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EDITORIAL

IT is with sad heart that we raise the Editorial quill to compile this Editorial comment. The Editor unfortunately having been confined to bed, the heavy cloak of duty has fallen upon our humble assistant-editorial shoulders. Nevertheless, as Pope wrote, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

Increase and change are words much in vogue at the present, and in High School this term they were heard often. An increase in the numbers of students crossing the "alma materna limina" has become almost an annual habit, and this year has been no exception. The effects of this influx are being felt continually during the term, and the sad sight of a forlorn master searching frantically for a room large enough to hold his flock becomes a common occurrence.

"Sunt lacrimae rerum . . ." said Virgil in his immortal Aeneid, and this thought is perhaps re-echoed in the minds of those unfortunates who have taken Horace's words, "carpe diem," too seriously, and have suddenly realised that the Christmas Examinations are in rather uncomfortable proximity. But everybody, we are sure, has the joyful thought of Christmas in his mind, and is eagerly awaiting the promised freedom.

An Old Boy Remembers . . .

We are indebted for this letter to Mrs. H. J. Lundy of Churchtown, who prevailed on her brother-in-law to write for THE ERASMIAN his memories of his schooldays. Both Mrs. Lundy's sons have been educated at the High School.

IN a letter to the Editor Mr. Henry J. Lundy of New Serepta, Alberta, Canada, writes of his "misspent days in good old High School, Harcourt Street.

These are something almost beyond recall; 62 years ago I quit that seat of learning, in 1890, so it can be understood that at this distance of time and failing memory it is more or less like a dusty window. Nevertheless, some items are not to be forgotten, such as my first day at the school. After my father's

interview with Wm. Wilkins, Head Master, my brother William, William Fox and myself were left in charge of the sergeant to see that we didn't escape till we were placed in class after noon recess. The sergeant produced his keys and locked us in the empty playground; we three poor lost sheep in that inhospitable ironbound enclosure with locked gates, no place to sit till we spied a stone roller in the midst of a sea of loose gravel. We were there not very long till 12.00 recess arrived; then there was a noise of many feet and war-whoops and in swooped the horde of savages. Needless to say that the attraction of three sitting ducks was irresistible, and the results can be left to the imagination of my readers. Suffice it to say that meant more than one bloody nose. I had only a pair of gloves available to mop up the gore—quite a lovely introduction to the illustrious seat of learning, and fresh from Dr. Power's Academy in Harrington St., which was succeeded by Miss Yokely's Ladies' Schools.

I remember the 6-inch deep loose gravel on which we played "Hurley," nowadays known as "Hockey." The Drill Sergeant, a fine, lovable man who made us stand upright and march in the direction we should go, also without mistaking our right foot from our left; also to be remembered were the very dead items which were cast over the brick wall on the west side of playground. From the butchers' shops in Camden St.—most fascinating studies for young gentlemen of my era and which were eyed with repugnance by the masters taking their midday promenade in the shadow of the wall.

I remember the row of classrooms in the inner yard to the north, which had been converted horse-stalls; most appropriately, as these rooms stalled some wild colts in my time.

I remember the geography of the School as it was in my time: to the south the large playground facing Harcourt St., with the high iron railings which were supposed to hold in the animals (but didn't); there was a pretty good tuckshop opposite the Railway Station; then came the entrance, with the big assembly hall where prayers were held every morning and indelibly impressed on an old timer's memory by it being a tragic stage where one could

never know when you might be called upon to come up front and read a chapter of Holy Writ before the assembled barbarians—possibly a chapter apparently selected for its traps and unpronouncability, and which often led to high temperatures and dire debt to be paid for some daring winks across the room. Next came the master's dwellinghouse facing Harcourt St. which had two classrooms on first floor, and to the rear were more classrooms on ground level where religious training was taught by Canon Carleton, Canon Webster, Rev. Samuel Prenter, and others. All these rooms had a common fault from a school-boy's point of view: the windows were placed too high in the walls to allow contemplation of what was going on outside. Again back and west came the small walled yard in which were the horse-stalls before mentioned.

Going back again to the Assembly Hall, I remember the great many names emblazoned on the north wall, Thrift and many others who have further gained renown in many fields; alas my name was not there.

I remember the Masters of the time; some tried to rule by force, some by gentle leadership. The first method inspired rebellion, as depicted in Tennyson's poem "The Captain"; the second did succeed in getting something into our heads. The names which come back to memory are: Wm. Wilkins, George Wilkins, Hackett, Parkes, McTaggart, Fahy, Cooney and Smeeth. I would like to express fond remembrance for the last three names.

As for my fellow students I cannot remember many names; there was a very large number; the School was in its hey-day. A few with whom I had close association will come back to me . . . Thrift, Maddock, Winslow, Reiss, Moore, Barnwell, Tabuteau, Wright, Drought, Richardson, Fox, Gunn, Weeks and Carlyle.

With regard to my friend Drought, his family considered me to blame as cause of his misdeeds, and he was blamed for mine. To tell the truth, my conscience pricks me when I catch myself frowning on the shortcomings of my grandsons.

Good old Gardner's History of England. What beautiful, simple prose for writing transcription, particularly writing punishment lines; a boon to me, as I attained to writing a hundred lines with only an occasional glance at the book; far superior to "Hume" for the pur-

pose. My well-battered copy is still with me and it is frequently called for by my daughter-in-law (a school teacher), possibly with some mistaken idea that my misuse of it might in some way inspire my grandsons or her other history objectors.

I remember Belgrave Square, the scene of many a muddy scrum in the vain attempt to gain a velvet and tinsel cap. But such sports were not for me; the rod and gun were my first and only true loves.

I know that many men were helped in their life's voyages to material and spiritual success by their beginning at Erasmus High School, Dublin. The standard has been sustained for so many years, and from what I hear of my nephews there I feel and trust that the School may long continue with every success."

Aeromodelling

AEROMODELLING is a very popular but little publicised sport. In the U.S.A. in 1946 there was more money spent on aeromodelling than there was spent on full-size aircraft in 1926. In a World Glider Championships held in Austria in August there were 12 teams each from a separate country, and in the Wakefield Contest (a contest for rubber-driven planes) in Sweden this year there were 65 contesters from 18 countries.

Model aircraft may be divided into three groups—Rubber, Glider, Power modelling. The most popular of these being probably the glider.

The plane is built from various materials. A framework is built up by building the flat parts on an outline plan from a very light wood called Balsa wood. The sides of the fuselage are joined together off the plan and bulkheads put in the fuselage. This framework is covered with a very fine tissue and then painted and shrunk with a cellulose paint called "dope."

Rubber planes consist of two kinds, those called duration models and Wakefields. Of these by far the most important are Wakefield. They have for their motive power rubber driving a propeller.

