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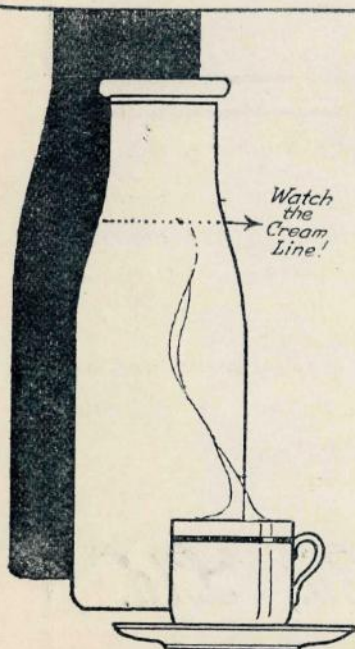
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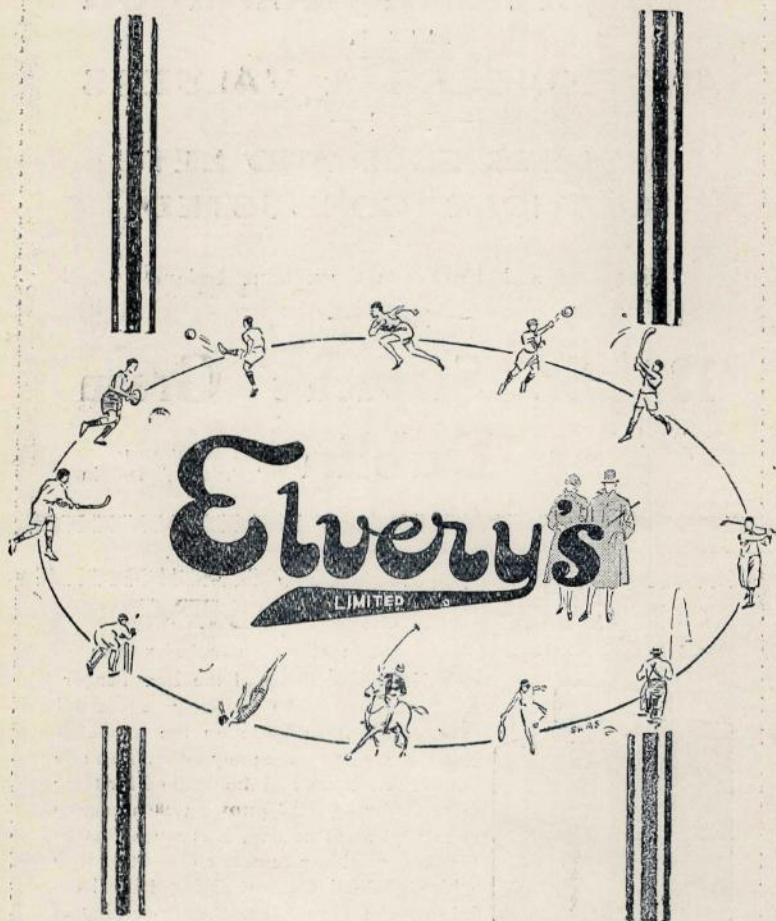
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DECEMBER, 1930.

Editorial.

It was with many, many thoughts flying through our heads that we sat down to write this Editorial. We could, however, only catch a few of them and weld them into a suitable form. And in doing this, we spent many sleepless nights until at last we remembered the words of the poet:

“The fruit of dreamy hoping
Is, waking, blank despair.”

The Editorial pen, moreover, which all our predecessors used (except one, who, we notice, used a more common ‘Blackbird’ in its stead) is very worn and lends no inspiration whatsoever.

Winter, however, has come, or, rather, is still here—the same old Irish winter, with its rain and its dark evenings and wet Saturdays. Even as we write, we can hear the wind blowing loudly outside the windows and carrying the last leaves of autumn and many old newspapers along with it. But since the object of our Editorial is not to express our feelings upon the weather, which everybody can do for himself, we had better proceed upon some loftier theme.

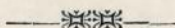
We were indeed sorry to miss Mr. Armstrong, our catechist, from our ranks on re-assembling after the vacation, but to Mr. T. J. Johnston, who comes to fill his place, we extend a very hearty welcome.

Since we feel sure that Erasmus Smith would not object to our devoting a part of this Editorial to Sport, we wish to offer a word of consolation to the Water Polo Team. They made a good fight for the Cup, and, we must all admit, had bad luck to be separated from it. To the Football team we would give advice—the season has opened in a promising way and all that is required to come very near the Cup, if not actually win it, is HARD TRAINING.

Let us close in taking thought for the morrow and in wearing out an old subject still more. It is, as all our predecessors know, the lack of contributions. Although our request was indeed generously responded to, this term, we still think that every senior boy, at least, should contribute to the ERASMIAN. Even though an article is refused, its author should attribute such refusal not to the article itself, but to the taste

of the Editor, which is undoubtedly extremely bad, and he should try again.

Now, Gentle Reader, wishing you an extremely joyous Vacation, and a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we will allow you to read on through this Magazine.



Refining Rugger.

Tho' Rugger be a manly sport,
'Tis time its devotees were taught
Some common courtesy they ought
To mingle with their vigour.
Scrum leaders, raising voice above
All others, shouldn't bellow, "Shove!"
But coo, as would a turtle-dove,
"Pray push with added vigour!"

Two days a week I play with zest,
In mud-bespattered shorts and vest;
With fifteen men upon my chest,
The ground I tumble hard on.
"Get off the ball, sir!" rudely shout
The hooligans who've laid me out
Instead of (as they should, no doubt)
Politely begging pardon.

It is the proper thing, I know,
To tackle your opponent low,
But, having fiercely floored the foe
And rolled him in the mud
You should surely take him by the hand
And, when his fevered brow you've fanned,
Inquire of him in accents bland—
"I trust I haven't hurt you?"

To dash around upon the grass
Beside a colleague, roaring "Pass!"
And, if he doesn't, "Oh! you ass!"
Is crude—we shouldn't stand it.
An era I would see begun
When men would murmur as they run—
"If you, sir, with the ball have done,
To me, I prithee, hand it."

School Notes.

School opened after the Summer Vacation on Tuesday, September 2nd. Although we were sorry to miss some old friends, we were glad to note so many new faces.

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The Annual School Sports were held at the end of June, and proved very successful. A gymnastic display was held this year at the sports, and the medals were awarded on the same day. An account of the proceedings is given elsewhere.

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Lest we forget—the rumour that the House System is to be called the “Shannon Scheme” is denied.

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Mr. C. N. Jeffares has very kindly given us two lectures on Rugby Football. The first was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 3rd October, and the other on Saturday, 18th October, at Beigrave Square. The lectures were of great value to the Team—especially to the Forwards.

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A lantern lecture was given by the Bishop of Demaraland. It was also of great interest to us, and gave us a vivid idea of what that part of the earth is like.

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The Old Boys' cricket match began on Saturday, 21st June. The School won the toss and batted first, and the “Old Boys” had to wait for an innings until the following Thursday evening—not, however, because the School batted for six days, but because rain delayed the match. In spite of this, we had a very enjoyable game. Mr. Butler and Mr. Young—the “Old Firm” of the School—are to be congratulated on their fine play. The “Old Boys” won by 81 runs to 60, or thereabouts.

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Our heartiest congratulations to:—

Mr. Dillon's House, on winning the Lord Holmpatrick Cup—they were first in Rugby, Cricket and Swimming.

C. A. Boyle, on being Swimming Champion of the School.

J. D. Clarke and C. V. Boyle, on winning the Senior and Junior Cups respectively at the Sports.

R. Boucher, E. Plant and V. R. Lewis, on winning respectively the Senior, Junior and Juvenile Handball Championship.

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The School Concert is to be held on the 5th and 6th December.

