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APRIL, 1929.

Editorial.

O Editors, lament no more ;
Your lack of themes do not deplore,
A process which is apt to bore
 When overmuch protracted,
Moan not, bewail not, neither tear
Your prematurely silvered hair,
By misery and deep despair
 Excessively distracted.

Ponder, O Editor, what I say !
For I have found a better way.
Consider that the poet may
 (Should he not wish to try sense)
Prose, maunder, rant like any Red,
Deny what he himself has said,
Or go completely off his head.
 This is the poet's license.

At Poesy who makes pretence,
Obtains thereby the right immense
Of writing things that make no sense
 With everyone's approval.

But in his prose if such were found,
Then all the critics ranged around
To a home for mentally unsound

 Would urge his swift removal.
O Editors, be not so blind !

Leave us the Age of Prose behind ;
I warrant that my plan you'll find

 As easy as it could be.
Twill soothe your editorial woes,
Besides (but this let none disclose)

 It takes up
 far more room
 than prose,
 when printed
 as
 it
 should
 be.

A Red-Letter Day.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Literary and Debating Society was held on February 30th last, the anniversary of the March of the Maoris, or was it the Patagonians, on Ur of the Chaldees. In order that this great event in European history might be fittingly celebrated, M. Trotsky Tchicherin, the well-known Communist agitator, was invited to address the society. He very kindly—unkindly, some members thought—consented to do so.

He arrived punctually, strange to say, armed only with an attache case. His entry was the signal for the Socialist members to break into song, and the strains of "The Red Flag" filled the hall. The Imperialists, by way of a counter-attack, struck up "God Save the King." The Patriots, rather cautiously began "God Save Ireland." The speaker called for order, but he called in vain. However, he was determined to have his way. With a deft movement of his left wrist he wrenched off the back of his chair, and with it laid low a Socialist, and then to show his impartiality, an Imperialist and a Patriot. This had an immediate effect, and quiet was restored. He then made a short speech reminding the gentlemen that they were gentlemen, and reproving them for their disrespect of the "chair." "We respect the back of the chair anyway," growled one of the injured. The Speaker ruled him out of order, and called on M. Tchicherin to speak.

The worthy man arose. His face, particularly its nasal portion, showed that he was an out and out Bolshevik. "Comrades," he said, "I had arrange beforehandt I came to Ireland notes for a speechify, but ze customers in Dun Kingstown take zem. zey say Evil Letters. I call zem capitalists, but zey keep zem." By this time he had worked himself up to a passion. He fumbled in his pockets for his flask of vodka, wherewith to refresh himself, but by mistake drew out a small bomb which exploded with a loud bang. Little damage was done, however, beyond the fact that the minute hand fell off the clock and transfixed a stray newspaper reporter. Thus encouraged, the man from Moscow began a great tirade, the main points of which were:—

- (i) That the present school system should be abolished, as it is of bourgeois origin, and
- (ii) That everything else should be abolished too.

He continued in this vein for a long time, and became very boring in consequence.

The attention of all members was suddenly aroused by a loud thud, as a missile struck the rostrum, glancing off the speaker's nose on the way. Then an ancient and fishlike smell prevailed the air. "Withdraw, withdraw!" shouted someone, but the fishy smell was a good one, or rather a bad one. Next came a volley

of discharged eggs. M. Tchicherin, infuriated, was preparing to throw back the contents of his attache case, bombs, grenades, a book by Karl Marx, etc., in return, when someone cautiously switched the lights off. This deterred our Muscovite, but it started off everyone else. The Speaker's call for order was absolutely ignored, so he, with that great presence of mind which was never known to have left him, groped his way to the door and locked it, having first made sure that he was on the outside. What went on inside will never be known; those who took part have only very blurred recollections. After about half an hour, the Speaker opened the door and found that, as he had expected, nobody had thought of switching on the lights again. He did so himself, and witnessed a deplorable sight. Members in dire agony lay prostrate all over the floor. On one side, under a heap of desks, was M. Tchicherin, groaning for assistance to get back to his dear quiet Russia. The Speaker viewed the scene more in scorn than in pity, and ascending the rostrum said—"I declare the meeting adjourned!" Thus concluded one of the most memorable meetings the Society has ever held.

W. W.



The Dead Bern.

