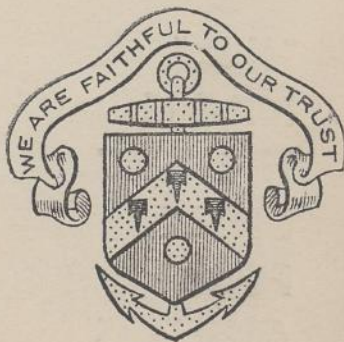


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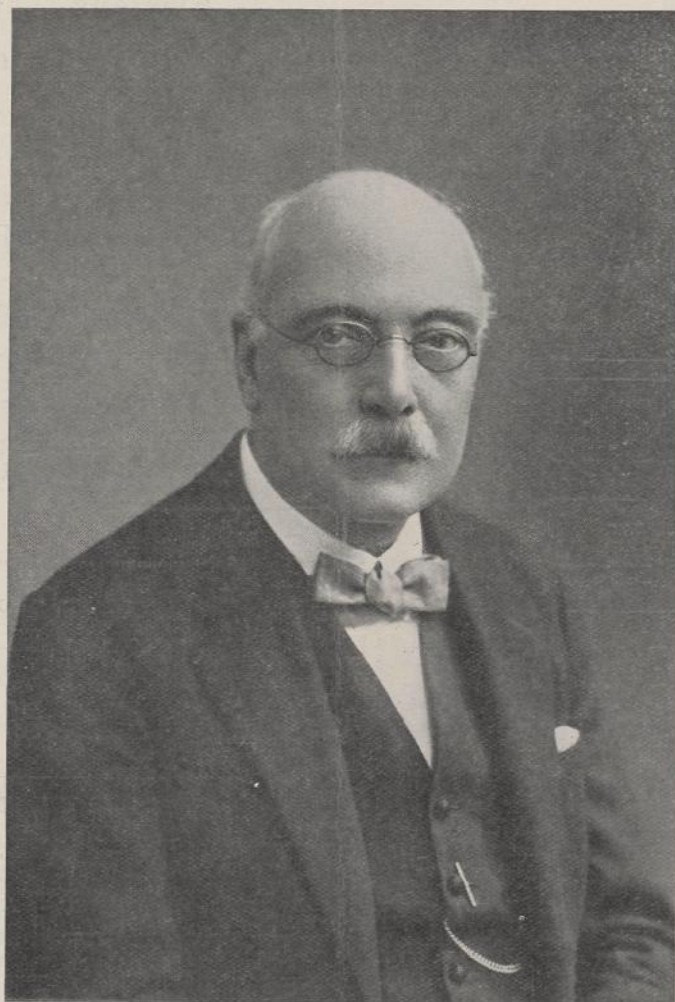
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MR. JOHN THOMPSON

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Mr. JOHN THOMPSON

IT was with deep regret that we heard of the death of the late Headmaster of the School on the 13th November. Few men have devoted all their mental and physical energy to a single purpose so completely as he did to the service of the High School. After a brilliant career at Cambridge University he came here as Classical master in 1891, at the age of 25. Old Boys who were taught by him during his seventeen years in this position still remember not only his unusual powers of teaching but the way in which he upheld the dignity of the school. As a teacher he had few equals and many of his pupils became prominent in the world of scholarship. In 1908 he was unanimously appointed Headmaster and held the position until his resignation in 1928. His success is so unquestioned that it is not necessary to dwell on it. Within a few years of his appointment the school had more than doubled its numbers and afterwards maintained its prosperity. During his last years in office we saw him age rapidly and there is no doubt that he wore himself out owing to his unrelenting work for the school. No business man worked as hard as he did. His high sense of duty kept him from leaving to others any work which he thought he should do himself. He told me before he left that he seldom had an evening free from September to June.

He was an accurate scholar of high reputation among classical scholars. He published many classical books and his Greek Grammar is a standard work in use in schools and universities. When the new system of Latin pronunciation was introduced, he was one of the pioneers of the movement. There was hardly a single educational movement in Ireland in which he did not play a part. He was Hon. Secretary of the Teachers' Guild. The Classical Association of Ireland owed much of its success to his work as Hon. Secretary. He was President of the Schoolmasters' Association and acted as Hon. Secretary for thirteen years until his retirement. He took an active part in the long fight for better salaries and conditions for secondary teachers. I saw the whole of those prolonged and often acrimonious negotiations, which revealed better than anything else John Thompson's innate altruism. When money was at last wrung from a reluctant Government and

the struggle centred around the question whether it should go to the school management or to the then underpaid teacher, he fought always for the "underdog," even when the other course would have brought himself greater financial gain.

He was essentially kindly, and was one of the first to revolt against the almost universal custom of cruel physical punishment in schools. He could be genial but possessed a reserve of manner which tended to conceal his real kindness. We often spoke of it lightly as "the Englishman's reserve." It was probably due to shyness. He evidently used his will power to achieve an external calm. At first I used to marvel at his imperturbability in the face of worry and disaster. But one soon learned to see signs of the highly-strung nervous system underneath. It was obvious that even after long years of experience a public speech was a great nerve strain to him.

I knew him first as a member of his staff. All of us liked and respected him, above all we realised that he was a man of inflexible honour. Those who have no inside experience of schools do not know how rarely a staff really likes and respects the Headmaster. To him falls the task of keeping the machine running efficiently, and it is not easy to do this without producing resentment when dealing with various personalities.

John Thompson had an unfading memory for Old Boys. He seemed to remember them all clearly from his first year at the school. Only a few weeks before his death he sent a bundle of cuttings from newspapers dealing with former pupils.

Perhaps his real greatness of spirit was best shown during the last few years of his life. He saw his wife, to whom he was deeply attached, suffer a lingering illness and at last die. His relatives and friends also went one by one. He himself became seriously ill and, having spent more than a year in a nursing home, was sent back home incurable. He could scarcely walk but he continued to write cheerful letters to all of us, and one of his greatest joys was to record the visit of an Old Boy. I know the names of all who went to see him. I wonder if they realised what pleasure they gave him. His last letter to me, about three weeks before his death, consisted of four closely written pages all about Old Boys and the current news of the school.

There was no word of complaint but a cheery note about what he called his "blessings." He had "an excellent housekeeper, a very attentive nurse and he could sometimes go out into his garden."

After I had written this very inadequate account, a letter came from his solicitors saying that he had left a substantial sum of money to the school to provide valuable Leaving Exhibitions for boys entering Trinity College. The Exhibitions will bear his name. It is good to know that he will be remembered perpetually in the school that he loved so well.

Boys to-day are reaping the benefit of the high intellectual standard and moral tone which his great mental ability and deep sense of honour and dignity gave it. He died on our last Prize Day, though we did not then know it. He gave all of his best to one object, the good of the boys of the High School, Dublin. In that chosen work he had, as far as we could see, a happy life. That was his well-deserved reward.

J. B.

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EDITORIAL

THE first thought of a new editor naturally runs on the main theme—what is a school magazine, what is its purpose, and what its construction? If we lay down a background of advertisements, surely it is the duty of the readers to support those who take part in the publication of the ERASMIAN. This background laid down, we must turn our brush to the rest of the picture. In the foreground the school stands out prominently, and the life of its scholars and staff. This must, therefore, be a distinctive feature. In the middle distance comes the outside interest of present and past pupils—sports and attainments outside the alma mater. Then there is the completion of the picture with touches of light and shade composed of various contributions, with odd columns and touches of humour.

