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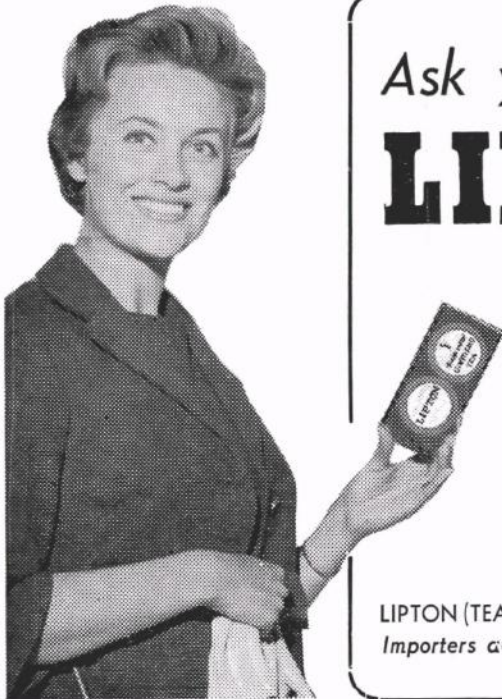
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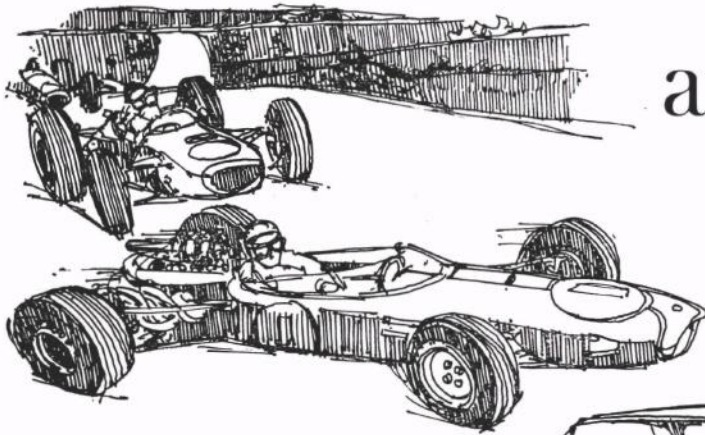


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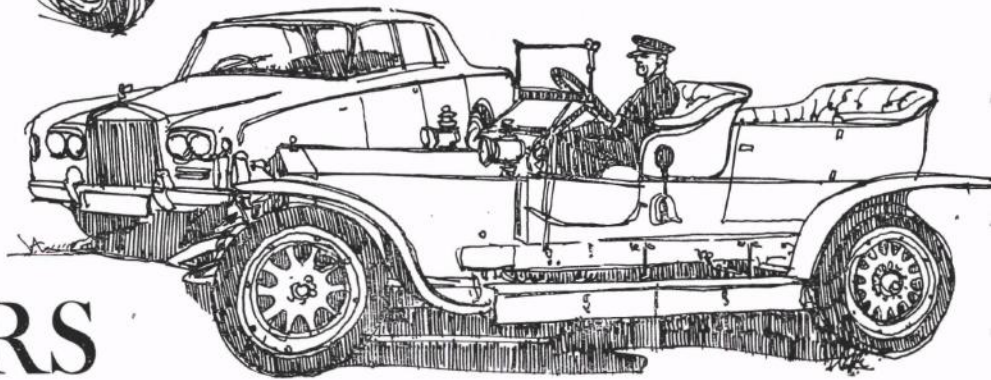
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EDITORIAL

On this, the eighty-second occasion on which an editor of "The Erasmian" has had the thankless task of writing an editorial for the magazine, although I find myself looking for suitable material which may have filled this space before, I hope that all readers will not remember having seen similar sentiments expressed previously, for it seems that the vast majority of editors were afflicted with the problem of what to write. Often editors are fortunate in that some particular event is so outstanding as to demand discussion—this year, however, the period from Christmas has been extremely quiet, the largest stir possibly being caused by the new educational grant schemes, the proposed merger between U.C.D. and T.C.D., and the revision of the syllabuses of both the Intermediate and Leaving Certificates.

It seems to me that the most praiseworthy change which has so far occurred in this respect is the modernisation of the Intermediate English course. Whereas I had the misfortune to have to study Ruskin, Bacon, Cardinal Newman and Macaulay, authors who may be suitable for those who are deeply involved with the growth and development of English literature, but are far outside the literary range

of the vast majority of the teenagers. The new course envisages a far more modern outlook, including such authors as Brendan Behan, Frank O'Connor, Sean O Faolain and Brian Friel. These improvements should herald a new interest in English as a subject on the curriculum of secondary schools (or post-primary schools, as Mr. Lenihan exhorted us to call them when he spoke at the 25th Anniversary of the Parents' Association) among young people. Mathematics, too, has been changed in that the emphasis is now very much on calculus and the theory of sets rather than on algebra and the geometry of Euclid. Not being a devotee either of this branch of learning or of the sciences, I am not in a position to comment on the usefulness of these changes, but can only praise, as an outsider, the spirit of adventure which has caught hold of these subjects. With all these advances, is it too much to hope that the one aspect of school life which has remained unchanged for so long, namely, the situation of the actual school buildings, will catch up with the advances in general education and find a new site in Rathgar? Everyone with an interest in the school should make it their aim to see this desire fulfilled as quickly as possible.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

(from the Erasmian, June 1918)

The palm for the most stirring act in the war performed by an Old Boy must be given, we think, to Engineer Lieutenant Commander W. A. Bury (1894-99), who was Chief Engineer in command of the "Vindictive" in the famous and successful raid on Zeebrugge on April 23rd; and again, a fortnight later, on May 10th, insisted on taking his ship into Ostend, where he sank her in the mouth of the harbour, effectively blocking the entrance. He was severely wounded in the thigh as he left his vessel, a bullet making a nasty hole and taking with it a half-crown out of his pocket.

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Erasmian Prizes

Erasmian prizes, presented by the Old Boys' Union, have been awarded to N. J. Cox and D. J. Moore for their contributions to the December issue.

Trinity Letter

The past academic year has been one in which the College has awaited the result of the merger negotiations with a certain uneasiness.

Representatives on the school committees will give students their first voice in the running of the College from the autumn. How effective their voice will be is something which remains to be seen. During the year a major development plan was published, which would, if implemented, enable the College to take up to six thousand students. Much of the proposed building is dependent on the merger results.

Despite the forthcoming changes, High School boys continue to play a prominent rôle in College life. David Ford has been elected Auditor of the Hist., and James Hamilton a member of the Committee. Anthony Reynolds is librarian of the Phil. for the coming session. Alan Beck is one of a number of High School boys on the Students' Representative Council.

On the sporting side, Brian Carson has quickly established himself as a prominent member of the badminton club, Brian Dungan, one of the few High School boys to enter the College Races, won the long jump; George Caird continues to turn in good performances for the swimming club. David Sholdice is an active member of the Judo club.

A large number of High School boys are active in the academic societies, notably Brian Ranalow who is auditor of the Engineering Society. Many appear to be content in helping the coffee bars to make a profit.

In conclusion, one would like to wish Mr. Graham well and hope that he recovers fully from his recent illness. His warm personality is sadly missed both in College Green and Harcourt Street.

DUNITARIUS.

The Highlight of a Holiday

(This essay won first prize in the essay competition on Fishing reported in the December issue)

I awoke to hear rain drumming on the roof. The sound of it was music in my ears, as it splashed on the slates of the house, and ran in noisy confusion down the gutters. "Yes," I thought happily, "fishing is the order of the day tomorrow!" For more than a week past, a drought had parched the countryside: a most unusual occurrence in Mayo at any time! Thus for about ten days our efforts to go on a fishing expedition had been frustrated, for the neighbouring rivers had reduced to mere trickles. With such happy anticipation, I soon drifted off to sleep again.

A look at the weather conditions next morning confirmed my hopes. Within the hour we were on our way to our destination, the other side of Clew Bay. We were going to a river which we had been given permission to fish at the next flood, for it was, as with most Connemara rivers, only fishable in a spate.

Everywhere was evidence of the quantity of rain which had fallen the night before, and the river itself was a roaring mass of turbulent, port wine-coloured water, carrying down the usual flotsam and jetsam that a river picks up in a flood. Twigs, posts, grasses and occasionally sods of earth and even whole whin-bushes—all were seaward bound. At our host's house we were advised on the best stretch of river to fish.

Accordingly, we set off shortly afterwards down the valley with our tackle rigged up. The sight of the valley as it was on that particular morning created a picture which will ever remain in my mind. The purple and blue of the Nephin Beg range, merging into the nearer browns and greens of bogland, reminded me of R. D. Blackmore's description of Doone Valley.

The enlightened rule of this river was fly-fishing only. I made my cast with one dropper of a Jock Scott, and a badger and blue tube-fly on the tail. (On previous days I had been experimenting and trying to perfect a tying of this fly, and this was the final effort.)

The omens that day seemed good, and by three o'clock my father had landed a grilse, and we had a small sea-trout (or finnock) apiece. A good enough morning's fishing, yet small compared to what the river was reputed to be capable of producing. At this juncture, the pangs of hunger began to affect our stomachs and we ate our lunch.

SLOGAN COMPETITION

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Meanwhile, the weather had changed. The sky was a shade of postcard blue, with a blazing sun, and the wind had died away to an almost perfect stillness. The surface of the water was unruffled and mirrored the sky.

What worse situation could there be for fly-fishing? Nevertheless, undaunted by the fickle nature of the elements, we set off downstream to fish again. However, there was not a sign of a fish, and an outside observer could easily be led into thinking there was not an inhabitant of the finny tribe in the river. So we sat down in the sun, and very soon there was a bank of clouds in the west. A small breeze began to blow, and conditions looked quite promising.

My father, who was feeling tired, asked me to take his salmon-rod, and we started fishing again. The spate had fallen considerably since the morning, about twelve inches, so I walked downstream to the deeper pools.

I started fishing at the top of a deep swift-moving pool. I had changed my tube-fly, and now had a smaller badger and blue on a single hook. I cast out across the pool as far as I could, trying to get accustomed to the heavy rod. Shortly afterwards I rose, hooked, and subsequently lost a fine sea-trout, which was compensated for a little later by another of about a pound weight.

On reaching the tail of the pool, I decided there was no point in reeling in, so I merely let the line drift over the run into deeper water. As I was engaged in watching my line, I did not notice where I was walking, and stepped knee-deep into a bog-hole. While I was engrossed in taking my boot from the toffee-like quality of an Irish bog, I did not at first notice a slight pressure on the rod. When I did realise it, I jerked the rod-point impatiently, thinking that the line was snagged. I was totally unprepared for what happened next. There was a tug which almost wrenched the rod from my arms (and in fact assisted me out of the mud) as if I had been suddenly attached to an express train. By the time I had recovered myself, the fish (for it was a fish) was twenty yards downstream, making fast tracks for the sea. Then he suddenly changed his mind, and turned back upstream, nearly as fast as he had come down. I reeled in furiously, trying to keep a steady pressure on the cast at the same time.

As yet I had had no glimpse of my adversary, which I judged to be a salmon. However, I had not long to wait; with a resounding splash, he jumped fully into the air, showing

his broad side gleaming with the blue sheen of a sea-fresh fish. I dropped the rod-point, and again the fish rushed downstream, the reel protesting shrilly. This time I managed to keep roughly parallel with him, as the bank was, fortunately, reasonably clear of obstacles.

By now my father had joined me and was advising me on the best tactics to use, for the fish was sulking on the river-bed. I started pumping operations, and soon the fish was on the move again; upstream, downstream, on the bottom, in reeds at the river's edge—that fish went everywhere in his fight for freedom. At length, however, he began to show signs of tiring, and quite suddenly came up to the surface and lay on his side, beaten. It was not until then that I noticed how densely spotted was his side and it flashed across my mind that it might possibly be a huge trout.

With this in view, I asked my father to use the net rather than the gaff if possible. He decided to take the risk, and I drew the fish towards the net. Over the rim of the net, slowly, slowly he came; then my father raised the net; the fish, suddenly realising that things were amiss, made a convulsive wriggle in his last bid for freedom, and in doing so tipped himself into the net. My father heaved it up the bank, and I pounced on the fish, and quickly administered the coup-de-grâce.

I sat back and surveyed my prize proudly. It was indeed as I had suspected—a trout! As usual when I catch a fish, I was filled with a pang of remorse for having killed such a handsome creature.

However, the deed was done, and without delay we set out for the lodge to weigh the fish. On the scales it turned five pounds eight ounces.

I blushed with pleasure as Frank, the old ghillie, wrung my hand, saying "That's the biggest sea trout kill't here in forty years!" Pride was short-lived when I realised how lucky I was to have hooked a fish at all, with my feet stuck fast in a bog-hole!

DERMOT MOORE (4A).

A Tale of the Twenty-first Century

(FOR ADVANCED THINKERS)

Part One

The Genius was dying (for the fifth and final time) unwept, and in great poverty, from a disease of super-abundance of iron in his blood;

due, one expert later advanced, to the iron bedsteads he had taken to chewing in the absence of food. And this Genius left (as geniuses do, from time to time) a vast uncharted wilderness of notes, which were entrusted to a perfectly ordinary Scientist, recently tamed and quite human. It seemed a little odd to him that the manuscript was written in Ancient Babylonian Cuneiform (I write subject to correction), but, undaunted, he reached for his Cuneiform dictionary and began to construe. When at length the last sheet had been deciphered and annotated, he cried "Eureka!" (in the best tradition) and went to bed with knowledge of The Weapon describing eloquent traceries in his mind.

Part Two

The Weapon was completed in the Spring of the year 2016, and a demonstration was held on a site devastated by an atomic bomb about 1984. A crowd of unprecedented magnitude, arranged at a safe distance from The Weapon, was present and Negroes, Asians and Europeans were clustered as densely as flies on a piece of putrid meat. Never before in the world's history had so large an assembly been gathered; aeroplanes swarmed and swooped above. On a hillock a gilded throne, surrounded by government officials, stood yawning, hungry for an occupant. A helicopter suddenly precipitated the Grand Master of the Northern Hemisphere, King of kings, Scourge of the South, Butcher of his Enemies, etc., etc., on the throne. Instantly, some professional grovellers were flung at his feet, and proceeded to lick his (none too clean) boots, at which the multitude broke into a stunning roar of approval, which rippled like a wave through the motley ranks to shatter into spume at the Master's feet.