So it is ended,
The spirit that beat in thy body;
Fold now thy wings,
Thy wings of the colour of wood-smoke;
There is no more
Of hunting or loving or mating.

So it is ended;
The eager delight of the love chase,
The fight with the wind
When the spray is lashing the cliff-top;
The sleep on the sea
When the ripples are lapping the sand-banks.

How long,
In the stress of the waters that raged,
Floated thy body,
Unheeded by their turbulent anger?
Till high on the shore
A great wave hurled it and left it.

How long,
 When the long night winds sang wildly,
 And the harsh seas baffled
 Veined the black boulders with silver,
 Lay thy corpse here,
 Cast up like driftwood, unheeded ?

Enough. It is ended ;
 The storm has ceased from its raging.
 Silent the shore,
 Save for the wash of the ripples.
 In a bare sky unveiled
 The sun upitying blazes.

Silent the shore,
 Save for the wash of the ripples.

Silent as Death ;
 Death has come for his victim.

Fold now thy wings,
 Of the delicate colour of wood-smoke.
 So it is ended.

G.F.D.



From a Rabbit's Brain.

(Advice to Possible Contributors.)

Hail, horrors, Hail ! To many readers this may seem a personal insult, but the general anger should be mollified by the consideration that these words are addressed to a very small number. Strictly speaking every reader is a possible contributor, but I am writing chiefly for those readers who actually intend to contribute, and it is impossible to believe that the number of such readers is at any time great, when the number of contributions is always so small. I do not venture to advise those who have already contributed, for all the articles, in the last number were excellent, especially . . . but this would not be modest.

The first consideration for a beginner is whether he will write humorously or seriously (I assume that no one would attempt to write poetry). For several reasons I advise him to write humorously. Humour has some attraction in itself, while seriousness has none. You may have heard someone say of some article " This is really humorous." You have never, I am sure, heard anyone say, " This is really serious." At least not in a tone of admiration. It is quite possible also that readers would find something to laugh

at even in a very serious contribution, and surely it is better, for the writer, if his humour appears intentional. Another point, and a very important one, in favour of humour, is that a humorous writer will not suffer from a lack of suitable subjects. This will be more easily believed if I indicate the possibilities of a few subjects:—School Rules; An Irish Grievance; Temperance; Gymnastics.

School Rules:—In this age of enlightenment no one will think that the number of School Rules must be exactly ten; therefore, there should be no objection to the proposing of some new ones. As an example of a suitable rule I may state formally one which seems to exist already, although it is not in the printed code: "All boys must laugh at Master's jokes, but must not laugh at Masters or at any other joke." Another rule that is urgently needed is that "All boys are expected to wear the School mous-tache which must be clearly marked with the owner's name."

An Irish Grievance:—This is a subject which should appeal to all good patriots, and one that offers great scope to an imaginative writer. An article on it is assured of a warm reception, and almost any grievance will do. There is an excellent one dating from the ninth century, when the Danes did great damage to Ireland, and founded Dublin.

Temperance, I fear, is not a matter for humour. As for my last subject, I remember indeed some incidents that occurred in the old Gym (I mean the Swedish Institute) which might interest readers, but which scarcely come under the heading of Gymnastics.

Out of four subjects such as would occur to anyone, two at least provide abundant material for a humorous article. Moreover if "Temperance Lecture" is substituted for "Temperance" a third subject is found with possibilities which it is unnecessary to indicate. In fact, almost any subject may be treated humorously except Irish politics. This exception must be made, for it would be like painting the lily to make jokes about our Politicians.

The humorous writer has this advantage also, that if he wishes he may write without a subject. This in fact is the method of modern humorists, and it may best be learnt by studying their works. In serious writing, on the other hand, this method would prove very unsatisfactory. It is never adopted except by philosophers, and their work is generally found to be rather dull.

Humour indeed seems to have many things in its favour. The great objection that can be urged against it is that some readers may dislike any humour but their own. Such readers must be mentally deficient, for their dislike of humour arises from inability to understand it. Even so, I feel sure that they form a very small minority and that their views may be ignored.

The main point to be observed, however, whether in humorous or serious writing, is to work always in the spirit of the artist, and not from a mere desire to see your initials in print.

THE MARCH HARE.

The Close of Day.

I stood upon the seashore and I watched the wavelets beat
And lap among the stones and weed that lay about my feet.
And as I stood I lost the world and all its noises save
The whispered splash as, dancing, came each happy little wave.

