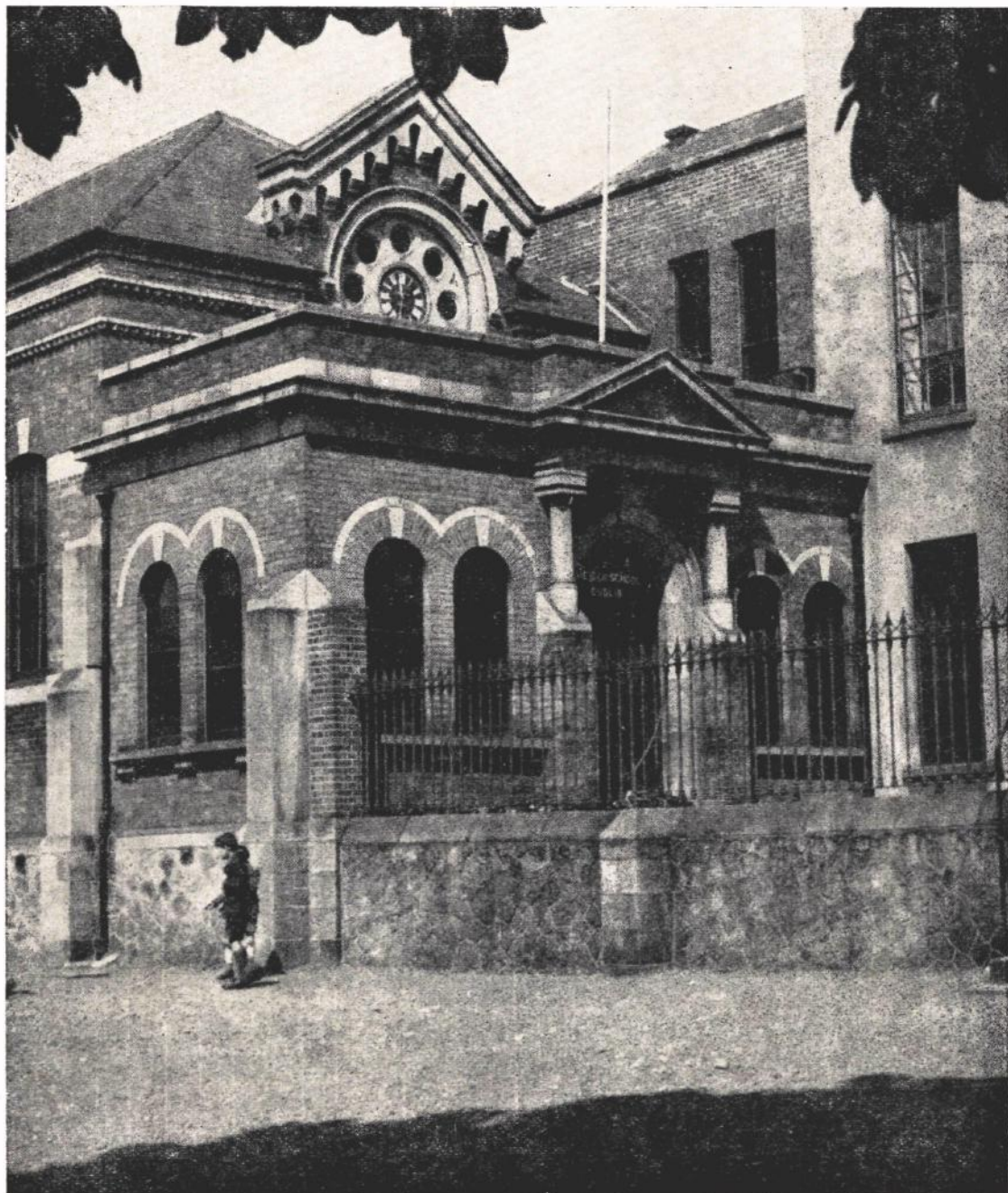


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EDITORIAL

We would like to commence this editorial with an expression of sympathy to Miss Smyth in her illness. Its suddenness was a great shock to the school and she is missed by all alike, especially by the boys of the Junior School. We send her our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery.

As this editorial is being written it is hard to believe it is to be for a summer edition of *THE ERASMIAN*. The weather, at the time of writing, brings back vivid memories of winter. These are dominated by the snow which fell on three occasions. The snow and its accompanying pleasures proved greatly to the liking of the younger boys. The Prefects, however, did not take kindly to having to walk round in the blinding snow checking the throwing of snowballs. That was one craze which caused trouble; a second was a sudden interest which developed in the science of propelling water by means of a water-pistol. This too was subject to disapproval in higher quarters and the ever-ready Prefects had to go on the prowl again.

The concert went off with its usual gusto and success this year. If all the talent shown be developed some may make their names famous with their diverse gifts. An innovation this year was the visit of the 1st XV of Edinburgh High School. The weather did not oblige for the actual rugby match but the tour itself was enjoyed by all. The second Friday in March brought with it the usual Synod examination. Once again it transpires that the High School has gained the premier award in Greek Testament. It has been remarked that we will go down to posterity as being famous for winning the Silver Medal in Greek Testament just as Blackrock College is famous for winning the Leinster Schools' Senior Rugby Cup.

The "A" section of Sixth Form disintegrated (metaphorically speaking) after their examination in mid-May. They have gone their several ways, some to brood about lack of work, others to can peas, and others have returned for the Greek play. A previous editorial had some comments on the initial venture before it took place. However, it proved such a success that it is hoped it will be made an annual affair. So it is up to you Second Formers to take up Greek in order to don the mantle of those who have gone before with such success.

Finally, we hope that the spate of examinations which come on with May and June will not prove too exhausting and that the vacation will be enjoyed by all in blissful forgetfulness of 40 Harcourt Street.

The Difference between Fifth and Sixth Forms (OR: FROM HALEY TO BEETHOVEN)

It was February, 1957. The city of Dublin was agog with excitement, for the long-awaited visit of the King of Rock 'n Roll—Bill Haley—was imminent. Being an ardent fan of his I had secured tickets for two of his four performances in Dublin. For days the talk amongst the Fifth Form in school centred on Mr. Haley—for once the joy or horror of rugby, and even girls, took second place. In the dinner queue, between classes, at scrum practice the main talking point was "Are you going to Haley?"

I went in a big way, that night in February, for Haley and his Comets. Haley "sent" us all; Rudy Pompilli, on the sax, was just "crazy, man, crazy," and Franny Beecher's comic song brought the house down. For the second night I cultivated a kiss curl (a long cherished ambition) and won admiration for this from many of the nearby "cats." It was his last show and Haley certainly pulled out all the stops and gave us the "big beat" with a vengeance. All the cool cats present literally rocked the theatre that night. Form 5 afterwards agreed unanimously that nothing like Haley had ever happened to Dublin before. The only one who could have had a comparable effect would have been Elvis. In my opinion, however, Elvis wasn't a patch on Bill and Haley was for me, "the most."

When I came back to school after the summer vacation and joined the Sixth Form I found life there entirely different. No longer was their general talk of the respective merits of R. and R., calypso and skiffle, but a more serious taste was evident. Of course, a few remained faithful "cats" but in the main Sixth Form was just a bunch of "squares." In my case the change was gradual. The first step was the music from the ballet, "Swan Lake."

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When I heard this I found it delightfully light and wholly charming. Then a friend asked me to listen to his record of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Not knowing what I was letting myself in for, I agreed and from then on my whole musical outlook was changed. Its powerful emotional appeal and directness of expression at once appealed to me.

The Fifth of Beethoven called me to higher things and so I acquired a gramophone and to date my collection of records is devoted entirely to Beethoven. I have recently bought a record of his Choral Symphony. This is on a supreme psychological plane and each movement is unparalleled in constructive power and in the span and magnitude of its musical ideas. The recent visit of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain to Ireland proved a great success and provided a musical treat. It also serves to emphasise how many young people in Great Britain are interested in good music and should be an example to all youth.

As well as symphonic music I have also come to appreciate opera which, as a Fifth Former, I considered barbaric noise. However, it is not in this light that I now consider such a masterpiece as Verdi's "Aida," having seen it splen-

didly performed in Dublin. The music in this has also a depth and intensity of feeling which is hard to surpass. For light relief it is to ballet music that I turn and such joyful pieces as "Nutcracker Suite" adequately fill the bill. The final step in my conversion has been the gradual awakening of an interest in chamber music and I feel that further than this from Rock and Roll I cannot go.

So, all you prospective Sixth Formers, make the most of youth and foolishness while you can. You, too, may soon be turned to higher and deeper things and become, like me—

A CAT TURNED SQUARE.



Wrong Conclusions

To play or not to pay, that is the question? Pleasant dreams of a sunny day; white flannels and "sixes" lull you into sweet anticipation. Friday approaches. Will it be fine? Yes, no, yes! A brilliant day, the sun beaming over Belgrave Square. School ends, a dash to the ground, and play commences. The first quarter-hour is bliss, the second is not so good after doses of sun-dazzle and heat, and the rest is a blur of white and green and bat and ball.

