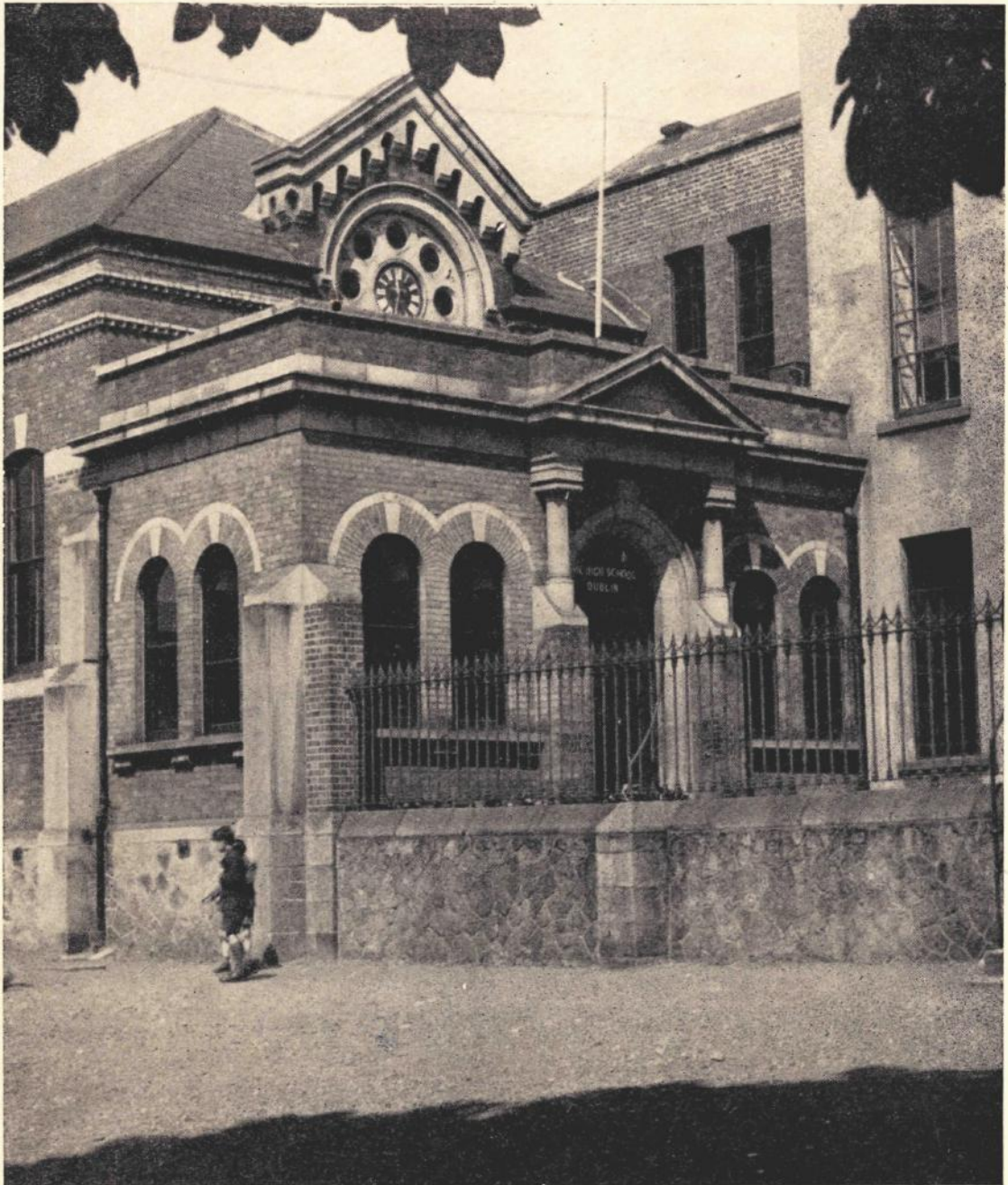


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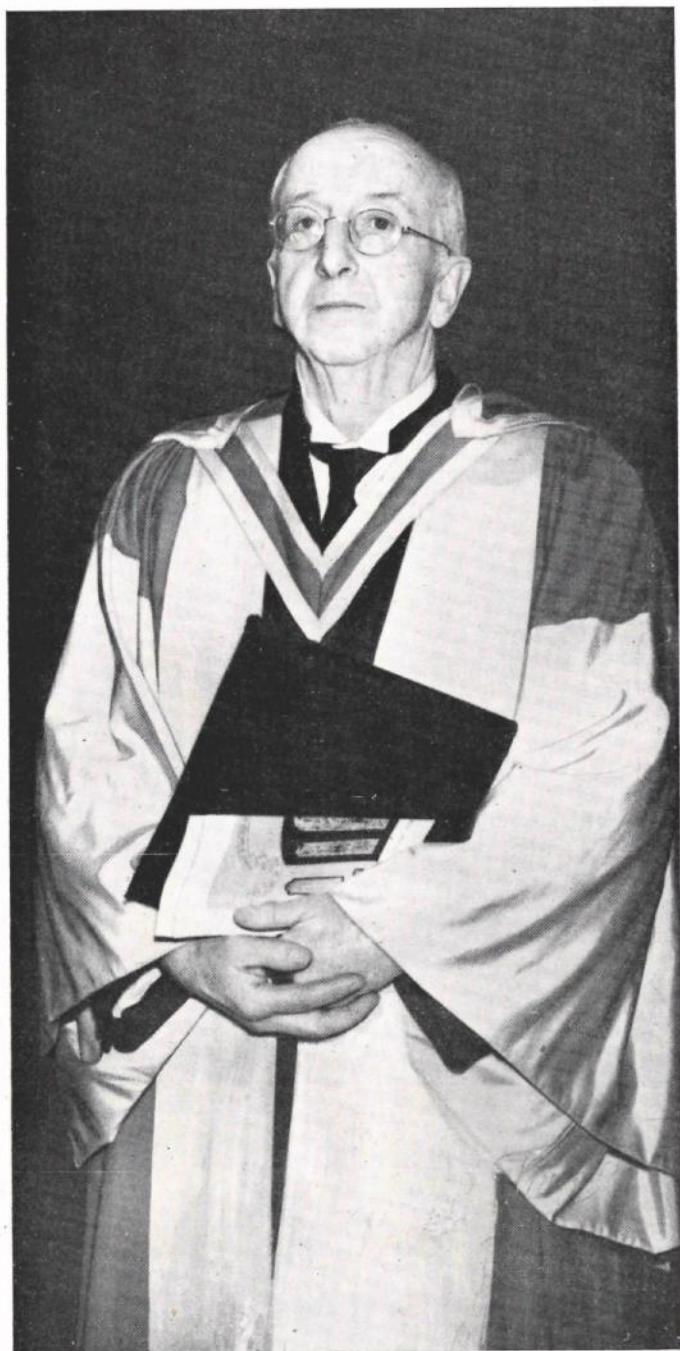


