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EDITORIAL

HAVING found that we were confronted with the task of compiling this Editorial, we immediately began to search our brain for an appropriate subject upon which to write. Refraining from such obvious temptations as "calling upon the Muses for inspiration" and "taking up the editorial quill," we find that there is still much that can be said. However, at this point we feel it necessary to maintain the tradition of our predecessors, and therefore write the following quotation from Milton's "Il Penseroso," which so well describes our feelings at the moment:

"Or let my lamp at midnight hour
Be seen in some high lonely tower,
Where I may oft out-watch the Bear."

We note with regret the outcome of the recent general election but refuse to commit ourselves further, having learned by the experience of one in a similar position. An Tóstal passed this year without anyone noticing it, and unfortunately there were no adventurous episodes to amuse us.

It seems fitting at this time that we should sympathise with all those taking examinations, especially those who see the examinations approaching with unhappy recollections of a misspent youth. It is indeed a sad plight, but one which all have to face at some time during their career.

In school itself some changes have taken place, including some innovations at prayers; but on these we remain uniformly silent. We have also noticed that the bath has been removed from Z room. For one form in particular this loss seems almost personal for reasons best known to it alone.

Without troubling the reader further, we beg him to pass on and amuse himself with the great literary works which this magazine contains.

Latest Railway Developments in Europe

In France the railways have made a great recovery since the war, when most of the lines, bridges, stations and rolling stock were

destroyed. Despite this the French engineers have built up a network of electric lines and further lines are still to be converted. The S.N.C.F. (French National Railways) operate fast modern electric locomotives on these lines. When these locomotives are pulling a train of up-to-date coaches they look very smart. This is part of the S.N.C.F.'s policy to change over from steam to electric traction for the most important lines. The S.N.C.F. have also a large number of railcars for the secondary lines.

Two of the French electric-hauled expresses are "Le Mistral" and the "Sud Express." "Le Mistral" is scheduled to run the 195 miles from Paris to Dijon in 152 minutes, at an average speed of 77 m.p.h. This train only caters for 1st and 2nd class passengers. It is usually hauled by a 2-D-2 electric locomotive of the "9100" class.

The "Sud Express" runs from Paris to the Spanish border. This train, between Paris and Bordeaux, makes the longest all-the-year-round non-stop run in the world, the distance being 361 miles. This express is also hauled by a 2-D-2 locomotive. But already the S.N.C.F. have produced a successor to this type of electric locomotive.

A French electric locomotive, No. CC-7121, won the world rail speed record on February 21 last by reaching the speed of 151 m.p.h. when on trial between Dijon and Beaune—a distance of 23 miles. As a result of this great record the S.N.C.F. may raise the French speed limit from 87 m.p.h. to 100 m.p.h. on certain sections of the railway.

Holland, too, has been the scene of great improvement in rail travel since the war. The Dutch National Railways (Nederlandsche Spoorwegen) are gradually replacing their steam locomotives with modern electric and diesel-electric locomotives. The electric locomotives are divided into two main types—there are two makes of the BO+BO type, and two of the CO+CO type. Much of this conversion has been carried out since the war. At present the line from Arnhem to Zwolle is being converted.

For shunting duties the Dutch Railways use small diesel-electric locomotives. Electric trains are used on the suburban lines and railcars

on branches. Most Dutch trains are very fast between the stations; that is why electric traction is used in this densely populated country.

These are just two examples of the great improvements carried out on the railways of France and Holland during the last six years. In addition, further express railcar services are to be introduced between Paris and other centres this summer.

G. N. EAMES (Form 5s).

"Lakeland Coronation Jamboree"

Last summer our Scout Troop was given the honour of representing Ireland at the Lakeland Coronation Jamboree on a site very kindly lent to us by Lord Brathay, who lives on Brathay Hall Estate, near the village of Ambleside on the shores of Lake Windermere. We went to Liverpool by boat and there we spent an enjoyable day eating ice-cream, going to the films, and riding on an escalator in a big store.

From Liverpool we went by train to Windermere Station, and we got a lift in a furniture van to the site. Here we pitched camp and went to bed. The next day all the other troops arrived of whom our best friends were some Lancashire and some German scouts. Then we were issued with our rations.

In Lake Windermere there was a small corner railed off where we were allowed to swim. We did much of this as the weather was almost too sunny for the whole fortnight. We were also allowed to go to Ambleside and hire rowing or motor boats and sail on the lake. Halfway through the first week we had a visitors' day and we gave a display in which the Wolf Cubs of Westmoreland made a wonderful Union Jack by kneeling down with different coloured pieces of material on their backs. The next day we went to the Troutbeck Sheepdog Trials. It was wonderful to see how the dogs drove the sheep round various obstacles and eventually into a sheep fold, always obeying signals given to them on a whistle by their masters.

On the next day we went on a pleasure cruise on Lake Windermere. The scenery was beautiful, with hills and mountains rising up on each side of the lake.

The day after that was the end of the week and the Jamboree came to an end, but we were very kindly allowed to remain on the site for another week. So we said goodbye to all our friends, sorry to see them go, but some of our Lancashire friends came back and visited us later.

On the last night before going home we experienced a Lake District thunderstorm. This is no ordinary thunderstorm, for the lightning flashes very brightly and the thunder echoes off all the mountains in the district and makes them sound as if they are going to burst. The thunder was so loud that it kept most of us awake all night.

The next day the furniture van called for us and we went back to Windermere Station very sorrowfully. From there we got the train to Liverpool and then returned to Dublin by boat.

B. HERMAN (Form 3A).

A Visit to Dublin in the Year 2010

I walked eagerly up old Grafton Street looking at the interesting old ruins which once formed one of Dublin's main thoroughfares. Halfway up Grafton Street is that historic relic, a complete Woolworth shop front which, I am happy to inform, is now being looked after by the ISPASF (Irish Society for the Preservation of Ancient Shop Fronts). I was really making a pilgrimage to my old school, the High School, not the new buildings but the old ruins in Harcourt Street.

After walking round the ruins I was surprised to find a weird character with a long white beard (beards having come into fashion again) standing amidst the rubble. He seemed overjoyed to see me and pointed his stick to some rubble and said in a quavering voice: "There is what remains of the clockroom. I remember what torment I suffered here every morning, waiting for lessons to begin and worrying about them. We really had to work in those days and if we did not we were (sometimes?) punished." I thought of the sensible, enlightened system we have now whereby a child attaining the age of two years is automatically given an Inter. Cert., and also the

masters are punished if the form is found to be ignorant; but there have been some letters in the papers recently about cruelty to schoolmasters and there are also other signs that this schoolboys' Utopia is about to die out.

"I will always remember the weekly Rugby practices," the old man said, "turning out on cold, muddy pitches in mid-winter." I compared this also to the present-day system whereby each boy has a jet aeroplane and a race is held round the British Isles every week. On Sports Days a race round Europe is held. Recently this was very much in world news: it so happened that some of the planes, having lost their way, flew over the Kremlin, and their acrobatics so frightened the Russians (or so the legend goes) that they immediately gave up planning to make war again and called another peace conference.

After this Ireland was immediately admitted to all the world organisations and it was decided that Emmet's epitaph could at last be written. The old man, about to go, suddenly stopped and said: "But most of all I remember the masters; one could ask them almost anything and they would know it; but now . . ." He wrinkled up his nose, and I had to agree that there never would be such masters again as there were in those far-off days.