In 1927 a cup was presented to the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers (S.M.A.E.). This cup was used for an international competition. To start with, any kind of plane was entered, but after a few years it was confined

to rubber-driven models and soon became the Blue Riband of aeromodelling. A special formula was drawn up which now consists of a plane of about 40 ins. span and weighing 8 ozs., of which 4 oz. are rubber. Specialisation in this branch of modelling has produced a very high standard of flying, flights of 30 minutes being obtained in favourable conditions. Duration rubber planes are any other kind of rubber plane.

Gliders, as their name suggests, have no motive power, but are launched either off the side of a hill, called slope soaring, or from a towline which is attached by a ring to a hook on the under side of the plane. For competition these lines are 328 ft. long and are made of wire of nylon. The launcher runs with the line until the plane is towed overhead, when it is released. Gliders are usually bigger and heavier and more robust than their rubber-driven counterpart. The equivalent of the Wakefield trophy for gliders is the Glider Cup, which allows for planes of about 70 ins. span and weighing 14 ozs. For glider contests which are not under the Glider Cup rules sizes often run up to 15 ft. and weighing 2-3 lbs., because of the better performance in winds of these gliders, also they stay in sight longer in the air.

Power models are divided into two kinds, free flight and control line. Power planes are driven by small internal combustion engines, either diesel, glow-plug or petrol. These engines can be anything from .32 c.c. up to 10 c.c., the .5 engines developing about .04 B.H.P., 1.5 c.c. engines developing .1 B.H.P. at 14,000 r.p.m., and 10 c.c. engines developing 1 B.H.P. at 17,000 r.p.m. All these engines are two-stroke. The most popular type in England is the smaller diesel because of its ease of starting, lack of electrical apparatus, cheapness of fuel. The glow-plug is a type of diesel engine, only instead of the heat for combustion being produced by the compressed gases it is produced by a small platinum coil of wire which is heated electrically to start the engine and then is kept warm by the exploding gases. The main disadvantage of this type of engine in England is that it is hard to start in cold weather owing to the type of fuel necessary. In the larger size of engine it has a complete monopoly owing to its smooth running and greater power than the diesel. The most popular size of engine in England is the 2.5 c.c.

Free flight planes are of two kinds, those for competition and those of pure flying for fun. Competition planes are not to look at and they bear no resemblance to full-sized aeroplanes, for they have the wing mounted high over the fuselage on a streamlined "pylon" for greater stability in the almost vertical corkscrew climb which they have of about 2,000 ft. per minute. These planes are very tricky to fly and trim, so a simpler form of plane has arisen called the cabin model. These planes look like an ordinary highwing monoplane of the Auster Taylorcraft type and are comparatively easy to fly and trim. This type of plane is immensely popular, especially when fitted with a .5 c.c. engine and of about 33 inches span!

Control-line planes were invented by an American called Jim Walker and consist of an aeroplane that flies in a circle tethered to two wires leading to a handle in the centre, held by the pilot. The wires go down the wing and control the elevation of the plane, so when the pilot tilts the handle up the plane climbs and when he tilts the handle down the plane dives. These planes can be either built for speed or for stunting; speed planes have attained speeds of over 160 miles per hour. These planes have a very small wing area. Stunt-planes, on the other hand, have a fairly large wing area and there is no limit to the number of stunts obtainable with practice. The most interesting, I think, is team racing. In this type of flying there are four planes in the circle at once racing together; this type of flying is very popular and very skilful.

Aeromodelling is a very healthy sport, not in any way commercialised. The main disadvantage is the expense of keeping it up. If the flyer is of ability it also provides cross-country running training!

R. STEVENS (Form 6).

Memories of an International Patrol Camp

Near the end of July this year if one had been in a small place called Helen's Bay in Co. Down, one could have seen groups of six or seven boys leaving the railway station. They were wearing scout uniform and speaking different languages. One could have heard German and French, also boys with English, Scotch, Welsh and Irish accents. All these

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boys were going to an International Patrol Camp at a place called Crawfordsburn in Helen's Bay near Bangor. I was one of the six fortunate Irish boy scouts who paid their rail fare to and from Belfast and then were entertained by the Boy Scouts' Association of Northern Ireland.

Our contingent arrived at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and were met in Crawfordsburn by three sea scouts from Bangor who informed us that they were to be our hosts for the fortnight at Crawfordsburn. When we got to our camp-site we found that our hosts had already pitched our tent and had lighted a fire for us. The opening ceremony was scheduled for 3.30, when our Patrol Leader went across the big field in which the camp was situated, and at the entrance he "broke" St. Patrick's flag, at the same time as the Patrol Leaders from the other countries broke their respective flags. While this was happening everyone else had congregated at the main flagpole in the centre of the camp, and then the camp was opened officially by Sir Christopher Musgrave. After this we returned to our camp-site and had dinner. Then we went down to the Austrian camp-site and swapped some badges and had a sing-song there.

The next evening there was an international Rugger match between Ireland (North and South) and England, Scotland and Wales combined. Ireland won 12-0. That night we had our first campfire, at which the main difference between it and a campfire in Powerscourt was that campfire blankets were very prominent. These were made out of ordinary coloured blankets with badges from many different countries sewn on.

One of our main occupations was swimming down at the beach, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile from the camp-site. On two days we went on bus tours, one round the Mourne Mountains and another along the Antrim Coast Road. When we were on the trip to the Mourne Mountains we stopped at a place called Warrenpoint where we were entertained to tea by the local Scout Troop. After tea we went and explored the town. We soon tired of this, and we found out that there was a motor-boat service to Eire just across Carlingford Lough to a place called Omeath. Here we bought sweets, etc., and brought them back to Northern Ireland. There did not seem to be any customs officials; at least if there were we did not see them.

Another day we went to Belfast and were shown over different factories, such as Galaher's tobacco factory and Harland and Wolff's shipyard. The shipyard seemed just like a big mass of cranes and ships in various stages of completion. The works nearby were nearly as bad, being full of gantry cranes and humming machinery.

Back at the camp we had visitors; some were important personages, others just ordinary people. Some of the important ones were Mr. Midgley, the Minister of Education in Northern Ireland; Sir Norman Strong, Speaker of the Northern Ireland House of Commons, and Sir Christopher Musgrave, Chief Commissioner of Scouts in Northern Ireland. Also we had civic receptions. One from the Mayor of Bangor and another from the Mayor of Belfast. In Bangor we were given tea, and then we were allowed to go to all the amusements in Bangor except the archery butts, free of charge. Previous to this we had been received by the Lord Mayor and shown over the Town Hall.