It was the middle winter month and yet, behold, there lay
An even, tawny shadow 'neath each bollard in the bay.
The mountains in the distance had their peaks all capped with snow,
The air was crisp, the sky was blue, no breath of wind did blow.

And slow the sea-gulls wheel above and fly with lazy wing ;
Their greedy screechings rend the evening stillness with their ring.
When bye and bye their screaming ceases, dreamily they glide
And float in feathery crescent on the slowly ebbing tide.

Till out behind yon three-domed hill the dark approaches fast,
Like clouds of sand in desert raised by horsemen lately passed.
The azure deepens into night and all is hid—but yet
The glory of that evening scene my mind shall ne'er forget.

W.G.K.



Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERASMIAN.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform me why the Editor has to write all
the Letters to the Editor, himself ?

Yours etc.,

THE EDITOR.



Ireland v. Scotland, 1929.

On February 23rd, 1929, football enthusiasts went to Lansdowne road expecting to see a match between Ireland and Scotland, but saw, instead, a much more interesting and exciting one between the Irish-Scottish fifteen—I should say thirty—and the Dublin United Innumerable.

About a quarter of an hour before the start, which was booked for three o'clock, the Dublin United Innumerable appeared on the

south goal-line. The ovation that they received from the spectators was far from encouraging, for it consisted of loud boos and hisses accompanied by shouts of "Get off." At three o'clock the Irish-Scottish thirty galloped on to the field amidst thunderous applause but, not liking the nondescript looks of the Dublin United, they stood in groups in the middle of the field looking askance at the opponents.

Meanwhile the referee—who apparently knew the type with which he had to deal—had gone up to the latter and spent fully five minutes in warning them about the penalties incurred by foul play. Only when four Garda Síochána had lent their weight to his arguments did the referee see fit to start the match.

After five minutes had elapsed the Irish-Scottish began a succession of attacks on their opponents' defence, which can only be described as belonging to the stonewall type. Man after man hurled himself against their ranks without even making an indentation large enough to be measured by a vernier scale. The one or two brilliant individualists who managed to penetrate the Dublin Uniteds' front ranks found it impossible to pass their full back, who snugly ensconced in the depths of a bath chair, stopped them by the mere force of his invectives.

At length some Scotsmen realised the futility of attempting to score on the south goal line and taking the matter—viz., the ball—into their own hands, they trotted up to the north goal line and scored there instead. As a last resort an Irish-Scottish stand off half tried to pierce his opponent's defence with a drop kick, which being successful quelled the ardour of the Dublin United. Shortly after this a wiry little wing broke through the Dubliners' defence and scored a try far out, his effort having left him too weak to run round under the posts. At this juncture the referee was again forced to warn Dublin United for general misconduct, the which admonition squashed them so flat that at half-time the Irish-Scottish determined to have a game among themselves and completely to ignore their recent opponents.

The latter being ignorant of this decision on the part of the Irish-Scottish, changed over, this being the one and only time on which they got beyond their own "25." On resumption of play, however, they did not seem offended at having to play the role of mere spectators, for they sat meekly on the dead ball line and gave no further annoyance.

Now as everyone knows there is an old adage that if a Rugby team be divided against itself it cannot stand. In this case it is only applicable to half the team for, after about twenty minutes of the second half had elapsed, the Irish collapsed completely. The Scotsmen, with their characteristic rapaciousness, seized on the opportunity offered them and taking advantage of the Irishmen's mental and physical prostration, scored a goal and two unconverted tries—which, after all, was rather mean of them.

But, as I said before, the Dublin United-Irish-Scottish match was much more exciting.

D.T.B.

School Notes.

We have acquired a Debating Society.

We have debated about the Public Statues of Dublin, Dictatorships, The League of Nations, Flying, and have had two Lantern Lectures, of which one was by Dr. Fearon, F.T.C.D., on "Secrets of Sunlight."

We regret to announce the departure of Mr. H. L. Doak, M.A., for many years Senior English Master in the School. Mr. Doak has become Editor of the Educational Co's. publications.

His place has been taken by Mr. Shannon, who, we are confident, will carry on with equal efficiency. Mr. Shannon has had a brilliant career at the University of Wales; among other distinctions he gained First Place and University Studentship in English. On the sports side Mr. Shannon has also distinguished himself, obtaining University colours for Rugby, swimming and rowing. He was Captain of the Shooting Team, which represented the University at Bisley, and a member of the Rugby team which won the British Inter-University Championship.

