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EDITORIAL

ONCE more the Summer has arrived, bringing with her, as usual, a horde of Examinations, predatory monsters which, grinning malevolently, lie in wait for the unsuspecting student. As these inspired words flow from our fervent pen, we sit limp and exhausted after a recent encounter with one of these monsters. We commiserate with the unhappy wretches who even now must brave the fury of these ordeals. How often have we wished that, like Keats, we might

"Fade far away, dissolve, and quite forget
What thou among the woods hast never
known,
The weariness, the fever, and the fret
Here, where men sit and hear each other
groan."

However, the thoughts of the happy youth on the field, hurling the cricket ball from place to place, are mercifully free from the dusty, stifling examination hall, and the torture that lies within its forbidding portals, and, unlike Horace's Regulus, he does not know "quae sibi barbarus tortor pararet."

So let our readers turn their thoughts from the warped and sinister machinations of the examiner's mind, which continually brews fresh storms for the frail raft of the unfortunate scholar, and meditate the carefree, pleasant reading which lies within these pages and which is the product of healthy minds, nurtured by a stern but kindly panel of masters who encourage the literary instincts of the young. Turn the pages, reader. Welcome!

First Impressions of S. Rhodesia

DR. V. J. FIELDING

Having spent over five years in London and the Isle of Wight in order to go back to school, e.g., to get a higher diploma in the eye branch of medicine, I decided to join a friend in Southern Rhodesia also specialising, having previously lived in the Union of South Africa and found the climate ideal at an altitude of 6,000 feet.

Arrived at Capetown with a new car, I motored the 2,000 miles to Salisbury without mishap.

Salisbury became a city in 1935 and has a white population of 50,000 and a coloured population of 80,000, which includes Indians, half-breeds and natives now called Africans. It was founded in 1890 and named after the Prime Minister of the day. It is the centre of government and the seat of the House of Assembly, or Parliament. The Governor of the Colony also lives there. Incidentally, the Colony is self-governing except for its native policy and high finance.

One's first impressions, I think, are of almost continuous sunshine and the sea of black faces on all sides—13 to each European.

I very soon got acclimatised to the height of about 5,500 feet and found that my oculist friend had rooms in the centre of the town. I found that, interesting to relate, the largest and best nursing home was run by an Irish order of nuns and the brogues were very refreshing. The Government Hospital, controlled by an Irish matron, was large and fairly modern.

Shortly after my arrival I attended a medical dinner and was introduced to the Prime Minister, who is a surgeon but has been a leading Empire statesman for 20 years. I found that there were over 90 doctors in the city, excluding the Government medical officers.

The main problems, as in many other parts of the world, are housing shortage and a lack of sufficient money to cope with a rapidly growing country—e.g., the population has doubled itself in five years, and that takes some digesting. The colour bar is strict, but the most momentous problem of all is whether this progressive land should join its northern neighbours, Nyasaland, a poor colony, and Northern Rhodesia, rich only in copper and requiring the coal we have here in abundance. The natives are unanimously against it and the whites are divided. For this reason a referendum is to be taken in April, and then the British Government has the final say.

However, come what may, this is an excellent country for those who like an equable climate and bright prospects for the future.

(Dr. Fielding was a pupil at the High School from 1912 to 1923.)

An Tóstal, 1953

1953 has so far been a memorable year. It is possible that in years to come students of history will learn that 1953 was an important year in the history of the world. Firstly, there have been great flood disasters in certain parts of Europe. However, that is only nature at work, and such things have happened from time immemorial. But it is the political aspect that history considers the most important. The inauguration of General Eisenhower as President of the United States of America, and the death of Marshal Stalin will both have an effect on the history of world affairs. Lastly, the coronation of a young and fair Queen of a once powerful and still important nation will be remembered as the dawn of a new Elizabethan era.

Perhaps one event which will not be remembered in history but which was important for Ireland is the first An Tóstal. The aims of An Tóstal were to promote an interest in Ireland "at home" to people abroad and at home, thereby encouraging industry, trade and culture. It was also an effort to help the tourist trade, which, although fairly prosperous, should be flourishing in a country which abounds in wild and beautiful scenery.

It was appropriate that An Tóstal started on Easter Sunday, the anniversary of the 1916 Easter rising, and the President gave an address outside the General Post Office. The preparations and decorations for An Tóstal were extensive (and, I presume, expensive). Dublin looked gayer by night than by day, and it certainly was worth going on a tour of the city to see the illuminations at night. The programme for An Tóstal included events which would probably have taken place in usual circumstances, and so were not very wonderful. One of the events especially prepared for An Tóstal, a fireworks display, was definitely a miserable failure. Thousands of people arrived in Phoenix Park for the display. After three quarters of an hour the show, which was not very marvellous, petered out. The crowds returned home, clashing with those still arriving.

Nevertheless, on the whole An Tóstal was a success, and the hooliganism (which is always bound to occur where there are

students) was of no great consequence. I think it was a pity that the Government did not issue a phonetic pronunciation of "An Tóstal." One heard it pronounced as a girl's name and a large number of variations.

No matter what may be said against An Tóstal it certainly has had good effects. Our roads have been repaired and the tram lines removed. Even the bus-stops have been painted! Above all, it has promoted a spirit of civic pride. How gay our city can look! And, of greatest importance, it has increased national pride which benefits the nation more than anything else. And so, from a successful first An Tóstal, it is hoped that many will follow and bring increasingly good results for the nation.

A. M. GANN (Form 3A).

A Visit to Irish Bulbs Limited

"One of God's most wonderful creations." This is the only way one could describe the millions of tulips and hyacinths we saw as we toured round the tidy and well-kept farm of "Irish Bulbs Limited."

After a very kind invitation to visit the farm we boarded an omnibus which brought us to our destination. We walked through a field and up a lane; then the mass of beautiful colours met our eyes. This was a sight which no artist's brush could paint to perfection. It was, indeed, nature in all its glory! We were still looking at this "sea of colour" when a man came up and welcomed us to the farm, and then he showed us where to commence our tour, which proved to be most enjoyable.