Tension was growing like an elastic band being stretched; ten minutes to the explosion! All was prepared, the automatic detonator could not be halted now! A messenger suddenly arrived, and, without even pausing for the Master to spit on him, gabbled out ominous news — a steel core had been accidentally omitted from The Weapon during construction (by order of the Master himself) which could magnify the explosion sufficiently to devastate the whole assembly! "What can we do?" shrieked an official; the Master was heard to utter audibly and ungrammatically "The steel is stole", and then "Do? Why! get me a large brandy and soda, man!" just as the explosion echoed round the world.

So many Negroes were exterminated that there was profound cogitation among the white races to find a fresh object of hate; however, the world's finances were greatly advanced, due to the destruction of the financiers; while for months afterwards, politicians descended out of the sky as blight in many lands.

(N.B.—Those who wish to find humour or even sense in the above are very welcome to try; while those who insist on reading between the lines are even more welcome so to do, though what they expect to find there I cannot profess to imagine.)

(Based vaguely on an idea by H. G. Wells.)

N.D.A.W.

Down With Towns

Let them build their towns.

Where once green meadows stood;

Where once sweet blossoms grew.

And flourished in the wood.

They will do all they can

To hide the woodland view,

Where rabbits and foxes ran

And pranced along the dew.

Towns and cities now stand,

Where fields so bright and green

Stretched far across the land,

Which can no more be seen.

But nature will do its part,

And towns will rot and die;

And even from the start,

All they can do is try.

So let them do their worst,

And build out on the downs;

They will not be the first

To build these awful towns.

P. D. LUCAS (2BL).

The Game

The wood was softly damp where Ian had pulled away the tough bark. He looked along the straight smoothness of the stick. It would do for a gun in the game. Tom looked on. Both were quiet and sure of themselves in these woods and their feet rolled on the ground, silently. The other young boys, a few yards ahead, were half-frightened of the semi-shadows among the dry bushes and shouted to break the mysterious silence of approaching night.

They came to a clearing where a circle of stones, old and grey, stood in the thin grasses and dusty soil. There the boys sat in conclave and the two sides were picked for the game. This was the game that all young boys play and have played throughout the ages. The shining knight with his long lance gleaming has become the shifty-eyed agent with a pistol in a shoulder-holster (they call it progress). But the thirst for the excitement of the chase and the capture, of the hunt and the death is always present. To use a weapon is a boy's delight. But often they are not aware of the seriousness of "You're dead, count twenty", in the game. They do not realise the power of the gun.

Ian was in the team who had their base near the fields on the other side of the woods, while Tom's team were based here, where the flickering lights of the houses came through the waving leaves in the darkening dusk. Ian's team crashed off into the jungle of brambles and shiny laurels. The paths were narrow and winding, and it was quicker to shield the eyes and break through the leafless branches, killed by the eternal shadow of leaves overhead, than to run along aimless paths and perhaps arrive back at the circle of stones. Ian moved quietly through the scratching brambles, letting branches swing gently back behind him. The only sound from his movement was the scraping of twigs on his anorak. He soon arrived at the end of the trees where the air was clear and free from leaves, and the stars were slowly coming out in the darkening sky.

The team gathered there. A ringing hoot came from the far side of the woods and it was answered. The team moved off to seek their victims, variously equipped with stick and toy gun. Ian took his stick and went off to the right, away from the main group and their noise. Quickly he moved under the ceiling of leaves. Suddenly he came upon a break in the ceiling. Here a tree had fallen and broken and now was rotting, prone on the ground. On it stood Tom, his head dark against the sky. Ian raised his gun-stick and lined it up with the centre of Tom's neck. Tom could not see him against the dark ground.

Ian broke the silence. "Bang!" Tom turned too quickly and fell into the thick branches of the dead tree. No leaves cushioned his fall, and his head jerked awkwardly against the hard wood. There was a dull crunch and his head hung limp on his queerly bent neck.

Ian called out tentatively, "You're dead." And somehow he knew not to call "Count twenty," for Tom was dead. A gun can kill.

J. W. K. CARSON (6).

"This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love
more strong,
To love that well which thou must leave ere
long."

—SHAKESPEARE

*It was some time ago, long years maybe,
That in the springtime, I met a lady.
Even then I guessed her kindly calm
A transient dream, a temporary balm.
Times passed; the clock ticked day by day;
Winter dawned; we had to turn away.
Now memories haunt of many joys we had.
Tears creep forth and heart once glad grows
sad.*

*I often think of all that could have been.
Another year, another place, but why this
dream.*

*This once sweet joy we never would regret
If all things else in life we could forget.*

A.B.E. (6).

'Solid Fuel-Burning Crane Wanted for Knitting Machine'

You have a knitting-machine which you want to exchange for a crane. What I mean is that after much careful deliberation you have decided that knitting, with or without a machine, is no longer a burning passion in your life. You have made the matinee coats, bed socks and even attempted an Aran sweater, but no longer do you receive any kicks (except perhaps from the toddlers who are the recipients of your delightful wares). Therefore the aforesaid machine should be exchanged for a crane. What? Do I detect a note of dissent in the ranks, does not every young man-about-town regard a crane as an essential acquisition? Sir, I exhort you, ponder for a moment on the manifold uses of the crane, one of the most scintillating of all inventions. You could move the bus-stop a hundred yards down the road to your front-door, thus casting off the unpleasantness of standing in the rain waiting for that infernal invention—the omnibus. One could knock walls down simply by attaching Accessory No. 295 (demolishing). The bricklayers' unions would pay you pounds to keep it up. You no doubt agree with that Muse who re-

marked "A crane is a lovesome thing, God wot!" or words to the same effect. God-wottery concluded, you decide that the only way to find a person desirous of reciprocating the exchange is by a perusal of "The Exchange and Mart—A Journal through which to Buy, Sell or Exchange anything, to Obtain a Servant, find a Place, &c." After no little perusing you find that a certain gentleman, in exchange for a camera (photographic) will give away his crane, complete with solid fuel boiler. This generous individual is also prepared to throw in his Linscott rotary valve and his portable paint sprayer. (The latter is no doubt for spraying your neglected portable paint, but both are equally useful around the house.) But, alas, you have no camera, photographic or any other variety.

Weeping and gnashing your teeth, as the Scriptures phrase it, and, in your typical cheerful manner, humming the Dead March, you close the journal resignedly and gaze morosely at the cover. "100th Birthday Issue," exclaims the sombre black type, "free facsimile of historic first issue inside." "Ho," you remark, "and ho again—I see no historic or even otherwise facsimile." This is in fact the case. Nevertheless, having cast off your heavy heart and now singing in your rich vibrant voice "Happy Birthday to You," you rescutinise your issue. There, hidden between the "Railway Relics" and the "Silk Pictures" sections lies the obviously historic subject of your search. Due to the endeavours of some singularly idiotic "Exchange and Mart" packers it has been rolled up in a tight cylinder. To counteract this rolling you put your cricket-bat on one end and the pot of ink at your elbow due south of this. You now commence to study the first-ever "Exchange and Mart". The kind and thoughtful editor has even written an explanation of the purpose of his journal. He says that "it is notorious that very many persons who keep bees, have large gardens, orchards, &c., sell their surplus stocks, but at a scarcely remunerative price. It is our province, however, to bring the amateur producer and the consumer en rapport in this matter, and thus make the Exchange and Mart mutually advantageous." What a philanthropist the editor must have been. Ah, how times have changed since the thirty-first year of the reign of Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria by the Grace of God . . .

It appears that in that bygone day some people were unfortunate enough to suffer from

the awesome deformity of growing feathers and the custom was to notify all and sundry by means of an insertion in The Exchange and Mart. For example, you see "I have a black ostrich feather." One person indeed seems to have been terribly afflicted and said "I have two green cocks' feathers (one scarlet) and a gull's wing." Another interesting point is that the slave-trade, though long illegal, was still thriving or so it would seem from: "I have an illuminated eccentric, worth a great deal." One may only guess, but it is probable that the illumination was an elaborate tattoo. One advertiser, an avid literary fellow, says that he has "Jones's 'History of Brecknockshire,' and wants in exchange 'Myfyrian Archaeology of Wales'." I believe that in those days more Brecknockshire inhabitants were interested in their history, but bored with Welsh Myfyrian Archaeology than at the present time.

Calamity of calamities! The curl inflicted on the paper aforementioned has overcome the thrust exerted by the ink-pot and flung the latter into the air. You desperately try to stop it spilling its contents over your historic first issue, but too late. Rapidly trying to sponge off the ink, you find that the facsimile was not on plastic as aforethought, but on soluble paper. . . If you know of anybody interested in buying an ink-stained semi-dissolved, illegible, historic first issue of "Exchange and Mart" . . .

These days the tone of the paper has changed. No longer do people advertise their maladies or slave-sales, but just tame sales such as "Old Dentists' Chair with Neck-rest". (No doubt this is ideal for your old dentist friends . . . but for you?) Seven people wish to sell their tandems. (But how many are the same tandem being sold by different people?) If you find it hard to keep up with the papers, one advertiser is selling them from the year 1790. However, nobody wants your knitting-machine for their crane.

N. J. Cox (4A).

Twenty-five Years of Parental Influence

It is a generally held view that a school can in part be judged by the strength of its Parents' Association (which in most cases is a Parent-Teacher Association) and so, as the H.S.P.A. celebrates its silver jubilee, the school can feel reasonably secure as regards its standing and usefulness, for there are not many parents' associations which even begin to rival

High School's in the interest shown by its members in the running of the school to the greatest benefit of all us pupils.

The birth-place of the Association is supposed to have been Lansdowne Road, where three parents decided, one Saturday, afternoon, to form a group to put forward views designed to assist the growth of the school. The first function held was a Social Evening which took place on 16th February, 1944. That year also saw the introduction of cricket and tennis matches between the school and the parents, the first meetings in these sports ending in victory for the latter. In 1945, Dr. J. B. Waugh, as Chairman, widened the range of activities to include whist drives and talks by professional men. The first recorded meeting involving both parents and teachers occurred in March, 1949, when the topic of "Mutual Interests" was discussed. In the same year the numbers attending the meeting for the first time exceeded ninety, that number being present at a quiz between parents and staff.

According to the "Erasman" of the period, support gradually increased and by 1951 the Association, by now under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. R. Wisdom, had become a firmly-established part of school life. During 1952 the parents donated £10 to the library fund, £5 to the sports fund, and also, rather unexpectedly, £6 12s. 0d. to start a Percussion Band in the Junior School. As Mr. R. G. Price, the Hon. Sec. at the time, wrote in the "Erasman" of December, 1953: "The success of the Junior Percussion Band appears to have stimulated a lively interest in music in the school. At a Committee meeting recently we were intrigued by hearing strains of classical music coming from another room. There we found a dozen or so boys studying, with the aid of a gramophone and a violin, a well-known symphony. The fact that they were doing this voluntarily in their own time reveals their enthusiasm. We must, I think, find a way to encourage and assist this work—have you any ideas?" Fifteen years later the same scene is hard to visualise. Times certainly change. In the same vein, the advent of the Hobbies Exhibition was heralded with great enthusiasm, which by now, unfortunately, seems to have dwindled, both on the part of the parents, who instituted it, and the boys, who participated in it.

Going from strength to strength, the Parents' Association is now in its 25th year, and it is proof of its value that interest is on the increase. Support for its meetings has doubled

during its lifetime even though the subscription has increased from 5/- to the regal sum of 10/- per annum. Under the guidance of its extremely able Hon. Sec., Mr. L. Silverstone, the Association is bound to expand still further and already a new milestone has been achieved this year when Mr. Brian Lenihan became the first Minister for Education to speak in the school. May this progress continue and may the Association grow in strength and numbers as it starts off towards its Golden Anniversary. Meanwhile, congratulations on 25 years of active service.

THE EDITOR.

"Tops" in the Tuck Shop

As the bell clangs for little break at 11.15, boys charge from all corners of the High School, and throwing books aside, converge in two queues, one junior, one senior, leading to a cream-coloured door some six feet underground. These two queues watch in eager anticipation as Miss Williamson and her staff move between them, some of them licking their lips, others breathing heavily as their hunger becomes acute, till, at last, the key is turned in the lock and—the tuck shop has opened.

Eagerly, in sixes and sevens, the delighted individuals burst in, clutching their sixpences, and in a matter of seconds make their choice from the vast medley of highly coloured confectionery, each tube of sweets or bar shouting to be bought. Then, in excited tones, thrusting the money towards the servers, and not daring to take their eyes off their chosen article, for fear it should disappear, they say "Packet of Salt 'n' Vinegar, please," or "Cream Slice, please." Gingerly taking their purchase, they walk proudly between the two queues, eyes shining with a sense of victory, while the people queueing gaze on in silent admiration.

Nothing is so enjoyable as a little nibble during classes, partly because some subjects are studied better when one is chewing, but mostly because the sweets taste better when one knows one should not be eating them. This may well account for the sales of Fruit Gums (for although one always has to remind Mum, schoolboys seems to remember them) as 36,126 individual Fruit Gums are sold every month. They have a pleasant flavour and can be concealed, even while talking, in the roof of the mouth or under the tongue.

Popularity seems to have "moved with the times," for whereas the prices of sweets have

not changed, popularity has increased towards the more expensive items. Where approximately 60 packets of Fruit Gums (a 3d. item) are sold per week, there are 118 packets of Toff-O-Lux (a 6d. item) sold each week. Potato crisps are another "ever-popular-among-all-ages" item. Every week 593 packets of Crisps are sold. An introduction of delicious cream slices has perhaps increased the sales of small cakes—there are 336 of these (cream-slices and doughnuts) sold each week. Bobby bars have given way to the newer Chunky bars, a type of Mars bar, and the sale of 517 of these each month is a proof of how the absence of this sort of bar has been felt. Quenchers, a 2d. packet of sweets, and 4d. chocolate biscuits have both felt a drop in popularity—the latter in favour of Snack biscuits by Cadbury selling at sixpence. Of course Cadbury's chocolate, itself, features very strongly and almost 1,000 bars are sold each month. Milk Chocolate being the most popular. All this chocolate leads to thirsty boys which might account for the sale of 148 minerals a week.

Most people will agree that these figures are extremely high considering that only 150 boys out of the whole school go to the tuck-shop each day and only for two or three minutes. However, all the boys must agree that they are indebted to Miss Williamson, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the use of her accounts to compile this article.