The plans of the new Gymnasium, we understand, have been approved by the Board, and work will be begun on it very shortly. We hope that it will be rather more solid than the former one, which was for many years an unfailing source of jokes for various unofficial school magazines.

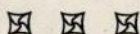
We are very grateful to Miss Plewman and to Mr. A. L. B. Moore for the gift of about two dozen books each to the Library, and also to the following boys who have presented books:—T. J. Thompson, and J. D. K. Freeland.

Amongst other additions we are glad to see "The Story of the Birds," by Dr. J. C. Patten, M.A., M.D., D.Sc. Dr. Patten, who is Professor of Anatomy in Sheffield University, is an "Old Boy" of the School. He has very kindly promised to come and give us a lecture about the subject of birds, on which he is one of the greatest living authorities.

This term a Boxing Club has been started. We insert an account of it elsewhere.

The following have been elected as Cricket Officials :—R. H. S. Ballagh (Captain), H. W. Stephenson (Vice-Captain), G. W. Patterson (Secretary.)

The receipts from the School Concert amounted to over £31. The profit was about £7 10s. 0d. Most of the expenditure, however, was for the purchase of a stage and other permanent equipment, and will not recur.



Football Notes.

GENERAL NOTES.

During the latter part of the season our S.C.T. has settled down much better than in the first half, although we have been most unlucky in injuries. The forwards are playing more as a pack, and the backs, though not good in attack, have several times shown their worth in defence. We were unlucky this year in being drawn against Blackrock for the first round of the Senior Schools' Cup. We were well beaten, but by no means disgraced ourselves.

The J.C.T. have proved as good a team as last season and have had a very successful season. After an easy victory over St. Stephen's Green School in the first round we were beaten by Castleknock College, who also beat us last year.

The 2nd XV and "under 13" are still going strong, although they have not played a great many matches.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

- J. HAWKINS.—Played full back for the first half of the season but was unlucky to break his collar-bone during the Christmas holidays. Reliable, with a good "sense of position."
- E. GREEN.—Took Hawkins's place. Resourceful and is a good tackler, though inexperienced.
- M. WILSON.—The fastest three-quarter on the team, but does not use his speed to the best advantage. Good in defence.
- G. A. BAMFORD.—Has a good kick. Better in defence than attack.
- R. BOUCHER.—Captain of the J.C.T. Also plays centre for S.C.T. Rather inexperienced, but makes a good centre.
- I. WEBB.—Played forward for first half of season, but latterly has been moved to the wing. Is a good all-round back.
- H. W. W. GOOD.—Best back on the side. Good in both attack and defence. Has scored more tries than any other member of the team.

- R. H. S. BALLAGH.—Plays a good spoiling game, but is rather slow in getting the ball away.
- H. W. STEPHENSON.—Captain for second time. Best forward on the side. Good in both tight and loose. Leads the pack well.
- W. G. TAYLOR.—A hard-working and useful player. Good with his feet in the loose and uses his weight in the scrum. An all-round forward.
- G. D. STEWART.—A good wing forward. Better in the loose than in the tight. Speedy and has a good place kick.
- L. R. ROGERS.—Good in the line out, but hangs on too long. Uses his weight but packs too high.
- D. T. BARDON.—Rather inexperienced. Follows up better than most. Pushes hard.
- H. S. BOYCE.—Slow in getting down in the tight. Good in the loose.
- R. S. SAVAGE.—Should use his weight more. Plays a good all-round game.
- G. F. MITCHELL.—Inexperienced, packs rather high, but otherwise plays a good game.

SUBSTITUTES.

- J. D. CLARK.—Inexperienced and does not run straight. Has good place kick. Was unlucky to injure his wrist while playing against Methodist College.
- W. G. KIRKPATRICK.—Rather inexperienced. Best forward on 2nd XV.

THE CUP MATCHES.

Blackrock College S.C.T., 14 points. High School S.C.T., Nil.