At the beginning of every different colour there was a painted board with the name of the particular type of tulip painted thereon. The first one to meet our eyes was one bearing the name "William Copeland" on it. These tulips were a very deep shade of pink, which blended beautifully with the next type which were a medium shade of yellow. As the name of these was painted at the other end of the row we could not find it out until we got round to the other side, but then we discovered it was "Argo." There were many different kinds of yellow, including the lovely "Yellow Giant," but I think the most beautiful

was the "Harvest Yellow." This type was a very deep buttercup colour which would catch one's eye immediately. Red was the other principal colour, which included "William Pitt," "Inglescombe," and "An Tóstal Special." To the novice these three varieties looked much the same, but I am sure there is a big difference to the eyes of the horticulturist. We also saw a variety called "Orange King," which needs no describing, and "La Tulipe Noire." In the latter type, the black stripes running through each tulip made them look very effective. It was not possible to see the "Bronze Queen" variety as they were not in bloom.

There were two different kinds of hyacinths, blue (some might call them purple) and white. This contrast in colour made them very beautiful to look at. In a big rectangle of white hyacinths there was written in blue hyacinths:

"Céad Mile Fáilte
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There was also a border round the rectangle in blue hyacinths.

Then we went into a big barn in which there was stored numerous packing cases. This barn was decorated with flower boxes which contained hyacinths, geraniums and primroses. After spending some time in this barn we were presented with a lovely bunch of tulips. These we appreciated very much. But all good things must come to an end, so we went back to school after spending a most enjoyable morning.

We must give Mr. Browett our sincere thanks for giving us such a great opportunity of visiting "Irish Bulbs Limited."

H. F. A. WANN (Form 3A).

An Adventure Begins

I walked in through the main door of Colinstown Airport feeling very excited; I was about to make my first flight. As I entered the main hall I heard a loudspeaker warning passengers for the twelve o'clock flight to hurry. I sat down with my parents on a bench.

When the clock registered ten past twelve I went to a counter and handed the clerk my ticket, which he took and, in return, gave me a large celluloid card with number nineteen printed on it. This was my boarding-card.

I went and said good-bye to my parents, took up my travelling-bag and went into the customs room and lounge. I passed through the customs and waited. In a short time an air hostess came in and told the passengers to follow her. As we came to the plane I waved to my parents, who were waving from the control tower. I handed my boarding-card to the hostess and entered the machine. I sat down beside a window and fastened the safety-belt around me.

Then there commenced a high-pitched humming sound. The door was bolted on the outside and then the hostess offered cotton wool ear-plugs to the passengers. This I refused. Soon the humming ceased and the mighty engines awoke. After the pilot had revved his engines we began to move smoothly, very smoothly, towards the main runway. Here the plane turned and vibrated slightly as the pilot revved up his engines. The noise was very loud, but it sounded very muffled. The engines died down until they were just ticking over.

Then slowly we began to move. The sound of the engines became louder as we rushed across the airfield with ever-increasing speed until we were in the air. I watched the ground recede rapidly until the clouds blotted it out as the great machine of the air winged its way towards London.

W. G. FISHER (Form 3A).

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The other "Enterprise" expresses are operated by modern diesel railcars, that is, between Dublin and Belfast. These trains consist of the two power units, plus two or even three coaches between them.

The coaches used on the Belfast to Cork run were at first sets of seven G.N.R. coaches, but a C.I.E. set has now been added. With regard to locomotives, a G.N.R. locomotive pulls the train as far as Dublin in the southbound direction, where a C.I.E. locomotive takes over for the remainder of the journey to Cork. The proceedings are reversed in the northbound direction.

The G.N.R. use locomotives of the 4-4-0 wheel arrangement; either the Compound locomotives, named after birds, or the newer River series of three-cylinder simples are the most regular. The C.I.E. locomotives used (between Dublin and Cork) are either the 800 class 4-6-0 three-cylinder locomotives or the 400 class 4-6-0's.

The present-day schedule is still the same as it was in the beginning. It should also be mentioned that a buffet car is provided on the "Enterprise" in both the C.I.E. and G.N.R. sets.

G. N. EAMES (Form 4A).

The Sacred Light

- Glorious Light! to which the human mind is yet opaque.
- Heavenly Road! the paves of which the ancient masters trod.
- Great Unknown! that lies beyond the reach of Light or Road.

O Lowly Earth! that yet in sin is crushéd by
the snake.
Yet she will rise and ere the realms of earthly
time have gone
Will conquer, helped to victory by deeds in
glory done.
And does the Light in all His power take heed
of this? O nay!
For Light in all His glory must translucent
shine for aye;
And so it does; and men still marvel why they
see it not:
And little know that 'tis their sin that blinds
them yet to what,
Though hidden to their earthly eyes of physis,
ever shines
In glory that would dazzle men to see in
present times.
Only with the eyes of mind is it perceived in
burning gold.
And on and in and round the soul of virtue
does it shine
As from the eyes of ancient prophets shone in
days of old.
O Seed of Valour! Root of Virtue! Source of
all Desire!
From whence doth come the grace to save us
from the depthless mire.

JULIAN DAWSON (Form 4A).

Essay

My favourite hobby is bird-nesting; it is very interesting, as there are so many different sorts of birds and eggs. I have found over twenty-five nests this year and a great many of them were blackbirds', who build very solid nests lined with mud. Blackbirds lay four to five light blue eggs with brown specks.

The robin builds her nest in the most extraordinary places: tin cans, old boots, etc. I happened to find a robin's nest in the sleeve of an old fur coat hanging from a bush. The wren, the smallest of birds, lays the largest number of eggs. She builds a small round nest in or on a wall or bush. One day when we were visiting Gougane Barra (Co. Cork) I found a wren's nest in a hole in a wall. I could see the head of the babies in the hole which seemed extremely small for a bird to get through.

Another day Bruce Lyster and I found a starling's nest in the attic of his house with seven eggs in it. About two weeks later we went up again, to find a new nest and the old one gone. The new nest had five eggs and a baby in it. The starling builds a very untidy nest with the straws and feathers scattered everywhere. All these nests were very interesting to me.

S. KELLY (Form J6, age 11).

Christ Church Cathedral

One day we went to Christ Church Cathedral. Inside we saw the grave of Strongbow. In the old days the merchants when paying their taxes put their finger in a hole in the head and the thumb on the forehead and paid the money across the statue. Beside his grave is a statue of his son, whose legs were cut off because he ran away from the field of battle. After we came up from the crypt we saw the eagles that hold the Bible, one of which is made of brass and gold. It is made by hand and is four hundred years old. The other eagle, which is seventy years old and is made of brass, is made by machinery.