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Armistice Day was observed as usual. The whole School

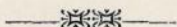
assembled in the Clockroom, and, after a hymn and prayers, the Headmaster made a short speech. The two minutes' silence then followed, and the Service ended with the National Anthem.

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The following Masters played for the School against the "Old Boys" on Wednesday, 12th November:—Mr. Shannon and Mr. Young.

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The First School Rule is, we notice, being neglected. Soft hats are now nearly as common as the School cap. One boy actually appeared in a "bowler." High School colours, any-way, were predominant about him.



Headmaster's Report for 1929-1930.

I am presenting to you to-day the Report of the High School for 1929-1930, which completes the sixtieth year of the School's existence.

Since it was founded in 1870, the High School has played a distinguished part in Irish education. Its old pupils are to be found in every walk of life, not only in the British Isles, but all over the world, many of them in the most prominent positions. As the beginning of its 61st year sees the number of its pupils increasing steadily, we may face the future with confidence.

NUMBERS OF PUPILS.

There has been a satisfactory increase in the number of pupils on the School Roll during the past year, and the number of new boys who entered this Autumn has not often been equalled in the School.

EXAMINATION RECORD.

The Examination Record, too, is equally sound. I shall give only a summary:—

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATIONS

In the Religious Knowledge Examinations, conducted by the Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Assembly, the School passed 106 candidates, of whom 36 gained prizes. In Greek Testament (Church of Ireland) we gained half the total number of prizes awarded, and in the Presbyterian Division, First Place and a Special Prize for the seventh year in succession. This was won by E. A. Thompson.

The usual half-yearly School Examinations were held and the Prizes given by the Governors are being distributed to-day. The Carpenter Memorial Prize was won by R. W. Mason, and the Rogers' Prize by J. D. Rowe.

CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS.

In the Certificate Examinations, which have taken the place of the old Intermediate, the published results have now little relation to the actual performance. For example, one of our pupils (E. B. Moore) gained Honours in six subjects, twice as many as are necessary for a Honours Certificate, but he failed to gain even a Pass Certificate, because he did not take Irish. If Irish were not compulsory, we would have passed with Honours considerably more than the average percentage for all schools.

Only three Scholarships were won by Protestant Schools. The first of these (value £80) was won by E. A. Thompson.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

At the Entrance Examinations to Trinity College in October, 1929, A. G. Breakey won the High School Exhibition (£100); G. F. Dalton gained a Junior Exhibition (£50) and an Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition. W. Warnock also won a Junior Exhibition (£50) and an Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition.

L. R. Rogers was awarded an Erasmus Smith Exhibition.

R. W. Reynolds gained First Classical Scholarship and Gold and Silver Medals in the Philosophical Society. D. B. W. Good, W. S. Glover, and H. D. Anderson were awarded Moderatorships. A. W. Breakey won the Mullins Classical Exhibition, and J. A. W. McKee the First Jellett Prize.

In the Medical School D. W. Mitchell gained first place in the Intermediate Medical Examination, the John Mallett Purser Medal and the Stewart Medical Scholarship. I may add that at the recent Moderatorship Examinations, A. W. Breakey was awarded the Classical Studentship, and H. G. Yates, who won the Mathematical Studentship, was a pupil of the High School until his family moved to Belfast. The two annually awarded Studentships are the highest distinctions open to Arts Students in Trinity College, and it must rarely have happened that both University Students in any one year had been pupils of the same school.

You will find in the pamphlet which has been distributed a record of many other distinctions, including a number of Term Honours in the University. I have only mentioned the most outstanding of them, but there are a few Honours conferred on former pupils to which I should like to refer:—

Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., Attorney General, Hong Kong, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that Colony.

Mr. George Chester Duggan, O.B.E., has received from the King the distinction of the Order of Commander of the Bath.

Mr. Ivan E. Jones has received unusually rapid promotion in the Indian Civil Service. He has been appointed Under Secretary for Home Affairs in the Punjab.

I regret to have to record the deaths of the following past

pupils:—Surgeon Robert Charles Butler Maunsell, ex-President of the Royal College of Surgeons, whose death was a loss to the whole Medical Profession in Ireland.

Mr. Richard Nathaniel Montgomery. Surveyor to the Pembroke Urban Council.

✓ Engineer Captain E. W. Riley.

✓ Mr. J. W. Fox, whose loss was felt particularly by the Old Boys' Union, of which he was an enthusiastic supporter. He was present at every function held by the Union, and was known and appreciated by all sportsmen in Dublin.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

The Old Boys' Union had a prosperous Session. Forty-six new members joined, and a number of successful functions were held. His Grace the Lord Primate is President, and Messrs. Mervyn Bell and A. J. Beatty are Hon. Secretaries, and the Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D., is Hon. Treasurer.

Last December the boys produced a Greek play (part of a Comedy of Aristophanes), followed by a concert. Amongst many others who helped to make it a success, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the following: Madame Alicia Keogh, who trained the School choir; Miss Olive Purser, who gave invaluable help in the production of the Greek costumes; Madam Coslett Heller, and Mr. Mackey, who trained the School orchestra.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A number of debates were held and some Lantern Lectures were given, including one by Mr. J. B. S. McIlwaine, R.H.A., on Old British Coinage.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The School Library has been steadily increasing by gifts and purchase. Mr. Chillingworth, the Librarian, is kept constantly busy, so that those who present books may be sure that they will be continually in use.

THE ERASMIAN.

The Erasmian was issued three times a year, once each term, and edited by D. T. Bardon.

SPORTS AND GAMES.

Boys continue to receive Physical Training in the Gymnasium, and Boxing Classes were held during the Winter.

As I mentioned last year, we have introduced the House System for games, and a valuable Cup has been generously presented by the Right Hon. Lord Holmpatrick. The House System gives all boys in the School an opportunity of securing matches. The contests during the year certainly produced much keenness and interest. The Cup was won by Mr. Dillon's House (Captain—G. A. Bamford). The First XV., under the Captaincy of D. T. Bardon, succeeded in reaching the semi-final in the Leinster Schools' Cup competitions, when they were beaten by Blackrock College with a much heavier team. We

are grateful to Mr. C. N. Jeffares for the Football lectures which he is giving to the boys.

The First Cricket XI. was captained by G. A. Bamford. The best individual performance was that of R. Boucher, who made a century in the League match against King's Hospital. The Junior Cup team won nearly all their matches, and in general there is both good material and promise for the future among the Juniors.

The annual sports were successfully held at Lansdowne Road in June. The Senior Championship Cup was won by J. D. Clarke, who also won the Cup for best event. The Junior Championship Cup and also the Magill Cup were won by C. V. Boyle. May I take this opportunity of thanking the parents, Old Boys and friends who gave us such generous financial support. Though the amount spent on prizes was increased, the contributions were so good that they covered the expenditure.

We gained several successes in Inter-Schools Competitions this summer. The most outstanding of these was gained by R. J. Walker, who won the County Dublin one mile championship and was second in the All-Ireland half-mile championship.

SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE FREE STATE.

At the risk of repetition, I should like to refer once more briefly to what is the greatest defect in our Free State system of Secondary Education—the decay of Modern Languages. This year only 17 per cent. of the candidates took any Modern European Language in the Certificate Examinations. Most schools in the Free State have yielded to pressure and given up Modern Languages, and those Schools which still teach even French have to pay the price by making a poor display when the results of these examinations are published in the newspapers. The easiest way of gaining the most brilliant results now is to take neither Classics nor Modern Languages. Every other country in Europe teaches at least one, and generally two, other European languages in their Higher Schools. It is not generally realised that, quite apart from compulsory Irish, the Free State Secondary Curriculum still has more compulsory subjects than the corresponding system in Northern Ireland. Such educationists as Father Joy, of Clongowes Wood College, are no more satisfied than we are with the present position, but there is yet no sign of remedy.

At any rate we in this School will continue to teach French and German and Greek in every case in which parents desire it, or a boy's future interests demand it.