D. CHAPMAN (6).

50 Miles is Nothing

On Sunday, 19th May, at ten past nine, I finished overhauling my bike. I was to meet Val Hickey at a quarter past nine. When I met him we cycled down to Doyle's Corner and were just turning into Berkeley Road when Val pulled up his brakes and the back brake fell off. He had only borrowed the bike the day before and did not have time to overhaul it. We stopped (well, I did anyway) and examined the brake. It was beyond repair so we just picked up the bits and rode down to O'Connell Street. I had to hold on to his carrier to stop him every time something got in the way. In O'Connell Street we met Brian Holmes and Peter Murtagh, whom we had arranged to meet there. Val decided not to go on as the repair men would not fix his brake. One of my brake-blocks was worn down and I got a whole new section fitted free. We got our cards stamped and in a few minutes we were off. A record total of 2,000 bicycles of all

shapes and sizes took part. It was the fifth of its kind and was sponsored by the Dublin City and County Cycling Touring Clubs in conjunction with Irish Raleigh Industries. It was the "Evening Herald" who thought of it and who advertised it. From Middle Abbey Street we went out to O'Connell Street through College Green, along Dame Street, past Christchurch, Patrick Street, Clanbrassil Street, Harold's Cross Road, North Terenure Road, Templeogue. Then there was the long pull along through Templeogue and down to Tinode. There we had ice cream kindly donated by Premier Dairies Ltd. It was an uneventful but very tiring run down to Tinode and the ice cream was very welcome. After Tinode, Peter got in front and Brian got a little behind and going through Sallins there were a good many people all lining the road and looking out of windows. By this time the Rally was well spread out. We were near the head, I was the only cyclist passing through. A Garda stood out in the middle of the road, stopped the traffic, and as I went bombing past he called "That way, sonny" pointing to a road leading off to the right. Outside Sallins there was another check-point where we received Slainte minerals and Smith's crisps to "Keep us going" as a steward said. We had our sandwiches on this run (from Sallins to the Phoenix Park) while we were cycling. It was a fairly level stretch as far as Knockmaroon Hill, which was the only place Brian, Peter and myself had to walk with our bikes. When we reached the Phoenix Park I did not notice the warning sign which said "Cattle Grid", as I was looking at the other cyclists handing in their entry forms. I thought I had hit a brick wall and I have not been able to sit down in any great comfort ever since. When I handed in my entry form I was disappointed to find that our fitness badges and certificates would be posted to us. However, I lay down and finished my lunch while the other two got details of another rally on the Sunday following (May 26th).

I think it was very well organised for such numbers and my congratulations to the stewards who did an excellent job. It was a great day and I am certainly going next year.

M. GARDNER (2BD).

Canis Polaris

Last January a letter arrived at the school, informing me that my entry of a colour transparency entitled "Canis Polaris" had been selected for the final judging in the Junior

Photographer of the Year Competition. This contest, which is open to school children of all ages, is run in conjunction with school camera clubs by the Photographic Information Council in London. Thirteen national finalists are selected in four classes to compete in the National Final in London for the title of Junior Photographer of the Year. I was invited to go to London on the 22nd February with all expenses paid.

A month later, Anthony Reynolds, who was also invited, and I left in the evening by air for London. After we had checked in our bags at the hotel in which rooms had been booked for us, we set out to explore some of the London streets and found time to have a meal before returning to the hotel. After breakfast next morning we paid a visit to Carnaby Street where the shop windows were decorated with colourful clothes. Next stop was the G.P.O. tower, which we had no difficulty in finding as it stands 620 feet high and can be seen for a great distance. The lift brought us up to the observation platform near the top of the tower, where the whole of London lay at our feet. Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and many other landmarks were visible. Visitors are warned not to throw anything off the top of the tower!

Soon it was time for us to go to the luncheon to which we had been invited in the Connaught Rooms. This is a large multi-storey building, lavishly decorated, every floor of which was entirely devoted to conference rooms. We went to the room where the luncheon was to be served and each finalist was given a name-tag.

After a short delay we were shown to a table which we shared with three Photographic Information Council officials, a Sunday Express reporter, and a free-lance journalist and photographer, Terence Fincher, Press Photographer of the Year, who was to have presented the prizes, was not present as he was called away suddenly to Vietnam. However, the prizes were distributed by the Chairman of the Photographic Information Council and the Junior Photographer of the Year award went to a boy from the Channel Islands. I was runner-up in the colour section and I received a cheque for £5, a diploma, and a cheque for £10 for the school camera club. The luncheon was then finished and we went off to the Tate Gallery where many different types of painting and sculpture were on show. We had just time to catch the Underground to the airport bus terminal. This was a large hall with shops and a cafe on one side, and departure gates on the other. Each flight was announced in several languages over loudspeakers and on television screens around the hall. Our flight was soon announced and we passed through the departure gate to the waiting bus which took us to the airport. We boarded the aeroplane immediately and were soon en route for Dublin.

A few weeks later I had a very pleasant surprise. One morning in school I received a letter enclosing a cheque from the publishers of "Amateur Photographer" for the use of my transparency in their magazine.

MALCOLM FERGUSON (5).

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Litter Bug

I

*I saw a boy upon a wall
Unwrap a great big sweet,
But then he let the paper fall
And spoilt the nice clean street.*

II

*A burly Guard came passing by
And saw the litter there.
He fined the boy and made him cry
And said "You must take care".*

III

*And now good folks remember why
This litter-bug was made to cry.*

M. SCHOUTER AND M. O'BRIEN (J3).

A Walk Through the Woods in June

One morning in June I happened to wake up early—at six o'clock—I looked out of the window and far away in the east there was a beautiful sunrise. The sky had already begun to turn blue. I made up my mind that this was the day for a walk.

I dressed as quickly as I could and was soon creeping down the stairs softly, for fear someone would wake and find me. I let out my dog Shauna and in seven minutes was mounting the back field fence. In the field I saw the two rabbits who live there. By the time I had crossed the next field and was entering the

Secret Wood the sun was shining brightly and the birds were all singing their best. The edge of the wood is a truly beautiful sight with all the different greens standing out. Before I go any further with this description, I might take the liberty of saying that the people who think that this essay is "hoo-ha" taken out of books are quite mistaken, for these people have never gone for a walk through the woods and are therefore most unfortunate, because if they did they would realise just how true this is.

I entered the wood and practised shinning up the young sycamores. I walked down the slope to the river path and for five minutes watched two young squirrels cracking nuts; when I moved forward, they both scuttled up the trunk of a chestnut tree. Shauna came rushing past me on the scent of a pheasant; her nose was bent to the ground as she raced through the undergrowth. A swan came down the river and looked almost scornfully at me as it paddled lazily along. It is not surprising that the swan was lazy as it was travelling downstream. A Moorhen splashed noisily from under the bank and a pigeon flapped from a tree as I approached. I came out of the first wood, crossed a field, and entered the next wood which is a small one not of one particular kind of tree—the beech with its thick trunk and the pine and larch with their thin tall ones and so on. After that wood I crossed Bank's Meadow and entered the last wood which is made up of a lot of fir. Late primroses and violets were still coming up in odd tufts.

As I have said before, if every boy could get the chance to go for a walk in the woods it would be a very good thing as they could experience just how marvellous it is. There are many more things I could say about a Walk in the Woods, but Shauna is getting impatient for her bedtime walk and has started chewing my boots!

ALAN MOORE (J5).

Franz Schubert

In 1797 a boy called Franz Schubert was born in Vienna, Austria.

This boy's father was a teacher. Franz's father wanted him to be a teacher also, so when he was only six years old Franz had his first lesson. His father taught him reading, writing, geography, history and arithmetic. Arithmetic! That was the dreaded word for Franz. He used to spend hours upon end doing this dreaded subject.

As well as these subjects, his father taught him music. Very soon he knew every note that his father knew.

When he was eleven his father sent him to a Choir School. There he learnt to play the organ, the violin and to sing. It was very cold and wet where Franz had to stay while he was at the Choir School. He was very hungry there as well. Finally he sent a letter to his brother Ferdinand asking him to send him some money so that he could buy some extra food. After a little while Franz's father came to see how Franz was doing. He was very astonished when the choirmaster told him that whenever he tried to teach Franz something, he found the boy already knew it!

His father still wanted Franz to become a teacher, so he made Franz a teacher in his school. Once, when a girl recited her poetry badly, Franz boxed her on the ears. He was immediately expelled from the school.

When he was twenty, Franz Schubert had written 500 pieces of music. He used to come home to his family occasionally and when he did come home, they would have an orchestra of their own.

In 1828, at the young age of thirty-one, Franz Schubert died. He had written over 600 pieces of music and songs. Among the songs he wrote are "Hark! Hark! The Lark," "Who Is Sylvia?", "Rosamunde", "The Cradle Songs" and "The Unfinished Symphony."

CHRISTOPHER KING (J3).

Funny Face

*If I had a tail
growing out of my ear—
I wouldn't be able to hear, oh dear!*

*If I had toes
On the end of my nose,
I wouldn't be able to smell the rose.*

*If I had a foot
Growing out of my hair—
I would be able to walk on air!*

*If I tripped with my foot
And saw ninety stars—
I'd win ALL the Chocolate Bars!*

DAVID MEREDITH (J1).

Holidays

*Three cheers for holidays.
Long bright days, sun ablaze.
No more lessons, no more school.
Down to the sea to jump in a pool.*

*No getting up at eight o'clock.
No searching for a High School sock.
I feel like singing songs of praise.
Three cheers for the holidays!*

BRIAN LEWIS (J2).

Safety First

I have to practise Safety First every day while I am going to school. When I leave my house to cross the road, I look right, left, and right again. I cross when there is nothing coming to get to the bus stop. When I get out of the bus in town I have three roads to cross to get another bus. I have to be very careful because there is a lot of traffic in town. I cannot cross the road until the policeman signals the traffic to stop. When I arrive in Harcourt Street the traffic warden at school brings me safely across the road.

GLEN STYLES (J2).

What I'd Like To Be

*I wonder what I'd like to be
When I'm a grown-up man.
I wonder what I'd like to be,
I wonder what I can.*

*I think I'll be a dentist
And pull out people's teeth.
I think I'll be a politician
And help with Mr. Heath.*

*I think I'll be a boxer
And fight like Cassius Clay.
Then I'll be the greatest
From this very day.*

*I think I'll be a millionaire
And make lots of gold galore,
But about what I'd like to be
I can not say no more.*

PAUL ROSS (J5).

My Visit To Rhodes

During the Easter holidays I was very lucky, because I visited Rhodes, one of the Greek Islands.

Our ship was too big to go into the harbour, so we went in a motor-boat.

We hired a Ford taxi, which was an American car. Its speedometer had kilometres on it.

As we drove through the countryside, I was very interested to see oranges and lemons growing, and they looked quite ripe.

The driver of the taxi told us that the people working in the fields wear leather boots to protect them from the deadly snakes.

We went to a pottery where we saw a man making a vase on a potter's wheel. He spun the wheel with his feet and shaped the vase with his hands. My mother bought two candleholders with Greek designs on them.

One of the towns we visited had a hill with a castle on top of it. We went up to the castle on mules. My mule was dark brown. The mules were led by old people. The castle was in ruins. Just below the castle was a little bay and the water looked very blue.

I enjoyed my visit to Rhodes and I would like to live there.

G. ROWLAND (J3).

Television

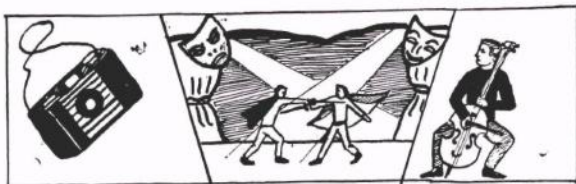
*Some people like it, some people don't.
Fathers come in and say "I won't."
Boys complain, Mothers shout,
But it goes down well with younger generation.*

*Some people sit at it, some people won't.
Dancing, music, drama and all.
Babies gape, teenagers yell.
Ads. numerous, laughs galore.*

*T.V. is short for television.
We just have to stretch out on the floor.
Lighting effects, sound, drama and facts.
Television is a world on its own.*

DAVID LIPSCHITZ (J2).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



School News

Two members of the staff, Mr. Lowry and Mr. Blackmore, celebrated their marriages recently, and we extend to them and to Staff their wives our best wishes for their future happiness. Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Cole on the birth of a daughter, 22nd January, 1968. Mr. Langridge has been appointed to present a Junior Geography series on Telefís Scoile.

In the December productions of the Dublin Grand Opera Society, David Sherwood, Jim Piggott, Colin Reid, David Finney, Operas Peter Daunt-Smyth and Dermot Hughes sang the Mothers and Sisters of Charlotte in the Society's first production of Massenet's "Werther". In "Carmen" the boys taking part were Gordon Drake, Michael Morrison, Mark Story, Trevor Hastings, Howard Collins, Michael Stirling, John Piggott, Kenneth Kingston, Norman Ludgate, Billy Crowe, Richard Lovell-Butt, Barry Smith, Peter Smith and Robert Pittman.

In the fourth Young Scientists' Exhibition, sponsored by Aer Lingus, the two High School entrants received prizes. Jonathan Cohen (3BD) won the first prize in the Junior Biochemistry section. He had conducted a number of experiments to prove that a mouse could live on the oxygen liberated from the electrolysis of copper sulphate. His exhibit aroused considerable interest. Stewart Jacobs (5) was awarded third prize in the Senior Electronics section, for work on the scale of probabilities underlying the popular "fruit" machines. He proved that the odds were greatly against the chance of a player being successful.

We are grateful to Mr. E. A. Southarn, A.I.B., A.C.I.S., for presenting to the School a handsome silver cup, as a tribute to Cup his parents. Eddie Southarn is an Old Boy of the School, and his address is now c/o National and Grindley's Bank, P.O. Box 3000, Mombasa, Kenya. He hopes to be in Dublin later in the year. The Cup, which is valued at about £40, will be awarded to the winner of the Senior Half Mile, and Mr. Southarn has generously provided for the award of replicas also.

We congratulate Stuart G. E. Lloyd on winning the Old Boys' Cup for 1968; John Silverstone on being chosen to play for the Leinster Schools' Cricket team; Malcolm Ferguson on being chosen to represent Ireland in the final of the contest for the Junior Photographer of the Year; Derek Chapman, who was made a Prefect in January.

A letter from an Old Boy, Canon F. McConnell (1892-1902) tells us that the new Poet Laureate's father, Rev. Day Lewis, was an Old High School boy, attending the School for a time. He was later curate at Stradbally, Co. Leix, where the future Poet Laureate was born. Canon McConnell now lives at Horsham in Sussex and as well as being one of our oldest Old Boys, claims to be the oldest surviving member of the staff. He taught at the School in 1905/6.

