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EDITORIAL

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em." The two boys depicted on the cover of our magazine (does anyone know who they are?) certainly had greatness thrust upon them, and we too feel that a certain measure of greatness has been forced upon us, by being asked to take up the "Editorial Quill," for which we are totally unfitted.

This term we welcome several new members to the staff, and wish them every happiness in our school. An air of gloom descended on the senior school when it was announced that no tea would be provided for the boys after the Prize Distribution. It is to be regretted that there was only a limited attendance of non-prizewinners. Since the authorities have come to the conclusion that this year's fifth form is more capable of organising a dance than last year's, we shall be looking forward to renewing old acquaintances at the Fifth Form Dance, to be held next month on Friday, 13th. We feel that the authorities will be greatly relieved when this ill-omened date is safely past.

Now that the Christmas examinations are over, perhaps it might not be inopportune to suggest that if school examinations must be held, they should be held annually, preferably at the end of the school year. Surely once a year is often enough to inflict such a hardship on the poor schoolboy. Every time we enter an examination room Virgil's lines come into our mind, as we nervously fill our pen: "Steteruntque comae et vox faucibus haesit."

And now, let abler pens than ours continue the story.

Canada

E. J. MONTGOMERY, B.A., LL.B.

[The writer of this article, Mr. Montgomery, was a pupil at The High School from 1913 to 1923. He is an International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts' Association, Ireland.]

I went to Canada last summer and spent four weeks there. My chief reason was to attend the International Scout Conference at Niagara Falls as Ireland's representative, but never having been across the Atlantic I had a somewhat natural curiosity to see Canada.

I did not see Canada. I saw only a small corner of Ontario and this in spite of the fact

that I borrowed a car and drove quite considerable distances. The vast size of Canada cannot be appreciated until you find yourself there. The feeling is rather that of being in a huge ocean of space with small islands representing the big cities.

It took only six hours to fly from the Shannon to Gander and I had my feet on solid earth again, but it was hard to realise how long it took because my watch had to go back five hours on the way. Approximately another two hours to Montreal and then two more and I was in Toronto. It is as easy to get to Canada now by air as it is to go to London by train and boat and certainly less tiring.

The population of Canada, for all its size, is only 15,000,000 — about three times the population of Ireland. There is room for quite a few more out there and it is obvious that it is very much a land of promise for anyone who does not mind hard work. The wages are high, but the cost of living is not as high in comparison, and as the people seem to have less spare time or opportunities for amusement, I feel that there is more chance of saving money than here.

I drove on the Canadian Highways. There is a speed limit of 50 m.p.h. which is not always observed but at the same time is not always exceeded. The reason is that if you drive 50 m.p.h. without interruption you can do 50 miles in an hour, which is quite enough, while here if you want to average 50 miles an hour you have to drive some of the time at 80 m.p.h. The roads seem very safe and when accidents do happen it must nearly always be the driver's fault. The cars are all big and most of them looked new with their bright pastel colours. Motor bicycles do not seem very popular and I only saw one scooter.

Everyone was very friendly, even the bank cashier called me by my Christian name although I was a complete stranger.

I visited the annual Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, which must be one of the biggest permanent exhibitions in the world. It comprised a Motor Show, Spring Show, Horse Show, Athletic Contests, Amusement Park, Ideal Home Exhibition and every other sort of show all wrapped into one.

I was just a little disappointed with Niagara Falls. They were too big to give any real

idea of size and not until I sat on the edge did I get the frightening thrill of the uncontrolled power behind them.

I spent some time at the Scout Jamboree not far from the Falls and here was power of a different nature, and what I saw here did not disappoint me. 10,000 boys from all over the world with the same ideas of building a better world working, playing and living together in harmony and happiness because well-meaning adults were not there to explain racial and social distinctions. A Jamboree is not an easy thing to describe; it is almost necessary to be there and feel the atmosphere. It is just the greatest fun that ever was; it is real fun and fun that will linger a whole life through. The colour, the happiness, the comradeship — the feeling of belonging to something very big and strong. All day long the boys wander in and out of each others' camps, collecting autographs, swapping badges, making pals. The parties in the sub camps. The big shows in the arena at night when 12,000 visitors invaded the camp—some having driven for hundreds of miles. The final break up when the boys held hands and sang Auld Lang's Syne.

The Jamboree took place beside a sleepy little village on the shore of Lake Ontario, but if an atomic bomb had been exploded in Canada it could not have had greater repercussions. At first the Press was not enthusiastic; they said the public would not be interested in such kid stuff. They were wrong. It caught on like a prairie fire. The public demanded news and by the time the Jamboree had finished, the team of Press, Radio and Television had grown to 370. As a result the public were given eight hours' television and 200 radio shows (which alone took 125 personnel of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to deal with). The National Film Board sent a team to make a full-length film.

After the Jamboree I attended the International Conference which is the Parliament of the Boy Scout Movement and legislates for its 6,500,000 boys. Its object is to keep the movement world wide, to keep it pure and true to its law and promise and free from political control, to organise the training of leaders and to foster and promote the movement in new countries. The Conference is truly democratic, each member country having the same number of votes whether big or small and none having a veto. The business is carried on in the English and French languages with the system

of simultaneous translations through wireless headphones. One of the most valuable products of a conference such as this is the social and personal contacts, and I met again and renewed friendship with men from all over the world.

A number of us from the Conference (about 35) then moved down to Ann Arbor in Michigan, U.S.A., to study American methods of organisation. Here we found 3,000 professional Scout leaders being briefed for their new 4-year plan of campaign under the slogan "Onward for God and my Country." Like most things American, it was on a big scale; the cost of bringing the executives together and holding the Conference was estimated at one million dollars! But then America is a very large country and it is becoming more and more dependent on the Scout movement for the moral training of its youth and the building of better men. The American people are solidly behind it.

Canada and the U.S.A. are BIG, but you would never feel lost or lonely there if you come from Ireland. I certainly did not and felt proud to be Irish.

Time and Tide . . . ?

When will H.S.D. get a clock that tells the correct time? The marvellous timepiece in the hall seems to vary from day to day between G.M.T., B.S.T., C.E.T. and H.S.D.T. We notice the disastrous effects of a minutely early bell on an intrepid "buzz-biker." We watch with no little amusement his entrance into the Clockroom and his attempts to appear early. ["But I left home at 9.01 B.B.C. time. That dratted Morris Minor again!!"]

Our school day seems to consist of irregular threequarter-hour periods. And when the very one we should have liked to have had shortened comes along, the inevitable happens. What can we poor underlings do? Complaints and deputations to that ivory tower called "the Box" are of no avail. In fact, they serve only to make the irate "M. le Professeur" more indignant and extract a loud cough from our bonnie Cork-er, followed by an ill-feigned "scairte gáire" from the others. We are entirely at the whim of our noble bell-pusher, and how whimsical he can be!

Arrive at school at 9.12 precisely and you will find that prayers have started some

minutes before. However much you try to persuade our eagle-eyed friend about the merits of his dial (the one on the timepiece, of course), he remains adamant and serves his summons of "see Mr. E . . . at 11.25" in a callous voice, at the same time casually eliciting the inevitable penny for no cap. This is the last straw and we retire dejected, beaten and reduced to penury. Shall we always be servants of Time?

A. BECK (6).

X=0

It was one of those occasions which one always accepts with glee, as providing a good opportunity for displaying one's knowledge. For despite the fact that I could in no way claim to be a specialist in algebra, I prided myself on having a good background knowledge of a wide range of subjects. This, I felt sure, was the great advantage of secondary education!

My neighbour had asked me to have the goodness to do a few algebra sums which his son had been set for homework. He found himself indisposed to do them and he felt sure that I, in whose memory the toils of algebra were fresher, would be able to help him out.

I set about the task in no certain manner, praying for enlightenment on certain algebraic problems and formulae, which I had either forgotten, or never been enlightened upon. The only consolation was that my neighbour's child was a youngster, and so, the discovery that the problems he was doing were such as I had only done in sixth form, came as rather a blow.

I set about tackling the first problem. For a moment I was rather puzzled, then a brilliant thought struck me. "Eliminate the x's," I said. My friend looked at me in amazement. Quite undaunted, I continued. "Then sum the expression to infinity" (this in my most dictatorial voice, for I knew that I was one up on him here). Then with a triumphant smile, I said: "I trust I need not go into explanations." With a baleful look, he regretted that I would. My hopes sank. . . After an enjoyable evening spent in attempting to explain A.P.s, O.P.s, quadratics, dynamics, hydro-statics and anything else I could remember having heard, I finally concluded (I don't know how) that the answer to the problem was $x=0$!

