results

EXAMINATION IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1947.

GREEK TESTAMENT.

1st Class Prizes—A. Knight, J. L. Wilding.

Pass Certificate—R. F. Marks.

Church of Ireland.

1st Year.

Prize—R. G. Brooks (2nd Class).

Pass Certificates—W. Alexander, J. D. Jessop, T. W. R. Meates, W. Gregory, G. Clarke, C. R. Rudd, J. Forsyth, D. S. Nowlan, G. Chambers, B. McCracken, E. Rorke.

Scripture Only—J. E. Burrows.

2nd Year.

Prizes—G. Bull (1st Class); D. Seymour, J. T. McDonagh (2nd Class); E. Ahern (3rd Class).

Pass Certificates—C. G. Hayes, R. G. Heather, R. Milne, B. R. Wilkinson, W. J. Lochtie, N. Jarrett, R. J. Coates, D. Griffith, S. Browning, D. P. Stevens.

3rd Year.

Prize—F. Brady (3rd Class).

Pass Certificates—R. Addie, E. A. Southam, S. G. Harvey, J. D. Tyney, R. E. Devlin, D. H. Johnston, N. E. Holmes, I. Siva, P. H. Northen, R. Kerr, K. D. Linney.

Presbyterian Church.

1st Year.

Pass Certificate—R. A. Sloan.

2nd Year.

Pass Certificates—R. A. Dalzell, G. A. Henderson.

3rd Year.

Pass Certificates—G. Sinclair, J. M. Turner.

Methodist Church.

1st Year.

Pass Certificates—J. W. Dowse, J. Seager.

2nd Year.

Pass Certificate—T. Rippingale.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize, 1947—R. B. Maude.

John Phillips Rogers Prize, 1946—W. P. Northen and R. A. Custis.

The School Choir qualified for the Department of Education's grant, gaining 89%.



Cadetships in the Defence Forces.

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NAVAL SERVICE.

Ten vacancies for Cadets in the Naval Service will be offered this year. Candidates



must possess Leaving Certificate and must be under 19 years of age. Appointments will be made by Interview Board. Successful candidates will undergo a three years' course of training partly in the Military College and partly abroad.

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DEGREES.

B.A. (Respondency)—A. C. Stewart.

B.A.I.—A. C. Stewart (1st Class Hons.); D. G. Duff, C. W. Roberts.

B.A. (Arts)—S. A. Belford, W. R. Bryans, L. J. Clein, P. A. H. Davis, G. D. Lyons, D. A. Orr, D. M. Wilding.

DISTINCTIONS IN COLLEGE.

Dr. J. D. Smyth—Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin (Zoology).

R. H. Kyle—1st Scholar in Mathematics.

E. D. R. Simms—2nd Scholar in Classics.

J. L. B. Deane—1st Scholar in Legal Science.

HONOUR EXAMINATIONS.

R. F. Kyle (J.S.)—Experimental Science (1st Rank).

R. H. Kyle (S.F.)—Experimental Science (1st of 1st Rank).

D. E. Dann (S.F.)—Economics (2nd Rank).

OTHER EXAMINATIONS.

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Matriculation—D. P. Comley (1st Division).

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Trinity Monday

TRINITY Monday, 2nd June, 1947, was a great day for H.S.D. All over Front Square one heard the remark: "Three Scholars and one Fellow—that'll take some beating!"

Those whose names were announced were: Dr. J. D. Smyth, for a Fellowship in Zoology; R. H. Kyle, for 1st Scholarship in Mathematics; E. D. R. Simms, for 2nd Scholarship in Classics, and J. L. B. Deane, for the only Scholarship in Legal Science.

Congratulations from the old School!

R. H. Kyle, who obtained 74.3%, is the brother of R. F. Kyle, last year's 1st Mathe-

matical Scholar. In a letter, their tutor says: "I have been over the Scholarship records for many years and the highest mark in Mathematics which I can find is in 1931—65.8%, and only three others were over 60%. I believe that . . . 74.3% is a record, and I find no trace of two brothers obtaining Scholarship in Mathematics."