S. J. D. BROOKS (Form 3A).

A Visit to Gibraltar

Last March my family and I left for Gibraltar from Liverpool. Our ship was called the R.M.S. Cilicia, which was going out to India. There was a swell for two out of the three-and-a-half days during which the boat took us to the fortress colony. We arrived in the early morning and went ashore on a tender. When we had settled down in the hotel we looked at the shops and then went to the harbour to see the fleet, which was in. H.M.S. Vanguard, H.M.S. Eagle, two other carriers, many cruisers, destroyers and submarines were there. I was lucky enough to go over H.M.S. Eagle. It was very interesting. They have jets, helicopters and ordinary piston-engined aircraft on board.

Our original plan was to stay a few days in Gibraltar and then go into Spain; however, we drove up to Malaga and, not liking this

place very much, decided to remain on "the Rock." Gibraltar is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and from 1 to half a mile wide. The population is roughly 25,000 and 13,000 come from La Linea, a Spanish border town, to work each day as they are paid much better in Gibraltar. Most people speak both English and Spanish. All the classes in the schools are conducted in English. When we were on the Rock we visited the waterworks and St. Michael's Cave. Gibraltar's water supply is obtained by catching rainwater by means of "catchments." The water is brought by drains to the reservoirs inside the Rock. There are ten such reservoirs, which have a total capacity of 14 million gallons.

When we visited St. Michael's Cave it was illuminated for the Queen's benefit. In the cave there is the entrance to the tunnel through which the Rock apes are supposed to have come from Africa. This tunnel has not been explored very far because it becomes too narrow; however, it does go in the direction of Africa.

We went for a day-trip to Tangier in North Africa. We flew over in a Viking and it took us 25 minutes. Tangier is very clean; we had expected it to be dirty. A guide showed us around. We saw the markets, visited the Sultan's palace, and spent the afternoon on the very large beach till it was time to go back to the aerodrome.

We saw a bull-fight in Spain one afternoon. It was rather cruel but was very exciting.

We timed our leaving till after the Queen's visit. Every road was a mass of flags and decorations. The presents to be given to the Queen and the Duke and the children were on display. The Queen received a brooch, the Duke a silver flask, Princess Ann a doll's house, and Prince Charles a model of the Rock. This had electric trains running through-out the whole model.

The great day arrived when the Royal yacht Britannia came into the harbour. I was up early, and after waiting some time where the Queen was to cut some tape to open a road she arrived and, amid cheers, opened the new road. Then she and the Duke passed by in an open Humber, with soldiers on motorcycles as escort. During the day we went to different places where the Queen would pass, and because there are few people on the Rock

it was not hard to get a good position. The Royal children had no official engagements, but my eldest sister and I were lucky enough to see them pass by in a car.

At 1 p.m. the next day the Royal yacht left, and we also left a few days later, but we flew home on a Viscount aircraft. After such an enjoyable seven weeks our holiday had come to an end.

E. M. BROWETT (Form 3A).

Numismatics

My hobby is numismatics, in other words, coin collecting. I am interested in most aspects of this intriguing occupation. I like acquiring current issues of this country, but the "Garda Síochána" often intervene—much to my annoyance. My collection contains some pieces which were current at the time of the expulsion of the Lacedæmonians from Thebes. This is almost as ancient as those wheezy old Bray line C.I.E. engines; no wonder Socrates poisoned himself. It is quite a handsome piece of silver, this Corinth Silver Stater (B.C. 350–400.)

Nowadays some Continental countries, particularly "La France," are turning out shocking stuff made of some very light alloy. This causes phenomenal inflation. James II, when in Ireland, had to pay his troops in money made from brass gunbarrel, the so-called "brass gun-money." He was in such a state (mentally, Ireland's not that bad) that he got the half-crowns re-struck as crowns.

Caesar Augustus' mother was an old tartar; she issued her own coinage. By the hairstyle I think she used Toni—maybe the expensive perm. This type was probably handled by the disciples.

Twopenny bits are not issued now, except in Maundy sets (distributed to the poor on Maundy Thursday from Westminster Abbey). These consist of small silver 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d. In 1797 George III issued a huge 2d., nicknamed "cartwheel." There are two in the Museum; Britannia faces the opposite direction. I am very thankful to Warren for the excellent specimen he gave me. Imagine half-a-dozen of these being given to a man on

Friday evening and he going around to the local! I have several small silver 1d., 1½d., etc., one which I nearly gave up for lost in the Clockroom until Adams found it for me. It's a William and Mary Maundy 2d. (1694). The train has now reached Harcourt Street so I'll have to stop.

J. R. W. DICK (Form 3A).

New Scotland Yard

Scotland Yard was a palace in a road off Whitehall; it was here in medieval times that the kings of Scotland lodged when in London. The London Metropolitan Police took it over in 1829; but as the police force grew Scotland Yard became too small, so the Metropolitan Police and the Criminal Investigation Department moved to New Scotland Yard on the Embankment in 1890.

One Christmas when I was in London my father, brother and I took a bus to Whitehall, walked down to the Embankment and went through a swing door at the side of New Scotland Yard. We arrived in a hall with a rubber tiled floor. There was a sergeant at a desk on the left-hand side of a long corridor. My father was given a form to fill in; the answers were then phoned up to my father's friend. A few moments later a constable arrived in a lift and asked us to come upstairs. We went up in the lift and went into an office. The office was the same as any business office. We shook hands with my father's friend and left our coats in his office. He then brought us downstairs to the basement.

When we went into the basement we saw a large room with two tall windows below the level of the pavement. The room was oblong and from the side opposite the windows there was a policeman at the right-end of the room at a desk with a microphone and loud-speaker; he controlled the police cars. In the middle of the room were four large maps under glass on tables. These maps covered the whole of the Metropolitan Police area and on them were counters, each representing a police car or patrol boat; each counter could have a ring put on it; these rings were different colours, the meanings were: out of action (through wireless breakdown, etc.), following up discoveries, and on special mission, etc.

Behind and on the left of the tables were several policemen with earphones and microphones which plugged into the desk; these men received the "999" calls. As each call comes in it is written down in a book and a patrol car is allotted to investigate the message. These men also receive burglar alarms; in some cases the alarm sets off a record which plays the address of the house along a telephone line to New Scotland Yard for three minutes.

In a corner of the room were two special machines which when a tape with holes punched on it was placed stretching between two wheels, a message was typed out at great speed. These two machines are used to type police descriptions and other information.

We left the Information Room and went into a small room beside it in which were the air-raid siren controls which were used in the last war. An electrician was at work making what is now the radio-telephone for motor patrol bicycles. They are controlled in the same way as the patrol cars, but the policemen have a receiver like an ordinary telephone receiver. In another room was the switchboard for "Whitehall 1212" calls. This switchboard deals with about 1,000 extensions.

We were then brought to the fingerprint department where we were shown fingerprint photos enlarged to about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Fingerprints are not identified individually by the loop and whorls formed by the general direction of the lines on the fingers; the loops and whorls give the group a person's fingerprints belong to; but the individual prints are identified by the islands and forks the lines form. If fourteen points are alike on two sets of prints or two prints of one finger, a court will take this as evidence that the two prints belong to the same man.