Interest is natural in a small circle when a contributor's article is published, in a larger circle when distinctions in sports are reported, as all these are of interest both to boys and parents. If the contributions are of general interest and more numerous from the old boys, as well as the present boys, then we widen our circle to the desired radius, catering for the tastes of all.

We think the picture presented by some of the recent issues to have been rather flat and colourless, lacking somewhat in light and shade. Therefore, we appeal confidently to all readers to make a resolution *now* and keep it early in the new year, to send us contributions that will enable us to expand and develop as you, readers, would desire. We Irish are supposed to have a sense of humour, then let your high lights of wit and humour come pouring in, so that the editor will not be as one who

"Seldom smiles, and smiles in such a sort
as if he mocked himself, and scorn'd his spirit
that could be moved to smile at any thing,"
but rather as one who, while plying pen, thinks

"Both the wonder and the story
Shall be yours, and eke the glory
I am your servant and your thrall."

SCHOOL NOTES

WE returned to our labours, after a satisfying holiday, on Monday, September 7th, and found Mr. Graham installed as a new Mathematical Master; some of us remember him being at school when we were in the junior forms. Mr. Graham won a ^{SCHOLAR}Scholarship and a First Class Moderatorship in Mathematics, so he comes to us well prepared for his difficult task.

The school Library, under Mr. Chillingworth's expert management, continues to flourish and is very popular, judging by the numbers who throng round the bookcase when he appears on library day. This term books have been presented by Dudgeon, Burge, Smyth, Duggan, Greening and Payne. These contributions are thoroughly appreciated.

We enjoyed several holidays this term and they were a welcome interruption to the workers and a saving of excuses for the drones.

We congratulate—

Mr. Watson on obtaining B.Sc. (Nat. Univ.).

W. R. Bryans, G. S. Prince and M. S. C. Rooney, who won the Lightweight, Welterweight and Middleweight Novice Championships of Dublin University, respectively. All three left school last year.

A. E. G. Moore on winning the Moran Cup Reliability Trial.

R. E. Newell on winning a first class award in the Side Car Trial held by the Leinster Motor Cycle Club in October.

A. N. Jeffares on winning first prize in his section of the National Art Competition held by the R.D.S. in June.

D. A. Orr on his promotion to the Captaincy of the Boxing Club.

P. Ellis on being "capped" for Ireland in the International Association Match against Germany.

The Remembrance Day Service was heard by the whole school on Armistice Day in the Clock Room; a light touch was supplied by the choral efforts of the boys, who finished fully half a minute before the radio.

We hope our new cover will meet the approval of all, if such unanimity is possible. It is part of our policy for a brighter ERASMIAN without and within. If it is attractive to the readers we hope it will attract more contributions (Old Boys please respond).

We greatly regret to have to report the death of Mr. Thompson. An appreciation of him will be found elsewhere in these pages.

We are very grateful to the President and Committee of the Old Wesley R.F.C. for the use of their ground at Milltown for mid-week matches. It is very much appreciated by the "Under 13's."



RUGBY NOTES

Captain ...	...	G. I. McCabe
Vice-Captain ...	...	E. R. Young
Hon. Secretary ...	...	R. T. Motyer

MODERN football is a direct descendant of the ancient Roman game of "Harpastum," in which the object of the players on each side was to seize the ball and carry it, by some means or other, across a line marked on the ground in the rear of their opponents.

THE TEAMS—S.C.T.

The team is very unfortunate in having only two of last years' forwards and one back. The forwards are a very light pack, but if they train hard they will be quite up to the average. The backs should let the ball out more to their wings. Both forwards and backs will have to learn to play as a team and not as fifteen individuals.

2ND XV.

Captain—W. Gilmour.

This team is very weak this year as there are only about twenty-five seniors, from which to pick both the S.C.T. and the 2nd XV.

J.C.T.

Captain—D. A. Orr.

The team has made a very good start this year. The backs are above the average size,

but will need to train hard in order to become as fast as is desirable. The forwards are, if anything, slightly on the light side and should get the ball back as much as possible.

UNDER 14.

Captain—J. Weir.

The team has an exceptionally strong pack of forwards, a few of whom are on the J.C.T. The backs are not too strong and should re-

CRICKET NOTES

Captain ...	...	J. C. Gilmour
Vice-Captain ...	...	C. L. Keegan
Hon. Secretary ...	...	W. G. Booker

THE 1st XI were rather unfortunate in not getting into the final of the Schools' Cup. Although they lost their first league match to King's Hospital by 98 runs, Wesley in the second match defeated them by only one run,

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CRICKET TEAM, 1936.

H. Armstrong, W. D. Gilmour, R. T. Motyer, G. S. Prince, K. A. Warrington.



Mr. J. A. Storey, J. D. Smyth, C. L. Keegan, J. C. Gilmour (Capt.), W. G. Booker,
M. S. C. Rooney, Mr. G. R. Butler,
D. A. Orr.

member to run straight when they get the ball and not across the field.

UNDER 13.

Captain—R. Beattie.

This is one of the most enthusiastic teams in the school. Both the forwards and backs are strong, but they need to use their heads more and to play together.

while in the third match St. Columba's were defeated by 38 runs. A little more patience in the Wesley match and they would have been in the final, and, who knows, they might have won the cup, a feat that has not been accomplished for many seasons. The outstanding performances were Keegan's 65 against St. Columba's, Booker's 4 wickets for 0 against Rathmines Technical Institute, and Shaw's 3 wickets for 0 against St. Columba's. The team as a whole

did well and the Juniors filled the last five places on the team with credit.

This season the 2nd XI did not prove a success, as players eligible for this team were few and far between. However, much keenness was shown among the Juniors. In the first round of the cup they defeated C.U.S. by 119 runs, but in the second round they had an "off day" and were badly beaten by Masonic. The "Under 14" won most of its matches.

The House Competition was won by Belgrave House in defeating both Abbey and Harcourt. The match between the School and Staff ended in a draw.

A vote of thanks goes to Messrs. Butler, Storey and Young for giving so much of their time to umpiring and coaching.

SWIMMING NOTES

Captain	G. I. McCabe
Vice-Captain	W. H. Houston
Hon. Secretary	A. T. McKiernan

WE were disappointed to note that this season there was a falling-off in the number of Seniors taking part in Swimming. This state of affairs is much to be lamented as swimming is undoubtedly one of the finest and pleasantest means of keeping physically fit.

Although hindered by this lack of support, we were able, with the help of Mr. H. F. Case, our coach, to train and enter teams for the Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Juvenile Squadron Championships of Leinster. In these events we were fairly successful, gaining first place in the Junior Championship and second place in the Senior Championship.

Our gala was held on 22nd of September and was attended by a large crowd. The most exciting event was the Junior Squadron Championship of Leinster. Unfortunately the High School team was hindered by a fallen splash screen, and the event had to be re-swum. Undeterred by their earlier misfortune the High School team won the championship from Belvedere who came a close second. Time 30 2-5 seconds. We concluded the night with a water-polo match,

after which Mrs. Bennett kindly presented the prizes.

The following were the results of the gala:—

44 Yards (under 15).—A. S. Siev, 1; R. P. King, 2; D. W. Maddison, 3.

22 Yards (Beginners).—R. F. Kyle, 1; J. A. Fitzpatrick, 2; P. J. Custis, 3.

Junior Championship of High School.—J. N. Allen, 1; G. H. Priestman, 2; A. W. Reynolds, 3.