It is interesting to note that one of the "three others" is another of our Old Boys, G. H. F. Gardner, who was elected 1st Scholar with over 60% in 1945. We wonder if any other school can record a sequence of four 1st Mathematical Scholars in four successive years.

In view of the fact that this year we gained four such distinctions—one Fellowship and three Scholarships—as compared with one Fellowship and one Scholarship gained by our nearest rival, a special request was made to Dr. Bennett, who consented to give a half-holiday on Monday, June 9th, in honour of this great occasion.

Table Tennis

Capt.: E. C. T. PERDUE.

Vice-Capt. and Hon. Sec.: D. T. FAIERS.

ALTHOUGH the attendances were small, we had a very enjoyable, if not successful, season. We again entered for the Schools' League, organised by the I.T.T.A., in which five teams competed, but did not greatly distinguish ourselves. We wish to thank Mr. Kirkpatrick for his enthusiastic support throughout the season.

The team as finally selected was:—E. C. T. Perdue, D. T. Faiers, G. W. Griffin, A. H. Knight, N. S. Montgomery, W. J. Free.

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Cricket, 1947

Capt.: M. W. WILLIAMS.

Vice-Capt.: N. S. MONTGOMERY.

Hon. Sec.: R. A. CUSTIS.

THE number of seniors playing cricket this season has been disappointing, about half of the regular senior team being composed of juniors. However, they have been quite successful in their friendly matches so far, having won one, drawn one and lost one. In the Cup match they lost to Wesley in the 2nd innings, after a very exciting struggle, having led on the 1st innings by the close margin of five runs.

Details:—

HIGH SCHOOL: 1st innings, 70 (M. Williams 25, G. Griffin 19); 2nd innings, 29 (D. Faiers 20). WESLEY: 1st innings, 65 (A. Cooper 6 for 16); 2nd innings, 51 for 1 wicket.

The J.C.T. are very promising under the captaincy of G. Griffin, having won all their matches so far. Their batting and bowling are both very strong. In the 1st round Cup match they defeated King's Hospital in a good, but somewhat unexciting, game.

Details:—

HIGH SCHOOL: 191 (F. Brady 54, D. Faiers 53, G. Griffin 23, and W. Free 23). KING'S HOSPITAL: 53 (A. Cooper 6 for 16).

F. Brady had the distinction of scoring 101 not out against Wesley in a J.C.T. friendly match.

The "Under 14," under the captaincy of A. Menary, have not met with much success in their League matches to date.

The juveniles are very keen, and have had some exciting matches at Belgrave Square.

We are very pleased to have obtained the services of Mr. A. L. Knott as coach this season.

We congratulate M. W. Williams, captain of the S.C.T., on his selection on the Leinster Schoolboys' team against Leinster C.C. "A," when he scored 48 runs, and also against Trinity Ramblers "A."

R. A. C.

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THE object of the Society is to develop an interest in photography throughout the School.

The first meeting of the 1946-47 session was held on Tuesday, 18th March. A committee was appointed—one member from each form, and a number of demonstrators selected. Instructors from each form volunteered to show beginners in their forms the development of films and how to make contact prints. Further progress has been held up by shortage of equipment, although Mr. Wilson has very kindly offered to build an enlarger as soon as suitable lenses are obtained.

A competition has been arranged for the first week in June. There are many sections and sub-divisions to give beginners as great an opportunity as more expert boys, so a large entry is expected.

The High School Lending Library

THE School Library continues to flourish, owing largely to the interest which the boys themselves take in its organisation and running. A special word of praise is due to those seniors who, by showing an admirable keenness and sense of duty in supervising, have made it possible for boys to have access to the Library on five days a week. It is to be hoped that those who now benefit by such unselfish conduct will follow the example set when they themselves are old enough to accept responsibility.

During the year some 120 books were presented to the Library, and 40 purchased from its own funds, making the not inconsiderable total of 160 books.

We are grateful to an Old Boy, Capt. D. M. Frazer, for the generous gift of more than 100 books; and also to the following boys:—R. G. Adam (3), R. E. Devlin (2), D. N. Hewett (4), A. S. Holt (2), I. R. McAulay (4), G. T. Rippingale (1).

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Junior Capt.: H. GOLDING.
Hon. Sec.: E. S. COUSE.