We all had a very happy and enjoyable time in Crawfordsburn, and at the campfires learnt many new songs and stunts. The things that struck us most about the foreign scouts were that the Austrians used to wear shorts made from most beautiful leather, and that the German scouts were able to keep the brims of their hats very straight; maybe this was because their hats were of very good quality, but all the same it made them look very smart. At the closing of the camp the Camp Chief, Mr. J. Brittain, said that he was very pleased that at last an International Patrol Camp had been held in Northern Ireland and that it was hoped to hold another in years to come. This was the end of the camp, but most of the visiting scouts stayed a week or so in another scout's home. I stayed in Bangor and was very well entertained there.

D. FITZPATRICK (Form 6).

A Great Author

A great author is not one who has a rich vocabulary, whether in prose or verse, and can, as it were, turn on at will any number of fascinating phrases and swelling sentences; but he is one who has something to say and knows how to say it.

He may be elaborate in his composition, or he may pour out his improvisations; but in either case he keeps firmly to the point and never strays off the subject. His chief aim is to give forth that which he has within him, and through his earnestness he has with him the charm of an incommunicable simplicity which enables him to express, with simple, every-day words, the contents of complicated phrases.

He writes passionately because he has a keen sense of feeling; forcibly, because his imagination enables him to see vividly. He understands his subject wholly, and therefore he is happy when either thinking or writing about it. When his imagination bodies forth it wells up and so thrills along the verse. He always has the right word for the right idea and never a word too much.

He expresses what all feel, but all cannot say. His sayings pass into proverbs of his patrons and his phrases become household words and idioms of their daily speech. One who has all these qualities is surely a great author.

J. B. KEOGH (Form 3B).

A Holiday in France

I was very fortunate in being able to go to France this year for my summer holiday with my parents and brother.

We left home on a lovely day in July, and after a pleasant trip on the Irish mailboat and train and a night spent in London, we departed from Victoria Station on the Continental express for Folkestone. At Folkestone we boarded the s.s. Canterbury and one-and-a-half hours later we reached Boulogne. Our first impressions of a French town were not very good, as Boulogne is a fishing port and abounds in the unpleasant smells and dirt common to such ports. The town and harbour were extensively damaged during the war and this gave the place a very depressing appearance.

While we were awaiting the departure of our train for Paris we made our first purchase, which was a bottle of lemonade. It cost 65 francs (1/4), four times the price which we pay in Ireland.

One of the many peculiarities we noticed in France was that the railway platforms were

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very low and there were three high steps up to the carriage, which must be very awkward for elderly people.

On the journey we did not see, as in Ireland, small fields surrounded by hedges and walls. The fields in France are much larger, and the only noticeable division is the different crops growing in each field. These crops grow right up to the roadside, with only a small ditch between the field and the road. After three hours we arrived in the Gare du Nord in Paris. We then travelled by Metropolitan railway, which is similar to the London Underground, and eventually we reached our hotel, which was quite near the Eiffel Tower. That evening we had supper in a roadside café. These cafés, for which Paris is famous, are numerous and jut out all along the wide pavements of the picturesque boulevards.

The following morning, after a scanty breakfast of rolls and coffee, we visited the 1,000-foot high Eiffel Tower. Although the foreign travel allowance was very limited we spent 300 francs (6/-) to go by lift to the top. From the top we obtained a splendid view and took photographs of the Palais de Chaillot and the Headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Later we visited Les Invalides, which is a museum, and saw the tomb of Napoleon.

On another occasion we went to l'Arc de Triomphe, where the unknown warrior of France is buried. We also visited the famous churches Notre Dame and Sacré Coeur. Both are beautiful structures, but Notre Dame is the older and finer of the two. Sacré Coeur is clearly distinguishable for miles around, as it is built of white stone and stands high on a hill. It has been built in quite recent times.

The most delightful place we saw in France was Versailles, with its beautiful gardens and fine old palace, which is now a museum. The grounds are full of carved art statues and wonderful fountains. We spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon there, rowing on the lake and relaxing in the sun.

Paris is a fine old city with long, straight boulevards and wide streets; with large, open gravel parade grounds which would look more pleasant if they were grass; with numerous art statues; with cars travelling at breakneck speed, and armed gendarmes with white batons and whistles to direct the traffic; with

splendid shops and stores, and fashionably-dressed ladies; and above all, with everything at a fabulous price.

A. M. GANN (Form 4A).

Some lads of a class
Have brains and have brass,
With their airs and their graces
And sweet smiling faces.

To the masters and prefects
They bow and they scrape.
At the bad boys of C room
They scorn and they jape.

But at the Square on Rugby day
The bad boys of C room make it gay;
For a dig in the ribs and a bang on
the chin
Have more effect than brass and brain,
And so they discover it doesn't pay
To try and do things the brainy way.

N. R. QUINN (Form 3A).

Winter and the Motorist

Winter, winter everywhere,
And all the roads did freeze;
Winter, winter everywhere,
And the motorists did sneeze.

They cursed and swore and tore their hair,
It was not very nice;
But then how would you like it
If your nose had turned to ice?

The tail froze off the poor cat's back—
It looked just like a Manx,
And the poor old motorists went around
In caterpillar tanks.

But then as winter turned to spring
And snow thawed into rain,
The motorists could think no more
(They'd water on the brain).

Now I must end my little ditty
Of winter and its woe;
But I'll be back! alas! alack!
Sometime when there's no snow.

C. BAIN (Form 3A).

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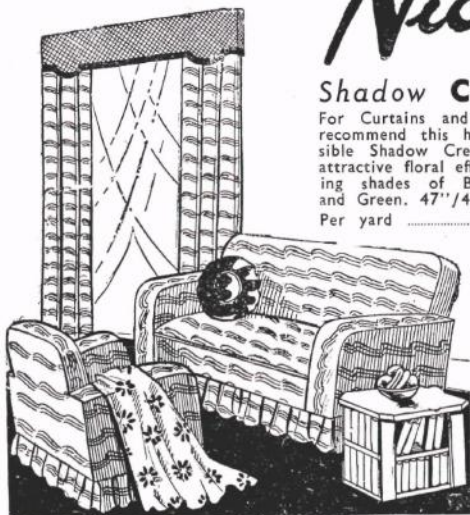
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

Term began on Wednesday, 3rd September, 1952.

We record with regret the deaths in tragic accidents of Roger Kyle (1936-45) and of David Masson, of Form 1c, and offer our sincere sympathy to their relatives.

We welcome to the Staff Miss E. de Courcy Williams, B.A. (London); Mr. I. Keegan, B.A. (T.C.D.); Mr. J. Moore, Moderator, B.A. (T.C.D.), and Mr. J. B. Lowe, Moderator, B.A. (T.C.D.).