Speakers at the School in the Spring and Summer terms included: Mr. Perrott (Young People's Convention); Colonel Field (United Society for Christian Liberation); Colonel Bunworth (on his experiences in the Congo and Israel); Garda Cairns (Safety First); Mr. E. McGrane (An Oige). The film "Your Obedient Servant" dealing with computers, was shown to all classes from third form upwards last December. An Old Boy, Mr. Gordon Clark of I.C.I. answered questions put to him by the Fifth Form.

Collections in the School reached the following amounts: Home for Aged Jews (Form 1B²) £1 10s. 6d.; Civilians in Vietnam £7 16s. 0d.

News from the Forms

SIXTH FORM

For most 6th formers this has been their last term in High School. Some have been in this school since J1 while others have been here since 1st year and I think they will all agree that it will be hard to find happier days than their schooldays. This year more 6th formers than in previous years are going to University, while the remaining few are only too glad to get away from school and exams and at last to be earning their "first few bob". As usual there will be several returning for 6u.

Since Christmas all 6th formers have been busy preparing for exams—mock-leaving, the Oral Irish, the Matriculation and the Leaving itself—many hoping for four honours. Therefore with so many exams, 6th formers have had to sacrifice their outdoor life. One of the few events which they did participate in was the Masters v. Boys Golf Tournament, which the boys successfully won 8-6. Those taking part were P. Black, T. Darlington, D. Factor, M. Hanna and C. Woodhouse.

This term many have been writing away to both English and Irish factories in search of summer-work and by now have been lucky in receiving such jobs as canning peas, working at golf-courses and also in bookshops.

G.C.R.

FIFTH FORM

Fifth form freedom comes but once, so make the best of its "while ye may". This year's form, as ever, bore this out, and while the work continued in the background, the most noticeable feature was the general mirth and frivolity in everyday school life, which, for better or for worse, cannot be done justice to on paper. There were, however, some more specific events.

After a practice match at Bushy Park, O'Shea arranged a soccer match against Synge Street School, also at Bushy Park, which we won by the glorious total of 8-4.

Meanwhile, Travers, knowing Alexandra College as he does, arranged some sporting fixtures. The first was a hockey match played with two mixed teams. Next was a rounders and tennis tournament. The rounders was Boys v. Girls, which we won by about 12-6. But, as the tennis was mixed doubles, no score as such was obtained! These fixtures were played in Milltown.

Turning to more serious matters, the number of outings was rather sparse. One was the "Light and Movement" Exhibition in Trinity, which was psychedelic! Trinity was again the venue for an exhibition of modern art. More recently, some boys, due to the kindness of Mr. J. Hamilton, went on a conducted tour of the Photographic Society's Exhibition in the D.C.M. Hall.

Talking of photography, the school photography competition was virtually run by Travers and Mr. Gardner. David Popham excelled himself by coming 1st and 3rd in the senior section with a camera which he found by the wayside.

Regular features of this year's form have been carrying coal for the caretaker, which we have been glad to do; and acting as Sergeant, due to Sergeant Sande's indisposition. May we say that, though we love time-off doing the job, we wish the Sergeant well, and hope that he will be completely well again next year.

D.W.D., J.H.M., D.A.R.

FOURTH FORM

As the Intermediate draws nearer the form seems to have become less and less interested in outside activities. It is a pity that so few people are playing cricket for 4th year this term, but those who are participating have been successful, and the form has three representatives on the S.C.T. and five on the J.C.T. Many members of the form have been to the Gate Theatre to see "The Merchant of Venice" which is the Shakespearian play for the Intermediate this year.

This is all the news up to date, but it is hoped that next year, as 5th form, the members will participate more in activities and societies of the school.

D.J.

THIRD FORM

Last term, 3A were given five lectures, kindly arranged by Miss Barcroft. The first, by Father Redmond, was about the Jesuits. The Rev. J. T. S. Paterson spoke to us about the Prayer Book and the new Communion Service. Miss Valda Boydell lectured on John Huss and the Moravian Church, and showed some excellent slides. Father Quigley lectured on the Greek Orthodox Church, and also showed some excellent slides. The last was by Father Millet, a Franciscan, who told us about St. Francis and the Franciscans. Many thanks to Miss Barcroft for arranging these lectures.

Mr. MacMahon took 3A to see the Rosc Art Exhibition, and to the kinetic art exhibition in the new library of Trinity College. Both exhibitions were excellent, and Mr. MacMahon deserves our thanks.

Congratulations to Rivlin and Wynne for getting into the finals, and to Burdett and Nagur for doing very well, in the Leinster Schools Sports.

3A have elected Rivlin as their representative on the Tidy Schools Committee, 3B have elected Burdett, and 3 BL have elected Nolan.

N.J.

SECOND FORM

During the term 2BL played 2BD in a rugby match, which 2BD won. 2A were to play the winners, but this never came off as the rugby season was finished. There was also a rugby match against Nullamore which we won 25-10. On the anti-litter committee, 2A are represented by R. Nicholson, 2BL by F. Walton and 2BD by B. Hanna. 2A would like to welcome W. Hunter from Scotland, who joined 2A before Easter. 2A are doing a project with Mr. MacDermott and 2BL are doing one with Mr. Raleigh. There were many other projects done in 2nd form, such as history projects for Mr. Willoughby and five projects from the Greek section of 2A which were on show in the Library: "Athens" by H. Andrews and G. Hughes; "Homer and Troy" by D. Wright and C. Slattery; "Alexander the Great" by C. Galloway; "Crete" by E. Sterne; "Greek Architecture" by G. Woods. 2A also went to Danum and made a map of it on Tuesday, 21st May. 2BL go to a Biology programme on television in Mr. Willoughby's room every Monday afternoon.

The Headboy of 2A is D. Lewis, of 2BL is S. Harris and of 2BD is D. Groves.

D.J.W.

FIRST FORM

This year members of 1B¹ and 1B² formed a soccer club. They got permission from the Headmaster and persuaded Mr. Blackmore to be their president.

The committee is as follows: President, Mr. Blackmore; Chairman, L. Hickey; Treasurer, G. Alkin; Selectors: L. Hickey and F. Dunne; Editors for Magazine: B. Priestman and M. Cann.

The committee sells a magazine every month called "Soccer Special" at 3d. and at the

moment there is over £1 in the cash box. They mainly sell it in the first form and the Junior school. They sell about 150 copies every issue.

We play games with other schools and have already played three games against Stratford College. The first game was lost 6-2 but the second was a great match and we won 1-0. The only goal was scored by Herbert Wright, who played on the right wing. He got a good pass from Harold Raby who played magnificently. Although everyone played well, Tony Dipple, the High School goalie, played especially well.

On the 22/5/68 we again played Stratford College, this time at Bushy Park. The final score was 3-1 in Stratford's favour. It was a very hard match with our goal being scored by Howard Collins in the first ten minutes. The referee was David Rivlin of 3rd form.

In the near future we hope to have more soccer matches with other schools and to try to get into the school league.

A visit by an An Oige representative stimulated much interest and some boys have joined. The talk was illustrated by slides from all over the world, taken by the lecturer.

The first forms are singing the chorus, composed by Miss Barklie, in the Greek play.

The new Tidy School Committee let us have the honour of being the first form to clean the yard on their "form-a-day" scheme. John Piggott is 1A's representative on the Committee.

B.P., A.F.

School Concert

This was the 27th Annual Concert and was held in the Clockroom on 16th and 17th February. We were honoured by the presence of Bean De Valera on the opening night. The 1st year Choir opened the show with the National Anthem and three songs "The Blue Tail Fly", "The Evening Star" and "Prepare Thyself, Zion". It is a pity that they have to compete with latecomers and their attendant noise. They are a great credit to Miss Barklie, who spends many hours of hard work preparing for "the big night".

Young Gordon Fallon followed this up with selections from Pleyel and Handel, which were well received by the audience. The next item was the Irish play. This year's production was perhaps the most difficult yet presented by Mr. MacMahon. It was "Mac Uí Rudai" by Mairéad Ní Ghráda, which requires three scenes on the one stage at the same time. In



Pish Tush (A. Griffin) and Nanki Poo (P. Lewis) in "The Mikado".

the room available, this was almost impossible, but the almost impossible was achieved by careful use of the stage. While all the acting was of a high standard, outstanding performances were those of Trevor O'Shea as "Liam", the main rôle, and Cedric Packham as "the woman that came in from the rain." The play was somewhat spoiled, however, by the fact that some of the "ladies" were rather hard to hear. Mention must be made of the silent, but authentic, performance of Chadwick and Jeffares of 3A as oriental bellydancers.

Brian Gutkin of 6th form then played some modern melodies on the piano. These were very well received. Next came "The Case of the Faked Rat," which is a short English play based on the doings of the famous Sherlock Holmes, written by David Early 1A. It showed

great promise and we hope to see more of David's work in future years. It was enhanced by good performances from all the cast.

"The Faked Rat" was followed by another piano item, this time by Mark Duffy of 2nd form, who gave us excerpts from two excellent but not widely-known composers, Purcell and Prokofieff. He was followed by Gordon Drake and John Piggott of 1st Form who sang the "Wild Colonial Boy". Both these excellent items were very well received by the audience. The last item in the first part of the concert was the French play, "Le Petit Chaperon Rouge", which was written and produced by Mr. Keegan. This is one of Mr. Keegan's "dramatic fairy tales," of which his repertoire seems to be full, and after last year's detective story, it provided a change. There were very

good performances from all the cast, though a little more movement would have helped greatly.

The second part of the concert was, as usual, given over to the opera, this year Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado". Miss Barklie had drilled her choruses to perfection and the standard of singing was extremely high. The outstanding member of the cast was Derek Chapman (6) in the rôle of Ko Ko, Lord High Executioner of Titipu, a rôle which gave full play to Derek's considerable musical and dramatic abilities. Other outstanding performances were those of John Grice (6) as Katisha, John Silverstone (6) as Pooh-Bah, the general factotum of Titipu, and Dermot Hughes (2Bl) as Yum-Yum. The choruses and other members of the cast gave excellent performances and the production was easily the best by the Choral Society in recent years. Many hours hard work went into the productions of the evening, and well earned the generous applause at the end of the opera which marked the conclusion of, perhaps, the most successful and enjoyable concert which has been staged in the last few years.

Finally we express our thanks to all those who work behind the scenes. To Mr. Peters and his stagehands; to the electricians; to Mr. O'Kane and Mr. Johnson who deal with the auditorium, and to the ladies who are concerned with the vital matters of costumes and make-up. The applause was for them as well as the casts and without them it would not be possible to produce the Concert.

N.G.

The Photographic Club

The facilities provided by the Photographic Club are open to all boys in the School. They may have films processed and printed, or enlargements made, provided they pay for the cost of the materials and chemicals used. They may ask any of the committee members to do this for them or, if they prefer, they can do it themselves. Beginners may obtain advice from committee members and be shown how to do their own printing and processing. We would like to see more of the boys avail themselves of this service, not only because it saves them money, but also because they may obtain a great deal of pleasure from it. We wish to record our thanks to Mr. R. A. Reynolds for

his long-term loan of a very useful enlarger, which has been of enormous advantage to the Club.

The highlight of the year, as far as the Club was concerned, was the competition which it held early this term. The number of entries, 139, was slightly less than last year, but the standard was quite good in the "Over 15" section and particularly good in the "Under 15" section. Over £12 worth of prizes were donated by Mason Rees, The Camera Shop, Kenneth Ross Studios, Dixon and Hempenstall, Browne's Chemists and Roche's Chemists and we would like to thank them for their generosity. Two experts, Mr. K. Ross from Parliament Street and Mr. Hamilton from the Photographic Society of Ireland, gave up much of their time to judge the photographs on Tues-



Senior: 1st Prize, D. Popham (5).

day, 14th May, and we would like to thank them sincerely also.

We hope the lure of such wonderful prizes as were donated this year will encourage many more boys to take up photography, and contest for them in the competition next year.

This year's prizewinners were as follows:

Overall winner: T. Parfitt (J⁴).

Under 15: 1st, J. Csizmarik (4Bl); 2nd, P. Murtagh (2Bd); 3rd, H. Dockrell and D. Early (1A).

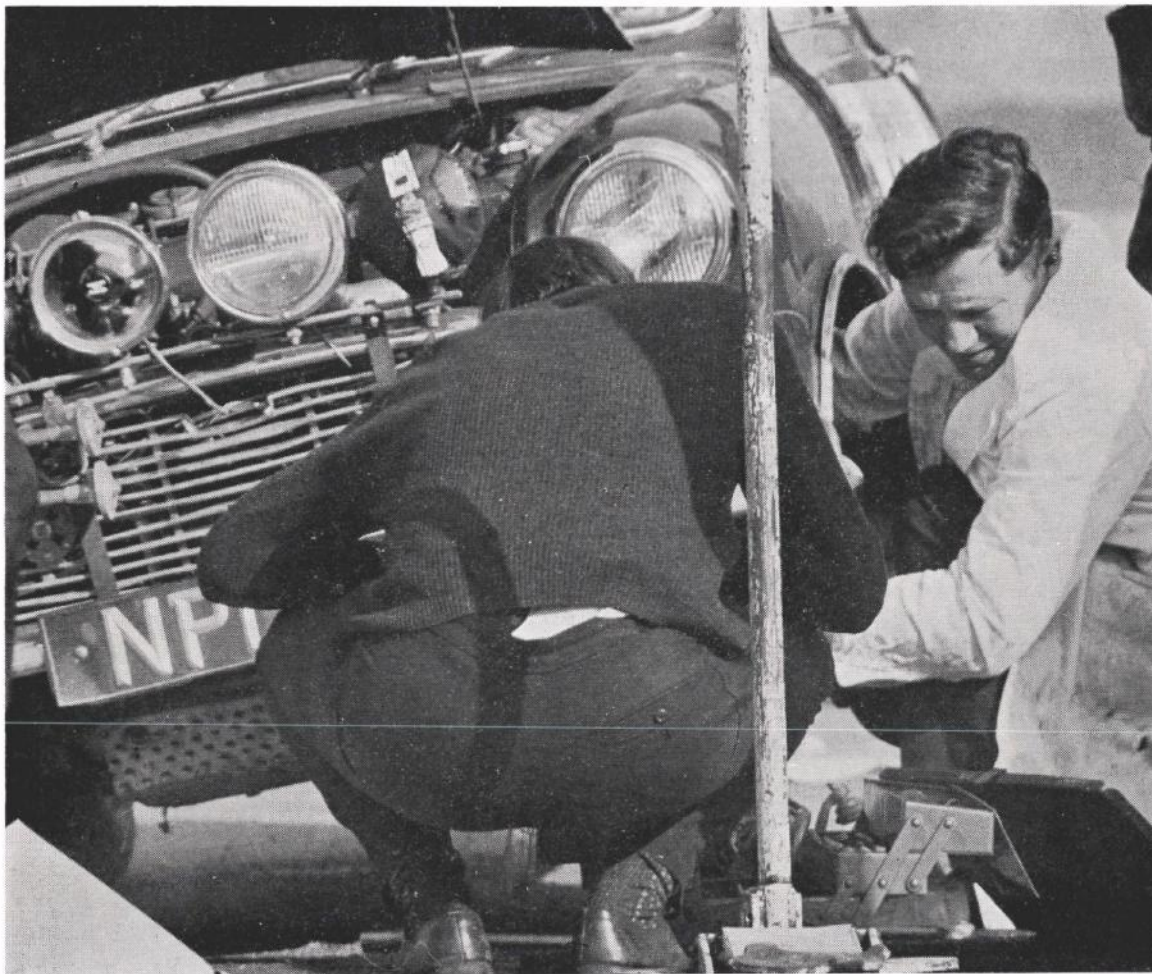
Over 15: 1st, D. Popham (5); 2nd, J. Alexander (6); 3rd, J. Carson (6).