We have had one change of Staff during the year. Mr. Newman left and we have in his place Mr. Burrows, who graduated with First-Class Honours in Queen's University, Belfast, and won a scholarship in Oxford University.

The results of examinations have figured largely in this Report. This is inevitable; we realise, however, that there are innumerable other things which are of more importance,

but which cannot be counted or weighed. All the influences by which a boy is surrounded are moulding his character—his friends, his games, his class-work, his teachers, and all the atmosphere of the school. These are some of the things that fit him to play his part in the world of men. School life is probably pleasanter for boys than it used to be, but pleasant education may go too far. A boy is not of much use who gives up anything because he no longer finds pleasure in it. It is however probably true that modern education tries to train the whole of a boy's being and not merely his intellect.

For whatever success the School has had during the past year I should like to thank first the Governors, and especially the Lord Bishop of Cashel (the Chairman), who have supported every suggestion for the advantage of the school; secondly, my colleagues on the Staff, who have given unfailing help in every scheme set on foot for the advantage of the boys, and last, but not least, to the parents who have so loyally supported the school.

The Bishop of Cashel said that the Headmaster's Report showed a record of educational progress on the soundest principles. Taken as a whole, the results justified the claim to place the High School amongst the most valuable educational institutions in the whole of the country. The position the school now occupied had been attained as a result of steady progress, not alone in recent years, but for many years. The school was now in existence for sixty years, and the many names of great men who had been educated there were proof that the school had done most valuable work, not alone for Ireland, but for many other countries throughout the world.

He thought that the Report would meet with the cordial approval of all true lovers of education. He agreed with the Headmaster that "pleasant education" might go too far, but he did not think that there was any danger of "pleasant education" going too far in Ireland. They were not a wealthy community, and necessity would always compel them to consider with great care what education, moral and secular, would enable their children to succeed in life. He did not mean only the attainment of positions of financial security, but to give evidence of the possession of moral character, which was the result of the soundest training in Christian principles.

The Headmaster had spoken of modern languages, and it was because they regarded modern languages, with their splendid literature, as such a valuable asset, that they had heard with deep regret of the place that this subject now occupied in Irish educational life.

"I do think there is great hope," continued his Lordship, "that we are on the eve of better times. It was to be expected that educational effort would be strained for some years in a particular direction, but now there seems to be a very widespread feeling that however praiseworthy such extreme efforts may be from one point of view, yet, if harm is being done to

the youth of the country, some way out must be found. Irishmen have differed widely on this question, but yet there are signs, welcome and hopeful, that something approaching a compromise may be found. In a matter of such far-reaching importance it is impossible that both parties can receive exactly what they want, and what they demand. If, on the one side, it is held that national sentiment must have the very fullest expression, on the other hand you have the parents, who have to provide for their children, refusing to permit anything whatever to stand in the way of their children's future.

"It is evident to any student of Irish history within the past ten years that we have very able, very wise, and very just men conducting the affairs of this country. To them, I believe, it will be equally clear that there is the soundest common sense in the case which is presented to them by the teachers and by the parents of the schools we represent. It will be equally plain to them that they cannot press parents or teachers to do what parents and teachers feel in their consciences to be an injustice to the children under their charge.

"We have all to live together in this country, and it is one of the highest essentials that all sorts and conditions of men who live in Ireland should be happy and contented. It is a rule of life, as well as a principle in law, that when it is impossible to do exactly what is required, you do the next best thing. The application of that principle to Irish educational life of to-day means the adjustment, final and far-reaching, of that which is educationally out of joint to-day."

The Bishop of Ossory, in the course of his very interesting address, said that there was never a time when this country wanted so much the service of men who were given that kind of education given in the High School. He hoped that as many of the boys as could, when they left School and University, would realise that it was their duty to remain in their own country, because their country wanted them and had work for them to do. The Bishop's use of similes from spirit, following the example of St. Paul, appealed greatly to the boys.

Le Roc au Diable.

"Ha! Now we are getting into the real Auvergne," I exclaimed to myself as the car climbed slowly up the long steep road to the accompaniment of a monotonous grumble from the engine. As the white road unrolled everlastingly before the radiator, a sense of the surrounding country's desolation struck me. The limestone wastes, scantily covered with burnt up grass, shimmered beneath the savage rays of the sun, which rode against a sky of the deepest blue. Not a farm, not even a field struck the eye ahead. Behind, the great western plain of France stretched so far into the distance that I could imagine myself looking farther and farther till I saw the cool Loire, the orchards of Normandy, and even the blue English Channel, so illimitable was the panorama behind me. And still we climbed ever upwards, the car with its metallic parts now so hot as to be untouchable. At last the view westwards blurred, then mingled with the sky, till at last a dip in the road hid it all from sight. With the disappearing of that view I felt that the last tie which connected me with a normal and civilised world was broken. The frowning mountains ahead held a vague threat in their impenetrability and set me wondering what had driven me from my exploration of the Loire and its faëry châteaux down to this desert which I could never have imagined to exist within the borders of the French Republic. So heavily did its loneliness oppress that twice I stopped the car with the intention of fleeing back to civilisation. But each time the very absurdity of the action made me ashamed of myself and drove me on to seek some village or even a farm where I might once more see and hear human beings. For two hours now the car had ground and whined up the switch-back road without a sign of life appearing anywhere. When on surmounting a steep rise I saw a little village about a quarter of a mile ahead, I simply shouted for joy. I swooped down to it and drew up with a shrieking of brakes in what would have been the "place" in a respectable town or village. Here, however, it consisted of about twenty cottages on each side of the road. Green shutters hanging before every window seemed to promise coolness and shade where one might forget the sun and the white road, shimmering in the heat.

Then I saw that I was under observation. In several doorways had appeared faces, which, much to my surprise, shewed not gladness or even surprise at my arrival, but downright hostility. I felt, naturally, rather perturbed, and wondered what I ought to do in the face of such a reception. After due deliberation I decided to try the hospitality of the solitary and dilapidated-looking inn across the way. I went over to it and was about to enter when a woman appeared precipitately from some dark passage and planted herself in the doorway in a manner which made it quite plain that I was

not going to be welcomed with open arms. And, indeed, never have I received a welcome comparable to that which I got then. Before I even said a word she had refused everything one could think of asking for, and so thunderstruck was I that had she produced a broom and driven me away by force, I would have taken it as an inevitable part of the proceedings.

"Monsieur would perhaps be looking for lodgings? She was a thousand times sorry. The inn had been full for the past week, would probably be full for a long, a very long time. As for wine. Ah! That was impossible. She was so sorry. Her last cask had gone sour only a few days ago." And so she clattered on in her abominable patois which I had the greatest difficulty in understanding. Lie after lie led up to a climax when she suggested that perhaps it would not be wise to leave "mon auto" in the village, as the children would, no doubt, damage it.

In short, never before in all my Continental touring have I been so flatly refused shelter and refreshment or told that the sooner I absented myself the better it would be for all concerned. I faintly apologised to Madame, and retreated to my car. There I considered my position. I resolved to push on, since I knew that about twenty miles away there was a town where I might at least hope to find a night's lodging. Accordingly in a few minutes the inhospitable village was being left behind, and the bare road was again opening up before me.

After about ten minutes the road, which had wound out of sight of the village, began to bend round the side of a small hill, and then suddenly changed on to the level on the other side. When I reached this part the first thing I saw was an enormous mass of rock about a hundred yards in from the road. Its shape seemed vaguely familiar to me, and in a moment I realised why this was. I was looking at the famous Roc au Diable, illustrations of which are plentiful in any guide book to this part of France. This Roc au Diable is, properly speaking, composed of two enormous masses of rock, once united, but spit in two many centuries ago, probably by some violent change in temperature. The cleft between the portions is about two feet wide, and is in the form of an arc, so that a person standing at one end of it is unable to see a considerable part of the passage in the centre. But the most interesting thing about them is the rather grim legend attached to them. It is said that the person who tries to walk through the cleft meets death in some horrible form. For fully ten minutes I stood in the afternoon sunlight inspecting that narrow passage with its eight-feet high rocky walls and revolving in my mind the various ways in which one might meet death in the heart of this rock. Did something foul and indescribable seize the person who entered in, or did some treacherously hidden chasm hurl him down to the cold roots of the earth? Surely these

two impassive mountains of rock could never of themselves close together and crush the intruder in their embrace.