During fielding, one looks everywhere but at the ball, daydreaming, as the bowler's arm comes over. Down the pitch towards the wicket travels the ball—click, and up and away it goes again. A cry of "Look out!" awakens me, and I see an object approaching. I duck and put my hand up to stop it. "Bravo, a catch!" I throw the ball to the bowler, blow furiously on my sore hand and try to look unconcerned. At last my turn of batting comes. . . .

I have imagined myself hitting "sixes" by the dozen—but reality is different. After a couple of cautious blocks, I lash out at a seemingly easy one. There is another loud click—have I actually made a hit? No, as a woeful glance at the stumps soon shows. I am out.

After another threequarters of an hour's fielding, we prepare to go home. Pleasant thoughts of tea—kippers perhaps and crisp brown toast—I can almost smell them as I mount the bike. Suddenly, down comes the rain, and when I reach home, well soaked, the best part of the apple-tart has been swiped, the kippers are cold, and I am depressed by homework.

D. KING (Form 1A).

The Concert

"To sleep, to sleep perchance to dream."

My voice rang out in the empty room, with an inflection worthy of Olivier. I was practising for the Dramatic Society auditions which were about to be held for the play the society intended producing for the concert. I knew I would get the leading part, but I thought I had better polish up my diction. I was wrong. I

don't think the producer knew the value of good acting for he gave the leading parts to boys decidedly inferior to me. On the whole, I think his treatment of me was rather slighting.

"Ah yes, you," he said in a tone of no enthusiasm. "Can you talk in an American accent?" "No." "A German accent?" asked he more hopefully. "No." "An English accent?" (despairingly). "No." "Oh" (long pause. The strain of the monotony was telling on him). Then "Can you read German?" "Yes, a little." "Good; here is a little." I looked my part: a station official. A mere station official with twenty lines to say in the whole play! He had given me, who was in my prime compared to Gielgud, a measly twenty lines. The enormity of it made me speechless. To add insult to injury, the producer then said: "I know you're not very good, but I think even you should be able to master this." I considered refusing the part for a moment, but then I thought that the others who were clamouring to act would be far inferior to me, and would let the producer down, so I accepted.

After several rehearsals I began to realise that the whole play turned on my part. Without me the second scene would be completely devoid of dramatic significance. In my hands lay the dénouement of the play. I had my part perfectly although the producer accused me of ignorance of my lines, when my mistakes were obviously due to the fact that I was given wrong ones.

The night of the concert had come. I gave my advice to the other actors on their make-up, etc., although they did not appreciate it fully, I think. We went on the stage. The audience that evening were pretty glum. We, especially myself, did not receive the applause we deserved. In fact, judging by what I could see of the audience's tombstone faces, they regarded my part as a rather painful interlude. However, much to their satisfaction and my discomfiture, half my best lines were cut out by the bungling of the rest of the actors. Despite the incompetency of my supporting cast we were applauded quite well at the end, although I didn't get my expected special curtain-call. The second evening, however, as far as I was concerned, was a fiasco. The audience was particularly irresponsible, for all my most amusing lines were met with a stony silence. I have decided that High School

concert audiences do not know or appreciate acting when they see it. Never again will I be tempted to take part in the concert. "What, never?" "No, never." "What, never?" "Well, not until next year."

R. A. BUTTIMORE (Form 5A).

Philately

Philately is the world's most popular hobby, for boys as well as for girls. Many people call themselves "philatelists," when they don't know anything about philately.

The first thing to do when starting a collection is to get a pair of tweezers and a loose-leaf album to prevent stamps from getting dirty. Then it is advisable to specialise in one particular group or country (I specialise in Holland, which I have got almost complete from 1941 onwards), from which you shall get all the new issues. If you want to go into the finest details, you purchase a perforation gauge, a watermark tray, and an up-to-date catalogue. Then study your stamps, to notice errors, re-entries or other misprints.

Nearly everyone collects by countries, but it would be a nice idea to collect by values or colours. For instance, try to obtain all the blue stamps issued in Great Britain, or all the 1d., 2d., 3d. or 4d. stamps, etc., from the same country.

You may come across stamps, used, which still have gum on the back. This is due to stamp dealers asking post offices to postmark the stamps they are buying, so that they can obtain them at lower cost price.

Most young philatelists, who have not got a catalogue, think that used stamps are better to have than unused or "mint" ones. They are perfectly right, as far as this concerns most of the British Colonials, but otherwise they are wrong. The penny black, the world's oldest stamp issued in 1840, itself, is worth (catalogue values) £3 5s. 0d. used, and £24 unused. This is just an example, and no philatelist should take any notice of catalogue prices, since you are lucky to get $\frac{1}{4}$ of the catalogue price when you sell any stamps.

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Verdi

A few weeks ago my parents said that they were going to bring me to an opera which was "Rigoletto" by Verdi. I did not know who Verdi was, so I looked up an encyclopædia and this is what I learned:

In a little village there once lived a man and his wife, who were called Verdi. Their small son was very musical so they bought him a spinet. He practised well on the spinet, but one day he played a lovely chord by accident, which he could not play again. He tried for a long time to play this chord, but he could not. So in a fit of childish rage he attempted to smash the instrument. Just then his father came in and prevented him from doing further damage. The spinet was sent to be repaired, but the person who repaired it refused payment and left inside it a note which said: "I have repaired this instrument for Verdi, who practises so well on it that I take no payment."

A wandering fiddler, named Bagasi, visited Verdi's village one day and played outside the village green. He was very interested in Verdi, and helped and encouraged him in his studies. When Verdi eventually became famous, he did not forget this old fiddler who had helped him so much.

When Verdi became seven he went to a church as a server. One day the priest asked him for water, but Verdi was so engrossed in the organ music that he did not hear the priest. The priest asked Verdi three times for the water, and when Verdi did not reply he knocked him down the chancel steps. Verdi was carried unconscious into the vestry. When he was walking home that night, he fell into a stream and nearly lost his life.

He became acquainted with a society of music, which helped him and introduced him to many famous people. He then visited a cathedral organist who became his teacher. From money which had been collected for him he went to Milan and sat for an examination to be admitted to a conservatoire. However, the examiner said that Verdi had not sufficient talent and he was not admitted. After this downfall, he was advised to study privately, which he did.

He then began to attend the rehearsals of the Milan Philharmonic Society who were practising "The Creation" by Haydn. One

night the conductor of the orchestra was absent and Verdi was invited to fill his place. Nobody thought that he was any good, but he surprised everybody by playing the piano with his left hand and conducting with his right hand. After this he was made official conductor.

Then he came back to Brussels to become organist of the cathedral, which he had been promised, but the priests would not let him, because he had been practising opera music. The people of the town were very indignant at this because Verdi had become very popular. Subsequently, there were riots in the town and the music society took away all their music, which they kept in the church. Verdi then returned to Milan to write a comic opera, which, owing to ill-health, was a failure. Two months later his wife and children died and, when he himself eventually died at the age of 88, the whole of Italy went into mourning for him.

Verdi wrote many fine operas, among which are "La Traviata," "Rigoletto," "Aida," "Falstaff," "Othello," and "Macbeth."

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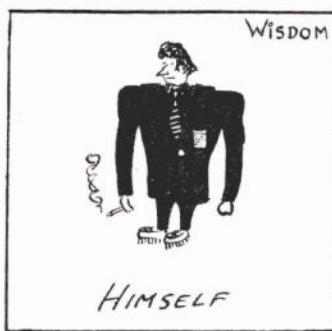
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On application to our revered caretaker, in whose hallowed garden the piggery is situated, and whose delectable task it is to see to its everyday requirements, we were informed that its sole purpose is to consume the left-overs

from the school dinners. At the end of the term, when its period of usefulness has expired, the animal is to be sold, at a profit, to persons whose sole interest is in its meat content.

Of course we must not be put off so easily. Knowing the idiosyncrasies peculiar to the government of this seat of learning, there can be no doubt that some ulterior motive concerning the pig exists. The suggestion that it was intended that the quadruped should be employed as a mascot for the first fifteen may instantly be dismissed as highly unlikely.

Some cynical dignitaries of the Sixth Form came to the conclusion that the School is engineering for a State agricultural grant. Due to the surprising lack of interest shown by the Government in the sphere of agriculture, and the financial embarrassment of the said reigning body, this opinion has also to be rejected as unsatisfactory. The possibility of this being turned into an agricultural college has been ruled out by the decision to foster experimental science.

Perhaps a hint on the subject may be gleaned from the advertisements, asking for biology teachers, which have appeared with

startling frequency in the local papers. To our certain knowledge, at least one of the new lady teachers, who grace the School, and delight the beauty loving souls of the senior students, can impart biological knowledge to the work crazy pupils. If biological experiments are to be successful, at least one other pig will have to be purchased. If this is so, we must hope that the biological classes will be able to pay the fines falling upon them for littering school property.

N. C. J. POPE (Form 6A).

"Tit Willow"

In a room by himself a little schoolboy
Sang "Willow, tit willow, tit willow."
And I said to him "Schoolboy why do you so
sit,

Singing 'Willow, tit willow, tit willow.'"
"Is it weakness of intellect chappie," I cried,
"Or a tough old school dinner in your little
inside?"