S. Farmer was highly commended.

Committee: N. A. Moyse, T. J. Storey, A. C. Travers, J. H. Maybury.

J.H.M.

RACE AGAINST TIME—CIRCUIT OF IRELAND 1968



Overall Winner : T. Parfitt (J4).

The Library

After a long delay, the Library re-opened on 20th May in its new premises in the yard. One room in the new Terrapin building has been set aside for the sole use of the Library. We have installed clip adjustable steel shelves which are specially designed for library use, and some tables and chairs for individual study. We are indebted to Mr. Factor for four small stools which enable the smaller boys to reach the top shelves.

A measure of the Library's popularity is the fact that on the first day 66 books were borrowed. During the enforced recess many

new books were bought, dealing with varied subjects. These include Whitfield's "Understanding the Basic Organic Reactions", Hobson's "Coin Identifier", Mercer's "Alexander the Great" and Bishop Moorman's "Vatican Observed". The response to the Library Appeal was excellent, coming to £41. In addition we wish to thank Mrs. Brabazon, Miss Blakeney, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Reynolds, Mr. Langridge, P. Wynne (3BL), S. Alkin (2BL), S. Darby (4A), J. Silverstone, P. Orr, G. C. Richards (6), D. Jones, H. Foxall (4A), K. Trower, S. Day (3BL) and J. Telford (5) for their gifts of books.

The Library is now open as a place where those with "free periods" can study in peace,

with reference books close at hand, and this arrangement is working very well. A new committee took over on 20th May and are working with great zeal at their unenviable task. Meanwhile, last year's committee have faded away with the advent of the "Leaving". Our thanks

are due to them for their hard work during the year.

Committee : K. Aikins, P. Boate, D. Duffy, B. Evans, P. Hogan, F. Jackson, S. Jacobs, D. Lewis, J. Maybury, D. Popham, T. Storey, N. Stirling and J. Telford.

N.G.

Hobbies Exhibition

THE HIGH SCHOOL HOBBIES AND PROJECTS EXHIBITION, 1969

This Exhibition will be held in January, 1969—a date that will facilitate all boys in the school who would like to work on their exhibits during the winter months. The organisers hope that the changes mentioned below and the wider scope of the Exhibition will appeal to you all. The following data should help you :—

- (1) No exhibits entered in previous years will be accepted.
- (2) Fewer but more valuable prizes will be awarded.
- (3) Group Exhibits will be welcomed.
- (4) A Trophy, in memory of Mr. Evans, will be awarded for the best Class Group Project.
- (5) The Exhibition will be held in conjunction with a Parents' Association Meeting.
- (6) The Exhibition will be in two main sections :
 - A. INDIVIDUAL Exhibits in Art, Crafts, Scientific and General Hobbies from—
 - (a) Junior School.
 - (b) "Under 15" Senior School.
 - (c) "Over 15" Senior School.
 - B. Best GROUP Project in any Class. Groups are expected to consult with their teachers or business firms as regards suitable Projects.

J.W.W., W.J.L.

The Debating Society

Since our last report the Society has not been very successful. Our meetings have been few and far between. The failure of the Society may be attributed to two points : firstly we had little or no co-operation from the boys of Fifth Form. They supported very few of our meetings; secondly, there was lack of co-operation from the committee members. At the very beginning of this school year the Society was very successful. However, as time progressed, interest in the activities of the Society faded. This was very unfortunate, as we had very interesting

topics to debate and our attendances were quite good.

We sincerely hope that those boys who will be running the Society next school year will be more successful than we have been. We also hope that co-operation from Fifth Form will be better. The success of the Society depends on the support of Fifth Form, because the Fourth and Sixth Forms are occupied with important examinations. In conclusion, we would like to thank members who have helped the Society and our special thanks to the masters who have supported our meetings. We hope that they will continue to help and support the Society.

S.T.G.

The Inter-Schools Debating Group

This year the High School Debating Society decided to resign from the Inter-Schools Debating Group. It is with much regret that we leave this group, because it was the High School's Society that brought about this group. Up to date we have had no benefits from the Group. The Group's ideals are praiseworthy, but it requires better organisation. Meetings of this Group were held on Sundays, a day not suitable for many, and as a result our Society was seldom represented there. Another reason for our resignation is because the Group now requires a membership fee of 5/—, and as our Society has not a treasury, we were forced to offer our resignation to the group. We hope that the new High School Debating Society introduces a treasury to the committee and will join the group again. We wish every success to the Inter-Schools Debating Group for the future.

S.T.G.

Junior Debating Society

We began after Christmas with Mr. J. McDermott as Chairman, R. J. St. Leger as auditor, G. D. Woods as secretary and a committee of D. J. Lewis, J. C. Robbie, J. R. Piggott and C. H. Slattery. Guest chairmen this year have been N. Gamble, Mr. R. Wallace and T. Govender. During the Christmas holidays we had a debate with Nullamore Junior Club and later last term we had a debate with De La Salle College "That America should withdraw from Vietnam". Debates this term included two hat debates, "That China is the greatest world menace yet," "Hippies—Happy or Hopeless" and "That Extreme Nationalism is the curse of the world." At least three new members have been accepted to the society this term. We would like to thank all those concerned for helping us to run our society. We welcome new members regularly.

G.D.W.

The War Against Litter

I feel I must start by saying this is not a useless or silly campaign, as I have heard many boys say. We can, if we work, maintain a tidy and well-respected school. Note the phrase "if we work". Combatting litter is no easy task. I am sure this campaign will be nowhere near

successful completion in my schooldays. It will be a slow drawn-out battle.

We already have a duty list drawn up by Mr. Lowry and this is the first step, a day-to-day cleaning up. If this is organised on a large scale it will be a major victory against litter.

Now, there would be no need for cleaning if there was no litter. This is perhaps the most important single task in this battle. We must discourage the boys from dropping or spreading litter. Therefore I suggest that strict penalties should be imposed on offenders. Obviously this is a very difficult aim and should have plenty of responsible people to punish offenders. By the time a boy has reached fifth form he should be capable of reasonable behaviour and I think that the Headmaster or Mr. Lowry, the commander-in-chief of this campaign, should take all fifth and sixth formers each year, issue them with a special badge, and instruct them to punish litterbugs and prevent the dropping of litter.

While the yard is obviously the place where most litter is dropped, it is not the only such place. Strict measures should be taken by teachers if litter is dropped in classrooms, as obviously there cannot be a fifth or sixth form officer watching every classroom, as they also have to go to classes.

A sense of responsibility is necessary among the boys and I feel the Headmaster should lecture every class about this when they are new, i.e., J1 and first form. I think he has enough authority to make the young boys realise the necessity of cleanliness and they would remember this all their days. Therefore, we should all support the war against litter.

W. N. BRYAN (4A).

Educational Tour 1968

This year's School Tour took place to South Antrim on 28th March last. 120 boys and 5 teachers took part. The party left Amiens Street by train for Belfast at 8.30 a.m. and after stops at Dundalk, on top of the Carlingford Mountains near Newry (due to track repairs) and Portadown, we arrived in Belfast's Great Victoria Street station just after 10.45 a.m., where the party, after a cursory glance by the Customs, boarded three buses for the short journey to the Whitehall Restaurant, where we had a very early lunch (11.15 a.m.). After lunch, we walked to Oxford Street bus station where buses were waiting to carry us around Cave

Hill and north across the basaltic plateau of Antrim. Our first stop was north of Ballyclare, where we stopped beside a pig-sty (we discovered this later) to look across the plateau at Slemish, where St. Patrick is supposed to have spent his years as a slave. We then went via Broughshane to the top of the Glenarm valley and descended to sea level. The most noticeable feature about Broughshane was the smell of flax-retting, which pervaded every corner of the bus. Retting is the process of rotting the outer fibres of the flax to expose the inner, valuable fibres. The smell is similar to—but stronger than—that of a pig-sty. After a look at a quarry in Glenarm, we proceeded across the edge of the plateau by a series of narrow, hilly roads, descending to the Cosat Road at Ballygally and driving along it through Larne and Glynn to our next stop at the vast quarry of Magheramome. This quarry supplies chalk to the "Blue Circle" cement factory nearby and spoil from it is sent to a point near Belfast by rail to make a foundation for the new M2 motorway along the side of Belfast Lough. From Magheramome we drove along the coast through Carrickfergus to the Whitehall Restaurant for tea. After tea we again boarded the buses to go to the station. We left Belfast at 6.35 p.m. and, after a fast run, we arrived at Amiens Street at 9.10 p.m.

It was a very enjoyable tour and, on behalf of all who went on it, I wish to express our thanks to all who made it possible, and especially to Mr. Langridge, who went to great pains to make sure that everything went off all right.

N.G.

Choral Society

The Choral Society has been meeting regularly every Monday in the Clockroom this term and we have made good headway into next year's opera "The Yeomen of the Guard" by Gilbert and Sullivan. This, perhaps, is the nearest the partners ever came to writing grand opera, and it may be said to be "a tragedy with brief interludes of comic relief," and so it is definitely our most ambitious undertaking as of yet, and we hope we will make a success of it. The Greek Play, once again, was supplied with a chorus, of old men this time, from our boy sopranos, but apart from this there has been no other activity outside the school concert to report.

D.F.C.

Parents' Association

Since our last report I am pleased to say that our membership has increased to 210 members, making a record membership for any year.

Monthly meetings were held and an average attendance of 100 parents at each Meeting speaks for the excellent and interesting lectures.

Our Committee has offered to provide to the School—through the Association—a 16 mm. Projector. For our first fund raising—a Jumble Sale—we asked all the school parents for support by giving jumble.

The response was indeed overwhelming, the total receipts of the sale reached £200 and our main organiser, Mr. Harold Burgess, can be justifiably proud after the amount of work he put into this, and the efforts of his Committee.

A new-look Hobbies Exhibition, sponsored by the Parents, will take place next term and is in the capable hands of Messrs. Willoughby and Lowry.

You all, I am sure, know of our very successful 25th Anniversary Meeting with the Minister for Education, Mr. Brian Lenihan, when 300 Parents and 50 members of the staff were present.

At this Meeting our Association Chairman, Mr. Rice, was in the chair. He handed out plenty of bouquets to his Committee for the work they did, and I am going to take this opportunity of thanking him for the efficient and exacting manner in which he led our Committee onwards to a very memorable evening.

Our Annual Parents v. Masters Cricket Match will take place in June, and any member who would like to take part in this game please contact me.

Mrs. Doris Murphy will be organising the Mothers v. Boys Tennis Tournament.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held early in October, the outgoing Committee being:

Chairman: A. F. Rice.

Hon. Secretary: L. Silverstone.

Treasurer: G. Stewart.

Committee: Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Booker, Messrs. Collins, Godsil, Burgess.

Notice of the General Meeting will be sent to members in due course.

L. SILVERSTONE,
Hon. Secretary.

25th ANNIVERSARY MEETING VISIT OF MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Mr. Brian Lenihan, T.D.

Monday, 13th May was an important day in the history of the Parents' Association when the school and the association were honoured by the first ever recorded visit of a Minister for Education. The Clockroom was filled to capacity with representatives from the Governors, the Headmaster together with the complete staff, in addition to over 300 parents.

The Chairman welcomed all the visitors and after the Headmaster had given a brief history of the school, Mr. E. W. Beck, a former chairman of the Parents' Association, introduced Mr. Lenihan and took the opportunity to recall his most happy association with the Parents' Association in past years.

Mr. Lenihan was given an enthusiastic welcome. He spoke of the importance of close co-operation between parents and schools in removing some of the practical difficulties which children encounter in their daily lives. If we accept that the needs of the children are paramount in education, then a meaningful and constructive "dialogue" between parents and teachers is essential.

Dr. Kenneth Milne proposed a vote of thanks, and Mrs. Gault in a beautifully delivered speech seconded the vote of thanks which was unanimously passed with acclamation.

Miss Melanie Booker, daughter of the President of the O.B.U., presented a bouquet to Mrs. Reynolds. Subsequently the Headmaster and Mrs. Reynolds, together with the staff, were entertained to supper by the committee of the Association, when one was very impressed with the sincere and friendly approach Mr. Lenihan had with each and every member of the Staff to whom he spoke.

Altogether a first class evening for which thanks are due to Mr. Collins, Mr. Silverstone, Mr. Johnson and a host of others, not forgetting, of course, all our first class committee members, the ladies of whom provided their usual first class supper. This was an evening which High School could well be proud of, not the least outstanding part of the meeting was the bearing, turn-out and delightful help given by the Prefects under the Head Prefect Brian Lewis.

A.F.R.