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In Memoriam

DR. JOHN BENNETT

JOHN BENNETT was born on 17th November, 1883, in Clonakilty, Co. Cork. His early education began in Kilgarraff National School, Clonakilty, where in 1899 he obtained a Junior Exhibition at the Junior Grade examination, which took him to Cork Grammar School for the next three years. In 1900 and 1901 he sat for the Middle and Senior Grade examinations and at the latter obtained an Exhibition. A Junior and School Exhibition in 1902 from Trinity College brought him to Dublin, where he was to spend all but ten years of the rest of his life. During the next four years as an undergraduate his interests lay mainly in Classics and Ethics, with the emphasis on Classics. All the most coveted distinctions, Sizarship, Scholarship and Senior Moderatorship, were steps on the road which led finally to the crown of Studentship in Classics. It was a natural transition to Hebrew, Biblical Greek and the Divinity School, where he remained until 1909, in which year he was awarded a Theological Exhibition. The President's Gold Medal for Composition from the University Philosophical Society; a Medal for Oratory from the College Theological Society, and the Auditorship of the College Classical Society indicate at once both the width of his outlook and his delight in good conversation and clear thinking. He was Editor of T.C.D. in 1910 and again later in the period 1914-16 he collaborated with the Hon. Mr. Justice T. C. Kingsmill Moore in its issue. Taking his Master of Arts degree in 1910, and being for a time actively interested in Social Service he—to use his own phrase—“drifted into teaching”, and accepted an appointment in 1912 as Senior Classical Master in the High School, Harcourt Street, Dublin, from Mr. Thompson, whom he later succeeded. Here he remained for six years, living in “digs” in the South Circular Road with H. M. O. White, now Professor of English in Dublin University, active both in and out of the classroom. I have often heard him refer to the Boxing Club and the Rifle Shooting in the Clockroom. Indeed, I well remember the odd feeling of incredulity which news of the last

activity aroused—there is nothing in the Clockroom which even hints at such a colourful past. But then I didn't know, either, until comparatively recently that High School has a Strong Room or that it had its quota of excitement during the “troubled times”.

In 1918 he migrated to Sligo as Headmaster of Sligo Grammar School—a post he filled with distinction for ten years. In July, 1925, he married Miss C. P. Anderson, daughter of the late Rev. G. Mortimer and Mrs. Anderson, in Farnborough Parish Church, Hampshire, England. The esteem in which he was held by all was, in some part, expressed by a beautiful chiming clock presented to him on this occasion. During this period he served on County Sligo Vocational Committee, the Educational Committee for Sligo County Council, and the Carnegie Library Committee. On the lighter side, many of us have taken a quick peep at the framed certificate hanging on the wall of his study which records that he did a hole in one at golf on the 15th February, 1927—a fact of which he himself was humorously proud.

He returned to Dublin in 1928 to become for a period of 23 years the Headmaster of the first of the only two schools in which he ever taught. He joined the Zoological Society in February, 1929, being subsequently (1940-42) a member of the Council of this body. Dublin was quick to use his wise counsel, moderation and tolerance, his sane and balanced outlook and encyclopaedic knowledge of secondary and higher education. In 1931 he was elected Member of Council, Trinity College, Dublin, for a term of four years. Reappointed in 1935, 1939, 1943 and 1947, his period of tenure of this office is only exceeded by one other member. In 1933 he became Secretary of the Schoolmasters' Association and member of the Secondary Teachers' Registration Council, while in 1934 he was elected a member of the Education Committee of Masonic Boys' School, Dublin. When, in 1938, the School of Education in

Dublin University decided to appoint Special Lecturers in Methods of Teaching he was chosen to lecture on Classics. His book, "The Teaching of Latin", was published as one of a new series, "Modern Teaching", under the general editorship of R. J. Fynne, M.A., then Professor of Education. He resigned from this lectureship in 1950. Through his school, and through these postgraduate lectures, he exerted a profound influence on the teaching of Classics in Southern Ireland, and this sphere of influence extended when he became Examiner for the Northern Ireland Board of Education. In 1937 the College Classical Society bestowed on him the Vice-Presidency for life. In December, 1940, Trinity College conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for his thesis "Empedocles". The latest honour of which I know, and one of the great responsibility of which he was deeply conscious, was member of the Council of Education, whose constitution was announced on 5th April, 1950.

One of the first reforms which Dr. Bennett instituted on his return to High School was the reorganisation of the Senior School. Henceforward it was possible not only for the Classical students to specialise in their last two years as formerly, but also, now, Mathematicians, Experimental Scientists, Historians and Modern Language students. The results of this farsighted step are known to all. Anyone reading the list of university successes of Old Boys cannot fail but be struck not only by their disproportionate frequency but also by the great variety of subjects involved. I, personally, benefited greatly by this reform and am conscious of my deep debt to my former teacher.

Nor were all the reforms academic. Practical matters received an equally thorough overhaul. The need for a new gymnasium was supplied. A kitchen and dining hall were established to provide hot lunches, and room after room was given over to extra classes as Dr. Bennett strove to maintain his ideal of not more than twenty pupils in one class. Finally, with the number of pupils at its greatest height in the history of the school since its foundation in 1870, he met the need for more space by giving up his private residence in No. 40 Harcourt Street and moving to 66 Cowper Road, Rathmines.

Dr. Bennett lost no opportunity of helping his pupils directly or indirectly. The formation of two organisations facilitated his purpose:

First, the Old Boys' Union, the largest of its kind in the country. He was ever ready to serve on all committees, and his genial presence graced all the Old Boys' Dinners, both in Dublin and in London.

Second, the Parents' Association, whose meetings provide counsel and guidance for parents in the choice and prospects of careers for their children, and scope for the co-operation of parent and teacher, both of whom are striving for the welfare of their charges.

As a member of the staff of High School, Dublin, for many years now, I know how fortunate the school has been in having a Headmaster who deserved and received the loyalty, respect and admiration of his colleagues and whose example inspired them with loyalty not only to himself but also to the school and to one another. If he could help anybody to a larger field of effort he always did, even when it was to his own detriment. Much of his time was spent writing testimonials and receiving visits from Old Boys, many from abroad, who were anxious to renew their association and reminisce over their schooldays.

So large was his host of friends and pupils that he sometimes had difficulty in remembering names though he seldom forgot a face. Something significant, something unusual or pleasant was grouped in his mind with each person and each place. Only last August, during a motor drive in the Wicklow mountains, he recalled incidents on walking tours on the Continent and gave an account of a hike in a blizzard with Professor J. L. Synge.

His last illness was borne with calm courage and without complaint. To the end he sought the welfare of others, with no thought of his own aggrandisement. He died, as he lived—a true gentleman. He passed away still "in harness" gently and quietly in the evening of Friday, 27th April, 1951.

High School has lost a great Headmaster, a great Christian and a great man, and I have lost a great friend.

V. W. G.

Dr. John Bennett

AN APPRECIATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE OLD BOYS' UNION

THE passing of Dr. Bennett from our midst has deprived us of one of our greatest members.

It was Dr. Bennett who sowed the seed from which our Union has grown. He not only sowed the seed but tended its growth from year to year in his own quiet and unobtrusive way, until now we have an organisation of which we are all so justly proud.

My earliest recollection of Dr. Bennett was in September, 1915, when I walked into the Clockroom on my first day in school as a small boy of tender years, and I was not a pupil for very long before I recognised in my own immature way that Dr. Bennett—affectionately known to us at that time as "Algy"—was a man of outstanding qualities.