The next thing we saw was a forger's camera and printing outfit which was taken when a forger was arrested some years ago and is now used for police photographs. We were very lucky to meet Superintendent Cherrill, the fingerprint expert; he told us how he had got fingerprints from a murdered man whose fingertips had been burnt, and how he had been able to tell from a police woman's prints that she had some disease. Superintendent Cherrill has now retired. We were also shown that bicycle numbers and other signs

stamped in metal cannot be removed by filing unless the whole piece of metal is filed away. The reason for this is that when the sign is stamped on the metal it affects not only the surface but all the metal directly under the point of contact, and when a special acid is poured on the metal the sign appears again.

We were brought back to the office we had started from and, having collected our coats, said good-bye and went down to the entrance hall in the lift. We now know that the London policeman is not an individual, but a man backed by hundreds of other men and the most modern methods of science. This is the result of a three-hour visit and is only a fraction of what there is to be seen and learnt in New Scotland Yard.

M. R. H. TAYLOR (Form 3A).

Seasons

A joy to all, Spring comes each year,
To bring to Mankind hope and cheer;
To raise our hopes with bright fresh flowers,
To refresh Nature with cool showers.

Upon the death of Spring the Summer starts;
It makes the land a joy for cheerful hearts,
To river, field and hill and wood
It gives its beauty and its good.

Then for a while the Autumn comes to stay,
A sign that Winter's on its way;
Then from the trees the leaves do stray,
And by much toil all crops are stored away.

And now the Winter comes with harshness,
And spoils with bitter cold the country's
sweetness;

But, alas! it has its charm to show,
Covering the land with white crisp snow.

N. S. BUTLER (Form 3A).

Lough Dan

There's a lake in County Wicklow
Ringed about with hills and pine,
In whose rocky waters troutlings
Tempt the angler's rod and line.

There are teal among the marshlands,
And if you watch close by
You can see them silhouetted
Against the evening sky.

C. N. WATSON (Form 3A).

My Flight in a Viscount

On April 25th at Northolt Aerodrome in London I was very excited and the reason was that I was going to Dublin on a Viscount. My auntie and uncle with whom I had been stopping were there to see me off. At 5.20 a loudspeaker came on and told all the passengers to follow the green light. I was one of the first people to go out on to the runway and first to board the plane. The hostess took my boarding card and asked me which seat I would like best. I said the back. In the plane I saw a football star of Charlton Ath. The man sitting next to me was a fruit-farmer. The day I had picked to come home was a very hot day and I had to use the air-cooler above me to cool myself. In the middle of the flight the pilot switched on his microphone and said that we were now flying at 310 miles per hour and flying at 14,000 feet. We were now crossing the Irish sea and I could see big liners, small fishing boats and all small boats of that kind. In the Viscount I thought that we were moving at about 10 miles an hour, but when I looked at our shadow I found that we were moving extremely fast. We were now circling the aerodrome and came in to land. In the Customs office I was told that I had

nothing to pay. When I arrived in the hall I found my mother and father had not arrived to pick me up. They arrived half an hour earlier expecting me to arrive at 7.30. I hope I can have another flight in the Viscount soon.

J. McKAY (Form 3A).

Adventure of A Cat

Christopher asked, "Do dogs eat cats?"
 Alice wonders whether cats eat bats;
 And Philida knows the answer.
 Like some warlike British lancer
 She rushed through the gates, and attacked
 A large dog: with her claws she hacked
 Away his soft and downy coat.
 Ere long the battle changed its note;
 My mother saw her kicked sky-high,
 She did not say she saw her fly.
 Many times in the air she went
 Till the dog's owner's breath was spent,
 And proudly up the drive she came,
 That beautiful black cat of fame,
 For long she purred with gleaming eyes.
 Now engine drivers, Russian spies,
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K. A. H. MILLS (Form 3A).

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A Visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral

Forms 1B and 1C were taken on a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral on 24th November, 1953. After the service we were shown around the cathedral by Rev. L'Estrange. The cathedral is cruciform, consisting of nave, transepts, choir, and lady chapel. We started at the baptistry, where the arches are supposed to date from the fourteenth century. Then we came to the monuments of Mrs. Hester Johnston, better known as Stella, and Dean Jonathan Swift, who wrote his own epitaph. A few feet away from these is a long list of Deans from Archbishop Comyn in 1190. After that we came to two brass plates on the wall; they are very valuable and have some other sort of metal impressed on them. In the south transept there is a monument to Dean Swift's servant, which he had erected himself. Also in the south transept there is a monument to Archbishop Marsh, who founded the first public library, which is beside the cathedral. Near by there are some beautiful stained glass windows, illustrating scenes from the bible and scenes from St. Patrick's life.

Then we came to the lady chapel, which was restored by Dean Pakenham. A victorious king came there to worship after a battle; the chair he sat on is still kept there. In the lady chapel there is a baby organ, which is now used for pupils to practise on. Then we came down the north choir aisle, which is sometimes used for short services or meetings. After that we came to the choir and chancel. The choir stalls were used by the knights of the Order of St. Patrick, and their flags still hang over their places. Beside the choir in a corner is the pulpit that was used by Dean Swift; it is wooden and has some carvings on it.

Last of all we came to a rock with the Celtic cross carved on it. Just then we were told we could have a look at the thickness of the walls, and through a window in the steeple we saw that they were of great thickness: about four to six feet thick. Then it was time to leave and we all went back to school after a very interesting morning.

D. BRYANS (Form 3B).

The Fire

Last Saturday afternoon my chief attention was up at one of the farms near us. A big barn caught fire with nearly six tons of bales

of straw in it. We first heard of it when the farmer's wife came screaming down the road to ask us if we would ring up the Fire Brigade. She thought her small son was in the straw and that was why she was in such a panic state. Next I heard the clang of the Fire Brigade bell. It came rushing past at a great speed and went up to the farm. I ran up there and saw the Fire Brigade out in the next field. They had a pump at the back of it and they unhitched it. The men then put a long hose attached to the pump that went down to the barn. There was a much smaller hose that was attached to the pump as well. This hose went into a trough near by which sucked up the water and then went into the pump and down along the long hose. The Guards soon came up when they heard of it. The blaze was quite big and the barn got very hot. Most of the straw was lost and only a few bales were unburnt. The last I saw of the fire was when it was just smouldering. Still, it was very exciting while it lasted.

R. E. GROOCK (Form J4).

Tragedy

One day Miss Williams said that she
Would bring our class to Killakee,
The meeting-place and time was set,
But I the bus thought best to get
As it came round near Rathdown Park.
But all my world turned drear and dark:
To my confusion and dismay
It passed me, loaded, on its way.

A. G. POPE (Form J6, age 10½).

A Schoolboy's Song

Yo-ho! a lusty schoolboy am I!
All the seven teachers I defy,
And in many a detention I have been,
For in trouble I never miss the scene.

Yo-ho! a lusty schoolboy am I!
I love to hear the teachers cry—
"Sit still, boys, and prove to me
That A and B will equal C!"

Yo-ho! a lusty schoolboy am I!
As I sit in my desk already to spy
The clock in the hall as it reaches three;
Away with dull books, and to cricket I flee!

J. E. BARDON (Form 1A).



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

WE record with regret the death of a distinguished Old Boy, Mr. Rupert Jeffares, and of a former member of the Staff, Mr. H. L. Doak.