A. M. GANN (6).

Platform Two

The taxi came to an abrupt halt outside the station and I scrambled out, closely followed by my suitcase. Quickly I paid the driver and dashed off in search of the booking office. At last I espied it and hurried to the window.

I stood there and peered in, feeling like some devil looking through the gates of Heaven. I coughed, sighed and sneezed in turn, and still nobody seemed to have noticed me. My patience at last wore out, and very soon I caused a face to appear.

"You'd better mind yourself and quit bangin' that glass," I was politely informed.

"Yes," I stammered. "But I've a train to catch. Please get me a single ticket for Galway."

The face promptly disappeared and I glanced at my watch. Only three minutes to go. First I stood on one foot and then on the other until, after what seemed an age, the face was once more before me.

"Here," it mumbled, shoving a piece of cardboard beneath the glass. I pushed a couple of notes under and the clerk went off in search of change. I beat a hasty retreat, as I just had to get that train. Having arrived at platform level I ran to the ticket collector and thrust the ticket into his unwilling hands.

"Galway," I panted.

"Eh," he replied, trying to look intelligent.

"The Galway train," I roared, snapping the punched ticket from his hands and beginning to run for the footbridge. He shouted something about platform two after me but I had not the time to listen. I crossed the bridge at the double, my case doing its best to trip me up. I arrived on the platform and a kindly porter, observing my predicament, rushed forward and grabbed my case, shouting: "This way, sir." He flung open a carriage door, bundled me inside and flung the case in after me. I struggled to a seat, and the lady sitting opposite smiled and said: "Nearly late." I nodded; the train had left the station.

Then, quite suddenly, a sound of singing was borne to my ears. The lady, seeing my puzzled look, smiled again and said: "Only school children going home from school."

"... from school," I echoed.

"Yes," she replied. "They always use this train. They get off at Blackrock!!"

I collapsed.

W. G. FISHER (6).

An Early Fish Catches a Cold

At some time in one's life it is necessary to impress one's friends. I determined on the following method, and on a warm day in March I approached some of my acquaintances.

"Very hot to-day! Just as warm as any day we had last summer!" I cheerfully chirped.

"In fact," I went on, "I think (pausing a moment as if undecided) I will go for a swim. Come on, you chaps, how about it, let's go for a swim. It's lovely weather."

There was unanimous indecision.

"Come on, you'll only get wet," I mocked.

It was necessary at this point to adopt an almost jeering attitude, taking great care, all the time, not to encourage them too much, lest

they might yield to my persistence and so diminish my glory. Thus I continued: "All right, you lads, if it is a bit cold for you, I'll not pester you, but still I'm going in myself."

This created a curiosity, and without invitation, they followed me to my bathing place, whether it was to see the fulfilment of my hardy boast, or perhaps they were just a little amazed at my professed courage.

I took off my overcoat, I still felt quite warm. I began to undress, all the while throwing at my friends such little remarks as "Bet it's warmer in than out"; "Sea looks nice to-day," etc., etc.

These utterances were specially designed to create a feeling of inferiority amongst my spectators. So much was I sure of this that I could imagine them saying to themselves such phrases as "Brave chap!"; "I wish I'd the courage!" "How does he do it?" I glowed with pride.

At last, clad in my petty bathing trunks, I was ready to test myself. I cantered with rapidly decreasing velocity to the water's edge, trying desperately to look happy. I stopped, stuck a finger into the frigid water and yelled over my shoulder: "Lovely!" with feigned delight.

They returned my shout with a smile deep from their muffled coats.

I had reached the climax of my ostentation. "To be or not to be wet," that was the question. A couple of steps forward would mean facing an icy sea, a couple of steps back would mean facing mocking friends. I decided in favour of the former evil. I would go on.

I advanced into the frigid expanse with a stoical mind, stopping once only to acknowledge a cheer from the foreshore. Deeper, deeper, up to my ankles, my knees, my waist and then with a courageous splash up to my head.

I had done it. I had come, I had seen, and I had conquered. Swimming but a few yards to contribute to the impression, I struggled out of the water, victorious as a channel swimmer. There I stood on the shore, the conqueror. I had stooped to conquer.

Pulling my shivering lips into a smile, I looked down on my amazed friends. They

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could not even take off their overcoats. With scornful contempt, I said:

"Terrific! Warmer in there (making a sweeping gesture at the sea) than standing here."

They stared bewildered. Confident of my success, and unaware of the brooding disaster, I continued:

"I feel as fresh as ah-ah-ah tish-oo-o-o!" The day was lost.

B. E. W. DOWSE (6).

"The Fourth Test"

A small group of High School boys had the good fortune to accompany Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Kendall to the Fourth Test Match between the M.C.C. and South Africa at Leeds. We set off in high spirits on the boat for Liverpool, with Mr. Willoughby and his brother, the Rev. N. V. Willoughby. When we arrived at Liverpool we posed for members of the party to take our photographs. We then boarded the train for Leeds, equipped with various articles of literature, which we had bought at the station stall.

We were met by Mr. Kendall at Leeds and went by taxi to our hostel, dumped our luggage, and then rushed to the cricket ground, where we found South Africa already batting. One of the first things we saw was the commentator's box, with Charles Fortune "talking to listeners in South Africa." We also looked into the players' enclosure, and saw Len Hutton surveying the scene through a pair of binoculars. We were then shown to our seats, which were in one of the best positions in the ground, though, as the day went on, they seemed to get considerably harder, and by evening most of us had hired cushions. At lunch time some of us dashed to get lemonade, while others took up strategic positions to photograph the players. After this we ate our delicious packed lunches, provided by the hostel. Shortly before tea the South African innings closed for 171; the highlights were McClean's 41, and a very hard-earned one for 23 by Trevor Bailey, who bowled very well indeed.

We soon discovered that experiments with Lowson and Bailey added another two failures

to England's list of opening batsmen. When we went back to our hostel we were given an excellent dinner and then we played cricket and tennis until bedtime. We stayed at Fetley Hall, a hostel for the use of Leeds University students, but, as they were on vacation, we had the hostel to ourselves, and were well looked after by some half-dozen ladies who had remained there.

The highlights of the second day's play were a dashing 61 by Denis Compton, and two "sixes" and three "fours" by Wardle, which brought roars of approval from the crowd on his home ground. The good humour and witty remarks of this Yorkshire crowd, and five days of glorious sunshine, all added to our enjoyment of the occasion.

One evening we went and saw Jimmy Young, the popular singer, in a variety show in Leeds, and were greatly amused at the screams of the "bobbie-soxers." On the third day we saw a magnificent first wicket stand of 176 by McGlew, who made 133, and Goddard, who made 74.

On Sunday we all went on a bus tour to Whitby and Scarborough. These towns contrast greatly, for the former, where we saw the famous abbey, is a quaint old fishing town, while the latter could be called the "Black-pool of Yorkshire," with its crowded beach and promenade, and its funfares and theatres.

On the fourth day's play we saw Neil Adcock very gamely come out to bat with his foot in plaster of Paris. Everyone thought this was just to enable Endean to get his century, but how wrong can one be? Adcock propped up an end for over half an hour before he was skittled by Bailey for six, and the South African innings closed at 500, with Endean not out 116.

It seems now to be customary for the first English wicket to fall within the first six overs, and their second innings was no exception. When Lowson had gone we saw the beginning of a good stand by May, helped by Graveney, on whose beautiful style everyone remarked. May had the misfortune to be l.b.w. to Tayfield when in the "nervous nineties." After this there was nothing of note except a short but sweet 21 by Wardle, and some brilliant fielding by the South African captain, Jackie McGlew. Five minutes before we were

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due to leave to catch our train, we saw the M.C.C. all out for 256, leaving South Africa clear victors, much to the joy of all our party, except the masters, particularly Mr. Kendall, who is a Yorkshireman, as it made the rubber two-all.

We said good-bye very regretfully to Mr. Kendall, as he is now teaching in an English school. We returned home that night after what we all agreed was one of the best holidays any of us has had.

We wish Mr. Willoughby every good fortune on his next trip, which will be his honeymoon!

B. HERMAN (5A).

The Sailors' Help

High o'er the sea
The sea-gulls glide;
To ships in storms
They are a guide.
The sailors see them flying past,
And hope that land is near at last.

G. R. CAIRD (J6).

Autumn

The Autumn days are clear and bright
And russet leaves are now in sight.
The Winter days are drawing near
And welcome is the firelight's cheer.

The leaves come drifting down the lanes,
And frosted are the window-panes.
In gardens now the bonfires blaze,
And mellow is the Autumn haze.

I. W. KELLY (J6).

Killakee Estate

To Killakee we went one day,
Miss Williams and our class;
To study nature on the way
And pick things from the grass.