Although Dr. Bennett was Senior Classical Master in those days and I only a junior pupil, I had several experiences of his genius as a Master. His scholarship was easily recognisable, and although he seldom, if ever, raised his voice, it was, nevertheless, the voice of authority which every boy in the School respected.

His rare gift, so well known to his friends, of giving his absolute and undivided attention in conversation, was apparent in those days to us as schoolboys in the manner in which he gave individual attention to the boys in his classes.

In addition to his scholarship and outstanding qualifications as a teacher, he was an excellent psychologist, which was yet another reason for his outstanding success as an educationalist.

While I was still a youth at school Dr. Bennett left to take up the position as Headmaster of Sligo Grammar School, but when the Headmastership of the High School became vacant on the retirement of Mr. Thompson, it was a great joy to his old pupils that Dr. Bennett was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Twenty-three years ago he came back to High School and all the Old Boys who had known and respected him as a Master came to know him on more intimate terms and are proud now to have been numbered amongst his many friends. His inherent personal charm

which endeared him to so many, appeared to me to be the combination of several delightful characteristics; he was exceedingly kind and charitable, unusually modest, unselfish and self-effacing; invariably he sought to put others in the limelight while he himself remained in the background; added to this, he had a most refreshing sense of humour which was never cruel or hurtful. Combined with all these he had a dynamic personality and quiet confidence, all of which marked him out as a leader of men, beloved by all those who came under his authority or within his sphere of influence. These and other qualities, too numerous to mention, marked him out as a great man.

I was privileged to work with him while he was Headmaster of the School, and I will always treasure those years of association with him, from which I derived so much personal benefit and valued experience. During this association I appreciated something of his big-heartedness and of his ability to give of his best in every way without any thought of personal gain. This was even more apparent during his illness, which he bore with great fortitude, and to the end his devoted wife and the School were uppermost in his mind.

Dr. Bennett has now passed on, but his life work will be a lasting memorial and the spirit and influence of this great friend will remain with us for the remainder of our days.

DR. JOHN BENNETT

We come to pay our tribute at the bier
Of him to whom so many of us owe
A debt which with the passing years will grow.
We honour him, our guide of yesteryear
And mourn his loss on this occasion drear.
While there will stay with us the afterglow
Of his great life—we cannot let him go
Without the tribute of this humble tear.
He led us through the labyrinthine maze
Of Iliad, of Odyssey and Ode;
He taught us to construe the Grecian plays
And guided us without a scourge or goad;
But better still, he used those early days
To point the way that we should tread life's
road.

"AN OLD BOY."

The Sergeant

NO one who has been a pupil at the High School during the last thirty-two years can think of his schooldays without at once recalling with feelings of affection "the Sergeant"—John Nelson, late Farrier Sergeant-Major, 11th Hussars. The first impression of the Sergeant that new boys gained was that of a severe disciplinarian speaking with a voice of authority that made evildoers, and at times even the innocent, quake. But as they grew older they realised that behind the severe



JOHN NELSON

exterior there was a kind heart—for the Sergeant was essentially kindhearted though his kindness was often hidden under a mask of gruffness.

The Sergeant was associated with almost every phase of the School's activity. He was a potent factor in the maintenance of discipline; he was punctilious to a degree in the execution of his duty, especially in issuing homework blocks and stationery. Those who tried to get a block before their time will remember the indignant flash of blue eyes through steel-rimmed spectacles as the Sergeant threw the rejected cover on the desk.

The righteous will remember the careful way in which the date was penned on their new blocks in that neat and upright hand that was characteristic of the man.

In sport, too, the Sergeant took the keenest interest. He would show, in the Gymnasium, how to punch both bag and ball and how to use the ring. At the Square on a summer afternoon, as he sat smoking beneath a tree in his grey cardigan, he would lay down his paper and watch with critical eye the School batsmen, who later profited from sound advice; and every June at Lansdowne Road as he moved among the competitors at the School Sports he always had some word of consolation and encouragement for those who had run their best, but lost.

For all those who remember him, with his blue uniform and his bell, with his imposition lists and detention-book, or as he handled bat or boxing gloves, Sergeant Nelson will remain a symbol of uprightness, of discipline, and of devotion to duty.

G. W. K.

Funeral of Dr. Bennett

The funeral of Dr. Bennett took place on May 1, 1951, to Mount Jerome Cemetery following a Service in St. Philip's Church, Milltown, at which the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Dr. Barton, and the Rector of Milltown, the Rev. W. H. Coulter, officiated. After the Service the coffin was carried from the church by members of the School Staff. When the funeral reached Mount Jerome, members of the High School Old Boys' Union carried the coffin to the graveside, where the Service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Coulter. Family mourners were Mrs. C. P. Bennett (widow), Miss B. Anderson (sister-in-law), Mr. W. A. Stickland (brother-in-law) and Mr. W. T. Stickland (nephew).

Among the many floral tributes were those of the Board of Governors, the Staff, the Boys, the Old Boys' Union, the Parents' Association, the Irish Schoolmasters' Association, and the Select Vestry of St. Philip's Church, Milltown.

Editorial

IT is with a great feeling of sadness and a sense of irreparable loss that we write this editorial, for the School has just been deprived, within a few months of each other, of its beloved Headmaster and its faithful Sergeant. Each symbolised in his own way this School which has played so large a part in our lives, and each will remain for those who knew them a treasured memory. It is indeed the end of an epoch . . .

A Headmaster is the heart and soul of a school, and we in the High School know how singularly fortunate we were in having Dr. Bennett as our Headmaster. The happy atmosphere, the sense of purpose, the feeling of co-operation among members of the staff, all are due to him. To him also is due the tenor of the Senior School, that ethos which has become traditional among the seniors, the influence of which is shown in their loyalty and in their ability and willingness to assume responsibility.

Under Dr. Bennett the school has flourished exceedingly. In numbers of pupils and staff, in examination results and in the field of sport it has reached levels higher than ever before in its history. But the achievements of a Headmaster are not limited by the precincts of his school: his influence is shown in the lives of Old Boys who have been moulded by his teaching, his example, his character. Those of us who were privileged to spend our schooldays under the care of Dr. Bennett know how much that can mean. When we consider the great influence for good he has exercised both in the School and in the world outside we may say in truth that Death is swallowed up in Victory.

MR. CHILLINGWORTH WAS A MEMBER OF THE TEACHING STAFF OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN, FROM 1922 UNTIL 1939

Dublin High School

H. R. CHILLINGWORTH, M.A.

THE Dublin High School completed its eightieth year in 1950. According to a rule made by the Erasmus Smith Board in September of 1870, no boys were to be admitted to the school under nine years of age, and it is therefore unlikely that there are any survivors of those whose names appeared on the first school roll. Among the earliest pupils was Charles Frederick D'Arcy, who in early life distinguished himself as a philosopher, later on became successively Bishop of Ossory, Bishop of Down, and Archbishop of Dublin, and died (in 1938) Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. In his *Adventures of a Bishop* he refers to his schooldays and to his school's first Headmaster. This was the Rev. S. F. Creswell, an Englishman and a Cambridge graduate. He does not seem to have been remarkable as headmaster, but, according to Dr. D'Arcy, as a teacher he was "beyond praise". He did not understand the Irish character—even the character of the Anglo-Irish—and "from the first he was out of his element in Dublin". He did not get on well with the Governors, whom Dr. D'Arcy regarded as "far too fussy and interfering". Certainly, they had a strong sense of authority, and they were not slow to exercise their power. The classical master of those days, for some unrecorded reason, wished to begin his school work at 10.40 each morning, and also required for his use a small dressingroom. No account, unfortunately, exists of the interview that followed the Board's receipt of these requests, but the minutes drily inform us that both requests were refused. At the next meeting of the Board the Headmaster was a petitioner. He asked for some small articles for domestic use. He was given a lump sum, but one gets the impression that the Board was loftily indifferent to the relation of the £5 granted to the cost of the articles asked for. A little later the boys petitioned for a half-day on Wednesday in addition to the Saturday half-holiday. They did not get it, the granting of two half-days in the week being too great a relaxation of school discipline in the eyes of the Governors of those days.