J. P. SIDES (Form J4, age 9½).

The First Snowdrop

For a long time I was below the ground as a bulb, so it was very dark. I had plenty of time to wonder what it was like up above. My leaves were already up in the air and sunlight, and my head was following. One day I saw a glimmer of light which slowly led me to realise that I was a flower out in the garden which was to be my future home. I was so dazzled by the light that for a while I had to keep my petals closed. When I could open them I found that I was beside a pond over which was hanging a laburnum tree which, to my disappointment, was not in bloom. The pond was in a field. Around the pond and all over the field there were other flowers to which I chatted. That night, which came very soon, I went to sleep happy, and all the flowers in the field praised me for being The First Snowdrop.

V. ARMSTRONG (Form J4).

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The Haymakers

When Jack was walking down the road one day he saw some haymakers at work. It was just after the day of a big robbery. He watched the haymakers at work and asked could he help. One of them said "Yes," so Jack helped. Soon afterwards Jack began to get tired, so he leaned against one of the haystacks they had made. Quite soon it began to fall down. The haymakers shouted at him but it was too late, the haystack was down. Then Jack found a little box mixed up in the hay. He shook it and he heard something rattling inside. He opened it and found the stolen money; so Jack got a reward.

S. EAST (Form J5).

How to keep Rabbits

First you want a hutch about 2 ft. high and 4 ft. long. The best way to make a door is to make a frame the same size as the front of the hutch, put wire on it and put a latch and a hinge on it. When you have done that you cover the bottom with straw, woodwool or sawdust. You feed them with vegetables twice a day. If they are small give them milk with bread crumbs in it, or if big give them bran, which you will get in a pet shop.

W. P. NAISMITH (Form J5).

The Gipsy

I am a gipsy,
I live out of doors;
I make my bed
On the green grassy moors.

I have a horse
That is old and grey;
But she is faithful,
Bonny and gay.

D. COOTE (Form J4, age 10).

An Afternoon in Powerscourt

On Saturday, 2nd of May, Miss Williams took the Class J6 on a nature ramble at Powerscourt. We got the 44 bus to Enniskerry. When we got there we walked up a steep hill to Powerscourt. As we got near the

gates we heard a wren; we looked towards the place where the singing was coming from and we saw a small wren jumping from branch to branch.

Inside Powerscourt we saw plenty of different wild flowers. The first one we came across was the yellow primrose. As we went we saw the cuckoo pint, which is a thin skin wrapped round a red club-shaped flower; at the end of the flower there are the seeds. The next flower we saw was the celandine, which is a bright golden colour and has about seven to nine petals. Then we came to garlic, which is white and the little flowers grow in clusters; the leaves are like daffodil leaves. Then we came to the yellow coltsfoot and the common daisy and dandelion. Under some trees there was the wood-sorrel, and beside a quarry there were masses of a blue flower called ground ivy, but the leaves did not look like ivy. We also saw bluebells and cowslips. We then saw plantains and catstail grass. As we were picking flowers we heard the song of a great tit. In the shadows we saw the small blue dog-violet.

The small birch and beech trees had their seed-leaves on. I found some cedar cones which were about seven inches long, and in a bank we saw field mice and rat holes.

When we had passed the house we had tea and while we were eating we heard a robin. I crept forward and saw it.

On the way home we saw a tortoise-shell butterfly fluttering in front of us. I found an oak apple and some beechnuts. As we were going down the hill outside Powerscourt we saw swallows catching flies. We then got the bus home after a lovely day.

M. W. TAYLOR (Form J6, age 11).

My Cat

I have a little pussy cat
Who always sits on our door-mat;
That little cat he sits and thinks,
Sitting there just like a sphinx.

That little cat he is so naughty,
He walks about so very haughty;
Silver paper he likes to fight
In the middle of the night.

D. LYSTER (Form J5, age 11).

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

ON the last day of the Easter Term Mr. Gardner, who was married on April 4th, was presented with a silver tea service by the boys of the School and with a barometer by the Staff. We would like to extend on behalf of the School a friendly welcome to Mrs. Gardner, and to wish Mr. and Mrs. Gardner every happiness in their married life.

We are glad to note that Mr. Wilson, who is back with us after his recent operation, is making a steady recovery. We trust that next Term he will have recovered his former health and strength.

During the Summer Term a party of boys, accompanied by Mr. Dillon, Mr. Willoughby and Mr. I. Keegan, paid a visit to the tulip fields of Irish Bulbs Limited, where they were the guests of an Old Boy, Mr. E. A. Browett, a director of the firm, and shown over the fields. An Essay Competition was subsequently held on the subject of the visit and book-tokens of £1-1-0 were awarded by Irish Bulbs Limited to the class-winners, H. F. A. Wann (3A), R. W. G. Hall (2A), and D. L. Semple (2B).

At the All-Ireland Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships held in Tuam, May 23rd, 1953, J. Fish, representing Leinster, won the Junior 100 yards in 11.2 secs. and the Junior 220 in 25.4 secs. We congratulate Fish on a very fine performance. This is the third successive year that a High School Boy has won the All-Ireland Junior 220 yards. It was won in 1951 by E. Kimberley and in 1952 by D. Johnston, who set up the existing record of 25.2 seconds.

During the Easter Term a very interesting cricket film was shown in the School. The first part was instructional, with first-class cricketers demonstrating correct methods in the various aspects of the game; the second part showed the last English tour in Australia. The film was kindly lent by the Leinster Cricket Union.

Arrangements have been made to allow classes to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral for Matins and several classes have already taken part in the services and been taken on a tour of the Cathedral afterwards.

On two occasions this year a party of 90 boys has been present at Symphony Concerts given for schools by Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra under the auspices of Ceol-Chumann na nOg. On each occasion a preliminary talk on the music and the orchestra was given in the School by a representative of Radio Eireann.

The Prefects for 1952/3 are: C. C. Walker, J. W. Dowse, C. B. Warren, G. A. Watt, J. A. Hautz, R. A. Skerrett, T. W. R. Meates, R. H. C. Walshe.

We Congratulate:—

C. C. Walker on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

R. H. C. Walshe on being selected to play for Leinster in the Schools' Rugby Interprovincial matches with Munster and Ulster, thus gaining his fourth and fifth Interprovincial Caps; also on being runner-up to Walker for the Old Boys' Cup.

R. W. Dobbryn on being selected to play in the Leinster Schools' Cricket Trial match.

J6 on producing their own Poetry Magazine.