Our teacher brought us through the wood,
We studied leaves and fungi,
Collected all the things we could,
And had tea when hungry.

A. SQUIRES (J6).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

We record with regret the death of Mr. C. H. Darley, formerly Chairman of the Board of Governors. An appreciation appears elsewhere in this issue.

We welcome to the Staff Mrs. J. V. Stokes, B.A.; Mr. H. McConkey (Mod.), B.A.; Mr. K. Milne (Mod.), B.A.; Mr. S. O'Hanrahan, B.A. (Hons.) (N.U.I.); H.Dip.Ed. (Hons.), and Mr. A. P. R. Brook (Mod.), B.A. At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to Mr. J. S. Kendall, Mr. B. McHenry, and Mr. G. P. Leonard, who had left to take up other teaching positions.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Willoughby on his engagement and approaching marriage. Before this issue of "The Erasmian" appears in print the boys and Staff of the School will have made him a presentation as a token of esteem and affection.

Congratulations to Mr. Dillon on being elected to the Executive Committee of Ceol Chumann na nÓg.

We should like to thank Mrs. E. M. Stephens for presenting to the School a number of items which had belonged to her husband. A starling, mounted by the dramatist J. M. Synge; an Eskimo arrowhead, a bear's tooth, and a piece of natural copper have been added to the Natural History Collection in Miss Williams' Room. A notable feature of this collection has been a very large wasp's nest, kindly lent by Mr. Keatinge. Mrs. Stephens also gave us three books which had belonged to John Hatch, first owner of 40 Harcourt St., which he built about 1790. One of these books, "The Whole Duty of Man," was a school prize awarded in 1732.

A simple Remembrance Service was held in the School on November 11th, during which two Prefects placed wreaths on the War Memorial. The sum realised from the sale of poppies was £4 17s. 3d., the largest ever recorded in the School.

Rev. F. Webster Smith, of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, spoke to the boys about our "link" school, St. Joseph's, Chidya, of which he had formerly been Headmaster. The boys gave him a football to present to the

school and also £7, which they had collected by voluntary effort.

A conference of senior pupils in Dublin schools, organised by the Students' Christian Movement, was held in the School on November 25th. About 130 boys and girls heard and discussed a talk by the Rev. T. N. D. C. Salmon, B.D.

Four Sixth Form boys attended a conference on ordination held in Dublin at the end of June.

During term suitable groups of boys had the opportunity of seeing films sponsored by the Scripture Union, the Mission to Lepers, and the Central Remedial Clinic.

About thirty senior boys attended a Communion Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral on St. Michael's Day. Groups of younger boys attend Matins at 10 o'clock on the last Thursday of each month, and it is suggested that parents and Old Boys might care to join them occasionally.

The Prefects for 1955-56 are: A. M. Gann, T. T. West, J. D. R. Oakes, B. E. W. Dowse, A. R. L. Beck, E. H. Winter, M. H. Heatley, A. R. W. Hughes.

The Fifth Form Dance will be held in the Clockroom on Friday, 13th January, 1956.

The School is indebted to two Old Boys who presented equipment and chemical supplies from their private laboratories this term. I. R. McAulay presented a large number of items, including an excellent chemical balance and a set of standardised masses ("weights"). M. S. Burton also presented many items, including text and reference books for the science library.

J6 have produced a Form magazine of poems, articles, photos and paintings based on the visit they paid with Miss Williams to Killakee Estate. J5 have also produced a Form magazine on the subject of "The Seashore."

Among the visitors to the School during the Christmas term was Major J. H. Barbor, who was a pupil at the School from 1895 to 1906.

We Congratulate:—

N. P. D. Kilroy on playing for the Leinster Schools' XI against the Ulster Schools' XI, and for the Schools of Ireland XI against the

Leprechauns; also on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for cricket.

R. W. G. Hall on playing for the Leinster Schools' XV against Connacht Schools' XV; also on scoring two tries in the course of the game.

The Prize Distributions

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, 17th November. The Chairman was Mr. Albert Simmons, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was Mrs. L. V. Bishop.

In his report on the Junior School, 1954-55, the Headmaster said that he must begin on a note of sadness. Mr. E. M. Stephens, who had been the special speaker at the Junior Distribution in 1954, had died very suddenly a few months later. By his passing we had lost not only a conscientious and warm-hearted Governor, but also a very good friend of the Junior School. He had an extensive knowledge of Irish antiquities and folklore, and had put these freely at the disposal of the Junior School boys. By taking them to museums and art galleries, and interesting them in many things outside the normal school curriculum, he had done educational work of the utmost value. Mrs. Stephens had since presented to the School a number of his possessions, which would be a constant source of interest to the boys and a lasting memorial of a very good friend.

The Junior School was again full and several applications had to be refused. For the present year it had been decided to engage an additional lady teacher so as to leave the masters more free to take classes in the Senior School, and the School had been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. G. D. Stokes, B.A., who had high qualifications in Irish and was a trained teacher with several years' experience.

The new Scholarship Scheme had come into force during the last year, and for the first time boys in the Junior School had the opportunity of competing. In competition with the best boys of all the National Schools in Dublin they had won two of the eight awards, showing that the basic subjects were well and carefully taught in the Junior School. In addition, a wider curriculum was followed, and boys

were encouraged to take part in all the sporting activities of the School. The success of the Junior School was due to the conscientious work of the lady teachers and masters, and the Headmaster expressed his appreciation of their work, and, in particular, that of Mr. Evans and Miss Smyth, who bore most of the burden of organisation.

In conclusion, the Headmaster welcomed the Chairman, Mr. Simmons, and the special speaker, Mrs. L. V. Bishop.

The Chairman congratulated Dr. Reynolds on his report. As a Governor his interests had been centred on Galway Grammar School, an elder sister of The High School, and for parents living in the country who wished to send their boys to a boarding school he did not think they could do better than send them to Galway Grammar School. The Chairman then introduced Mrs. Bishop, who presented the prizes. A bouquet was given to her by the head boy of the Junior School, G. R. Caird.

Mrs. Bishop spoke to the boys about the city in which they lived. Some of them would be old before the plans now on view in the City Hall were completed, for these plans would take 40 years to carry out. She suggested that during the Christmas holidays they should look for traces of the older Dublin still remaining, and told them many interesting facts about the city—that the oak trees of Stoneybatter had been used to roof Westminster Hall; that town planning had begun in 1755 with the Wide Streets Commission; that in 1840 there were green fields on the east side of Harcourt Street, and a cottage where the station now stands; that the first stopping place of the Long Cars in Dublin had been in Harcourt Street—and many other facts of equal interest. Like St. Paul, they could say: "I am a citizen of no mean city."

The following items were then presented by the pupils:—

1. Form J5: Percussion Band and Song (Miss Williams).
2. Form J3: Choral Speaking (Miss Smyth).
3. Form J6: Percussion Band (Miss Williams).
4. Form J1: Songs (Miss Smyth).
5. Form J4: Songs and Percussion Band (Miss Williams).
6. Form J5: Dramatised Poem (Miss Smyth).

7. Form J2: Songs (Miss Blakeney) and Band (Miss Smyth).
8. Form J3: Songs (Miss Williams).
9. Form J6: Play: "The Caliph's in his Wardrobe": R. Hadlington (Miss Williams).

A display of Handwork and Painting (J1-J4) was given in Miss Blakeney's room, arranged by Miss Blakeney and Miss McClure.

The Distribution closed with a Hymn, and tea was served to visitors and boys.

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 18th November. The Chairman was Mr. C. Parker Glorney, Governor of the Erasmus Smith Schools, and the special speaker was the Right Rev. G. O. Simms, M.A., Ph.D., D.D., Lord Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

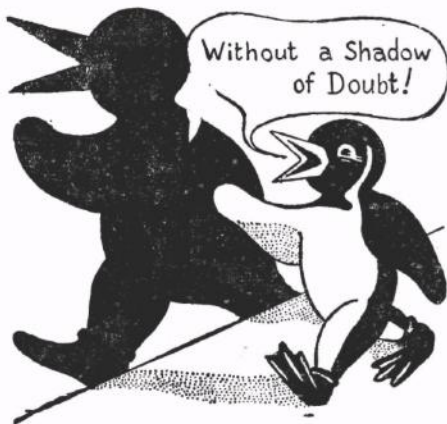
Before reading his report the Headmaster expressed his appreciation of the generosity of the Chairman in founding the Glorney Exhibition of annual value £50, which would be awarded at the end of this school year, and every year thereafter, to a meritorious pupil leaving school to continue his studies at a higher level elsewhere. By this generous gift the connection of the Chairman and of his brothers, George and Ernest, with their old school would be honourably perpetuated.