The Erasmus Smith Board had the High School project in mind for several years. The

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proposed school, by the way, is called in the minutes of the Board's meetings an *intermediate* school, though the introduction of the term *intermediate* into the vocabulary of Irish education is generally regarded as due to the Government's establishment, towards the end of the 'seventies, of the Board of Intermediate Education. In the early years, I notice, this intermediate school is always referred to in the minutes as the Harcourt Street School, not the High School, though it seems to have been the Dublin High School from its foundation.

The establishment of the school, though an afterthought, of which there is no hint in the scheme of education devised by Erasmus Smith, was in harmony with his general intentions. His scheme, as finally approved in 1667, provided for the establishment of three schools, but, according to his first plans, five grammar schools would have been set up. Smith was thinking chiefly of the educational needs of the rural areas, those parts of the country in which he possessed, in 1652, six hundred and sixty-six acres. (In 1689 he had acquired property amounting to 46,449 acres.) His interest in education in Dublin showed itself in his benefactions to Trinity College. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries "the second city in the Empire", as Dublin proudly claimed to be, was spreading rapidly, and in the second half of the last century the opening of the Dublin High School was more nearly a fulfilment of Smith's intentions than adding to the number of rural grammar schools would have been. (The school was established, I understand, out of savings.) The school was needed, but the fainthearted must have had misgivings respecting the Board's wisdom in opening it just at that time. The year 1870 was the year in which the Church of Ireland was beginning its existence as a disestablished and disendowed body, a year of unsettlement in which the future of the Protestant community must have seemed doubtful. But the Erasmus Smith Governors, whatever their foibles were, did not lack courage, and events have shown that they had foresight.

Negotiations for the purchase of a school-house were protracted. The Board's choice was No. 40 Harcourt Street, the great house once occupied by Hely-Hutchinson, the very unconventional Provost of T.C.D., who ruled from 1774 to 1794. The house became the

Headmaster's residence and, as most readers know, remained the residence of the Headmasters up to a recent date, when increase in the number of pupils made additional classrooms necessary. The preparation of the school curriculum was entrusted to a sub-committee consisting of Dr. Humphrey Lloyd, Provost of T.C.D.; the Archdeacon of Dublin, Dr. Wm. Lee (author of a once well-known book on the inspiration of Holy Scripture), and the Rt. Hon. George Alexander Hamilton. According to the Board's general directions, the curriculum was to provide "a first-class English education in all its branches", but a department was to be established "in which a first-class education in the classical languages [should] be imparted to such of the pupils as [chose] to avail themselves of it at reasonable charges". Remembering the contributions to classical learning made by Old Boys of the High School, one is amused at the insistence of the Board on making classical education "an extra and separate branch" which should not be "provided for in any way out of the general funds of the Board", and which should not "interfere with the primary object of the



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school". The seventeenth century charter had to be considered, but even this permitted masters in the Erasmus Smith Schools "to teach all such children as [should] be found capable thereof . . . the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew languages, and fit them for the University, if their parents or friends [should] so desire". "If they . . . desire." One does not expect to find in the seventeenth century such consideration for the wishes of young people who, according to the Church Catechism, had been so recently "children of wrath". School fees in 1870 were encouragingly low for pupils who did without extras, and for each of two or more brothers not more than £6 a year was charged. For French or German there was an extra charge of £2 yearly. The teachers of these subjects seem to have regarded themselves as in some sort superior to school regulations. Complaints were made (apparently in the school's first term) that pupils taking French or German had sometimes been kept in school till 4 o'clock. The Board would have no such irregularity: the school's closing time was 3 o'clock, and neither keen-

ness on the teachers' part nor misuse of time was allowed to abbreviate the pupils' freedom.

This was very well, but several entries in the old minute books confirm Archbishop D'Arcy's opinion that the Board was too fussy and interfering. It may have been, however, that the relations between the Headmaster and his staff gave the Board more opportunities for interfering than it would have had if relations had been satisfactory. Surely the English master's complaint that the teaching of French and German was, in some unspecified way, unfavourable to the teaching of his own subject would have been dealt with by the Headmaster, if the Headmaster's authority had been what it has been in the present century. I notice that at a Board meeting in January, 1872, it was decided that boys "were to be allowed on the grass", on the remains of the verdure, no doubt, that had once covered most of the playground, the former garden of No. 40. At the same meeting assistant masters were "imperatively desired" (!) not "on any occasion to inflict corporal punishment on any of their pupils". The Governors seem to have

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ENQUIRIES WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION

been amiably disposed towards the schoolboys in the year 1872. In June of the same year they rejected *sans phrase* a request by one of the mathematical masters for an increase of salary, and, a few months later, turned down a repetition of the request. In December, 1876, the same master asked for an increase, but did so this time along with two of his colleagues. Their petition was marked "read", but in the following month the Board received the thanks of the three, their salaries having been no doubt raised to the desired figure. The largesse of the Board, it may be remarked, was not misdirected. I do not know the later history of the mathematical master's colleagues, but he himself was a man whose memory was cherished by several generations of High School Old Boys. In the minutes of the previous year, by the way, one finds the payment recorded of a half-year's salary to the "Rev. Thos. T. Gray". It is extremely unlikely that the Irish Church had more than one T. T. Gray among its clerics in 1876, and one may therefore be tolerably certain that the High School in its early years benefited by the services of one of the most notable of the great men of T.C.D.'s greatest period. Gray graduated (as a senior moderator in mathematics) in 1855; became Fellow in 1862, and was Vice-Provost from 1916 till his death in 1924. He was spoken of by men of an older generation as the greatest of T.C.D.'s Junior Deans. Some of us—not many—remember him as a lecturer on Butler's *Analogy*, or can see with the mind's eye his virile figure as he strode firmly over the cobbles of the Front Square (See K. C. Bailey: *History of T.C.D.*, vol. II, p. 259.)*