We welcome as School Secretary Miss D. G. Huet, who takes the place of Mrs. G. Dane-field, B.A., who has resigned, and as Swimming Instructor Mr. A. H. Collinge.

The Bishop of Nyasaland gave an interesting talk in October on the educational work in his diocese. As a result a "Link" has been formed between the School and St. Joseph's College, Chidya. Mr. Willoughby has undertaken the organisation of this link from the High School end.

During term a collection made in the School for the N.S.P.C.C. realised £3-5-7.

Rev. E. P. M. Elliott, M.A., Church of Ireland Education Officer, spoke to the older boys on the Church's need of recruits for the Ministry.

Rev. M. L. Ferrar, M.A., Warden of the Divinity Hostel, gave a talk to the 6th form on his experiences in India.

Mr. R. A. Kerr, A.R.I.C.S., an Old Boy, gave some valuable advice to boys intending to become Quantity Surveyors.

Following a preliminary talk by the Rev. B. Graeme-Cooke, B.A., a number of boys attended the S.C.M. Conference held in November.

The School Swimming Club is once more meeting regularly in the Iveagh Baths. Every Monday after school, under the care of Mr. Wilson, some 60 boys receive instruction from Mr. A. H. Collinge.

A branch of the League of Pity has been formed in the Junior School.

Dr. C. J. de Vere Short, M.D., D.P.H. (1910-12), has very generously presented a handsome silver cup for Rugby to the boys of his old School "to encourage them to go for the line and to practise place and drop kicking." It may be won by any member of a recognised School team. Dr. de Vere Short had already presented a silver cup for cricket to the School.

Captain D. Malcolm Frazer (1886-1896) very kindly presented a collection of coins to be distributed among the boys who were interested.

The second of the present series of School Concerts will be held in the Clockroom on 10th and 11th February, 1953.

Under the care of Miss Orr and Miss Smyth, J5 spent an interesting morning in the National Museum. Last term J5 collected, by means of its Form Magazine, £1-14-0 for the League of Pity.

We wish to thank the "Irish Times" for its courtesy in allowing us to use the photograph of the late Dr. Ernest Alton which appeared in the June, 1952, issue of THE ERASMIAN.

I. R. McAulay, who left School in September, 1952, presented fifty items to the School laboratory.

We Congratulate :—

R. H. C. Walshe on being selected to play for Leinster in the Schools' Interprovincial Rugby match against Connacht, and C. C. Walker on being selected to play in the Leinster Schools' Rugby Trials.

W. G. G. Fisher, who won a trip to London in a competition in the "Eagle," and while there won a General Knowledge competition against English, Scottish and Welsh boys.

R. D'Arcy, a bharú peann-tobair de bharú feabais a lámh-scribneoireachta i gcomórtas an "Times Pictorial."

The Prize Distributions

THIS year, because of the numerical growth of the School and the impossibility of providing accommodation on the same afternoon for all those wishing to attend, the Annual Prize Distribution was divided into two parts, Senior and Junior. The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Thursday, 13th November. Mr. Cecil H. Darley, B.L., Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The Guest of Honour was Mrs. R. R. Hartford.

In his report on the Junior School, 1951-52, the Headmaster, speaking of the increase in numbers, said that although the Governors had created another class at the beginning of the School year it had been filled immediately and there was now a waiting list for next September. There were now four lady teachers, each one experienced and possessing excellent all-round ability. In addition, every class in the Junior School was taught for some periods by masters. Special provision was made for Juniors in School games. The Junior School Library was now proving its worth in encouraging boys to read for themselves.

Music, drama, poetry and art could play a valuable part in education, and because of their power of kindling the imagination were particularly valuable to children at the imaginative age. The arts were the heritage of all, and the Items to be performed after his Report were not to be regarded as highly polished performances by specially selected pupils, but rather as pieces of ordinary class work in which every boy had taken part.

The Headmaster expressed his great appreciation of the generosity of the Parents' Association in providing the capital necessary to inaugurate a Percussion Band. He thanked Mr. Evans and all who taught in the Junior School for their wholehearted co-operation during the year. In conclusion, he welcomed Mrs. R. R. Hartford and thanked her for her kindness in coming to present the prizes to the Junior School.

After the Headmaster's Report the following Items were performed:—

1. Playlet—"Strawberry Tarts" - J1
2. Song—"The Bridge" - J1
3. Poems—"Someone" and "My Dog" - J3

4. Song—"The Huntsmen" - - J2
5. Nursery Rhyme - - - J6
6. Sea Shanties - - - J4
7. Poem—"Big Steamers" - - J5
8. Song—"The Market Square" - J3
9. Poem—"The King's Breakfast" - J4
10. Dramatised Poem—"William Tell" - J6
11. Community Songs - - - J5

The Chairman then introduced the Guest of Honour, Mrs. R. R. Hartford, who presented the prizes.

Mrs. Hartford said she felt privileged to be the first Guest of Honour at the first Junior Distribution. She congratulated the School and the parents on the spry young people she saw before her. To them she spoke of the importance of collections and advised them to stick to the collection of the things they were interested in: stamps, birds' eggs, pressed flowers, train numbers, and so on. The child was the father of the man, and parents should tolerate these collections because they were often a useful pointer to the way in which the child would develop.

Mrs. Hartford was presented with a bouquet by J. D. Reynolds, and the Prize Distribution closed with a hymn, after which tea was served to visitors and boys.

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 14th November. The Chairman of the Board of Governors presided, and the Special Speaker was Dr. David M. Mitchell, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., Professor of Pharmacology, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Dr. Reynolds read his report on the School year, 1951-52, the 82nd of the School's existence and his first year as Headmaster. He expressed his gratitude to the Governors, the parents and the staff for their co-operation during the year, in particular to Mr. Dillon and Mr. Evans who had given most generously of their services. The year had been one of quiet, steady progress and the work of masters and boys had been rewarded with high success at the various examinations. In the Trinity College Sizarship and Entrance Exhibition examinations I. R. McAulay, G. Clarke and B. R. Wilkinson obtained 1st, 3rd and 5th places respectively in the Exhibition Group, and in addition McAulay won 1st Science Sizarship, and Clarke obtained first

place in the Mathematics Sizarship examination, though debarred on financial grounds from obtaining an award. As Wilkinson specialised in Latin and French, it could be fairly claimed that education in the School, even at the highest level, was spread widely over the different subjects in the curriculum.

The link between the School and Trinity College had been very dear to Dr. Bennett's heart, and he would surely have been gratified by the success of these boys, all of whom were, in the fullest sense, his own pupils.