The Headmaster also expressed his appreciation of the generosity of the late Miss Bessie Bury, whose two brothers attended the School, in leaving in her will a bequest of a sum of money to establish a prize in English literature. This prize, of an annual value of about £8, would also be awarded for the first time at the end of the present school year.

In his report Dr. Reynolds referred to the purchase of the buildings and lands at Danum, Rathgar, and thanked the individual Governors who had spent many months working on the difficult problem of providing extra playing fields. Danum would become the property of the Governors next July and it was hoped that three rugby or cricket fields would be available there. Belgrave Square, however, would still be indispensable. It would have been impossible to finance this costly programme if the Governors had not had endowments which could be used as security for the initial capital outlay. But most schools in the Twenty-six Counties had no endowments to help them when they wished to build new class-rooms

or repair or modernise old rooms. Nor was there anywhere they could turn for aid. No central fund, no Government grant, no county or regional scheme existed to help our secondary schools either to renovate the buildings they possessed or make new ones. It was all the more galling for them to read of schools in Northern Ireland spending thousands of pounds on this essential work, knowing that two-thirds of the expenditure was borne by the Northern Government. Dr. Reynolds then made two concrete proposals to help our secondary schools. The first was that the Government should consider on what terms a grant could be made towards approved capital expenditure by secondary schools. The second was that, as an alternative, approved capital expenditure should be assisted by a loan from the State, free of interest and repayable by instalments over a number of years. In this way the schools would be helped over the first and immediate difficulty, and the ultimate burden would be transferred, through the fees, to the parents whose children would benefit by the improvements made.

Turning to the academic side of the school year the Headmaster reported an unusually successful year. All the results had been good, but especially those in the Trinity College Junior Exhibition and Sizarship Examinations. First place in this highly competitive examination was secured by D. J. Irwin. J. T. Killen, A. Thompson, and D. J. FitzPatrick also obtained awards. In addition FitzPatrick won a Sizarship in Mathematics, and Irwin and Thompson Sizarships in Experimental Science. This fine record—better than that of any other school this year, and one of the best that The High School had ever had—reflected the greatest credit on the boys themselves and on all the masters who taught them, and in particular on Mr. Graham and Mr. Gardner. These boys were all in their third year after the Intermediate Certificate, and this showed the obvious value of leaving boys at school for this extra year of advanced work. 15 boys passed the Matriculation Examination. Before leaving the Trinity College results the Headmaster mentioned the successes of Old Boys announced last Trinity Monday when Dr. C. F. G. Delaney was made a Fellow and four of the Foundation Sizarships were awarded to Old Boys (G. Clarke, I. R. McAuley, B. R. Wilkinson, J. R. Hautz).



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The results of the Intermediate Certificate again showed an improvement. 32 boys passed, 25 with Honours, S. H. Heaney obtaining full marks on the algebra paper. In Form 4A, 21 of the 22 candidates passed with Honours. In the Greek Testament Examinations A. M. Gann won the Silver Medal for first place in Ireland with the very unusual distinction of obtaining full marks. This was the fourth year in succession in which this medal had been won by a pupil of The High School, taught by Mr. O'Kane.

The various School games had been well supported. The Senior Rugby Team had been on the light side. The J.C.T. had a very successful season, and in their cup match were beaten by Castleknock College, eventual finalists, by a penalty goal scored near the end of the game. D. J. FitzPatrick, captain of the S.C.T., was awarded his Leinster Cap. The Senior Cricket Team reached the semi-final of the cup. N. P. D. Kilroy was chosen to play for Leinster Schools, and also for the Irish Schools against the Leprechauns. The Under 14, after a very good season, brought credit to the School by winning the Under 14 Cricket Cup under the captaincy of R. A. McDonnell.

The various functions and meetings of the Old Boys' Union and the Parents' Association were well attended during the year. An exhibition of hobbies had been organised on a competitive basis by the Parents' Association. 120 entries were submitted and the standard was extremely high. The new President of the Old Boys' Union was Mr. Ralph Walker. He won the coveted Old Boys' Cup in 1931, the first year that it was awarded, and it was particularly fitting that he should be at the Distribution to present the cup to its newest winner, D. J. FitzPatrick. Among its many other gestures of goodwill, the O.B.U. had sponsored the last two portraits of former Headmasters. With the unveiling of the portrait of Dr. Creswell, first Headmaster of the School, Mr. Wilson had completed his task, and Dr. Reynolds expressed his appreciation of the great contribution Mr. Wilson had made to the adornment of the Clockroom, and congratulated him on the success of his labours. The Headmaster appealed for any information that might be available about the School in Dr. Creswell's time, 1870-1879, as the records of that period were no longer in existence.

During the summer the Old Boys' Union

had lost its Patron, and the School a former Chairman of the Board of Governors by the death of Mr. C. H. Darley, who throughout his long life had retained an affection for his old School and served it conscientiously and well.

The Headmaster expressed his gratitude to his colleagues on the Staff, in particular Mr. Dillon and Mr. Evans, and extended a welcome to the new masters, Mr. McConkey, Mr. Milne, Mr. O'Hanrahan and Mr. Brook.

In conclusion, Dr. Reynolds welcomed the Lord Bishop of Cork and said how greatly honoured the School was that despite the pressure of many other duties, he should find time to come and speak at the Distribution.

The Chairman, Mr. Glorney, then presented the prizes. He congratulated the Headmaster and the Staff, and the prizewinners on their achievements. Those boys who did not win prizes should not be discouraged, for many famous men had been slow starters at school. For instance, Winston Churchill had been considered a dunce at Harrow where he was known as a very cheeky boy, always ready for a fight. The Chairman advised the boys to make all the friends they could while at school, and to take part in all sporting activities. Their school friends would be of great value to them later in life. A new era of great industrial progress was opening up and boys should prepare themselves and make themselves efficient so that they might earn a worthy part in it.

The Chairman then introduced the special speaker, the Lord Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

Dr. Simms spoke to the boys on the subject of time. Time was man-made and could become their master rather than their servant, but properly understood could help them to regulate their lives. Time, which was symbolised as an old man with a beard or as a winged chariot, would bring them many moments of crisis in the course of their lives, and they should prepare now so that they would be able to act when the moment of decision arrived. Time was not only measured by the clock, but there were eras and whole sweeps of time which could be understood only when considered with their venerable relative Eternity. This elderly relative gave a significance to moments and to acts. They should consider the period they would spend

at The High School as irreplaceable. What ought to be done in The High School era could never be done in the next era of their lives. The School was now 85 years old, and he now had the privilege of disclosing to their gaze the first Headmaster, the learned Doctor interested not only in knowledge but also in human nature. The boys should consider what they owed to the era which Dr. Creswell had inaugurated and which many famous men had continued in that place. Dr. Simms then unveiled the portrait of Dr. Creswell, painted by Mr. W. R. Wilson, F.R.S.A.

The President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Ralph Walker, said that the O.B.U. was indebted to Dr. Reynolds for being allowed to take part in this great school event. Mr. Walker then told the boys two entertaining stories about a master on the staff when he was at school, revealing in the end that, as many in the audience had guessed, the master concerned was Mr. Evans. It was one of the happiest events for an Old Boy of his generation, said Mr. Walker, to come back to the School and meet Mr. Evans, Mr. Dillon, and

Mr. Wilson. He then presented the Old Boys' Cup to David FitzPatrick, who had distinguished himself both at work and games, winning an Interprovincial Rugby Cap. A better choice could not have been made.

The Prize Distribution concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop of Cork, after which visitors were entertained to tea.

Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens have been awarded to J. D. R. Oakes and W. G. Fisher for the best contributions to the June, 1955, issue. These prizes are the gift of the Old Boys' Union.

Erasmian Committee

The Editorial Committee of "The Erasmian" invites Old Boys to write to the Editor, giving news of their whereabouts and activities that would be of interest to their contemporaries.

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SPECIAL PRIZES

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Dr. William Warnock's Prizes in Irish—K. W. Reeves, N. S. Butler.

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Erasmus Prizes (O.B.U.)—J. T. Killen, E. H. Winter, J. D. R. Oakes, C. W. Fox, W. G. Fisher.

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Brooke Prize—Mathematics: A. P. R. Brook.

Emilie (Maffett) Harmsworth Exhibition: A. Clarke.

Cocker Prize (Organic Chemistry) — M. S. Burton.

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First Entrance Scholarship—D. J. G. Irwin.

Sizarship in Mathematics—D. J. FitzPatrick.

Sizarships in Experimental Science—D. J. G. Irwin, A. Thompson.

