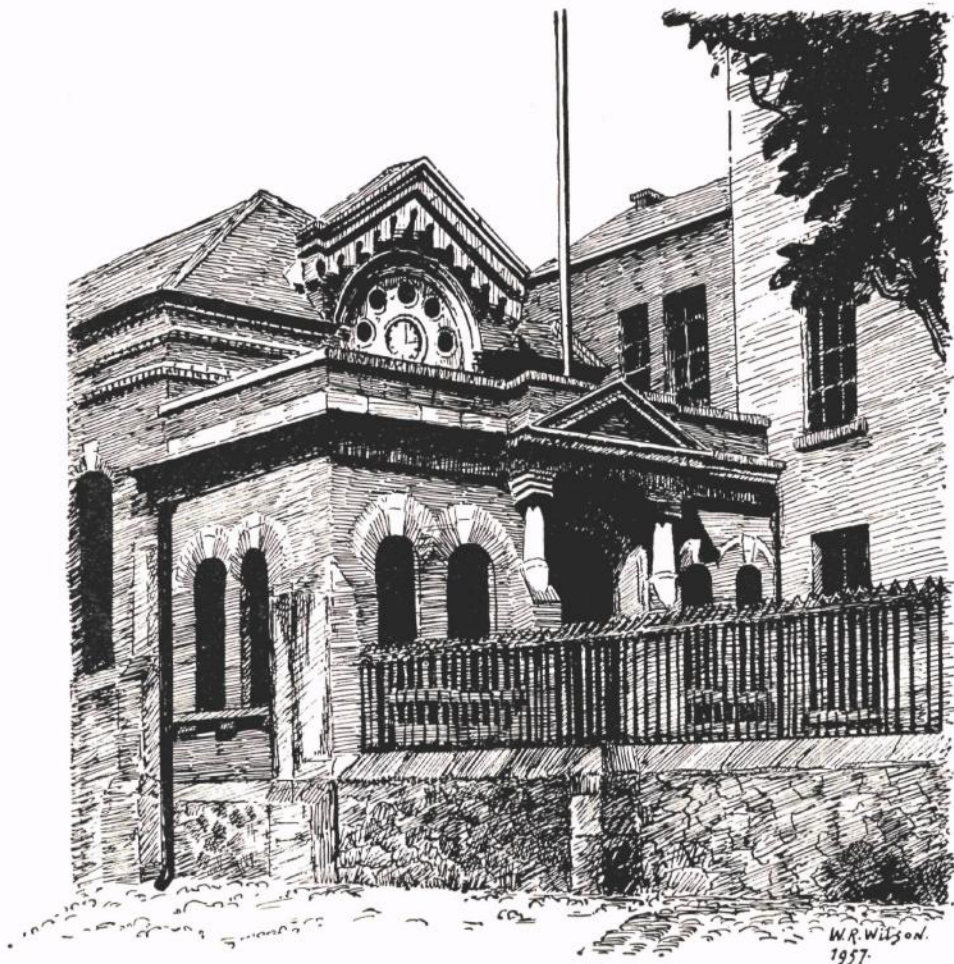


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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

Mrs. Stokes, who joined the staff of the Junior School in 1955, becoming Senior Lady Teacher in 1958, is leaving the school. She received a presentation from the boys of the Junior School, and from those boys in the Senior School who had been her pupils.

Miss Newman is leaving to take up an appointment at Newtown School, Waterford.

Mr. West also leaves us this term. Mr. Moody is resigning his position as School Sergeant.

Talks were given recently by Mr. Paul Jackson (Lecturer in Law at Trinity College), the Rev. Richard Rees (Dublin Young People's Convention), Mr. J. A. Taylor and Mr. C. W. Musgrave (on their visit to Italy and Greece), and Canon McKegney (temperance).

The Egale String Quartet gave a recital for the boys in the Clockroom. They played a Mozart quintet, a Beethoven quartet and shorter pieces by Haydn and Kinsella. The Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra and Choral Society, conducted by Tibor Paul, permitted school parties to attend their rehearsal of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony during the Beethoven Fortnight. A group of staff and boys from the school attended. The Dublin Orchestral Players are to give a concert in the school on November 23rd next.

On March 7th, 1961, a party of boys went to a Ceol Chumann na n-Og orchestral concert, given by the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra. The programme was:

Overture, "Roman Carnival" (Berlioz).
Air and Gavotte from Suite No. 3 (Bach).
Armenian Dance (Khachaturian).
A Western Air (Friel).
Symphony No. 4 (Tchaikovsky).

Four boys from Miss Barklie's class entered for the Boys' Solo competition at the Feis Ceoil. All were awarded good marks and S. Erskine-Hill (1B) won a bronze medal, coming third of thirty-seven entrants.

Visits were paid in the course of the past two terms to the Atomic Energy Exhibition at the R.D.S. Members' Hall and to Dáil Eireann to hear part of the debate on the Budget.

A collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution amounted to £4 0s. 6d. Lenten collections made by individual forms produced the following sums: S.P.C.A., £1 18s. 1d. (J5, J3, J1); Central Remedial Clinic, £2 9s. 9d. (3c, J5, J4); Congo Relief Fund, £2 16s. (J2); U.M.C.A., £2 7s. (5B, 2c); C.M.S., £2 3s. 11d. (5A, 5B, 4s); Mission to Lepers, £2 17s. 6d. (3c, 1B2); Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £1 19s. 1d. (2A, 1A, 1B1).

We congratulate R. M. Carson who has been awarded the Old Boys' Cup, and D. Micks on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for rugby.

Valete

- P. G. Erskine has secured a post with Messrs. Armstrong Ltd., manufacturing stationers.
- F. W. Gannon has joined Irish Lights.
- M. N. Maiden is with the Atlas Insurance Co., D. N. Caird with the Royal Exchange Insurance Co., and J. V. Saunders with the National Investment Trust.
- B. W. Martin is now on the staff of Messrs. S. H. Boyce.
- A. B. West, S. Edwards, D. J. P. Bryans, R. Curtis, F. R. O'Neill, R. M. Carson, E. N. Brunker, J. E. Darley and G. H. Dodd, are entering Trinity College.

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H. S. D. B. U.

The Bible Union continues to flourish in High School and during the past term there have been many interesting talks given by our speakers. Kodachrome slides of Ecuador, Greece and Italy were shown. We had a visit from Mr. Eric Mayer, chief reporter in the *Evening Mail*, who spoke on "Journalism

To-day." There were also speakers from Australia, Japan and England.

Our numbers have slightly decreased since Christmas, the average attendance being seventeen. New boys have continued to come along each week, however, and we extend a hearty invitation to all who may be interested in these meetings to come along on Friday afternoons.

D.B.

Photographic Competition

The results of the "Erasmian" Photographic Competition are as follows:—

1. Colour Transparencies—1st, N. Toms (5A); 2nd, D. C. Wilson (5A).
2. Colour Prints—1st, G. R. Caird (5A).



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6. Portraits—1st, H. J. Greer (4s).

I have judged the Home Processed prints first and then reclassified them before judging the various classes.

(Signed), REX ROBERTS.



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Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens, presented by the Old Boys' Union, have been awarded to G. R. Caird and P. Walsh for their contributions to the December issue.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of "School News" (R.B.A.I.), "Masonic Schools' Magazine," "R.S.D.," "C.A.I.," "Portora" and "The Columban."

Atomic Energy Exhibition

During the Easter term a party of forty boys from school visited an exhibition by the "United Kingdom Atomic Energy Commission" at the Royal Dublin Society's Showgrounds at Ballsbridge. Among the items

exhibited was a scale model of the "Dounneoy" fast neutron reactor and a model of a "go-devil." Films illustrating the use of radioactive isotopes in industry and commerce were shown, together with a display of photographs. The exhibition helped all who went to appreciate the many and varied uses of atomic energy.

G.H.D.

R.B.A.I. in the "Dyscolus"

A performance of the "Dyscolus" of Menander was given in February by the Classical Department of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. The complete manuscript of the "Dyscolus" was discovered only five years ago, and this was the first performance in Dublin. Led by their producer, Dr. H. C. Fay, who himself played one of the leading parts, the Belfast boys gave the lively performance that we have come to expect of them, and brought out the more farcical episodes with particular relish. This was very much to the taste of the large audience, which included many visitors from other Dublin schools and colleges. It is a tribute to the gusto of the actors that the Greek version caused as much merriment as Dr. Fay's lively English translation that followed it.

R.W.R.

H.S.D. Chess League

Membership of the Chess League has rapidly increased this term, from nine to 30 members. Four "divisions" have been set up; the top two of the 3rd and 4th divisions are "promoted" to the 2nd and 3rd, respectively, and the bottom two relegated. Only one person will go into the 1st division from the 2nd, and one will go down.

Four friendly chess matches against other schools have been played this year:

Mountjoy, 3½ pts.; High School, 3½ pts.
High School, 6 pts.; Masonic, 1 pt.
High School, 3½ pts.; Mountjoy, 3½ pts.
Masonic, 1 pt.; High School, 6 pts.