We welcome back to the Staff Mr. Duke, who resumed teaching after the Easter Holidays, and say farewell to Mr. Ian Keegan, who was deputising for Mr. Duke. We also welcome Miss McClure, who comes to the Junior School in place of Mrs. Evans.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Keegan on the birth of a daughter (February 24, 1954), and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner on the birth of a son (April 27, 1954).

During the Easter Term boys from various classes attended matins at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the last Tuesday of each month. Introductory talks were given in the School by the Rev. Guy L'Estrange, M.A.

About 170 boys were tested under the Dublin Corporation's B.C.G. and Mass Radiography Scheme.

Mr. Lowry and Mr. Kendall brought boys from six forms to see the film "Julius Caesar."

An orchestral concert given in the Phoenix Hall by the Radio Eireann Orchestra under the auspices of Ceol-Chumann na nOg was attended by some 90 boys.

In March two lectures on "Masterpieces of Art" were given to the senior boys by Miss Ruth Dromgoole, B.A. The lectures were illustrated by lantern slides and followed by discussions.

The School Choir was awarded 91% in the annual examination by the Department.

During the term talks were given by the Rev. Harding Wood (Y.P.C.), the Rev. E. M. Neill (Bible Union), and Miss Sloan (League of Pity).

Eighteen senior boys accompanied by Mr. Gardner visited Messrs. W. and H. M. Goulding's sulphuric acid plant and fertiliser works at Alexandra Road during the Easter Holidays. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Parkes for arranging the visit and to the laboratory staff who acted as conductors.

The annual Christmas party for the Senior School was held on Friday, 18th December. Boys and their partners to the number of 120 made the welkin, and the Clockroom, ring. We wish to record our appreciation of the splendid catering by the ladies' committee and the Parents' Association, and to thank those members of the Staff who helped with the organisation.

With the kind permission of Dr. Reynolds and the co-operation of Mr. Dillon the Fifth Form (5s+5) held their annual dance in the Clockroom on Friday, 8th January. There was a large attendance of Old and Present Boys and it was very successful, both socially and financially.

Mrs. S. S. Evans, who resigned from the Staff of the Junior School at Christmas, returned to take several weeks of temporary duty during the illness of members of the Staff. The School is greatly indebted to her for her generous help.

Boys from classes in the Junior School paid visits to the "Independent" newspaper office, the Lucan Woollen Mills, the Botany Mills, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Natural History Museum, the Botanic Gardens, Killakee Demesne, and Stepside.

A number of senior boys are receiving free golf tuition from the professional attending the Grange Golf Club. These lessons are being given in co-operation with the Golf Foundation Ltd., an organisation set up by the English Golfing Union to interest young people in the game and thereby improve the standard. A very heartening interest has been shown and it is hoped that the experiment will prove successful.

A demonstration of classwork in Physical Education was held in the Clockroom in May. After a very able display of exercises and games by the boys under the supervision of Mr. Myles, Mr. E. M. Stephens, B.L., Governor of the School, addressed the parents.

J6 have produced a Nature Magazine, consisting of poems, articles, photos, etc., on a visit to Killakee Estate.

The Prefects for 1953-54 are: G. A. Watt, C. B. Warren, R. H. Haskins, R. A. Skerrett, T. W. R. Meates, J. T. Killen, D. J. Fitzpatrick, R. M. Galloway, D. J. G. Irwin.

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We Congratulate:—

T. W. R. Meates on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

H. G. Brady on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' XI against the Leprechauns, and against Clontarf Cricket Club; also on scoring a century in the Senior Cup match against Mountjoy School.

N. D. P. Kilroy on scoring a century in the Junior Cup match against Mountjoy School.

J. T. Killen on winning the Silver Medal for Greek Testament in the Synod Examination, 1954. This is the fifth successive year that a High School boy has won the Silver Medal.

The following boys on fine performances in the Triangular Athletics Contest with King's Hospital School and St. Andrew's College: G. L. Beatty, winner of Junior 100 yards, 220 yards, high jump, long jump; T. H. Barnwell, winner of Senior 100 yards, 220 yards and equal first 440 yards; R. A. Skerrett, winner of Senior high jump, Senior shot; H. E. Killeen, winner of Intermediate 100 yards and 220 yards.

J. G. Fish on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for Rugby.

Boys who have left since December, 1953

R. Y. Newport. Messrs. Brown and Co., millers.

J. S. Dawson. To take up music as a career.

J. F. Buttimore. R.C.B.

A. W. Hood. Sun Insurance Co.

J. K. Bailey. Father's business.

H. C. M. Lundy. Royal Bank.

W. W. A. Bornemann. Messrs. Tuck.

J. H. Topping. Insurance.

C. D. Seymour. Articled clerk, accountancy.

D. G. P. Abbott. Savings Bank.

K. H. Sherwood. Insurance.

G. I. Elder. Head Line.

K. McGurdy. Insurance.

D. P. Smyllie. Messrs. Brittain.

E. R. Crampton. Messrs. Parkes (Coombe).

D. P. Taylor. Lincoln and Nolan.

F. W. Kaye. Messrs. Dockrell.

Lending Library

We are grateful for the following gifts to the library: More than 20 boys' books presented by Mr. H. Montgomery; a number of books from the library of the late Mr. H. J. Johnston; a number of books on Rugby Football presented by Mr. S. W. Meyer, President of the O.B.U.; a fine illustrated volume on carpets from Mr. T. C. McKay; The Listener's Book on Harmony, and Music and Character from Mr. A. S. Burrowes.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: "C.A.I."; The Columbian; The Dalriad; Masonic School Magazine; Mountjoy School Magazine; Orange and Black (Washington High School, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, U.S.A.); Portora; 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—A. M. Gann.

Assistant Editor—J. D. R. Oakes.

Sports Editor—J. T. Paul.

Erasmian Prizes

Only one prize was awarded for contributions to the December issue, to E. H. Winter (4A).

Parents' Association

Our Association (with a membership at present of 170) meets periodically during the year to discuss matters of common interest for the welfare of the boys and the School.

All Parents may join the Association by paying a subscription of 5/- per annum, which, for convenience, may be included with the payment of the School Fees.

If you have not yet joined the Association and would like to hear more about our activities, then please come along to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, the 6th of October next, at 7.45 p.m.

R. G. A. PRICE (Hon. Sec.).

Henry IV, Part I.

On May 8th the Osiris Repertory Company under the directorship of Miss Nancy Hewins, M.A., visited the School and gave a performance of Henry IV, Part I, to the Senior School, classes 2B-5S.

The completely feminine cast presented an abbreviated version of the play, which, I am sure, was a great help to Forms 4A and 4B who are reading the play for the Intermediate. The play was well acted although the speeches were sometimes hard to make out on account of the accents, but an impressive point was that they could play every scene with the same scenery and "props," slightly adjusted in each case.

Special thanks are due to Mr. Wilson and his assistants who for the one performance erected and fitted the stage with their usual skill.

B. E. W. D.

School Concert

2nd-3rd March, 1954

The third of the new series of School Concerts was held in the Clockroom last March. Again, it was very successful and the hall was filled on both evenings. A noteworthy item of the programme was "Jack and Jill" composed and written by Joseph Grocock. Special thanks are due to Mr. W. S. Kelly, an Old Boy, who helped in its production, and also to Mr. Grocock, who gave valuable assistance to the producers.

PROGRAMME

VIOLIN SOLO. J. D. Reynolds, Bourrée and Minuet (Hasse—18th Century).