22 Yards (under 13).—R. A. Kerr, 1; D. W. Maddison, 2.

Senior Championship of High School.—G. I. McCabe, 1; A. T. McKiernan, 2; R. S. McNeill, 3.

44 Yards (under 16).—D. W. Maddison, 1; K. H. M. Young, 2; G. A. J. Cole, 3.

44 Yards (Breast and Back).—S. Hunter, 1; J. F. Whitney, 2.

66 Yards (Senior Handicap).—J. F. Whitney, 1; A. T. McKiernan, 2; G. S. Prince, 3;

Old Boys.—Eager, 1; T. H. M. Chillingworth, 2; K. White, 3.

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Junior Championship of Leinster.—1st, B. M. Stopford (Kingstown Grammar School); 2nd, J. N. Allen (H.S.D.). Time—Record.

Other events in which the High School was represented:—

Senior Championship of Leinster.—Philipps (Clongowes Wood), 1; Regan (Clongowes

BOXING NOTES

Captain ...	...	...	E. M. Crockett
Vice-Captain ...	...	...	D. A. Orr
Hon. Secretary ...	...	...	D. W. Hiron

AS usual we are able to announce that the Boxing Club is making outstanding progress. We are glad to report that the membership has reached the surprising figure of 97. However, we would be glad if these members

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CRICKET TEAM, 1936.

H. Armstrong, L. C. Poll, R. T. Motyer, K. A. Warrington, W. T. Heaney.



Mr. G. R. Butler, W. R. O'Malley, A. T. Begley, K. E. J. Tyrrell (Capt.), D. A. Orr, W. D. Gilmour, Mr. J. A. Storey, J. Smyth.

Wood), 2; McCabe (H.S.D.), 3. Time—65½ secs.

Leinster Senior Squadron Championship.—Clongowes Wood, 1; H.S.D., 2 (McCabe, McKiernan, Roberts, Allan).

Leinster Junior Squadron Championship.—H.S.D., 1 (Allen, Priestman, Begley, Reynolds); Wesley, 2.

would attend more frequently. The Juniors, as in former years, are by far the keenest members. So far, we have arranged a fight with King's Hospital for the 16th November and another for the 15th December with St. Columba's College. We are indebted beyond measure to the Old Boys who provided us with the money for building a new ring, which Mr. Wilson constructed. We owe our thanks to our well

known and popular trainer, Johnnie Nelson, for his valuable coaching and training, and also to Messrs. Young, Goulden, and Johnson, for their keen interest and the support that they have given to the club.



ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

THE Annual Sports were held on Tuesday, June 30th at Lansdowne Road, by kind permission of the Irish Rugby Football Union. We were fortunate enough in the weather, except for one shower from which we sheltered, and the rain held off until we finished, when it made up for previous restraint. Mrs. Bennett kindly presented the prizes.

House Points.—Abbey, 92; Belgrave, 58; Harcourt, 57.

75 Yards (under 10).—1, Eppel, T. V.; 2, Gray, G. N.; 3, Smith, H.

75 Yards (under 11).—1, Eppel, I. V.; 2, Stevenson, R. D.; 3, Cole, G. F.

75 Yards (under 12).—1, Belford, S.; 2, Quin, R.; 3, Motyer, J.

100 Yards (under 13).—1, Parsons, A. W.; 2, George, N. I.; 3, Pielow, I.

100 Yards (under 14).—1, Weir, R. J.; 2, Rooney, B.; 3, Tyrrell, G. J.

100 Yards (under 15).—1, Burge, F. C.; 2, Poll, L.; 3, Weir, R. J.

100 Yards (under 16).—1, Motyer, R. T.; 2, Stevenson, W. J.; 3, O'Malley, W. R.

100 Yards (Senior).—1, Prince, G. S.; 2, Keegan, C. L.; 3, Whitney, J. F.

150 Yards (under 12).—1, Belford, S.; 2, Cole, G. F.; 3, Quin, R.

220 Yards (under 15).—1, Stephens, D. P.; 2, Smyth, J.; 3, Sutton, E. V.

220 Yards (under 16).—1, Allen, A. J.; 2, Stevenson, W. J.; 3, O'Malley, W. R.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, Prince, G. S.; 2, Leary, W.; 3, Morrow, A. E.

440 Yards (under 15).—1, Priestman, G.; 2, Jackson, R. F.; 3, Stephens, D. P.

440 Yards (Senior).—1, Allen, A. J.; 2, Keegan, C. L.; 3, McNeill, R. S.

Half Mile (over 15).—1, McNeill, R. S.; 2, Prince, G. S.; 3, Houston, W. H.

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Mile (over 15).—1, Shaw, D. S.; 2, Houston, W. H.; 3, Rue, H.

Long Jump (under 15).—1, Smyth, J.; 2, Poll, L.; 3, Begley, A. T.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Booker, W. G.; 2, Rooney, M. S.; 3, Keegan, C. L.

Consolation Race (under 15).—1, Bestall, S. S. B.; 2, West, W. B.; 3, Eppell, E. W.

Consolation Race (Senior).—1, Warrington, K. A.; 2, Trainor, W. S.; 3, Gilmour, J. C.

Sisters' Race (under 13).—1, Miss Joan Booker; 2, Miss Joan Carroll; 3, Miss Joan Parsons.

Sisters' Race (over 13).—1, Miss Bryans; 2, Miss Willets; 3, Miss Parsons.

Old Boys' Race.—1, Harrison, G. F.; 2, Walker, R.

Tennis Championship.—Young, E. R.

Tennis Senior Handicap.—Young, E. R.; runner-up, Armstrong, H.

Tennis Junior Handicap.—Burrowes, A. S.

Cricket.—Best Batting Average: Keegan, C. L. Best Bowling Average: Gilmour, J. C.

Handball.—Senior: Booker, W. G. Junior: Allen, J. N.

Sack Race (under 13).—1, Kerr, J.; 2, Kyle, R. F.; 3, Cole, G. F.

Sack Race (over 13).—1, McClintock, M. J.; 2, Thompson, F. L.; 3, Rooney, B.

Obstacle Race (under 13).—1, Quin, R.; 2, Burgess, P. J.; 3, Wright, S. C.

Obstacle Race (over 13).—1, Cole, G. A.; 2, Sutton, E. V.; 3, Rooney, B.

Consolation Race (under 12).—1, McAteer, A. J.; 2, Wright, S. J.; 3, Clarke, W. C.

High Jump (under 15).—1, Begley, A. T.; 2, Orr, D. A.; 3, Rooney, B. F.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Boyle, W. D.; 2, Prince, G. S.; 3, McNeill, R. S.

Hurdles (under 15).—1, Poll, L.; 2, Begley, A. T.; 3, Smyth, J.

Hurdles (Senior).—1, Boyle, W. D.; 2, Keegan, C. L.; 3, Taylor, A. L.

Siamese Race.—1, Featherstone, J. D., and McRae, W. W.; 2, Burrows, A. S., and Burrowes, D.

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Magill Cup—100 Yards under 15.—Begley, A. T.

220 Yards Championship Cup (Senior).—Boyle, W. D.

Junior Cup.—Poll, L. C., 11 points.

War Memorial Cup.—Boyle, W. D., 20 points.

We are very grateful to the following who kindly contributed to the Annual Sports Fund:

The Governors subscribed £10.

The Old Boys' Union gave valuable prizes.