First Class Junior Exhibition—J. T. Killen.

Second Class Junior Exhibition—A. Thompson.

Harris Prize—D. J. FitzPatrick.

Thompson Exhibition—J. T. Killen.

High School Exhibition—Divided between A. Thompson, D. J. FitzPatrick and R. L. Berman.

John Bennett Memorial Prize—J. T. Paul.

Term Honor Examinations

I. R. McAulay (J.S.)—Experimental Science (2nd Rank).

B. R. Wilkinson (J.S.)—French (2nd Rank).

C. C. Walker (S.F.)—Mathematics (1st of 1st Rank).

G. Clarke (S.F.)—Mathematics (2nd Rank).

N. H. K. Armstrong (S.F.)—Experimental Science (3rd Rank).

G. A. Watt (J.F.)—Mathematics (2nd Rank).

C. B. Warren (J.F.)—Experimental Science (3rd Rank).

R. A. Q. Skerrett (J.F.)—Old Irish (3rd Rank).

Final Freshman Examination

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Matriculation

J. R. Keogh (distinction), R. L. Schlesinger, C. K. Oon, G. S. G. Lewis, A. Waterhouse, A. R. W. Hughes, J. G. Fish, N. D. Knowles, J. E. Clarke, C. W. Fox, S. Hayes, C. G. Hyland, F. N. O'Keefe, J. P. Williams, R. R. Wilson.

Entrance to Engineering School

J. T. Paul (2nd Place), M. S. Haskins, G. H. Bleakley, P. D. W. Piel, E. G. Batt.

Other Examinations

The Albert College, Glasnevin—Scholarship (£50)—S. Hayes.

Incorporated Law Society of Ireland—Final Examination—G. A. Henderson.

Institute of Cost and Works Accountants—Intermediate Examination—J. M. Blair.

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Our Thirteenth Session has got off to a good start with our highest ever membership and we look forward to a good season for 1955-56.

We certainly commenced the new term well, for the Hobbies Exhibition was a great success. 120 entries were received and the variety of hobbies exemplified was staggering; the judges had the greatest difficulty in selecting the prize-winning exhibits. The interest shown, will, we feel, encourage more boys to participate next year and future years so that the annual Hobbies Exhibition will become a recognised feature of The High School year.

May we hope that we shall have good attendance figures at each of our meetings, not only out of courtesy to the speakers who have gone to considerable trouble in preparing material, but also as encouragement and support for the Committee, which labours mightily to arrange attractive functions. As an experiment, meetings this season are to be held on different days of the week, so that we may have present parents, who previously found Wednesday evening inconvenient. At our November meeting it was gratifying to see a number of new faces and we trust that this trend may continue.

At the time of writing, two meetings are behind us, viz., the Annual General Meeting and that in November, when Messrs. D. McLean and A. W. Groves spoke on "Banking" and "Insurance," respectively. The first-mentioned followed traditional lines, the general background of matters raised by parents being "Sport." The Headmaster and Mr. Lowry gave much information regarding all the points. A number of suggestions of subjects for future occasions were put forward and endeavour will be made, as far as possible, to put these into effect. The "double feature" evening on "Banking and Insurance" proved to be most interesting and instructive. Besides answering questions during the evening, both speakers very kindly

offered to assist parents by further advice and information in particular instances.

Among the suggestions received for future meetings were some for "Open Sessions" on the lines of that during the Annual General Meeting; and so I am led to set out a few personal thoughts on this subject. It would be advantageous, I feel, for us as parents of High School boys, to have from time to time a general discussion on school affairs, but this should be on a much higher level than that of the A.G.M. In fact, I believe that the majority of points raised on such occasions would be more suitable for examination by the Committee, which could, as necessary, go into matters with the School Authorities.

A fuller understanding and appreciation of each other's problems and difficulties could come from an exchange of ideas and opinions and it might well be that, from this, both parents and teachers could gain ideas and help to the ultimate benefit of all those who, in any way, are associated with the School. To give a lead on such an occasion, I think that one or two parents and a like number of teachers might express, without fear or favour, their views on education and thereafter the audience could comment and put forward their own ideas or suggestions. These, of course, would need to be in general terms and should certainly be constructive in character.

It may not be possible to arrange a meeting of this kind during the current session, but it will be borne in mind for possible experiment at our next Annual General Meeting.

Alas! I am not able to publish the dates of our meetings in the New Year at the time of writing. I can only rely on the boys handing over the circulars in good time.

On behalf of the Committee, to all parents, to Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds, and to all members of the School Staff, not forgetting the boys, I offer hearty good wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and a Bounteous New Year. And now!—to our cap and bells!

Yours sincerely,

G. F. BELLIS,

Hon. Secretary.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines:—C.A.I., The Columban, The Dalriad, Portora.

The Hobbies Exhibition

On Saturday the 17th of September the first High School Hobbies Exhibition was held in the Clockroom. This was a new venture, sponsored by the Parents' Association and was unanimously proclaimed a great success. This success, of course, was due in no small measure to the wonderful organising ability of Mr. Evans, who arranged the various entries in their different classes and sections.

The models and collections were brought by the boys to the school on the Friday afternoon, and were placed in their respective positions. Later on in the evening a group of Old Boys carefully examined the entries, and after much thought arrived at very satisfactory decisions as to the prize-winners. I might mention here that it must have been a most difficult task for them, as the exhibits were so varied, and each one, in the opinion of the judges, worthy of a prize. There were first and second prizes awarded in each section, and a number that were highly commended. These received monetary prizes. There were also merit certificates. When a boy has acquired three merit certificates he is entitled to a prize of ten shillings.

On Saturday afternoon the Clockroom was crowded with parents, teachers, friends and, of course, boys. One of the most outstanding exhibits was a full-sized dinghy, which looked perfectly built. There was a very well-made chest of drawers and a bedside locker, several meccano models and a miniature Emmet locomotive. The mothers who were there seemed to give most of their attention to the Christmas cake, and the pair of hand-knitted baby's booties, and their admiration for the boys who had braved the teasing of their classmates knew no bounds. A painting of Croagh Patrick was admired, and also a miniature island, which must have entailed a great deal of work. There were some really splendid collections of stamps, shells, insects and coins.

One of the major attractions of the Exhibition was the display in Mr. Goulden's room of his archæological finds on Aran Island. On going into the room one was given a leaflet, describing some of the work carried out on the island. On one wall there were some very fine photographs of his many finds, and in the centre of the room, on a table, was a model of Oighill III, built by a member of the expedition. Visitors to the room were very interested in

Mr. Goulden's account of his work and in the various objects of archæological interest which he had brought back with him.

We are indeed grateful to the Parents' Association for inaugurating the Hobbies Exhibition, thereby giving us the chance to see how other lads employ their spare time.

N. C. J. POPE (5A).

The School in Dr. Creswell's Day

The following letter was written at Christmas, 1875, by some pupils of the School to Mr. W. J. Clarke, who was then one of the Masters. Mr. Clarke afterwards became Rector of Zion Church.

"This small present we (Forms 3 and 2B) give to you as a small token of the kind way in which you behaved to us, and also the trouble you took in teaching us during the past year.

The following are the names of those who subscribed: F. G. Aldwell, R. Ardery, H. A. Caldwell, W. J. Clarendon, E. C. Hardman, W. R. Higgins, K. Homan, S. H. W. O'Sullivan, W. McM. Overend, F. R. Powell, G. P. Richardson, S. A. Seale, S. R. Smithson, H. J. R. Thornbury, W. H. Turner, A. D. Wilson, R. P. Wyatt, F. D. Young."

The letter is signed "Gilbert, H. W."

Mr. Clarendon has mentioned the names of the following Masters and boys who were with him at the School in Dr. Creswell's day. Mr. Thomas Foster taught mathematics; Mr. Smeethe, a tall thin man, taught drawing; Mr. Cooney, who taught in the School for many years, looked after a group of boarders in a house on the opposite side of Harcourt Street; Rev. Oscar Krahmer, a big, stout man of German birth, taught German for a few hours daily. Mr. Clarendon describes Dr. Creswell as a jocular, good-humoured man, with a twinkle in his eye; he taught English literature and history. The porter was nicknamed "Moses"; he was a little bent old man with a long beard, and when he rang the bell was popularly regarded as "calling in the dead."

An older contemporary of Mr. Clarendon was C. F. D'Arcy, afterwards Primate. Other boys were the two Seales (Westmoreland Street); Jack Stevenson (later House Master at Bedford) and his brother Jack, an engineer; two Indian boys, sons of Professor Alud Ali, of Dublin University; two brothers Rogerson,

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The School records of Dr. Creswell's régime (1870-79) are no longer in existence, and the Headmaster would be grateful for any other information, however small, that could be given about this period.