"THIOS SEAL, THUAS SEAL." Produced by Mr. J. R. W. Goulden. Scene 1: Dawn at the base camp on Carrantuohill, just before the successful attempt. Scene 2: The Court of Queen Maeve at Cruachan, Co. Roscommon; later the same day. Anachronisms by D. Ivers-fellowes, Historical Research and Prologue by Ernest Type. Abominable Smogmen: D. J. Irwin and R. L. Schlesinger. Hillaire, Fear Bolg, Leader (Mountaineers): B. E. W. Dowse, R. H. Haskins, M. A. Heatley. Paper-boy: R. R. O'Moore. Announcer: J. T. Killen. Drummer: A. P. Burgess. Queen Maeve: R. A. Skerrett, Aillil (her husband): N. C. C. Bain. Their Children: C. M. P. Keegan and B. J. Phillips. Attendant: C. G. Hyland. Hurlers (victorious): T. H. Barnwell and J. R. Keogh. Professor: R. L. Berman. Senator: G. H. Bleakley.

PIANO SOLO. J. S. Dawson, Gigue in B flat, from 1st Partita (Bach). Sonata in C (opus 2), first movement (Beethoven).

THE SCHOOL CHOIR. 'Tis pretty to be in Ballinderry (arr. Moffatt). Bablock-Hythe (Sumsion). Joseph and the Angel (Traditional). Away in a manger (Traditional). With a voice of singing (Martin Shaw).

VIOLIN AND PIANO. E. H. Winter and J. S. Dawson. Minuet from Divertimento (Mozart). Hungarian Dance, No. 6 (Brahms).

"LES TROIS PETITS COCHONS." Produced by Mr. G. W. Keegan, Le Loup: S. H. Heaney, Les Trois Cochons—Blanchet: E. M. Browett; Rouget: K. A. H. Mills; Noiret: W. R. Winder.

PIANO DUET. J. S. Dawson and A. M. Gann. Sonata in D (K.381), first movement (Mozart). Dancing on the Green (Sartorio).

"JACK AND JILL." Script and music by Joseph Grocock. Produced by Mr. A. S. Burrowes and Mr. W. S. Kelly. Scene 1: The Widow Hankey's laundry. Scene 2: The wood on the hill. Scene 3: The Witch's cavern. Mrs. Hankey: N. D. Simpson. Jack and Jill: C. F. L. Smith and D. J. Challen. Witch: D. W. G. McClatchie. Police Sergeant: N. Lambert. Washerwomen, etc.: M. C. Taylor, B. B. Killen, J. D. Reynolds, P. W. Pappin, D. J. H. Bryans, L. N. H. Coombs, M. D. Davenport, I. B. Erskine, I. A. Fox, T. W. Keatinge, C. W. D. Peare, M. W. Taylor. Policemen: J. E. Bardon, M. A. Byrne, D. H. Carter, R. S. Darby, T. O. Driver, N. T. McDougald, R. S. Medcalf.

A MODERN SERMON. N. C. J. Pope.

PIANO SOLO. A. K. Dungan. Theme and Variation (Arne).

"X=O: A NIGHT OF THE TROJAN WAR," by John Drinkwater. Produced by the Headmaster. Scenes 1 and 3: A Greek tent. Scenes 2 and 4: On the walls of Troy. Two Greeks—Pronax: J. S. Dawson; Salvius: D. R. Moody. Two Trojans—Illus: A. M. Gann; Capys: J. T. Paul. Sentinel and Servant: J. H. Archer and J. F. Buttimore.

Stage Manager—Mr. W. R. Wilson.

Choir Master—Mr. A. S. Burrowes.

Organisers—Mr. C. L. Dillon and Mr. P. J. O'Kane. **Wardrobes—**Mrs. R. W. Reynolds, Mrs. W. N. Gill, and Mrs. M. A. Handy.

Electricians—Mr. R. M. Mahon and Mr. N. E. Beresford.

Make-up—Mrs. R. T. Gibson.

Stage Assistants—B. W. Moffett and P. M. Cobbe.

The High School Musical Society

The second series started on January 19th, 1954, when H.S.M.S. members heard a programme of varied music. On the following Tuesday the Society was very fortunate to have Mr. T. H. F. Bayly as guest speaker. The main work heard was Prokofieff's "Peter and the Wolf" (recorded by Frank Phillips, with the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Nicolai Malko). Two meetings were held during the Easter holidays at Mr. Bayly's private house. Once more the programme was

very enjoyable. We would like to thank Mr. Bayly for providing these three musical evenings.

"The Carnival of the Animals" was part of a programme presented by D. R. Moody (President). The younger boys were particularly interested in this evening. Of interest to the older boys was a talk given by J. S. Dawson (Past President) entitled "Why Music?" on February 17th. This was J. S. Dawson's final talk in the second series. We look forward to welcoming him back as a guest speaker for future series.

We should like to thank all those who have helped the society in a variety of ways for making our first and second series a great success.

Boys of the School are asked to remember that the High School Musical Society is open to anyone in the Senior School. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, the High School Musical Society.

J. F. T.

Examination Results

EXAMINATION IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1954

Greek Testament

Silver Medal—J. T. Killen.

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

Pass—G. N. Eames, K. A. H. Mills, C. G. Hyland.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes (2nd Class)—J. E. Bardon, C. P. Williams, J. D. Reynolds. **(3rd Class)—**D. J. Challen, P. W. Pappin.

Pass—E. E. Kerr, T. O. Driver, G. A. Aitken, W. B. Lyster, N. Lambert, P. R. S. Kelly, D. D. McNeight, R. B. G. Boyce, C. E. Dick, M. D. Davenport, B. C. Johnson, A. C. Dance, A. H. Gill, C. W. D. Peare, M. W. Taylor, D. W. Rowell, I. A. McKay, W. A. Fisher, D. J. C. Johnston, A. MacBride, S. D. T. Cobbe, J. H. Hartley, P. M. Grantham, C. Hemptall, A. Ingram, R. J. Talbot, R. E. Talbot, D. S. Pickett, G. B. Rae, T. W. Keatinge, J. W. Mitchell, D. A. McCullagh, V. G. Watson, D. W. Goodey, A. P. Burgess, D. M. Fleming, L. N. Coombs, D. M. Drought, I. B. Erskine.

Second Year

Prizes (1st Class)—M. A. Byrne, G. C. S. Linney, R. S. Darby, R. S. F. Murphy, A. C. Newell, D. A. A. Fleetwood, D. J. Maynard, G. A. W. Fitch, B. Wisdom. **(2nd Class)—**M. C. Taylor, A. W. Burgess, D. H. Carter, D. B. Hammond, R. C. Graves, C. F. L. Smith. **(3rd Class)—**R. A. Buttimore, S. C. Quick, K. A. Gregory, R. P. Carroll.

Pass—W. E. Brown, T. Haskins, I. D. Doak, R. G. Jackson, R. R. O'Moore, I. A. Fox, J. D. Ridgeway, W. R. Lew, G. L. Beatty, W. Higgins, S. H. Joule,

T. A. G. Pedlow, D. H. Fenton, E. A. G. Hill, V. W. Rothwell, B. H. Welsh, R. T. Woodburn, P. E. C. Dormer, T. R. Shepherd, A. L. Brown, G. W. Davidson.