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Magill ... A. T. Begley
"Place and Drop" .. M. S. C. Rooney
Swimming (Junior) .. J. N. Allen

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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

THE Distribution of Prizes was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 13th November. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. W. E. Thrift, Vice-Provost T.C.D., T.D., was in the Chair. The following Governors were present: The Archbishop of Dublin, Mr. G. B. Butler, Professor W. R. Fearon, Mr. John Garvey, D.L.; the Rev. Canon A. A. Luce, D.D.; the Rev. W. J. Mayne, Professor John Purser; Mr. Harry Thrift, F.T.C.D., and Mr. A. L. B. Moore (Registrar). Apologies were received from the Archbishop of Armagh, The Provost of Trinity College, the Bishop of Ossory, the Bishop of Tuam, the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Justice Best, Sir George Franks, Lord Holmpatrick, Mr. W. H. Carson, K.C., the Rev. Canon Nash, the Rev. Canon Stringer.

Some Points from the Headmaster's Report.

NUMBERS.

The number of pupils on the Register during the year 1935-6 showed an increase over the previous year. This autumn we had the largest enrolment of new pupils which he could remember as Headmaster or Assistant. Against this there had been an increasing number of openings for boys leaving school so that some boys left before their due time (a very welcome cause of diminution of the total number).

About one third of the boys leaving school go to Universities. The greater part of the remainder secure posts in the Free State so that we do not educate for export.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Examinations results have been unusually good. J. C. Gilmour won an Entrance Scholarship of £200 in Trinity College and First Mathematical Sizarship, being 24 per cent. ahead of the next candidate. M. C. Fowler won Second Classical Sizarship, the High School Exhibition of over £100 and the Louis Claude Purser Entrance Scholarship in Classics. The Board gave special awards for merit to J. D. Smyth, who just missed Science Sizarship, and to J. C. Duggan. High School boys in Trinity College had during the year gained First of First Class Honours in Classics, Experimental Science, French, German, Spanish, and Modern Languages. And First Class Honours in Mathematics, Mental and Moral Science, History, Irish, English, Legal Science.

A boy who shows an aptitude in any particular subject is given full scope to develop this in the senior school.

In the Scripture Examinations held by the General Synod and Presbyterian Assembly 100 passed and 50 gained prizes.

The School was awarded the special Prizes presented by the German Government for the best record in teaching German in the Free State.

Ten per cent. had been added to the Science Grant by the Department of Education for special merit.

The School Choir gained 79 per cent. and a money grant.

In the Certificate Examinations, twelve boys obtained Honours (apart from Irish) and eight passed, the largest number for many years. Several boys had exceptionally good results, e.g., K. E. J. Tyrrell got Honours in seven subjects and passed in Irish (three subjects are sufficient for a pass with Honours).

Irish is improving in the School as shown by the Inspector's report.

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SPORT.

In sport we try to get as many boys as possible to take part. The majority of boys play games. Rugby, Cricket, Swimming, Boxing and Tennis all had a prosperous year. Five Rugby teams played outside matches in addition to "House" and Class Matches. We had to rent an outside ground to get all the fixtures played. The Swimming Club won the Junior Squadron Championship of Leinster, and the Boxing Club won the Ellerker Cup.

The Dramatic Entertainment had four performances and gave valuable financial help to the Sports Fund. For this our best thanks are due to Mr. Eric May.

OLD BOYS' UNION.

Many successful functions were held. The President was Mr. S. W. Meyer, to whose unselfish work the Union and the School owe a deep debt of gratitude. Mr. Harry Thrift is President for the present year.

We are grateful to the Old Boys for valuable prizes in sports and money to purchase material for a Boxing Ring.

The Headmaster referred with regret to the death of a number of Old Boys, of which notices have appeared in the ERASMIAN. He mentioned especially the Rev. C. C. W. Duggan.

The names of Old Boys who secured outstanding appointments and distinctions during the year were mentioned; showing how widespread the influence of the School has been.

He conveyed to Mr. Mervyn Bell, who was recently married, the good wishes of the School. He had been Hon. Secretary of the O.B.U. since it was founded. The record of the six brothers of the Bell family in the School was in many ways unique.

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President de Valera said that for most people the Secondary School is their University. The Headmaster pleaded for a cultural Education as long continued as possible for all pupils and especially for those taking up a business career.

THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Thrift said that he did not think that he had ever heard a more satisfactory report. He was particularly pleased to hear of the success of the school in placing boys in employment in the Free State. Schools cannot exist now unless they take money from the State. Irish is one of the conditions necessary for claiming this money and as we have undertaken to take Irish we have done our best to see that the boys had the best teaching in Irish.

He assured parents that the Board was aware of the needs of the school and willing to spend money to the limit of their resources, but he told them (a fact which probably few of them knew) that it cost at least as much again to run the school as they paid in fees.

Professor W. R. Fearon gave us much educational wisdom under the guise of humour. We have rarely heard a more entertaining speech at a Prize Distribution. He showed up a good deal of the humbug which surrounds education both in theory and practice.

Mr. George Butler, Secretary of the R.C.B., and an active member of the O.B.U., presented the Old Boys Cup to John C. Gilmour. Though the winner had won such brilliant distinctions at his entrance to Trinity College, and had been Captain of the Cricket Club and won his Cap in Rugby, Mr. Butler pointed out that it was because he possessed an even greater quality, namely, Character, that the Cup had been awarded to him.

In conclusion, the Headmaster thanked the Board of Governors for their close personal interest in the school.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1936.****LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.**

Few boys can now compete for the Leaving Certificate Examination, as the others are candidates for Trinity College and other Examinations held at or about the same time.

H. Rue—(Failed in Irish.) Passed with Honours in other subjects.

B. S. Whitney—Passed with Honours.

E. R. Young—Passed.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

A. N. Jeffares, R. J. Monaghan, K. E. J. Tyrrell, H. W. Williams, A. J. Allen—Passed with Honours.

The following candidates did not receive an official Certificate, because they did not pass in Irish. Their marks in other subjects would have entitled them to the results stated:—

E. J. Barker, W. D. B. Gilmour, J. K. A. McColl, R. A. Meyer, J. L. Wilkinson—Passed with Honours.

P. J. Custis, C. J. Davis, J. F. de V. Dudgeon, F. A. L. Gardner, F. E. Pasley, E. R. Roberts, C. Wachmann—Passed.

School Choir—79 per cent. (awarded Money Grant).

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

First Class—G. F. Thompson, H. R. Roberts, W. H. Wann, T. F. J. McKeon.

Second Class—J. A. Motyer, R. J. Beattie, S. S. Bestall, D. C. Reynolds.

Reduced Fees (for special merit)—R. W. Rumball, R. A. Kerr.

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J. C. Gilmour—Entrance Scholarship (£200).
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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

G. Abbott, W. D. Boyle, W. R. Bryans, W. N. Erskine, L. P. Hill, W. H. Houston, R. C. McKell, A. T. McKiernan, G. S. Prince, M. S. C. Rooney, R. D. Seligman.

MODERATORSHIPS (HONOUR DEGREES).

E. A. Thompson—First place in Classical Moderatorship. Second Class Moderatorship in History. University Studentship (£100).

V. W. Graham—First class Moderatorship in Mathematics.

J. McC. Caldwell—Third class Moderatorship in Natural Science.

K. N. Douglas—Dr. Henry Hutchinson Stewart Scholarship. Old French and Provençal Prizes.

J. G. Yates—Michael Roberts Prize.

DEGREES.