Lenten Boxes

As in previous years, each class chose a charity to which the boys would contribute from their pocket money during Lent. A number of forms held Sales in the School, organised and managed by themselves, and gave the proceeds to their selected charity. Following are the details:

UNICEF

Form 6 £1 2 6

Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Form 6 £1 10 0

Form 1A £15 2 2

Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Form 6 £0 10 0

Form 3A £1 18 3

Central Remedial Clinic

Form 6 £1 1 0

Form 5 £2 19 0

Form 2BL £4 14 7

Form 2BD £2 12 7

Form 1B² £11 14 3

Conquer Cancer and Cancer Research

Form 6 £0 11 0

Form 5 £1 2 2

Form J5 £1 3 6

Gorta

Form 5 £4 2 6

Form 4BL £3 2 6

Form J3 £5 17 6

Cheshire Homes

Form 4A £2 15 0

Royal National Lifeboat Association

Form 4BD £0 11 0

Form 2A £1 12 1

Form J4 £9 16 6

Mentally Handicapped Children

Form 3A £3 16 8

Form 1B¹ £4 3 3

Vietnam Civilians

Form 3BL £2 6 0

Royal Hospital, Donnybrook

Form 3BD £2 13 2

Freedom from Hunger

Form J5 £15 7 6

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

Forms J2 and J1 £7 0 0

The total amount collected in Lent was about £109.

"Alcestis"

by EURIPIDES

FRIDAY, 31st MAY, 1968

THE CAST

<i>Apollo</i>	W. John Cunningham (3A)
<i>Death</i>	Cedric J. Packham (5A)
<i>Female Servant</i>	David J. Lewis (3A)
<i>Alcestis</i>	Bryan D. Lewis (6U)
<i>Admetus</i>	Mr. Alan E. B. Beck
<i>Eumelus, their son</i>	G. Alan Ford (1A)
<i>Their daughter</i>	Paul S. Ross (J5)
<i>Heracles</i>	Mr. David F. Ford
<i>Male Servant</i>	Cedric J. Packham (5A)
<i>Chorus Leader</i>	Stuart G. Lloyd (6U)
<i>Chorus of Citizens</i> :	W. A. Crowe (1A), G. MacD. Drake (1B ¹), S. R. Gardner (1A), R. S. Hastings (1A), G. Hunter (1B ¹), S. S. Iland (1A), K. S. A. Kingston (1B ¹), M. Morrison (1B ²), R. G. Pittman (1B ¹), B. G. Priestman (1B ²), C. R. S. Rogan (1B ¹), M. S. Stirling (1A), M. T. Story (1A), R. Siggins (1A), P. E. Smith (1A).
<i>Servants</i>	M. Ferguson, A. C. Travers (5)
<i>Recorder Player</i>	Norman V. Ludgate (1A)

Despite the fact that its theme and some of its events follow the convention of Greek tragedy, "Alcestis" is not like other plays of Euripides, for it has no hero, or heroine, apart from Alcestis herself, whose character is not clearly drawn. Here the great legendary hero is presented satirically, either as a coward or as a character who evokes ridicule. Thus the characters seem to be portrayed in human terms, unlike those in other tragedies, and more like the portrayal in the comedies of Aristophanes, though this play undoubtedly was not intended to be a comedy.

Admetus, king of Phrae in Thessaly, is a selfish coward, who, on hearing that Apollo has agreed to release him from death, if he can find a substitute victim, is enraged because none of his friends and relations seem to want to die for him. Finally his wife, Alcestis, agrees to die for him, but he is so selfish that, on her death, he persuades Heracles to fight Death and get her back. In "Alcestis" Heracles is drunken and stupid, as he is in "The Birds" by Aristophanes, but is very strong and succeeds in his fight with Death, though Alcestis is not able to speak for five days.

"Alcestis" is a very difficult play to classify and indeed the only possible similarity to it would seem to be Bernard Shaw's plays and particularly "Arms and the Man" in its plot, where Shaw starts off with one or two decent characters and then proceeds to debauch them with evident enjoyment. In the same way no character in "Alcestis" is treated seriously.

It was therefore a difficult play to act successfully, nevertheless the cast seem to have achieved the right blend of comedy and tragedy. Heracles, played by Mr. David Ford, simultaneously drunkenly stupid and vaguely heroic, evoked much heartfelt laughter from the audience by his many antics. Mr. Alan Beck, as Admetus, was convincingly selfish both for himself and his wife, who was played by Bryan Lewis, who managed his part capably though the heroine appeared to die rather hurriedly. The rest of the cast ably supported these in their respective rôles.

The chorus, always an essential contribution to the play, kept their pitch well and provided the appropriate musical background to the play. Special praise should go to Stuart Lloyd, the chorus leader, whose movements and diction were superb.

Our congratulations go to Mr. Miller for his excellent production of the play, to Miss Alice Barklie once again for the music she composed and for the way she trained the singers, and to those who also made the afternoon an enjoyable one: Dr. Reynolds for his advice on the production; Mrs. Robbie, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Stewart for the costumes and masks; and last, but not least, to Mr. Peters, the Stage Manager and his collaborators.

D. THOMAS (6A).

The Gramophone Society

The Gramophone Society continued to meet every Monday and Thursday of the Easter term in Miss Barcroft's room at lunchtime. The attendance was not what it might have been, but nevertheless a dozen or so faithful members made it possible for Mr. Miller to continue the Society's meetings. Here may I put out a plea for new members next term? I am sure that there are many boys in the school of sufficient musical talent to appreciate and enjoy the music if they would come along to a few of the meetings. Besides which it is a much more comfortable way of spending break during the Winter months than walking round the playground catching one's death of cold!

Among the more outstanding pieces played last term was an extremely polished and slightly unusual version of Handel's "Messiah" in which the singers were given more scope for virtuosity than in other arrangements. Also played was Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, perhaps the greatest he ever wrote and in particular the fourth choral movement was much appreciated. There was also a place for jazz last term when a record of some of Bach's fugues and chorales by the Jacques Loussier trio was played. We also played Mozart's Thirty-ninth Symphony, Organ music by Handel and Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto.

Due to examinations and other difficulties the Society did not meet this term, but, all being well, we hope to resume in September. My

thanks to Miss Barcroft for allowing the Society to use her room at lunch-break and to Mr. Miller for giving up his time to act as the Society's chairman.

M.V.H.

Examination Results

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Entrance Scholarship

1st Place (James Patrick Kidd Scholarship, value £700) : NIGEL D. A. WALSH (Natural Sciences).

5th Place (value £700) : GORDON W. FLEWETT (Natural Sciences).

12th Place (value £150) : BRYAN D. LEWIS (Classics).

SPORTS REVIEW

CRICKET

Capt.: B. D. Lewis
Vice-Capt.: J. D. Silverstone
Hon. Sec.: D. J. Rice

SWIMMING

Capt.: D. R. Gault
Vice-Capt.: M. V. Hanna
Hon. Sec.: B. C. Storey

BOXING

Capt.: N. J. G. Fallon
Vice-Capt.: P. M. Black

ATHLETICS

Capt.: D. J. Moran

RUGBY

Capt.: B. D. Lewis
Vice-Capt.: S. G. E. Lloyd
Hon. Sec.: B. C. Storey

BADMINTON

Capt.: T. N. Woods
Vice-Capt.: T. H. Darlington
Hon. Sec.: D. Factor



1st XV—1967-68

Standing : Mr. Cole, T. L. O'Shea, D. J. Rice, M. V. Hanna, T. H. Darlington, J. S. Alexander, N. G. Jarrett, D. W. Duffy, D. Worrell, R. S. Cochrane. Seated : Mr. Cornish, J. W. K. Carson, S. G. E. Lloyd, B. D. Lewis, P. A. Orr, D. R. Gault, Dr. Reynolds. In front: A. R. Keegan, P. M. Black.

Rugby

	P	W	L	D	F	A
S.C.T. -	29	13	10	6	275	173
2nd XV -	24	14	8	2	238	147
3rd XV -	10	5	5	0	61	103
J.C.T. -	21	9	8	4	111	179
2nd J.C.T. -	2	1	1	0	3	35
Under 14 -	22	13	8	1	308	159
2nd Under 14 -	3	0	3	0	3	74
Under 13 -	26	12	12	2	181	247
Under 12 -	14	10	3	1	191	63
Under 11 -	9	5	3	1	69	65
Junior School -	5	3	2	0	42	43

This year's rugby season was one of the most successful and exciting for many years. One of the major successes was that Bryan Lewis was captain of the Leinster team against Connaught and Munster. We would like to congratulate him for playing so well at scrum half and leading his team to victory on both occasions. He also played against Ulster under the leadership of Bernard Gormley (Gormley having captained Belvedere College to victory in the Senior Cup).

Congratulations also go to Stuart Lloyd on playing in the centre and Philip Orr on playing prop forward for Leinster against Ulster, Munster and Connacht, both playing very good consistent rugby. David Gault also played on the preliminary trials. This was probably the first time that High School had three representatives on the Leinster team. Also congratulations to Alan Keegan on winning the place and drop-kick competition.

S.C.T. XV

Our first XV this year was rated one of the best in Leinster. The team was very unfortunate to be beaten by Blackrock College, after a very exciting and entertaining match in the second round of the Senior Cup. Had our team not suffered from many mishaps we might have carried off the Senior Cup. The talented out-half John Carson was unfortunately in hospital for the cup match, nursing a broken knee-cap received in a previous match. Our congratulations go to Stuart Lloyd and Bryan Lewis who put on such a brave and praiseworthy display against Blackrock. The former was nursing cracked ribs and a gash on his forehead while

the latter was just recovering from glandular fever. Blackrock, who won 6-5, opened the scoring in the second minute of the game when from a line-out on the 25 yard line the Blackrock out-half made a clear break to send the winger over for a try. High School retaliated with the eagerness and skill that made the team a memorable one. Each player strove hard for the equalising points and, after pressing the Blackrock defence many times, wing-forward Peter Black finally blocked down a kick on the Blackrock 25 yard line and was then on the line in time for the touch-down. Stuart Lloyd converted the try. During the second-half High School continued the attacking with Trevor O'Shea on the left wing being very unfortunate not to score and Stuart Lloyd just being off target with a penalty kick. One of the occasional times Blackrock entered our half one of the centres snatched up the opportunity to score the winning try.

This season our Senior team played a very attractive and exciting game against a young Old Boys' team led by Brian Carson, the school winning 16-3 with Lloyd scoring 2 tries, Keegan 2 conversions, Lewis 1 drop goal and Rice one try. The match with the full Old Boys' resulted in a very creditable 6-6 draw. Up to the Cup match one of the remarkable feats of the team was the very few times the High School line was crossed. Edinburgh High School were amongst our many visitors this year and our very weakened Senior team played very well to hold the brilliant Edinburgh boys to 24-6, Keegan scoring 2 penalty goals. Part of the excellent record set up by this team were a 6-6 draw with the Old Boys' and victories over Larne Grammar School, Newbridge College, Gonzaga College, Belvedere College and De La Salle (the last two later contested in the Senior Cup final). Throughout the season the team played very good rugby as a unit, the pack being very quick on the loose ball and quick at heeling from the ruck, of which the backs, when at their best, took full advantage.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV started the season very well by winning ten of their first 12 matches. Unfortunately they lost some of their players through injury and others to the depleted Senior team. The highlight of their season was the League competition, in which High School played three matches, winning one, losing one and drawing one. The first match was against Blackrock

College at Williamstown. Here our team was outplayed by a very much stronger and more talented Blackrock side. The final score was 20-0. The High School pack gained a fair share of the ball with Stewart, Vaux, Burrowes and Eppel standing out in the pack. The Blackrock backs were far superior to our backs who were playing too many substitutes and had not the skill of their rivals. The Blackrock tries were mostly produced as a result of very attractive passing movements. High School came quite near to scoring on a few occasions with Ivan Burrowes just being off target with a few kicks and Alan Eppel breaking away from a scrum on the half-way line just to be brought down well inside the 25-yard line.



High School v. Blackrock College

The match against Marian College brought more success even though the actual rugby was not so attractive. During a scoreless first half Marian did most of the attacking, being beaten off on many occasions by a very good High School defence. The second half brought more success to High School. From a line-out on the 25, Woodhouse, a centre, made a startling break and ran 25 yards for the touch down. Burrowes converted the try. Marian then hit back with a well-earned try. Burrowes clinched the game for High School a few minutes before the end with a penalty kick, the final score being 8-3. The final league match against Presentation College, Glashule, resulted in a 3-3 draw. When three points down, High School began to attack, and after being beaten back on many occasions forced a penalty, from which Burrowes was on target.

During the rest of the season the 2nd XV had their on and off days. Some of their better

games included a 12-12 draw with St. Mary's College, Stirling, Carry and Priestman scoring tries and Burrowes one penalty goal. They had also a 19-0 win over Gonzaga College and an 8-6 win over Presentation College, Bray.

J.C.T.

The J.C.T. were very young this year with six members of the under 14 team playing regularly for them — Boyle, Orme, Hickie, Mooney, Godsil and Wynne. The team contained some very talented players, but unfortunately they did not produce very good results. In their cup match they were beaten in the first round by Clongowes Wood College by a try and a penalty goal to a penalty goal in an attractive open game. The main feature of this match was the splendid play of both sets of half-backs, Jones the scrum-half and High School captain being outstanding. Clongowes dominated the first half, scoring a try in the 25th minute, after some very good running by the three-quarters led to the right-winger crossing the line in the corner. After the interval Clongowes landed a 35-yard penalty kick, after which High School did most of the attacking, but their only reward was a penalty kicked from the touchline by Jones. On one occasion, after the ball came back on the High School side, Turner, the powerful centre, switched to the blind side and ran 25 yards, being brought down just short of the Clongowes line. The High School pack was big and played very good rugby with M. Gault dominating the line-outs, with Wynne, Telford and Mackey also outstanding.

The backs were quick in the attack, but unfortunately were inclined to miss the tackle in defence, with the exception of Turner and Hickie.

During the season they played a very exciting game against Bangor Grammar School when they held a very big Bangor side to a 0-0 draw. They also drew on two occasions with Terenure College 6-6, Turner scoring a try and McCoy a drop goal on both occasions. Some of the disappointing aspects of this team were the lack of binding and tackling by forwards and backs.

UNDER 14

The Under 14 team had a very good record this year, scoring 308 points in 22 matches. One of the amazing aspects of this team was the fact that when they were playing at full

strength with the members from the J.C.T. they lost their matches. The pack is not very big or talented, but they played together as a unit and produced some good results. Amongst their many victories they beat Newbridge College by 3 points to 0 with Cunningham the winger scoring a try, also St. Mary's College by 14-8, Lewis the scrum-half and captain scoring 4 tries and 1 conversion. The team also played two matches against Blackrock College, being beaten on both occasions 12-6 and 22-3. During the first very entertaining match Weekes scored a try and Taylor a penalty goal. The High School pack played very good rugby, giving a good supply of the ball to the backs, who were unfortunate only to score one try. The tackling of the backs is very encouraging and the half-backs are quite fast.