SAMUEL FRANCIS CRESWELL

Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, B.A. (Sen. Opt.), 1859, M.A. 1862, *ad eund.* Dublin and B.D. 1871, D.D. (T.C.D.) 1876; F.R.G.S. and F.R.A.S.

Ordained Deacon 1860, Priest 1861 by Archbishop of Canterbury.

Master of the Modern Side in Tonbridge School, 1859-62; Curate of Hildenborough, 1860-62; Third Master of Durham Cathedral School, 1862-65; Acting Head Master of Lancaster Grammar School and Curate-in-charge of Christ Church, Lancaster, 1865-66; Head Master Dartford Grammar School and Chaplain St. Mary's Home, Stone, Kent, 1866-70; Curate of Castleknock and Clonsilla, 1870-77; First Principal of The High School, Dublin, 1870-79; Rector of Northrepps, Norwich, 1879.

Founder and Treasurer of the Dublin Diocesan Union of Church Choirs, 1871-76; President of the Literary Teachers' Friendly Society, 1877-79; Secretary to the first Conference of Protestant Headmasters, 1878-79.

Contributor to *Annals of Nottinghamshire*, 1852-55, 4 vols.; Author of *Collections towards the History of Printing in Nottinghamshire*, 1863, and of *Notes on the Early Typography of Nottinghamshire*, in Allen's *Illustrated Handbook*, 1866.

Lending Library

We are grateful to Miss R. Darley for a gift of books which belonged to her father, Mr. C. H. Darley; also to an Old Boy, Mr. J. M. Barron (1900-1910) for a gift of German books to the Library. To M. C. Kennedy (Form 5A) for 9 William books and to D. W. Rowell (Form 1A) for 2 William books.

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Vice-Capt.: M. R. H. Taylor.
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SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1955

Standing—L. J. Hudson, J. G. Fish, D. D. Roy, Mr. Lowry, J. D. Ridgeway, J. S. McCready, M. F. McDonough.

Sitting—Mr. Cornish, R. W. G. Hall, N. P. D. Kilroy, J. P. Williams (Capt.), T. T. West, A. R. W. Hughes, Dr. Reynolds.

Cricket

This year the senior team has had a very successful season. Their most enjoyable match was that against St. Mary's College in the second round of the Cup. There were many anxious moments before victory was finally clinched. Unfortunately, in the third round, we were decisively beaten by Masonic, who went on to qualify for the final. Bad running between the wickets helped materially towards our downfall in this match. Our annual fixture

versus the Old Boys proved a very exciting match. The match was finally drawn with the game swinging round in the school's favour.

The J.C.T. had a very satisfactory season. They were rarely defeated but unfortunately their second round Cup match was included in their few defeats. The team was evenly balanced, with almost everyone capable of making runs. This does not mean that the team's strength lay in its batting, for the side possessed a number of successful bowlers also.

The "Under 13" team played a number of matches with considerable success. This side showed a good deal of promise and we hope to see it retain the Cup gained for us this year by our "Under 14" team.

Finally we come to the "Under 14" team itself. This side is, at the moment, the pride of the School. For the very first time in the School's history, our "Under 14" team has won the league. This side displayed great talent and is extremely keen, and perhaps its most outstanding feature was its splendid team spirit. Never has there been a more exciting

match than the final of the competition, when the result was not clear until the very last ball. This victory was only a fitting reward for the grand cricket played by the side. People have said that cricket is a good game to play but not to watch, but anyone who has seen the Cup winners play could never accuse them of providing dull cricket.

This year's School captain, J. P. Williams, and N. Kilroy, vice-captain, were granted Leinster Schools' Trials and N. Kilroy subsequently played for Leinster and also for the "Schools of Ireland."

N. K.



UNDER 14 TEAM, 1955

Standing—C. P. Williams, W. B. Lyster, A. C. Newell, Mr. Leeson, B. C. Johnson, M. W. Taylor, V. C. Kelly.

Sitting—Mr. Cornish, P. R. S. Kelly, W. J. Hogan, R. A. McDonnell, A. P. Burgess, B. McClay, Mr. Willoughby.

Rugby

This year the senior team, after a rather disappointing start, has settled down to play very constructive open rugby. As is customary, the main fault is the lack of size and weight. The team, however, is keeping up the reputation gained for us in previous years, the reputation of fighting back, even though the game appears to be lost. So far, five out of 11 matches have been won, four of these were gained in successive games very recently. Although the pack is small and light, its

enthusiastic approach has taken many a heavier eight by surprise. The back division is very efficient and dangerous when in action, and has more than held its own against other teams.

The J.C.T. this year is a little disappointing as a team. Lack of size again is an unfortunate drawback, although the pack is heavier than usual. We hope to see an improvement before the Cup matches, and in the meantime, the team is getting all the extra training that is possible.

This year the "Under 14" has turned out to be a rather competent team, being equally strong in both backs and forwards. Although competent, the team has a number of faults which only time will rectify.

The "Under 13" and "Under 12" teams are progressing steadily. The "Under 13" particularly has had a pretty extensive programme, being one of the busiest teams in the School.

So far the "Under 11" has had only one match, against Belvedere, and was defeated by only 3 (three) points. The "Under 10" has not been in action yet, but we hope to see it display its ability just before Christmas.

We are very pleased to congratulate the School captain, R. W. G. Hall, on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' XV against Connacht.

N. K.

Tennis

There was great enthusiasm amongst all players this year, as has always been the case. As the main object of tennis in the School is to provide amusement for those interested, we do not participate in competitive events with other schools. However, our annual match with the mothers is a fixture which is enjoyed by all, and from which the School emerged victorious this year. The championships were held as usual at the end of term, and the following were the results:—

The Sealy Cup (Senior)—J. D. R. Oakes.

The Junior Cup—G. W. Davidson.

Senior Handicap Doubles—R. W. G. Hall and J. D. R. Oakes.

Junior Handicap Doubles—D. A. A. Fleetwood and R. C. Graves.

J. D. R. O.

Swimming

The Swimming Club held its Annual Gala on the 14th October, 1955. It was a great success owing to the wonderful organisation of Mr. P. J. O'Kane, Mr. S. S. Evans, and members of the staff and boys.

The main results of the Gala were:—

Senior Championship—W. B. Usher.

Junior Championship—G. W. Davidson.

House Squadron—Harcourt.

We should like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds for supporting our Gala, and also Mr. Myles who acted as starter.

Wesley Old Boys were our visitors in a very entertaining polo match, in which victory went to them. This year we entered an Intermediate Squadron in the Leinster Championships. We reached the semi-final, but we were beaten by strong opposition. However, we will try again next year.

There has been a bigger attendance at the Iveagh Baths this year, and life-saving classes have been started.

J. D. R.

Boxing

This season we have had an improved attendance, and interest in the Club has also increased. Under the training of Mr. Myles the boys have shown considerable keenness and a strong boxing team is taking shape. It was therefore only fitting that this year's annual tournament received such support, both from boys and parents.

The 17th Annual Championships were held in the Clockroom on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1955. We welcomed boys from Sandford Park School, who boxed in four weights against unopposed champions and made the evening more interesting.

We were glad to have Mr. George Carroll back with us again, as he was unable to referee last season owing to illness. We would also like to thank four former captains, Messrs. G. W. Keegan, M. A. Cole, W. M. Gregory and M. S. Haskins, and all those officials who gave of their time and contributed to the success of the tournament.

The officers elected for this season were:— Captain, N. A. Adam; Vice-Captain, D. G. Gregory; Secretary, D. R. Dagg.

Results:—

Novice Champions

5 st. 0 lbs.—B. M. B. Allman bt. V. J. Robinson.

5 st. 7 lbs.—M. C. Killen bt. D. P. Miller.

5 st. 7 lbs.—M. C. Gorman bt. J. D. Bellis.

6 st. 7 lbs.—L. N. Coombs bt. Rd. A. Talbot.

7 st. 7 lbs.—S. T. Mason bt. E. Reid.

7 st. 7 lbs.—K. A. Gregory bt. G. D. Hudson.

10 st. 0 lbs.—A. R. MacKay bt. R. B. Boyce.

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- 8 st. 0 lbs.—D. G. Gregory bt. I. Haskins.
8 st. 7 lbs.—D. J. Halliday bt. R. A. Buttimore.
9 st. 7 lbs.—D. R. Dagg bt. W. S. Gibney.