The weather was very cold and a strong breeze was blowing when the teams took the field. The going was rather heavy. Stephenson won the toss and chose to play with the wind. In the first half the play was almost even, although the Blackrock pack heeled the ball more frequently than we did. Their backs, however, did not make much use of it and either tackled in possession or fumbled their passes. This gave rise to a great number of rushes by both packs. In this manner we several times almost reached our opponents' goal line but failed to score. We were often penalised for offside, but the kicks were all wide. This half ended with Stewart missing what would in other circumstances have been an easy kick, but the ball was extremely heavy. Both sides were scoreless up to this point.

The second half was more one sided. Our backs settled down to play a defensive game. Ten minutes after the start Blackrock scored a try, but this was not converted. Two other tries followed after about half-an-hour's play. A minute before no side, they scored again. This try was converted.

The tackling of our backs was very good, especially as they had a faster set of backs opposing them.

Team :—E. Green, I. Webb, G. A. Bamford, R. Boucher, M. Wilson, H. W. W. Good, R. H. S. Ballagh, H. W. Stephenson (Capt), W. G. Taylor, G. D. Stewart, R. S. Savage, L. R. Rogers, G. F. Mitchell, H. S. Boyce, D. T. Bardon.

Referee :—Mr. R. W. Jeffares, junr.

High School J.C.T., 36 points. St. Stephen's Green School, Nil.

Having the advantage in height and weight, we had little difficulty in passing into the second round of the Junior Schools' Cup at Donnybrook, at the expense of St. Stephen's Green School. We won by twelve tries to nil, eight in the first half and four in the second. We were superior at all points, although our opponents put up a splendid fight.

Taking up the attack from the start we kept up a constant pressure. Boucher (3), Orr (3), Begley (2), Flynn, Thompson, Croxon and Farmer were the scorers. But in each case the kick at goal failed.

Begley at full-back got nothing to do. Boucher and Farmer both played good games.

Team :—Begley, Orr, Flynn, Croxon, Martin, Boucher, Boyle, Farmer, Caldwell, Begley, Walker, Thompson, Horrell, Gibney, and Gowan.

High School J.C.T., Nil. Castleknock College J.C.T., 8 points.

We met Castleknock College in the second round of the Junior Schools' Cup. It was rather unfortunate that, after an easy passage through the first round, we should meet the holders, Castleknock College, in the next. For some unaccountable reason the team played much below form. Still, after a hard struggle we were just beaten by 8 points.

The game was confined to a forward struggle in which our pack held their own, but the team, as a whole, on this day, lacked the finish of their opponents.

Team :—G. Begley, Ingram, Martin, Orr, Flynn, Boyle, C. V. Boucher, Farmer, Caldwell, Scott, H. A.; Thompson, A. E.; Scott, H. G.; Walker, P. R.; Begley, H.; Horrell.



Boxing Notes.

Captain—H. W. Stephenson.

Hon. Secretary—G. A. Bamford.

This year the High School suddenly awoke to the fact that it was not marching with the times in the world of sport in the

absence of some facilities for receiving instruction in the manly art of boxing. This, however, has been remedied by the formation of a boxing class, which was started shortly after the Christmas vacation, and the appointment of a capable instructor.

It is much too young yet to expect any tangible results, as the majority of the boys have had no previous instruction. But the enthusiasm with which it has been taken up by them augurs well for the future of the class.



Old Boys' Union.

In future a part of the Erasmian will be reserved for the Old Boys' Union, each member of which will receive a copy free every term. The Union funds will pay the price of postage only. We publish in this number the first half of a very interesting contribution by Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine, who was a pupil of the School during the first four years of its existence. We invite contributions of this kind from other past pupils, or any items of news about them.

The Secretaries and Committee will be grateful for help in forming a complete and correct list of Old Boys. They have about twelve hundred names, but this is by no means a full list, nor are the addresses in many cases correct.

They will welcome also suggestions for activities on the part of the Union. The Annual Dinner will be held on March 20th. When the new Gymnasium is built a Badminton Club might be formed. An Old Boys' Rugby team could have occasional matches with the School and with other teams. Subsidiary branches might be formed in Belfast, London, etc. Will any Old Boys who are willing to help in promoting these or other activities please communicate with the Secretaries or call at the School? Those who live out of Dublin are particularly invited to visit the School when in town. The most convenient time is between 11.30 and 12.30 or after 3 p.m.



Early Days of the High School.

When a quite small child I had seen a circus; what impressed me most was an elephant, an animal "with a tail out of its head," and a clown. During my first year at school I seriously considered

running away from home to be a clown ! Experience has shown that even those in high places sometimes play the clown, and play it very well.