One of the very encouraging features of this team is the fact that the backs scored a very good total of 54 tries. If the backs continue this next year they can look forward with some confidence to a successful season.

UNDER 13

The Under 13 team had their on and off days this season; nevertheless they produced some good results and enjoyed their annual trip to Newbridge where they drew 3-3 with Newbridge College, quite a remarkable feat in itself, considering that Newbridge teams are very formidable on their home ground. During the match they came very near to scoring many times and were unlucky only to be rewarded with one try, scored by Alexander. Some of their victories included a 10-3 win over Terenure College, Wright and Gray scoring tries which were converted by Robbie; a 6-0 win over Newbridge and a 24-0 win over Wesley College. One of the remarkable feats of the Wesley game was the fact that each one of the backs scored a try. The backs have not so far shown special individual talent, but they link up well together and if they continue this they should do well in future years. They also scored a 6-6 draw with St. Mary's College. Unfortunately out of a total of 50 tries scored throughout the season only ten were converted, mostly by Lew. Nevertheless it is encouraging to note that the team have the potential to score tries. The forwards usually held their own in the set scrums, but they were a bit slow on the loose ball and consequently threw away valuable points.

UNDER 12

The Under 12 had the best record in the School this season, only being defeated in three of their 14 matches. They scored an average of 14 points per game. This year the team enjoyed two trips, one to Carlow where they defeated a Carlow XV by 21 points to 9, Burns scoring 2 tries, Piggott and Carrick a try each with Robbie scoring 3 conversions and a try. The other trip was to Clongowes Wood College, where they drew 3-3 against a very strong Clongowes side, Early scoring a try.

During the rest of the season they scored victories over Belvedere 16-0, Gonzaga 30-9, Willow Park 12-5 and De La Salle 27-0 amongst others. The reason for this team's success is the keenness and spirit of the team together with good play. Some of the features of the forward play was their ability in the line-outs, set and loose scrums, but unfortunately on many occasions they did not give enough protection to their very competent scrum-half and captain, Robbie. The backs tackled well during the season and showed their ability to run and use the ball to their best advantage, with Robbie and Burns, the half-backs, playing a large part in their success.

UNDER 11

The Under 11 team started the season badly, losing three of their first four matches, but made up for these defeats by winning the remainder of their matches with one exception when they were unfortunate only to draw with Terenure College, Burgess the out-half being on target with a penalty goal. They enjoyed a trip down to Carlow at the end of the season, where they defeated Carlow by 19 points to 0. Cornick, Hanna, Turner and Crowe scoring tries and Burgess two conversions and one try. The team also scored victories over Willow Park 9-6, Gonzaga College 15-0 and De La Salle 6-5. Many of the Under 11 team played for the Junior School XV. This was the first year in which we had matches for the Junior School. They played 5 matches, winning against Sandford Park School 11-6 and 20-8, and Masonic School 6-5. The forwards are big and gain a good supply of the ball for the backs. One of the features of the team is their keenness which is very encouraging for future years.

B.C.S.

Badminton

1st TEAM, WINNERS OF THE PEARD TROPHY

This was a successful year for the club with the Senior team regaining the Peard Trophy as winners of the Schools League. The team was T. Woods (capt.), T. Darlington, H. Foxall, D. Murphy. In the League we beat St. Andrew's, Gormanstown and Masonic; then in the final we beat Sandford Park School. However, our 2nd team could not make it a double, being beaten in the 2nd Division final by Masonic.

We would like to congratulate T. Woods and T. Darlington on being selected to play for Leinster against Ulster earlier in the year. T. Darlington also won the Mixed and Men's Doubles at the Leinster Under 18 Close Championships.

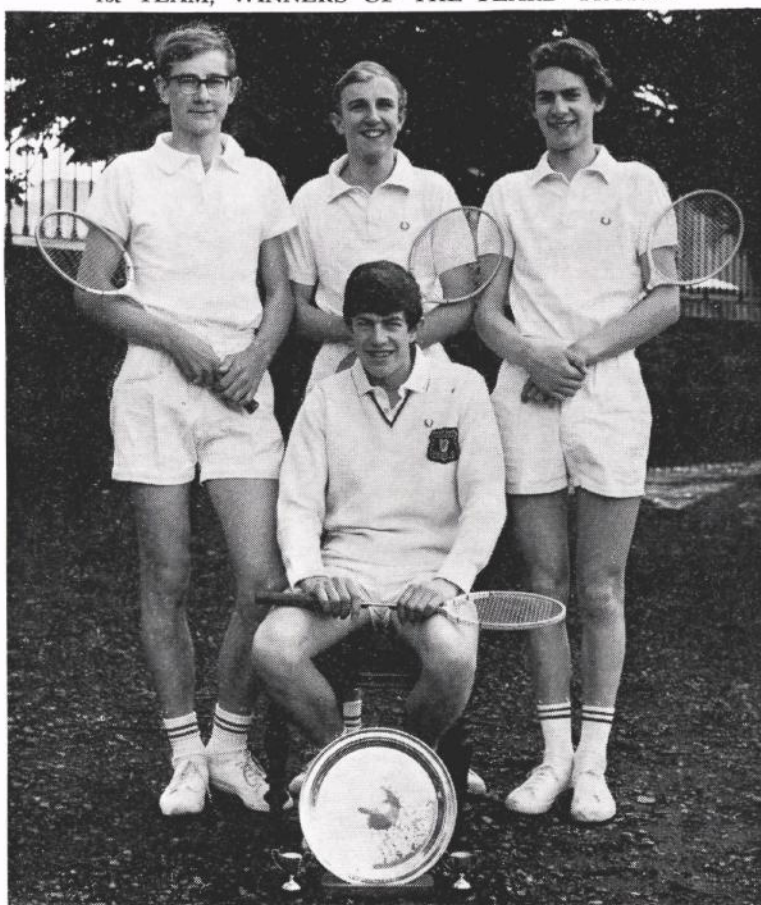
The winners of the School competitions were:

Senior Championship (Hennessey Cup): T. Darlington.

Senior Handicap (Factor Cup): R. Gray.

Junior Championship: R. Woods.

D.F.



Front: T. Woods (capt.). Back: N. Foxall, D. Murphy, T. Darlington.

Cricket

	P	W	L	D
S.C.T.	5	4	—	1
2nd S.C.T.	1	—	—	1
J.C.T.	6	3	—	2
Under 14	4	2	—	2
2nd Under 14	1	1	—	—
Under 13	1	1	—	—
Under 12	1	1	—	—

Since these notes were written the J.C.T. and Under 14 won the Cups in their competitions.

Congratulations to G. Silverstone for getting his Leinster Cap, and also to B. Lewis and D. Rice, who both received trials.

S.C.T.

They had a fair start to the season with a match against St. Paul's which they won. It is the only friendly we have played. The other

four matches were League, and we won them all but one which we drew against Sandford Park. We beat Masonic, King's Hospital and St. Mary's, which puts us at the top of our League, and if we beat St. Pauls we go through to the final.

S.C.T. 2nd XI

They have had only one match which they drew. It was against Sandford Park. They are keen, but due to the lack of 2nd XIs they get very few fixtures, though they have several more in prospect.

J.C.T.

The J.C.T. have had a very good start to the season and are still going strong in the cup. They have beaten King's Hospital in the first

round and Sandford Park in the second and therefore have attained a position in the semi-finals against St. Mary's.

UNDER 14

The Under 14 have played one League match against Wesley which they won by 6 wickets. They have also had a victory over Sandford Park. They have a busy week ahead with two League matches and a friendly and we wish them good luck. We have been fortunate in being able to field an Under 14 2nd XI which has won its first match. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. R. Buttimer for his assistance over the last two years with the Under 14 and Under 12.

UNDER 13 and UNDER 12

They have each only played one match and I am glad to say have won both. I hope that we will be able to get more fixtures. The Under 12 have a good few matches coming up and arrangements have been made for more Under 13 matches.

D.R.

Swimming

The Annual Half-mile Swimming Race was held in the Iveagh Baths on Friday, 24th May, 1968 at 3 p.m. Congratulations to all competitors both in the heats and final who completed the full forty lengths. H. Stewart swam the heat in 15 mins. 12 secs. and this was the fastest time attained by any competitor in the event.

In the final, P. Beamish (6) came first in a time of 16 mins. 29 secs., T. Iland (5) came second in 21 mins. 49 secs. and B. Holmes (1A) came third in 16 mins. 56 secs. The other finalists, in order of finishing, were B. Storey (5) in 17.17, H. O'Keeffe (J4) in 18.59, H. Stewart (5) in 15.52, H. Davis (6) in 20.16 and M. Hanna (6) in 18.42.

Our thanks to Mr. O'Kane and Mr. Myles for organising the event and to Mr. Gardner for taking the times.

M.V.H.

Boxing

On Thursday, 4th April, a large crowd witnessed the excitement of the Boxing Championships in the Clockroom.

The evening commenced with five High School bouts. These were all of very high standard, with the contestants very evenly matched.

The results were as follows:

- 5 st. 0 lbs. P. S. Ross (H) bt. J. Piggott (A).
- 5 st. 0 lbs. S. B. Alkin (G) bt. A. S. Berrington (H).
- 5 st. 7 lbs. L. J. Richards (B) bt. G. M. Drake (H).
- 6 st. 0 lbs. J. C. Robbie (A) bt. J. R. Piggott (A).
- 9 st. 0 lbs. B. J. Burdett (H) bt. I. J. Martin (G).

The second half of the evening consisted of seven good bouts between boys of the High School and those of the Royal School, Armagh. Our team was captained by N. J. G. Fallon, and the visitors by P. Hitchcock.

The first bout of the series was fought between C. W. Richards and A. P. Wake. Richards punched well and was consistent throughout. These qualities won him the fight. The fifth bout built up to a great climax when P. Black scored a clean knock-out over R. K. Blair. The final fight was the fight of the evening from the spectators' point of view. The tension mounted as J. S. Alexander and P. Hitchcock battled fiercely, until in the second round P. Hitchcock slogged through to victory.

The High School carried the evening by four bouts to three. The results were as follows:

- 6 st. 7 lbs. C. W. Richards (H) bt. A. P. Wake (Armagh).
- 7 st. 0 lbs. G. H. Fallon (G) bt. J. M. Cullen (Armagh).
- 7 st. 7 lbs. S. English (Armagh) bt. S. R. Sargeant (G).
- 8 st. 0 lbs. G. I. McManus (Armagh) bt. N. R. Brunner (G).
- 10 st. 0 lbs. P. M. Black (B) bt. R. K. Blair (Armagh).
- 10 st. 7 lbs. N. J. G. Fallon (G) (capt.) bt. R. A. Robinson (Armagh).
- 12 st. 7 lbs. P. Hitchcock (Armagh) bt. J. S. Alexander (G).

Galway came first in the House points with Harcourt a close second.

The evening came to a close, after Mrs. Reynolds presented "The Scrapper of the Year" Trophy to C. W. Richards for his meritorious win.

Our thanks go to Mr. Myles and Mr. Miller, who with the officials and with the help of Mr. Peters, enabled the evening to be a complete success.

N.J.G.F.

Athletics

Athletics started early this year with many boys taking part in cross-country running.

The season proper began with many new members attending, especially in the junior section. Because numbers for the heats of the Leinster sports were becoming unmanageable, Leinster was split into five zones. High School was part of the South Dublin zone. We entered a large team, but because of examinations the senior team was depleted. Three boys won their way into the Leinster finals on 25th May. Ian Travers won the Junior High Jump with a jump of 4 feet 8 inches, Ronald Wynne was placed second in the junior shot putt, while David Rivlin was third in the Junior long jump, leaping 14 feet 10 inches. In the Senior section John Alexander was fourth in the 440 and Alan Shatter was fourth in the 880. The Intermediate relay team was placed third in its heat. In the Junior section Robert Taylor and David Rivlin ran well in the heats and semi-finals of 100, but were unplaced in the final. They both recorded times of 11.7 seconds. Taylor also won his 220 heat, but was unplaced in the final. The relay team (Ian Travers, David Wright, David Rivlin, Robert Taylor) ran a well-timed heat, but were unplaced in the final.

We are now looking forward to the finals of the Leinster Sports to be held at Iveagh Grounds, and to our own Junior school sports on 26th June and the Senior school on 29th June.

D.J.M.

Golf

MASTERS v. BOYS

The Annual Golf Match between the Staff and the Boys took place at its usual venue, Edmondstown Golf Club. This year the staff put up their best performance so far. They gave the boys a very hard match before finally going down by 8 matches to 6. The most exciting of the matches was between Mr. MacMahon and Spencer Woolfe, which the latter won on the 2nd tie hole. I would like to thank all the staff who took part in the match and Mr. Willoughby for arranging it on their behalf. I would also like to thank G. Richards for starting off the matches.

RESULTS

Mr. Willoughby bt. P. Black—1 up.
Mr. Raleigh lost to D. Jacobson—3/2.
Mr. MacMahon lost to S. Woolfe—20th.
Mr. Peters lost to M. Hanna—6/4.
Mr. Cole lost to D. Rice—5/4.
Mr. McCabe bt. K. Aikens—1 up.
Mr. Blackmore lost to S. Lloyd—5/4.
Mr. Blackmore lost to D. Gault—5/4.
Mr. Keegan bt. D. Murphy—4/3.
Mr. O'Connor bt. J. Alexander—4/3.
Mr. Macaleise bt. L. Alkin—4/3.
Mr. Hickmott lost to A. Shatter 6/5.
Mr. Hickmott lost to D. Cowan—4/3.
Rev. N. T. Ruddock bt. B. Jacobson—5/4.
Mr. Wallace lost to C. Woodhouse—5/4.
Mr. Wallace lost to D. Factor—4/3.

P.B.

OLD BOYS' UNION

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The Annual Dinner

On Saturday, 20th January, 1968 the Clock-room was filled to overflowing with Old Boys and Guests attending the Annual Dinner. Despite our best efforts we were unable to accommodate all who applied for places and we are sorry that we had to disappoint some of our members. It gave great pleasure to all of us to see our President, Mr. W. G. Booker, in the Chair. He proposed the toast of "The School" to which Dr. R. W. Reynolds replied. The Principal Guest was Mr. A. J. O'Reilly, who is a most entertaining after-dinner speaker. The toast of "Our Guests and Kindred Asso-

ciations" was proposed by Mr. F. E. Tate and the toast of our "Musical Guests" by Mr. N. Kilroy. Once again the combination of good speeches, good music and the excellent repast served by our caterers proved the ingredients for a most successful and enjoyable evening.

