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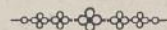
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EDITORIAL

WE have now come to the dullest part of the year, a time when we are emerging from winter and waiting for spring and are not sure in what season we are. At the beginning of the term, which lasts from January to April, all is sprightly. The Cup Matches are being played. Then the term tones down somewhat; interest in football is waning and examinations enter into our thoughts. After that we think only of holidays, short as they are. The Easter term is longer than usual this year since Easter is late. The Summer term which follows it will be correspondingly shorter. It is like a bulging sack on account of the events we pack into it, the Athletic Sports, cricket, swimming, tennis, and examinations. The Easter term, compared with its two companions in the school year is a mere empty bladder. In it we have football and boxing and examinations for some of the school, but none of the hurry and bustle of the other terms.

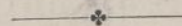
We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr. Warnock, our former Irish master. He was an Old Boy of ours, and had a distinguished career in Dublin University. While he was teaching in school he was very popular, and we all wish him well in his new post in the Diplomatic Service. In his stead we have Mr. O'Connell, who has been teaching in Blackrock College. He has had an excellent record in National University, and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

In the realm of sport we are glad to say that, though we did not bear away the palm, we emerged with better success than we have gained for quite a number of years. The Senior Cup Team met Morgan's School in their first round and beat them. Our team next encountered St. Andrew's College, whom they also defeated. Unfortunately we were beaten in our next match by Mountjoy School. It was, however, an achievement to have got as far as the quarter-finals. The Junior Cup Team was not attended with like fortune but were defeated in their first round by King's Hospital. The whole School was not allowed out early to watch these matches, as it had been found in previous years that the whole School used not to attend. Consequently, only those connected with Rugby in some way were given leave to go, and the result was, on the whole, more satisfactory.

The problem of homework, which has been recurring frequently in recent times has at last obtained a remedy. There has been little agreement on this subject even among parents. The ideal that every schoolboy proposes for himself is entire freedom from homework of any description; but until that Utopia materialises, the Headmaster has drawn up a table which sets forth the number of hours that the conscientious pupil will work at nights. The sluggard now has a cast-iron alibi, "Please, sir, I did my two hours."

It is now our sad duty to announce a death. The Debating Society which, as long as it was with us, proved an invaluable incentive to thought among those who attended its all too infrequent meetings, has passed away quietly and unobtrusively not without much sorrow on the part of its toiling promoters. It perished, alas! through the callous neglect of the School. Its few supporters found the mental strain too pressing after their strenuous work during school hours. They could not serve two masters, Debate and Rugby. Like a phoenix out of its ashes has arisen the Junior Branch of the League of Nations. Two meetings have been held this term and considerable interest is being shown in the League. These meetings are open for free discussion and will to a great extent assimilate the Debating Society.

It will be news to most of our readers that a crisis in the history of the School has been surmounted. Our morals were for a time seriously threatened. A bookmaker sought to establish his premises in Harcourt Street; but the Justice, taking into account the fact that every day pupils gathered in from near and far to the High School, and estimating that the damage the worthy bookie would do to the scholars would be grave, forbade the application. Even thus we escaped an enticement to sin.



SCHOOL NOTES

SCHOOL re-opened after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, 9th January, unaccompanied by undue manifestations of joy on the part of pupils or masters.

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The School was given a holiday on 23rd February in connection with the International Rugby Match at Lansdowne Road, Scotland v.

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Ireland. To balance this no holiday was given on Ash Wednesday, though those who over-indulged in pancakes the night before were placated by the fact that they had no homework for that night.

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We are grateful to Mr. Taggart, a former master, for the gift of a photograph of the Staff in 1888, which is now of historic interest.

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We have great pleasure in congratulating C. V. Boyle, an Old Boy of ours, on gaining his trials for the International played at Lansdowne Road. We hope to hear more of him.

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At the time of going to press we are in the midst of a tram and bus strike. Doubtless those who have indigestion or that Monday-morning-feeling will profit greatly by walking in to school.

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In order to make oneself famous to later generations of schoolboys it is no longer necessary to scratch one's name on a desk. All those who desire to perpetuate their memory are requested to deposit a book, or books, in the hands of our hardworked Librarian, Mr. Chillingworth. Any such gifts will be much appreciated. This term we have to thank Messrs. Butt, Eppel, and Gilmour, for presentations.

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We welcome the visit which M. Brière, Secretary to the French Legation, paid to us this term. We hope that he will come again.



RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain A. D. Mason
Vice-Captain R. J. Chillingworth
Hon Sec. G. I. McCabe

In the Senior Cup Team we are pleased to report a very definite improvement on recent years. We can confidently state that it is the best that the School has put in the field for a number of years past. We were unfortunate in losing D. C. Ewen at Christmas, and A. T. Scott a few days before the cup match with Mountjoy, both of whom obtained business

posts and, since business comes before pleasure, they were unable to play.

The season has been most successful for the Senior Cup Team, as can be seen from the table below. We lost most of the matches at the beginning of the season; this was due to the fact that matches were played before the Swimming Gala, and as the swimmers could not play Rugby, we could not field a full Senior Cup team. The following table shows the results of the matches played up to March by the various teams:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	
					For	Agst.
S.C.T. ...	20	10	8	2	174	145
2nd XV. ...	15	7	8	0	104	143
J.C.T. ...	13	3	10	0	94	234
" Under 14 "	9	6	2	1	93	70
" Under 13 "	7	6	1	0	121	18
" Under 12 "	3	3	0	0	35	8

From the above table it will be seen that on the whole this season proved a very successful one for all except the J.C.T.

CUP MATCHES

SENIOR CUP.

High School v. Morgan's School.

High School and Morgan's met in the second round of the A Section. Both teams were very keen and had even spells of attack. After ten minutes Boyle scored an unconverted try. High School kept up the attack and Alexander scored a try which was not converted. Morgan's then began to attack and scored two tries, also unconverted. The second half ended up in a draw. Extra time was played, but High School were the superior, and Alexander scored a good try between the posts, which Mason converted. The play during the extra time was fairly even, and Griffin landed a penalty goal for Morgan's, thus ending the match.