The High School was opened in Harcourt Street, Dublin, in October, 1870.

For no other reason except that it was convenient to the railway I was entered a pupil on 9th of the following January (1871). Dr. Creswell took me under his wing. I regret to say I was anything but a good boy. He was a Cambridge man, a typical Englishman, absolutely fair and just. He seemed to have had a great many distinguished ancestors, who had occupied a great many important posts, so with a few leading questions we could easily start genealogical stories and school work was constantly neglected. I was often responsible for the mischief. A boy named Dempsey who had an unblemished record, was usually selected, and told to suggest that he thought it was, say at Naseby that some ancestor of the Creswell family had done something. Dr. Creswell at once corrected him, laying down the book, which was rarely taken up again that day until too late to do much work. For some reason, which I cannot remember, possibly because he was so exceedingly quiet, I had nick-named Dempsey "Uncle." I slipped it accidentally to Dr. Creswell who was much amused, remarking how appropriate the nick-names boys gave each other always were. He always laid down as an important principle, never make an enemy of boys. At this time Sir Arthur and Lady Olive Guinness lived in Leeson Street; their house was next to an Army Grinder's. Lady Olive made some objection to some action of the students who retaliated by chalking XX on articles in the Grinder's garden. I perfectly remember how Dr. Creswell enjoyed this when I told it to him.

He always started a new boy by treating him as a gentleman; it was the boy's own fault if he got into trouble.

A neighbour who lived near us was rather a remarkable man. He rose early each morning, smoked until breakfast, always wore a silk hat, stoutly maintained he would live to be ninety, and as a matter of fact he reached the great age of ninety-four. He had been a wine merchant and often got news of some particular brand of port "in the wood" which he bought and frequently shared some with my father. The greatest of all these finds was a "white port." A gift of a few old coins from this gentleman started the hobby which proved very interesting to me.

Dr. Creswell, like most Englishmen, liked good things. I can remember the manner in which the white port was treated. There was as much fuss and "ceremony" about its arrival on the dinner table as about some serious piece of business. Hours before dinner the bottle was carried in state into the dining room, and placed in a stand. Important guests were introduced to it before dinner, the dirt and cobwebs on the bottle being admired. The cork was drawn with a mechanical corkscrew (it did not always

work). I usually had to hold the bottle. Of course everyone did not get this special wine nor was a Vintage Festival indulged in for the ordinary guest, but Dr. Creswell always got some of the important brand when he dined with us. Its merits were quite lost on me. I got into disgrace on one occasion by breaking a wine glass doing some trick. I was promptly sent to the cook for treatment as my hand was cut. She got a filthy cobweb from the coal cellar; the wound healed all right. This was before germs were invented.

I cannot remember if the serious question as to whether the wine should be decanted or poured direct from the bottle was ever finally settled. As the verdict invariably was that the wine that night was good, but that the bottle on the previous occasion was better, it dawned on me that the wine was getting down in the scale, so I asked some question on the matter. I cannot remember now how it was worded. It seemed a sort of bombshell, but it was met by a sharp remark, that "little boys should not ask questions." I am not clear as to the exact height from the top of the wine glass the wine should reach, but after looking at it for some time, remarking on the "bouquet," etc., a sip was taken, and the "tears" on the glass were remarked on; finally mysterious names were uttered, the only one I can recollect was "curious."

Doctor Creswell entertained his class to breakfast each year; he was a perfect host.

In 1896 a cutting from "The Times" was sent to me. It was a report of an action by Messrs. Spink & Son, of Piccadilly (now of King St.) against Dr. Creswell, about a penny of Aethelstan, which got broken. Knowing Messrs. Spink so well, I am bound to say they would never have brought forward the case unless quite sure of its merits, nor would Dr. Creswell ever have given in on a matter of principle.

I always thought the doctor's evidence ruined his case. What I liked so much about Dr. Creswell, was that he never appeared to remember any misdeeds. When punishment was over it was done with. He bore no ill-will and expected boys to act in the same manner. One boy did show bad feeling; he was never forgiven, as he carried it too far.

It is difficult after so many years to recall the names of those who seem to have passed out of one's life completely, unless they have been in some way before the public. Harry Spinner and W. J. Goulding, both distinguished themselves in the football field. Spinner was one of those who relieved Captain Boycott, and Goulding afterwards became a baronet, and an "irreproachable Irishman."