With a shake of his poor little head, he replied
"Oh! willow, tit willow, tit willow."

He slapped at his chest as he sat, then and now
Singing "Willow, tit willow, tit willow."
And a cold perspiration bespangled his brow,
"Oh! willow, tit willow, tit willow."

He sobbed and he sighed as his chest he did
slap,

I really did pity the poor little chap—
For he just forgot to wear his school cap.
"Oh! willow, tit willow, tit willow."

I. A. Fox (Form 6B).

(With apologies to Sir William Schwenk Gilbert)

The Score

Into the scrum the rugby ball goes,
Out in a "swallow dive" the scrum-half flows.
Straight to the out-half . . . the centres . . .
the wing,

Who runs down the touchline right into Bill
King.

Bill King is their full-back, as tough as wood
(He'd certainly kill you if he could),
But back to the centre, who's ever near,
And from the crowd an almighty cheer.
He's going to score right under the post,
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During the days when the disciples of Christ were endeavouring to spread the Gospel in Rome, the citizens of that city, to amuse themselves, put these unfortunate wretches in an arena and turned about six lions loose on them, and gave them only a knife to fight the beasts with. From their seats the Romans yelled encouragement and placed bets as to who would win, much as we do at a football match to-day.

Right up to the 18th century slave galleys were used by many nations. Prisoners of war were chained to huge oars, and compelled to row the ships, until they dropped exhausted; then they were thrown overboard. Many men were born whose sole wish was to conquer the world. Men such as Alexander the Great, Hannibal, Cæsar, Philip II of Spain, and more recently Napoleon and Hitler. All these men had one aim, and that was to conquer as many of the weaker nations as they could, and then turn on the strong nations, and thus conquer the world; this conduct could hardly be called human. Religion was a cause of much suffering and inhumanity. There was the Spanish Inquisition which tortured its prisoners to make them renounce their beliefs, and the Turks who tortured the members of the nations they conquered most cruelly. All through history the white races have persecuted and tormented the coloured races. The Americans bought thousands of African slaves and put

them to work in the cotton fields, far from their native land and their loved ones. One of the greatest outrages of all was the almost total annihilation of a very noble race, the North American Indians. They were driven relentlessly across the Continent by the white men, fighting all the time; until finally the ever-increasing number of white settlers proved too much for them.

Perhaps the man who did most to bring suffering, and misery, to mankind was Adolf Hitler. He built vast concentration and extermination camps in Europe, in which were executed over five million Jews. This constitutes the greatest crime in history; not to mention the many millions that died fighting Hitler during his six year occupation of Europe. In Russia to-day a man can be put in a concentration camp for uttering some bitter word against the State; this is not human behaviour. It is a dreadful state of affairs when a mother ill-treats her own child, as is happening to a large extent at the moment. It is also frightening to think that for a small sum of money a man will turn on his best friend and kill him. Nowadays there is a great deal of mob hysteria; for if a certain person becomes unpopular with a crowd he may well be attacked by them, and in some cases torn to pieces.

Thus we see that as the world population grows, inhumanity grows also, and never more so than at the present moment. Therefore until the glorious day is reached when men can live together in peace there will always be inhumanity and aggression.

P. M. GRANTHAM (Form 5).

Holiday Camp Last Summer

My destination was Lancashire. I was going to a youth camp. The journey, consisting of three and a half hours on the boat, and four hours on the train, was long, but not tedious. We had fun on the boat, partly because we were travelling at night, and partly because we had a guitar with us. Everyone else had arrived on the previous evening, so that when we arrived at 5 o'clock in the morning, there was no tent pitching for us to do.

We were divided into groups of fourteen. There were boys and girls from Scotland, Wales, England, Israel, and ourselves from

Ireland at the camp. There were five groups. We got up at 7 a.m., we washed and dressed and had tent inspection, followed by physical training, and then, breakfast. We were then divided up, one group was sent to the kitchen to peel potatoes and clean dixies, while another group washed dishes. The remaining groups had classes in cooking, scouting, sports, or in making belts or carpets with twine. After lunch we had an hour's rest, in which we had a chance to write home, or walk up to the village, a mile away, for tuck. We then went for a hike and did not return till tea-time. After tea, we had Israeli dancing, and ghost-stories, before going to bed.

I would like to describe Saturday (the Sabbath) to you. We got up at nine, washed and had tent inspection. Breakfast was at 10 o'clock, and after that a Service in the marquee. During the Service, boys sat separately from the girls. This finished at 12.30, and we had a cold meal (it had to be prepared before the Sabbath came in). We were free to go to the town in the afternoon.

Five of us went together, and hitched a lift to the town four miles away. We went round the shops, getting presents and souvenirs to bring home with us. We went to the pictures and saw a film called "Twenty Thousand Leagues Beneath the Sea," adapted from the novel by Jules Verne, and returned to camp about 8.30.

Five days before camp was to close, we were told that each group was going out for three days, to see if they could take care of themselves. We had to find a good spot to pitch our two tents, but the place had to be well defended, because the object of the three day outing was to defend our flag against the main party, who would attack us at any time. We had to cross a river by ropes, and I fell in. Luckily we had each brought a change of clothes with us. We found a small island in the middle of a stream, and we pitched our tents there. The girls did the cooking while the boys got wood for the fire, and did guard duty at night. On the last night we were attacked suddenly, and in the fight which followed I fell into the stream while chasing the man who swiped the flag. As I had no dry clothes left, the boys lent me a shirt and a pair of swimming togs, while the girls lent me two pullovers to wrap round my legs.

On the way home I was very embarrassed, when we had to pass through a girl guides camp.

We pitched our tents immediately we arrived back, had something to eat, and went to bed. On the last night of camp we had a big party and it did not finish till about 4 o'clock in the morning.

This was indeed a fitting finish to a good holiday.

T. B. WADDINGTON (Form 2A).

A Good Boot

A tree is an object, composed largely of wood, which grows in the ground. It is usually spelt "t-r-e-e" and should not be confused with the quantitative adjective "three," spelt "t-h-r-e-e." As you may know "three" cannot be pluralised into "threes." But as there is more than one tree—I am certain of this, because as well as having one in our garden, there is also one in the neighbouring garden—there is a plural which is trees. If, however, through some confusion, tree is spelt t-h-r-e-e, one is insinuating that in the entire universe only one tree exists. If this were the case the grandas would have to use clay pipes and the cigarette lovers would have to smoke their tobacco in tin cans. So we see that "h" can make a big difference to the meaning. Three sweets are three single sweets but tree sweets, if such things existed, "wood" not be very digestible.

There are two varieties of trees. In 1883 (t-h-r-e-e not t-r-e-e) Michael Wrenn, a bird lover, introduced the straight and narrow tree. He, himself, was a Pole. In the same year in Africa—so called because of the number of Africans who live there—the rubber tree sprang up.

Trees, unlike some human beings, grow up and not down. All tree-dwellers such as the elephant (because of its trunk) and the dog (because of its bark) dwell in trees. One might ask why animals, such as dogs, are attracted by trees. Well, your guess is as good as mine.

Trees can be kept as domestic pets. A round box, preferably made of wood, for they like to be in their natural surroundings, is ideal. One should be careful not to leave them in a cool place, unless they are "fur"

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trees, for they are very fond of the heat. Most of the trees thrive on fresh earth, which can be got at any soil merchant. The hazel tree, however, prefers nuts.

If breeding is the intention of the keeper, it is suggested he gets a tree and a treess. The treess is different to the tree in that it has two s's at the end. When the cronings (young trees) are hatched they should immediately be planted in the ground, for they depend on mother earth for nourishment.

There are cultivated trees and wild trees. Wild trees have a much harder root and if mixed with cultivated trees would kick the "rezin" out of them. Cultivated trees live for about two hundred years, after which time they die. Their "ashes" are buried and the funeral is attended by their relatives who "pine" for many days after. The wild tree comes and goes unnoticed after many years of breeding.

K. A. GREGORY (Form 6A).

The Death of a Cat

Many words have been spoken and written on cats. I am going to relate here an incident which occurred a short time ago. I was a cadet at the time and on our ship we had a most affectionate wily cat. This pet was loved by all cadets and officers, it appeared. The cat served under at least two captains in his long life. Unfortunately, in his old age, the cat was treated rather inconsiderately by the captain and this hastened his death. It is to the effects of this animal's death on the cadets and the officers I wish my readers to pay most attention. As might be expected the captain was not particularly upset and his gloom seemed feigned. I was most impressed by the genuineness of first mate's grief. He had been on the ship for almost as long as the cat. Our second mate was not affected due to his callousness, but many of our older officers were upset. The cadets? I think that, at that time, none of us realised the importance of death, and we were inclined to consider ourselves immortal. The significance of the cat was not realised until his passing and a cloud of gloom descended on the ship for a number of days. Indeed is not the death of many humans the same?

R. G. D. OTTER (Form 6).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

We record with regret the death of Mr. Harry Thrift, a Senior Fellow and member of the Board of Trinity College; also the death of Mr. Ernest Spence, a former President of the Old Boys' Union and National Commissioner in the Boy Scouts of Ireland.