And as I gazed I suddenly resolved to make a trial of this evil spot myself. It was not merely a spirit of bravado that urged me on or mere curiosity, but a mixture of both. I went towards the crevasse. I paused for a moment at the entrance and then stepped deliberately into the narrow path. After walking about ten yards the entrance was hidden by the gentle curve, and I felt my heart beginning to pound in an absurdly disconcerting way. I had just determined to break into a run when the sight of a man's body huddled across the path stopped me with a jerk, and sent me cowering against the rock in dread of the unknown's attack. But the very immobility of everything soon reassured me somewhat, so that I plucked up courage to examine the body before me. It was that of a fairly old man, dressed in the clothes of the ordinary French curé. The man had been killed by about ten savage knife thrusts in the back. But this did not disturb me half so much as the fact that death could not have taken place more than four hours ago, for certain parts of the body still retained quite a perceptible amount of heat.

I gave a gasp of apprehension when I suddenly connected this murdered man before me with that sinister and mysterious village through which I had passed a short while before. And when I recalled one by one the events which had happened there, my uneasiness was not lessened. My reception at the inn, the savage hostility of the other inhabitants, and now this mutilated body in the heart of "Le Roc au Diable," all pointed to some pretty grim tragedy into which I had unwittingly blundered. In fact, I realised quite well that the farther away I was from this spot, the better it would be for myself.

Getting up, I went hurriedly to the entrance of the cleft, but there I stopped, for, facing me, was a man. The mixed expression of fear and hate on his face shewed that he knew what was behind me in the rock, and realised that I knew, too. With a snarl he raised the gun which he was carrying, and at the same time I sprang. By extraordinary good luck I caught the barrel with my left hand, and with my right caught him such a blow on the jaw that he crumpled up like a piece of cardboard. I stood for a few moments over the huddled figure, undecided what to do, till the sight of two men rapidly approaching from the direction of the village sent me running to my car. The engine, contrary to the conventional behaviour of engines in such emergencies, started to the first push of the starter, and my gear changing as I got away from that place will always be a proud memory with me.

The whole affair was cleared up in court a few weeks later. The villagers who gave me so warm a welcome had, for some reason not yet ascertained, conspired together and murdered their curé. At a loss as to how they should dispose of the body,

they had shrewdly thought of the "Roc au Diable" as the perfect hiding place, knowing as they did that no neighbouring peasant would ever go too near the place, much less enter the cleft. They drew lots as to which of them should perform the dread task of placing the corpse in the centre of the rock. And then I, like a blithesome fool, must arrive in this murderous den a few hours after the deed was done, with what consequences you know of.

Every time I look at the map of France I take an oath that Auvergne will never see me again.

"B."

WITH DUE APOLOGIES
TO —



MR SHANNON.
(A 'REF.' of long standing.)



MR IMRIE.
(A man that counts.)



MR WATSON.
(—Of the 'HIGH SCHOOL PRESS'.)

W.E.
7/30.

The Education of a Tiger Cub.

In 1927 I was in the Sunderbands sinking tube-wells, and during the time I was there I lived in a tent close to a village on the bank of the Ganges. The village—as all villages do—faced the river, and behind the village, on the far side of the cultivated ground, was the jungle.

The summer was very hot and there was a scarcity of rain. During seasons of drought, animals, especially deer, pig and wild buffaloes, close in on the villages and eat the growing grain in the fields, and, as usual, the tigers followed the other game.

One day, whilst going through the jungle, I came across the tracks of tigers, and it being late in the morning, I felt sure it would be safe to go on, as the tigers would probably be sleeping. Soon after I came near a clearing and saw something moving, and on going forward came across a most interesting sight.

There were four tigers—the parents and two cubs. The parent tigers lay on the bank of a small pond. The cubs were slowly approaching the water's edge to drink, and it seemed as though this was the first time they had gone to the water alone, for they moved very cautiously; the brother, who was the larger of the two, leading the sister. They moved about, and came upon tracks of other tigers, and doubtless thought that since some other tigers had been there before them, they could do the same.

The male cub stood looking around to make certain no danger would come from any side; then, lowering his head, took his drink. Then he turned and made room for his sister. The brother stood on guard whilst his sister drank, and then they returned on the old track to their parents.

I made up my mind to see as much as possible of the way in which tigers educated their young, so I stayed in the Sunderbands long after my work was finished, and spent some weeks tracing and watching them. It was quite a simple job, owing to the youth of the cubs, whose short legs would not allow them to wander far.

The manner in which the parents taught the cubs to hunt was a wonderful lesson in education. I was fortunate enough to see their first kill. It was in this manner: It was in the middle of the monsoons, and it had been raining steadily for several days. When the rain ceased and the sun shone again, the village cattle went to graze in the jungle where the new grass had grown.

Towards the middle of the day a sudden thunderstorm came up and frightened the cattle and their herdsmen, who went back to the village without waiting to count the cattle, and so a calf that had strayed was left to find its way home after the storm.

I, who was in a tree during the rain, saw it straggling

along and eating the fresh young grass. Suddenly I saw two black and yellow streaks facing the calf. It was the mother tiger and the male cub. The wind blew their smell towards the calf. He made frightened noises as he smelled the tiger, and turned round to dash for the jungle. In the shadows he saw the other two tigers.

There was a flash of black and yellow—a strangled bleat and the calf's tail raised stiffly in the air—and then

The next day I had to go to Calcutta and was unable to return for ten days.

On my return I went out again and soon came across tiger pig marks. The parents, I noticed, did the hunting, although the cubs stalked the prey and frightened them, yet were not urged to leap and kill. This the parents did.

Once the male cub attacked a young monkey. As soon as this happened the parent monkeys went for him. They hit him so hard that he let go the baby monkey. No sooner had he released it than all three fled up a tree and chattered with terror. This set other monkeys talking, and racing from tree to tree, these in their turn frightening birds taking their afternoon rest. What a din!

In the meantime the cub returned to its parents. On this and other occasions the parents never interfered or helped the cubs.

It is the first essential of an animal's life that he should be able to hunt or go through the jungle alone; the parents show their young how to do a job, but no more.

About this time the rain came down so heavily that I was unable to go into the jungle, and for some time I did not go out.

When I saw them again the cubs had grown greatly, and were nearly as big as their parents.

As they came out of the jungle I saw the father was becoming more and more jealous of the son. Each time the mother's back was turned the father attacked the son with the intent to kill. One day he came so close to this that the cub yelled for help. The mother came out from the jungle and attacked her husband. After a long fight the father ran away and was not seen again.

The mother tiger had now a doubly difficult job; to kill for herself and her children. She compelled the male cub to take his father's place and stalk the prey, while she waited at a given point to kill.

The cub was now nearing the end of his school days. For four days all three had gone without food. They were so hungry that they cut down their midday sleep. The fifth day the cub killed a small monkey at the waterhole. This was not enough.

Late that evening when the sun was setting they came out on the river bank and sat watching the village. In half an hour the sun had set and the moon had risen, and the tigers

prowled round the village, but were unable to get any cattle, and men carrying torches were the only living creatures in sight.

Seeing the men, the tiger went back to the jungle, and I followed them cautiously. I had barely reached the edge of the jungle when I heard something start. As quietly and quickly as possible I climbed up a tree, and on looking round I saw a large buck going to graze in the crops in the fields. The moon was so bright that most animals and birds were unable to sleep, and their talking was like an incessant hammering on one's nerves.