Scripture only—R. T. Murray, 60/80; D. A. Burgess, 41/80; F. J. O'Neill, 33/80.

Third Year

Prizes (1st Class)—N. S. Butler, J. R. W. Dick. (2nd Class)—C. E. Harvey, J. D. F. McKee. (3rd Class)—J. D. Wilkinson.

Pass—R. W. G. Hall, M. R. H. Taylor, E. R. Cramp-ton, L. J. Hudson, D. W. Taylor, J. A. Gill, C. J. Mathews, D. W. Williams, H. R. D'Arcy, M. F. McDonough, D. Dagg, D. S. Pedlow, N. S. Fox, C. N. Watson, E. C. Tutty, J. H. East, T. G. Hamilton, R. E. Fleming, D. C. Semple, M. R. Cathcart, P. L. Stafford, J. R. Harvey, K. A. A. Dobson, W. F. Smith.

Scripture only—J. M. Montgomery, 30½/70.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Year Pass—I. McAvoy, N. Mitchell, G. E. Blundell, Ian McNab.

Second Year: Prizes (1st Class)—D. G. Fish. (3rd Class)—Ian Hunter.

Pass—B. Dawson, P. Cobbe, J. Deering, G. Park.

METHODIST CHURCH

First Year (2nd Class Prize)—D. Bryans. Pass—K. T. Leavy.

Second Year (3rd Class Prize)—G. Flood. Pass—G. Parry, G. Dowse.

Third Year: Pass—D. Sweetman, N. A. Adam.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

First Class—A. C. Newell, I. D. Doak, D. J. Challen.

Second Class—J. F. O'Neill, J. E. Bardon, P. W. Pappin.

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Degrees

B.A.—W. D. Forsyth, R. Shapiro, T. W. Williams.

B.A.I.—W. D. Forsyth.

LL.B.—J. D. Erdberg.

Term Honor Examinations

A. P. R. Brook (J.S.)—Mathematics (2nd Rank).

A. W. M. Cooper (J.S.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).

M. S. Burton (J.S.)—Experimental Science (3rd Rank).

G. Clarke (S.F.)—Mathematics (2nd Rank).

B. M. McCracken (S.F.)—Legal Science (3rd Rank).

C. C. Walker (J.F.)—Mathematics (1st of 1st Rank); Experimental Science (3rd Rank).

J. W. Dowse (J.F.)—Classics (3rd Rank).
N. H. K. Armstrong (J.F.)—Experimental Science (3rd Rank).

J. R. Hautz (J.F.)—Economics (1st of 1st Rank).

School of Physic

Final Medical—Jurisprudence and Hygiene—R. D. Williams, A. H. Erdberg.

School of Law

Constitutional Law—G. A. Henderson.

School of Engineering

Degree Prizes: Alexander Prize—G. H. M. Payne (half prize); David Clarke Prize in Civil Engineering—G. H. M. Payne (half prize); Edge Prize for Geology—G. H. M. Payne.

Junior Year—W. M. Gregory.

Other Examinations

Society of Incorporated Accountants in Ireland Intermediate Examination—J. Love.

Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants, London. Intermediate—A. W. B. Burgess.

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CLUB OFFICERS:

RUGBY (1953-54)

Capt.: D. J. FitzPatrick.
Vice-Capt.: R. M. Galloway.
Hon. Sec.: J. T. Paul.

TABLE TENNIS (1953-54)

Capt.: J. P. Williams.
Vice-Capt.: T. W. R. Meates.
Hon. Sec.: R. L. Berman.

CRICKET (1954)

Capt.: H. G. Brady.
Vice-Capt.: J. P. Williams.
Hon. Sec.: J. T. Paul.

TENNIS (1954)

Capt.: J. D. R. Oakes.
Vice-Capt.: K. W. Prescott.
Hon. Sec.: N. D. Knowles.

ATHLETICS (1954)

Capt.: J. G. Fish.

Vice-Capt.: T. H. Barnwell.

BOXING (1953-54)

Capt.: M. S. Haskins.
Vice-Capt.: N. Adam.
Hon. Sec.: E. R. Crampton.

SWIMMING (1953-54)

Capt.: J. K. Bailey.
Vice-Capt.: M. J. Burrows.
Hon. Sec.: D. C. Marks.



S.C.T. (1953-54)

Standing—R. H. Haskins, J. T. Paul, D. J. G. Irwin, T. H. Barnwell, Mr. Lowry, S. Seager, H. E. Killeen, J. T. Killen, H. C. M. Lundy.

Sitting—Mr. Cornish, W. W. A. Bornemann, R. M. Galloway, D. J. FitzPatrick (captain), T. W. R. Meates, R. A. Q. Skerrett, Dr. Reynolds.

On Ground—M. S. Haskins, K. W. Prescott.

Rugby 1953-54

The rugby season 1953-54 continued the upward trend in High School rugby, and it was marked by the enthusiasm of all who played. In recent years we have had many good Junior teams, but the strength of the Senior teams is marred by the fact that boys

leave early, which not only detracts from their general education but leaves the School without the slightest chance of ever having a Cup-winning S.C.T.

A light and young S.C.T. played two spirited and exciting matches with Wesley College in the first round of the Senior Cup, before being beaten by a penalty goal in the

replay. The team played away in Larne and Bangor during the season and had the pleasure of playing both these schools at home. The home match with Bangor was noteworthy for the fine rugby played by our team, and they won a match which was the best played by a School Senior team for many years. The 2nd Senior XV had a full and enthusiastic season, although they were not very often victorious.

This season's J.C.T. was a very efficient team, although it was rather light, but had the misfortune to play its first round Cup match v. King's Hospital in appalling conditions. I need only quote the "Irish Times" Rugby Correspondent: "That these two well-matched junior sides should have been required to sacrifice all their work and enthusiasm on a day of such intemperate savagery was almost tragic. They did their best—and it was a very good best—but in such conditions the fortunes of war must lie with the heavier side." Unfortunately King's Hospital were the heavier side and they rightly used their weight to win the match, if match it can be called, by three tries to one try.

The "Under 14," "Under 13" and "Under 12" teams played enthusiastically, and the Junior School rugby progressed with the usual zeal.

We congratulate our captain, D. J. FitzPatrick on being selected as a substitute for the Leinster Schols' XV. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking those parents who accommodated the Larne Grammar School XV on their visit, and also Old Wesley Rugby Football Club for the use of their Milltown ground during the season.

Awards

Bell Cap—D. J. FitzPatrick.

School Caps—R. Meates, W. W. A. Bornemann.

Colours—R. M. Galloway, T. W. R. Meates, R. A. Q. Skerrett, D. J. FitzPatrick, J. T. Paul, W. W. A. Bornemann, S. Seager, J. R. Keogh, K. W. Prescott, M. S. Haskins, J. T. Killen, H. E. Killeen, R. H. Haskins, D. J. Irwin, H. M. C. Lundy.

Cricket 1954

The 1954 season is now well under way after a slow start caused by dry weather and the condition of Belgrave Square after the

rugby season. In spite of these and other difficulties our Cup teams acquitted themselves most creditably. It is to be hoped that facilities for practice will be improved in the near future.

The S.C.T., under the very able captaincy of H. Brady, reached the second round of the Senior Cup, when they were defeated by King's Hospital. They defeated Mountjoy in the first round when Brady made an impressive century. J. P. Williams had an excellent innings in the second round match to return the highest score in this game.