IN the second half of the season we had a very full programme, for, in addition to our own championships, we had two fixtures with other schools.

SUMMARY OF SEASON'S FIXTURES

1946: (H.) v. Portora Royal School. Won 9-4.

1947

Feb. 11: (H.) 7th Annual Championships.

Mar. 11: (H.) v. St. Columba's College. Lost 6-3.

Mar. 15: (A.) v. Catholic University School. Lost 7-4.

High School Championship results:—

4 st., A. F. H. Smyth; 4 st. 7 lb., M. Lundy;
 5 st., G. Lundy; 5 st. 7 lb., E. A. Southam;
 6 st., L. N. Acheson; 6 st. 7 lb., H. Golding;
 7 st., A. J. Sinclair; 7 st. 7 lb., C. B. G. Kendall;
 8 st., E. S. Couse; 8 st. 8 lb., J. Sutton; 9 st.
 2 lb., P. H. Stewart; 9 st. 10 lb., D. W.
 Forsyth; 11 st. 8 lb., B. N. Comiskey.

As four boys had no bouts in the ordinary programme, three matches were arranged with boys of the Catholic University School.

8 st., E. S. Couse (H.S.D.) beat S. O'Keefe (C.U.S.) (on points); 8 st. 8 lb., J. Sutton (H.S.D.) lost to G. Holmes (C.U.S.) (on points); 9 st. 2 lb., P. H. Stewart (Capt., H.S.D.) beat N. Bruce (C.U.S.) (t.k.o., 2nd round). Unfortunately, it was not found possible to arrange a match for B. N. Comiskey (11 st. 8 lb.).

G. Lundy (5 st.) was the winner of a special prize, awarded for the most meritorious display of the tournament. We wish to offer our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smyth who presented this prize.

Colours for 1946-47 have been awarded to the following:—Senior: E. S. Couse, C. B. G. Kendall; Junior: A. J. Sinclair, H. N. G. Lundy. "Dates" were awarded to P. H. Stewart and J. A. E. Sutton (Senior) and H. Golding (Junior).

We wish to express our gratitude to all those gentlemen who officiated at our tournaments.

[We owe E. S. Couse an apology for an error, due to a misprint, in our December issue of THE ERASMIAN. He was stated to have been unable to take part in the Portora Tournament owing to a leg injury, whereas it was his opponent who was unable to travel for that reason.—EDITOR.]

Tennis, 1947

Capt.: N. MONTGOMERY.
Vice-Capt.: J. SUTTON.
Hon. Sec.: G. GRIFFIN.

IMMEDIATELY after the Easter holidays we played our opening practice games at Anglesea L.T.C. hard courts. There was a large attendance on all days, as competition was keen for places on the League teams. After some very close challenge matches the two teams were chosen as follows:—S.C.T.: 1, N. Montgomery (Capt.); 2, E. Perdue; 3, J. Sutton; 4, G. Griffin; 5, A. Knight; 6, R. Maude. J.C.T.: 1, G. Griffin (Capt.); 2, D. Buchalter; 3, A. Cooper; 4, W. Free; 5, W. Poole; 6, N. Kerrison.

Results so far:—

Senior:—King's Hospital 4, H.S.D. 2;
 C.U.S. 1, H.S.D. 5.

Junior:—Terenure College 5, H.S.D. 1.

At Belgrave Square we have had the No. 1 court re-laid and it is playing very well. All the courts have been moved out nine feet from the trees, thus improving the base-lines and giving a longer run-back. As a further improvement, we purchased two new nets. We wish to thank Mr. C. Stewart for making some damaged net-posts serviceable again.

We welcome the new scheme, adopted by the I.L.T.A., by which the Schools are invited to send boys to act as "ball-boys" at big representative matches. This gives keen young players a chance of watching first-class tennis from close quarters. This year we sent four boys to the Ireland-Yugo Slavia Davis Cup match.

As soon as the League matches have been played we shall begin the School Championships and the Handicap Tournament. The annual match with the Parents has been arranged for Wednesday, 25th June.

G. G.

Rugby, 1946-47

Capt.: H. F. REID.

Vice-Capt.: M. W. WILLIAMS.