Soon against the wind appeared a pair of glowing emeralds. It was the male cub's eyes. He came up quickly towards the rice in which the buck had buried himself, only the tips of his horns showing like silver spots in the moonlight. The green eyes grew larger, then vanished. Soon the smell of tiger carried up by the wind told me he was crouching under my tree. I knew that the greedy buck, lost in rice eating, had not heard the tiger's approach.

Down wind on the other side appeared four green eyes. Soon the buck sensed the tiger's smell, turned round and dashed for the jungle.

That moment, from nearly six feet away, leaped a silvery flash, which hung on his neck. In two minutes his throat was torn out and life had gone. The mother and sister tigers leaped forward for their share, but were greeted with a terrifying roar from the son. The mother thrust a paw at her daughter and they slunk out of sight.

After he had eaten his fill, the cub roared as he went to the waterhole, so telling the jungle folk that he had finished his education.

Now the other two came from the jungle and fed on the remains of the dead buck.

Never again did the son hunt with his mother and sister, who went away in the jungle and were not seen any more.

And so ends the tale of a tiger's schooldays.

BRIAN W. A. RUSSELL.

Possibly Humorous.

Guard Michael Murphy, No. C 1001, Ballyporeen, was not actually brilliant in using his 'seat of intellect, understanding, and sensation.' In fact, his schoolmaster said of him once—but we will not bother about such trivial details for the present. It is sufficient to say that he was generally regarded as 'dull and slow.'

"What Oi says is this: why should Oi be stuck here to jest 'keep my eyes open and report anything unusual or suspicious'? There's no housebreakin' done in daylight, as Oi know from experience. And what I tells to Sergeant O'Toole, 'Look here, sergeant, says Oi, why not put me on to catch them burglars, says Oi, instead of just bein' placed here to watch the grass growin', was perfectly right, in my opinion. But what says 'e, 'Now, Mick,' says 'e, 'jest keep your eyes open and report anything unusual or suspicious.' That's all Oi ever git."

The reason for these cogitations of Constable Murphy was that quite lately some burglaries had disturbed the peace of the quiet countryside round Ballyporeen. So far no clues had been discovered by the four policemen stationed in the village (although they had undoubtedly spent many sleepless nights in the hope of finding some). But Guard Murphy felt quite nettled because he was posted on the road. He would have preferred to be 'up an' doin'.'

He was stationed about two hundred yards from a house, which, strange to relate, had not yet been visited by the thieves. The police felt confident that more than one man had been disturbing the neighbourhood by midnight activities, especially as at one time two different houses had been entered in one night. So Sergeant O'Toole had every reason to suspect that an attempt might be made on this particular place, and left Murphy to watch. Of course, he was unable to foresee that the capture of the thieves would eventually be brought about by this dullard being placed where he was; at any rate, he could not foresee that it would come about as it did.

Well, on this particular morning, about eleven o'clock or thereabouts, our solitary sentinel had been musing aloud for some time. But now he stopped as he saw a man approaching along the road. There was really nothing remarkable about this person, Murphy thought, just a neighbouring farmer going about his business. He came up to the constable, and after a gruff "Good morning," asked the time. On being told he remarked, as though to himself, "Another half-hour." He then went his way, and soon disappeared from view. So Michael began again—

"A burglary in broad daylight! nonsense. Why, supposin' there was anyone a-tryin' to break in round here, that man goin' into the house over there would soon spot him, to

say nothing of meself. But here comes the sergeant and the other two. Oi'd better look smart now."

So saying he rubbed his eyes well to show how alert he had been.

"Well, Murphy, anything out of the way happened?"

"No, Sergeant, and to tell you the truth, if anything had occurred, that man at the winder there would have seen it, for Oi seen him lookin' round suspiciously once or twice. But what ails yer, sergeant?"

"You blitherin' ejit—look! The man at the window is the feller we're after, for shure. Quick! lads, we'll catch him yet."

There was a charge towards the house, Murphy arriving first, needless to say, at the wrong end. O'Toole and one of his men, O'Driscoll, entered the house, giving instructions to the other two to forbid anyone from entering or leaving it on any pretext whatever. Soon they heard a scuffle upstairs, and then a shout of 'Look out! stop him!' followed by a man rushing down the stairs, brushing past Murphy, but crashing over the latter's out-stretched foot—a mere accident. He was soon overpowered and carefully handcuffed.

Five minutes later a man was admitted into the house by O'Toole, having knocked twice. He was then immediately arrested. That man Murphy recognised as the one he had seen on the road.

There is little more to be told. The first man was to get into the house as best he might, and half an hour later the other would knock twice. When the inmate, an old man, would go to answer the door, the first man was to creep up behind and settle him as best he could. Then the work would begin.

But the plot had been nipped in the bud, and undoubtedly Guard Murphy had been of SOME use. As he turned over in his 'brain' that night the day's happenings, he recalled his school teacher's words that "His brains lay in his feet."

Athletics.

SWIMMING NOTES.

Club Captain—J. M. Bryson.

Vice-Captain—G. F. Mitchell.

Hon. Sec.—C. A. Boyle.

Our swimming season concluded at the Iveagh Baths on October 9th. The season on the whole was fairly successful. We use the word "fairly" because in some ways it may be said to have been a great success, while in others it has not been the success of former years. When we say this we are not referring to the loss of the Polo Cup. What we do refer to is the lack of spirit shown by the boys in entering for the School Gala and the Proficiency Certificates which are awarded by the Leinster Branch of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association. This year we did not gain a single First-class Certificate, while in other years we generally gained four. The number of Second-class Certificates gained is well up to the average, and the number of Beginners' Certificates is well above the average. It, therefore, behoves the Juniors to train hard and keep up the reputation of the School in years to come.

The School Gala, which was held in the Iveagh Baths on October 2nd, was a great success, and having attended most of the other Galas we can safely say that ours was one of the best, if not the best. Most of the races were hotly contested and resulted in many close finishes. To those who did not get prizes we offer a word of encouragement and ask them not to give up trying, but to train hard and make a still better attempt next year.

There were two Water Polo matches at the Gala, the first in which the Old Boys played the Present, and the second, a Leinster Schools' Water Polo Cup match, in which St. Andrew's College (the ultimate winners of the Cup) played Mountjoy School. The first resulted in a win for the Present by the odd goal of seven, a victory which seemed to be immensely popular with the spectators, as the Old Boys had a very strong team playing. In the second match St. Andrew's beat Mountjoy on the call of time by the odd goal of three.

In the Schools' Water Polo Cup we met and defeated Wesley College in the first round. In the semi-final we met Belvedere College and had to retire, defeated. We heard it mentioned by more than one person afterwards that had the late Sir Henry Segrave used the watch that was used for timing this match he would never have broken any records at all! In the Leinster Squadron Championship we were placed second to Belvedere, who did the remarkably good time of 1 min. 48 secs. Our four averaged less than half a second slower than the Belvedere team. We had an exceptionally good team

this year, so good, in fact, that it would probably have won the Championship in any other year, but unfortunately for us Belvedere happened to have a slightly better team.

With regard to the Junior Schoolboys' Championship, which is for boys under 14 years of age on June 1st, it might be urged that in future years there should be a Junior Championship in the School for boys of the same age. This would give the Juniors encouragement to take their swimming seriously. The last boy from the School to win the Leinster Junior Championship was H. C. Ewen in the years 1924 and 1925, who incidentally holds the record time for this race. We think that it is nearly time we had another Leinster champion.

We hope that readers are not under the impression that the standard of swimming in school is on the down grade; on the contrary, the standard is going up. This year's polo team is probably better than that of any preceding year, and the fact that the Schools' Water Polo Cup is not reposing in its rightful place in the Clock-room is not altogether the fault of the team, as we did not have the best of luck in our Cup matches.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Sergeant-Major Burke for instructing the boys. Unfortunately we hear that he will not be at the baths to train the boys next year. Mr. Ellerker (of Pembroke Swimming Club) deserves the thanks of everybody for the pains he has taken to train the Polo team, and for the unselfish manner in which he has supported it; also Mr. Wilson for so regularly attending the baths. Last, but not least, we must thank those boys of the School who turned up to encourage us at Cup matches, etc.