The J.C.T. also reached the second round of their Cup. They beat Mountjoy in the first round, when their captain, H. Kilroy, made a magnificent 120 runs, this coming the day after Brady's century. They were well beaten, however, in the second round by Wesley College.

The "Under 14" have so far been unsuccessful in the Minor League. This is mainly due to the fact that because of clashes with Cup matches and other difficulties they have had only one practice so far this season.

By far the most successful of the School's teams so far this season has been the "Under 13" which is unbeaten and is tremendously keen. This augurs well for future seasons.

We take pride in the fact that A. W. M. Cooper, captain of our Cup-winning team of 1950, has played for Ireland v. Lancashire and acquitted himself most creditably in this match. We would like to congratulate H. Brady on being selected to play for Leinster Schools v. The Leprechauns.

So far this season Colours have been awarded to H. Brady, J. P. Williams and K. Bornemann.

Tennis

Tennis this season has been taken up with great enthusiasm, especially in the Junior section in which there are nearly forty members. Unfortunately at the time of publication none of the many expected fixtures has yet been played, as all the boys are also enthusiastic followers of High School's progress in the Cricket League. The courts have been rolled and marked, tournaments arranged and a very successful season is anticipated.

N. D. K.

Swimming

We are glad to report that the Swimming Club has been progressing during the term. The attendance has dropped slightly, but the boys who do attend are very keen. We welcome Dr. Reynolds as an additional instructor to the Club.

We wish to thank Dr. Reynolds, Mr. O'Kane and Mr. Myles for the great interest they are showing in the boys. We are sorry to lose our captain, J. K. Bailey, who has left the School.

Mr. O'Kane, our Swimming Master, has inaugurated swimming tests for the members of the Club. There are four tests. The first test is to swim 110 yards; the second 220 yards; the third 440 yards; the fourth 880 yards. Badges will be awarded to each boy who completes one of these tests.

We intend to hold our annual gala early next term at Iveagh Baths. We hope our members will practise for the gala during their holidays so that we may see some fast times in all the events.

D. C. M.

Athletics

This year Athletics, we regret, have not been as successful as in previous years. However, a team was sent to the L.S.S.A.U. sports meeting on May 19th. Even though the boys did their best, only G. Beatty and the Junior relay team reached finals day. Beatty, however, did not reach his Junior 220 yards final, nor did the Junior relay team reach their final. Later this season we are meeting the King's Hospital and St. Andrew's College in a triangular contest. We are all looking forward to a keen competition.

J. F.

Boxing

In 1953-54, as in previous years, the boys took a very keen interest in boxing and the Club had quite a successful season under the training of Mr. Myles. Unfortunately we had

no annual fixture with Dungannon Royal School because of dramatic fixtures in that school. We hope in future to have a full programme of fixtures with other schools, but this can only be done if the boys take an interest in boxing from the start of the season and not just at the end. The fifteenth annual championships were held on the 6th April and the House points were won by Belgrave. The following are the results of the championships:—

- 5 st. 0 lbs.—A. P. Burgess bt. D. E. McNeight.
- 5 st. 7 lbs.—K. A. Gregory bt. E. Lewis.
- 6 st. 0 lbs.—B. B. Killen bt. G. W. Davidson.
- 6 st. 7 lbs.—D. A. G. Mackey bt. R. E. Talbot.
- 7 st. 0 lbs.—J. H. Hartley bt. E. A. G. Hill.
- 7 st. 7 lbs.—D. Dagg bt. D. Pedlow.
- 8 st. 0 lbs.—Novice Championship—W. S. A. Gibney bt. V. W. Rothwell.
- 8 st. 0 lbs.—M. S. Haskins w.o.
- 8 st. 7 lbs.—G. L. Beatty bt. G. R. R. D'Arcy.
- 9 st. 0 lbs.—R. H. Haskins bt. G. Gibson.
- 9 st. 7 lbs.—J. R. Keogh bt. K. Bornemann.
- 10 st. 0 lbs.—N. A. Adam bt. T. H. Barnwell.
- 10 st. 7 lbs.—E. R. Crampton bt. W. E. P. Lawrence.

M. S. H.

Table-Tennis

The table tennis season opened last September with a record membership. Owing to this, membership had to be limited to boys from third form upwards. Meetings were held regularly every Tuesday night and the attendance was generally very good. There was great enthusiasm and notable talent shown, especially amongst the Junior members. We were beaten in a friendly match by St. Andrew's. The annual American Tournament was won by J. P. Williams. We would like to thank Mr. Wilson, the committee, and especially J. T. Paul for helping to erect a very efficient lighting arrangement.

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The Annual Dinner

The Silver Jubilee Dinner of the Old Boys' Union was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 16th January, 1954. It was a great tribute to our President, Mr. S. W. Meyer, that we had a record attendance of 233 members and guests. The newly appointed Governor of British Somaliland, Mr. T. O. Pike, was our guest of honour. The toast of Our Guests and Kindred Associations was very ably proposed by Mervyn Bell, who also arranged an excellent musical programme for us.

London Dinner

The London Dinner was held in the Overseas Club on Friday, 13th February, 1954, the eve of the England v. Ireland match at Twickenham. Our Past-President, Mr. John Bell, occupied the chair in a very capable manner. Forty-three members and guests were present.

Ladies' Night

A very enjoyable Ladies' Night was held in the Mills' Hall on Saturday, 10th April, 1954. The guests of honour were Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Evans and during the evening a presentation was made to them to commemorate their marriage and to show our appreciation to "Sammy" for all the work he has done for the Old Boys' Union since it began in 1928. It was a wonderful tribute to him that 97 members and guests attended the function. Our best thanks go out to our musical guests for completing the evening's enjoyment.

A.S.U. Church Service

A Service for sportsmen was held in St. Peter's Church on Sunday, 28th March, 1954. The preacher was Rev. Chancellor R. Watson and the collection in aid of the Adelaide Hospital. The congregation was smaller than that at last year's Service and the number of our Old Boys who came along was disappointing.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

We remind you that subscriptions to this scheme are now due and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer: E. W. Frith, 9 Goatstown Avenue, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

For Your Diary

The Annual Golf Outing and Supper will be held at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 2nd September, 1954.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 15th October, 1954.

The Annual Dance will take place in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 6th November, 1954.

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An Appreciation

In the passing of R. W. Jeffares, Senr. (affectionately known to us all as "Rupert"), the O.B.U. has lost one of its most beloved members.

He was a pupil of the School from 1883 to 1889, a Founder Member of the Union and President in the year 1937-38.

He was a man of very sound judgment who by his wise counsel helped to steer the Union through its early stages, and its strong position at the present time is in no small measure due to his personal efforts.

Although he was by nature kindly and sympathetic, he was frank and fearless in his criticism of the work of the Union when the circumstances warranted it. When speaking on any subject, no matter how forthright his approach one always detected that underlying subtle sense of humour. He never failed to brighten the proceedings, even at Annual General Meetings, by poking some innocent fun, usually at his closest friends.

He was always willing to further the Union's



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R. W. Jeffares, Senr.

interest in any way, and had undertaken to propose the toast of "Our Guests" at the Annual Dinner held in January last, but unfortunately he was unable to do so through illness. His speeches from time to time at the Annual Dinner were a feature of the evening and, delivered in his own unique style, gave great pleasure to those present. Although they were primarily amusing, one was always aware of the wisdom underlying his remarks. He had a fine appreciation of music and frequently contributed an item in lighter strain at the unanimous request of his audience by the singing

of "Phil the Fluther's Ball" in his own inimitable style.