The High School's connexion with Dublin University has necessarily been close, the Erasmus Smith exhibitions and other benefactions attracting many bright boys yearly to Trinity. Of the four Headmasters since the school's foundation, two were Trinity men, and the first of the four, S. F. Creswell, proceeded from his Cambridge M.A., by way of an *ad eundem* degree, to a T.C.D. B.D. and (in 1876) to D.D. He resigned the headship in 1879. He retired to England, and in later years had a living in Nottingham. He was succeeded by William Wilkins, the eldest of three brothers of more than ordinary ability. William Wilkins might have become a classical

scholar, as his brother George was; he became a mathematician, but he tempered the inhumanity of his science by the study of modern literature. For degree (in 1878) he presented mathematics and modern literature, being perhaps the only T.C.D. student who has ever done so. He obtained senior moderatorship in both subjects. Like Dublin's greatest mathematical genius, Sir William Rowan Hamilton, Wilkins loved and wrote poetry. He published *Songs of Study* in 1881. As Headmaster he was a stern disciplinarian, no believer in self-determination for those who were *in statu pupillari*. During his régime the numbers on the school roll greatly increased, at one period exceeding 300, but the secession which occasioned the establishment of St. Andrew's College in the early 'nineties deprived the High School authorities of the satisfaction to which the work of many years had entitled them. The Board did not tamely submit to the setback; a reorganisation of the staff was undertaken, and the regaining of the former maximum total was kept steadily in view.†

Wilkins was succeeded, in 1908, by John Thompson, a classical scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, who had graduated in the first class of both parts of the classical tripos. He had been classical master at the school for seventeen years before Mr. Wilkins' resignation. As Headmaster he can never have had an easy task, but the reorganisation which the Governors decided on a short time before his accession must have made the first years of his rule uncommonly difficult. He was a great worker, and he had an orderly mind. Discipline was maintained on modern lines, and the number of pupils rose. In running the school he practised the art of concealing art. He retired in 1928 and returned to England. He had made many good friends in Dublin, and in his native land he must have been, after so long an absence, almost a stranger. He did not survive the change long, or perhaps it would be more in accordance with fact to say that he did not long survive his wife. She died in 1935, and J. T. died one year later.

*Gray was Inspector of the school, an official who became redundant when the Government supervised secondary education.

†It has been regained—and surpassed.

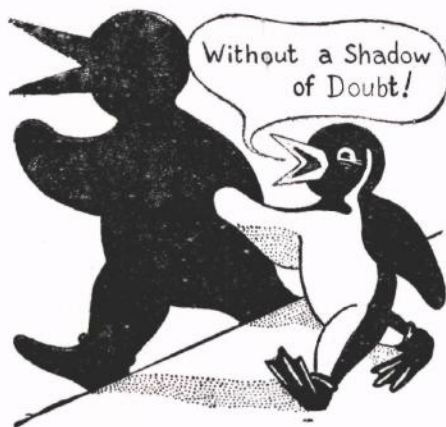
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The Matterhorn

IT was the day after my birthday that we reached the foot of the Matterhorn and went into the office which was in a huge building full of photos of mountains and mountaineers. There were also lots of people carrying skis and ski sticks. We bought our tickets and went to the teleferique which is a little carriage suspended on large cables. When we had all squeezed in with lots of other skiers it started off. I had a funny feeling as it went up. After a while it stopped and we all poured out and got into another—went further up—and did exactly the same thing; and yet further up, to another stop which was the end of the journey. We all got out and were stopped by some officials who asked us for our passports. We got by them in time and went on to the snow where we separated, I going with mum, and my brother going with dad. We went slowly up, looking at small crevasses and

sucking snow. It was rather difficult breathing as we were nine thousand feet above sea level, and resting often. When we had gone about half a mile up we turned down again because our feet were wet and cold. Half way down we heard a whistle, and on looking round we saw a skier coming down very fast. I ran out very foolishly and stopped only just in time for him to miss me by an inch. Further down, the sun had melted the snow, making it rather dangerous. Luckily for us a party of climbers were coming down at that moment. We just followed their footsteps and were soon at the station again, where we were met by dad and my brother. We went down to a kind of balcony and dried our feet. Afterwards we went to the teleferique, and went down—but instead of changing at the next stop we just got out. There was no snow but only the debris of the glacier which we had been on. We walked a long distance over the blistering hot rocks. When we finally arrived back at the teleferique we were badly sunburnt. We had been on the rocks for about three hours. When the next teleferique came we boarded it and went down to where we had left our car. We got into it and drove off to many other exciting places.

G. JOHNSON (age 11½).



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I visit the Gardai

DURING my Easter Holidays I was taken through Kilmainham Barracks which are the Headquarters of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Gardaí and correspond to Scotland Yard. The three main sections of this Department are:—(a) Ballistics, which is the study of firearms and ammunition; (b) Photography; (c) the Finger Print Department.

First I went to the Ballistics Department where I was shown a Webley revolver which is supplied to some policemen. I was then given a bullet to put into the gun and allowed to shoot at a marble target in the yard, which I failed to hit. The roar made by the explosive in the bullet was deafening. In this department there was also a very powerful

microscope which is used for comparing bullets. The peculiar thing about this is that you can see the two bullets at the same time.

In the Photographic section I saw the photographs of a great many criminals. I also saw the pictures of bicycle numbers, burnt pound notes and forged entries in account books, and it was explained to me that by the use of infra red light the figures of the correct bicycle numbers and the account books were seen clearly and the pound note was easily discerned. Here my photograph was taken and a finished copy was handed to me inside twenty-five minutes.

In the Finger Print Department I was shown the finger prints of various prisoners, and on looking at them through a magnifying glass I could see even the pores of the skin. In order to get the finger prints of an article it is photographed after being treated with a special powder, and then this photograph is compared with the finger prints of those known to have or those suspected of having handled the article.

It was very interesting to have my photograph and finger prints taken under these circumstances—but I hope the Guards will never have to use them in their routine work of criminal investigation.

G. H. BLEAKLEY (Form 2A).

Tribute to Spring

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School News

It is with great regret that we record the death of our Headmaster, Dr. Bennett, on April 27, 1951; also the death of Sergeant Nelson on February 21, 1951.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bennett, and to the relatives of Sergeant Nelson.

We welcome Dr. Reynolds, who comes to us as Headmaster next term, and Mrs. Reynolds. Dr. Reynolds was a pupil at the High School from 1919 to 1927. He had a distinguished career in Trinity College, where he was First Foundation Scholar in his year, Moderator in Classics, Gold Medallist in Composition and Silver Medallist in Aesthetics of the University Philosophical Society. He is also a Doctor of Philosophy of Queen's University, Belfast.

At the end of the Easter Term we said farewell to our Catechist, the Rev. E. H. Despard, who has been instituted to the Incumbency of Blessington and Kilbride. At the end of the Summer Term we say farewell to Mr. Ruddock, who leaves to take up a post in an English Public School. We wish Mr. Despard and Mr. Ruddock every success in their new spheres of activity.

We welcome the Rev. R. H. Dowse, M.A., as our new Catechist.

In the All-Ireland Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships E. Kimberley, representing Leinster, came 1st in the Junior 220 yards. Congratulations to Kimberley on a very fine performance.

On Thursday, March 15, a French film show was given to the Senior boys. The films were lent by the French Legation, Dublin, and an Old Boy, Mr. J. Tomkins, very kindly brought a projector and sound apparatus to the School and showed the films. These were varied in subject: one, Paris from a helicopter; another, 'frogmen' investigating wrecks; the third, a cartoon, and the fourth, exploring caves at Lascaux. Three had French commentaries and one English. The show was concluded with a Canadian educational film "The Loon's Necklace", which Mr. Tomkins

had brought with him. We wish to thank the French Legation and Mr. Tomkins for making the show possible.