Any new members will be welcome next term.

J.F.

Inter-Schools Debate

On the sixth of February two members of the Sixth Form, A. Skerrett and J. Fisher, represented the school in an inter-schools debate which was held in St. Michan's parish hall. The subject of debate was "That Ireland is a land of opportunity" and High School were supporting the motion. The main theme of the arguments against the motion were unemployment and emigration. A young girl from Masonic asked the question: "Where would President Kennedy be now if his family had not emigrated from Ireland?" However, the supporters of the motion pointed out that agriculture would always flourish in Ireland, and many referred to the numerous factories being set up by foreign interests.

Though we did not get a place, the evening proved very enjoyable indeed, and the whole debate was very interesting, while one Mountjoy competitor with a good wit completed the evening's entertainment. The Sandford Park team won, while their captain was also awarded the prize for the best orator. Nine different schools were represented and the committee, encouraged by this success, hope to hold a similar debate in the future.

J. C. FISHER (6A).

The Choral Society

The Gilbert and Sullivan short opera, "Trial by Jury," was performed by the society at the concert, and adequately filled its responsible position as closing item. Following this success, it has been decided to do another at next year's concert also and the boys are already practising it.

It is hoped that there will be a good response among the senior boys to the appeal for new members, so that the balance of the choir may be improved. Finally, we would like to thank Miss Barklie for her guidance and interest.

The Concert

Our tenth annual concert was held in February of this year. In general the standard was as high as that of any other year. One noticeable fact was that, out of nine items on the programme, five were musical. It was gratifying to see that all the items were of some artistic value.

The Dramatic Society, under the production of Mr. Milne, presented "Campbell of Kilmhor," by J. A. Ferguson. Set in the Highlands of Scotland, this play required a Scottish accent, which few of the players were able to manage successfully. Norris, in the title role of Campbell, was the outstanding actor, but E. Morton as Captain Sandeman gave a convincing performance, too. We look forward to seeing most of this young cast again next year. The Irish play this year was "Aris," translated from the French farce, "Encore," written by Henri Ghéon. The play was produced by Mrs. R. W. Reynolds and was performed by members of 1A. Any forgotten lines can be excused when we consider the youth of the performers. The acting in the play was so good that the audience followed the plot with ease. A. E. B. Beck's characterisation of the Neighbour was excellent.

The French play was "Jaques et le Haricot Géant." It was written and produced by Mr. G. W. Keegan and was, as usual, very well acted. Once again the members of the class performing the play (2A) were very young and must be congratulated on their performance.

"Last Scenes from Hamlet" was this year's Shakespearean extract. Although we realise the difficulty in choosing a short piece of Shakespeare that will perform well, we do not think that these scenes had sufficient continuity. D. Lewis portrayed a powerful Hamlet, the sensibility of his performance being limited by having no soliloquy. Nevertheless he was the best performer in these scenes, which were hampered by lack of suitable players for casting. H. Knott was a suitably oleaginous Osric. In both this and "Campbell of Kilmhor," little imagination was expended on the scenery, which was of a poor quality. The lighting was also rather inadequate.

The solos, all of which were on the piano, were performed by J. Moussoulides, D. P. B. Norris and D. J. P. Bryans. They were all of a very high standard. The First Year Choir, conducted by Miss Alice Barklie and accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth L'Estrange, sang three pieces, including the very beautiful "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn.

This year the Choral Society, guided and inspired by Miss Barklie, gave us a perfor-

mance of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Trial by Jury." Handicapped by a shortage of tenors and basses, the effort was commendable for its enthusiasm and vivacity, and certainly won the hearts of the audience, who gave Miss Barklie a well-deserved ovation. The soloists gave very creditable performances, ably supported by the chorus. In particular, we would like to congratulate the ladies on their beguiling appearance and winning ways.

The Gramophone Society

After Christmas the Gramophone Society met on rather infrequent occasions, and attendances were low. However, one encouraging sign was the interest shown by several first and second year boys. We had a very successful afternoon for them when we listened to a record of "Trial by Jury." When we begin again after the summer we hope to see many of them at our meetings, and their suggestions would be welcomed.

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The Trip to Limerick

On Wednesday, 28th March, one hundred boys from the senior school left for a C.I.E. trip to, and tour of, Limerick City and the surrounding country. Having been collected by bus at the school, we went to Kingsbridge station, from which we departed at 10 o'clock. Fortunately the weather was favourable and the train journey was very pleasant. The journey took us through such towns as Portlaoighise, Roscrea and Nenagh.

On arrival at Limerick we were informed that we were going to Shannon Airport and were lunching there. The only aeroplane to

be seen was one of the country's new Boeing jets. Many of the boys, myself included, were rather surprised at the airport. The buildings of the actual airport appear temporary and are not like those at Collinstown. But the airport's surroundings are far superior to those in Dublin because of factories and houses continually being built.

After a brief look around, we had a most enjoyable and tasty lunch in the airport's restaurant. We then made a more detailed tour of the airport which included a visit to the duty-free shop. After staying for quite a long time here, we set out for our next destination, which was Ardnacrusha. We went there via Limerick. On this bus trip the conductor pointed out to us the points of interest in the surrounding countryside, both geographical and historical. We saw some fine views of the Shannon river and also the famous Bunratty Castle. At Ardnacrusha, because of lack of time, we were only able to take a look at the hydro-electric power station from the outside.

We then returned to Limerick for tea. Whilst travelling through the city we were shown the various buildings of historic interest, such as churches and memorials to national heroes. After the tea in the Savoy restaurant, we were allowed to make our own way around the city to see what we might see. It was then time for us to return to the station to board the train home. At Limerick Junction we changed trains. This return journey was rather uninteresting from the point of view of what was to be seen in the countryside; for some of the boys it tended to become boring.

The trip was very successful and proved both enjoyable and interesting to all concerned. I myself hope that the school will organise similar tours of others of our fine cities. These ventures have also an educational value. I enjoyed it all the more because it was several years since I visited that part of the country and also because I always longed to see Shannon Airport, but was rather disappointed not to see more of the larger aeroplanes which one is unable to see here in Dublin.

H. McCLATCHIE (Form 4A).

The String Quartet

During the past year we have been delighted to receive two visits from a young Dublin

string quartet. The standard of playing was very good considering the youth of the performers.

On their first visit they played movements from contrasting quartets by Haydn and Armstrong Gilby. In their performance of a Weber composition they were joined by Seosamh O Duinn (clarinet), who also introduced the items. This piece was very popular with the audience for its playful air and dazzling runs.

On the second visit they played a complete Mozart quintet, of which they had played a movement on their previous visit. They also gave us a complete and satisfactory performance of a Beethoven quartet of considerable difficulty. They concluded with a recent work by their friend Kinsella. This piece gave an adequate demonstration that Ireland is not without creative musical ability. It was played with confidence and sympathy. We look forward to further visits from Colin Stavely and his talented group.

D.J.P.B.

Parents' Association

Although our activities have ceased for the summer months, perhaps readers would be interested to know of our business up to date since the last issue.

In November three guest speakers addressed us and on that occasion we sent out the notices by post to see whether this method would result in a bigger attendance. Since there was no startling difference, however, it seems obvious that most of those genuinely interested do know of, and come to, our meetings.

The annual Turkey Drive took place in December, followed by an outstanding address in January by Mr. Erskine Childers, Minister for Transport and Power.

We held two meetings in March, the first consisting of three addresses on careers and the second a Forum composed of four prominent people.

The next fixture is our support of the Hobbies Exhibition and then we look forward to our Annual General Meeting in October when we hope to renew acquaintances and to recruit new members who will be very welcome.

H. P. MOWATT, *Hon. Secretary.*

Examination Results

EXAMINATIONS IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1961

Greek Testament

Silver Medal—P. R. Walsh.

Prizes (1st Class)—I. B. King, A. H. F. Griffin, J. M. Adams, J. F. Lundberg.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year's Course (1A)

Prizes—A. E. B. Beck, R. H. D. Wormell, D. J. Fry, G. F. Duff, A. J. Dunn, R. A. Reynolds, K. N. Cairns, W. S. Webster, G. S. Nowlan, D. E. Singleton, E. A. Wright, B. A. Hewson, R. J. W. Taylor, R. H. Cole, W. D. Parkes, J. L. Gageby.

Pass—P. Motyer, J. G. Noble, D. K. Richards, R. W. Stringer, G. C. Carry
Scripture only—B. D. Lewis.

First Year's Course (1B¹)

Pass—P. R. Meyer, D. J. Stewart, S. H. Nolan, S. Erskine-Hill, J. W. Andrews, L. G. Barnwell, H. McN. Sealy, J. A. Condell, W. J. Lamb, R. E. P. Pratt, D. J. Tyrell, D. S. Cromer, T. Matheson, F. F. Colley, R. W. Fletcher.

First Year's Course (1B²)

Prize—N. H. Sholdice.

Pass—P. Stanfield, M. M. Delmonte, B. N. Greene, B. D. Barrett, P. H. McDonough, D. A. Whittle, P. G. Kenny, T. W. Taylor, S. P. Hilliard, K. J. Richardson, R. R. Goulden, V. W. Talbot, D. B. Dungan.