In the Certificate Examinations also the results were very good. Twenty boys obtained the Intermediate Examination, 13 with honours. In 4A every boy who completed the examination obtained honours in English and Mathematics. R. A. C. Lewis scored an average of 81 per cent. over all his ten subjects; D. J. FitzPatrick obtained full marks in both Arithmetic and Algebra, and R. M. Galloway and A. Thompson full marks in Arithmetic.

In the Scripture Examinations J. W. Dowse had added his name to the long list of High School boys who had won the Silver Medal awarded by the Church of Ireland for first place in Greek Testament.

Many other boys had been successful in the preliminary examinations for various professions, and the high reputation of the Commercial Course had been reflected in the number of boys who had obtained business appointments.

The Old Boys' Union, under the Presidency of Mr. H. E. P. Anderson, had had another very successful year, and its functions were well attended. The Headmaster once again thanked the Union for its generous support of THE ERASMIAN and many other activities of the School.

The Parents' Association had held many meetings, some devoted to discussion of problems of common interest, some to talks by experts in child health, some to social activities. The Chairman was Mr. G. R. Wisdom, and Dr. Reynolds thanked the Association through him for the generous financial assistance which had enabled Mr. Wilson to rebuild the School stage.

The number of pupils had again increased and reached the record total of 434. The teaching staff had been considerably augmented, so

that in spite of the increased numbers classes were not overcrowded. The Board of Governors were considering measures to provide additional class-rooms in time for next September.

The Headmaster spoke of the position of Latin and Greek in our Schools to-day. He made a plea for a more vital treatment of the classics. Prescribed texts should be abolished and the pupils enabled to read more widely the writings of the great thinkers of the past both in the original and in translation. It would also be possible to show how English was indebted to Greek and Latin, and to give the pupils some knowledge of the social history of the Greeks and the Romans.

In conclusion, Dr. Reynolds thanked Dr. D. M. Mitchell for his kindness in accepting the invitation to speak at the Prize Distribution.

Before the prizes were distributed by the Chairman the headmaster explained the new system under which, instead of being awarded for separate subjects, prizes were given for consistent work throughout the year and conspicuous merit in a number of subjects.

The Chairman congratulated the Headmaster and the Staff on the splendid examination results. He spoke of the regrettable tendency of boys to leave School soon after they had taken the Intermediate Examination. Parents should encourage their boys to stay and prepare for the Leaving Certificate Examination. To sacrifice further education to the thought of immediate earning was short-sighted policy. A good education was the best investment man ever made.

Dr. David M. Mitchell, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., Professor of Pharmacology, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in an amusing and witty speech recalled his own schooldays at the High School. Some of the masters teaching then, C. L. D., W. R. W., S. S. E., were still here and did not seem to him to have changed at all. He passed on to the boys some useful advice on examinations which he had received from another member of the Staff, the late Mr. George Watson. "You get no marks in an examination for what you know, only for what you write down."

"Be calm, collected and precise,
Read over all the questions twice."

In conclusion, Dr. Mitchell congratulated the School on the appointment of an Old Boy as Headmaster.

Mr. John Bell (President of the Old Boys' Union) presented the Old Boys' Cup to B. R. Wilkinson. For the benefit of the parents present at the Distribution for the first time Mr. Bell explained that the cup is awarded annually to the boy selected by the votes of the Seniors and Staff as the best all-rounder of the year. The cup-winner and the boys who were runners-up had qualities which would stand to them in the future. He appealed to parents to encourage their boys on leaving School to join the Old Boys' Union and to keep in touch with the School and with each other.

The Chairman, Mr. Darley, rose to unveil a portrait of Dr. John Bennett. He was, he said, incapable of expressing what he felt on such an occasion. Dr. Bennett had been a splendid man and Headmaster, and Mr. Darley was glad to say that Mrs. Bennett was here to witness this expression of their esteem. The Chairman then unveiled the portrait, and all those present stood for some moments in silence. The portrait, which was painted by Mr. W. R. Wilson, F.R.S.A., is a splendid likeness and was the object of general admiration.

After the Benediction, pronounced by Canon W. H. Coulter, M.A., tea was served to visitors and boys.

Examination Results

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS

Leaving Certificate—Pass: K. H. Fleming.

Intermediate Certificate—Honours: R. H. Cotter, D. J. FitzPatrick, R. M. Galloway, A. L. Halliday, D. J. Irwin, H. J. K. Jenkins, J. T. Killen, R. A. C. Lewis, L. E. S. Long, W. N. McDonnell, R. S. Purcell, R. Stevens, A. Thompson. Pass: A. L. Gillis, V. A. S. Reid, D. G. P. Abbott, W. A. McCoubrey, R. Y. Newport, D. G. Scott, W. F. Wilson.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

First Class—J. D. Wilkinson, E. R. Crampton, S. H. Heaney, N. J. C. Pope.

Second Class—W. R. Winder, C. J. Mathews.

OTHER PRIZES

John Philips Rogers Prize—R. A. C. Lewis.

Carpenter Memorial Prize—H. J. K. Jenkins.

Dr. William Warnock's Prizes in Irish—R. A. Skerrett and R. A. C. Lewis.

French Government's Prizes—B. R. Wilkinson and R. A. C. Lewis.

Prize in Music—W. F. Smith.

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Degrees

M.A.—S. W. Reede, E. D. R. Simms, A. C. Stewart.

B.D.—E. D. R. Simms.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—J. A. Eppel.

Moderatorship—Classics (3rd Class): F. C. T. Perdue. Modern History and Political Science (2nd Class): C. A. Faull. Experimental Science (2nd Class): W. P. Northen. Natural Science (2nd Class): R. B. Maude. Legal Science (3rd Class): K. B. Henderson, M. Buchalter.

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions

First Scholarship—I. R. McAulay.

Third Scholarship—G. Clarke.

Junior Exhibition (1st Class)—B. R. Wilkinson.

Sizarships

Experimental Science—I. R. McAulay (First Sizarship).

Mathematics—G. Clarke (1st Place, but debarred on financial grounds).

Harris Prize

C. C. Walker (awarded prize, but remained further year at school).

High School Exhibition—C. C. Walker.

Thompson Exhibition—B. R. Wilkinson.

School of Divinity

Theological Exhibition—J. M. G. Carey.

Downes Divinity Premiums—Written Composition: E. C. T. Perdue.

Weir Prize—E. C. T. Perdue.



DECEMBER, 1952

Air-Sea Rescue

On my holidays in Bangor, Co. Down, I saw a demonstration of Sea-Air Rescue. An aeroplane came round and dropped a flare into the sea and went away again. Soon it came round and dropped another about fifty yards away from the other. In about ten minutes the aeroplane came and dropped a queer-looking object between the two flares. The object was like a rubber dinghy on a bigger scale for it was twenty feet long and four feet wide and it had a motor in it. The boat came down on four parachutes, and as soon as it hit the water the parachutes fell and lay on the top of the water. Soon a big motor-launch came and towed it in, for there was nobody in the dinghy.