Hon. Sec.: J. M. BLAIR.

Junior Capt.: G. GRIFFIN.

IN our report of the first half of the season, which appeared in the December ERASMIAN, we referred to our lack of weight on the Senior XV. This handicap—one that has been all too noticeable in recent years—dogged all our efforts throughout the season.

In the Senior Cup match we were beaten by C.U.S. by 14 pts. to 6, though we had been in the lead at half-time. We travelled to Bangor for our annual match with the Grammar School, and a strenuous "mud-battle" resulted in a scoreless draw. On 8th February we entertained the Bangor team in Dublin, but this time the severe frost made Rugby impossible, so we played a "Soccer" match instead. This resulted in a win for us, 4-nil. The Annual Colours' match ended in a win for the Old Boys by 9 pts. to 6.

The J.C.T. defeated King's Hospital in the first round of the Junior Cup Competition, but lost their second round match against C.B.S., Dun Laoghaire. This team was showing very good form early in the season, but seemed to lack cohesion in the Cup games.

The "Under 14," "Under 13" and "Under 12" teams were enthusiastic, but on account of the state of grounds in the unusually hard weather few games were played during the Easter Term.

P. Stewart, D. P. Comley, J. Sutton, J. M. Blair and R. Cochrane played in the first Schools' Inter-Provincial Trial match, and Stewart was selected as substitute for the second Trial.

At the end of the season the following were awarded Caps: H. F. Reid (Bell Cap), M. Williams (back), and P. Stewart (forward).

J. M. B.

NOTICE

Readers are asked to give their support to "Erasmian" advertisers, and to mention the school magazine when making Purchases.

A Day's Fishing

"Fishing is not the catching of fish."

"FIRST catch your hare," said Mrs. Beeton, but for fish you must first catch your bait. We dug for rag-worm at Dollymount and with a full tin went on to Howth. The weather in the city had seemed comparatively calm, but when we reached the harbour we found a high sea running. Some waves broke right over the pier and poured down into the harbour. The fishing trawlers showed no sign of life—no boat dared venture out, and we were alone on the pier.

We pieced our rods together and fixed our reels and lines. A sea-line is at least sixty yards long, with a yard of gut at the end and three booms with a medium hook each. At the end of the gut there is a lead weight heavy enough to cast the line well out into the water.

Baiting the hook is the least pleasant part of fishing. The barb must be threaded through the worm several times so that it will not wash off in the waves. We could have used lug-worms or cockles but rag-worms are by far the best. Having cast the lines, we reeled in slowly and then cast again.

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Cornmarket, Belfast.

We kept this up for the next hour in joyful anticipation of codling or pollock; even sand-dabs would have satisfied us. We caught nothing, however, except small crabs which stole our bait, and pieces of sea-weed which look and behave just like fish until taken out of the water. We tasted the excitement of the gambler—what greater thrill than a sea-rod bent and arched by the weight of . . . a huge tangle of weed? We re-baited when necessary and watched the level in the tin slowly going down. What glorious expectancy, what glad hope . . . what sad disappointment was ours!

We had arrived in Howth with glad heart and smiling countenance, but returned frozen with the cold and chilled to the bone. You ask us, "What luck?" We say, "Nothing much, but we had a magnificent day's sport."

B. N. COMISKEY (Form 5¹).

A River

NO city person understands the beauty of a river. Each day he sees the same dirty brown water moving sluggishly towards the sea. Perhaps he never saw the action and beauty embodied in a country river as it runs quickly or flows sedately from place to place. He would not feel the joy there is in a country river as it sparkles and dances, speaking in never-ending murmurs, on its way. To him a river is just a place to throw used tram tickets. He does not know that a river is the home of innumerable insects and animals.

When one walks on the banks of a small river in the country one may see a flash of reflected light and, perhaps, a shoal of stickle-backs swim away from the shore. Stopping by a cataract, one lies down and gazes into a pool. In it there are many forms of life. What is that strange animal moving like some pre-historic monster along a stem of water-weed? It is a dragon-fly nymph. One suddenly catches a glance of something happening in the deep part of the pool. It is a fight between two stickle-backs. In a bunch of water-weed one sees a water snail, an occupant of the river who plays a great part in keeping it clean by eating all kinds of decayed vegetation. There is a buzzing and a little creature comes flying over the river and alights on the water. Surely this is wrong?—a beetle alighting on water. But no, he is a diving-beetle. Though small, this is one of the most savage killers in the river!