Scripture only—N. B. Storey, M. T. Drapes, M. H. Evans.

Second Year's Course (A)

Prizes—F. G. Martin, J. H. Wynne, D. C. P. Sholdice, A. D. Cunningham, P. D. Richards, T. R. Walsh, A. F. Daish, A. J. Hughes, E. S. Keegan, P. F. Byrne, D. H. Vipond, J. F. Huggard, A. F. Parke, D. W. Mitchell, M. Cadoo.

Second Year's Course (B)

Prizes—R. B. Haskins, A. J. Winter, D. D. Orr, E. G. Keogh, S. J. Stuart, G. M. Gray, M. G. Douglas.

Pass—J. K. Bolton, A. J. Horner, D. Roberts, J. Roberts, E. O. Williams, R. C. Burrows, G. E. Saunders.
Scripture only—O. Watson, D. R. Medcalf.

Second Year's Course (C)

Prizes—Z. V. Svejdar, W. V. Powderly, R. L. Robinson, G. J. Caird.

Pass—P. H. Smyth, E. O'Byrne, R. C. Hill, F. C. Hodgkinson, R. G. Lochner, E. G. Malone, J. D. Farrar, R. R. Davidson, L. G. Wilmot, T. W. Murphy.

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Pass—M. G. Johnson, M. B. Adams, S. T. Dobbryn.

Third Year's Course (B)

Prizes—K. D. Clements, M. D. H. Potter, D. L. Sandes,

Pass—D. A. Nisbet, J. R. Townsend, R. A. Vipond, B. H. Warrington, R. W. Byrne, B. Valentine, R. M. Hilliard, L. E. McQueston, D. Gill, R. W. Cromer, K. W. Ashton.

Third Year's Course (C)

Pass—M. J. Montgomery, D. J. Patterson, B. W. Bell, A. G. Alexander, P. Mogerley.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**First Year's Course**

Pass—P. H. Gray, B. D. Carson.

Second Year's Course

Prize—A. P. Blundell.

Pass—G. J. A. Clarke, R. D. Bell.

Third Year's Course

Prize—J. R. Davis.

Pass—A. F. Adair, R. J. Durie, G. J. H. Smith.

METHODIST CHURCH

1st Year (Pass)—D. J. Donaldson.

2nd Year (Prize)—S. R. Hanna. **(Pass)**—S. D. Huet, J. C. Poole.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 1961

The Governors have awarded Scholarships to the following:—

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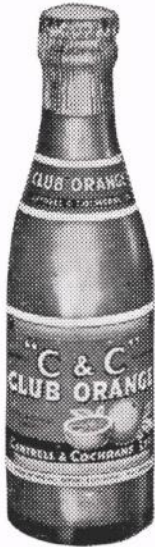
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SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1960-61

Standing (from left to right)—R. Curtis, T. B. Waddington, P. Newell, P. Nicholson, Mr. Lowry, W. O'Byrne, D. Burgess, F. O'Neill, J. M. Moussoulides. Sitting (from left to right)—Mr. Cornish, D. P. Miller, D. Micks, F. McQuestion (capt.), G. Taylor, D. Bowie, Dr. Reynolds. In front—A. Squires, D. Jackson.

Rugby Report

Our Senior team this year was not so successful as in some previous years. We suffered a heavy defeat in our cup match with Newbridge College. However, we were not disgraced and played well enough to register a few scores. Our annual match with the Royal High School, Edinburgh, was played this year in Edinburgh. Although well beaten by a strong Royal High team, we all enjoyed the match and the trip was voted a great success by everyone. As usual for our S.C.T., we gave away a great deal in weight and size to many of the other teams during the season. Perhaps our best game was against Belvedere in November, when we beat them 14-6. We ended the season with an 11-6 victory over the Old Boys in an exciting encounter.

This year's 2nd XV were not quite up to the usual standard. They were rather small in stature and this told against them in many matches.

Our J.C.T. were undoubtedly the most successful team in the school this year. Under the captaincy of R. Carson they won 16 of their 20 matches, scoring over 300 points. They endeavoured always to play open football with backs and forwards combining in many passing movements. Their quarter-final cup match with Blackrock College proved to be the best match of the competition by far. Although beaten, the team put up a magnificent performance and their try was one of the outstanding features of the game.

The Under 14 team enjoyed quite a successful season. They played with great keenness and won a high percentage of their games, improving as the season advanced. If they show the same improvement at the beginning of next season they should make a good J.C.T.

A number of fixtures were arranged for a second J.C.T. and Under 14 and they both acquitted themselves well.

The Under 13 team met with mixed success during the season. They were rather unfortunate in that they had to take the field with an understrength team for many of their matches. There were a large number of boys in this section and a second Under 13 team was also fielded.

The Under 12 team showed grand keenness during the season and played with great enthusiasm. A fairly successful season was enjoyed by the Under 11 who lost only three of their matches. Although there was not a great number of boys in this section, the lack of numbers was made up for by enthusiasm.

Finally, we would like to congratulate F. McQueston and D. Micks on being awarded a Leinster Trial.

D.M.

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S.C.T.	18	8	—	10	111	150
J.C.T.	20	16	2	2	314	74
Under 14	13	8	1	4	191	67
Under 13	14	7	—	7	119	110

1st XV TRIP TO EDINBURGH

In February the 1st XV made its second bi-annual trip to Scotland to play the Royal High School, Edinburgh. The team was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Leeson.

We arrived at Waverley Station, Edinburgh, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 25th February, after an uneventful all-night journey via Glasgow. We were met by our hosts who were to show us the greatest hospitality during the next few days.

The morning was spent by most of the party in or near Princes Street, after which we went to the homes of our hosts for lunch. After lunch we made our way to Murrayfield to see Ireland play Scotland. We were rather disappointed when Ireland lost after an extremely exciting game. On Saturday evening we attended a specially organised dance in the school dining-hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Among the decorations of the room was a set of caricatures of the Edinburgh XV drawn by one of the boys which gave great amusement to all.

On Sunday after morning service at St. Giles Cathedral, we were taken on a coach trip to the Borders. After lunch at Gallashiels we called at Melrose, Dryburgh, Scott's View and Abbotsford, arriving back in Edinburgh at 6 p.m., leaving the rest of the evening free with our hosts.

Monday morning was spent sight-seeing or shopping. Lunch was provided in the school. After this came the most important item of our programme—the match. We were rather discomfited to hear that the Royal High School team had only conceded three tries during the season. Nevertheless we took the field full of hope. Unfortunately for us the Edinburgh team were true to form and ran out convincing winners by 24 points to nil.

Tea was afterwards provided in the pavilion. Then the only major hitch in our programme

occurred when the bus ordered to take us to the station did not arrive! We had to make our own way to Waverley Station by means of public transport, arriving with only a few minutes to spare before the departure of our train.

On Tuesday morning we arrived safely at the North Wall, Dublin. It was unanimously agreed that, despite our defeat, the trip had been thoroughly enjoyable and unforgettable.

R. CURTIS.

Athletics Report

Athletics recommenced at Danum at the beginning of the summer term. Mr. Myles has once again given invaluable assistance, especially in the coaching of our younger members and those specialising in field events. With several promising performers in shot-putting and pole-vaulting, we look forward to being able to field a balanced athletic team for inter-school competitions in the near future. Until now we have had an overwhelming predominance of sprinters with only occasionally a middle-distance specialist.

Our entries for the Leinster School Sports were confined mainly to the Intermediate events. However, we are glad to report one success. G. Smith put up a splendid performance in the junior sprints and was narrowly defeated to gain third place in the 220. He also obtained fourth place in the final of the 100 yards.

R.C.

Cricket

The Senior team, as in previous years is handicapped by the lack of numbers playing; this is mainly due to examinations. The batting is quite strong but the bowling lacks penetration. In our cup match, St. Mary's batted first and made 197 runs; High School replied with 109. The Juniors have had four matches, two of which were cup matches. They beat St. Andrew's in the first round but were beaten after a very exciting finish by one wicket by St. Mary's. High School made 130 to which score D. Ford contributed 94 not out, and St. Mary's made 131 for 9.

The Under 14 have also had four matches, two of which were league matches, both of

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which they won. We are looking forward to more success from them in the remaining league matches. The Under 13 have had three games and they have won one. This team is handicapped in that they have lost several members to the Junior and Under 14 teams. The Under 12 have played one match which they won convincingly. The Under 11 have not had any matches as yet, but there are many enthusiasts in this group and we hope for good results in the matches arranged. 1st XI colours have been awarded to D. Micks, P. Nelson and D. Jackson. Further colours may be awarded during the season.

A.S.

The School has awarded a cricket bat to D. Ford in recognition of his performance in the cup match against St. Mary's.

Swimming

Swimming has been going on as usual for the past two terms although the numbers are depleted by Rugby and Cricket, especially among the senior boys.