The boys of the School and her colleagues on the Staff were very grieved to learn in February of the illness of Miss Smyth, senior Lady Teacher in the Junior School, and send her their best wishes for a speedy recovery. During her absence Miss Smyth's classes have been taken by Mrs. Mildred Weekes.

The School was sorry to hear in March of the death of Mr. D. W. Mitchell, who only a few months previously had generously presented a large sum to found the Mitchell Prizes.

We congratulate Mr. Dillon on being elected Vice-President of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby on the birth of a son, January 3, 1958, and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner also on the birth of a son, February 13, 1958.

Towards the end of the Christmas term a talk on Cost Accountancy was given to the seniors by an Old Boy, Mr. T. F. V. Jackson. Mr. Jackson is Cost Accountant for Messrs. W. D. & H. O. Wills and a Past President of the Irish Branch of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

As in previous years the Junior School gave an informal Carol Concert at the end of the Christmas term. All forms took part and, in addition to the more familiar carols, the programme included carols in German and Latin.

We wish to thank Canon R. J. Ross, of the Church of Ireland Training College, for a large number of copies of the magazine, "Greece and Rome."

Lenten boxes filled by the boys produced over £6 for the Hibernian Church Missionary Society. Rev. C. H. Lloyd, Southern Secretary for the Society, thanked the boys for their contributions.

A collection on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution realised £2 13s. 9d.

During the term a number of boys availed themselves of the facilities for B.C.G. and Mass X-Ray.

An S.C.M. Discussion was held in the Clock-room on 7th March. Rev. S. G. Poyntz was the speaker, and senior boys and girls from several schools attended.

As last year it is planned to hold the Demonstration of Physical Education in June at Danum, and at the end of the month to stage there another Greek play, the "Antigone" of Sophocles. During the spring the grass has been growing well on the two fields already sown, and the levelling of the other fields is now almost completed.

We congratulate:—

D. G. Fish on winning the Old Boys' Cup.

T. G. O'Malley on winning the Long Jump, Intermediate, and coming 3rd in the 100 yds. Intermediate at both the Leinster Schools' Sports and the All-Ireland Schools' Sports; also on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' Cricket Team against the Leprechauns.

J. D. Ridgeway on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for Rugby for the second year in succession; also on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' Cricket Team against Munster.

R. A. Buttimore and R. S. F. Murphy who tied for first place and were each awarded a Silver Medal for Greek Testament in the Synod Examination.

Visit of the R.H.S., Edinburgh

This year, for the first time, the 1st XV had a fixture against the Royal High School, Edinburgh. Next year it is hoped that our team will travel to Edinburgh, and make this an annual fixture. The Royal High School team arrived at the air terminal in Dublin, accompanied by their Rector, Mr. Imrie, and their trainer, Mr. Mitchell. It was at this stage that the only mishap of the tour occurred as their plane had been delayed by about four hours in Glasgow, on account of bad weather.

At the terminal the Edinburgh boys were greeted by their hosts, and then went to the respective homes for tea. After tea there was a party, organised by Mr. Gardner, for them in the Clockroom. The rugby committee extends its thanks to those who so willingly helped in making this party such a success.

The following morning, visitors and hosts assembled at the school to be conducted on a tour of Co. Dublin and Co. Wicklow in the cars of Old Boys. The Old Boys also, most generously, entertained us to lunch in Greystones. We then returned to the city to attend a Sportsman's Service which was held in the Methodist Centenary Church. That evening some of the Edinburgh boys were given the opportunity of seeing the bright lights of O'Connell Street.

On Monday morning the weather turned on us, and there was torrential rain all day. However, we all went on a tour of Dublin in a C.I.E. bus and, despite the weather, the Edinburgh boys managed to see a good deal of the city. The match was played on the back pitch of Lansdowne Road that afternoon. It is safe to assume that if the Edinburgh team had not been returning home that evening the match would not have been played in such conditions. The game was very keenly contested and early on, when it was still possible to hold the ball, the Edinburgh side gave some idea of what has made them such a successful team this year. The final score was 13-3 in favour of Edinburgh. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. R. Mitchell who kindly agreed to referee the match.

After tea in the pavilion the Edinburgh team left immediately to catch their plane. The week-end was voted by all a great success and many friendships were made. We thank everybody concerned who made this fixture the success that it was.

The School Concert

The Seventh Annual School Concert was held in the Clockroom on Monday and Tuesday, the 17th and 18th of February, 1958. The overall standard of performance in the concert was up to the usual level and there was a good attendance each night of parents, friends and boys to enjoy the varied programme.

After a version of the National Anthem,

specially arranged by Mr. Burrowes, the music teacher, the programme commenced with a play in Irish. This was a translation of "La Parade du Pont au Diable" (Henri Gheon) by Liam O Briain entitled "Geamaireacht Droichid an Diabhal." The play—a comedy—was performed by members of Form 3A and directed by Mrs. Reynolds. A piano solo by N. P. D. Norris of Form 2A followed. In completely different vein was the next item by D. G. Cobbe of Form 2s, who mimed the record "A Sweet Old-fashioned Girl." Then it was back to a more serious vein when H. B. Knott, of Form 3A, gave a piano solo.

The Shakespeare extract this year was "The Gobbos" from the Merchant of Venice. This was directed by the Headmaster and given a most spirited performance by four pupils of Form 4A. Following this was a musical selection for violin and recorder. One of the items played by J. D. Reynolds (5A) and G. L. R. Burne (4A), a violin and recorder respectively, was composed by Mr. Burrowes. The choir item was the last before the interval; this was a version of the Christmas story called "The Donkey Legend." A script by Hilary Reynolds was used to join together the songs and carols sung by the choir.

After the interval the lately-formed Dramatic Society performed a farcical morality by John Galsworthy entitled "The Little Man." Directed by Mr. Milne and with a selection of players from Fifth and Sixth Form this was one of the highlights of the evening. The next item was a piano solo by D. J. Bryans of Form 4A. It is no small praise to say that Bryans is playing as well now as Julian Dawson did at the same age and it is hoped that he will continue to develop as Dawson has done.

Pupils from Form 2A then performed a play in French, "Les Trois Ours," which was written and produced by Mr. Keegan. A musical item of a modern nature followed this—the Red Line Skiffle Group composed of five Third Formers led by D. F. Youell. Two of the songs played were composed by Youell himself; this item proved very popular with the boys. The penultimate item was a conjuring display given by I. A. Fox of Form 6B. Fox gave ample proof of the fact that he is at present the Junior Champion of the Magicians' Union. The final item was a variety of miming acts by R. O'Moore, A. Brown (6A), R. Kirkham (5A), and W. Hogan (5B).

Mr. Peters was the stage manager and he was helped by ten of the boys. The lighting was in the hands of three Old Boys—Mr. R. M. Mahon, Mr. N. Beresford and Mr. P. M. Cobbe. Mr. O'Kane was in charge of the organisation and the costumes were made by Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Handy, and Mrs. Simpson. The choirmaster and accompanist was Mr. Burrowes. Miss McClure was responsible for making up the various items.

We extend our congratulations to all the performers and thanks to all who worked so hard to make the concert a success.

Christmas Party

The annual end of term Senior School party was held in the Clockroom on Wednesday, December the 18th. Nearly one hundred and twenty present agreed that it was one of the best of these functions in recent years. This was due in no small way to an innovation introduced this year—the Square Dancing. This was most capably run by Miss Bullick and Miss Slator and our best thanks are due to them. The supper this year was in the hands of the School caterer, Miss Williamson; this, too, was much enjoyed. All in all, the party this year was a most successful affair.

D. J. M.
R. S. F. M.

An Interesting Morning

At the end of Easter term we had a very exciting morning in J2. We recited poetry in seven different languages. Some boys recited in English, others in Irish, and George Von Netzer, who can speak Spanish and German, read us some poetry in those languages. We enjoyed that very much. French poems were also recited. A. Reynolds read the Lord's Prayer in Greek; and, last of all, I read a Latin poem. We invited Dr. Reynolds in to hear us.

ROBERT WORMELL (Form J2).

Quiz

St. Andrew's College challenged us to a quiz competition, to be run on much the same lines as those that we have already held. We accepted, and presented a team at St. Andrew's on April 22nd. This team consisted of: J. W.

Micks (under 12), A. P. Moran (under 14), D. J. P. Bryans (under 16), and R. A. Buttimore, captain (over 16). Two members of this team, Micks and Moran, have previously won the prize for highest individual score in our own quizzes. With the aid of their nearly completely correct answering, The High School team won. We congratulate them on this success and thank St. Andrew's Parents' Association, who were responsible for the organisation of this competition. We also congratulate Moran on winning the prize for highest individual score.

Fifth Form Dance

The 5th Form Dance was held on Tuesday, the 7th of January. An enjoyable evening was had by all present due to the music of "The Embassy Group." As usual the Rock and Roll items were appreciated by all those "crazy cats"; the novelty dances also added to the enjoyment of the evening.