On Friday, May 11, 1951, we had an interesting lecture from Mr. A. H. Pike, of the Colonial Service, on life in the colonies, in particular in East Africa. The boys were given a full account of life, conditions of service, and prospects in the Colonial Service. In the course of his lecture Mr. Pike referred to an Old Boy, C. L. Keegan, an engineer in the East African Railways, who, he said, had done a fine job of railway building in connection with the groundnut scheme.

The Christmas Break-up Party took place in the Clockroom on Friday, December 15, 1950, under the excellent management of Mr. Gardner.

In the Annual Collection for the Lifeboat Service the School contributed £2-1-0.

The Prefects for 1950-51 are A. W. Cooper, W. S. Poole, A. P. Brook, C. B. Craven, I. R. McAulay, B. R. Wilkinson, A. Clarke, W. D. Forsyth.

We thank Mr. B. L. Winslow of Ennis-killen for a very interesting letter which appears on another page.

The photograph on the cover is by C. E. H. Maltby.

We Congratulate:—

Mr. Ruddock on being selected to represent Leinster in the Hockey Interprovincials against Ulster, Munster and Connacht.

A. W. M. Cooper on being selected to captain the Leinster Schools' Cricket team in the match against the Leprechauns.

E. H. Winter on obtaining 1st Place, Piano (under 12), and 3rd Place, Violin (under 15), in the Father Mathew Feis (1951).

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We are grateful to I. R. MacAulay for a further gift of 18 books, and to Miss Woodcock (1), Mr. Cornish (4), K. Bornemann (3), D. McKee (1).

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GREEK TESTAMENT

Prizes (1st Class)—J. R. Hautz, R. A. Skerritt, J. W. Dowse, J. T. Killen. (3rd Class)—W. J. FitzPatrick.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes (2nd Class)—N. C. C. Bain, E. H. Winter, L. J. Hudson, A. R. L. Beck. (3rd Class)—A. J. Parkes, M. J. Burrows, K. W. Reeves, W. G. Fisher, A. G. Ryan.

Pass—R. E. Fleming, J. A. Gill, E. K. Golding, S. Hayes, E. G. Davis, B. St. C. Herman, G. D. House, J. D. Wilkinson, R. W. Hall, R. R. Wilson, J. D. McKee, J. C. McCoubrey, M. R. Taylor, K. A. Dobson, D. I. Roy, D. W. Taylor, J. R. Montgomery, K. W. Ruddock, W. F. Smith, S. A. Murchie, E. C. Tutty, W. S. Wilson, A. B. Hollinshead, P. L. Stafford, A. T. Ingram.

Second Year

Prizes (2nd Class)—J. T. Paul, R. N. Walker. (3rd Class)—M. S. Haskins, E. L. Kimberley, G. H. Bleakley, J. D. R. Oakes.

Pass—F. W. Hutchinson, R. E. Wilson, T. H. Hempenstall, N. D. Knowles, H. G. Brady, R. J. Hill, J. H. Topping, C. D. Marks, K. H. Sherwood, B. G. Crawford, J. F. Buttmore, R. Beste, G. N. Eames, H. E. Killen, C. G. Hyland, N. R. Quin, F. E. Harris, M. H. Heatley, R. H. Maile, A. Waterhouse, D. M. Johnston, W. G. Sherry, J. P. Williams, N. R. S. Foster, D. D. Roy, J. K. Brownlee, R. G. McHugh, K. H. Bornemann, D. P. Smyllie.

Third Year

Prizes (2nd Class)—L. E. Long. (3rd Class)—R. Stevens.

Pass—H. J. Jenkins, R. S. Purcell, J. L. B. Dignam, W. A. McCoubrey, R. Newport, W. F. Wilson, D. C. B. Taylor, R. N. McDonough.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Year: Prize (2nd Class)—J. G. Fish. Second Year: Pass—P. J. E. Clarke.

METHODIST CHURCH

First Year: Pass—G. Deegan, A. Young, N. Pope, T. Saville.

Second Year: Prizes (1st Class)—C. E. Riddall. (2nd Class)—A. Flood. Pass—K. McGurdy, E. K. Briggs, J. K. Bailey.

Third Year: Pass—D. P. R. Seager.

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Fellowship (History)—F. S. L. Lyons.

Degrees

LL.D. (jure dignitatis)—W. Warnock (Irish Minister to Switzerland).

Ph.D. (stip. cond.)—C. F. G. Delaney.

M.A.—C. F. G. Delaney (stip. cond.), G. H. F. Gardner (stip. cond.), A. L. Jones, F. S. L. Lyons, G. W. Williams (stip. cond.).

B.A.I. (Charta Honoraria donatus), 2nd Class—P. H. Stewart.

B.A.I.—G. F. A. Day, C. O'M. H. Seale.

B.A. Respondent—P. H. Stewart.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—D. Romney.

M.B.—D. L. Cowan.

B.A.O.—I. A. Eppel.

Moderatorship Prizes

Brooke Prize (Classics)—N. J. F. Rodway.

Prizes in School of Divinity

Theological Exhibition—E. D. R. Simms.

Special Prizes in Arts

Lloyd Exhibition—B. H. Murdoch.

Prizes in School of Engineering

Alexander Prize—P. H. Stewart.

Medical School

Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene (2nd Class Honours)—I. A. Eppel.

Pre-Registration Examination—Zoology (2nd Class Honours)—R. Shapiro. Botany (Pass)—T. W. Williams.

First Medical Examination (Pass)—D. N. Golding, A. H. Erdberg, R. D. Williams.

Term Honour Examinations

M. Buchalter (J.S.)—Legal Science (3rd Rank).

K. B. Henderson (J.S.)—Legal Science (3rd Rank).

W. P. Northen (J.S.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).

J. D. Erdberg (S.F.)—Legal Science (2nd Rank).

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

A. H. Knight (S.F.)—Classics (2nd Rank).

M. S. Burton (J.F.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).

R. W. A. Feuerstak (J.F.)—Mathematics (1st Rank).

W. J. A. Graham (J.F.)—Mathematics (1st Rank).

W. J. A. Graham (J.F.)—Economics and Political Science (2nd Rank).

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

Junior Sophister Term Examination

J. G. Berry, A. J. Freedman.

Final Freshman Examination

A. J. Freedman.

Junior Freshman Term Examination

H. G. M. Payne, D. R. Jupe, R. F. Marks.

OTHER EXAMINATIONS

Royal Veterinary College of Ireland

Silver Medal, 4th Year (Parasitology)—S. F. M. Davies.

Bronze Medal, 4th Year (Pathology)—S. F. M. Davies.

Incorporated Law Society of Ireland

Examinations for Apprentices to Solicitors

Final Examination—E. J. Margetson.

Preliminary Examination—G. A. Henderson (1st Place).

Society of Incorporated Accountants in Ireland

Final Examination—H. A. Ross.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: "C.A.I." (Coleraine Academical Institution), "The Columban" (College of St. Columba, Dublin), "Masonic School Magazine", "R.S.D." (Royal School, Dungannon), "St. Andrew's College Annual", "Wesley College Magazine".