J. M. Bryson, D. T. Bardon, H. W. W. Good—M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

H. S. Boyce, G. W. Patterson—B.A.O.

H. M. Glover—M.A.

T. W. Buckley, D. T. Bardon, C. A. Boyle, R. A. Lutton, R. J. Walker—B.A.

P. R. Walker—B.Comm. and B.A.

TERM HONOUR EXAMINATION.

J. G. Yates (S.F.)—First (bracketed) of First Rank Honours in Mathematics. First of First Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

C. C. W. Browne (S.F.)—First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

D. H. McNeill (S.F.)—First Rank Honours in History.

G. W. Keegan (S.F.)—Second Rank Honours in French.

S. A. Moore (J.F.)—First Rank Honours in Classics.

G. A. F. Harrison (J.F.)—First Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

A. D. Mason (J.F.)—Second Rank Honours in Legal Science.

J. D. K. Freeland—Philosophical Society's Silver Medal for Oratory.

H. M. Beattie—Philosophical Society's Silver Medal for Aesthetics.

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—That's it you see, our friend is right, that's what I always said, indeed, yes—take movies now—for example—

—Is that K.H.? We have a new ring in our Gym. now—how heavy is that second man of yours?—

—he might find the work a little bit too hard, to commence with in the new class O lower.—Ability—'mm, yes! I am sure he has, but a little bit hard to discover—Ah! it's cut off.

—Could you put out a weak team on Saturday? Ours is very, very—out there we had a topping team. I remember playing in Ispaha—

—Silence is G--LD-N, said the Sec., refusing a call, but accepting a cigarette.—

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OUR GERMAN TOUR

AN outstanding event in the lives of 30 Irish schoolboys was a tour organised by the German Educational Exchange Bureau, which took place last August. The party spent most of the time in the company of German boys and so had peculiar opportunities of observing aspects of German manners and customs which do not reveal themselves to the ordinary tourist. Official receptions and sight-seeing tours were accorded the party in every town visited and these, too, added to the educational value of the holiday; thus the Irish visitors were able to notice both the formal and extremely informal sides of the German character.

The Free State group, in the charge of Messrs. C. L. Dillon and W. R. Wilson, of the High School, arrived in Berlin on the morning of Friday, August the 7th, after a journey of two days through London, Dover, Ostend and Aachen, a very interesting route. On leaving the station in Berlin, headed by a Storm-troopers' band and in the centre of a long

parade of Hitler Youth, we marched to the "Home School Ship," "Hans Schemm," which was to be our home for the next ten days. After a real German bout of speech making and a suitable reply in English and Irish by Mr. Dillon, we embarked and began making friends with the thirty German boys who were to accompany us on our trip.

We spent the following day in Berlin sight-seeing and visited the Olympic Games, where we saw two hockey matches, then we entered the Stadium, which is, indeed, colossal. We also paid a visit to the Irish Consul, the Berlin Museum, and the Deutschland Exhibition. We "sailed" on Sunday, the 9th, leaving the city for Potsdam. Our route lay up the Spree and the Plauer canal on to the Elbe, which we were to follow right up to the Czecho-Slovakian frontier. This journey entailed visits to Potsdam, the famous residence of the former kings of Prussia; Brandenburg; Wittenburg, where Martin Luther lived and taught; Magdeburg, a well known scientific city; Meissen, where Dresden china is made; and concluded in Dresden, where we stayed a day, during which we visited the opera and art gallery. At Dresden, after a vociferous send-off, we entrained for Cologne, which we reached on the 14th, here we also spent a day, part of which was used in climbing the famous cathedral to a height of 450 feet.

The daily programme began at 5 a.m. or thereabouts with morning gymnastics, then, after "Hoisting the Flags," when each party sang one of its national songs, we breakfasted, mainly on soup. By now the boat would be cruising up the Elbe, while the Irish boys made full use of the boiling sun. At night we used to have sing-songs with the German boys, which were very enjoyable and a great aid to friendship. Hammocks and mattresses were used as sleeping accommodation on alternate

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nights, and although at first we found them a trifle uncomfortable we soon got used to this arrangement.

We could not but be impressed by the orderliness and cleanliness of the people as indicated by the spotless appearance of the streets, not only in the large cities but in the country towns through which we passed. Most of these small villages could teach Dubliners a lesson in civic

which were to be seen, as well as by the amount of parades and receptions in which we took part. But this was not the only side of their character which we noticed. Everyone with whom we came in contact was extremely friendly and eager to do everything possible to make our trip a success, while the German patience was apparent in their willingness to explain anything we did not understand. Here



GERMAN TOUR 1936.

Back Row—R. A. Meyer, J. Wilkinson, J. McColl, R. S. McNeill, I. McCabe, W. B. Brooks, F. W. Beattie, R. Ganly, J. A. Hemingway.

Middle Row—R. W. O'Malley, A. N. Jeffares, R. T. Towson, A. J. Allen, H. L. Moore, W. R. Kilpatrick.

Front Row—W. A. Leary, G. H. Mulroney, W. H. Houston, Mr. C. L. Dillon, Mr. W. R. Wilson, A. R. Jones, D. C. Watt, L. D. Collen.

On the Tour but not in this photograph—A. B. Carleton, W. N. Erskine, D. White, M. N. Gill, W. M. O'Connell, J. F. Allen, R. S. Newell.

pride. Equally apparent were the benefits derived from the physical training which is a part of the normal routine of every young person; all seemed happy and healthy, glorying in their "New Germany."

All that we had previously heard of the military love of the German nation was borne out by the number of uniforms of different varieties

it may be remarked that throughout the tour we conversed in English, which German schoolboys learn as a compulsory subject.

We had practically no language difficulties, for most Germans can speak English of a kind. During the visit to the "Deutschland Exhibition," a group of us found an ice cream seller who was delighted to talk to us and demon-

strate his knowledge of English, while at the same exhibition I myself spent over an hour in the company of a German boy who, although a complete stranger, insisted on explaining, in fluent English, the main demonstrations and models on show.

In conclusion, I may mention that many of us are continuing our friendship with German boys by means of correspondence, and as in most cases stamps and photographs are exchanged, both parties are benefitting.

There is a possibility of a reciprocal visit of these boys to Ireland next year, to which they are eagerly looking forward, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining sufficient funds to pay for their stay, as well as the necessary help from Government departments, which remain somewhat aloof from the scheme, there is some doubt as to whether this visit will take place. If it does, 1937 will be linked with 1936 as two years in which remarkable opportunities were given to us, and in which we made new and interesting friends.

G.D.H.M.

"A DAY AT THE GAP OF DUNLOE"

A BRIGHT, sunny August morning tempted our party to make the famous trip through the Gap of Dunloe. So, taking a jaunting-car, we rattled off down the main street of Killarney at a brisk trot. It was not a very fast trot, but it seemed quite fast enough to the portly American in the jaunting-car in front, as he lost his cigar, and nearly his seat, at the first corner.

After travelling for some time along a road which grew steadily worse, our jarvey slowed down to point out the ruined castle of the O'Mahonys of Dunluce. In front, he showed us a dark cleft in the mountains, which, so he said, was the Gap of Dunloe. As the car drew nearer, we were able to pick out a white speck, which grew larger and larger, until it emerged as Kate Kearney's Cottage.