R. J. R. K.

Examination Results

EXAMINATIONS IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, 1958

Greek Testament

Silver Medals—R. A. Buttimore and R. S. F. Murphy.
Prizes (1st Class)—E. Smith, N. D. Simpson. (2nd Class)—E. N. Brunner, R. P. Carroll, P. Hayes.
Pass—D. Spurgeon.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

First Year

Prizes (2nd Class)—E. J. Bradfield. (3rd Class)—D. Scott, G. P. Hilliard, D. A. Beck, P. H. Mullock.
Pass—J. F. Lundberg, S. R. Martin, C. D. Mullock, R. L. Gordon, W. R. Wisdom, A. P. Moran, F. D. King, F. G. Williams, T. H. Keatinge, W. J. Burgess, A. H. Robb, D. G. Lee, H. McClatchie, D. K. Taylor, R. H. Martin, P. W. McIlwaine, E. J. Hanton, P. G. Lee, A. T. Shaw, M. G. Johnson, B. C. O'Neill, D. J. Homan, H. G. Inglis, M. G. Lowry, I. W. Kelly, G. A. Slater, W. R. Harris, M. D. Wilmot, K. A. Millington, D. E. Herman, P. S. Veselsky, D. W. Mahood, R. C. Wicklow, D. A. Harris.

Second Year

Prizes (1st Class)—M. Toms. (2nd Class)—D. P. Miller, P. G. Plant, M. A. McCullagh, R. J. Halliday, G. H. Gill, G. H. Douglas, N. C. Willis. (3rd Class)—B. A. Stokes, R. A. Watson.
Pass—E. W. Gannon, D. V. McCamley, W. D. O'Byrne, P. J. Nicholson, K. M. Hayes, J. V. Saunders, N. R. Galloway, D. S. Burgess, A. G. Squires, J. R. Howe, C. E. Cotter, L. N. Kennedy, I. H. Dick, T. M. Inglis, F. G. Pfeiffer, G. P. Twamley, R. Price, J. P.

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Third Year

Prizes (2nd Class)—G. H. Dodd, I. B. King, R. D. Warrington. **(3rd Class)**—C. A. Watson, A. H. Griffin, G. C. S. Burne, D. J. Lewis.

Pass—A. T. Ruddock, W. M. Stuart, C. S. Maybury, R. W. Scales, E. C. Morton, T. G. McCamley, J. M. Watson, F. G. H. McQueston, C. N. Sherwood, H. B. Knott, R. J. Grier, D. S. East, A. J. Roy, B. L. Meyer, M. Emmett, T. H. Lloyd, M. H. Robinson, P. V. Harty, S. W. McGowan, K. W. P. Rigley, D. G. Lawson, G. T. Taylor, W. G. Lyster, K. J. Bannister, J. Stokes, A. W. Kelso, B. M. Allman.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Year (2nd Class)—T. Cobbe, R. M. Taylor. **(Pass)**—G. W. Hunter, G. T. Beggs, R. Murphy.

2nd Year (1st Class)—J. D. Wright. **(3rd Class)**—B. D. A. Allen. **(Pass)**—T. G. Smyth.

METHODIST CHURCH

1st Year (Pass)—B. Williams, K. P. McCormack, H. J. Greer.

2nd Year (2nd Class)—D. E. Simpson.

3rd Year—A. F. Skerrett.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Under 13—R. A. J. Carson, H. St. G. McClatchie, D. L. W. Beck, C. D. Mullock, R. C. M. Wicklow (all pupils of the High School).

Under 12—M. R. Jones (High School), J. Micks (High School), J. P. Macdougald (High School), R. A. C. Verso (Sandford), B. D. Taylor (High School), D. P. Hughes (Rathgar), D. P. Richards (Sandford), D. A. Woods (Zion), C. R. Tinsley (Greenlanes), J. R. Davis (High School), F. N. Whisker (Rathgar), G. C. Lloyd (Zion).

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William Roberts Prize—J. T. Killen.

Scholarships

T. T. West—Mathematics (1st Place).

D. J. G. Irwin—Natural Science (1st Place).

Term Honor Examinations

E. M. Browett (S.F.)—Economics and Political Science (3rd Rank).

J. D. R. Oakes (S.F.)—Legal Science (3rd Rank).

School of Physic

Second Dental (Pass)—F. R. Baigel.

First Medical (Pass)—R. L. Berman, D. J. FitzPatrick.

Pre-registration (Zoology) (Pass)—W. G. G. Fisher, S. H. Heaney, M. R. H. Taylor.

Matriculation

A. L. Brown, K. A. Gregory.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following magazines: C.A.I., The Columban, The Masonic Schools' Magazine, Mountjoy School Magazine, Portora, Schola Regia (the magazine of the Royal High School, Edinburgh).

Erasmian Committee

Editor—R. S. F. Murphy.

Sports Editor—R. R. O'Moore.

Erasmian Prizes

Book tokens have been awarded to D. W. Adams and G. B. Wisdom for the best contributions to the December 1957 issue. These prizes are presented by the Old Boys' Union.

Lending Library

We wish to thank Mr. Gardner for a copy of Neville Cardus' Autobiography, and two Old Boys, G. A. Watt who presented Sir Isaac Newton, by John Dougall, and the Engineer Centenary Number, and J. D. McKee who presented 17 books of school and adventure stories.

Parents' Association

As we come to the close of another school year, we are glad to report that our monthly meetings have been well supported, especially the annual Whist Drive and the Forum which was held towards the end of April. We hope that the increased interest thus evidenced, in the functions organised by the Association, is

a healthy omen, and that even after the long summer vacation that interest will again emerge.

In the meantime, to keep everybody reminded of our existence, it was suggested at our last Committee Meeting that we print the details of the Hobbies Exhibition, which will be held in the School on Saturday, September 20th. It has been decided to alter the number and value of the prizes. This year we hope to give a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in each group, as well as raising the monetary value of the existing prizes in Group 3. We look forward to seeing more entries than ever, and, no doubt, during the intervening months many original ideas will find expression.

The Annual Fathers v. Boys cricket match will be held during Sports Week. We hope to have a full team of fathers and a good supporting cast. For the future, one important date to note will be Thursday, October 9th, the Annual General Meeting.

Meanwhile, a very happy holiday to everybody.

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Hobbies Exhibition 1958

All boys in the School are eligible to enter samples of their hobbies and 32 prizes will be awarded, viz., 3 under each Age Group for each Section, together with 8 to exhibitors (other than prizewinners) whose entries, in the opinion of the judges, deserve recognition.

The Age Groups are as follows:—

Group 1: Junior School—Under 10 years of age.

Group 2: Junior School—Over 10 years of age.

Group 3: Senior School—Under 14 years of age.

Group 4: Senior School—Over 14 years of age.

For the purposes of the Exhibition, hobbies have been classified under the undernoted Sections:—

Section A: Art and Science—Painting, Lino Cuts, Drawing (pencil, ink, crayon, charcoal), Modelling or Sculpture in any medium, Pottery, Photography, Collections of various kinds. **Natural History**—Collections of Butterflies, Moths; Botany Specimens, Geology Specimens.

Section B: General Hobbies—Handwork of all kinds, Model Aeroplanes, Models in any material, Meccano Models, Woodwork or Carpentry of any kind, Engineering and Metal Work.

Note—Bayko, Dinky Builder and similar models and train layout are **not eligible**, but any part of a layout made by yourself may be submitted.

If your hobby is not mentioned in the above examples, it does not mean that you cannot submit your entry. Further, you can send in as many entries as you wish.

There are only three Rules to be observed:—

- (1) The entry submitted must be mainly the work of the boy exhibiting. The joint effort of two or more boys will, however, be accepted.
- (2) The entry must bear a distinguishing number, which number will be given to the exhibitor on his applying to Mr. Evans.
- (3) Entries must be brought to the School on Friday, 19th September, 1958, and removed on Monday, 22nd September, 1958.

The decision of the Judges, who will be Old Boys of the School, is final and while every care will be taken of the work submitted, no responsibility can be accepted for the exhibits.

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Group 3: Senior School under 14	10/-	7/6	5/-	10/-	7/6	5/-
Group 4: Senior School over 14	15/-	10/-	7/6	15/-	10/-	7/6
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We hope that all Parents will support and encourage entries for this Exhibition and have the pleasure of seeing a really good display in September next to which you are all cordially invited.

SPORTS REVIEW

CLUB OFFICERS

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Capt. : D. G. Fish.
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ATHLETICS, 1958

Capt. : W. S. Gibney.
Vice-Capt. : R. J. Kirkham.
Hon. Sec. : J. D. Ridgeway.



S.C.T., 1957-58

Standing—T. O'Malley, D. Johnson, I. McAnoy, D. Goodey, Mr. Lowry, B. Boyce, D. Mackey, R. Graves, W. Barnwell, R. Kirkham.
Seated—Mr. Cornish, K. Gregory, J. Ridgeway, D. Fish (Capt.), R. O'Moore, W. Gibney, Dr. Reynolds.
On Ground—P. Kelly, T. Haskins.

Rugby, 1957-58

This year for the first time we had a First Fifteen fixture with a cross-Channel school, The Royal High School, Edinburgh. This match was arranged by the Old Boys of the School (see report). The match was played at Lansdowne Road in heavy rain, but nonetheless was enjoyed by all concerned, Edinburgh being the deserving winners.