Letter to the Editor

Minnamurra,
Enniskillen,
15th Jan., 1951.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Thanks for Magazine of the old High School. I was there about 1880, and was there with Wm. Thrift and his brother, also Alton, C. J. Martin (now a doctor, and I hope to see him next month). He helped old Brown in exercises in the yard. Shakelton and Harmsworth, who are since advanced to important professions. My teacher was Tom Taggart and we both passed our finals, and I was only a few behind him qualifying for solicitors. Charlie Martin practised at medicine and is going to resign next month. He is 81 and I am 80 and long past my work. I have two sons at law, one a major and was mentioned in despatches and is stationed at Hamburg. Please excuse this scrawl as my hands are shaky, but I weighed myself and am 12 stone which I was when ready for the final.

Yours faithfully,

B. LESLIE WINSLOW.

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TENNIS, 1951

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Vice-Capt.: B. M. McCracken.
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RUGBY, 1950-51

Capt.: A. W. M. Cooper.
Vice-Capt.: A. P. R. Brook.
Hon. Sec.: C. C. Walker.
Junior Capt.: R. A. Skerrett.

ATHLETICS, 1951

Capt.: A. Clarke.
Vice-Capt.: E. L. Kimberley.
Hon. Sec.: B. M. McCracken.

BOXING, 1951

Capt.: A. Clarke.
Vice-Capt.: J. Love.
Hon. Sec.: W. M. Gregory.
Junior Capt.: R. Steele.

TABLE TENNIS, 1950-51

Capt.: B. M. McCracken.
Vice-Capt.: A. P. R. Brook.
Hon. Sec.: G. Watson.

Rugby

ONE of our rugby XVs is worthy of especial mention; that is the Under 14, which, under the leadership of D. J. Fitz-Patrick, had a very successful season.

Our S.C.T. did not gain many victories. However, in our annual match against Bangor Grammar School in Dublin we registered a win by 8 points to 3 after a hard-fought game. In our Colours match against the Old Boys we were beaten by a very much heavier team. Owing to the 'flu epidemic we could only field about half our usual team in the first round of the Cup against C.U.S. However, the team did better than the 20-nil score against it suggests.

The J.C.T., though unable to score many wins, showed definite promise for the coming season. Perhaps the most outstanding match of the year was an Under 16 against Belvedere in which we scored an easy win. In the Cup the J.C.T. played St. Mary's, Dundalk, and though drawing, they were beaten 6-3 in the replay, which was a hard struggle between two well-matched teams.

The Under 14 had an outstanding season, and we can only hope that the J.C.T. next season will continue their success. Belgrave won the Inter-House rugby competition.

Awards:—

Bell Cap: A. Brook. A. Cooper was awarded a "date". Cap for Best Back: A. Clarke. Place and Drop Cup: A. Cooper. Junior Medal: R. A. Skerrett.

C. C. W.

Cricket

THIS season we have had no striking cricket successes, but there is hope for next year as there are many promising players to be seen.

The S.C.T. did not field a full team until their first Cup match against Blackrock, which they won by a narrow margin of ten runs. However, on meeting Masonic in the next round the batting collapsed after Masonic had knocked up the useful score of 146.

Details. First round:—

The High School, 52; Blackrock College, 42. (Cooper 5 for 14, Clarke 5 for 22.)

Second round:—

Masonic, 146. (Cooper 2 for 62, Clarke 2 for 47, Forsyth 6 for 18.) The High School, 47. (Cooper 41.)

The J.C.T. had only one match before the Cup match owing to several being cancelled. Having obtained a bye into the second round, it beat Wesley without much difficulty.

Details:—

The High School, 104 (Walker 51); Wesley, 40 (Watson 5 for 19, Dobbyn 5 for 18).

In the third round we were well defeated by St. Mary's.

The Under 14 have had a satisfactory season in which they have won three of their five league matches played.

C. C. W.

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Athletics

THIS has been a year of successes for our athletes. At the L.S.S.A.U. Championships E. Kimberley obtained medals for being second in the 220 yards Junior and third in the 100 yards Junior, and at the Inter-Provincial Championships he obtained the championship medal for being first in the 220 yards Junior. For this meritorious performance the School will give him a memento. To equal success like this we would need to go back to the days of D. H. McNeill and R. J. Walker. Our congratulations to E. Kimberley.

We must not forget our captain, A. Clarke, who finished fourth in the L.S.S.A.U. 220 yards Senior, and R. Walshe, who was fourth in the 220 yards Intermediate.

It is good to see such an interest being taken in athletics, and we hope to produce more champions in the future under the expert guidance of our coach, Mr. B. Hennessey.

Our Sports will be held at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, 30th June.

C. B. C.

Table Tennis

ALTHOUGH we did not do very well in the league, we improved considerably after Christmas, mainly because the team was more settled. However, we registered only one win, against Sandford Park by 8-1. We had a most enjoyable match against the Old Boys in which they were victorious by 6 matches to 3. We also played one Under 15 match in which we were beaten by Mountjoy. The team at the end of the season was: D. Dawson, B. McCracken, W. Poole, B. Twamley, G. Chambers, H. Maude. Sub., A. Clarke.

B. McC.

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Boxing

THE Eleventh Annual Championships of the Boxing Club were held in the Clockroom on 3rd March, 1951, the results being:— 4 st. 7 lb.—D. E. McNeight (A.) beat R. C. House (H.). 5 st.—G. Beatty (H.) beat K. Graham (B.). 5 st. 7 lbs.—M. Haskins (B.) beat A. Scott (H.). 6 st.—H. Lundy (A.) beat E. Golding (B.). 6 st. 7 lbs.—R. Steele (B.) beat R. J. Hill (A.). 7 st.—V. Reid (B.) beat N. C. Bain (B.). 7 st. 7 lbs.—A. Abbott (B.) beat R. MacDonough (A.). Fly—N. Pearson (B.) beat W. Gregory (A.). Bantam—J. Forsyth (A.) beat D. C. B. Taylor (A.). Feather—E. Kimberley (B.) beat G. Isaacson (B.). Light—C. E. Coates (A.) beat M. Brambell (A.). Light-Welter—J. Love (B.) beat W. Poole (B.). Welter—R. Newport (A.) beat J. Glover (H.). Cruiser—A. Clarke (B.), unopposed. House Points:—Belgrave 51, Abbey 38, Harcourt 8. There were two fixtures with Royal School, Dungannon. The first, in High School on 23rd February, was won by Dungannon, 8-4, the High School winners being M. Haskins, H. Lundy, W. Bornemann, E. Kimberley. The second, on 9th March, at Dungannon, was won by High School, 4-3, the High School winners being M. Haskins, B. Stewart, E. Kimberley, J. Love. E. Jarrett and W. Gregory drew. Colours were awarded as follows:—Senior: A. Clarke, J. Love. Junior: D. Abbott, P. Stewart, E. Kimberley. Dates: M. Lundy, R. Steele.

We wish to thank Mr. Carroll and all other judges and officials who helped us during the season.

A. C.

Tennis

THE tennis leagues have not yet been completed, but so far we have not met with any success. The Senior team has been beaten 5-1 and 6-0 by St. Conleth's and Castleknock, respectively. The Junior team also has lost every match. We are grateful to Leinster Stratford for the use of their courts for practice at the beginning of the year. The team at present is: W. Poole, B. McCracken, B. Twamley, G. Watson, J. Seager, J. Browne.

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For Your Diary

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 19th October, 1951.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 3rd November, 1951.