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Friday, 28th April. There was a large entry, especially from among the younger boys. G. Caird was the eventual winner in the excellent time of 18 mins, 37 secs, E. Kuster was second and E. Taylor was third. Mr. Philip Walker was there to present the shield to the winner.

Life-saving will begin again next term. The organisers hope to see a bigger attendance among the boys in order that they may avail of this opportunity to learn life-saving, and they earnestly ask all boys interested in this to attend as the John Philips Memorial Cup will be competed for between now and October.

Non-swimmers are very welcome at the pool as Mr. Myles holds weekly classes for beginners. More swimmers would also be very welcome, especially among the senior group.

R.M.T.

Boxing Championships, 1961

This year was the 32nd season of our boxing club and the championships were held on the 23rd March in the Clockroom. These were the twentieth championships and were as successful as any of the other nineteen, if the size of the crowd was anything to go by. Our M.C. for the event was Mr. Ralph Layfield, a former member of the club, who now works in South Africa, and he did a difficult job very well, even managing to quell the cheering during the rounds. Mr. R. Wallace was the time-keeper. Mr. Pringle officiated as referee and the judges were Mr. Finnucane and Mr. Rodney Gibson, a former Canadian heavyweight champion wrestler. Mr. Gibson is a nephew-in-law of the late Mr. W. R. Wilson.

The bouts themselves were very keenly contested and the boxers were all very evenly matched; for this we have Mr. Myles to thank. All through the winter terms Mr. Myles tried very hard to get a sufficient number of boys who could fight in order to make up a programme for this event; in the end he succeeded admirably against overwhelming odds. Mr. Goulden, our boxing master, also persuaded many boys to take up the noble art of self-defence.

Of all the boys fighting, the most notable were D. P. Miller and E. G. Fox, who both boxed very well and really deserved to win their fights.

At the conclusion of the evening Dr. Reynolds made an amusing short speech and then Mrs. Reynolds distributed the medals to the victorious boxers.

A list of the bouts is given below.

Novice

- 5 st.—P. M. Black (B.) bt. T. A. Ross (B.).
 5 st. 7 lbs.—J. Moussoulides (G.) bt. D. J. Stewart (B.).
 6 st.—R. B. Haskins (G.) bt. G. D. Miller (B.).
 6 st. 7 lbs.—R. Harris (B.) bt. P. Stanfield (G.).
 7 st.—R. A. Vipond (A.) bt. D. J. Donaldson (A.).
 9 st.—P. Mogerley (G.) bt. R. G. Crocker (H.).

Championships

- 5 st. 7 lbs.—H. M. G. Sealy (G.) bt. E. G. Keogh (H.).
 6 st. 7 lbs.—H. R. Spier (G.) bt. J. F. Huggard (B.).

7 st.—W. S. Webster (G.) bt. R. M. G. Sealy (G.).

8 st.—R. G. Lochner (A.) bt. J. S. Roberts (B.).

8 st. 7 lbs.—E. G. Fox (G.) bt. R. M. Hilliard (B.).

9 st.—B. C. O'Neill (B.) bt. J. R. Townsend (B.).

10 st.—D. P. Miller (A.) bt. D. Jackson (B.).

For a change Galway managed to win the House Points this year by defeating Belgrave by two points. The points were:—

Galway	41
Belgrave	39
Abbey	18
Harcourt	6

One last word: Next year Mr. Goulden and Mr. Myles would like to see more and more boxers in order to keep up the schools boxing tradition.

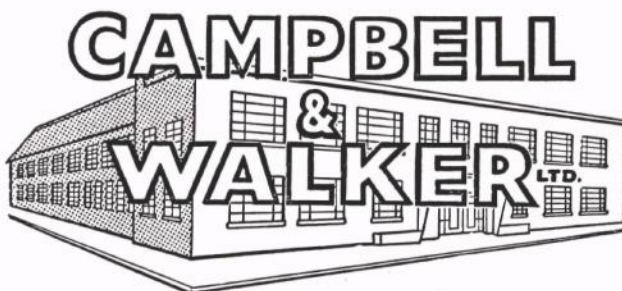
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EDITORIAL

The Exam

(With apologies to Robert Browning)

I sprang to my paper, and Joris, and he ;
 I shuddered, Dirck shuddered, we shuddered
 all three ;
 " Good speed ! " cried my watch, " for there's
 so much to do
 That the time will be up before you are
 through."
 Behind shut the door, naught but scribble was
 heard,
 And the clank of our brains as we sought for
 a word.
 Not a word to each other ; we kept the great
 pace,
 Neck by neck, line by line, never changing
 our place ;
 To the scratch of our nibs and the sound of
 the pen,
 With anxious expression we scribbled again.
 Who was Alexander? Why was he called
 Great?
 And the battle of Waterloo, what was the
 date?
 'Twas two at the starting ; but while we drew
 on
 The third hour was struck, another hour gone!
 Our essays not finished, we heard the half-
 chime,
 So Joris broke silence with " Yet there is time."
 And all of a sudden in his eyes came a look
 As the bottle of ink spluttered over his book!
 Then, later, I gain my reward for success :
 In the Clockroom the school is arrayed in
 full dress—
 " It's the annual prize-giving ! " the Headmaster
 cries,
 " This year we're awarding a valuable prize.
 This boy is a genius, I present him a cup."
 I stepped forward to take it—and then I woke
 up.

A. E. B. BECK (Form 1A).

The Promised Land

Israel, the land of the Bible, which has provided the setting for some of the most stirring events in the history of mankind, has come to life again. It is the fulfilment of an ancient

dream that makes an amazing story. For hundreds of years the land has been buried under heaps of shifting sand, waiting for her returning children whose devotion to her has never wavered throughout long years of exile. Having regained their independence, the people of this country have turned towards reconstruction with great enterprise and enthusiasm. Deserts have been turned into towns and villages, swamps and wastelands have been turned into fertile valleys, but perhaps the greatest achievement of all is that people of nearly every nationality are working side by side. Yet, despite all this, there remains the wonderful atmosphere of the past, the Beer-sheba of Abraham, the Eternal City of Jerusalem, sacred Nazareth, all are still preserved.

To realise how many different nationalities there are in Israel, one must hear the children speaking—most children of fourteen or fifteen speak Hebrew, Yiddish and Arabic well, as well as having a smattering of English, French and German. The education of the children of Israel is indeed a difficult problem, but the greatest problem of all is that of cultural variety. Immigrants bring with them different ways of life and the State has had to even out the cultural standards of the inhabitants in order to weld new immigrants and old-timers into one nation ; although great progress has been made already, there is still much to be done if, throughout the small towns and villages, a high standard of education and science is to be spread. Yet there is one thing in Israel's favour : although the nationalities of the people there are varied, they all share a religious culture which is five thousand years old and upon which they can build.

The " kibbutzim," or communal settlements have played, and continue to play, an essential role in the rebuilding and defence of the country. The settlements are based on self-labour, collective production, sharing of the fruits of labour and an absence of private property. These settlements are governed by democratic ideals, and though it appears difficult in theory to live in such conditions, in practice it is not so—I lived and worked on a settlement for three weeks and found the atmosphere there to be wonderful. Everybody does his share and any man who is not able to

get work on his own settlement may go to work in the town and then his wages are given to the settlement in which he lives. All his needs are provided for by a committee which is elected by the inhabitants. One is not compelled to stay in any settlement and one may leave at any time. There are about two hundred and fifty such settlements in Israel and their populations vary from fifty to fifteen hundred. The children receive the same education as those in the town. If there are about five settlements in a radius of ten miles, then the kindergarten children go to school in one settlement, while the elementary school is in another and the secondary school in a third. The work in settlements is mainly agricultural and consists of livestock breeding, dry-crop farming, farming under irrigation and farming citrus fruit orchards.

One experiences a rather peculiar feeling on arriving in Jerusalem, as if one is going back two or three thousand years, for the city is wonderfully well preserved and many people still observe the customs of ancient times; at Beersheba the Arabs are still living in the tradition of their ancestors. To visit Sodom and Dead Sea is also a wonderful experience too. Indeed, one could list hundreds of places of Biblical fame that must be seen to be believed, and when seeing these places one realises why it is that the Promised Land has come into being.

T. B. WADDINGTON (Form 5B).

The Life of a Fisherman in Ireland

The fisherman's job is a skilled one although one may not think so. He must be able to tell what the weather will be like or he may get caught out in a very rough storm and may lose his boat—not to speak of his life. He must also know how to look after the engine of his boat and do minor repairs, be able to mend the nets, as they are always being torn and damaged, and be able to make and repair lobster pots. He must be able to tell his direction by the stars, as well as by compass and be able to pinpoint his position as well as recognise his local landmarks so as not to run aground.

In the summer the fisherman rises at about five o'clock in the morning, leaves for the fishing ground, and arrives home at about five or

six o'clock in the evening, having spent the day fishing. During the day he works hard and is usually quite tired in the evening; but he has one compensation: he has Friday, Saturday and Sunday free. He usually spends Friday and Saturday mornings checking the engine, mending the nets and painting the boat, as well as doing numerous odd jobs that take up most of his "free" time!