Boys who have left since December, 1952

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Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: "C.A.I.", The Dalriad, The Masonic School Magazine, Mountjoy School Magazine, "Portora", "R.S.D.", Wesley College Magazine.

Erasmian Committee

The Editorial Committee of THE ERASMIAN invites literary contributions from present and past pupils, especially from Old Boys overseas, and all others interested in the School.

Editor—R. A. Skerrett.

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Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens have been awarded to the following boys for articles contributed to THE ERASMIAN: H. F. A. Wann, A. M. Gann, W. G. Fisher, J. S. Dawson.

The School Party 1952

The annual Christmas party was held by the senior members of the School on Friday, 19th December, and was a resounding success. The various games, competitions and dances were entered into with great zest and enthusiasm by all present. After supper we were entertained by the High School Trio, and so well did they render their theme song that it was number one on the School "hit-parade" for many months later.

The end of a most enjoyable evening came when at eleven o'clock, having sung "Auld Lang Syne," we gave three cheers for Mr. Gardner and the other members of the Staff who had helped to make the party a success.

A Visit to Central Meat Products, Limited

The fact that chemistry plays an essential part in modern food industry was emphasised to us during our visit to Messrs. "C.M.P." Two senior classes, accompanied by Mr. Gardner, were privileged to visit the canning factory during the Michaelmas Term. We were shown the process of meat-packing from the raw meat to the finished cans, packed for dispatch to the wholesalers. The process is largely automatic and is hygienic throughout. Samples are withdrawn at each stage and are tested both chemically and bacteriologically to ensure that they conform to standard. In addition to careful supervision, an inspector from the Department of Agriculture is always present to see that stringent regulations are observed. In this way the public at home are protected and the reputation of Irish foodstuffs abroad is maintained. There has never been any complaint about packing, cooking or standard of stewed steak canned by this factory. The list of foodstuffs packed has recently been extended to include tongues, whole hams, spaghetti, beans and peas. We saw new ham-canning machinery where hams are packed in deep heart-shaped cans. These require special handling and are vacuum sealed individually. The complete can of cooked ham may weigh from 12 lb. to 16 lb.

Our best thanks are due to our conductor, Mr. Spencer; to Mr. Calcutt for his stimulating lecture on the chemistry of food, and to Mr. Haskins for his invitation and for his generosity to us on leaving.

G. A. W.

An Educational Tour

On the 8th of June, 1953, twenty-two members of Form 1A went on an educational tour to Dublin Airport. We were taken there by Mr. Willoughby, our Form Master. We met at 3.30 p.m. and there was great excitement among the boys on the way out there. It was a beautiful day and many of the boys took photographs of the main points of interest.

We were conducted on the tour by Mr. Caulfield, who is one of the officers at the Airport. The feature which took the boys'

interest most of all was the "B26 Bomber." This was an American Air Force 'plane which flew over from Germany on a visit. We learnt that all the 'planes are put under inspection regularly and that the Airport has a private Fire Service of its own.

We were shown over two hangars—where we saw 'planes being taken to pieces—radio rooms, and a training machine. Mr. Caulfield told us that the area of the Airport is seven hundred acres. He also brought us up on the balcony and shewed us the magnificent view. Another place which the boys were very interested in was the Sweet Shop!

We left the Airport at 5.45 p.m. after having a wonderful afternoon. We boarded the bus which brought us back to town, where we all dispersed. Our thanks are due to Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Caulfield for a very interesting tour.

R. S. F. MURPHY (1A).

School Concert

10th–11th February, 1953

The second of the new series of School Concerts was held in the Clockroom last February, and was very successful, the room being crowded on each of the two evenings. A noteworthy item of the programme was an excerpt from "The Mikado" which recalled the glory of the pre-war concerts, when full operas were performed. We are grateful to an Old Boy, Mr. W. S. Kelly, who produced this excerpt, and to Mr. F. A. L. Gardner, who assisted him.

PROGRAMME

"AN RI A BHI BREOITE." Produced by Mr. J. R. W. Goulden. An ailing King, having executed the honest physicians who told him his illness was the result of over-eating, is advised by a charlatan that he will be cured if he can obtain the shirt of a happy man. The only happy man he can find, however, does not possess a shirt. The King: R. A. Skerrett. The Chamberlain: D. O'D. Ferris. A Lord: R. W. Dobbyn. A Duke: B. J. Stewart. Dr. Thos. Cure: R. N. Walker. Dr. John Sawbones: E. L. Kimberley. Dr. Wyse MacWisdom: T. H. Barnwell. A young man: H. E. Killeen. A rich man: J. T. Paul. A poor man: R. L. Schlesinger. Executioner: S. W. J. Seager. Soldiers: B. R. Hart, D. M. Johnston, J. P. Williams. Sound and visual effects by E. K. Briggs and R. A. Skerrett.

IRISH AND FRENCH SONGS. Form 2A; class-work with Mr. G. W. Keegan. (a) *Hó ró mo bháidin.* (b) *Bheir mi ó.* (c) *Ceol arsa an t-asal.* (d) *Beidh aonach amárach i gContae an Chláir.* (e) *Frère Jacques.* (f) *Au clair de la Lune.* (g) *Le vieux roi Chou.* (h) *Sur le pont d'Avignon.* The Singers: J. D. Wilkinson, S. H. Heaney, H. M. C. McCamley, K. A. H. Mills, B. St. C. Herman, M. C. Adams, W. R. Winder, L. J. Hudson, J. D. F. McKee, D. W. Williams, A. B. Hollinshead, J. A. Gill, J. S. McCready.

VIOLIN SOLO. E. H. Winter. (a) *Adagio and Allegro* from *Sonata in E* (Handel). (b) *Moto Perpetuo* (Carl Bohn).

THE SCHOOL CHOIR. (a) *Jubilate* (Leslie Woodgate). (b) *The Stars* (Schubert, arr. Martin). (c) *Where Lies the Land* (George Dyson). Singers: S. R. Bailey, J. K. Barkley, M. A. Byrne, D. H. Carter, M. R. Cathcart, R. S. Darby, P. E. C. Dormer, I. A. Fox, J. R. Harvey, W. I. Hunter, G. A. Kidd, B. B. Killen, D. W. G. McClatchie, D. E. McNeight, R. J. Miller, B. W. Moffett, J. P. Naismith, J. D. Reynolds, T. R. Shepherd, N. D. Simpson, C. F. L. Smith, W. F. Smith, D. P. Taylor, M. C. Taylor, D. O. Tipping, R. T. Woodburn, D. A. Young.