A. K. DUNGAN (Form J5, age 10).

Jack Frost

When I got up this morning
Old Jack Frost was yawning;
He'd been up all night
Painting the gardens white.

J. B. GRIER (J5, age 10).

The Goblins

Five little goblins went to town,
Their caps were red and their jackets brown,
Their pants were blue and their shoes were,
too,
As they walked along to town.

Five little goblins went into a shop
To buy a bottle of ginger-pop.
The pop was fizzy and they got dizzy
As they drank that ginger-pop.

L. COOMBS (J6, age 10½).

My Holidays in Eastbourne

I spent my last summer holidays in Eastbourne. The first thing that attracted me when I got off the train was the beautiful way the station was decorated with flowers, all growing in pots and wire baskets hanging from the roof. After having a meal I went to see the beach and the carpet gardens. I thought at first that they were carpets laid out on the grass; when I got near them I discovered they were all flowers designed out in beautiful patterns. One of the patterns was a Union Jack.

At night fountains with coloured electric bulbs at the base made the water beautiful colours. There was a very nice pier that stretched a long way out into the water. Every day small steamers went off on short trips to Beachy Head and Hastings, and other ones went on longer trips across the Channel; also there were dances and theatre shows in the theatre on the pier.

I spent most of my nights at the bandstand, which was also on the pier. There were military bands playing classical music every night.

One afternoon I went up Beachy Head. As the bus went up the winding road I had a view of the beach and pier. Then the bus came to the end of its journey where I got out. The first thing I saw was an old floating mine on a grassy bank by the side of the road in which there was a slot to put money in for the soldiers and sailors who fought and were injured in the Second World War.

Then I went on up a grassy patch which brought me to the cliffs; they are made of chalk and are about one hundred feet steep. After an interesting and enjoyable time up there it seemed all too short when I had to return home, as it was nearly time for supper.

D. BRYANS (J5, age 9).

The Indian Hat Trick

My father and I had made up our minds that we must spend one day at least at the Oval during our summer holidays in London. When we found that Surrey were playing the Indian touring team we decided that nothing would stop us. It was a perfect day to watch cricket. There was a big crowd when we arrived there, but we found a seat before the game had started, and my father had plenty of time to point out things which he had known since he was a boy, one of which was "Jumbo," the famous Oval gasometer.

It was an interesting day's cricket, but the highlight occurred in Surrey's first innings when, after Whittaker had been dismissed by Divecha, having made a useful fourteen, Laker came out to bat and Divecha took his wicket with his first ball. Two wickets with successive balls! Would he get the hat-trick? There was an excited murmur that went round the crowd which went on until Alec Bedser came out on to the field. He came out with a determined air and a look that said "I'll stop all this nonsense!" He took centre and settled himself down to face the bowling. Divecha took his usual long run up and bowled a very fast ball. Bedser never really saw that ball, and before he knew what had happened everyone on the field was patting Divecha on the back. Bedser looked at his wicket, then at Divecha, who had knocked his middle stump right back. Bedser sadly shrugged his shoulders and walked back to the pavilion.

I considered myself very lucky to see the Champion County, the Indian Test team, and a hat-trick all in one day.

D. J. CHALLEN (J5, age 9½).

The Little Boat

One day as I stood in the sea
With the water to my knee
I saw far out a little boat
Trying hard to keep afloat.

A boy stood crying on the beach,
It was his boat, was out of reach,
He called to me if I could swim,
Would I please get his boat for him.

But sad to say I could not swim,
I could not get his boat for him,
A monster wave then brought it in,
The boy received it with a grin.

N. D. EGAN (J5, age 10).

The Balloon

In the High School grounds there was a balloon,
It was flying in the morning, but was taken down at noon;
When it was down you would hear a shout
And there was everyone about.

One night when it was flying low
Someone cut the cable and let it go;
It rose and flew very far away,
But it was found in Meath next day.

B. C. JOHNSON (J6, age 11).

The King's Dream

The King of Naas went to bed one night
And closed his eyes both very tight;
He counted sheep, he saw a beam
Of light, and then he had a dream.

He dreamt that a gorilla chased him,
He dreamt that a lion caught and ate him;
Then he awoke, and saw his wife
Shaking him and shaking him as if for his life.

"You have got to go to the ball," she said,
"You have got to go, now get out of bed."
"Alas!" he cried, as he jumped out of bed,
"That had completely gone out of my head."

J. REYNOLDS (J6, age 10).

The Tuck Shop

Peppermints and toffee-balls,
Candies pink and green,
Barley-sugar, chocolate,
Best you've ever seen.
Liquorice marshmallows, too,
Lovely sugar-mice,
Sweets to bite and sweets to suck,
Everything that's nice.

DAVID ORR (J5, age 10).

A Little Red Fish

A little red fish I happened to see,
I thought 'twould be nice if I had it for tea,
So I got out my net and I whistled with glee,
But that little red fish got away from me.

D. HANDY (J4, age 10).

School of Physic

Final Medical: M.B. (Pass)—G. R. L. Lyons.
B.A.O. (Pass)—S. Baigel, G. R. L. Lyons,
F. Fine.

Pre-Registration: Chemistry and Zoology
(Pass)—M. L. Cowan.

School of Law

Final LL.B. (2nd Class)—M. Buchalter, K. B.
Henderson.

School of Engineering

Francis Spring Prize—R. A. Feuerstak.
Clark Memorial Prize—G. H. M. Payne.
Edge Prize—G. H. M. Payne (prize divided).
Middle Year—R. A. Feuerstak, D. Forsyth,
G. H. M. Payne.
Junior Year—C. A. Bowden.
Entrance—W. M. Gregory, A. Williams.

School of Agriculture

First Year (Pass)—J. G. Sinclair.

Term Honor Examinations

A. H. Knight (J.S.)—Classics (2nd Rank).
W. J. A. Graham (S.F.)—Mathematics (2nd
Rank).
R. W. A. Feuerstak (S.F.)—Mathematics
(3rd Rank).
J. M. A. Turner (S.F.)—Natural Science (2nd
Rank).
J. L. Wilding (S.F.)—Classics (3rd Rank).
M. S. Burton (S.F.)—Experimental Science
(3rd Rank).
A. P. R. Brook (J.F.)—Mathematics (1st
Rank).
A. W. M. Cooper (J.F.)—Mathematics (3rd
Rank).
W. S. W. Poole (J.F.)—Classics (3rd Rank).

Final Freshman Examination

T. V. Jackson, J. M. A. Turner.

Entrance Examination

Twenty-two boys passed.