Result: High School, 11 pts.; Morgan's, 9 pts.

High School v. S. Andrew's College.

High School had the better of the opening play, and after fifteen minutes Boyle, getting possession from a loose scrum, put Scott over for a try on the blind side with a perfectly-timed

pass. The kick at goal failed. Just before the interval St. Andrew's drew level with a penalty goal kicked by O'Hegarty. The play in the second period was very keen and both sides had spells of attack. High School were, however, definitely the more dangerous, and, midway through, Chillingworth dashed over for a try, which Mason failed to convert.

Result: High School, 6 pts.; St. Andrew's, 3 pts.

High School v. Mountjoy School.

Mountjoy won the toss and Boyle kicked off for High School against a strong wind. The play in the first half was keen but scrappy, and midway through, Mountjoy scored a try which was not converted. High School had the better of the opening play in the second half and after five minutes Boyle slipped over for a try from a scrum near the line. The kick at goal failed. After this Mountjoy kept up the attack and soon after, a forward rush by Mountjoy ended by Gibney scoring an unconverted try. Later Mountjoy continued the pressure and obtained two tries of which one was converted.

Result: Mountjoy, 14 pts.; High School, 3 pts.

JUNIOR CUP

High School v. King's Hospital.

High School met King's Hospital in the first round of the Junior Cup. High School kicked off and after fifteen minutes' play Campbell broke through and went over for a try which Maynard failed to convert. The play went back to the High School line for a while but a good rush led by Tyrrell relieved the pressure. Then Owen gained the ball and gave it to Campbell who sent Maynard over with a try which the latter just failed to convert. The next score came in the shape of a free kick by King's Hospital which was cleverly followed up. After resumption the play came back again and a free kick was converted by King's Hospital, leaving the score equal. The second half produced only one score which came ten minutes before the end of play, the King's Hospital left-wing crossing for a try which was not converted.

Result: King's Hospital, 9 pts.; High School, 6 pts.

CRITICISM OF THE PLAYERS

S.C.T.

Full-back: D. C. MAGILL.

Fields and tackles well, but has rather a weak kick and lacks sense of position.

R. Wing: R. J. CHILLINGWORTH.

He must learn to elude his opposing number and to get rid of the ball; he was too often tackled in possession. He has a fine turn of speed, and great determination and a sound defence.

R. Centre: K. H. ALEXANDER.

He has a very deceptive sidestep, and a good kick. He should run straight and take care in his passing. Did not train hard enough.

L. Centre: C. L. KEEGAN.

Played full-back and centre. He has off-days when his defence seems all at sea, but on his good days his defence is very reliable. Possesses valuable cut-through and runs with determination.

L. Wing: A. T. SCOTT.

Rather slow for a wing; has a good kick; must learn to tackle low; sometimes lies out of position, but trains eagerly.

Out-Half: A. D. MASON.

A very efficient captain. At out-half his kicking and tackling proved of great value. He must try to add to speed off the mark. Is the brains of the side.

Scrum Half: W. D. BOYLE.

Plays hard, and is very dangerous near the opponents' line, but is inclined to hold on the ball too long. Rather big for a scrum half.

Forwards: G. I. McCABE.

Plays very well spasmodically. He must train harder and get fitter. He shines in the line-outs and in loose maulings. Possesses a fine sense of opportunism.

M. S. C. ROONEY.

A hard worker; hooked with fair success. Good in the loose, but is inclined to be erratic. Could do much better in the line-outs if he tried.

A. E. MORROW.

A very light but useful forward. His forte is in wing forward play where he helped to spoil

many an opponent's movements. He must try to remember a wing forward's duty is also to shove.

W. G. D. CALDWELL.

Though very light, his hard work both in loose and tight play made him valuable at all times. He must learn to listen to the scrum leader and follow his tactics.

W. H. HOUSTON.

A front row forward with plenty of weight but is rather slow; could improve his dribbling. Could have trained much harder.

L. P. HILL.

A front row forward with plenty of weight and speed but does not use either to a great extent. Should train harder.

T. R. E. SHAW.

Plays wing forward. Is very fast and covers up his backs; a good dribbler but lacks knowledge of the game.

J. C. GILMOUR.

New to the game this year, plays in the second row and good in the line out on account of his height, but does not use his weight to advantage. Trains hard.

Substitutes: W. N. PRATT.

Played all the season, but owing to injury was kept from playing in the Cup Matches. Rather light, but fast; tries hard.

G. A. F. HARRISON.

Played on the wing in the last Cup Match. Is very fast, but has a bad pair of hands. Has made improvement.

E. WHITESIDE.

Played full back in one Cup Match; plucky tackler, but slow and light. Should take Rugby more seriously.

G. A. TREANOR.

Good in the line-outs, but owing to height is unsuitable for scrummaging.

SECOND XV.

Captain ... G. S. Prince.

This is the second season in which we have had a regular Second XV. Although it is very hard to field this team, most of those who played

on it trained hard; and some of them succeeded in gaining their places on the 1st XV at the end of the season.

J.C.T.

Captain ... E. W. Campbell

Our J.C.T.—as the results will show—has had a very unlucky season. Though they won only three out of the thirteen matches they played, they were usually only beaten by a narrow margin. The backs were the mainstay of the team. The forwards were very light and worked hard. Most of them will be under age next year.

" UNDER 14."

Captain ... P. R. Owen.

The " Under 14 " is a very big team, and has won the majority of its matches. The boys of this team were so keen that they were allowed to play a travelling match against Kilkenny College, which they won. Boys on this team are inclined to forget that there are fourteen other members on the same team. If they can only remember this while playing next year on the J.C.T. they will be going far towards the winning of the Cup.

" UNDER 13."

Captain ... D. Orr.