Two brothers named Grierson, both have become distinguished. Quantities of house sparrows sat in a row on the roof of the Goods Stores at Harcourt Street Railway Station in the afternoon. One boy occasionally gave a display of shooting with a catapult. He

picked one bird off after another, rarely missing. He thought his short sight was the cause of a failure ! He was really a wonder.

A boy no longer with us, Swift Payne Johnson, was one I liked. He came out to stay with us, even as a boy he was more mature in his views than any other I can remember. An Oxford man who lived near us had told me such wonderful stories of the "Dons" and their doings that it was a terrible shock when it was discovered Fellows of Trinity College were to conduct the examinations. One story my neighbour told was how a "Don" rebuked a young man for some lack of respect. When the excuse was advanced that he had only been up three days, "Ah true," the 'Don' said, "puppies eyes are not open for nine days." Knowing this and much more it was with fear and trembling I went with Swift Johnson to be examined in Euclid by Todhunter, F.T.C. When we went into the room Todhunter was sitting at a desk and remarked what a lovely day it was, and how much nicer it would be to be out in the country. This was so totally unlike what I expected that I imagined all kinds of dangers and pitfalls were hid away in the words, and as a result I completely lost my voice. When Johnson was done, a question was put to me but I was quite dumb. I could not speak. Todhunter was most patient, but Johnson said "He knows the answer, sir." That did it, the kindness of the way he took my part. I then got on all right, and did well. Johnson had come from America. In after life when I came to deal with high-class Americans I found they too could show kindness.

There was no ball alley when I was at school. On the site of those built there was an inner yard walled in. Entrance to it was by a door, which was closed. When for some reason the door was found open it was discovered that there was timber, etc., in the yard. Some bright soul suggested if a garrison took possession of the yard to dislodge them would be exciting. Who the commanders were I cannot remember. Sentries were posted to watch for the Masters. It was quite impossible to get into the yard, as sticks used as bayonets were too serious to face. A sort of stale-mate was the result until a heap of clay was found. This was carried in handkerchiefs to the attack, and used as slings the handkerchiefs were fairly successful. This entertainment did not last long. One of the Masters came, looked into the yard, and next day the door was securely fixed.

We were promised a holiday when the roll reached one hundred. Crosbie was the one hundredth boy, he was cheered !

When the school opened there were only three regular Masters, Dr. Creswell, Messrs. Wallace and Hinkson. French and German were taught by a German, the Rev. Oscar Khramer, who attended during the afternoon. He was a very tall man, over six feet high and built in proportion. He wore a sort of frock coat, with tails which flew about as he walked. He had a large gold chain across his breast ; he opened the door, came in, passed Dr. Creswell

with a bow and the Doctor returned the greeting. A time came when there was no recognition ! Mr. Wallace was supposed to be head Classical Master, Mr. Hinkson taking mathematics. We soon discovered Dr. Creswell and the Board of Governors were not on good terms. We were working on the usual Irish plan, putting everyone to do something they were not engaged to accomplish. The mathematical man took classics, and vice versa. The boys who could help the masters out of difficulties, those who could not went to the wall, but everyone except Dr. Creswell was quite happy with the arrangement. It was some time before the doctor got his own way. I found Mr. Wallace a gentleman, also Mr. Boulger, who succeeded him. The next master I remember was Mr. Stack, who however qualified he may have been, did not seem to have the least sympathy with boys, he certainly had none with me. One thing for an Irishman, was strange, he had no sense of humour ; how far this may be necessary in dealing with Irish boys is a problem.

He was a fine football player. He died under tragic circumstances.

Dr. Creswell lost considerably in the boys' opinion when he conducted the Governors round the School, by not wearing his cap ; some boy knew the story of the famous Dr. Busby and the King. How the former wore his cap when taking the King round, but how in private he went down on his knee and told how if the boys thought there was a greater man in England than Dr. Bushy there would be no managing them ! I liked Mr. Foster who came as head mathematical master, he was so uncertain, one never knew the moment an imposition would be given, or for what, just Brown, Jones or Robinson, "Thirty lines." It was a fact one was never safe, but I enjoyed it. He was distant and never made any distinction between boys. He was an excellent teacher. One could always tell if there was any friction. Suddenly Dr. Creswell would embark on a raid. A loud shout from his chair, "There is too much noise," would be followed by a walk down the school room with "tickler" under his arm. "Tickler," like Foster's lines, fell unexpectedly.