In the winter life is tougher. The fisherman leaves port in the evening with a seemingly "naked" ship: it has been stripped of everything that is not strictly necessary so it can hold more fish. The boats go out in pairs and fish all night. They have to fish in pairs because of the weight and size of the net, which, incidentally, costs about £500 new. The two boat owners are usually related or good friends and they split the profits. They return again loaded with herring (they hope!) in the late morning and spend most of the day boxing and unloading the fish. Then they go off again a few hours later. They fish every day of the week and they do not get much sleep for their hard work. They have to work in the open in snowstorms, with icy winds which cut through them like a knife, and in rain; in fact, in all kinds of weather.

If the year is a good one a skipper or boat owner may earn up to £1,000, but that is about the maximum amount. So, from those comparatively small rewards for such hard work, one can see that the life of a fisherman is indeed a difficult one.

P. S. ELLIS (5B).

Lament of an Old Man

When the last blush of rosy eve
Is tinted o'er by night's soft solemn blue,
Yet deeper blue; Then would I be with them
For whom my heart doth yearn,
And from my earliest days tell o'er
The story of a ruin'd life. A life
Not ruined by the ignorance of care
Nor yet by slothfulness or idleness,
But by malicious gossip, slander black
And evil to my heart's despair.
Yet do I not seek harsh revenge
Exacting justice for the sore wrong done.
I only plead once more with trembling voice
For peace to be with them I love,
To sink to rest, and rest in peace.

D. NORRIS (Form 5A).

A Cruise in the Atlantic Ocean

On 9th April we left Southampton at 12 noon on board the Q.S.S. Arcadia, a liner of 20,000 tons with seven decks.

We spent the first day exploring and locating our cabins. We discovered there were two swimming pools, one indoor, which was heated, and one on deck. There was table-tennis on the sports deck, also deck tennis and quoits. Most people sunbathed on the top deck, but entertainments were provided for people who did not like very much sun, and also for the children.

Various other activities included film shows, treasure hunts, a mad hatters' and fancy dress parade, and variety shows. For those who wanted to have a quiet time there was a library and writing room. One could buy stamps and change currency at the Purser's Office.

Our first stop was at Madeira, an island belonging to Portugal. It is famous for wine (some of which we tasted), beautiful embroidery and basket work.

When we docked a little way outside the harbour, some of the islanders came out in rowing boats to the side of our ship, and dived for money which the passengers threw from the decks. They did this from early morning till late at night.

The next day we visited Teneriffe, in the Canary Islands. Teneriffe has many beautiful flowers growing wild all over the island.

Our next port of call was Las Palmas, which belongs to Spain. Here we were taken to see an extinct volcano, in whose crater people live and grow foodstuffs!

Two days later we docked at Casablanca. This is a fine city, which belongs to Morocco, and it has some very modern hotels and buildings. We visited the Mayor's Palace, from the roof of which we had a marvellous view of the city. We also saw the building in which Sir Winston Churchill met the other war leaders during the Second World War.

The next place we visited was Tangier. In years gone by Tangier used to be an international free port, but it now belongs to Morocco. Here we saw where the Atlantic and the Mediterranean oceans meet, and we also had a ride on a camel. This was a

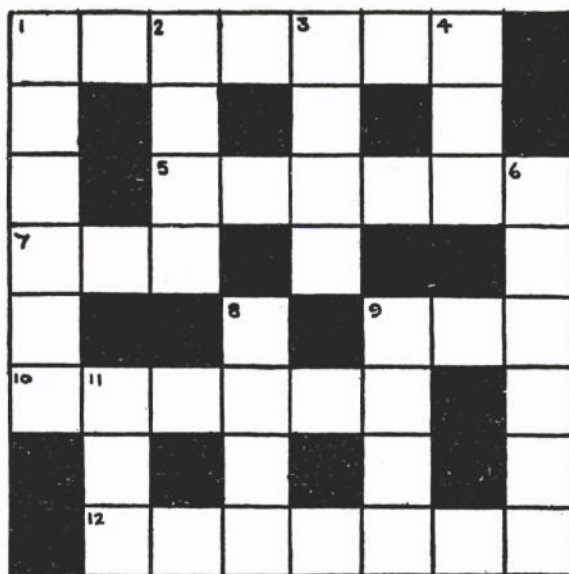
peculiar experience and I did not like it very much.

Our last port of call was Lisbon. This is a beautiful place and I liked it best of all. We went to Estoril in the afternoon and had a swim, as it was very hot.

I enjoyed this holiday very much, as it was interesting meeting different people all the time and seeing how they lived.

A. BENSON (Form 1B²).

Crossword



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Sly, stealthy.
5. This sign may be memorable.
7. Female darling.
9. Russian river shares its name with insect.
10. Lure.
12. Completely has a friend in the end

DOWN

1. To trifle with the musical instrument.
2. Even if renamed this would smell as sweet as ever.
3. Metal bar loses t.
4. Version of first woman.
6. Money, not right.
8. To sieve.
9. A hollow metallic vessel which emits a clear ringing sound when struck.
11. A screwy fruit.

(For answers see page 59)

Fifty Years Ago

(From "The Erasmian," September, 1911)

Robert William d'Escourt Ashe was murdered on June 17th, under tragic circumstances, at Maniyachi Junction, when returning home to his station in the Madras Presidency at Tinnevely, where he was collector. He had only just met his wife . . . and as they were sitting in the train he was shot dead by a Brahmin who then immediately committed suicide. There seems to be no doubt that the murder was a deliberately planned act of revenge on the part of a band of conspirators on account of the sentences which Mr. Ashe, as the magistrate, had passed last year on the Tuticorin rioters, and a large number of arrests have been made.

(The assassination is commemorated by a tablet on the entrance hall of the school).

Trinity Letter

TRINITY TERM, 1961.

Trinity College, Dublin, is in a state of transition. Although Trinity can still claim to be placed directly after Oxford and Cambridge in academic rank, and although its name is honoured the world over, it maintains this position with difficulty and such a state of affairs cannot, in the nature of things, last. The inevitable slow decline of this college cannot be attributed to lethargy, academic barrenness or observation—far from it. The lowering of status is due to insufficient financial resources. Although the proportion of students attending universities in the United Kingdom is the lowest in Europe, its Government can still spend far more than Ireland on higher education. In the Arts, Trinity continues to maintain a strong position and its Dental and Medical schools are considered among the best in the world. But shortage of money means that Trinity must take a more secondary place in the future.

However, the college retains its old vigour undiminished, and High School old boys are playing as important a rôle as ever. High School still supplies more students than any other school in Ireland to Trinity. Robin Miller, Foster Murphy, David Challen and Jonathan Bardon read papers to their faculty societies. "Tojo" Dixon continues to harangue at the Phil. The Classics Society is controlled by High School men. In the marathon walk from Belfast to Dublin only two reached Dublin, but Brian MacClay and Eric Browett are to be congratulated for being the last two to drop out. They are still limping. The Reynoldic family is prominent in the madly gay social world. Perhaps the most well-known, if not controversial figure in Trinity, is Robert Buttimore. How he successfully combines a double Honors course in Classics, and Mental and Moral Science, with being a member of the Phil. Council and a vigorous member of the Jazz, Fabian and Classics Societies is something which continues to astound.

In the effort to maintain standards, examinations in all faculties have been tightened up. This has led to the exclusion of the more

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parasitic and moronic elements from across the water and to an undignified scramble for seats in the Reading Room of the Library; but there are few signs that the loosely interpreted term "college life" has been impaired. We still "live it up" as madly as ever before and infantile pranks continue unabated. But a more serious approach is also evident. An Art Society has been created, discussing art in general and holding competitions and exhibitions. Also significant has been the rejuvenation of the Fabian Society. A little over a year ago this society was virtually moribund and could claim scarcely a dozen members. However, it was revived by a group of students, mainly historians, and to-day it is one of the largest societies in college, with some hundred and fifty members. High School old boys have played their part here. One of them, an angry anti-everything, has been elected to its committee. It all goes to show that not all of us tear around in M.G.s and that some of us actually have an interest and concern in the outside world.

Cambridge Letter

TRINITY TERM, 1961.

Resident members of the University make up more than one-tenth of the total population of the City of Cambridge. This fraction bears no relation to the University's influence on the life of the town; as a city, apart from Pye (radio and television) and Fison's (fertilisers and pest control), Cambridge has little else to offer.

In the past, the citizens often resented the University's interference in their affairs and frequent brushes between 'town' and 'gown' (the tradition is maintained only on Guy Fawkes' night) resulted in a series of strictly enforced regulations controlling students' activities. Not all have yet been repealed. The situation in Dublin is quite different: Trinity, for example, has never been large enough to affect city life to such an extent and the students are allowed to take part in that life with much more freedom. In Cambridge, members of the University not of M.A. standing and 'in statu pupillari' must wear gowns in the city after nightfall, to distinguish them from the 'natives' (until recently they wore mortar boards as well!)