This team only lost one match out of seven played. Most of the members of this team also play for the " Under 14." They have the same fault as the " Under 14." Still, they are keen, and are well worth encouraging.

" UNDER 12."

Captain ... B. F. L. Rooney.

The " Under 12 " have won all their matches and are the keenest team in the school. The boys train hard and should do very well next year with more experience. They have got the idea that tackling high is useless and most of them are tackling low. There are some very promising boys on this team of whom we hope to hear more in Rugby circles a few years hence.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Since recently there have been only three Houses, the senior teams can field a full team. We have made a rule that no boy under 14 years of age can play for his senior House team, as youngsters are likely to be hurt. There is

greater keenness too among the Houses now and matches are very close. The following are the results of the Senior and Junior House matches played to date:—

Senior	Played	Won	Lost	Drew
Abbey	... 3	2	1	0
Belgrave	... 2	0	2	0
Harcourt	... 3	2	1	0
Junior	Played	Won	Lost	Drew
Abbey	... 3	1	1	1
Belgrave	... 2	2	0	0
Harcourt	... 3	0	2	1

We owe a great debt to Mr. Storey for his hard work in training through the season, and also to the Rev. St. J. Pike, who very kindly came up to Belgrave Square on several occasions just before the Cup Matches, and gave much valuable advice to both the Senior and Junior Cup Teams. We also owe a great debt of gratitude to all the other masters who come up to the Square regularly to help to train the youngsters.

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THE BOXING CLUB

Captain ... W. R. Bryans
Vice-Captain ... M. S. Rooney

WE are glad to report a very successful season, and that the team trained consistently. An Inter-House competition was held on Tuesday, December 4, in the Gymnasium. It was the first time that an event of this kind took place. There were twelve closely contested matches in the course of which many plucky exhibitions were shown. A special feature of the evening was a contest between G. T. Stephens and A. W. Polden, the two youngest members of the club. The results were:—

Louvrier, J. J.	beat	Grey, D. S.
Meyer, R. A.	"	Allen, J.
O'Malley, R. W.	"	Tate, F.
Gargan, B. T.	"	Dungan, V. S.
Owen, P. R.	"	McKell, R. C.
Rooney, B.	"	Meyer, R. A.
Erskine, J. R.	"	Sullivan, G.
Boyd, F. E.	"	O'Malley, R. W.
Smyth, J. D.	"	Smyth, W. B.
Bryans, W. R.	"	Pratt, W. N.
Rooney, M. S.	"	Morrow, A. E.
Polden, A. W.	drew with	Stephens, G. T.

We are very grateful to Mr. J. Stafford (D. U. Boxing Club) and friends who helped to make the evening such a success.

On Thursday evening, March 7th, we had a Tournament with St. Columba's College Boxing Club at St. Columba's College, Rathfarnham. There were eleven fights, seven of which we won. The following is a description of the various contests:—

Boyd (St. Columba's) beat Stephens (H.S.D.)
4 stone.

A good show of plenty of dash on each side made this bout one of the best of the evening. Stephens was handicapped in size and age, but he fought very pluckily, only losing by a narrow margin.

Alton (St. C.) beaten by Orr (H.S.D.). 5st. 7lbs.

Orr won this fight for High School by hard hitting with both hands. The contestants were equally matched, but Orr's aggression gained him the decision.

Mooney (S. C.) beat Graves (H.S.D.) 6 stone.

Mooney had the advantage in height, reach and strength and although Graves fought very pluckily he could not overcome this handicap.

Kelliher (St. C.) beaten by Crockett (H.S.D.). 6st. 7lbs.

Crockett fought very determinedly and coolly in this contest, considering that it was his first. His hard hitting and good footwork were the deciding factors in his favour.

Nightingale (St. C.) beaten by Owen (H.S.D.).

This was one of the best fights of the evening. Owen boxed well against a stronger opponent, but the former's skill gained him the verdict.

Bridge (S. C.) beaten by Smyth, W. B. (H.S.D.). 7st. 7lbs.

Smyth had all the advantages of experience and hard hitting. The referee stopped the fight in the second round.

Lancaster (St. C.) beaten by Smyth, J. D. (H.S.D.). 8st. 7lbs.

The referee stopped this contest also. Smyth by boxing cleverly finished off his opponent in the first round.

Cope (St. C.) beaten by Darling (H.S.D.) 10st. 7lbs.

Darling, a newcomer to the game, punched hard with advantage, and several times he nearly ended the fight. After a hard three rounds in which both boxers took heavy punishment Darling won by a narrow margin.

Osborne (St. C.) beat Shaw (H.S.D.) 10st. 7lbs.

After three rounds of hard and rather wild fighting Osborne won by a narrow margin.

Blane (St. C.) beat McCabe (H.S.D.) 11st. 7lbs.

Both Blane and McCabe began with heavy body punches. McCabe was warned for hitting low and was disqualified in the second round for the same offence.

Green (St. C.) beaten by Bryans (H.S.D.) 9 stone.

Bryans was definitely the superior. He opened with some strong lefts, and the match was stopped in the first round.



CLUB OFFICERS, SEASON 1935

At a meeting of the Athletic Committee, held in the Clock Room on Tuesday, 12th March, 1935, the following officers were elected:—

CRICKET.—Capt., A. D. Mason; Vice-Capt., J. C. Gilmour; Hon. Sec., M. S. C. Rooney.

SWIMMING.—Capt. and Hon. Sec., G. I. McCabe; Vice-Capt., W. H. Houston.

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THE BREAK-UP DANCE

THE Annual Break-Up Dance was once more held in the Clock Room at the end of the Christmas Term. We may say (not without some pride) that the dance was a greater success than ever it was before, and as yet the only complaint we have received is that it was not long enough!

The dance was held on Wednesday, 19th December, when there was an attendance of over 250 people; perhaps the crowd was a little too large for the size of the room, but as all were never "on the floor" at the same moment the movements of the dancers were not too hampered. We were glad to see an increase in the number of present pupils there, for it is for them primarily that the dance is run.