Here ponies were procured, and the sure-footed beasts picked their way along the rugged track. A short distance along this, a bugler was posted, who, if his palm was "greased" would

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"give you the echo." This was wonderful, being thrown from crag to crag, and cliff to cliff, reverberating several times.

Several small mountain lakes are passed, into one of which St. Patrick, they say, flung the last serpent in Ireland. The surface of this tarn rarely ripples, any such movement observed being due to the snake's struggles to release himself! The lakes are fed by an underground river, which can be heard gurgling and chattering most of the time. Soon, the summit is reached, and the descent of the Gap starts.

Away to the right can be seen the dark glen called the Black Valley. There are houses at the bottom of this glen where for three months in the year the sun never shines. Far below in front is the silver gleam, which announces the Upper Lake. This, when reached, proved to be a long, narrow, ribbon of water, at one end of which several boats were anchored.

Having eaten a hurried lunch we started the row down the lakes. The guide, as we passed by, pointed out Purple Mountain and the Eagle's Nest. We drifted through the Meeting of the Waters, and the guide told us the story of O'Donoghue and the Devil. It appears that the two having fallen out, the Devil bit a huge crag off the mountain and attempted to crush O'Donoghue with it. Being foiled, he retired to his dominions and put up a notice over the door, "No Irish need apply here!" All too soon we passed Innisfallen Island and O'Donoghue's prison, and, disembarking at the grand old ruin of Ross Castle, realised sadly that the trip was over.

"R.A."
(aged 13)

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HIGH SCHOOL—2000 A.D.

AS we enter the gates of this famous school a moving belt of path conveys us to the double doors, which open automatically. Once inside, we stare in amazement at the changed appearance of the hall. Facing us, where the old clock used to be, is a huge illuminated chart, which shows the position of the boys and the class they are attending. Ah! we mutter sadly, no chance of "bunking" here. We cross to what was once the Sergeant's box and find another electrical appliance, this time an information bureau. We press a button marked "Tour of school." A loudspeaker above us blares forth—Take your place on the belt in the hall, and then step off, right foot foremost at the first door on the left. You will then be in the Head's study.—The door opened, and we advanced to meet the Head, who greeted us as follows—Good morning. I see you had the sense to use our information bureau. I saw you in the television screen. If you look over there you will see a boy, who is late, coming in.—We stare at a large screen on the wall, and the hall appears in detail and in it a timid youth jumps on a moving belt and is lost to sight.—I can keep my eye on the school very well, says the Head. Perhaps you would like to look round now and come in and see me later.—We escape, thankfully, and again the loudspeaker guides us. We step on to the belt again and travel to the yard, where we enter the first class room. Another loudspeaker takes up the conversation.—This is a Tele-Spiritualistic Latin class (we still learn Latin, remarks the loudspeaker in a confidential aside). At present Hannibal is lecturing the boys on his invasion of Italy. We turn our gaze from the three rows of boys, each snugly esconced in his own armchair, to the screen, where a burly man is speaking.—Well, buddies, crossing the old Alps was child's play. I just said Yoicks to my elephant and over we goes. By the way, would any of you like introductions to the girls down at Carthage.—Come on to the next room, said the loudspeaker hurriedly.—We, perforce, had to move.

We entered the next room and there saw a group of solemn faced youths who sat with expressionless faces in their armchairs: each had a thin cable running from the ceiling to the back of his head. We examined the scholars themselves for the first time and remarked that their

heads were too big for their bodies and their limbs seemed shrivelled and shrunk. A matho-telo class, announced the loudspeaker of this room. Our last maths. master invented it. By this method one simply plugs in and the maths are fed to one's brain by sympathetic rays. What about Geometry? we murmured.—Just come over and hear Euclid talking about his books. Take a belt across the yard and go into the nearest room.—Here we saw Euclid on another tele-spiritualistic lecture. We listened to him.—That was how the trisection of an angle is still unknown to humanity. You see, my wife read the two books and when she came to the trisection she said that the two books were absolutely obscene and she burnt them.—We heard a roar overhead and our speaker remarked, Here's Mr.—, late, as usual. I wonder why that man won't put his auto-giro in the boys' sheds. However, I suppose that they would drain his petrol tank if he did. When you have seen enough the Head would like to see you—

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MY TASTE IN FILMS

I am not a very constant cinema goer. I am not terribly enthralled by the screen and my taste in films is, I believe, rather uncommon. The film industry is at present, in my opinion, rotten to the core, and I regard a great many films of the present day, to use a trans-Atlantic expression, as just "hooley."

First let me express my utter contempt of all films which feature a host of silly, ignorant females. Surely no man who has had any experience of women as a whole or individually can ever be deceived by a film in which a moon-faced, baby-eyed member of the opposite sex lisps forth a stream of sticky sentimentality!

The great Shakespeare, who has been so much quoted, re-quoted, and misquoted, remarks in the tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, "Frailty, thy name is woman."

In very truth the immortal bard never uttered such words of profound wisdom. Yet, when night draws her darkening mantle across the shimmering sky, crowds of foolish, petty people stand in momentarily increasing lines to gain admittance to stuffy, badly ventilated cinemas with interiors as black as Erebus to watch the image of some depraved female. Ye gods, it doth amaze me!

On almost as low a scale stands that type of male, indeed, not worthy of the name, the type who adopts plucked eyebrows, and a moustache like a discarded tooth-brush, who utters in feminine accents soft, meaningless words intended to portray deep emotion.

In contrast to such dull metalled humans and farcical plots I advocate films in which men, real live hard men, are the actors and the plots some such story as the life in some of the untrodden corners of the globe. I believe women should have no place on the screen, for to the strongly minded surely so frail, insincere and trustless a character as woman can be of no advantage.

During my last visit to the cinema I witnessed an idiotic plot in which a feminine featured youth, hearing of the riches of a certain young girl, succeeds in marrying her after some little difficulty, only to find that he has attached himself to the wrong female. The crowd at the cinema shrieked with maniacal laughter when they grasped the full significance of the situation. To me it was dross.

Of course, the surroundings in which we view the film have a great influence on the impressions we receive. By this I mean that we certainly cannot thoroughly enjoy any film, no matter how good, if a middle-aged female in the audience insists on relaying the titles and contents of the programme to her youthful progeny.

In closing, I re-state that my favourite films are those which include no females of any description. Alas! these are all too few to-day. If, however, there were no females on the screen I am confident that many sickly sentimental people would find life almost unendurable. Rather than cause this I choose to suffer in silence, as surely my own private and particularly mannish hero would have done.

A.J.A.

[To quote and re-quote—"Ye Gods! It doth amaze me that a man of such a feeble temper" should ever attend a ciné-show.—Editor.]

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STANLEY WOODS, no introduction necessary, gave up riding for Nortons some time ago. In 1935 he won the lightweight T.T. on a Guzzi. In 1936 he raised the lap record in the same class to 72.2 m.p.h. on a D.K.W. Barcelona this year saw him finish second on a Velocette, fitted with a new type of spring frame, and later with this machine he raised the lap record in the senior T.T. to almost 87 m.p.h. In November he left for Australia, with his Velocettes to compete there, and we wish him luck. Next year he returns to Europe for important Continental events.

D. C. Ewen and A. E. G. Moore, with by no means "posh" mounts have been constant entrants to all local events and have met with considerable success. "Teddy" Moore won the Kilternan Speed Hill Climb this year, and barely missed the record for the hill and carried away the main awards for the day; he also came fifth in the Phoenix Park "Dublin 100," riding a Scott. On this same bike he averaged 88 m.p.h. at the Turvey Av. Speed Trial. Duggie Ewen has proved himself a capable trials rider and both of these have gained many first and second class awards on the grass track.