The University comprises twenty-three Colleges or Halls of Residence, and though lecturing is done by the University, student-life takes place in the separate colleges. One dines, plays games and worships in one's own college, and most of the mass of administration is done by college staffs rather than by the University. The surrounding countryside is flat and the soil a thick clay, as a result practically any field may be used as a playing field; the cricket pitches in Cambridge are reputed to be the best batting wickets in England. The standards of college games are not startlingly high, the cream of the playing talent having been already removed to represent the Varsity. In rugby, for instance, the lack of 'needle' when compared to junior rugby in Ireland is very noticeable. It is debatable whether this is to the game's benefit or disadvantage, perhaps it illustrates a basic difference in English and Irish temperament.

On account of the large numbers, academic life, if you want it that way, is pretty high-powered. Coupled with the fact that all examinations take place at the end of May, this does mean that the average student is unable to take part in as many other activities

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as his counterpart in Trinity. The Honor course here lasts only three years and the writer feels that Cambridge undergraduates hardly lead as full a life as if they had been in Dublin.

However, the compensations are many. Cambridge has some of the world's best-known architecture; the colleges take a great pride in the upkeep of their lovely lawns and gardens, which are designed to be at their best in May and June (and what a best that is!). The Cam flowing gently by completes the picture. Those who take part are privileged.

FAERY.

Bull-Fighting

Bull-fighting is the national entertainment in Spain. There are two big bull-rings in Barcelona. The bull-fights are held on Thursday and Sunday, and on these days everyone gets a holiday.

The bulls are trained to fight on a farm outside Barcelona. If a farmer has a bull that he wants to become a fighting bull he brings it to the nearest village when it is six months old. The bull is put into a ring and a matador challenges it with a bright red cape. If the bull runs at the matador it has the makings of a good bull and is to be kept till it is two years old. During this time it is not to be shown the cape.

When the bull is two years old it is sent to another farm where it is kept for a month and is given special food. Then it is taken to the bull-ring in Barcelona where it spends two days before the fight. On the day of the fight the bulls get no food.

Towards mid-day the people begin to fill the bull-ring. In the dressing rooms the matadors, toreadors and picadors are getting dressed for the fights.

At last the bull-ring is full of people, the trumpets are sounded and in march the bull-fighters! They march to the President's box and bow, then they go behind the wooden fence and wait for the first bull to enter the ring. The trumpets sound again and the first bull charges into the ring. The fight is on! A matador goes into the ring; he challenges the bull. The bull charges and brushes the cape. When the bull is calm a picador enters

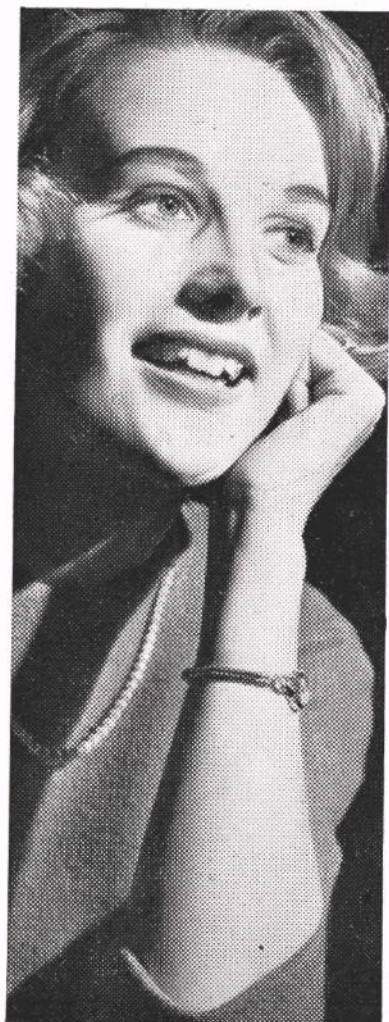
on a horse which is protected by a metal coat. The picador tries to "pick" the bull with four spears. When he has done this a toreador enters the ring. As the crowd shout for the bull to be saved, the President gives a signal to the toreador to let the bull live.

B. BELL (Form 3c).

"Discretion is the Better Part of Valour"

Last night I had dreadful dreams. The subject of my nightmares was not that I was being pursued by ghosts nor indeed was I falling from pernicious heights; but, instead, was about horrid animals such as cows and horses. I dreamt that I was walking on a lonely island and that I came to a field where an animal was grazing. I was too far away from the animal to see whether it was a bull or a cow; but I had to cross this field—the alternative being a long detour across several walls and fields. I paused on the wall to consider the situation. The animal looked up from its grazing and stared at me and I stared back. He wouldn't harm, I thought, or would he? Of course I would cross the field and show him I wasn't afraid. Of course this animal wouldn't touch me. I thought how pleased my ancestors would be with my decision. I could visualise the gawky smile of Aunt Florentia, known as "Flo" for short to her friends, and to her enemies (and they were many) as "The Iceberg." She founded the first home for the care of dumb and deaf, deranged and demented dormice. I would not let her down. Then I thought of great-uncle Ebenezer, known to everyone as "The Great Gasbag." He had been instrumental in bringing the bagpipe to Ireland. He certainly was quite a big noise. The animal was watching me all the time and suddenly he started to paw the ground with his hoof and to wag his tail and to take a few steps in my direction. As I took the alternative route I reflected that it would be such a pity to disturb a peace-loving animal like this one.

Eighteen walls, two cut knees and one hour later, I rejoined my route. Suddenly I came into a field in which a horse was grazing. I had to go across this field as there was no alternative route. I started to edge along the wall farthest away from the horse, as I didn't



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want to frighten it, when the horse turned around and eyed me with an icy stare. I was conscious of a faint tingling sensation all over me. I was conscious of my supreme courage failing a little as I started to sing. The horse stopped suddenly, gave one terrified look in my direction and galloped away to the far end of the field. Then my dreams became a bit confused. I dreamt that I was being trampled to death by hens and licked to death by wild cocker spaniels.

Suddenly I woke up sweating to find myself on the floor. Who would have thought that three pounds of roast peanuts and ten bottles of Pepsi-Cola could have such an ill-effect?

P. WALSH (Form 5A).

An Hour at a Wayside Station

It was a fine day in July; the sun was beating down on my neck and my throat was filled with dust from the road. I arrived at the small station, only to hear the sound of a train departing. I had walked approximately two miles from the house where I was staying and I had carried two large cases which were very heavy. My back and arms were aching and I could hardly walk a step further. I was furious when I entered the station to see the train puffing away into the distance. I stood there and watched it until I could see it no longer.

Having put my two cases by a dusty seat which was near the entrance, I went over to the ticket office. I knocked on a small sliding door. I waited and then knocked again and yet again before I heard the sound of footsteps. The sliding door was opened slowly with a grinding sound. I asked the ticket officer when the next train would be leaving. He said, in a gruff voice, "In about an hour." He was a small man about seventy years old with grey hair almost white. He had a small white moustache and glasses with steel rims. He had a small butt of a cigarette placed on one ear and a small pencil on the other. I asked him politely for a ticket for Dublin, so he looked through a drawer for about five minutes before he brought out a small ticket and asked me for the money. I gave it to him then he opened another drawer and gave me the change.

I then went to look around the station. It was a small dusty building which did not seem

to have been painted for at least ten years. There were two cloakrooms which were very dusty. At one end of the station there was a small cottage with a small plot of land surrounding it. In the plot of land there were growing some vegetables and a few flowers. There were some small dirty children playing with sticks and a large rubber car tyre. There were about a dozen small hens, either strutting around or pecking at the ground trying to find some food.

The track ended just at the end of the station with one line breaking away from the main line. This line had about ten rusty and dirty old trucks on it. Just inside the entrance there were some posters which were half torn and so dirty that they could hardly be read. Under these posters were the words in big bold capitals "Up the I.R.A." in white paint! The time was now coming near for the train to arrive, so I went along and sat down in the only seat on the station, where I had put my cases. Just as I sat down I saw two dirty faces looking around a corner at me. They belonged to two children about ten years old and had lovely big brown eyes. When I asked them their names, all they did was giggle. I am sure they stared at me for at least ten minutes!

While I sat there I thought how boring it must be living out in the country with very few friends, with the same things happening every day. And yet how happy it must be having no worries or troubles and every morning hearing the songs of the birds and not the sound of cars, buses and motor cycles! Then I heard the sound of the train coming, so I stood up and took my cases in my hands, boarded the train, and off it went.

B. GORMAN (Form 5B).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORDS

ACROSS—1, Furtive; 5, Signal; 7, Doe; 9, Bug; 10, Entice; 12, Totally.

DOWN—1, Fiddle; 2, Rose; 3, Ingo; 4, Eva; 6, Legacy; 8, Sift; 9, Bell; 11, Nut.

On an Air-Sea Rescue

When in Devon last year at a Boys' Brigade Camp, I witnessed my first "Air-Sea Rescue." We were staying at Woolacombe where the mile-long beach, with its nine or ten foot high waves, was ideal for surf-riding.