Somehow or other the School Dance always seems a more enjoyable and social affair than many other dances that are held in more favourable circumstances and at a much greater cost than ours; perhaps this is due to the homely and reminiscent atmosphere of the Clock Room as well as the general air of informality and friendliness which pervades.

As on former occasions Miss Campbell's Band supplied us with music which included all

the newest pieces along with many old favourites, and all of them played very well indeed. There were several spot dances and "Paul Jones." The latter were undoubtedly the most popular of all the numbers. One was encored so constantly that it took up over twice its ordinary length of time. At the conclusion of the dance at one o'clock a bus left near their homes many of those who dwelt on the south side of the city.

Finally, we would like to convey our thanks to all those who in one way or another helped to make the dance such a success; to Mrs. Bennett in particular for the splendid way in which she carried out the catering; to Mr. Watson for his great help and advice in organizing the dance; to Mr. Wilson for his aid and for his original ideas on decoration and for a host of small but valuable services; to Mr. W. Walker for providing the tickets; to Mr. Evans for his assistance at the door. And, lastly, we thank those parents and others who so kindly sent us in cakes for the supper.

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ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT, 1934

DON QUIXOTE.

THE Seventh Annual Entertainment was held as usual just before the Christmas vacation. After three or more successful years of pantomime we felt that a change was due, so

we decided to attempt a comic opera. This would not have been possible if the Sixth Form had not come to our assistance for the tenor and bass voice parts. We are glad to report that the entire production was a success and we hope that the majority of our patrons were pleased with the change of style. Some of the lighter amusement had to be sacrificed to the more musical parts; and we hope that in an endeavour to entertain the adults, we did not disappoint the children.

The choice of Don Quixote was a fortunate one, because, together with many pleasing theme

songs, we had a setting of renowned educational value.

It is difficult to mention names in connection with a production which had, besides the producers, 24 principal parts. Let it suffice to say that Mr. Eric May had charge of the music, and we

are deeply indebted to him for all the time he devoted to the performance and for the musical talent that he displayed in converting "raw recruits" into finished artistes. Great talent was also displayed by our untiring pianist, Mr. G. H. Worlin. The scenery, which contributes so much to the success of a play, was, as usual, in the capable hands of Mr. W. R. Wilson. The costumes, which were very beautiful, were designed by Mr. Wilson and executed by Mrs. Bennett. The following were the principal characters and our best thanks is extended to them one and all.



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teaches; and we shall have ideal arrangements for next year's show.

Will readers please note that suggestions would be welcome.

EXAMINATION RESULTS UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1934.

Final Freshman Examination.

V. W. Graham, P. R. Walker and T. W. Buckley.



DON QUIXOTE—DECEMBER, 1934.

The Duchess J. G. Rowe
 Donna Rodriguez W. B. M. Smyth
 Trifaldin S. G. Watson
 Countess Trifaldin H. A. Bradbury
 Doctor W. R. Bryans
 Secretary E. J. Tobias

A change in our arrangements must be recorded. In previous years we had three night performances, but this year we decided to present a matinee for children in addition. The matinee was not very well supported, but we believe that we should have started it at 4 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., as children from other schools were not free to attend. However, experience

MEDICAL SCHOOL.

H. M. Glover.—Final Medical, Part II (M.B.) (Medicine).

D. G. Walker.—Final Medical, Part II (Midwifery) (B.A.O.).

HILARY TERM, 1935.

Term Honour Examinations.

J. H. Hawkins (S.S.).—First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

R. J. Walker (S.S.).—Second Rank Honours in Legal Science.

V. W. Graham (J.S.).—Second Rank Honours in Mathematics.

E. A. Thompson (J.S.).—First Rank Honours in Classics.

K. N. Douglas (S.F.).—First of First Rank Honours in Spanish and German, First Rank Honours in French.

E. F. Plant (S.F.).—First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

J. H. M. Beattie (S.F.).—Second Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

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

C. C. W. Browne (J.F.).—Second Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science, Third Rank Honours in Classics.

R. D. Murray (J.F.).—Second Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

E. J. R. Tobias (J.F.).—Third Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

J. D. Murray (J.F.).—Third Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

D. H. McNeill (J.F.).—First Rank Honours in English, Third Rank Honours in French.

G. W. Keegan (J.F.).—Second Rank Honours in Irish.

The following boys have secured positions in Banks or Business Firms during the present school year (1933-34):—

A. F. Agnew, G. W. D. Bailey, S. A. Bedlow, B. S. R. Blennerhassett, H. H. Brislane, G. St. P. Bunbury, D. C. Ewen, B. T. Gargan, K. H. Grove, D. T. Hennessey, W. G. Hilliard, C. F. Humphrey, E. K. Kent, H. H. Lewis, J. D. Penney, A. T. Scott, H. G. Scott, W. F. Shiel, W. L. Tansley, F. E. Tate, W. J. F. Wall, S. G. Watson, S. G. S. Russell, H. H. K. James.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT PRIZES.

The School has once again been awarded the Prizes given by the German Government for the best record in the Free State for teaching German during the last year.

The prizes have been assigned to J. C. Gilmour and G. M. Stelfox.

WITH A CANOE ON THE MOSEL AND THE RHINE

TO anyone with comparatively limited means and a desire to see a bit of the world a holiday with a canoe in Germany is recommended as almost the ideal method of spending the summer vacation. As a matter of fact, it can be done in many countries of Europe and

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also England, but the following is an account of a holiday spent in Germany last August.

I was rather at a loss to know what to do about my holidays for 1934 when one day a friend of mine suggested a canoe trip. He had been in Germany on a walking tour the previous year and had seen a number of canoeists on the rivers. The idea had so interested him that he had inquired and ascertained that a canoe could be hired for three marks per day (about three shillings) together with a deposit of 30 marks which would be returned. We decided to have a shot at this scheme and arranged to hire a canoe from Herr Dornoff in Frier on the Mosel and to chance our luck. Neither of us had ever been in a canoe before.