**O.B.U. PERSONALITIES AT
HIGH SCHOOL S.C.T. v. BLACKROCK S.C.T.
February 20th, 1968**



J. A. Bell (President-Elect), S. W. Meyer (Patron),
W. G. Booker (President), C. G. Morton (Past President)

The London Dinner

The London Dinner was held in the Hall of India, Royal Overseas League on Friday, 9th February, 1968. Our President, Mr. W. G. Booker, was in the Chair and we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Booker. Our numbers this year were disappointing, but the foot and mouth epidemic did prevent a number of our regular members from being present. We were pleased to have Messrs. Paddy Henry, Bob McCullagh and Brendan McShane, accompanied by Reg Cant as our musical guests. We were very sorry that for the first time for many years circumstances prevented our good friend Mr. Jack Cowle from being with us on this occasion.

Summer Events

As we go to press our members look forward to participating in the A.S.U. Golf Outing at Royal Dublin on Thursday, 6th June and in the Athletic Competition for the Hennessey Cup at College Park on Thursday, 20th June, 1968 at 7 p.m.

Golf

Last year, due to circumstances outside our control, we had to alter the date of the Golf Competition from the first Thursday in September to the last Thursday in August. This latter arrangement will be the pattern for future events. This year the date of the competition is Thursday, 29th August at the Grange Golf Club. We look forward to having the very large attendance of golfers as last year and non-golfers are most welcome at supper. Further details can be obtained by application to the Hon. Golf Secretary.

S. S. Evans Memorial Fund

The response to this Fund has been very satisfactory and the total subscribed to date amounts to over £900. The Fund will be kept open for a limited time in order to allow those who have not yet contributed, to do so. Subscriptions should be sent to W. S. Cunningham, 39/40 Dame Street, Dublin 2.

News of Old Boys

J. M. Andrews (1959-66) has joined the firm of Regent Electronics of Baggot Street as a managerial trainee.

John A. Bell (1930-42) has been elected joint hon. treasurer and member of the executive committee of the Irish Cricket Union.

J. Derwent Bellis (1952-56) has been at Leeds University studying metallurgy. He has just taken his degree.

Ronald J. Bellis (1952-56) took his B.Sc. in Leeds University three years ago, and has just been awarded his Ph.D. His thesis was a study of the mixing zone of diffusion flames in relation to their stability. He has now taken up duties with the Royal Naval Scientific Research Establishment at Gosport. He is married and has a 4-month-old son.

Alan Black (1958-66) went to South Africa last summer and has been working for a computer firm in Johannesburg.

Edgar Brennan (1936-42) has joined the Lutheran World Federation Broadcasting Service and is working in the news service of their station in Addis Ababa, popularly known as "Radio Voice of the Gospel". Before this he had been with the B.B.C. for sixteen years. From 1956 to 1958 we was seconded to the Cyprus Broadcasting Service to help with the news broadcasts during the E.O.K.A. campaign.

- G. A. D. Brewster** (1923-28) is retiring from the board of Hely Group Ltd. He has been secretary of the company since 1942 and a member of the board since 1948.
- Brian Carson** (1959-67) reached the final of the Leinster Open Badminton Championship, beating the Irish champion on the way. He lost the final to Peter Moore of Belfast.
- P. J. Custis** (1930-37), F.C.A., F.C.W.A., J.Dip.M.A., M.B.I.M., has taken up an appointment as Director Controller of G.K.N. Birfield Transmissions Ltd. which is a large sub-group of Guest Keen & Nettlefolds Ltd.
- George Davidson** (1952-58) has changed from accountancy to become an articled clerk to Mr. Charles Judd, stockbroker.
- Ian D. Doak** (1952-59) has been awarded his Ph.D. from Birmingham University for his thesis "Computer control of bubble chamber film measuring machines."
- Terry Drough** (1956-61) is in Nottingham, where he is export assistant on the staff of Messrs. Serck.
- Keith Dungan**, A.C.A. (1948-60) has passed the first part of the examination of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants. He works for Unilever, who sent him to Kent University for a course in industrial statistics.
- David FitzPatrick** (1945-55) has secured his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (England).
- D. Fleury** (1961-62) played for Trinity College in the annual colours golf match against University College, Dublin.
- David Ford** (1956-66) has been elected Auditor of Trinity College Historical Society for the coming session.
- Rev. Anthony Gann** (1951-56) is Warden of Gulbeault Hall (86 students) in the University of Botswana and Swaziland. He lectures in theological subjects and, with some of his students, attended the inaugural conference of the University Christian Movement in Grahamstown, 400 miles away.
- Alan Gill** (1949-59) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Bankers' Diploma in Banking.
- Donald Gill** (1949-60) has passed the Trustee Diploma of the Institute of Bankers.
- John Greene** (1964-66) has left the College of Art and is working for Adsell, the advertising agency.
- Percy Hall** (1955-61) has been appointed a representative of Messrs. Rowntree-Mackintosh, dealing with many of the supermarkets in south Dublin.
- James Hamilton** (1965-66) has been elected Librarian of the College Historical Society for the coming session.
- Dr. Stephen Heaney** (1947-57) has secured the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
- Mervyn Henderson** (1938-45) is Assistant County Surveyor for Tyrone, with a special responsibility for the maintenance of the roads in the area. He is Vice-Chairman of the Dungannon Round Table.
- A. C. Hill** (1952-54), marketing manager of Texaco (Ireland) Ltd., has been appointed a director of the company.
- Stephen Hilliard** (1953-66) has been appointed to the editorial staff of the "Irish Times".
- Rev. C. G. Hyland** (1946-54) has been appointed Church of Ireland Youth Office. This is a new post, which has been created for the purpose of co-ordinating all the various youth activities of the Church. He will live in Belfast, but will look after these activities in the whole island.
- Brian C. Johnson** (1949-60) has joined the staff of the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards as Scientific Officer in the Building Division. For the last three and a half years he has worked as site engineer with Chemical Construction (G.B.) Ltd.
- Stephen Kertetz** (1966-67) has passed his A level Further Mathematics and has been offered a place in London University.
- Roger Luke** (1959-60), who was serving with the British Council in Finland last year, has been transferred to Rio de Janeiro.
- T. W. R. Meates** (1943-54) has been elected President of the Leinster Branch, Irish Rugby Football Union.
- Eoghan Mac Aogáin** (1956-66) has been elected Treasurer of Cumann Gaelach an Cholaíste, and also a member of Council of the College Historical Society, T.C.D.
- David Micks** (1950-61) is a Flour Miller with Messrs. Odlum in Waterford.

David Norris (1956-63) has been appointed to a Junior Lectureship in English in Trinity College.

Dr. David Nowlan (1946-50) is at present in a teaching hospital on Long Island.

Noel Penney (1953-57) is on the staff of Messrs. Wiggins, Teape Ltd.

Norman C. J. Pope (1949-58) obtained his B.A. in Theology from Cambridge in June, 1967.

Kenneth Price (1958-64) has been awarded his Pink by Dublin University for rock climbing. He has been President of the Climbing Club for the last two years.

Dr. Gordon Prince (1929-36), consultant in Child Psychiatry to King's College, London, has had a booklet "Teenagers Today" published by the National Association for Mental Health.

Simon C. K. Quick, M.A., LL.B., B.Comm. (1950-58) has been admitted Solicitor (2nd place, Silver Medal).

Anthony Reynolds (1955-66) has been elected Registrar of the University Philosophical Society, Trinity College, Dublin, for the coming session.

Michael Richardson (1949-59), who had the Ph.D. degree conferred in Dublin University last autumn, is working in the I.C.I. Research Laboratories at Runcoin and is living in Chester.

Norman Rodway (1938-46) has been invited back to Stratford by the Royal Shakespeare Company. This summer he is to play Edmund in "Lear", Thersites in "Troilus and Cressida" and a part in "Much Ado About Nothing". He has played in a number of films, notably in "The Penthouse" and "I'll Never Forget What's 'is Name".

Canon Robert J. Ross (1923-28) has been appointed Precentor of Christ Church Cathedral; he was previously Chancellor.

Dr. M. R. H. Taylor (1947-59) was co-author of a paper published in the British Medical Journal in April 1967, on Iron Absorption in Coeliac Disease of Childhood and Adolescence.

Donald J. Temple (1957-64) has taken a position for a year with the Berlitz School of Languages in Torrelevaga, near Santander.

Philip Walker (1925-33) has been re-elected President of the Dublin University Football Club.

Rev. Christopher Warren (1946-54) made the episcopal jewels with which the Deans of Limerick and Ardfert were invested last April. The Limerick jewel is a plate of copper with the Virgin Mary delineated on it in silver. The Ardfert jewel is a copper ship like St. Brendan's currach.

Hugh Woodhouse (1963-65) has been elected record secretary of the Dublin University Business and Economics Society for the coming session.

Adrian Woods (1939-49), who called to the School recently, is living in England, where he is director of a number of small companies.

Stanley Woods (1915-20), the veteran motorcyclist, who held the record of ten T.T. wins in the Isle of Man races for 28 years, has been given the Texaco Hall of Fame award.

Marriages

We congratulate the following Old Boys on their marriages and wish them every happiness:

Kenneth Ashton (1956-64) to **Eva Brooks**.

David B. Coote (1952-55) to **E. Joy Brooks**.

William Dick (1951-54) to **Heather Connell**.

Stawell St. Leger Heard (1948-51) to **Sandra Mesling**.

Trevor H. Lloyd (1955-61) to **Judith M. King**.

Frank McQueston (1954-61) to **Rosalyn Bird**.

Paterson Naismith (1949-55) to **Olwen Brooks**.

Malcolm William Taylor (1948-59) to **Hilary Edith Dillon Browne**.

Neil Watson (1952-56) to **Rosalind Hall**.

Deaths

Lieutenant Desmond R. Dagg (1953-58), April 8th, 1968, at Gormanston Camp while on a training course with the Army Air Corps Reserve. He entered the Corps as a cadet in 1959 and was commissioned in 1960. In 1966 he took up an appointment with Aer Lingus as a pilot. He was married and had three children. He was buried with military honours in Balgriffin Cemetery.

Group Captain Richard George Freeman (1913-19), April 3rd, 1967. He joined the R.A.F. as a medical officer in 1925 and saw service in Egypt, Aden, Iraq and many other parts of the world. At the end of the last war he was in command of a hospital in Palestine. Later he was appointed deputy principal medical officer, Home Command at White Waltham.

Captain F. E. Furney (1909–11), December 1967. He played interprovincial rugby, was commissioned in 1915 in the Royal Munster Fusiliers, was wounded in France and mentioned in despatches. He founded the firm of Furney, McCay & Co., Buttevant, millers and coal importers.

James Ian Mackey, O.B.E. (1908–1916) in England, February 8th, 1968.

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Dear Dr. Reynolds,

I have read Mr. Davy's letter in "The Erasmian". I am in some ways a "runner-up", as I am in my 81st year, and in business, as a Chairman and Managing Director of the Mining Company of Ireland. I entered the service of the Company on leaving school on 4th April, 1904 and I may be retiring soon.

I remember hearing of the goods train that over-ran the buffers at Harcourt Street, as I was travelling in the train immediately following.

It is all a long time ago, but the years appear to have passed swiftly.

Yours sincerely,

R. E. ROBERTS.

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This biography, "A Leprechaun Abroad," is clearly a work of devotion by Mrs. Stafford, Jackie's widow. It gives a very interesting account of their life and experiences in the Falkland Islands and later in East Africa. After fifteen years in the Colonial Medical Service he was awarded the M.B.E. and returned to live in England. In 1965, accompanied by Mrs. Stafford, he visited the school and presented to it a shield bearing fourteen boxing medals he had won, to be awarded annually to "The Best Scrapper of the Year". On 3rd May, 1966, Jackie died in Hastings. This memorial by his widow will be read with keen interest by those who knew him.

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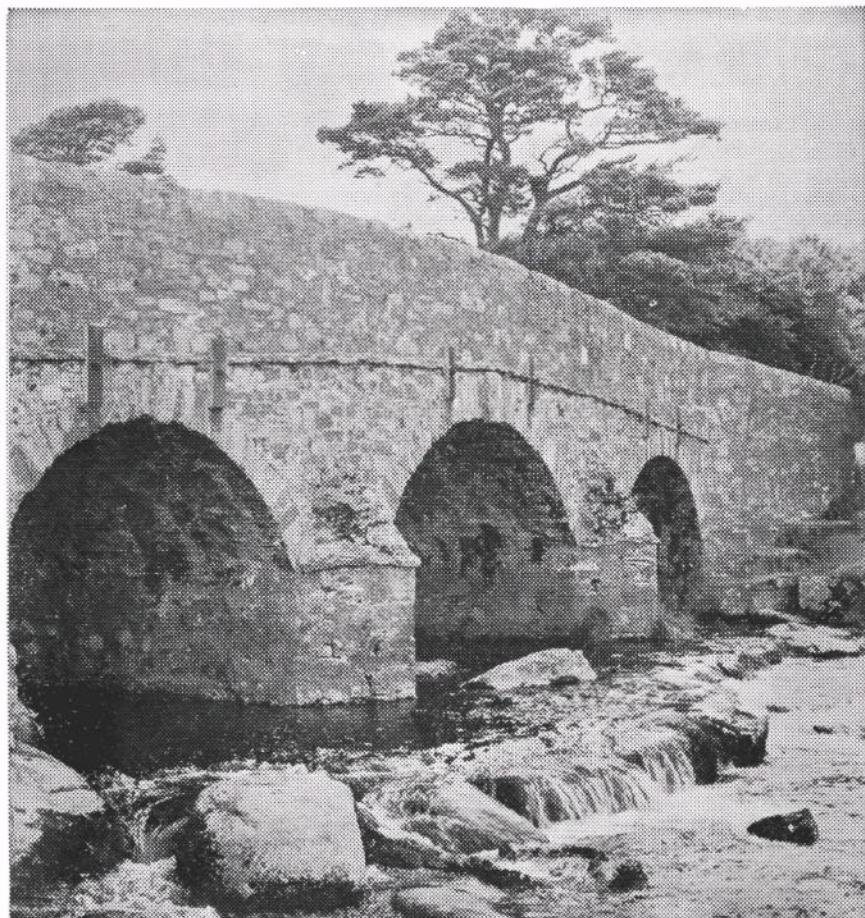
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