The First Fifteen, after a slow start, mainly due to illness and injury, had a good season, with forwards and backs combining well. In the Cup they reached the quarter final, being beaten by the eventual winners, Terenure. A cruel blow was struck before the match, they lost J. Ridgeway, A. Brown, R. Graves; had they been able to play, the match might have been even closer than it was. The other very enjoyable home and away friendlies with Larne

and Bangor were also played with some success.

The Second Fifteen had a shorter fixture list, playing only twelve matches. Throughout the season their main strength lay in the pack which, indeed, forced the Seniors to play as well as possible at all times. The backs were not, however, of quite the same standard, though many good tries were scored, which gave the team a very presentable record. The Second Fifteen again played Waterford and Bishop Foy in their annual friendlies. The Third Fifteen only played two matches this season, but performed very creditably on both occasions.

The Junior Cup team were on the whole quite a good combination, but lost a few matches, which might have been won, had the backs taken all their chances. The forwards, though rather small, were an effective unit. They were beaten in the first round of the Cup by Mountjoy after an enjoyable and closely fought match.

The "Under 14" are a very big and strong team, and should develop into a very good Junior team next year. The forwards especially are big, being well above our average. The team played very well on occasions, including Blackrock among their victims, but they lost one or two matches through carelessness, which might be blamed on lack of match practice.

The "Under 13" are a reasonably successful team playing good open rugby, and they did not seem in the least upset by losing matches, but somehow managed to achieve a respectable record.

The "Under 12" were the only team in the school that won more matches than they lost. When they did lose it was usually by a narrow margin. They scored seventy-six (76) pts. to fifty-six (56) against. This should be a good team in the future.

We wish to congratulate J. D. Ridgeway on being a member of the Leinster Schools' team to play Munster and Ulster, and Captain of the team to play Connaught, also on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for rugby; and D. G. Fish on playing in the Interprovincial Trial. We also wish to express our thanks and gratitude to Mr. Gardner and his assistants for

organising two very successful parties for our visitors from Edinburgh and Larne.

R. O'M.

Cricket, 1958

Cricket started quite early again this year, with the usual enthusiasm, but we have only Belgrave Square in which to practise, which rather curtails our activities. However, there is the possibility of a pitch at Danum next year.

We continue to use the Civil Service Cricket Club ground in the Phoenix Park for our Senior and Junior home matches, and Trinity Hall, Dartry, for the "Under 12" and "Under 13."

The Senior Eleven this year shows great promise in reaching the semi-final of the Cup. The batting is sound and the bowling exceptionally keen. In a very exciting match in the second round they beat St. Mary's College by seven runs. The S.C.T. scored 66, and overnight St. Mary's were 29 for 8. As a result of a great last wicket stand they scored 59 runs before our attack got the vital wicket. At the time of writing the S.C.T. are the brightest school hope this year.

We should like to congratulate T. O'Malley on being selected to play in the "Leinster Schools'" team against the Leprechauns, and J. Ridgeway on being picked as a sub. for the same match.

At the time of writing, the J.C.T. are waiting to play Blackrock in the 1st round of the Cup. They have had only one match but are hoping for the best.

The "Under 14" team met with mixed success in the League, they have won one and lost one of their matches; they are, however, extremely keen and hopeful.

The "Under 13" and "Under 12" teams show some promise and have met with varied success this season.

P. R. S. K.

Swimming, 1957-58

This term the main item in the Swimming Club will be the half mile handicap race for the

Old Boys' Shield, which was won last year by A. Spence. We also hope to arrange another water polo match, having already played Wesley, whom we beat after a very enjoyable match.

Mr. Myles continues to instruct boys who are unable to swim every Friday. The attendance has been quite good especially among the Junior Groups. The Seniors, however, seem a little irregular which may be due to approaching examinations.

R. O'M.

Athletics Report

Mr. Myles started his coaching immediately after the Easter holidays and this early start enabled him to prepare our entrants for the Leinster Schools' Sports. This year's entry was our largest for many years and all who were entered acquitted themselves well. Our two outstanding competitors were R. J. R. Kirkham and T. O'Malley.

Kirkham reached the final of the 100 yds. Senior and was 3rd in the 220 yds. Senior. O'Malley first won the Long Jump Intermediate and then was 3rd in the 100 yds. Intermediate. He thus qualified for the All-Ireland Schools' Sports in Cork, and won the Long Jump (Intermediate) title with a jump of 19 ft. 4½ ins.; he was also 3rd in the 100 yds. Intermediate.

Athletic Colours have been awarded to both these boys and we would like to congratulate both of them, O'Malley in particular, on their achievements.

B. G.

Boxing

The Nineteenth Annual Championships were held in the Clockroom on Monday, 31st March, 1958. Under the training of Mr. Myles the boys have shown considerable keenness and a high standard of boxing was well maintained. It was, therefore, only fitting that this year's annual tournament received such support, both from boys and parents.

We sincerely thank Mr. George Carroll, who acted as referee; Mr. M. A. Cole, who acted as M.C., and all those officials who gave of their time and contributed to the success of

the tournament. We would also like to thank Mr. Goulden, who made it possible for the Championships to be held this year, and Mr. Peters, who prepared the Clockroom for us.

The officers elected for this season were: Captain, D. R. Dagg; Vice-Captain, K. A. Gregory; Secretary, T. Haskins.

The results of the Championships were:

5 st. 0 lbs.—E. G. Fox bt. I. M. Keating.
5 st. 7 lbs.—R. M. Hilliard bt. W. A. Davis.
6 st. 0 lbs.—V. J. Robinson bt. B. M. Allman.
7 st. 0 lbs.—D. P. Millar bt. D. A. Jackson.
7 st. 7 lbs.—M. C. Gorman bt. D. E. Killen.
8 st. 0 lbs.—A. I. Donaldson bt. N. E. Stewart.

9 st. 7 lbs.—E. N. Brunner bt. R. Curtis.
10 st. 0 lbs.—I. G. O'Malley bt. T. Haskins.
10 st. 7 lbs.—D. R. Dagg bt. R. D. Clarke.
11 st. 0 lbs.—D. H. Dixon bt. R. A. Buttmore.
11 st. 7 lbs.—R. B. Boyce bt. W. A. Barnwell.

Belgrave obtained the greatest number of points in the House Competition.

D. R. D.

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis Club has been enthusiastically supported during the past season. Even though members could practise only one night a week, a good standard of play was evident, and our teams acquitted themselves well in matches against other school clubs.

The season concluded, as usual, with the Annual Championships. Most events were keenly contested but unfortunately the Junior Doubles did not get the same support as the others, and could not be held owing to insufficient entries.

The results were as follows:—

Senior Singles Championship—I. B. Erskine.
Senior Singles Handicap—I. B. Erskine.
Senior Doubles Handicap—I. B. Erskine and R. R. O'Moore.
Junior Singles Championship—J. G. Fildes.
Junior Singles Handicap—D. W. Micks.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who contributed prizes to the tournaments.

D. J. M.

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The Annual Dinner

Once again our Annual Dinner proved to be a major success, held on Saturday, 25th January, 1958; 219 members and guests attended. Sir Basil Goulding was our principal guest and replied to the toast of "Our Guests and Kindred Associations," proposed by our President Elect, Mr. W. S. Cunningham. We congratulate our President, Mr. E. J. Montgomery, on the very capable manner in which he presided. Our musical guests gave us an excellent programme and we were pleased to see our good friend, Paddy Henry, at his best.

We thank Mr. K. J. Cullen and his staff from J. E. Mills Ltd. for the first-class menu they produced.

London Dinner

Friday, 7th February, 1958, was an historical occasion for the Old Boys' Union, as members attending this function were able to invite

their wives or lady friends to dine with them in the Hall of India, Overseas House. Altogether 95 members and guests were present, including 32 from Dublin. Everyone was delighted to meet Lord and Lady Rugby. The toast of "the School" was proposed by the President and replied to by the Headmaster. Mr. W. S. Cunningham proposed the toast of "Our Guests" and Lord Rugby and Mr. J. P. Wallace replied. Mr. P. J. Custis proposed the toast of "Our President." Mr. Mervyn Bell kindly arranged an excellent musical programme with Paddy Henry once again to the fore. We thank Mr. P. J. Custis for his help in organising this dinner and also the Overseas League for the way they looked after us.

The following members were present: J. E. Allen, H. E. P. Anderson, B. Armstrong, H. Bell, Jack Bell, J. A. Bell, M. Bell, J. G. Berry, W. G. Booker, R. E. Boothman, W. D. Boyle, R. J. Chillingworth, E. Cowan, M. C. Cowan, R. K. Craig, W. S. Cunningham, P. J. Custis, H. C. Dodds, I. Dudgeon, S. S. Evans, P. Fennell, J. Green, L. Harrowitz, D. Hennessey, B. E. P. Hennessey, R. J. E. Hill, J. J. Maguire, R. J. Monaghan, E. J. Montgomery, H. B. Montgomery, R. T. Motyer, R. E. McGuire, D. H. McNeill, E. J. S. Pim, A. W. Polden, R. W. Reynolds, A. C. Stewart, C. R. H. Stewart, R. J. Walker.