CRITICISM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WATER POLO TEAM.

A. A. Stringer (goal)—New to Polo this season, but has come on well. Liable to get flustered, and is not proof against cramp; otherwise he is a very good goalkeeper.

D. T. Bardon (right back)—A newcomer to Polo, but whose football experience has stood him in very good stead. His game improved as the season progressed, and as he became acquainted with the rules. Swimming needs improvement, also command of the ball.

J. W. J. Warwick (left back)—Another newcomer. His strong point is "circling," but his finishing is poor, as he lacks control of the ball. Ball throwing and swimming show improvement.

J. M. Bryson (half)—Is a good shot, but seldom gets an opportunity to get a goal. Good at getting away from his man, but is inclined to be slightly nervy.

G. F. Mitchell (right forward)—An excellent forward, but who fails to "adapt" himself to his surroundings. A good shot.

C. A. Boyle (centre forward)—A splendid forward; has a quick shot, but is inclined to let his opposing back spoil him.

J. T. Stafford (left forward)—A good swimmer, but lacks shooting power. His size and weight, we are afraid, will be against him becoming a good Polo player. A splendid diver.

Subs. (who also played during the season):—

J. D. Clarke (goal)—Failed to recapture last year's form, or he would have got his place.

E. G. Flynn—Rather unfortunate not to get his place, but his ball throwing is poor and his swimming has not come up to expectations.

Results of Polo Matches (Cup Matches):—

High School (Mitchell 2, Boyle 2), 4; Wesley College, 1.

High School (Boyle), 1; Belvedere, 2.

Friendly:—

H.S. Present (Mitchell, Boyle 3), 4; H.S. Old Boys (Stevenson, McKee, Montgomery), 3.

H.S. Old Boys—W. J. Taylor; H. B. S. Montgomery, H. Burchill; H. W. Stevenson; R. S. Savage, J. A. W. McKee, R. E. Baskin.

RESULTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL GALA.

22 Yards Beginners' Handicap—H. H. Lewis (3), 1; R. Tomlinson (6), 2; G. F. Smyth (scr.), 3. Ten competed. Time, 19 4-5 secs.

22 Yards (under 13) Handicap—D. J. Hennessey (6), 1; W. D. Boyle (scr.), 2; D. Ewen (scr.), 3. Time, 24 secs.

44 Yards (under 13), Handicap—K. M. White (scr.), 1; D. A. Huggard (8), 2; P. R. Walker (2), 3. Six competed. Time, 35 1-5 secs.

44 Yards (under 16) Handicap—H. Poole (9), 1; A. E. G. Moore (8), 2; H. W. McCabe (6), 3. Six competed. Time, 37 2-5 secs.

100 Yards Championship of the High School—C. A. Boyle, 1; J. M. Bryson, 2. Won a fine race by half a yard; two yards between second and third. Time, 77 secs.

66 Yards Senior Handicap—C. V. Boyle (4), 1; J. W. G. Warwick (8), 2; J. R. Walker (scr.), 3. Nine competed. Time, 52 1-5 secs.

Diving Handicap—J. T. Stafford (scr.), 1; J. M. Bryson (scr.), 2.

50 Yards Junior Schoolboy Championship of Leinster—P. Lynch, Blackrock College, 1; J. Tallon, Belvedere College, 2; C. Field, Wesley College, 3. In a fine finish, Lynch got the verdict by half a yard; two yards. Time, 36 1-5 secs.

44 Yards Breast and Back Stroke Handicap—C. A. Boyle (7), 1; J. M. Bryson (scr.), 2; W. D. Lewin (14), 3. Eleven competed. Time, 40 secs.

66 Yards Old Boys' Handicap—R. S. Savage (11), 1; W. R. Prescott (7), 2; H. B. S. Montgomery (14), 3. Twelve competed. Time, 48 4-5 secs.

Inter-House Squadron Race (88 yards)—Dillon's, 1; Evans's, 2. Time, 54 3-5 secs.

Cricket Notes.

A general review of the cricket season having appeared in the June "Erasmian," we herewith append an individual criticism of the senior team.

G. A. Bamford (Captain)—A steady, tireless bowler, who bore on his shoulders the brunt of the attack. Would have taken more wickets with the introduction of a little variety. A safe field; batted well on occasions.

R. Boucher (Vice-Captain)—The best bat we have had for some time. Has a variety of strokes, while being particularly strong on the "off" side. Is not afraid to hit the ball. A wicket-keeper who prefers being safe to being spectacular.

F. A. G. Willis (Hon. Sec.)—A good sure bat, but scores somewhat too slowly. Made a good first wicket partner for Boucher. Fielding fairly good.

E. Flynn—A lively bat, who played some good innings. Fielded well at "point." A medium slow-paced bowler, who could spin the ball well on occasions.

E. A. Thompson—A left-handed bat with some good "leg" strokes. A bowler who suffered from lack of practice, and sacrificing length to speed. A good field, if somewhat slow.

J. P. Dunn—A very lively bat, who could generally be relied upon for runs. Has some very pretty strokes. Fielding only fair. Should practice high catches.

H. C. Felton—A useful "change" bowler. Took wicket on occasions when better bowlers could do nothing. A batsman who should study the art of running between the wickets. A fairly good field.

C. G. Morton—A somewhat timid batsman, who is inclined to nibble at the "going away" ball. Nevertheless, could keep his end up well. A good field, who bowled occasionally.

R. J. Walker—Picked mainly for his fielding, which was brilliant at times. A batsman who is too much inclined to hit at every ball, good or bad.

E. Croxon—Another batsman who should curb the "hit or miss" tendency. When fielding, seems to prefer chasing the ball to stopping it.

N. C. Geoghegan—Suffers greatly from inexperience. Is too timid, and does not let himself go enough. A fair field.

H. R. Smullen—A steady, medium-paced bowler, who took many wickets, but requires a few overs to find his length. A safe field and moderate bat.

An innovation this year was the awarding of cricket caps to members of the S.C.T. The design of these is alternate red and white quarters, with new red, blue and gold School badge.

A bat was awarded to R. Boucher for outstanding performance throughout the season.

Athletic Sports.

Our annual athletic sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Tuesday, 24th June. A few slight showers did not interfere with the proceedings and a long programme, so well organised by Mr. Evans, was carried out successfully.

The Senior Cup was won by J. D. Clarke, while C. V. Boyle took the Junior Cup. The same two boys won the Cups for the best events in Senior and Junior Magill respectively.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. J. Bennett presented the prizes. The band of the British Legion played a good programme during the afternoon.

Results:—

Long Jump, Handicap (under 15)—C. V. Boyle (12ins.), 17ft. 6ins., 1; P. R. Walker (18ins.), 2; T. J. Early (24ins.), 3.

Long Jump (Senior)—J. D. Clarke, 17ft. 1in., 1; R. J. Walker, 2; R. Boucher, 3.