We booked our tickets in Dublin at the excursion rates to Frier, the tickets costing just under £7 each. Leaving Dublin on Friday evening and travelling via L.M.S., we arrived at London the next morning and left Victoria at 10.30 a.m. for Dover, from where we embarked for Ostend. From Ostend the train went straight through to Cologne where we arrived at 11 o'clock on Saturday night.

The interesting features of the holiday commenced at Ostend because we had as travelling companions two Czecho-Slovakians who were returning home after having spent some months in Ireland fitting up machinery in the new sugar factories. It is a fascinating experience to travel by train on the Continent because of the number of different nationalities one meets. Every opportunity is given to practise your French or whatever language you think you know a little about. This obviates to a considerable extent the discomfort of third class travel on wooden seats.

Our first view of Germany was an election poster of Hitler and everywhere we went in the country there was usually a photograph of the "Führer" together with the late President Von Hindenburg. It may be well at this stage to mention that Herr Hitler has absolutely captured the imagination of the German nation and nearly every German feels it his duty to impress on foreign visitors the wonderful form of Government which he has evolved. We listened to this and kept our own counsel.

Having arrived at Cologne, or more correctly Köln, we stayed the night in an hotel and went on to Frier next day, where we obtained our canoe and began the real part of our holiday.

The canoes that are used in Germany are mostly made of skin with a wooden framework.

They can be taken to pieces and carried about quite simply. People who have canoes of their own usually also have a little truck with two wheels to carry the folded canoe to the various places they desire to embark. The paddles are double bladed and there is one for each person in the canoe, each canoe carries two people. A rudder is a very useful addition but we had to content ourselves with steering by means of the paddles. It is rather difficult at first getting used to the paddles, but after the first day we had not much difficulty. The Mosel is an ideal river for beginners because there is very little traffic and no dangerous currents.

Leaving Frier on the Monday, we travelled by easy stages to Coblenz, where we arrived on the following Sunday night to find the town in a fever of excitement after a meeting which had been addressed by the Führer regarding the Saar question.

The week on the Mosel was almost an ideal existence for anyone who likes sunshine, jolly companionship and not too much hard work. A large portion of the time we just allowed the canoe to drift with the current while we enjoyed the sunshine and the various points of interest. The river runs through the wine growing part of Germany and everywhere it is possible to get the best white wines for what seemed to us nothing at all. We brought a small tent with us and spent most nights under canvas as there are facilities for camping all along the banks. In order to avoid cooking we had our meals in guest houses which increased the cost a little but probably increased our enjoyment a lot more. It is not necessary to camp, as there are guest houses at all the landing stages where it is possible to get lodgings for very little. About three marks per day per person at the outside for bed and breakfast.

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Our original intention had been first to do the Mosel but we fell in with a party of Germans who were experienced canoeists and they told us that the Rhine would be quite safe if we kept with them. We fell in with this suggestion and continued from Coblenz right back to Köln. The Rhine is a very busy river as there is a constant stream of traffic both ways consisting of tugs, barges and river steamers. This made the journey rather exciting and made it necessary to keep our wits about us. At the same time the experience was good and we would have no hesitation about tackling a busy river next time. One point to watch is the wash caused by river steamers at stopping places because it sweeps well up the bank. One place at which we stopped for lunch we thought we were well out of range, but a steamer passed and we had to grab the canoe or it would have been swept away. Next time we were careful to lift her at least a dozen yards out of the water.

The holiday was so crammed with interesting experiences that it is quite impossible to recount them all and at the same time keep the narrative to reasonable length. One incident brought home to us the efficiency that can be attained in

managing a canoe. At Coblenz we saw a canoeist push off from the landing stage on the Rhine, on which river the current is very swift. He paddled to midstream, waited for a barge which was coming down the river, and like a flash jumped on to the barge and attached his canoe. He must have been in a hurry to get somewhere, but it seemed a marvellous feat to us because we could not have stood up in the canoe without serious danger of swamping.

When we arrived at Köln we had to dismantle our canoe and send it back to Frier by train. This proved quite a complicated business chiefly on account of the language problem. German railways are very efficient but they are also just as officious as our own and various forms had to be filled up before they would take delivery. However, we managed to get it away at last and all was well.

The whole cost of the holiday including fares was £15 each and this without denying ourselves any of the social amenities that offered themselves. It is a wonderful idea and we are seriously thinking of trying the Danube next year.

H. McHoul.

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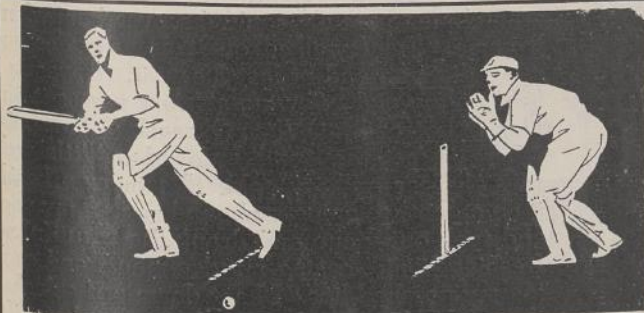
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A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

THE sun was setting dimly in the west when I, for the first time in my life, set out on a journey at night-time. I had a pack on my back, a walking-stick in my hand, and a strong pair of shoes to carry me over the rough countryside in the darkness of the night. The gleaming stars had just begun to flicker, and the golden moon was peeping over the shadowed hill behind which I had my home and from which I started on my trek. I climbed the hill slowly, for it was hard to see the path in the yet faint light of the stars. I reached the top. The moon was starting its path across the sky, and I turned and looked around me, and saw the grey shadow of the sleeping world before me, tired and weary after all the hardships of the day.