May we hope for an even larger attendance in February, 1960.

Annual Dance, 1958

This Dance will take place in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 1st November next. In order to keep solvent the Old Boys' Union is mainly dependent on the profit made at the Annual Dance, so it is to be hoped that as many members as possible will make up parties and attend this function.

A.S.U. Annual Sportsman's Service

This Service was held in the Methodist Centenary Church on Sunday, 23rd February

last. The Rev. T. J. Irwin, former Principal of Wesley College, gave the address and our Patron, Mr. S. W. Meyer, read one of the Lessons. We were pleased to see members of the Royal Edinburgh High School and our own School rugby teams present. The collection was in aid of the Adelaide Hospital.

A.S.U. President

In 1936 Mr. S. W. Meyer was elected the first President of the Association of Schools' Unions; since then 21 other schools who are members have nominated a president each each. It has now come round to High School's turn again and your committee nominated Mr. Mervyn Bell to represent our Union, and on 29th May last he was duly elected into office at the Annual General Meeting of the A.S.U.

For Your Diary

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the School on Friday, 17th October, 1958, at 7.45 p.m.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 1st November, 1958.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 17th January, 1959.

Letter to the Editor

12 Cambridge Gardens,
Kilburn, London, N.W.6.
26th February, 1958.

Dear Sir,

I first heard of the existence of The High School Old Boys' Union in a curious manner.

The "Irish Pictorial," which has a good circulation in England, devotes a page to pictures entitled "At Your Request." I wrote to the Editor asking him to publish a picture of The High School, and much to my surprise and delight it duly appeared in the issue dated December 15, 1956. I sent a copy to the Headmaster, as a result of which I became enrolled as an Old Boy.

The Headmaster of my day was William Wilkins, a stern disciplinarian. I remember

vividly a bicycle race in which the winner was the slowest—on this occasion the Headmaster's son. He traversed only a few inches whilst still keeping his balance on the saddle, all the remaining competitors having crossed the disqualifying line several yards ahead.

Other masters of my time were Messrs. Bird, Cousins, Lister, Mitchell, Patterson, and York.

My "forte" was handball, and there was keen competition to secure a court when the bell rang for midday break—a case of first come first served.

It gave me great pleasure to attend the annual dinner held in London on 7th February, and to meet the Guests of Honour, Lord and Lady Rugby, the President, Past Presidents, Dr. Reynolds, the Headmaster, and so many Old Boys and some of their ladies. I counted an attendance of about 100. The function was a great success, enlivened by entertainers with plenty of wholesome Irish humour. Great credit is due to the organisers. A suggestion has been made that a photographic memento of a future function would be appreciated and help to keep impressions fresh in one's memory.

Yours truly,

JOEL GREEN

(Dr.) Joel Green (1903-07).

A Medical Tour of Northern Rhodesia—December, 1957

As I had now been appointed a Consultant for the railways, I found that I had an entire coach at my disposal which included a cookboy with medical orderly, my own kitchen of course, sleeping compartment with fan and a very comfortable dining cum sitting room with fan; also a full-sized bathroom with shower, so could live in comparative luxury even in the "jungle"—shades of Livingstone! It was in fact a mobile hotel. The only snag was that at times I was hitched on to a goods train or Kaffir Mail as they are sometimes called, and this meant a bit of shunting sometimes at night. I did my own shopping at the railway canteens along the route which were remarkably well stocked and had most helpful managers. The programme was, of course, always laid down

well in advance and had to be more or less rigid which sometimes was a drawback.

Having flown in a Viscount turbo-jet to Ndola, the Rhodesia railhead which incidentally did carry on into the Belgian Congo about 16 miles further on, I had to dump my baggage, which included my own optical equipment, at the station, and then to seek out the local railway M.O. in order to get his list of patients and use his rooms. On this occasion we left Ndola attached to a goods train, usually the last of anything up to 30 coaches. As it is a single track throughout, a certain amount of time has to be spent in sidings, though the timing is very accurate.

On these occasions one can catch up with one's mail and reading and time never seems to hang for long as everyone is so friendly out in the blue. You need a philosophical turn of mind which was never one of my strong points in the city. There was often some humorous sight in the African villages which dot the route. The railways people are mainly Scots, Irish and Afrikaners, in that order.

On this particular journey there was some apprehension as there had been some sabotage a week before which caused the derailment of a goods train. The culprit had been caught but it wasn't clear whether he had been a tool or just a fool. The result was that tenders went on ahead of some of the trains with a police guard, and bridges, especially the stately Victoria Falls one, were guarded night and day.

On arrival at a main station my first job was to ferret out the station master or foreman to check up time-tables so as I shouldn't be left behind. Sometimes no one seemed to know much about it, but only on one occasion was I attached to a wrong train in the middle of the night and woke up to find myself going "backwards." I then found the railway surgery, which, in most cases, was a modern building with a sister in charge and then my work commenced.

As a Consultant my patients were all referred to me and appointments made so that it was all pretty well cut and dried—in theory. In practice, many people brought relations, etc., so it was often a rush to get finished.

At Ndola, and Lusaka, the capital of Northern Rhodesia, I was usually able to con-

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tact friends, which was pleasant after several hours on my own.

At Livingstone there was the world-famous Victoria Falls Hotel, owned by the Railways but, unfortunately, with no special tariff for "employees," and £3 for bed and breakfast seemed a bit expensive when I had my own hotel. The views of the Falls were, of course, breathtaking, with the perpetual "smoke," as the natives used to call the spray overhead. The famous single-span bridge, completed 50 years ago without any difficulty except for the malarious climate, was guarded by police rather reminiscent of the "Ould Country." The train, incidentally, is not allowed to travel at more than 5 m.p.h. across it which allows you to have a good view of the tumbling grandeur.

After a short stop at the famous sister of the Zambesi, the Kafue, where there is some good fishing at times I understand, we travelled on to Wankie! Here I was disappointed to find that the station was 10 miles from the famous Reserve, so without transport I had to stay put. We didn't even smell an animal on the two occasions I was there. However, from the professional point of view, there was the hospital at the huge Anglo-American Collieries to visit. These collieries, which cost many millions to erect, supply all the coal for the Federation, including the copper industry and also some for export.

The hospital was put up by the Franciscan Order, with many Irish girls in it, and a fine building it was. I happened to know one of the doctors so after work I was asked to stay to dinner. As my train didn't leave till 9 p.m. this was easy and very enjoyable.

The last lap to Bulawayo was uneventful and we steamed in (later the system is to be electrified at a cost of nearly £3 per mile) bang on time at 6.15 a.m., having had a good breakfast and, in fact, excellent meals throughout.

I then had to report to the Chief M.O., where I was received with great friendliness. The rest of my time, till 8.30 p.m., was spent on social occasions. I was quite pleased to reach Salisbury at 7.30 a.m. on the Sunday after a most comfortable trip on the night express.

(Dr.) V. JOHN FIELDING,
L.R.C.P. & S., D.O.M.S. (1917-23).

An Old Boy Remembers . . .

There must be very few Old Boys now living who can go back further than I can.

I entered The High School in 1884 when I was a boy of eleven, and went through it from the lower First to the Fifth.

The Headmaster was William Wilkins ("Billy," as we called him), and the Masters whom I remember best were his brother George, who taught Classics, and Foster, the Mathematical Master. Cooney, I think, took in boarders and lived on the opposite side of Harcourt Street.

The chief form of punishment was caning on the hands. It stung a bit but was soon over. We used to rub our hands with resin to deaden the sting. Billy did all the caning himself.

When I was in Dublin in 1954 the School appeared to have changed very little externally, but I have no doubt that the classrooms must have altered considerably.

There was only one tree in the playground, a mulberry from which I used to collect leaves for my silk worms.

Some of us had a penny-farthing bicycle on which we practised tricks such as standing on the saddle. The first safety bicycle came in shortly before I left school.

Our pocket money consisted of about one penny a week, which I generally spent on sticks of liquorice.

We always walked the mile and a half to school, except when it was very wet. Then we went by the horse-drawn tram which didn't go much faster than one could walk.

This is a very dull article so I will try to liven it up with my experience of 85 years of life.

(1) The Superior Officer is always right, more particularly when he is wrong.

(2) You can't do more than your best, but be sure it is your best.

May God bless you all.

C. J. D. FREETH.

(Col. Freeth, who is an uncle of our President, Mr. E. J. Montgomery, and lives at Lymington, Hants., is the oldest member of the O.B.U.)



Photo, Irish Express Pictures, Tuam.

Block, courtesy "Irish Times".

Right Rev. A. H. Butler, Lord Bishop of the United Diocese of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry, who was a pupil in the High School from 1920 to 1926. During the war he served as a Chaplain, becoming in 1942 Senior Chaplain to the 1st Division, with which he served in North Africa, Italy and Palestine. From 1945 until his election to the See of Tuam he was Rector of Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

Golf Section

Annual Competition for Old Boys' Cup will take place at Grange Golf Club on Thursday, 4th September.

A.S.U. Competition for Royal Dublin Cup at Royal Dublin, June 5, 1958 :

1st—St. Andrew's, 289.

2nd—Aravon, 291.