75 Yards Handicap (under 10), Final—A. Graham (4 yds.), 1; F. C. Burge (6 yds.), 2; W. Page (5 yds.), 3.

75 Yards Handicap (under 11), Final—A. Baker (3 yds.), 1; E. G. Zlotower (scr.), 2; N. Rowe (2 yds.), 3.

75 Yards Handicap (under 12), Final—A. Graham (10 yds.), 1; G. Trainor (4 yds.), 2; I. P. Mortished (4 yds.), 3.

100 Yards Handicap (under 13), Final—W. Page (14 yds.), 1; P. Hunter-Hamilton (3 yds.), 2; C. L. Keegan (3 yds.), 3.

100 Yards Handicap (under 14), Final—R. W. Mason (scr.), 1; T. W. Cooley (4 yds.), 2; A. E. G. Moore (3 yds.), 3.

100 Yards Handicap (under 15), Final—G. Worlin (4 yds.), 1; C. V. Boyle (scr.), 2; P. R. Walker (3 yds.), 3.

100 Yards Handicap (under 16), Final—J. P. Dunn (4½ yds.), 1; A. D. Goff (4 yds.), 2; E. Croxon (scr.), 3.

100 Yards Handicap (Senior) Final—R. Boucher (scr.), 1; J. M. Bryson (scr.), 2; C. H. G. Lyster (6 yds.), 3.

High Jump, Handicap (under 15)—T. Chillingworth and C. V. Boyle tied (4ft. 5ins.); D. A. Huggard (4ft. 3ins.), 3.

High Jump (Senior)—E. Croxon (4ft. 9ins.), 1; G. A. Bamford (4ft. 5ins.), 2; N. T. Marchant, 3.

150 Yards Handicap (under 12), Final—T. Gargan (18 yds.), 1; W. D. Boyle (8 yds.), 2; A. Graham (18 yds.), 3.

220 Yards Handicap (under 15), Final—J. McKell (9 yds.), 1; C. V. Boyle (scr.), 2; P. R. Walker (7 yds.), 3.

220 Yards Handicap (under 16), Final—J. P. Dunn (9 yds.), 1; A. D. Goff (9 yds.), 2; E. Croxon (scr.), 3.

220 Yards Handicap (Senior), Final—R. Boucher (scr.), 1; C. H. G. Lyster (13 yds.), 2; J. M. Bryson (scr.), 3.

Siamese Race, Handicap—R. and N. Marchant (scr.), 1; H. Scott and J. McCaldwell (scr.), 2.

440 Yards Handicap (under 15)—H. Begley (scr.), 1; D. Ewen (26 yds.), 2; J. T. Hamilton (18 yds.), 3.

440 Yards Handicap (Senior)—R. J. Walker (scr.), 1; J. D. Clarke (scr.), 2; W. E. Farmer (scr.), 3.

Sisters' Race (under 13)—Nancy McKell, 1; Eveline Goff, 2; Naomi Smyth, 3.

Sisters' Race (over 13)—Helen Boyle, 1; Lillis Mitchell, 2; Thelma Scott, 3.

120 Yards Hurdles Handicap (under 15)—R. Magill (owes 4 yds.), 1; T. Early (owes 10 yds.), 2; H. Begley (owes 10 yds.), 3.

440 Yards Hurdles Handicap (Senior)—G. F. Mitchell (owes 15 yds.), 1; R. J. Walker (owes 15 yds.), 2; J. D. Clarke (owes 15 yds.), 3.

Half Mile Handicap (over 15)—R. J. Walker (scr.), 1; C. A. Boyle (20 yds.), 2; A. E. Blake (30 yds.), 3.

Sack Race Handicap (under 13), Final—M. S. Rooney (3 yds.), 1; T. Gargan (9 yds.), 2; F. W. Jones (2 yds.), 3.

Sack Race, Handicap (over 13)—D. A. Huggard (7 yds.), 1; J. M. Bryson (scr.), 2; T. Early (5 yds.), 3.

Old Boys' Race—Ellis, 1; Good, 2; Saunders, 3.

Band Race—Ledwick, 1; Farrelly, 2.

One Mile Handicap (over 15)—R. J. Walker (scr.), 1; R. H. Marchant (scr.), 2; C. A. Boyle (40 yds.), 3.

Obstacle Race (under 13), Final—W. G. Crockett, 1; A. D. Mason, 2; M. J. C. Rooney, 3.

Obstacle Race (over 13), Final—T. Early, 1; C. H. Williams, 2; W. W. Mahon, 3.

Consolation Race (under 12), Final—W. Gilmore, 1; P. R. Owen, 2; G. A. Huggard, 3.

Consolation Race (under 15), Final—J. D. Rowe, 1; J. C. Gilmour, 2; E. F. Plant, 3.

Consolation Race (Senior)—R. Agnew, 1; — Meyer, 2.

Inter-House Relay Race—Butler's House, 1; Dillon's House, 2.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

This was held at the Athletic Sports on June 24th at Lansdowne Road. The programme consisted of physical exercises and vaulting horse.

The Class Medals, which were presented the same day, were won by the following:—

Form 4 (Upper)—A. E. G. MOORE.

Form 4 (Lower)—A. D. GOFF.

Form 3A—H. H. K. JAMES.

Form 3B—J. P. DUNN.

Form 3c 1—T. L. McLOUGHLIN.

Form 3c 2—R. E. BOOTHMAN.

Form 2—W. H. HOUSTON.

Form 1A—T. A. HAMILTON.

The Sports' Committee express their sincere thanks, on behalf of the boys, to the following, who have kindly presented Cups, Prizes or Subscriptions:—

Perpetual Cup for Inter-House Competitions—The Right Hon. Lord Holmpatrick, D.S.O., M.C.

Subscriptions and Prizes—J. Andrew, Esq.; A. J. Beatty,

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Football Notes.

At a meeting of the Athletic Committee, held soon after our return to School, the following officers were elected for the coming season:—

Captain—R. BOUCHER.

Vice-Captain—D. T. BARDON.

Hon. Secretary—R. J. WALKER.

Having seven or eight of last year's team still with us, and plenty of new material from last year's 2nd XV., we are looking forward to a particularly bright season. The forwards are heavy, fast, and for the most part hard working, and only need a little better combination to become one of the best packs in Dublin. The backs, some of whom are rather inexperienced, are very keen, and should, with plenty of practice, improve greatly. The threequarters are our chief trouble, as nearly all those of last year have left us, and it is only by constant training together that this year's four will come up to and surpass the standard of those of last year.

As the age limit for the Junior Cup team has been changed, we have some ten or more of last year's team still under age. With this in view, it is clear that our junior team will take some beating when the Cup competition comes round. The forwards are in every respect superior to last year's eight, while amongst the backs there are some very strong runners.

The Second XV. is weak, through an insufficient number of boys of this age, but it, too, is improving.

The under 14 and under 13, under the captaincy of D. Boyle, are doing well, and we are glad to note an increased enthusiasm amongst the boys of this age.

We will here take the opportunity of thanking Mr. Jeffares, who has given us two interesting lectures on Rugby.

THE HOUSE SYSTEM.

The following scheme has been decided upon by the Houses'

Committee in connection with the awarding of points for the Lord Holmpatrick Cup. The games connected with the competition will be Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, and Swimming. The champions of the several departments and the runners-up will receive points as follows:—

		1st points.	2nd points.
Rugby	...	6	3
Cricket	...	4	2
Athletics	...	4	2
Swimming	...	4	2

In the Athletic and Swimming events, points will be awarded in the same manner as those for the Sports' Cup, viz., 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive 5, 3, and 1 points, respectively.

The House which obtains the most points will receive four points towards the House Cup, and the runners-up will receive two.

House matches are played every Tuesday at Belgrave Square, a Senior and Junior alternately.

A change has been made in one House, Mr. Burrows having taken Mr. Watson's place.

The competition this year has assumed a more open character than last year; for we have two Houses—Mr. Evans' and Mr. Burrows'—bidding keenly for the leadership. It is pleasing to note the latter House so convincing this year, after their bad time in the last contest.

A word to those who have still any grievance against the House system in football, and to the School in general—some of the most exciting games this term have been House matches. If only the members of our two principal teams would play School matches with such zest as they do House games, High School would be a real power in the Rugby world. It is a strange thing that a system so criticised should bring out the real Rugby spirit.

HOUSE MATCH TABLE, 7-11-'30.

	Played	Won	Lost	Points		Total
				For	Against	
Mr. Burrows' House	3	3	0	58	34	6
Mr. Evans' House	4	2	2	42	15	4
Mr. Butler's House	4	2	2	63	55	4
Mr. Dillon's House	3	0	3	21	80	0

THE BELL CAP.