Additional Bouts

- 6 st. 0 lbs.—M. Fine (S.P.S.B.C.) bt. J. B. Grier (H.S.D.).
9 st. 0 lbs.—J. H. Hartly (H.S.D.) bt. C. Mansfield.
10 st. 7 lbs.—N. A. Adam (Capt. of H.S.D.) bt. P. S. White (S.P.S.B.C.).
11 st. 0 lbs.—B. A. Dennis (H.S.D.) bt. A. S. MacKenzie (S.P.S.B.C.).

Result of Inter-House Competition:—Belgrave, 49 pts.; Harcourt, 27 pts.; Abbey, 24 pts.

D. R. D.

Athletics

The Junior School Sports, at which Mrs. Reynolds presented the prizes, were held at Belgrave Square, on Wednesday, 22nd June, and were a great success. The Senior School Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, 25th June. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. M. H. G. Ellis, wife of the Chairman of the Board of Governors. The following were the main results:—War Memorial Cup, J. G. Fish; Junior Cup, W. S. A. Gibney and R. C. Graves; Moore Cup, J. G. Fish; Magill Cup, W. S. A. Gibney; Lord Holmpatrick Cup, Abbey House. Abbey completed a fine double by winning the Senior House Relay.

We look forward to an interesting and promising season in 1956, when we hope to send some boys forward for the Leinster School Sports.

M. McC.

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OLD BOYS' UNION

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 21st October, 1955; the President, Mr. J. Esmond Allen, in the Chair. The attendance, which included many younger members, was above the average of former years.

The Hon. Secretaries' report for the year (October, 1954 to October, 1955) was received with satisfaction by all present. The following are items of note taken from it :—

36 new members were enrolled during the year, the largest number for a long time.

The President, Mr. J. Esmond Allen, had a most successful year. He was in the Chair at all our social functions and represented this Union at many of the functions given by our kindred associations. We look forward to his assistance on the Committee for many years to come.

The Annual Dance was held in the Metro-pole Ballroom on Saturday, 6th November, 1954, and once again a large attendance had a most enjoyable evening.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 15th January, 1955; 195 members and guests sat down to dinner. The principal guest was Major W. White, Headmaster of Coleraine Academical Institution.

A Spring Dance was added to our list of social functions this year; it was held in the Gresham Hotel Ballroom on Friday, 18th March, 1955, and an attendance of 280 had a most enjoyable evening.

The Ladies' Night was held in the Mills Hall on Saturday, 28th April, 1955; there were 65 present. This is a function deserving of much greater support.

The attendances at the Committee meetings were the highest on record.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the formation of a London Branch. A Dinner will be held in London on the eve of the England v. Ireland International at Twickenham on 11th February, 1956.

The Old Boys' Union joined with the Parents' Association in presenting a film projector to the School.

A cheque for £10 was sent to the Lord Mayor's Flood Fund for the North Strand.

The Old Boys' Union is presenting prizes to the School for a General Knowledge Contest and also for a swimming race.

We congratulate the "Under 14" cricket team on winning the league final. They and their opponents, Mountjoy, will be entertained by the O.B.U. in the near future.

The Hon. Treasurer reported an excess of income over expenditure of £31 12s. 7d. for the year.

The election of Hon. Officers and Committee for 1955-56 resulted as follows :—

President—Mr. R. J. Walker.

Vice-President—Dr. R. W. Reynolds.

Hon. Secretaries—W. G. Booker, 6 Gledswood Close, Roebuck Road, Clonskea, Co. Dublin; C. G. Morton, 50 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin.

Hon. Treasurer—E. W. Frith, 9 Goatstown Ave., Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

Committee—F. E. Tate, R. R. Caldwell, W. G. Kirkpatrick, G. W. Keegan, T. D. Murphy, F. E. Tate, P. R. Walker, B. R. Wilkinson, R. P. Willis, and D. J. FitzPatrick (winner of the Old Boys' Cup, 1955).

Sports and Social Honorary Secretaries—G. W. Griffin and A. W. M. Cooper, Rugby; J. A. Bell, R. M. Mahon, and J. L. Wilding, Cricket; S. S. Evans, Golf; B. E. P. Hennessey and R. H. C. Walshe, Athletics; C. G. Morton, W. G. Booker, and R. M. Mahon, Dance; R. G. Gibson, Hockey.

The Annual Dinner, 1956

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 21st January, 1956. If you intend being present, please advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, on or before 14th January, 1956.

Adelaide Hospital Scheme

Members who are not already subscribers are asked to send a subscription for this fund to the Hon. Treasurer, E. W. Frith.

Letter from the President

To the Editor, "THE ERASMIAN."

Dear Sir,

It has been the practice for many years now for the President of the Old Boys' Union to send to you a letter for publication in "The Erasman" at this season of the year. The Old Boys having entrusted me this year with this high office, an honour which I greatly appreciate, I propose to follow in the footsteps of my illustrious predecessors.

Twenty-five years ago when I received the

been impressed on hearing the Headmaster's report that such success should continue to favour the School. Those of us who wondered what would happen upon the death of Dr. Bennett and how the high standard he had set could be maintained need have had no doubts—the answer is that Dr. Reynolds and a Staff, to whom he has paid a very high tribute, have gone forward from where Dr. Bennett left off.

I am happy to tell our members that the relations between the School and the Union were never better and I hope that during my period of office the same close unity and co-



Mr. Ralph Walker, president of The Old Boys' Union, presenting the Old Boys' Cup to D. J. FitzPatrick.

[Courtesy Irish Times]

Old Boys' Cup, then being presented for the first time, from the hand of the late Mr. Rupert Jeffares he welcomed me to the Old Boys' Union. Since that day I heard him on many occasions advocate the importance to the Union of the younger Old Boys upon whom the future success or failure of the Union largely depended.

To-day the Union, like the school, is in a flourishing condition and all those who like myself had the pleasure of attending the Annual Prize Distribution this year must have

operation may continue. We owe a great deal to each other without which both would be the poorer.

If I do not mention the Old Boys' Adelaide Hospital Scheme I will not be able to face Mr. H. E. P. Anderson again and so I hope that this year every member will send some contribution, however small, either to me at 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, or to our Treasurer, Ernie Frith, at 9 Goatstown Ave., Dundrum. I assure them that I will do my part to make this year a good one for this scheme.

Finally, I do hope that those members who have never come to the Dinner will come this year, for I know they will enjoy it; if any have forgotten us for some years I hope they will come again not only to this but to any other Union function that is held during the year.

With God's Blessing and the full co-operation and support of all our members this will be a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,
RALPH J. WALKER.

London Dinner

A London Dinner will be held on Friday evening, 10th February, 1956 (the eve of the England-Ireland Rugby match at Twickenham) at Overseas House, St. James', London, S.W.1.

Details will be circulated in January next, but any Old Boy who is interested and who does not receive a notice is asked to write direct to: P. J. Custis, 20 Foxhills Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, Staffs. Telephone Wolverhampton 37852.

Golf Report

A.S.U. Cup, Dollymount, 9th June, 1955: Winners were Castle Park with 293. We were 6th with 309. In 1954 we won with 291.

O.B.U. Cup, Grange, 8th September: F. E. Tate, 75 (9), 66. Harry Bunbury Cup: W. A. J. Leary, 92 (20), 72; runner-up: W. H. Taylor, 82 (8), 74. Best Gross: G. F. Cole, 81. 1st Nine: G. B. Butler, 41 (7½), 33½. Visitors: J. S. Pickering, 83 (13), 70.

F. E. Tate has won the O.B.U. Cup for the past three years. In recognition of this the Committee presented him with a School Shield.

U.I.S. Shield, Milltown, 22nd September: Winners were Belvedere with 134½. Our team returned as follows: F. E. Tate and G. A. Cole, 77; J. E. Allen and J. Bell, 77; W. H. Taylor and M. A. Cole, 77. Subs. were: G. F. Cole, R. A. Motyer and G. H. Priestman.

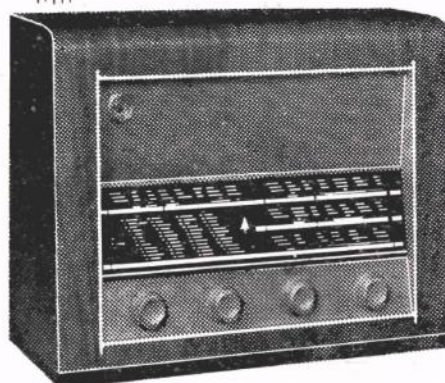
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The Headmaster,
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Dear Sir,

I do not know if there is any Old Boys' organisation at the High School, but in case there should be, I thought it might be of interest to record the death, on September 26th, of my father, Robert Charles Day-Lewis (name changed later by deed poll to Warrick), aged 72. He spent all his school years at The High School, leaving about 1898 or 1899. He won many prizes in athletics and scholastic subjects and must have received a very good education in the days of "Billy Wilkins" for his wife and five children, his business associates and friends have often likened themselves to the rustics ranged around "and still they gazed and still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew." And so much of that dated from his days at Dublin High School.