3rd—Wesley, 295.

4th—Kilkenny, 296.

5th—Portora, 298.

6th—High School, 300.

W. R. Wilson Memorial Fund

The closing date for this Fund will be 17th October, 1958. To date 250 subscriptions have been received. Any further subscriptions should be sent to the School.

S. S. EVANS.

Press Box

By BOB BULLOCK

Vacation time may raise hob with Del Monte Cricket Club prospects this summer.

The Carmel squad has been banking on the play of crack bowler, Alfred Cooper, a new-comer from the Navy School.

Cooper, a native of Dublin, took 8 wickets for 10 balls in a recent match with San Mateo. That's comparable to a low earned-run game in baseball.

However, Cooper may not be with the Del Monte team too long—he's headed for a six week vacation trip throughout the nation.

—From the *Monterey Herald*, U.S.A.

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News of Old Boys

R. E. D. Bain (1923-27), Chief Engineer of the Belfast Waterworks, has accepted an invitation from the British Waterworks Association to serve on a sub-committee set up to study the effects of radio-active substances on water and means of combating them.

V. S. Ballagh (1917-23) is working in a stockbroker's office in Canada.

J. G. Berry (1945-48) was elected A.M.I.C.E. in June, 1957.

H. Burchill (1918-25) has been appointed Assistant Vice-President of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., New York, with responsibility for the European division.

M. A. Byrne (1952-56) is now with Messrs. W. & R. Jacob & Co., Ltd.

Rev. J. M. G. Carey (1936-45) and Rev. C. A. Faull (1939-41) have been appointed Priest-Vicars of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

W. T. Campbell (1940-43), Managing Director of Campbell & Walker Ltd., Co. Dublin, was appointed in February President of the Irish Wool Federation. He is the youngest member ever to hold the office of President in the long history of the Federation, which is responsible for the whole raw wool industry in this country.

Julian Dawson (1951-54) was one of two soloists at a recital presented last January by the Music Association of Ireland in the Royal Hibernian Hotel.

R. E. Fleming (1950-55) is now with Messrs. Chivers & Sons, Clonskea.

N. R. S. Foster (1949-53) has been promoted in Charge of the Costing Department at Campbell & Walker, Ltd., Co. Dublin.

D. Grant Duff (1935-42) is in Ghana, where he is a senior engineer with Sir Wm. Halcrow & Co., at Lerna.

Dr. Joel Green (1903-07) has been appointed Chairman of the London Executive Council for the ensuing year. He has also been re-appointed a Member of the Board of Governors of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for a further period of three years.

R. J. E. Hill (1946-53) is in the London Branch of the Astor Tobacco Co.

T. V. Jackson (1947-49) is serving as an Instructor-Lieutenant in the Royal Navy at H.M.S. St. Vincent.

J. T. Killen (1945-55) is Chairman of Trinity News.

R. A. C. Lewis (1950-52) has qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He was articled to Messrs. Ormsby and Rhodes, and his younger brother, Gordon, is now with the same firm.

T. W. M. Meates (1943-54) was a member of the Leinster Junior Interprovincial Team against Ulster.

Professor D. M. Mitchell, M.D., F.R.C.P.I. (1920-27), is this year's President of the Biological Society of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

G. F. Mitchell, F.T.C.D. (1922-30), has been re-elected President of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland for the present year.

Rev. E. C. T. Perdue (1941-48) has been licensed as Curate-Assistant of the Parish of Booterstown and Carysfort.

F. V. Simpson (1914-18) was a missionary for six years in Lagos, Nigeria. At the recent General Elections he was elected M.P. for Northern Ireland Labour, Old Park Division, Belfast.

Professor J. D. Smyth, F.T.C.D. (1930-36) was invited by the New York Academy of Sciences to take part in a conference in New York, dealing with nutrition and artificial cultivation of invertebrate animals. He lectured in the John Hopkins University, the Rice Institute in Texas, the University of Louisiana, and the Naval Medical Research Institute in Maryland.

R. Stevens, B.A.I. (1945-53), is working in a jet aircraft factory in N.W. London.

R. J. Walker (1924-31) has been appointed Chairman of the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland for 1958-59.

S. N. Watt (1945-52) has been placed in charge of the Yarn Division of the Bradford Office (Yorks.) of Campbell & Walker Ltd.

J. P. Williams (1944-55) is in the London Office of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Canon F. A. G. Wills (1922-31), Rector of Bagenalstown, has been appointed prebendary of Tullomagimma and prebendary of Aghour.

N. E. Wilson (1943-49), who has been on the teaching staff of Syracuse University, New York, has been appointed to a teaching fellowship at Harvard University. He recently took the degree of Master in Engineering (T.C.D.) for a work on the design of cooling towers.

D. M. Wilding (1936-44) is now working as an engineer in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. His younger brother **John** (1942-50) is a Master on the staff of the Hibernian Marine School, Dublin.

Marriages

Reginald Lloyd Bryson (1920-27) to **Ann Frost**, December 21, 1957.

Anthony William Polden (1931-41) to **Jessica Loveday Langdon**, May 14, 1958.

Desmond Watson (1943-47) to **Jacqueline Levenston**, December 22, 1957.

D. M. Wilding (1936-44) to **Edna Warwick**, in Pietermaritzburg, S.A., September 20, 1957.

Deaths

Rev. Henry Livingstone Armstrong (1910-18), Rector of Howth, December 11, 1957.

Rev. J. R. Colthurst, M.A. (1885-90), formerly Rector of Calary, January 28, 1958.

William Dudley Fielding (1915-18), at Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, June 2, 1958.

Dr. George Halpin (1893-99), May 18, 1958.

Ernest Edgar Spence (1911-13), June 2, 1958.

Harry Thrift, M.A., S.F., T.C.D. (1892-1901), February 2, 1958.

Obituary

MR. HARRY THRIFT

Mr. Harry Thrift, a Senior Fellow and member of the Board of Trinity College, Dublin, died at his home, 67 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin.

A native of Dublin, he was the younger son of the late Henry George Thrift, of the Inland Revenue Department. He was educated at the High School, Dublin, and entered Trinity College in 1901 as a junior exhibitioner. He graduated in 1905, and became a Fellow four years later. He was a physicist and lectured in experimental science.

He was Auditor of the College and a former Bursar. His brother, William Edward Thrift, was admitted Provost of Trinity in May, 1937. He died in April, 1942.

Harry Thrift was famous for his interest in sport, which he did so much to foster. He played a large part in the introduction some years ago of new regulations governing the game of rugby; and early in his career he gained a reputation as a wise administrator.

He and his brother revived the Dublin University Central Athletic Committee (DUCAC), of which he was chairman from 1937 until May last year. When he came to Trinity from the High School, he was a football out-half. A change was made when he appeared for the Trinity "thirds," to wing-threequarter, the position in which he became famous. He was capped for Ireland 18 times against the "Home" Countries, France, New Zealand and South Africa between 1904 and 1909.

In addition, he had a fine reputation, and record, as a sprinter.

He was president of the Irish Rugby Football Union in 1923-24. Between 1933 and 1957 he was honorary secretary of the International Rugby Board.

Mr. Thrift is survived by his widow, Mrs. Etta Thrift, and two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Yates, Dublin, and Mrs. Lily McCaw, Lurgan.

—From the *Irish Times*.

MR. ERNEST E. SPENCE

The death took place suddenly of Mr. Ernest Edgar Spence, of 3 Glenayr Road,

Rathgar, Dublin, who was a National Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Ireland. Mr. Spence, who was in his late fifties, was a pioneer of scouting in Ireland and it was at his suggestion that the "Bob a Job" Week idea was introduced here seven years ago.

He was educated in the High School and in the old Royal College of Science, Dublin. He began scouting in 1910 when he joined the 3rd South Dublin (Harold's Cross) Troop. He later became assistant Scout Master and Rover Scout Leader in the 11th South Dublin Zion Scout group.

In 1929 he was on the headquarters staff of the Irish Free State contingent which went to the "Coming of Age" jamboree at Birkenhead, and two years later he led the Irish group to the Rover moot in Kandersteg, Switzerland.

Mr. Spence was decorated with the Medal of Merit and the Silver Acorn for his services to scouting. He was one of the first Irish scouters to qualify for the Wood Badge, and later took a Rover Wood Badge course at Gilwell Park.

He became a National Commissioner for Ireland in 1950, and in the same year, Assistant County Commissioner for Dublin. Four years ago he was appointed Assistant Deputy Camp Chief.

At the outbreak of the first World War he joined up by giving a wrong age and saw service as a signaller in the Black Watch during the Mesopotamia campaigns. After the war he took an interest in the welfare of ex-servicemen, and helped by his wife, ran whist drives in their home in Rathgar before Christmas each year to buy hampers for ex-servicemen. The whist drive last November was their 21st.

He was a member of the old Spence foundry company which used to carry on business in Cork Street, and in later years he was a director of a wholesale grocery firm.

Mr. Spence was a former president of the High School O.B.U. On the sporting side his principal interest was in hockey—he was for a time on the Pembroke Wanderers' 1st XI—but he was also a follower of badminton and tennis.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice E. Spence.

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