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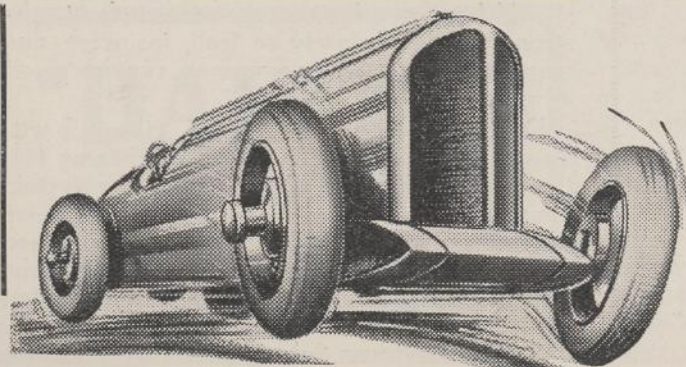
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The much,
The little,
The big
The small,
The very,
The almost;
The sky above it all!

J.F.D.'36.

At the end of a trying period, a teacher asked a boy in a thunderous tone, "Who wrote Hamlet?" The boy replied, in a fuss, that he didn't know, and that, please Sir, he didn't do it—and so he got a lamming.

Later the teacher related to the local Squire the whole affair and the Squire replied, "Haw! haw! Yeh know! I expect the little blighter did it all the time," and the voice of the Curate was heard purring in the corner, "I do hope that the culprit will be brought to justice soon."

An ass died in a churchyard. The Vicar wrote to the local Council to have it removed. The Council replied that it was the duty of the clergyman to bury the dead. The Vicar in answer said that although it was his privilege, nevertheless, he thought it his duty to inform the immediate relatives of the deceased before the interment.

OLD BOYS' UNION

THE object of the Union is to provide a bond between the past pupils of the School, and to bring them together by games and sports and social functions. It also helps those who have left Dublin to hear of, and keep in touch with, their School contemporaries. The Union has already been of value to the present boys of the School.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Monday, 2nd November, 1936, and the above officers were elected for the coming year. Reports were submitted by the Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer. These showed another successful year—The member-

ship now being 350. The Annual Dance once again showed a credit balance. The Annual Dinner, held in the friendly atmosphere of the Clockroom, was the most successful held yet, the attendance being 120, and included many famous Old Boys and Guests from near, and, in many cases, from very, very far. The Hon. Treasurer answered successfully many queries from "exchequer-minded" members.

RUGBY.

G. W. Keegan submitted his report for the season, and gave a vivid description of one match against the School, in which the School got their revenge for last year's match, by beating the Old Boys by 15 points to nil. The score was probably explained by the fact that playing members, especially those who have just left school, do not support the Old Boys' team as well as they might. He expressed the hope that this would be remedied in the coming season.

CRICKET.

W. H. Walker and C. G. Morton submitted their report and, as in the case of Rugby, a plea

was made for greater support by well-known cricketing members. Weather conditions played havoc with the match against the School, when the School was in a very favourable position. The match against King's Hospital "looked easy" when they lost seven wickets for 30 runs, but the "tail wagged" so long and so strenuously that they eventually ran out winners by 60 runs. At this match a special tea was provided by the Committee. It was unfortunate that, owing to weather conditions, matches arranged against the School, Mountjoy and St. Andrew's could not be played.

GOLF.

S. S. Evans submitted the Golf report. The annual competition for the Old Boys' Cup and Replica was held at Milltown Golf Club on Wednesday, 9th September. Once again this was a most successful meeting, many members bringing along "Golfing Guests."

Results:—

Old Boys' Cup and Replica.—H. Thrift, 70. Runner-up—Capt. D. M. Frazer, 71. Best

Gross—W. H. Thrift, 78. "Golfing Guests"—M. MacGowan, 76. Sealed Nine—N. Bailey, 35.

Thanks were extended to Mr. Watson for his help in running the competition, and also to those members who provided the prizes.

An analysis of the players showed representation from clubs as follows:—Castle 6, Grange 6, Rathfarnham 5, Milltown 4, Delgany 4, Royal Dublin 3, Carrickmines, Lucan and Royal Belfast 1 each, Unattached 3.

Forty-six sat down to supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, thanks to excellent entertainment provided by Dr. O'Grady, and Messrs. Lennox Braid, Robert Irwin, Rupert Jeffares, Paddy Henry and Sam Joy.

NOTES ON OLD BOYS

The Primate, the Most Rev. C. F. D'Arcy (1870-7) was presented with artistic gifts, recalling the history of the Diocese of Armagh by the clergy and laity on his return from Australia and New Zealand.

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Prof. John Purser (1883-1903) has been elected a member of the Board of Governors.

Max Muroch (1904-11) has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Palestine Government.

The Rev. C. G. Proctor, B.D. (1912-21), has been appointed Rector of Harold's Cross Parish, Dublin.

T. A. Woodcock (1921-6) has been called to the Bar.

The Rev. R. J. Ross (1923-8) is now Succentor of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

J. M. Bryson (1923-31) is House Surgeon to the Adelaide Hospital.

D. St. Q. Robinson (1930-2) has obtained a commission in the R.A.F.

Obituary

THE REV. C. C. W. DUGGAN, B.D.

In the death of the Rev. Charles Coote Duggan the High School and some of us personally lost an old and valued friend. It is, I think, true to say that since he entered in 1896 he was always in touch with the School. His four younger brothers, who were pupils here, kept up his connection with it until they left. Two of them, George and John, gave their lives at Gallipoli. Then he became Catechist to the School and remained a member of the staff until 1921. Since that time he had many ties with us. His son and his nephews were pupils of the School. He was an original member of the Old Boys' Union and took an active interest in it, being for a number of years a member of the committee.

During his University course he won considerable distinctions. He graduated with honours and gained many prizes in the Divinity School including the valuable Theological Exhibition. Trinity College later recognised his intellectual ability by appointing him as lecturer in the Divinity School a few years ago. He was for some time Rector of Tallaght and later of Harold's Cross, where he remained until his death.

All who knew Coote Duggan realised his reliability and soundness of judgment. Little more than a year ago he was struck down by a disease which proved to be incurable, and he must have known it too. He never complained or showed fear, but continued to do his work until growing weakness made it impossible. To visit him during his illness raised one's opinion of humankind, so great were his cheerfulness and courage. His friends will miss his pleasant companionship and loyalty.

Rev. ARTHUR WILLIAM REGINALD CHEALES,
M.A.

To the Editor of THE ERASMIAN.

Dear Sir,—

Old Boys who were at High School in the Eighteen - nineties will remember Arthur Cheales, whose death occurred on 19th September, 1936, at Coln St. Deny's Rectory, near Cheltenham. I knew him perhaps better than most as he and I used to travel in the same train from and to Dundrum every day; we were in

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the same class, and we were both hockey enthusiasts. It is not always remembered that hockey as it is now played had its birth in High School and the School club was the first organised hockey club in the United Kingdom. The late Willie Patterson, who was a form-master at the time, was the originating spirit of the club. Cheales was on the first eleven, and in the year 1896 was the best hockey player in the School and was awarded the first of three caps by the votes of his fellows. At Trinity College, Oxford, he played for his college, and he got his hockey blue in 1899 when he was in the University side against Cambridge. Subsequently he played for Gloucestershire and also for the West of England. As a centre forward he was a prolific scorer and for several years got more than 100 goals a season. He was also a keen tennis player and his interest in cricket and in village games was of great assistance to him in his life work by enabling him to make contact with the young men of his parish and neighbourhood.