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One arises from one's cramped position thinking of all the wonderful things the water of a river conceals. As one walks along the banks, the sun, low down in the west, is dyeing the sky a crimson tint and in turn the river takes on a lovely salmon-pink colour. The earth becomes still and the river, with its horde of hovering gnats, murmurs unceasingly. Silent and ghost-like the willows stand. One hears the clucking of a moor hen as she talks her chicks to sleep.

It is a great pity that people do not understand the beauty a river imparts. The low murmur of a river gives peace and calm to a tired mind.

R. B. MAUDE (Form 5¹).

Winter

When the winter comes around
And the snow is on the ground,
The birds fly to the trees,
While the hedgehog sleeps at ease.

Then the swallows fly away
To come again another day;
But the robin does not go,
He does not fear the ice and snow.

J. D. R. OAKES (Form J³) (9½ years).

The Parents' Association

THIS organisation, which came into being some four years ago, continues to fill a useful niche in bringing together the Parents and the Boys. The Association was formed with the objects of promoting and furthering in any way possible the welfare of the School and its pupils, both while attending and when leaving the School, and of fostering social and other activities. It will be agreed that such an organisation, where parents may meet to discuss their mutual problems, can meet a genuine need.

During the winter a couple of Social Evenings were held at the School, when the programmes included musical and humorous items, a Question Time, games and even some dancing. "The Chemist in Industry" and "Dentistry" were the subjects dealt with this session in the series of lectures on careers for boys. The annual Cricket and Tennis matches with the School have been arranged as indicated elsewhere in this issue.

The Association would welcome new members, and letters may be addressed to the Hon. Secretary at the School. The subscription is 5/- per annum for each family.

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The Christmas Party

LAST Christmas we deviated from our usual practice of holding a "Break-up" Dance in the School. By a vote taken among the senior boys—on a resolution submitted to the Social Committee—it was found that a Party in place of the customary Dance would be more popular. This change was purely an experiment and so the Committee had some misgivings. Such fears, however, proved groundless, for there was a very large attendance of boys and guests in the Clockroom on Friday, 20th December.

The decorations, which included garlands, fairy-lights and a Christmas tree, helped to create a cheery atmosphere. The Committee owe their thanks to Mr. Wilson and his band of carpenters and electricians for their valuable help.

The programme went with a swing, and a great variety of novel and amusing games and competitions provided for all tastes. A few dances were also included for good measure! The games and dances were accompanied very

ably on the piano by Mrs. Kirkpatrick, whose help we appreciated very much.

During the evening supper was served in the Board Room.

At the end of a very happy evening prizes from the Christmas tree were presented to the winners by Mrs. Bennett, and a small presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick by the Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee. Finally, a well-kept secret came to light when Mrs. Bennett was called upon to accept a special Christmas present—a handsome fire-screen, designed and made by Mr. Wilson from some of the same oak as was used in the new panel placed in the Clockroom last autumn. Mrs. Bennett expressed her pleasure in accepting this beautiful souvenir gift.

The Party ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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A MOST encouraging feature during the year was the large number of Old Boys who have recently left school and have been enrolled as members of the Union. We trust that this will continue from year to year, as the Union depends on the support of the younger past pupils to maintain the high standard which has been set.

As members are aware, the Union contributes annually towards the upkeep of a bed in the Adelaide Hospital, and once again the Hon. Treasurer appeals to members, especially the younger members, to send a small subscription to this deserving fund. Please send your subscription *now*.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was again held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 18th January, 1947, and we are pleased to report that this function loses nothing of its attraction for the members, who attended in greater numbers with their friends than ever before.

From his position in the chair on this occasion the Rev. Robert Weir, our President, was responsible, to a very large degree, for the conduct of a very delightful evening, and his election as President of the Union has received the unanimous approbation of all those whose privilege it has been to take part in functions at which he has presided.