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One day, with a friend, I was watching the surf-riding from a cliff overlooking the beach. We saw one man about two hundred yards from the shore getting ready to jump on his surf-board, but one of the ten-foot waves swamped him and knocked him off his feet. He was pounded by the waves and was unable to get to his feet again and we knew he would soon drown unless saved by a miracle.

The miracle came in the form of a yellow helicopter with the words "Air-Sea Rescue" on its sides. It hovered about thirty feet above the man and then a rescuer from the helicopter was lowered down to him in the water. He grabbed the drowning man and tied a rope around him. By this time a crowd had gathered on the shore, watching the tense scene. When the rescuer had the rope tied around him, the helicopter began to lift and at the same time hoist the man up, and when finally he was lifted into the helicopter a great cheer went up from the crowd. The helicopter soon vanished from our sight and my friend and I had seen our first "Air-Sea Rescue."

D. BURGESS (Form 5B).

Radios

Our favourite hobby is building radios. We are mostly interested in short-wave transmissions. One needs a very powerful aerial for this. The height of our aerial is 50 feet. This makes the receiving and transmission very powerful. For transmitting signals, one needs a special buzzer. Short waves are mostly transmitted between the wavelengths 50 degrees and 110 degrees. However, some Americans are now transmitting below the wavelengths 10.

Most shortwave sets have three valves, but the one we use has five valves. When receiving on short wavelengths we have to be prepared for fading signals and atmospheric interference; but, fortunately, our set has a howling screen. Shortwave sets are sometimes operated on the mains, but we use both a high frequency and low frequency battery. Each transmitting set has a number and a special wavelength.

When calling up a station, one first calls the number of the station and when one is answered by the operator one proceeds to "talk" in morse code with a buzzer. If one tried to fit an amplifier to a short-wave set the volume would be extra loud, because ear phones have to have extra loud volume.

I think that radios are not only a pleasant hobby but also a money-making pastime.

D. FRY, R. J. TAYLOR (Form 1A).

Tin Mining in Malaya

Next to rubber, tin is Malaya's chief export. Malaya is very rich in tin and it has been mined for hundreds of years. The ore which is swept down by the rivers from the mountains is found mixed with the gravel and mud in the river valleys and plains. Although most of the tin is found and mined in the plain, some is still mined from loads in the mountains of northern Malaya. There are two main ways of dredging.

1. By dredgers; these are huge moveable machines which dig out the alluvium containing the tin ore by means of steel buckets on a conveyor belt which is driven by an engine. After the full buckets have been brought up.

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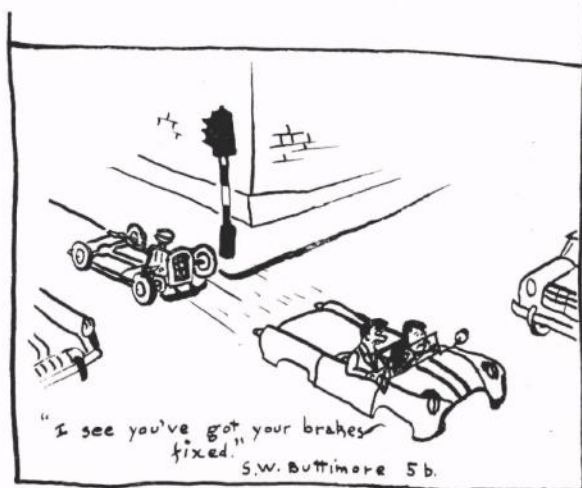
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the earth is passed back into the dredges and sprayed to separate the tin from the earth. It is then brought by a stream of water into machines called "jigs" and here the tin is caught and the rest of the earth falls back into the water.

2. By gravel-pump mining; this is a favourite method used by the Chinese. First great jets of water are sprayed on the banks of tin ore. The earth then falls to the ground and is washed down a channel to a pool called a slump. Then the clay and gravel are sucked up by means of a pump to the top of a tall wooden sloping framework. The clay goes down a long palong, but across the palong at frequent intervals there are low pieces of wood and these stop the heavy ore, and the lighter clay is carried to the end of the palong and falls back into the mud and water. About once a week the water is stopped and the ore is collected.

E. J. TAYLOR (Form 3B).



Road-Making

Road-making is the art of paving streets and highways to make them withstand the traffic.

The Babylonians had paved roads as early as 2,000 B.C.; the Greek roads were very well constructed and maintained, and the Romans brought the art to a very high standard, mainly for military purposes. Some Roman roads still remain in Britain.

Modern road-making was begun about 150 years ago by two British engineers: Thomas Telford and James Loudon Macadam. Telford used a foundation of vertical stones up to 18 inches high and a top layer of 2½ inch stone four to six inches thick; Macadam used broken stone for foundation as well as the top layer.

Telford's system is still used, the stone layers being rolled with steam rollers. Also popular is tarmacadam—broken stone coated with tar or bitumen. Camber—a slightly curved surface to drain away the rain—is absolutely essential, as water seeping into the road must be avoided.

R. BYRNE (Form 3B).

"To the Cold White Ends of the Earth"

On the 2nd November, 1911, Captain Robert Falcon Scott left base with his main party to be the first men to reach the South Pole. It was a bleak snowy day as they set out for One Ton Camp, which was to be their first main stop. They reached One Ton Camp three days after departure from base and there they stayed for two days making up their provisions for their desperate dash to the South Pole.

They left One Ton Camp on November 7th. Their first task was to make the difficult ascent of the Beardmore Glacier and in doing so they lost two men, namely, Clive Lind and Dohmind Swazeth, who fell to their death with a team of dogs and a sledge loaded with provisions.

When they had made the ascent of this great glacier on which the Pole is situated, seven of the men returned to base. This left five men to make the final dash: they were Captain Scott, Lieutenant H. R. Bowers, Captain L. E. G. Oates, Dr. T. R. Wilson and Edgar Evans. These five men were to fulfil their ambitions but never to return to civilisation.

Captain Scott and his comrades expected to reach the Pole in a fortnight, but for thirteen months nothing was heard of them and only the dead men's diaries can tell us what there is to know.

They reached the Pole on January 18th, 1912, only to find their triumph dashed to

pieces; Captain Roald Amundsen had reached there before them and had left a tent and the Norwegian flag there as a bitter reminder to Scott that he had been beaten. In Amundsen's tent was a note in his own hand-writing, saying, "Welcome to 90 degrees," and a letter to the Norwegian King which Scott was to forward.

Captain Scott spent a day making observations before setting off with his companions to reach base once more. But it was to death that these five men walked, sad and heavy hearted and in some way defeated. Worse and worse grew the weather and hurricane, blizzards and intense cold stopped their progress.

They were then delayed by the unexpected breakdown of Edgar Evans. He had a fall on the Beardmore Glacier and died on February 17th, 1912. Then Captain Oates got badly frost-bitten and could not walk, and although he tried very hard to keep up with the rest of the group, he was obviously retarding his friends; so one morning he said to them, "I'm just going outside, and I may be some time." He tottered out of the tent, never to return again.

Captain Scott, Doctor Wilson and Lieutenant Bowers strove onwards to the south with breaking hearts, but were forced to make camp because of the weather for the last time, just eleven miles from the generously supplied depot of One Ton Camp. They lived there for four days, where they wrote their last letters of farewell and made up their diaries. Captain Scott wrote: "They died, not as blunderers, but as strong, unfortunate men, who had dedicated themselves to the good of their fellowmen."

J. HOWE (Form 5B).

Climbing Errigal

While I was in Donegal this summer, I climbed Errigal with a party from the Holiday Fellowship. We set off in a coach one morning, with a car following to accommodate those who could not get into the coach.

There were some rather rough roads just before we got to Errigal, but we managed to get there. Breaking away from those of the party who were not climbing Errigal (but were going to the Poisoned Glen), we started to

climb to the summit. Soon we were on a level with Wee Errigal at 1,916 feet, and then cloud came down. Every now and again we could see views of the magnificent surroundings through breaks in the clouds.

The last part of the climb (up white scree) was quite steep and very tiring. The top of Errigal (2,466 feet) is on a ridge and once we had climbed on to this it was easy to reach the summit. We ate our sandwiches beside the bench mark, and were surprised to find that this was covered with flying ants. We had not seen them elsewhere on the mountain. Looking down from the peak made us think that we were looking down from a much higher mountain, although I suppose the cloud added to this feeling.

Coming down the mountain was very difficult as the sides were so steep that it was hard to stop running. While we were coming down, we saw the bus coming back along the road to collect us. We got into it and went to the Bloody Foreland, then to Gortahork and back along the coastroad to our centre at Rathmullen.

R. VIPOND (Form 3B).

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The Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 21st January, 1961. There were 220 members and guests present. Our President, Mr. P. R. Walker, set the headline for the evening with an excellent speech when he proposed the toast of "The School." Sir Ian MacLennan was our principal guest and replied to the toast of "Our Guests and Kindred Associations." Our musical guests once again played their part in making the function a complete success.

Ladies' Night, 1961

The Ladies' Night was held in the University Club, on Saturday, 25th March, the maximum attendance of 80 sat down to an excellent dinner and musical evening and Auld Lang Syne came all too soon. Our President was in the chair and conducted the proceedings in his usual able manner. Our best thanks go to Mr. Robert McCullagh, who acted as compere, and the other musical guests for a first-class musical programme.