EXCERPT FROM "MACBETH" (Shakespeare). Produced by Mr. W. G. Preen. *Macbeth*: J. S. Dawson. Porter: D. W. C. Walsh. Lennox: A. M. Gann. Fleance: J. D. R. Oakes. Lady Macbeth: R. L. Beriman. Banquo: J. K. Hilton. Macduff: R. M. Gallo-way.

"LES TROIS OURS." Written and produced by Mr. G. W. Keegan. *Le petit ours*: G. S. G. Lewis. *Son frère, l'ours de grandeur moyenne*: C. G. Hyland. *Son frère aîné, le grand ours*: N. C. C. Bain. *La jeune fille*: E. H. Winter. *Scène*: Dans la maison des ours, dans la forêt.

PIANO SOLO. J. S. Dawson. (a) *Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen* (Grieg). (b) *Waltz in D flat* (Chopin).

EXCERPT FROM "THE MIKADO" (Gilbert and Sullivan). Produced by Mr. W. S. Kelly, assisted by Mr. F. A. Gardner. *Nanki-Poo* (a wandering minstrel): Mr. R. F. Luke. *Ko-Ko* (Lord High Executioner): W. F. Wilson. *Poo-Bah* (Lord High Everyting Else): D. G. P. Abbott. *Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Peep-Bo* (three sisters, Wards of Ko-Ko): W. F. Smith, J. D. Reynolds, N. D. Simpson. Chorus:—J. K. Barkley, M. A. Byrne, D. H. Carter, M. R. Cathcart, R. S. Darby, P. E. C. Dormer, I. A. Fox, W. I. Hunter, B. B. Killen, B. W. Moffett, J. P. Naismith, C. F. L. Smith, D. P. Taylor, M. C. Taylor.

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Silver Medal—R. A. Skerrett (97 per cent.).

Prizes (1st Class)—J. T. Killen, A. M. Gann, J. S. Dawson.

Pass—W. R. D. Alexander.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes (1st Class)—G. C. Linney. **(2nd Class)**—R. S. Darby, B. J. Maynard, R. J. Miller, M. A. Byrne, I. A. Fox, A. C. Newell. **(3rd Class)**—R. S. F. Murphy.

Pass—W. E. Brown, D. H. Carter, S. C. Quick, G. A. W. Fitch, R. C. Graves, B. Wisdom, D. W. McClatchie, I. McKendrick, M. T. Richardson, K. A. Gregory, E. A. G. Hill, S. H. Joule, D. J. C. Johnston, R. P. Carroll, A. W. Burgess, G. W. Davidson, J. F. O'Neill, J. M. Fahy, P. E. C. Dormer, R. J. Kirkham, M. A. Batts, A. F. Morton, B. B. Killen.

Scripture only—D. A. G. Mackey, 44/80.

Second Year

Prizes (1st Class)—M. F. McDonough. **(2nd Class)**—H. M. McCamley, L. J. Hudson, N. S. Fox, R. W. G. Hall, T. G. Hamilton, E. R. Crampton. **(3rd Class)**—J. R. Harvey, C. J. Mathews, M. R. H. Taylor, J. R. W. Dick.

Pass—J. H. East, D. W. Williams, J. D. Ridgeway, D. L. Semple, S. R. Bailey, B. H. Shaw, H. R. D'Arcy, J. N. Greene, M. R. Cathcart, D. W. Taylor, M. H. Shaw, K. A. A. Dobson, C. E. Harvey, A. Rock, J. K. Barkley, D. G. Gregory, C. N. Watson, R. A. Harte, J. D. Chadwick, J. A. W. Burrowes, D. S. Pedlow, K. W. Ruddock, P. J. Miller, E. C. Tutty.

Scripture only—E. M. Browett, 57/80.

Third Year

Prizes (1st Class)—W. E. Lawrence, E. H. Winter. **(2nd Class)**—S. J. D. Brooks, F. K. O'Keeffe. **(3rd Class)**—J. R. Keogh, G. S. G. Lewis, C. D. Marks, N. C. C. Bain.

Pass—A. R. L. Beck, R. R. Wilson, K. W. Reeves, W. G. G. Fisher, C. W. Fox, M. J. Burrowes, G. R. R. D'Arcy, G. J. Gibson, A. G. Ryan, K. H. Sherwood, W. D. Kerr, N. R. Quin, S. Hayes, F. L. Harris, J. C. McCoubrey, D. T. Roy, E. G. Davis, K. R. Tyrrell, M. H. Heatley, D. H. Malcolm.

Scripture only—K. W. Prescott, 39½/70; D. H. Sykes, 35½/70.

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Second Year: Pass—J. S. McCredy, A. R. M. McKay, W. I. Hunter, P. M. Cobbe.

Third Year: Pass—J. G. Fish.

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Fitzgerald Scholarship on Moderatorship, 1952—P. F. Browne.

McCullough Prize, 1952—G. H. F. Gardner.

Degrees

M.A., B.D.—J. M. G. Carey.

B.A.—A. J. Freedman, J. J. Steyn, E. A. Davies.

B.A.I.—J. J. Steyn.

Term Honor Examinations

W. S. W. Poole (J.S.)—Classics (3rd Rank).

J. L. Wilding (J.S.)—Classics (3rd Rank).

T. V. Jackson (J.S.)—Experimental Science (3rd Rank).

J. M. A. Turner (J.S.)—Natural Science (3rd Rank).

E. W. Allen (J.S.)—Economics and Political Science (3rd Rank).

B. R. Wilkinson (J.F.)—Ancient and Modern Literature: Latin (2nd Rank), French (1st Rank).

I. R. McAulay (J.F.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).

G. Clarke (J.F.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).

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ATHLETICS, 1953

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ANNUAL SPORTS COMMITTEE

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S.C.T. 1952-53

Standing—W. Bornemann, D. M. Johnston, R. Y. Newport, R. M. Galloway, Mr. Lowry, R. Dobbyn, D. C. B. Taylor, T. W. R. Meates, J. Paul.

Sitting—Mr. Cornish, E. Kimberley, C. C. Walker, R. H. C. Walshe (capt.), R. Cotter, D. J. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Reynolds.