I began to descend the narrow, winding path which led down to the dusty country road on which I intended to walk. I reached the road; the twisted hedges looked like ghostly figures against the silvery light of the distant moon, and the trees like gaunt guardians of that winding way. I tramped on, eagerly at first, full of

the joy of the fresh countryside, and with a firm steady step, which after three hours' hiking was neither firm nor steady, but I was so filled with the zeal of this night-trek that I plunged on joyous and happy. The road was getting wider now, so I knew that I must be nearing the little village of Dorf which was a few miles from my own home. I turned the corner and there was Dorf, peaceful and quiet; only my clanking footsteps could be heard; passing the schoolhouse, the church, the little cottages, the single barn, the inn, and so into the open country once more. The stars above were flashing brightly now, throwing their flaming light on the silent earth; I welcomed them gladly for it was dark in that gloomy road, so engulfed by dark hedges and shadowed by high trees. I walked on slowly in the silence of the night, broken only by the "crunch, crunch" of my shoes on the dusty road.

There was a gentle breeze blowing from the south, cooling my burning body and tossing my hair out in all directions and bringing new life to my body and inspiring me to walk on with fresh ardour. The silence was broken by the gentle sound of running water and I looked around me to see if I could discover from where it came. As I walked on it grew louder and more distinct, and at last I saw it. It was in a field on my right flowing straight across it and along the road. When I reached the point where it met the road I found a little well, crystal clear and icy cold. I sat down beside it on a gently sloping rock, and opened my pack and took out a cup and drank the beautiful refreshing liquid, easing my dry mouth and cooling my parched lips. I bent down and splashed the water over my face, and it was a beautiful sensation to feel the icy water dashing over my face, into my eyes, my ears, my nose; wetting my hair, spotting my shirt with little black dots, and giving me new strength. I allowed myself to dry in the breeze and then I packed my haversack again and grasped my stick firmly and resumed my journey.

The moon was now well up in the sky, and the stars were changing places, and the planets had appeared shining downwards with a steady glare. I looked at my watch and found it was nearly one o'clock; I had been walking for over four hours now and had yet another five hours to go. The country around me had changed, for now I was in country where there were no hedges and only a tree or so to be seen. The



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fields were bounded by stone walls or dykes; there were no sides to the road; it was little more than a cart track over a grassy plain enclosed by stone walls. It was so strange that I turned and looked out over that wonderful country. I had never seen anything quite like it before; everywhere were stone walls and dykes stretching around for miles, spreading in all directions; it was a checkboard of grassy fields. I turned and climbed a wall and plodded outwards, on wards, resting every now and then, for I was getting tired, wretchedly tired, but I wanted to explore those strange and hedgeless fields before I resumed my path along the road. Suddenly I saw in the distance a gleaming sheet of water, lapping softly against the shores of a shining lake. The playful moonbeams dancing on the water caught the rolling waves and were hurtled upwards and sideways, flashing and twinkling, and as the waves rolled on, dropped down only to be reflected upwards once more. I stood and watched them fascinated by their antics and my eyes took in all the loveliness of the nature that I saw around me. I could not stand there all night so I turned my back on that

beautiful lake and tramped back until I reached the road and began my journey once more.

It was now nearly four o'clock and so I had to quicken my steps if I wanted to reach my destination before six o'clock. The moon was sinking slowly under the horizon and the stars were burning very faintly up above, and as I walked they vanished and a long grey daub of light was stretching over the sky. It was dawn. Even as I walked the light grew wider and soon the whole countryside was covered in daylight. then, a reddish tinge spread over the horizon and the golden sun appeared, blazing, gleaming in all its splendour, and soon it was fully risen, a flaring ball spreading its light over the waking countryside again.

At last it was day. My trek was over, but the memory of that night spent under the gleaming stars was branded for ever in my mind.

J. D. SMYTH.

[The above article was written in school under examination conditions without previous preparation. It was awarded the "Carpenter Memorial Prize.]"



OLD BOY'S UNION

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

Sports Secretaries:

Football: C. V. Boyle.

Cricket: W. H. Walker and Cecil Morton.

Golf: H. Williams and S. S. Evans.

Executive Committee:

S. S. Evans, R. W. Jeffares, G. A. Mackay, S. W. Meyer, G. F. Mitchell, W. R. McCaw, W. H. Thrift and R. J. Walker.



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ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clock Room on Saturday, 19th January. Mr. Chester Duggan, C.B., O.B.E., was Chairman. It was a most successful function and over a hundred attended. The room was decorated, as in previous years, and the Memorial Window was illuminated.

Before the dinner a period of one minute's silence was observed in memory of the Old Boys who fell in the Great War.

The toast of The School was proposed by Mr. F. E. Davies. The Head Master in his reply, amongst other things, mentioned that the number of boys who obtained positions directly

from the School had increased greatly during the past year.

The toast of the Guests was proposed by Mr. Cecil Darley, B.L., and replied to by Professor Walter Starkie, D.Litt., F.T.C.D.

Mr. R. W. Jeffares proposed the toast of the Officers and Mr. T. Bell replied. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was accorded on the proposal of Judge Sealy.

The following supplied the musical programme:—Messrs. M. Bell, F. W. Dungan, R. Irwin, R. W. Jeffares, R. McCullough and E. Scales.

As in previous years, an opportunity was given in an interval to Old Boys to wander through the School Rooms. They seemed to enjoy the opportunity thus given of recalling their life at school. They were summoned back to the Clock Room by the ringing of the Sergeant's Bell, which they observed with an alacrity which suggested that it had almost become an instinct to do so.

We would like once again to express our gratitude to Messrs. Mills, Ltd., for their excellent catering.

BELFAST DINNER

A Dinner of the Union was held in Belfast on Friday, 8th March. Amongst others present was Mr. T. Taggart, who was a master in the School in the Eighties.

It was a very enjoyable function and the speakers amused their audience by recalling happenings in their school days.