OTHER EXAMINATIONS

Society of Incorporated Accountants in Ireland

Final—J. M. Blair.

London University

B.Sc.—H. Rue.

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We acknowledge with thanks receipt of
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Lending Library

We are grateful to the following boys who
presented books to the library: A. W. M.
Cooper (14), H. E. Kilroy (2), J. D. F. McKee
(2), S. N. Watt (1), B. R. Wilkinson (3).

The Erasmian

The Editorial Committee of THE ERASMIAN
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past pupils, especially from Old Boys overseas,
and all others interested in the School.

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J. T. Killen. **Sports Editors**—C. C. Walker, R.
H. C. Walshe.

Competition

Book-tokens for 10/- have been awarded to
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TENNIS, 1952

Capt.: B. M. McCracken.
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Hon. Sec.: G. Watson.

BOXING, 1952-53

Capt.: R. Dobbyn.
Vice-Capt.: E. Kimberley.
Hon. Sec.: D. Abbott.

SWIMMING, 1952-53

Capt.: D. C. B. Taylor.
Vice-Capt.: M. V. Burns.
Hon. Sec.: T. K. Bailey.

ATHLETICS, 1952

Capt.: R. H. C. Walshe. Junior Capt.: D. Johnston. Hon. Sec.: E. Kimberley.
Hon. Secs., Annual Sports: H. E. Kilroy, E. B. Twamley. Hon. Treas.: D. W. C. Walsh.



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1952

Standing—J. P. Williams, R. H. C. Walshe, R. M. Galloway, Mr. Lowry, R. Dobbyn, H. G. Brady, W. A. Bornemann.
Sitting—Mr. Cornish, B. M. McCracken, B. R. Wilkinson, C. C. Walker (Capt.), G. H. Watson, H. E. Kilroy, Dr. Reynolds.

Cricket

Owing to the lateness of Easter there was a short summer term and consequently the cricket season was very short. However, what time there was available was much used.

The Senior team did not have a very successful season, but had nonetheless a very

enjoyable one. The usual annual matches against the Old Boys and the Parents were played at Belgrave Square. Unfortunately, the Parents' match was somewhat spoiled owing to bad weather conditions. In the second round of the Cup we were beaten by a strong C.U.S. team.

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The Junior Cup team were very unlucky not to have done better, being beaten by Wesley College in the first round. The Under 14 deserve very sincere congratulations on their extremely successful and promising season. They played Terenure College in the final of the Under 14 League, but were beaten by six wickets.

The cup presented by Dr. de Vere Short for the best bat on the 1st XI was won by C. C. Walker.

It is very unfortunate that at present there are not really suitable playing grounds to equal the enthusiasm of the cricketers.

C. C. W.

Rugby

The enthusiasm for rugby in both the Senior and Junior Schools has reached a very high peak this season. In the Senior School alone there are about 220 boys playing. Belgrave Square is rather overcrowded most afternoons, and earlier in the season it was very congested on Friday afternoons, but Old Wesley have very kindly lent us their pitch at Milltown for this day and this has relieved the congestion slightly. All the rugby matches are very well supported this season, especially those played at Belgrave Square or Dartry Road.

The S.C.T. has up to the present had a rather unsuccessful season, but it has been playing with great zeal. It has a good pack of forwards, but the backs still leave much to be desired. We would like to congratulate R. H. C. Walshe and C. C. Walker on having each gained a place in the Leinster Schools' Trial, and especially Walshe, since he has reached the final trial.

The 2nd XV also has a good pack and it speaks well for them that six of them have played as substitutes on the 1st XV. Owing to these changes their form has not been constant.

The most promising team in the School this season is the J.C.T., who have lost only two matches, and, under the captaincy of D. Johnston, have played very successfully. The backs of this team are much better than the forwards, who are rather small and consequently are rather inferior to bigger packs. We look forward with interest to seeing how this team will progress in the Junior Cup competition.

The Under 14 and Under 13 teams also show a promise that augurs well for the future.

Junior School rugby shows great enthusiasm, and indeed many supporters of more senior matches come from this young section of School rugby. The fixture list this year must be about the biggest in the history of the School, and indeed one day we played six matches, a previously unheard of event.

D. F.

Boxing

This year the boxing season opened quietly. There is, as usual, considerable keenness amongst the younger members, but there is an unfortunate shortage of heavier boxers.

The Senior boys would probably be encouraged to continue boxing if more parents and Old Boys supported the Championships and other fixtures as they used to do.

We welcome back as our trainer Corporal W. O'Brien, who has boxed for Ireland v Germany this year. The School Championships will be held on December 8th. Next term we hope to have several inter-school fixtures.

At a general meeting the following officers were elected: Captain, R. W. Dobbryn; Vice-Captain, E. L. Kimberley; Junior Captain, M. S. Haskins; Secretaries, D. A. Abbott and B. J. Stewart; Committee member, W. Bornemann.

Tennis

A very keen interest was taken by all the members this year, although the teams were not very successful. At the conclusion of the season we held the Handicap Doubles, which were won by B. McCracken and R. A. Skerrett in the Senior Section and by B. Crawford and L. Hudson in the Junior Section. B. E. Twamley won the Sealy Cup for the Senior Championship, and B. Crawford won the Junior Cup. We had a very enjoyable match with the Mothers which resulted in a win for the Junior Cup team.

Senior: B. McCracken, B. E. Twamley, J. Seager, J. H. Watson, B. Crawford, H. R. Kilroy. Sub.: N. J. K. Armstrong.

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Table Tennis

The High School Table Tennis Club has had no matches with other schools this term owing to the rather late starting of table tennis. There is very keen enthusiasm both amongst the Seniors and the Juniors. It is hoped that there will be a number of inter-school matches in the coming year.

The team is as follows: G. Watson, J. Williams, R. Berman, D. Wann, M. Berman, T. Meates.

R. L. B. (Hon. Sec.)

Swimming

Now that the Iveagh Baths have re-opened, the Swimming Club has started to function once again. The baths have been engaged for one hour each week and the attendance has been good, the average being 48 per week. We welcome as our instructor Mr. A. H. Collinge.

The School Championships were held in Blackrock Baths in September and the entry for the Senior was small and for the Junior was large.

The winners were: Senior Championship—J. K. Bailey (Harcourt). Junior Championship—R. L. Schlesinger (Harcourt). House Squadron—Harcourt House.

We must congratulate Harcourt on their fine performance.

D. C. B. T.

Athletics

The Annual Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Friday, 27th June. It was gratifying to see such a large number of spectators. This year Athletics in School reached a very high standard which we think can be maintained.