On ground—F. Hutchinson, V. S. Reid.

Rugby

The season 1952-53 was one of the most successful in the history of the School in recent years. This was accounted for by the fact that a very large number of people were playing

and the standard of rugby was accordingly high. The S.C.T. were rather unfortunate in losing their Cup match against St. Mary's, Dundalk, but at least they showed that there is some good rugby talent in the School. Shortly after Christmas they travelled North

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to play against Bangor Grammar School, and again in March, this time to oppose Larne Grammar School. This was the first time that a High School XV played in Larne and we hope it will become a regular fixture.

Of the School teams the J.C.T. was by far the most successful, winning nearly all its friendly matches. In the Cup series it reached the quarter-final, defeating St. Mary's, Rathmines. In the quarter-final our forwards put up a splendid display against much heavier opponents, but unfortunately were unable to win sufficient of the line-outs and scrums to get our backs, whose defence was excellent, moving as well as usual. Many of these players showed great promise and we are looking forward with interest to see how they develop next season.

This year was the first in which the 2nd XV had a regular fixture list, and, with a team which was constantly changing owing to sickness and the need for supplying substitutes to the 1st XV, they did well in all their matches, and the team spirit was always present.

The "Under 14" was another team which promised well for the future. The "Under 13" also showed great talent.

We must congratulate R. H. C. Walshe on being selected to play for Leinster against Ulster, Connaught and Munster, in all of which matches he acquitted himself most worthily. We would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the parents of the boys who put up the Larne Grammar School XV on their visit to us for their hospitality.

Awards

Bell Cap: R. H. Cotter.

Date to Cap: R. H. C. Walshe, C. C. Walker.

Colours: R. H. C. Walshe, C. C. Walker, R. H. Cotter, W. Bornemann, R. Dobbyn, D. O'D. Ferris, D. J. FitzPatrick, R. M. Galloway, F. Hutchinson, D. M. Johnston, E. K. Kimberley, T. W. R. Meates, R. Y. Newport, V. A. S. Reid, D. C. B. Taylor.

Junior Rugby Medal: D. M. Johnston.

D. J. F.

Tennis

Tennis is well under way now and our School competitions are just beginning. There is great enthusiasm, particularly in the Junior School, and one can see any afternoon the courts at Belgrave Square being put to great use. As usual we have entered for the inter-school leagues, but we do not set much store by the results of these matches as we regard our School tennis primarily as a source of entertainment to the boys rather than as a subject of grim competition.

D. J. F.

Cricket

The season, after a rather late start, is now in full swing and many enjoyable matches have been played to date.

The S.C.T., under the captaincy of R. Dobbyn, is a distinct improvement on last year's team. The team, however, was beaten in the Senior Cup, after a long but interesting struggle, by the King's Hospital. It is now moulding itself into quite a useful side.

The J.C.T. has been more successful in the Junior Cup. They won their first-round match with a comfortable victory over Avoca School. We hope to see them do well in the next round.

The "Under 14", having started the season shakily, has now settled down to some degree of consistency and is acquitting itself well in the League.

Juvenile cricket—as is invariably the case—is flourishing at the moment. We have been fortunate this year in obtaining the use of the grounds at Dartry for practice.

Unfortunately, it has been found imperative on numerous occasions this season to run two or more practices contemporaneously at Belgrave Square. This has, of course, necessarily provided an extra burden for the unfortunate master in charge. Consequently, it is to be hoped that amenities and playing facilities, which at present are not sufficient to cater for the ever-increasing number of boys, may be improved in the not too distant future.

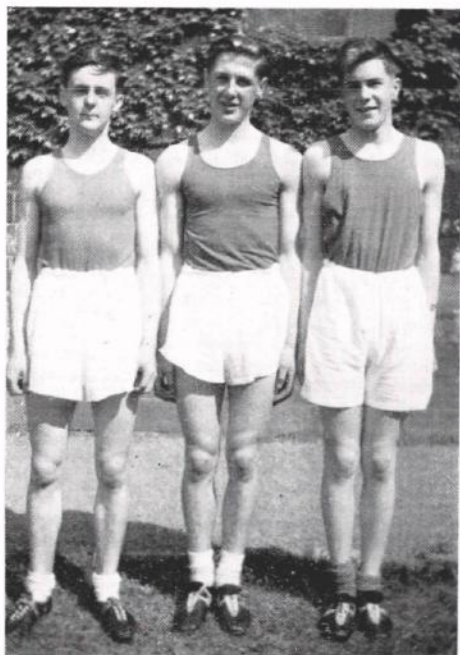
The Junior Cup team has reached the semi-final of the Cup, having beaten Avoca in the first round and Terenure College in the second round.

R. M. G.

Athletics

1951 . . . 1952 . . . 1953. For the third year in succession High School has produced the All-Ireland 220 yds. junior champion. This year's star is John Fish, and he has proved himself a worthy successor to last year's record holder, D. Johnston. In the All-Ireland Championships J. Fish was also the winner of the 100 yds. and a member of the victorious Leinster junior relay team. J. Fish's times for the 100 yds. and 220 yds. respectively were 11.2 and 25.4 secs., both only .2 of a second outside the record.

In the Leinster Schools' Sports we had a finalist in five of the six sprints. In the Junior J. Fish gained first place in both the 100 yds. and 220 yds.; in his first Intermediate year D. Johnston was fourth in the 220 yds. final; R. Walshe gained fifth place in the 100 yds. and 220 yds. Senior finals. The Intermediate relay team comprising E. Kimberley, T. Barnwell, F. Hutchinson and D. Johnston, having gained an easy victory in their heat, were eliminated in the semi-final. In the Intermediate 100 yds. E. Kimberley was eliminated in the semi-final.



Irish Secondary Schools' Junior Sprint Champions:—1951, E. L. Kimberley. 1952, D. M. Johnston (Irish Record, 220 yds.—25.2 secs.). 1953, J. G. Fish.

In a recent contest with King's Hospital our team for the first time in recent years gained a decisive victory by 62 pts. to 43 pts. The team put up a great show and gained first places in all the sprints, jumps and in two of the three relays.

A great deal of praise is due to all the athletes for they have trained by themselves, and their achievements become even more meritorious when the training facilities and programmes of the schools against which they competed are considered.

This year the intention is to hold two sports days. The Junior School Sports will be held on Wednesday, 24th June, at Belgrave Square, and the Senior School Sports will be held on Saturday, 27th June, at Lansdowne Road.