Mr. G. C. Duggan, C.B., O.B.E., who presided, proposed the toast of The School, to which the Head Master replied. The toast of the Guests was proposed by Mr. W. P. Black and Mr. R. W. Jeffares (Junior) and Mr. H. O. White, M.A., replied. Mr. R. W. Jeffares (Senior) proposed the toast of the Chairman.

CRICKET

It has been noticed that interest in the matches arranged for the Old Boys is not as keen as might be expected. The School has turned out many good cricketers, a fair share of whom are playing regularly for Dublin clubs, yet when they are asked to play for the Old Boys their support is not forthcoming. Last year the Hon. Secretary found the greatest difficulty in getting a team together to fulfil his fixtures. The matches arranged are all played

on a week evening and therefore do not interfere with club cricket. The Union confidently appeals to its cricket members to support the Hon. Secretaries in the coming season. The names of those desiring to play in matches would be gratefully received by the Hon. Secretaries at the School.

C. MORTON,

W. H. WALKER,

Hon. Secretaries.

NOTES ON OLD BOYS

MAURICE ROBERT RICHARDSON (1895-1903), Ins. Sec. of Engrs., Officiating Chief Engr., Irrigation Branch, P.W.D., U.P., has been made a C.I.E.

Rev. W. T. GREY, M.A. (1892-1894), has been appointed Rector of St. Stephen's Parish, Dublin.

Rev. H. W. LOVE, B.A. (1919-1920), has been appointed to the parish of Keady.

D. B. W. GOOD, M.A. (1915-1925), was awarded the Plunket Gold Medal in the Law Students' Debating Society.

Dr. D. M. MITCHELL (1920-1927) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Pathology in Dublin University.

Rev. R. C. ARMSTRONG, B.A. (1920-1927), has been appointed Curate to the Parish of Longford.

J. R. DICK (1922-1927) has been awarded Colours in the Dublin University Boxing Club.

J. W. SCOTT (1925-1927) has been appointed to the Palestine Police.

T. N. RICHARDSON, M.Sc. (1921-1928), has been elected to a post in the British Cotton Industry Research Bureau.

Rev. S. BOOTHMAN, B.A. (1922-1928), has been appointed Curate to the Parish of Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

W. WARNOCK, B.A. (1922-1929), has been appointed, against very strong competition, to one of the most attractive posts in the Free State Civil Service.

S. C. R. HORRELL (1924-1929) went out to the Palestine Police last autumn. We are glad to hear that he is doing well.

C. A. BOYLE (1922-1931) was awarded Colours in D.U. Swimming Club. He also played in the Trinity-Oxford Football Match.

J. I. STAFFORD (1924-1931), who began his Boxing in the High School, is Captain of the

THE HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS GAINED DURING 1934.

1. Entrance Examinations to Trinity College, Dublin :—

- (a) Two Sizarships and Two Exhibitions.
- (b) Six Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibitions.
- (c) Sixteen boys Matriculated.

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3. First Place in German (Intermediate Certificate).

4. First Place in Mathematics (Intermediate Certificate), if Bonus for answering through Irish be deducted.

5. Special award by the German Government for best record in teaching German in the Free State.

Gift of valuable books received also from the French Government.

6. Twenty-eight boys gained business appointments directly from the School.

7. Ten per cent. added to Science Grant by the Department of Education for Special Merit.

Former Pupils of the School gained the following awards in Trinity College :—

- (a) Two Scholarships (one First Place).
- (b) First Place and Large Gold Medal in Moderatorship.
- (c) Special Prizes :—The John Winthrop Hackett Prize, William Roberts Prize, Weir Prize, Aquila Smith Prize.
- (d) A large number of other Honours and Prizes.

Notes from the Headmaster's Report for 1933-4.

1. The numbers increased steadily since 1929, so that the Staff and the number of Classes have been increased.
2. A largely increased number of boys obtained business posts directly from the School.
3. The following organizations in connection with the School were carried on actively :—

- (a) Dramatic Performances.
- (b) Debating Society and League of Nations Society.
- (c) School Library.
- (d) School Magazine ("The Erasmian").
- (e) The Old Boys' Union.

4. Physical activities :—

- (a) Rugby, (b) Cricket, (c) Swimming, (d) Tennis,
(e) Boxing, (f) Physical Training, (g) Carpentry.

(D. H. M'Neill broke two Sports' Records in Irish Schools.)

Dublin University Boxing Club. He has won 17 out of his 24 fights. Last November he won the National Junior Championship Fly-weight title. In February, 1935, he fought and beat Pte. Connolly, who was the National Army and Leinster Feather-weight Champion and Ex-Irish National Senior Champion. Dublin University won the Universities Championship at the Stadium Club, London, in February, 1935, by winning 4 fights. Two of these were won by J. I. Stafford and J. R. Dick.

T. J. R. ATKINSON (1927-1931) was a member of the crew that won the Craig-Davidson Fours at the D.U.B.C. Hilary Term Races.

C. V. BOYLE (1926-1933) played on the International Rugby Trial at Lansdowne Road. He has also been outstanding on Dublin University First XV., especially in the Trinity-Oxford Match.

We hope to print the full list of Members of the Old Boys' Union next term.

CORRESPONDENCE

Carrick-on-Suir,

29th December, 1934.

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I was much interested in the Rev. A. W. R. Cheales' article. I don't know if anyone has said anything on those lines, re Years 1881-82.

The masters then were William Wilkins (Head), and that very lovable man (affectionately known as "Tommy") T. W. Foster, the mathematical master; Geo. Wilkins, later, who afterwards for a period was Junior Dean in T.C.D.; that tall, gaunt, but well-liked W. S. Cooney; Mr. Blackham (Lower Fourth), and later a clever man named McKenzie, who died young.