Some of our happiest memories of him relate to a holiday in Dublin in 1951, his first visit since the advent of motor-cars, when we re-visited many scenes connected with his boyhood. How he enjoyed standing and gazing through the railings at the boys playing in the same playground that he had so often romped in! He showed us a corner where some wild game called "high-cockalorum" was played!!

Dublin High School helped to mould a wonderful father and a very fine man—Floreat D.H.S.!

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES WARRICK,

M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., F.F.R.

R. E. McGuire, C.M.G., O.B.E.

(1914-20)

In "Who's Who" you may read that Robert Ely McGuire, M.A., of T.C.D., entered the Indian Civil Service in 1926; that among various appointments he had been a judge of the High Court of Judicature in Rangoon; that during the recent war he had been Deputy Director of Civil Affairs to the Burma Govern-

ment with the rank of Brigadier; and that he was Secretary to the Governor of Burma from 1947 till the handing over of power to the Burmese Republic in 1948. But it was over an excellent curry at his Club, the East India and Sports, that I heard the more colourful details which "Who's Who" cannot be expected to carry.

With the Japs only two hours away, one of his tasks, for instance, was to supervise the destruction of all Burmese oil well installations. Then there was that memorable trek of 20,000 British, Indians and Anglo-Burmans, fleeing before the invading Japs through Northern Burma to Assam. It was a fearsome journey—through trackless forests, floods, and over mountains—and 10 per cent. of those who set out died before reaching Assam.

—*Irish Tatler and Sketch*, Oct., 1955.

A.S.U.

On Sunday, 5th February, 1956, a Sportsmen's Service will be held in the Abbey Presbyterian Church, Parnell Square. Dr. Jack Kyle will give an address.

Cecil Hastings Darley

Cecil Darley and his brother Bernard were members of a large family who lived with their widowed mother in the family place, Ferney, Stillorgan. Both were educated at The High School. The younger brother, Bernard, went from there to Cooper's Hill to train as an engineer. Thence he was sent to India where he did a capable life work, being the engineer who was responsible for the great Sirdar Canal which now irrigates a countryside as large as Wales. In recognition of his services he was not only knighted but also was made a "Companion of the British Indian Empire."

Cecil, after a brilliant career in Dublin University, joined the Irish Bar, of which his father had been a distinguished member. He was much interested in all that concerned social welfare and when the National Health Insurance Scheme came into operation, became chairman of the Union Friendly Society, one of the approved societies which at that time were operating the Insurance Act. In view of the interest he had shown in the work and his skill in it, he was offered the position of Chief Inspector for the purpose of

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implementing the Health Insurance Scheme in Ireland. In accepting this post he retired from the Irish Bar and carried out his duties under the British and Irish Governments, respectively, with great acceptance, retiring when he had reached the age limit. Amid his work he retained a deep interest in all that concerned The High School, whether it was in its classrooms or its playing fields. That such was appreciated was shown by his being appointed Chairman of the Erasmus Smith Board.

Cecil Darley was a man of cultured mind and conversation. His sympathies were widespread and he took a deep interest in all human affairs. He could have said "*Nihil humanum a me alienum*." His courtesy and charm of manner ever attracted people to him. He took much interest in church affairs and frequently read the Lesson in his church at Carrickmines. His beautifully modulated voice and the interpretation he gave to the Scriptures by the manner in which he read them were very noticeable. As husband and father he was a constant witness to the power of wisdom and love in transforming a household into a lovely home. He has left the record of a noble life which is an inspiration to all who share in the privileges which The High School offers for their education. E. H. L-C.

News of Old Boys

D. G. P. Abbott (1946-54) and W. M. Gregory (1946-52) have been awarded their colours by D.U. Boxing Club at welterweight and lightweight, respectively.

N. S. Allen (1912-15) has been elected President of the Association of Referees, Ulster Branch, I.R.F.U.

S. N. M. Bayly (1948-53) is studying agriculture in Northern Ireland.

G. L. Beatty (1947-54) won the Intermediate Cup at H.M.S. Conway Sports, 1955, being 1st in the 100 yds., 1st in the 440 yds. and 1st in the high jump. At the same sports D. M. Johnston (1946-53) won the Senior Sports Cup, being 1st in the 100 yds., 1st in the 220 yds., and 1st in the 440 yds. race.

E. H. Bodell (1940-44) was a member of the Gentlemen of Ireland XI against Scotland.

C. A. Boyle (1922-31) has been elected President of the Leinster Branch, I.R.F.U., and member of the Irish Selection Committee.

M. S. Burton (1940-50) has been appointed to the Paints Division, I.C.I., Slough, England.

Rev. A. H. Butler, M.A., M.B.E. (1920-26), Rector of Monkstown, preached by invitation in Westminster Abbey on Sunday, 28th August, 1955.

J. F. Buttmore (1949-54) has joined the Staff of the Representative Church Body.

W. J. L. Clarendon (1874-78), of 2 Eaton Road, Terenure, is believed to be the most senior Old Boy now living. He was at school under the first Headmaster, Dr. Creswell, and then entered the Provincial Bank, from which he retired in 1928. His two sons were also pupils of the School.

J. S. Dawson (1951-54) has obtained the L.R.A.M. teacher's diploma, and has been appointed to the Staff of the Read Pianoforte School. He is also organist and choir master at St. Stephen's Church, Dublin.

Dr. C. F. G. Delaney, F.T.C.D. (1936-42) is this year's President of the D.U. Experimental Science Association. The subject of his inaugural address was "The Physics of Small Nations."

R. W. Dobbryn (1949-53) was awarded his colours for rugby, cricket and athletics at R.A.F. Station, Halton.

Rev. J. C. Duggan, B.D. (1928-36) has been installed as Rector of St. Paul's, Glenageary. He was previously Rector of Portarlington.

B. Duncan (1947-53) has gone to Kenya where he has been appointed Inspector in the Police.

D. O'D. Ferris (1953) has been elected Secretary; J. R. Hautz (1947-53), Treasurer, and C. B. Warren (1946-54), member of Council of the University Philosophical Society, T.C.D.

D. B. W. Good (1915-25) has been appointed Puisne Judge, Federation of Malaya.

R. H. Haskins (1948-54) has been successful in the examination for First Class Clerkships in Messrs. A. Guinness, Son & Co., Ltd.

R. F. Kyle (1935-44) has been promoted Senior Scientific Officer at the Admiralty.

D. R. Moody (1946-54) is a Cadet in the School of Navigation, University of Southampton. During a recent inspection of the School by the Mayor of Southampton, Mrs. M. O'Higgins, a native of Dublin, Cadet Moody, as a fellow Dubliner, was appointed her aide-de-camp.

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Rev. E. C. T. Perdue (1941-48) was ordained priest at an Ordination Service in Christ Church Cathedral in July last.

Rev. R. J. Ross, M.A., B.D. (1923-28), Principal of the Church of Ireland Training College, has been appointed Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

B. J. Stewart (1945-53), having spent a year at Gurteen Agricultural College, is now farming in Wicklow.

Rev. E. D. R. Simms (1936-44) is not rector of Carnmoney Parish, Co. Antrim, as was stated in the June issue of "The Erasmian," but Curate-assistant of Carnmoney Parish, in charge of the District of Rathcoole. [We apologise to Mr. Simms for any inconvenience this error may have caused.—Editor.]

R. D. Williams (1941-48) is House Surgeon at the Hull Royal Infirmary.

Marriages

Reg. Armstrong (1940-44) to Rosemary Adams, December 3rd, 1955.

Herbert Leslie Drew (1939-42) to Irene Coath, July 7th, 1955.

Desmond Grant Duff (1935-42) to Gillian Vera Hilbery, October 1st, 1955.

Brendan Hennessey (1925-29) to Hilda Dowling, September 27th, 1955.

Rev. William George Leach (1939-45) to Rosamund Virginia Beatty, July 8th, 1955, at Jefferson, Ontario, Canada.

Norman Seton Montgomery (1938-47) to Vera Florence Browne, September 1st, 1955.

John Gordon Palmer (1936-44) to Mai Christine O'Loughlin, August 27th, 1955.

Deaths

John McCormick Caldwell (1924-32), Assistant Director of Medical Services in Uganda, October 11th, 1955.

Cecil Hastings Darley (1888-97), Chairman of the Board of Governors, July 12th, 1955.

George Viviliers Jourdan, Litt.D., D.D. (1882-3), Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Dublin University, December 8th, 1955.

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