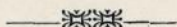
This "Cap" has been established by the six brothers whose name it bears. It will be presented annually to the boy who has had the best football record during the season.

For a period of seventeen years (1905 to 1922) there was

always one and sometimes two members of the Bell family on the High School first XV. For seven years a Bell captained the team, and they played on inter-provincial teams for six years, one of them being inter-provincial Captain.

It would be interesting to know if this remarkable record for School Rugby has been equalled by one family in any other School.

We are very glad to have a permanent reminder of such a record in the institution of the Bell Cap.



Old Boys' Union.

President—The Most Rev. C. F. Darcy, D.D., Primate of all Ireland.

Vice-President—The Headmaster.

Hon. Secs.—M. Ball and A. J. Beatty.

Hon. Treas.—Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D.

All Old Boys are invited to join the Union. Life subscription is one guinea, which may be paid in two annual instalments. Boys leaving school are placed on the Register of the Union and their subscriptions are invited after three years.

The ERASMIAN is sent free to all members. Contributions for publication will be welcomed by the Editor.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Monday, 27th October. The Hon. Treasurer reported that there was a credit balance of £135 and an increase of 46 in the membership. Mr. W. H. Thrift resigned his position as Hon. Secretary. He was one of the founders of the Union and has acted as Joint Hon. Secretary with Mr. Mervyn Bell since its foundation. The Union owes him a deep debt of gratitude, and the members regret that pressure of personal work has made it impossible for him to continue to act as Secretary. It was decided that all boys leaving the School should be placed on the Register of the Union and their subscriptions invited after three years. Proposals for the extension of the Union Golf Competitions and the formation of a Rugby team for inter-Union matches were referred to the Executive, as was also the matter of adopting a distinctive Union tie. It was decided to suggest to Old Boys in London, Belfast and other centres the desirability of forming branches of the Union there. The officers were elected as above.

NOTES ON OLD BOYS.

Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C. (Hong-Kong), Attorney-General, Hong-Kong, has been appointed Chief Justice of the

Supreme Court of that Colony. Sir Joseph was called by Lincoln's Inn in 1911.

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The Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D., Hon. Treasurer of the Union, has been appointed to deliver the Archbishop King's Professional Lectures for this session in Trinity College, Dublin.

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The Rev. S. Hutchinson has been appointed Rector of Rochdale.

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The Rev. W. T. Grey has been elected Rector of Chapelized.

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Mr. Stanley Woods won the principal race this year in the Ulster Grand Prix for motor cycles. He also won the French Grand Prix for motor cycles at Pau, averaging 75.68 m.p.h. over a course of 210 miles.

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Mr. Brian Russell, son of Mr. George Russell (Æ.), is home on leave from India. An article by him appears in this issue. He has promised to deliver a lecture next term.

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Professor C. J. Patten, M.A., M.D., D.Sc., has also promised to give us a lantern lecture next term. Professor Patten is one of the greatest living authorities on Bird Life in the British Isles.

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The Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D., Hon. Treasurer of the O.B.U., has been asked by the Board of Trinity College to deliver the lectures of the Archbishop King's Professorship this term. It is a very marked distinction to receive such important work almost at the beginning of his career.

FIXTURES.

A golf match against St. Andrew's Old Boys' Union resulted in a win for the latter by seven matches to two.

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A Rugby match between the Old Boys and the School, played on November 12th, resulted in a victory for the Old Boys by 10 points to 6.

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The annual dance took place on November 15th. Report next term.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the following deaths:—

Surgeon Robert Charles Butler Maunsell, ex-President of the Royal College of Surgeons, who was one of the most brilliant surgeons which Ireland has produced.

Mr. Richard Nathaniel Montgomery, B.A.I., Surveyor to the Pembroke Urban Council.

Engineer Captain E. W. Riley, son of Mr. C. R. Riley, Merton Road, Dublin.

MARRIAGES.

BELL AND STEEDS—September 15, 1930, at All Saints' Church, East Sheen, by the Rev. W. H. Yeandle, M.A., Randal, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bell, The Homestead, Maidenhead, to Ethel Mary, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steeds, of Putney.

CHILD AND HARTLEY—September 11, 1930, at the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme, by the Rev. H. A. Barnett, B.A., B.D., Bert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Child, of Dublin, to Hilda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartley, of Manchester.

CRAWFORD AND BIRD—September 2, 1930, at St. Matthias' Church, Dublin, by the Rev. Principal Hodges, B.D., assisted by Rev. Canon Strong, M.A., Rector, Thomas Leslie Ormond, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Hill Crawford, of Palmerston road, Dublin, and Amy Dorothy Bird, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bird, 128 Leinster road, Dublin. At home 17th October at Rathenrea, Lower Dodder road, Rathfarnham.

GOOD AND STANLEY—April 9, 1930, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. E. C. Hodges, B.D., Donal Bernard Waters, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Good, 57 Palmerston road, Dublin, to Jennie Gwendoline Kathryn (Monie), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stanley, Larkvale, Rathgar, Dublin.

HEATLEY AND TASSELL—September 13, 1930, at St. Michael's and All Angels, Marden, by the Rev. J. A. Finch, M.A., Rector, Robert Arthur Heatley, M.B., eldest surviving son of Robert Heatley, P.C., and Mrs. Heatley, St. Paul's, Bray, Co. Wicklow, to Hilda Lilian, third daughter of William and Mrs. Tassell, Westfield, Marden, Kent.

IRVINE AND SWEETMAN—September 6, 1930, at Rathgar Methodist Church, by the Rev. James M. Alley, assisted by the Rev. R. Lee Cole, Gerard Robert, son of the late Robert King Irvine and Mrs. Irvine, 62 Highfield road, Rathgar, to Evelyn Alexandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sweetman, 8 Kenilworth Square, Rathgar.

LARKIN AND SPENCE—October 1, 1930, at St. James's Church, New Brighton, by the Rev. Charles Dodge, George Edwin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Larkin, Oldville, Sandymount avenue, Dublin, to Dora Winifred, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spence, Oakdene, Dudley road, New Brighton, Cheshire.

LEWIS AND GIBSON—September 10, 1930, at Clontarf

Methodist Church, by the Rev. B. Brooke-Morton, Thomas Jennings, son of the late William A. Lewis, of Clontarf, and Mrs. Lewis, 65 Sandymount road, Dublin, to Margaret Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gibson, Craigmillar, Haddon road, Clontarf, Dublin.

MACK AND STEEGERS—September 2, 1930, in Dublin, Gwynn S. B. Mack, of 92 Middle Abbey street, Dublin, to Joan Steegers, of Iserlohn, Westfalen, Germany.

POWELL AND LOGAN—September 4, 1930, at Warrenpoint Parish Church, by Rev. R. Forde, M.A., Charles George Powell, B.A., younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Dublin, to Amy Florence Logan, B.A., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Logan, Bella Vista, Warrenpoint, Co. Down.

YORK AND ROBERTS—September 18, 1930, at Penang, by the Rev. Keppel Garnier, Arthur Desmond, M.C.S., elder son of the late Charles York, B.A., to Elizabeth Stewart, second daughter of Francis S. Roberts, Dublin.



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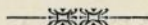
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My attention was next drawn to the wonderful display of Artificial Flowers, and I can honestly say that anything like them I never saw, and they certainly bear out the slogan of the industry: "Not real, tho' everyone thinks so."

There is a story told about King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, how once the Queen presented him with a beautiful bunch of flowers, half real, half artificial, and asked him if he could detect any difference. The King is supposed to have ordered some bees to be brought in, and these instantly settled on the real flowers, and so the puzzle was solved. I do not know whether this story is true or not, but this I can say, that there is no bee, or butterfly for that matter, that would not be deceived by "Mac's" Artificial Flowers.

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