The "Colour" awards for the 1953 season are: J. G. Fish, D. M. Johnston, E. Kimberley, R. H. C. Walshe, F. W. Hutchinson.

D. M. J.

Table-Tennis 1952-53

We had a very enjoyable season and much enthusiasm was shown, especially amongst the junior section. At the practices every Tuesday night the attendance was good. In the Junior Cup match we were defeated by King's Hospital. We did not enter for the Senior League owing to the lack of Seniors in the club. The club members wish to thank the sports masters who attended every Tuesday and showed such a keen interest.

Team: G. Watson (capt.), J. P. Williams, T. W. R. Meates, R. L. Berman, F. Barnwell, D. W. C. Walsh.

R. L. B.

Boxing

This season, as in previous seasons, the boys took a very keen interest in boxing. Consequently, the club had quite a successful season. Unfortunately, we had no annual fixture with Dungannon Royal School because of dramatic fixtures in both schools. The annual championships were held on the 8th December, 1952,

and a large audience enjoyed a good evening's boxing. The following are the results of the championships:—

5 st. 0 lbs.—Gregory, K. A., bt. Harvey, C. E.
 5 st. 7 lbs.—Killen, B. B., bt. Gregory, D. G.
 6 st. 0 lbs.—Park, G. G. J., bt. Clarke, R. D.
 6 st. 7 lbs.—Gibson, G. J., bt. Fox, C. W.
 7 st. 0 lbs.—Haskins, M. S., w.o.
 7 st. 7 lbs.—Steele, R. G., bt. Quin, N. R.
 Flyweight—Stewart, B. J., w.o.
 Bantamweight—Bornemann, W. A., bt. Haskins, R. H.
 Featherweight—Abbott, D. G. P., bt. Hart, B. R.
 Lightweight—Taylor, D. C. B., bt. Knott, A. C.
 Light-welterweight—Kimberley, E. L., bt. Walshe, R. H. C.
 Welterweight—McCoubrey, J. C., bt. Lawrence, W. E. P.
 Middleweight—Dobbyn, R. W., bt. Galloway, R. M.

The following received their colours:—

Junior—Clarke, R. D. (1952–53); Haskins, M. S. (1952–53).
 Senior—Stewart, B. J. (1952–53); Abbott, D. G. P. (1952–53); Kimberley, E. L. (1952–53); Dobbyn, R. W. (1952–53).

B. J. S., R. W. D.

Swimming

We are glad to report that swimming has been progressing steadily during the term. Owing to Iveagh Baths being closed in the afternoon we have had to move to Tara St. Baths. The club has been divided into two sections, the beginners and the swimmers. This is so that non-swimmers can benefit from the instruction of Mr. Collinge, our coach.

We are sorry that Mr. Wilson is no longer with us as swimming master. We welcome Mr. O'Kane, who has kindly taken over the position.

It is hoped to hold a gala in September. This is so that the boys have the summer holidays to train for the event.

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The Annual Dinner

This very popular function took place in the Clockroom on Saturday, 17th January, 1953. A record attendance of 225 members and guests were present; this was 47 more than our previous highest in 1950. Our guest of honour was the Hon. Justice Budd. We congratulate our President on the capable manner in which he presided. Our musical guests were at the top of their form and our best thanks are due to them.

Ladies' Night

The 1953 Ladies' Night took place in Mills' Hall on Saturday, 28th March. Seventy-three members and guests sat down to an excellent dinner. Rev. R. E. Weir proposed the toast of the ladies and Mrs. John Bell, wife of our President, suitably replied. Once again our very good friends, the musical guests, completed the most enjoyable "Ladies' Night" we have had to date.

A.S.U. Church Service

A Sportsmen's Service sponsored by the A.S.U. was held in St. Peter's Church on

Sunday, 19th April, 1953. The preacher was the Archbishop of Dublin. The collection was in aid of the Adelaide Hospital. The congregation numbered about 500, including a representation of our members. The sponsors were pleased with their effort and hope to hold this Service annually. May we say that we hope to see more of our younger members present next time.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

We remind you that subscriptions to this scheme should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer:—P. R. Walker, "Ishgeen," Brennanstown Road, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin.

For Your Diary

The Annual Golf Outing and Supper will take place at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 3rd September. As circulars are not sent to all members, will those interested in this function please write to Mr. S. S. Evans at the School, so that notices may be forwarded to them in due course.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 17th October, 1953.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 7th November, 1953.

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Arthur J. Beatty

An Appreciation

IN the passing of Arthur J. Beatty, his friends both inside and outside the Old Boys' Union have lost a very dear friend of outstanding qualities and great personal charm.

Arthur was a pupil in the School in the pre-1914-18 War period, and sat under both the late William Wilkins and the late John Thompson. Like many of his colleagues, he joined the army, and after 1918 returned to take up the profession of solicitor, which he followed until the time of his death.

As an Old Boy of The High School his work for the Union and the School has been invaluable. He was a founder member of the O.B.U. and for years acted as Co-Secretary, and when he relinquished that position the members elected him to the Presidential Chair, and during his year of office he carried out his duties with a dignity and charm which was only to be expected from a gentleman of his special qualities.

He had a ready wit which never failed to take advantage of an amusing situation, but it was characteristic of the kindly nature of the man that his sense of humour was never boisterous or hurtful to others. He had a wealth of pithy remarks and sayings which slipped off his tongue in a most attractive way and most of which emanated from Masters of his own school days, such as "Ha, idle fellow, wasting your parents' money!" Behind all this there was a man who endeared himself to his fellows by his honesty of purpose, his loyalty, his consideration for others and the several other qualities which set on him the hallmark of a true gentleman.

His passing has been a great blow to his friends in the Union where we will miss his wise counsel and genial personality; but it is good to know that the work which he has done will bear fruit for years to come, and his memory and spirit will be a continual inspiration in the future.

To his widow we wish to express our deepest sympathy in the great loss which she has sustained.

M. B.

Golf Report

The Association of Schools' Unions Competition for the Royal Dublin Cup was held at Dollymount on Thursday, 21st May. The winners were St. Andrew's, with a score of 301. Castle Park and Mountjoy were second, with 303, and High School were third, with 306.

Our team score was: C. L. Dillon, 75; Jack Bell, 75; G. Coll, 78; R. L. Bryson, 78.