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The foremost boy was Charlie Egerton (his father perished in Royal fire), then Thrift came on sweeping all before him. Others of note, Yeats, Meredith, two Johnstons (Charlie, I.C.S., and later in literary life in U.S.A., and since dead, and his brother Lewis, both sons of the famous William Johnston, M.P., "Ballykilbeg"), Young (now Canon), Worthington, Feltons, and a clever boy, who I don't know where he drifted, Fred McBlain, Mason Fleming, a fine cricketer. The school stood out well in the game of "hurley," a forerunner of hockey—no regulation sticks. There were teams in Trinity, Royal Bank, King's Hospital (Rev. Gibson, head, he used to play it himself). We used to have to go to the grounds at Incurable Hospital on *shanks' mare*, no bikes or buses. What would the present generation say to that? Then walk home to our several homes. Outside school life, one great joy was the theatres. And what talent! Henry Irving, Ellen Terry, Barry Sullivan, Edwin Booth, the great American Mary Anderson, and that grand actress Miss Bateman in "Leah" and "Mary Warner." What good films they would make. Summer we had the Hengler's season of circus.

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Boys had fewer enjoyments in those days than now, but, I consider the *quality* was better.

Personally I was shunted into that backwater of life, a bank clerkship, "that last infirmity of noble lives," having escaped being sacked, reached the Woolsack, in the the shape of Manager of this, the first established branch of National Bank. I have been in this capacity for 25 years. I hope if this letter is published that some of the "boys of the old Brigade" will write me. Through the ERASMIAN I got in touch with Harry Fletcher, Brisbane, and we still correspond. Some time since on another matter I had a kind letter from Primate C. F. D'Arcy, who seemed pleased to be addressed as an old High School boy, but further back than my time.

Apologies for length of this.

Yours very truly,

FRED W. SAUNDERS.

MARRIAGES

BURCHILL (1918-1925) and BRABAZON.—February 15, 1935, at Brighton road Methodist Church, by the Rev. R. Lee Cole, M.A., B.D., Herbert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Burchill, Terenure, Dublin, to Hilda, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brabazon, of Dublin.

PARKES (1910-1914) and PRENTER.—November 24, 1934, by the Rev. R. Lee Cole, M.A., B.D., Eric Warden, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Parkes, 57 Orwell Park, Rathgar, to Irene Hazel, only daughter of Charles H. Prenter, Everdingen, Orwell road, Rathgar.

POWELL (1909-1914) and TANKARD.—February 16, 1935, at Richmond, Yorkshire, Walter Baldwin Eyre, Flight Lieutenant R.A.F., youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel C. K. Powell, R.A.M.C. (retired), Fortfield terrace, Rathmines, Dublin, to Florence Kathleen, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tankard, of Holbeck Hill, Scarborough, Yorkshire.

DEATHS

CUNNINGHAM (1914-1916).—March 16, 1935, at 19 Rathfarnham Park, as the result of war services, William E. (Bill), aged 36, late 52nd Sikhs, Indian Army, eldest son of William M. Cunningham.

KNAPP (1889-1892).—March 3, 1935, at his residence, 48 Barry road, Dulwich, S.E.22,

Henry (Towzer) Knapp, M.B., son of the late W. H. Knapp, M.A., Belgrave Square, Monkstown, County Dublin.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. V. LONGWORTH, M.B.E., K.C. (1887-1894).

We announce with regret the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest Victor Longworth, M.B.E., K.C., late of Hume Street, Dublin, which occurred after a long illness, on January 15, at Epsom Nursing Home. The deceased gentleman was the eldest son of the late Daniel Longworth, of Homelands, Ryde. He was educated at the High School, Dublin, and obtained the degree of B.A. at Trinity College, Dublin. He was awarded the Gold Medal for Oratory by the College Historical Society in 1896, and was elected auditor of that society in 1899. In his undergraduate days he was closely associated with the late Standish O'Grady, and for a time assisted that writer in editing the "Kilkenny Moderator." Later on he joined the editorial staff of the old "Daily Express" under the late Mr. T. P. Gill and the late Mr. J. E. Healy, Barrister-at-Law, and succeeded Mr. Healy when the latter became Editor of the "Irish Times."

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Lieutenant-Colonel Longworth was called to the Irish Bar in 1903 and to the English Bar in 1912. In 1916 he obtained a Commission in the Army and served during the Great War. He was called to the Inner Bar by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland in December, 1920. In addition to his journalistic work he was a collaborator with Messrs. Albert W. Quill and F. Pollock Hamilton, Barristers-at-Law, in a treatise on the Irish Land Acts, 1903-4.

Lieutenant-Colonel Longworth was deeply interested in various literary movements. He was an intimate friend of the late Sir Horace Plunkett and the late George Moore.

SIR ARTHUR MAXWELL, K.C.B.
(1886-1889).

Brigadier-General Sir Arthur Maxwell, K.C.B., managing partner of Glyn Mills and Company, bankers, died at his house in Cumberland Terrace, Regent's Park, London, in his 60th year.

Sir Arthur was a native of Belfast, being the youngest son of the late Mr. William Maxwell of that city, but he received his education in the High School, Dublin.

He had been Hon. Colonel of the London Regiment since 1923 and for four years after the war he commanded the 2nd London Infantry Brigade, T.A. He was severely wounded in the Great War, was mentioned in despatches five times and received the D.S.O. and Bar. In addition to his association with Glyn Mills and Company Sir Arthur was a director of many shipping concerns. He was a past President of the Institute of Bankers and was created a knight in 1931.

RILEY (1920-1926).—March 6, 1935, as the result of an accident, Edgar Lawrence, dearly-loved second son of Calverley and Norah Riley, 35 Rathdown Park, Terenure.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—"M.C.B." (Methodist College, Belfast); "School News" (Royal Belfast Academical Institute); "The Campbellian" (Campbell College, Belfast); "R.S.D." (Royal School, Dungannon); "C.A.I." (Cole-raine Academical Institute); "The Wilsonian" (Wilson's Hospital, Multifarnham); "S.G.S." (Sligo Grammar School); St. Andrew's College Annual; "T.C.D." (Trinity College, Dublin).

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