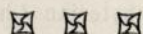
I think it was the last time Dr. Creswell was at my father's house, when they had gone to the conservatory (it was summer time) to smoke, the garden chair the doctor was sitting on collapsed. I was quite a hero with the story next day at school. A great Conservative, who believed only in that body, coming to Ireland, just at the time of the Disestablishment, it is regrettable that what he must have said on that subject is forgotten. He often told us about Dr. McGee, the Archbishop of York, and on the great merit of the appointment.

J. B. S. MCILWAINE.

(To be continued.)

Marriage.

ERVINE-ANDREWS AND COOTE.—December 10th, 1928, at Clone Church, by the Rev. A. V. Smyth, M.A., Cyril A. Ervine-Andrews, Provincial Bank, Wexford, to Doreen Georgina Coote, daughter of the late Thomas Coote and Mrs. Coote, Wexford.



Death.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. James Mitchell, B.A. He graduated in Trinity College and entered the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church. After many years of service in Belfast, and elsewhere, he became Minister of Kells, Co. Meath, where he remained until his death.



Sir Bernard D'Olier Darley, C.I.E., A.M.I.C.E., has had the honour of Knighthood conferred on him by the King "In recognition of his outstanding services as Chief Engineer in charge of the Ganda Canal Irrigation Works, United Provinces."

Sir William de Courcy Wheeler has been one of three surgeons chosen out of two thousand medical delegates to Egypt, by King Fuad for the honour of a special degree. The other two were Sir Berkeley Moynihan and Sir Holbert Waring.

Mr. Edward H. Burne has been elected President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland for the present year.



Results of Examinations.

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATIONS.

Church of Ireland.

GREEK TESTAMENT.—G. F. Dalton (First Class Prize), 7 others passed.

MIDDLE GRADE.—W. Warnock (First Class Prize), E. Curry, J. W. Bridle (Second Class Prizes), E. B. Moore, H. A.

Penny, J. H. Matthews, V. Graham, J. Caldwell (Third Class Prizes.) 34 others passed.

JUNIOR GRADE.—R. W. Mason (First Class Prize), E. Plant (Second Class Prize), J. D. Penney, J. W. Keegan, E. Dunne, W. C. Keon, W. Morrow, E. P. Hill, W. Mahon, C. V. Boyle, H. E. J. Fox, H. B. Moore (Third Class Prizes). 34 others passed.

Presbyterian Church.

GREEK TESTAMENT.—E. A. Thompson (First Place and Special Prize of £1), G. F. Mitchell (First Class Prize.)

MIDDLE GRADE.—W. G. Taylor, R. C. Agnew (Third Class Prizes). 8 others passed.

JUNIOR GRADE.—J. W. Davis (Third Class Prize). 5 others passed.

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H. B. S. Montgomery (Sen. Fresh).—First Rank Honours in Natural Science. The Edge Exhibition.

T. N. Richardson (Jun. Fresh).—First of First Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

Other Examinations.

A. J. Hughes.—Royal Bank.

J. P. Martin.—Foy Scholarship. City of Dublin Technical Schools.

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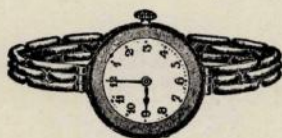


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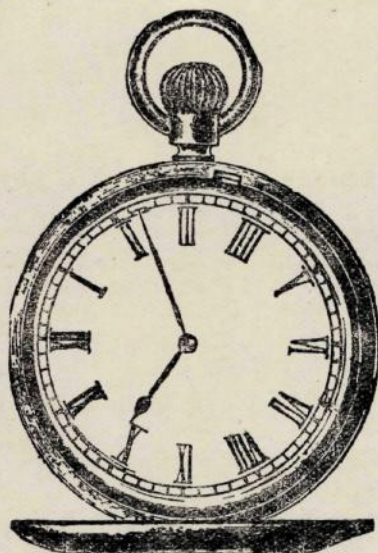
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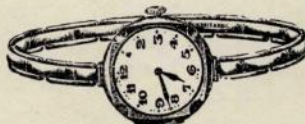
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