John Bennett Memorial Fund

It is hoped that members will show their appreciation of all that Dr. Bennett did for the School and for the Old Boys' Union by subscribing generously to this fund. Subscriptions should be sent to: The Secretaries, John Bennett Memorial Fund, 40 Harcourt St., Dublin.

War Memorial Fund

This fund is due to close this year. Members who have not already subscribed and wish to do so are asked to send their subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer as soon as possible.

The Annual Dinner

Despite the severe 'flu epidemic we had 171 members and guests present at our Annual Dinner in the Clockroom on Saturday, 20th January, 1951. Our President, Mr. E. E. Spence, is to be congratulated on the very capable manner in which he occupied the chair. The guest of honour this year was Mr. Paul Miller, Chief, E.C.A. Mission to Ireland. He gave us a very clear account of how E.C.A. affects this country. We were very pleased to hear an excellent speech from one of our oldest members, Mr. R. W. Jeffares. Our best thanks are due to our musical guests for a really first-class performance.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

Members who are not already subscribers are invited to send subscriptions from two shillings and sixpence upwards to the Hon. Treasurer, P. R. Walker, "Ishgeen", Brennanstown Road, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin.

Harry Bunbury Cup

The family of the late Harry Bunbury have kindly presented a cup to the Union in memory of Harry. We are pleased to accept this, and it has been agreed that the cup should go to the Golf Section of the O.B.U. Owing to the fact that Harry had a great interest in the younger members of the Union, and in an effort to encourage these members to take part in the Golf Outing, the Harry Bunbury Cup will be presented to the Old Boy having the best score with a handicap of 16 or over at the Annual Competition for the Old Boys' Cup. We are pleased to know that George Bunbury, Harry's younger brother, will travel over from England to be present on this occasion.

Ladies Night

On Saturday, 31st March, in Fuller's Restaurant, we held our biennial Ladies' Night. The dinner and the musical entertainment which followed were fully enjoyed by the 66 members and guests present. We feel that this function deserves more support from our Old Boys, and we would like to see many more present in 1953.

Table Tennis

We played our second annual match against the School in March. This time we were winners by five matches to four.

Golf—The Annual Competition for the Old Boys' Cup will be held at Milltown Golf Club, by kind permission, on Thursday, 6th September. Younger members, whose names are not on the Golfing List, should communicate with the School as soon as possible.

S. S. EVANS, Hon. Sec.

News of Old Boys

The Rev. H. D. Anderson, M.A., B.D. (1923-24), Vicar of Sandringham and Chaplain to King George the Sixth, has been appointed to be a member of the Royal Victorian Order.

H. R. Armstrong (1940-44) was second in the 500 c.c. event, Swiss Grand Prix; first in the 350 c.c. class, Leinster 200, with fastest lap of 82.48 m.p.h., and broke the 1950 lap record while practising for the Junior T.T. race.

G. Begley (1926-29) and his partner, who won the Republic of Ireland Professional Ballroom Championship, were chosen to represent Ireland at the first European Professional Ballroom Dancing Championship in Germany.

J. A. Bell (1930-42) won the Spring Cup in the 100-mile trial run by the I.M.R.C. and the D.D. M.C.C., and second prize in the Lincoln and Nolan Cup trial.

E. H. Bodell (1940-44) played for the Leinster cricket team in the Interprovincial match with Munster, and was also selected to represent the South against the North in the Irish Trial.

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The Rev. N. D. Browne (1930-38) has been licensed for the Assistant-Curacy of Christ Church, Leeson Park, Dublin.

D. Couse (1941-45) has been riding for the Dublin Eagles and has twice won the Dublin Belt.

C. F. G. Delaney (1936-42) has received the degrees of M.A. and Ph.D. from Trinity College, Dublin. He is in residence for the Summer Term in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as holder of an F.S.S.P. Scholarship.

D. C. Ewen (1927-34) has been re-elected Hon. Treasurer, Southern Centre, Motor Cycle Union of Ireland.

D. Forsyth (1942-50), jumping for D.U.H. and A.C. in the annual inter-club competition, tied for first place in the high jump and was first in the high jump at College Races.

A. N. Jeffares (1930-39) has been appointed to the Jury Professorship of English Language and Literature in the University of Adelaide, South Australia, where he will be head of the Department of English.

R. W. Jeffares (1883-89), Secretary of the Irish Rugby Football Union for the past 26 years, has resigned.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32), first on the Irish tennis ranking list for 1950, played in the Davis Cup match against Holland, and also represented Ireland in tennis and squash internationals.

W. G. Kirkpatrick (1923-30) was appointed representative to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference at Oxford.

R. H. Kyle (1936-45) has been awarded a Proctor Fellowship for full-time research in Mathematics by Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A., for the year 1951-52.

The Rev. W. D. Lewin (1925-31), Rector of Aghold Union of parishes, has been appointed a chaplain to the Missions to Seamen.

F. S. L. Lyons (1941) has been elected Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, in History.

The Rev. J. W. W. MacDonald (1938-42) has been instituted to the Incumbency of Kilscoran Union in the diocese of Ferns.

Sir W. H. Mack (1905-06, 1910-13) has been appointed British Ambassador to the Argentine.

The Rev. E. W. O'Malley Lovell (1935-38) has been instituted Rector of Badoney and Greenan, Co. Tyrone.

B. Murdoch (1946-47) has been admitted to the Graduate School of Mathematics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A., for the year 1951-52, and will hold the position of Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics.

Dr. R. W. Reynolds (1919-27) has been appointed Headmaster of the High School, Dublin.

W. Warnock (1922-29), Irish Minister to Switzerland, has received the degree of LL.D. from Dublin University.

Marriages

W. G. (Harold) Booker (1929-37) to Rhona Mary Nichols, June 16, 1951.

John Dagg (1937-39) to Monette Patman, November 28, 1950.

T. Norman Penney (1928-34) to Mary Dowden Varian, February 6, 1951.

Gordon Willis Williams (1936-43) to Isobel Mary Law, March 17, 1951.

Deaths

John Bennett, M.A., Ph.D., Headmaster of the High School, Dublin, April 27, 1951.

Edward George Brunker (1881-88), April 29, 1951.

Frederick Ernest Davies (1883-84), May 12, 1951.

The Rev. Francis Ryan Montgomery Hitchcock, D.D., Litt.D. (T.C.D.) (1881-86), April 10, 1951.

John Nelson, late Farrier Sergeant-Major, 11th Hussars, School Sergeant of the High School, Dublin, February 21, 1951.

Walter Samuel Scott, K.C. (1883-86), at Sebourne, Hants, March, 1951.

The Rev. Frederick William Synnott, M.C., M.A. (1899-1904), December 13, 1950.



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WE are now nearing the end of the 1950-51 Session and I am glad to report that we had much better support and attendance from parents than in previous years, although there is still room for further improvement in membership, judging by the large number of boys attending the school.

It is greatly hoped by the Committee that new parents or those who have not joined the Association will endeavour to do so at the beginning of the new session in October.

For the benefit of those who do not know what the Association stands for, it will be of interest to them to know that certain evenings are set aside to chosen speakers to give talks on careers, youth development, etc., which are most helpful to the parents, and then there are occasional musical and social evenings which enable the parents to get to know one another and the teaching staff.

J. R. DIGNAM,

Hon. Sec.

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