Lord Rugby was again our principal guest, and we appreciate the fact that he continues to honour us by his attendance on these occasions. We were also glad to welcome once again Dr. Walter Starkie, to whom we are indebted for a very eloquent and entertaining speech.

The standard of the speeches throughout the evening was maintained at the usual high level as in former years and these, with the several musical items, combined to make a most enjoyable evening.



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LADIES' NIGHT

At the request of several members a "Ladies' Night," which took the form of a Dinner, was held in Mills Hall on the 13th March, 1947.

There was an attendance of practically eighty members and guests which, although comparatively small, did not take away from the success of the evening which, as an initial venture, proved to be one of the most successful functions which the Union has organised.

The success of the evening cannot be attributed to any particular member or members, but to the very happy atmosphere which prevailed throughout, and it is hoped that this is only the first of many more "Ladies' Nights."

GOLF

The Annual Golf Outing and Supper will be held at Milltown Golf Club, by kind permission, early in September. Members who are interested in this very popular function are invited to get in touch with the Hon. Golf Secretary, Mr. S. S. Evans, at the High School, when full particulars with regard to the outing will be sent to them at a later date.

Owing to the reconstruction of the Metropole Ballroom, it will not be possible to hold our Annual Dance on the first Saturday in November. The Metropole authorities have offered us, as an alternative date, Saturday, 20th December, and it is hoped that the reconstruction will be completed by this date.

The Hon. Secretaries are always glad to hear from members in all parts of the world and would welcome their suggestions for the more efficient running of the Union.

We would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Bennett and the staff of the School for their continued interest in the affairs of the Union.

Rugby, 1946-47

Due to exceptionally bad weather last winter, which caused postponements of many matches, the O.B.U. played only the Colours match against the School. This was played on 25th March, 1947, at Belgrave Square; the School played better in this match than they have played for many years against us, and we were perhaps a trifle lucky to win by 9 pts. (2 tries and penalty goal) to 6 pts. (1 try and penalty goal).

E. W. FRITH, *Hon. Secretary.*

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News of Old Boys

H. R. Armstrong (1940-44), riding a Norton, gained fourth place in the Cookstown "100" Motor-Cycle Race in May.

I. E. Jones, C.I.E. (1912-21), has been appointed Commissioner for Jullundur District, India.

G. Kirwan (1924-28), who is an Assistant Superintendent, Colonial Police, Nigeria, visited the School recently while on leave.

D. A. Orr, M.C., B.A. (T.C.D.) (1930-40), has added to his boxing laurels by winning the cruiser-weight title at the Annual Universities' and Hospitals' Boxing Championships at Manchester in February. He also won the cruiser-weight bout in the Trinity Week Tournament with Guy's Hospital (Selected), London.

J. I. Stafford, M.B. (1924-31), is in the Colonial Medical Service. He has recently been appointed Medical Officer to the Falkland Islands.

G. Stewart (1938-43) called to see us in December before leaving for New Zealand, where he has gone to take up sheep-farming.

Deaths

ERIC WILFRID SCALES, C.B.E. (1912-18), April 23, 1947.

WILLIAM ROBERT PRESCOTT (1924-27), June 8, 1947.

Marriages

JOHN HUGH MARSHALL BEATTIE (1927-33) to HONOR MARY DAVY, December 27, 1946.

EDWARD GORDON FLYNN (1923-30) to MARGERY ADAM, May 2, 1947.

A. E. G. (TEDDY) MOORE (1925-34) to JULIET ISABEL GRACE BECKH, January 1, 1947.

PETER TOBIAS, M.B., B.CH. (1933-40), to JOAN GRAHAM, B.A., April 22, 1947.

GEORGE J. TYRRELL (1934-40) to MAUREEN P. HENNESSY, June 4, 1947.

SAMUEL JAMES WHITNEY (1937-42) to JUNE MARY ROCHE, June 4, 1947.

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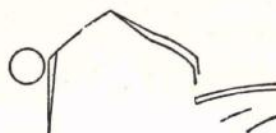
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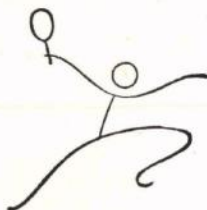
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