The Veterans' Prize was won by J. Bell.

The Annual Outing for the Old Boys' Cup will be held (by kind permission) at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 3rd September.

Members whose names are not on the Golfing List should communicate with the School.

News of Old Boys

E. W. Allen (1943-49) again rowed for the Dublin University Senior Eight against University College (Dublin) in the Gannon Cup.

R. H. Armstrong (1940-44), riding a Gilera, won the 1953 Leinster 100, 500 c.c. class, and set up a new record for the fastest lap at 88.31 m.p.h. In the Senior T.T. race he came third with an average speed of 93.62 m.p.h., being only 25 seconds behind the winner.

J. R. D. Balbirnie (1938-43), who was with the Guardian Assurance Co. Ltd. in Nairobi for some years, has now been recalled to the London office.

M. D. Buchalter (1940-48) has been awarded his colours by the Trinity Golf Society.

G. W. Bull (1946-50) is now a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F., having got his Navigator's Wing.

H. W. Burleigh (1938-46) has been admitted solicitor.

L. B. Cooley (1928-34) has been appointed Conductor and Organist, St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare (Choral Festival), in succession to Canon Purser Shortt.

A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51), who is a regular member of Trinity 1st XI, has been selected to play for The Rest in the Irish International Cricket Trial match, June, 1953.

C. F. G. Delaney (1936-42) lectured to the R.D.S. on "Counting Atomic Particles."

The Rev. V. S. Dungan (1927-35) has been nominated to the Incumbency of Dunganstown Union.

W. D. Forsyth (1942-50), representing Dublin University in an athletic contest with Glasgow University, won the high jump at 5 ft. 10 ins. He also won the high jump at College Races at 6 ft.

G. H. F. Gardner (1936-43), who has just been awarded a Madden Prize at Fellowship, entered Trinity College in 1943 with a Mathematical Sizarship, obtained every prize in the School of Mathematics, studied in Pittsburgh under Professor Synge, now Professor of Mathematics in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, and was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Princeton University. He is now Lecturer in Mathematics to Dublin University.

D. Gillis (1948-50) is leaving for Canada where he intends to take up farming.

W. Gregory (1946-52), boxing for Dublin University, won the featherweight championship in the Inter-Universities Junior Boxing Championships.

D. R. Jupe (1938-44) has been elected Treasurer of the Trinity College Theological Society. He has also been licensed as Lay Reader of the Parish of Rathfarnham.

C. L. Keegan (1927-36) has been appointed District Engineer, East African Railways, Nairobi.

H. Lindsay (1937-44), riding a 998 c.c. Vincent motor cycle, set up a new native speed record of 143 m.p.h. on the Carrigrohane road, Cork. One of the timekeepers was another Old Boy, **Stanley Woods** (1915-20), who set up an Irish record of 104 m.p.h. in 1926 at Donabate.

F. S. Lyons (1941) was a member of the Irish Squash Team which played Scotland last March.

R. F. Marks (1943-49) has been commissioned as Lay Reader in Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire.

A. P. Menary (1945-49) has joined the Standard Bank of South Africa in Salisbury.

Max Nurock (1904-11) has been appointed Israeli Minister to Australia. He is the third Old Boy to become a Diplomatic Representative, the others being **W. Warnock** (1922-29), Irish Minister to Switzerland, and **Sir W. H. Mack** (1905-06, 1910-13), British Ambassador to the Argentine.

V. E. Penney (1921-25) had a drawing exhibited at the R.H.A. Annual Exhibition, 1953. He is an ex-pupil of Mr. Wilson's.

S. R. Rowe (1940-47) gained his A.C.I.I. in March, 1952, and is now Resident Inspector in Limerick of the Union Assurance Society Limited.

P. H. Stewart (1937-47) has been appointed to the Colonial Engineering Service in Malaya and has left to take up his post.

E. A. Southam (1945-50) is at present on the staff of Barclay's Bank, London, and at the 1952 London Chamber of Commerce Examination was awarded a prize for Mathematics (Higher Stage).

D. M. Wilding (1936-44) is now an engineer in the office of the City Engineer, Port Elizabeth.

G. W. Williams (1936-43) has been elected Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College, Oxford.

[Old Boys are invited to send to the Editor items of news for inclusion in this section of THE ERASMIAN.]

Marriages

Dudley Akerlind (1943-47) to **Georgia Perrott**, June 3, 1953.

Frederick Allan Lynam Gardner (1930-37) to **Margaret Isabel McWhirter**, April 4, 1953.

Cecil Loftus Keegan (1927-36) to **Celia Patricia Tovee**, Nairobi, September 20, 1952.

John Arthur Kerr (1936-46) to **Abigail Nuzum**, April 15, 1953.

James Maguire (1937-41) to **Marjorie Robinson**, August 23, 1952.

John Benjamin Pielow (1936-39) to **Elizabeth Dorothy Skerrett**, July 2, 1952.

Thomas H. Spence (1943-46) to **Phyllis M. Cornell**, December 27, 1952.

Standish George Watson (1924-34) to **Joyce Dean Pemberton**, May 9, 1953.

Deaths

Arthur James Beatty (1908-13), February 7, 1953.

Henry Forshaw Day (1900-06), January 2, 1953.

William Geoffrey Hilliard (1934), May 8, 1953.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association meetings have been extremely well supported during the past season. We have had instructive talks by competent authorities, musical evenings and a whist drive. It now remains for the parents to meet the boys at cricket and tennis to conclude a most enjoyable and successful season.

A fuller report concerning the year's activities will be made in the December issue of THE ERASMIAN, but I should like to draw the attention of parents to the arrangements that have now been made with the School authorities in respect of subscriptions. It has been arranged, commencing with the Autumn Term, for the 5/- membership fees (per family) to be included with the School fees. The Accounts will bear a reference to this effect, and it is hoped that every parent will avail of this easy method of payment.

We would take this opportunity of welcoming new members to the Association, and for the benefit of "new parents," it should be explained that the Association was formed with the objects of promoting and furthering the welfare of the School and its pupils in every way possible, both while attending and when leaving the School, and of fostering social and other activities amongst the members. These meetings afford excellent opportunities for parents to meet one another and to discuss their children's problems.

The Association works in close co-operation with the Teaching Staff, who are especially welcome at all our functions, and amongst other activities a "Parents' Problems" evening is arranged at which the Headmaster and Teachers answer any questions.

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