O.B.U. Golf

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8th, High School—307

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Adelaide Hospital Scheme

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For Your Diary

O.B.U. Golf Competition at the Grange Golf Club on Thursday, 7th September, 1961. Non-Golfers welcome at supper. Particulars from Hon. Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the School on Friday, the 20th October, 1961, at 7.45 p.m.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 4th November, 1961.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 20th January, 1962.

O.B.U.—Danum Project

For the latest news, see leaflet enclosed in this issue of the Erasmian.

News of Old Boys

W. E. Abbott, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. (1912-18) is principal scientific officer of the Pollution and Fisheries Department of the Trent River Board, and is stationed in Nottingham.

Dr. Sydney Baigel (1938-44) is an assistant lecturer in anatomy in Manchester University and Registrar in the University Department of Anaesthetics at Manchester Royal Infirmary. He has just become engaged and is to be married in Prestwich in August. His brother Frank (1946-54) has passed the final examination (Part 1) of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, for the Licentiate in Dental Surgery.

G. H. Bleakley (1946-55) is an engineer on the staff of Aer Lingus at Dublin Airport.

W. G. Booker (1929-37) was referee of the Leinster v. Ulster Junior Rugby International; he was also invited to join the panel of referees at the Isle of Man Rugby Festival during Easter.

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W. W. Bornemann (1948-54), who played for Leinster against Ulster and for Ireland against South Africa in December last has been elected captain of Wanderers Rugby Football Club for the coming season.

B. N. Commiskey (1943-47) has returned to Dublin and is in business on his own account as an insurance broker.

A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51) has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Science, Queen's University, Belfast.

Julian Dawson (1951-54) has been appointed Station Accompanist to the B.B.C. Scottish Region.

Donald Forsyth (1942-50) has been elected A.M.I.C.E., and has taken up a position as a Senior Assistant Engineer with Messrs. Binnie, Deacon and Gourley in Hong Kong, for three years.

I. A. Fox (1948-58) has left Messrs. Strahans and is now with Messrs. Royds (Ireland) Ltd., Advertising Agents.

K. A. Gregory (1952-58) was a member of the Dublin University boxing team that lost to Belsize B.C. and drew with the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in December last.

Spencer Hayes, B.A., B.Agr.Sc. (1946-55), who is now in Oxford studying Economics, has been awarded an Apprenticeship Scholarship (value £800) in Cornell University for research in Agriculture, leading to a Master's degree.

I. E. Jones (1912-21) is head of the Classical Department of John Watson's College, Edinburgh.

N. Lambert (1953-59) is an assistant master at Normandale Preparatory School, Bexhill-on-Sea.

R. H. P. Layfield (1936-44), a former member of the School Boxing Club, home on leave from South Africa, acted as M.C. at the School Boxing Championships last term.

W. B. Lyster (1948-58) obtained first place and John Mackie Memorial Prize in the Institute of Chartered Accountants intermediate examination, in which T. O. Driver (1953-58) and R. C. Graves (1952-58) were also successful.

G. F. Mitchell, F.T.C.D. (1922-30) has been re-elected President of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland.

R. E. Montgomery (1920-28) has been appointed sub-agent of the Sligo branch of the Bank of Ireland.

J. D. Oakes (1948-56), who graduated in October with a Moderatorship in Legal and Political Science, has been appointed to the staff of Messrs. Guinness, Son & Co.

Dr. M. S. C. Rooney (1926-36) visited the school in December. He is practising in Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.

Canon R. J. Ross, M.A., B.D. (1923-28) has been responsible for arranging the greater part of the music in the new Church of Ireland Hymnal (*An Leabhar Iomann*) and has also contributed six of his own compositions.

G. Meikle Turner (1947-49), who has been teaching in the High School of Montreal since September, 1959, has been appointed Principal of Grenville High School, Grenville, Province of Quebec, Canada.

C. C. Walker, B.A. (1948-53), who has been in British West Africa with Seismograph, has now accepted a position as representative in the Merchants' Warehousing Co., Dublin.

R. J. Walker (1924-31) has been elected President of the Incorporated Law Society.

T. T. West (1954-56) has been awarded the 1961 Scholarship, of a value of £900, to continue his studies in Cambridge University.

Marriages

John Kendal Bailey (1948-54) to Mary Elizabeth Robinson, September 1, 1960.

Alfred William Madison Cooper (1944-51) to Gail Williams Niemoeller, May 6, 1961, at Monterey, California.

Benjamin Godfrey Crawford (1950-52) to Gillian Helen Moffett, April 4, 1961.

Robert A. Dalzell (1945-49) to Isobel M. Finlay, March 24, 1961.

Ronald Gordon Gibson (1943-47) to Alice Prudham, November 12, 1960.

Rev. Ernon Perdue, B.D. (1941-48) to Heather Gregory, April 3, 1961.

Richard L. Schlesinger (1951-54) to Myrtle Sylvia Beck, September 2, 1960.

Peter Robert Taylor (1939-44) to Merveen May Wilson, April 8, 1961.

Samuel Cyril Wright (1936-44) to Sylvia Pearl May Arnold, April 3, 1961.

Death

William Kirkpatrick Magee (John Eglinton)
(1881-86), May 9, 1961, in Bournemouth.

"John Eglinton"

We regret to record the death of a distinguished Old Boy, William Kirkpatrick Magee, who was a pupil at the school from 1881 to 1886 where he was a contemporary of Yeats. We reprint the following account from the *Irish Times*, by kind permission.

The death has occurred in Bournemouth of Mr. William Kirkpatrick Magee (John Eglinton), the distinguished critic and essayist. Born in Dublin, he was educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He was already a writer of some distinction in 1890 when he graduated B.A.

At Trinity he was strongly influenced by his teacher, Edward Dowden, on whom he wrote an outstanding essay. He received the honorary degree of Litt.D. from the university in 1952.

For many years he was an assistant librarian in the National Library, Dublin. Since his retirement from this position in 1922 he lived first in Wales and, later, in the south of England. He wrote regular reviews for the *Observer*.

He was influenced by Emerson, Thoreau, Goethe and Wordsworth. He was author of "Two Essays on The Remnant," "Pebbles From a Brook" (published by Standish O'Grady, Kilkenny, in 1901), a number of essays in *Literary Ideals in Ireland*, "Bards and Saints" (1906), "Anglo-Irish Essays" (1917), "Irish Literary Portraits," and "A Memoir of AE" (1937).

Ernest Boyd, of the Talbot Press, Dublin, wrote of him in "Appreciations and Depreciations (1917)": "A certain ironical detachment and scepticism indicated a mentality not usually associated with the writers of the Irish literary movement. He had nothing in common with the illusory, shadowy world of Yeats or the flamboyant, rhetorical energy of Synge."

"A sort of lonely thorn tree," Moore described him, adding: "But the thorn breaks into flower."

George Moore wrote a good deal about Magee in "Ave, Salve and Vale," his trilogy which deals with the Dublin of around 1910.

He also appears in Joyce's "Ulysses." In the chapter dealing with the visit to the National Library there is a record of a conversation about Hamlet and his father by T. W. Lyster, Dr. Irvine Best, and Magee.

He was a familiar figure in Dublin theosophical circles of the early years of this century, though he did not become a theosophist himself, being strongly individualistic. "I was not a theosophist," he recalled many years later, "but my friends were mostly of the faith. I could hardly fail to know Russell who at once took possession of me and always regarded me, I think, as a rather wayward spiritual disciple."

With Fred Ryan, later editor of the *Egyptian Standard*, he edited the Dublin literary monthly, *Dana*, in which verse by Joyce and Oliver St. John Gogarty was published. The publication described itself as "a magazine of independent thought" and produced 12 issues from May, 1904.

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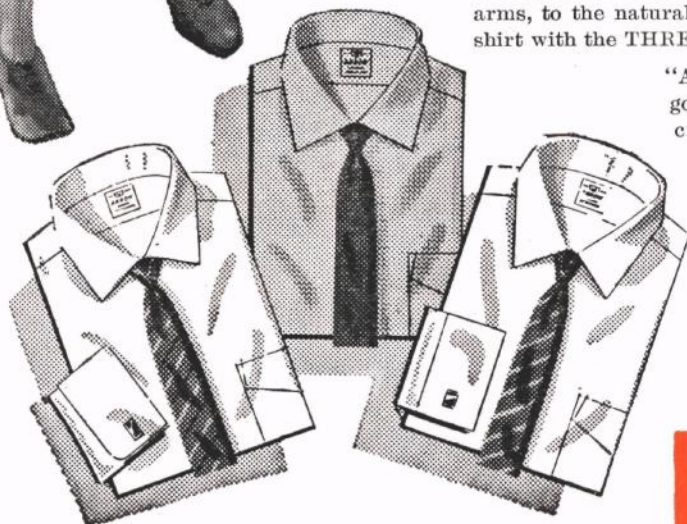
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