He was primarily instrumental in the establishment of the Old Boys' Cup, and at the invitation of our President, Mr. S. W. Meyer, he presented the Cup in this our Jubilee Year at the last Prize Distribution, on which occasion he delighted his audience with a most amusing speech, introducing his macabre recollections of his own schooldays and the alleged sadistic tendencies of schoolmasters of bygone years. Whether or not those days were as sombre as he would have us believe it is difficult to know; one thing we do know, however, is that in this case a very fine character was moulded.

Rupert never sought popularity, but by reason of the positive qualities which he possessed—integrity, good humour, and an abounding capacity for seeing the other person's point of view—he was one of the most popular figures in this country and in rugby circles across the water where he was so well known.

He was associated with rugby football since his school days and played for Ulster in the Schools' Inter-provincial during the period when he was at Foyle College. Later he joined Lansdowne Football Club and captained the First XV in 1896/7 and 1897/8. He was Hon. Secretary of that club from 1900 to 1903 and was elected President in 1911/12.

He was Assistant Secretary of the Irish Rugby Football Union from 1910 to 1925, when he was appointed Secretary, a position which he filled with distinction until his retirement in 1951.

It is quite impossible in this short space to portray comprehensively the attributes of this giant among men. However, this appreciation would be wholly incomplete if the writer did not refer to the deep spiritual side of Rupert's character. He was a member of the Church of Ireland and attended regularly both Rathfarnham Parish Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was, however, by his mode of life and quiet faith that one felt his appreciation and the influence of Things Unseen. He was a great Christian who lived well and who passed from this life leaving behind him a vast circle of friends who will carry with them the happiest memories of a friend who throughout his long career did much good to all and sundry, which will be a lasting memorial to him.

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An Appreciation

It was with deep regret that we learned of the very sudden death of Hugo Larmour Doak. He was Senior English Master at the High School from 1923 to 1929. During that time he proved himself a most valued colleague and teacher. As a teacher he was outstanding. He imparted to his pupils his own passionate interest in his subject. He was a poet of note and his collection, "Three Rock Road," won the praise of Lord Dunsany. Scholarly and of rare charm, he never sought the limelight. He loved to help young writers rather than bring himself to the notice of the public. He gained the respect and affection of his colleagues and pupils alike. His kindly personality impressed itself on all who met him, and he is truly mourned and greatly missed by all.

S. S. E.

Golf Report

The A.S.U. Competition for the Royal Dublin Cup was held at Dollymount on 20th May. The Cup was won by the High School, with a score of 291. Returns were: G. Cole, 71; J. E. Allen, 73; J. Bell, 73; R. T. Motyer, 74.

The competition for the Old Boys' Cup will be held at Milltown on Thursday, 2nd September.

S. S. EVANS.

To the Editor, "The Erasmian."

Sir—As a present pupil of the H.S.D. I was amazed to see the letter concerning the Old Boys' tie in the December issue of "The Erasmian."

In my opinion the tie could not possibly be classed as "dull" or "funereal," whereas the tie suggested could quite possibly be purchased in any draper's store.

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News of Old Boys

E. W. Allen (1943-49) was a member of the Dublin University Senior Eight which rowed against University College (Dublin) in the Gannon Cup, 1954.

R. H. Armstrong (1940-44), on a Gilera, won the 1954 Leinster "200," 500 c.c. class, at a speed of 88.22 m.p.h., and also rode the fastest lap at 90.16 m.p.h. In the North-West "200" he came first in the 500 c.c. class at 92.81 m.p.h.

W. G. Booker (1929-37) has been appointed Assistant Accountant to Trinity College, Dublin.

M. D. Buchalter (1940-48) has been admitted solicitor.

A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51) played for the Gentlemen of Ireland XI against Lancashire, May, 1954.

T. S. C. Dagg (1922-25) had a plaque unveiled in his honour at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin, where the new Concert Hall has been named the Dagg Hall.

C. F. G. Delaney (1936-42) has been engaged in atomic research at Harwell for the past year.

J. S. Dawson (1951-54) had three successes at the Feis Ceoil, 1954—the Fitzgerald Trophy (advanced organ playing), the John Benson Memorial Cup (music of Bach on piano), and the Caroline Reilly Cup (senior piano).

W. D. Forsyth (1942-50) is captain of the Dublin University Harriers and Athletic Club.

G. H. F. Gardner (1936-43) has been granted leave of absence for one year from Trinity College, Dublin, to attend the Department of Mathematics, Cornell University.

D. N. Jupe (1946-53) joined the staff of Messrs. Eason and Son, Dublin, in August last.

H. G. M. Lundy (1942-54) has been appointed to the staff of the Royal Bank of Ireland, Monaghan.

F. S. Lyons (1941) played on the Irish squash rackets team against Wales.

C. Maltby (1943-50) of Old Wesley R.F.C. was selected to play as full-back for Leinster in the Junior Interprovincials against Ulster and Munster.

B. H. Murdoch (1946-47) has obtained the degree of Ph.D. in Princeton University, where he has completed his third year as a Research Assistant.

G. H. M. Payne (1948-50) has been appointed to the Engineering Department of the Great Northern Railway.

E. C. T. Perdue (1941-48) was a member of the Dublin University table tennis team which won the Wine Cup at the Inter-University Championship.

E. A. Southam (1945-50) has been appointed to the staff of Grindlay's Bank Ltd., Bombay.

The Rev. R. E. Weir, M.A. (1888-94), Rector of St. Matthew's, Irishtown, has retired. Mr. Weir was President of the Old Boys' Union, 1946-47.

R. P. Willis (1935-41), Group Manager of the Irish Assurance Company, has accepted the position of Actuary to the Company.

Marriages

Maurice William Bryan (1938-47) to **Vivienne Margaret Williams**, July 23, 1953.

Robert Ernest Boothman (1925-33) to **Evelyn Maud Chandler**, April 30, 1954.

Charles Vesey Boyle (1926-33) to **Christine Macdonald**, Nairobi, February 23, 1954.

Henry Walter Burleigh (1938-46) to **Sylvia Alice Reglar**, April 7, 1954.

Robert J. Clinton (1938-42) to **Winifred V. Parker**, October 20, 1953.

Patrick J. Custis (1930-37) to **Rita R. Rayner**, St. Giles Church, Ashted, Surrey, March 27, 1954.

Arthur R. Jolley (1936-42) to **Eunice Thwaites**, April 23, 1954.

Leland Lyons (1941) to **Jennifer McAlister**, April 2, 1954.

Arthur Charles Stewart (1937-43) to **Helen Luise McGregor**, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1953.

Deaths

Newby Chase (1890-95), May 15, 1954.

Hugo Larmour Doak (Member of Staff, 1923-29), May 16, 1954.

The Rev. Joseph D. K. Freeland (1922-31), January 4, 1954.

Rupert William Jeffares (1883-89), January 27, 1954.

Colonel Arthur Maunsell MacLaughlin, C.B.E., M.B. (1886-90), March 10, 1954.

Dr. Frederick Warren, F.R.C.S.I. (1883-88), January 6, 1954.

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