Cheales was a good worker at school and had more brains than the average boy. He had a cheery nature and a delightfully even temper.

He graduated at Oxford in Modern History in 1901, and took his M.A. degree three years later. When he was ordained in 1908 he became curate to Canon Dutton, afterwards Lord Sherborne. In 1914 he got his first parish, St. Nicholas, Hatherup, where he remained for seventeen years with the exception of a period of service with the Church Army in France during 1918. In 1931 he accepted the living of Coln St. Deny's with Coln Rogers, where he was universally beloved and where he died.

The sympathy of all his old School friends will go out to his widow and family. He is survived by three sons and one daughter. One of his sons is in Holy Orders and another is reading for the Church.

Yours, etc.,

CECIL DARLEY.

DEATHS

AGNEW (1929-34)—July 29, 1936, at Dublin, Arthur Francis Agnew, of 11 Park View Avenue, Harold's Cross, Dublin.

FALLS (1871-5)—September 21, 1936, in London, Major Sir Charles Fausset Falls, D.L., Little Derryinch, Co. Fermanagh.

HENRY (1886-8)—February 3, 1936, at Kilerath, Bournemouth, West, the Rev. Leonard Edwin Howard Henry, M.A., formerly Rector of Pallasgreen and St. John's, Newport, Ireland.

SHARPE (1887-92)—August 6, 1936, at a Private Nursing Home, Frederick William Sharpe, of 19 Elgin Road, Dublin, second son of the late Frederick Sharpe.

STEPHENS (1912-20)—October 10, 1936, killed in motor accident in Nigeria, Rupert Douglas (Rue), dearly-loved only child of Edward and Olive Stephens, 9 Oakley Road, Dublin.

WIBER (1883-8)—July 11, 1936, at his residence, Gortgowan, Eglinton Road, Donnybrook (suddenly), Frederick H. Wiber, LL.D., Registrar of the National University, Ireland, younger son of the late Frederick L. Wiber, sometime Accountant, Board of Public Works, Dublin.

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MARRIAGES

BASKIN (1924-5) and FOSTER—August 1, 1936, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Dublin, by Rev. Canon Simpson, Ronald S., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baskin, Sunbury Gardens, to Alice Mary Doreen, only daughter of the late Canon and Mrs. Foster, of Strangford, County Down.

BELL (1915-22) and SMITH—August 25, 1936, at Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin, by the Rev. J. C. Johnston, M.A., D.D., assisted by the Rev. J. Worthington Johnston, M.A., Mervyn, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Bell, Maidenhead, to Vera Milne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith, 38 Rathdown Road, Dublin.

BURGESS (1921-3) and WHITE—Wednesday, June 17, 1936, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. John Tobias, B.D., William Frederic, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burgess, 42, Annesley Park, Rathmines, to Sylvia Violet, eldest daughter of Mr. J. H. White and the late Mrs. White, 23 Cambridge Road, Rathmines.

JOHNSTON (1920-7) and READ — At the Moravian Church, by the Rev. H. Kunick, William Gordon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston, 3 Eaton Square, Terenure, to Eileen Mary, daughter of the late Mr. John R. Read and Mrs. Read, Palmerston Gardens, Dublin.

LENEHAN (1919-26) and REID—August 22, 1936, at Charleston Road Methodist Church, by the Rev. J. Baird Ewens, Jack James, younger son of the late Major T. J. Lenehan, R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Lenehan, of Fairfield Park, Rathgar, to Vera Alexandra, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Reid, Cowper Road, Dublin.

MONTGOMERY (1920-8) and LATCHFORD—10th October, 1936, at Brighton Road Methodist Church, by the Rev. W. Lumley, assisted by the Rev. B. G. East, Robert Evelyn, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Montgomery, 78 Northumberland Road, to Betty, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Latchford, 6 York Road, Rathmines.

MORTON (1916-21) and BOYLE—September 23, 1936, at St. Phillip's Church, Milltown, by

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PRESCOTT (1924-7) and DODDS—10th October, at Grosvenor Hall, by Mr. W. H. Fry, William Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Prescott, 26 Parkmore Drive, to Iris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds, 18 Charleville Road.

RICHARDSON (1914-17) and DUFFY—July 29, 1936, at St. Margaret's, Finglas, Co. Dublin, James William Richardson, only son of the late J. D. Richardson, V.S., M.R.C.V.S., and Mrs. Richardson, Herberton House, S.C. Road, Rialto, Dublin, to Mary Rosalene Duffy, youngest daughter of Captain N. W. Duffy and the late Dora Theresa Duffy, 33 Mulgrave Street, Kingstown, Co. Dublin.

RILEY (1891-95) and FINLAY—December 3, 1935, at St. Philip's Milltown, Dublin, by the Rev. W. H. Coulter, M.A., Archibald R. youngest son of Calverley R. Riley, of Llandudno (formerly of Villiers Road, Rathgar), and Maud W., younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Finlay, Sunnyside, Sutton, Co. Dublin.

WILLIAMS (1915-22) and COOPER—7th October, 1936, at Abbey Street Methodist Church, Harold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Williams, to Maisie, eldest daughter of Mr. John Cooper, and the late Mrs. Cooper, Wyverne, Seaford Road, Clontarf.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, January 16th, 1937. It is hoped that all Old Boys will make a special effort to attend.

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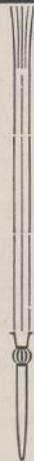
HOW often I have tried to trace through the jungle of my mind the upper reaches of that flood of devotion that John Thompson inspired. August, 1936, I saw him at home in Bournemouth. Before tea, at tea, after tea—flushed with the pleasure of a mutual interest—seeing again the forms and faces of Dublin past—or smiling with me over the beauty of Andrea del Sarto—he was still the Man I first saw as a boy thirty-four years ago. And such he always will be. In me he will always live. With gentle harshness he led me up the terraced prose of the Sicilian expedition. I can see the inexorable stare that Horace's virgins drew from an eye that could almost wink with Aretino at a boyish escapade in words. Livy sent me to sleep and he had led the class till I awoke. A Humanist—no—a man of greater suffering in that he spent his manhood in the service of boys and teachers. Beauty, words and service—there were the springs of his own devotion and of the devotion of others to him. The beauty of words and the beauty of helping another—the immortal masterpieces of Greek or Roman strength or form—the use to be made of ourselves for others in word or deed—here I find the secrets of his greatness. I can hear

him chuckling over Life as the True, the Beautiful and the Good. That afternoon he had a Board Meeting, the Bishop of X—present. Now, of course, the Bishop of X—must personify the True—so pass, friend—you remember how the Bishop behaved. No, truth lies at the bottom of a well and if I let my bucket drop in on Monday I can buy another bucket on Tuesday in Stephen's Green. The Good—and his mind would pass to poor L—M—who regularly came "under the influence" to School and had to be dismissed. He had five children, so John Thompson started him afresh in a different line. There remains the Beautiful—just beauty—he could always see it even through the murderous rendering of a blundering boy. Even more—his own sense of beauty could inspire the senses of the youth beyond his senses. He could endow the youthful mind with a home of thought greater than their youth could fill.

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