The War Memorial Cup was won by R. H. C. Walshe, who also took the Moore Cup. The Junior Cup was won by J. G. Fish. The Magill Cup was won by D. M. Johnston, who had also distinguished himself by creating an all-Ireland record at Cork in the 220 Yds. Junior.

The triangular competition between King's Hospital, St. Columba's and High School was held at King's Hospital, where we finished in third place.

E. L. K.

OLD BOYS' UNION

THE Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 17th October, 1952, the President, Mr. H. E. P. Anderson in the chair. It was pleasing to see so many of our younger members present. The Hon. Secretaries in their report for the year under review (1951-1952) referred to the deaths of two of our members: our Patron, Dr. E. H. Alton, who was a pupil from 1885 to 1892, and R. H. Kyle (1936-1945), who was regarded as the most able pupil who left the School during recent years, and whose tragic death came at the outset of what promised to be a most brilliant career.

During the year 23 new members were enrolled; this number compares favourably with previous years.

The President must be congratulated for having steered us through event after event. He showed tremendous enthusiasm right through the year, being present at every meeting of the Committee and Sub-Committee. He was in the chair at all our social functions and was a wonderful host to our guests.

The Annual Dance was held in the Metro-pole Ballroom on Saturday, 3rd November, 1951, when there was a record attendance of 524 and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The profit was £70-7-11.

The Annual Dinner took place in the Clockroom on Saturday, 19th January, 1952, with an attendance of 177, only one short of the 1950 record. Our principal guest was Lord MacDermott, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

The London Dinner was held in the Irish Club on Friday, 28th March, 1952. Forty-three Old Boys and guests were present.

Two successful dances were held in the Clockroom on the 21st December, 1951, and the 5th July, 1952. A profit of £13-18-6 from the latter was handed to Dr. Reynolds for ERASMIAN funds.

The Hon. Treasurer reported an excess of income over expenditure of £24-18-2 for the year.

The election of Hon. Officers and Committee for 1952-53 resulted as follows.

Patron—Mr. Cecil H. Darley, B.L.

President—Mr. John Bell.

Vice-President—Dr. R. W. Reynolds.

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

Hon. Treasurer—P. R. Walker, "Ishgeen," Brennanstown Road, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin.

Committee—W. D. Forsyth, E. W. Frith, N. Jarrett, G. W. Keegan, W. G. Kirkpatrick, T. D. Murphy, W. S. W. Poole, F. E. Tate and B. R. H. Wilkinson (winner of Old Boys' Cup, 1952).

Hon. Sports Secretaries—

Cricket—J. A. Bell, R. M. Mahon and J. L. Wilding.

Rugby—G. W. Griffin, A. W. M. Cooper,

Golf—S. S. Evans.

Athletics—B. E. P. Hennessey.

Dance—C. G. Morton, W. G. Booker.

The Annual Dinner 1953

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 17th January, 1953, at 6.45 p.m. If you intend being present please advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, before 10th January, 1953.

Subscribers to Adelaide Hospital Fund

The following are the subscribers to the Adelaide Hospital Fund, October, 1951, to October, 1952:—

H. E. P. Anderson, G. Abbott, B. L. Armstrong, J. E. Allan, J. M. Barron, W. F. Burgess, A. J. Beatty, G. Brownlee, W. G. Booker, Mervyn Bell, G. B. Butler, C. P. Bennett, J. L. Crosthwaith, P. J. Custis, H. D. Cobbe, H. W. Crosthwaith, F. W. Dungan, T. S. C. Dagg, Cecil H. Darley, Capt. R. G. Ferguson-Kelly, F. W. H. Flewett, F. J. Fox, John R. Greening, J. G. Glazier, K. H. Grove, G. R. Haynes, H. B. Harrison, R. W. Jeffares, J. J. Johnston, R. A. Kerr, G. W. Keegan, W. G. Kirkpatrick, T. J. Lewis, G. D. Lyons, T. D. Murphy, G. D. Mulroney, R. E. Montgomery, Cecil Morton, D. R. Meyer, G. Macbeth, E. J. Montgomery, S. W. Meyer, R. A. Meyer, W. R. McCaw, W. R. Nickels,



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The following are the voluntary subscribers to the O.B.U. Funds, October, 1951, to October, 1952:—

H. E. P. Anderson, W. F. Burgess, Mervyn Bell, W. G. Booker, E. S. Duggan (Rear Admiral), W. G. Kirkpatrick, T. D. Murphy, Cecil Morton, W. R. Nickels, A. W. Polden, E. E. Spence, E. D. R. Simms, F. E. Tate, W. H. Walker.

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

At the Annual General Meeting I had the privilege of addressing some of you. I should like to say here that I was glad on that occasion to see so many of our junior members present, who took a lively interest in the proceedings and often made their weight felt in the voting. Now, through the medium of THE ERASMIAN, I hope to contact a greater number, if not all, of the members of the Union.

For a very long time I have wondered why our membership is so small. When one considers the number of boys who have passed through High School, if only during the last fifty years, our membership of a little over 600 cannot be regarded with great satisfaction. I calculate that less than 25 per cent. of past pupils join the Union. Why do more than 75 per cent. of Old Boys remain aloof from the O.B.U. and seemingly take no interest in their old School?

Various reasons have been put forward in an endeavour to explain why this should be, but I still consider that a much higher proportion of past pupils should be members of the Union. Two contemporaries of mine when questioned told me that their schooldays were so distasteful that they wished to forget them and did not care to be reminded of those unhappy days. Surely these two cases are exceptional and there must be many who look back on their schooldays with pleasure and who are not in the Union.

I suppose you are wondering why I am writing in this vein, for all who read this

column are presumably members of the O.B.U. and in consequence this savours of preaching to the converted. Most of you must know one or more of your contemporaries who are not members, and our only method of contacting them is through you.

The main objects of the Union are to foster the friendship of our schooldays, and to do what we can to help the old School. We want



MR. JOHN BELL

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as many young members as possible. We do not expect their financial support; we want them for their youthful vigour, support and modern ideas; the older men can supply the experience and any financial assistance which is necessary. Enrolment forms may be obtained from W. G. Booker, 6 Gledswood Close, Roebuck Road, Clonskea.

With regard to our Adelaide Hospital Scheme, I should like to appeal to our more senior members. You may remember that some years ago the Union undertook to subscribe £25 a year towards the partial upkeep of our bed in the Adelaide Hospital. This was guaranteed by certain of our members at that time. Since then some of those guarantors have passed on, with the result that the scheme is now in need of new subscribers. If any of our older members would like to subscribe to this deserving object, please send subscriptions to our Hon. Treasurer, P. R. Walker, "Ishqeen," Brennanstown Road, Cabinteely. I would re-

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In conclusion I take this opportunity of wishing you all, wherever you may be, a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN BELL, President.

Golf Report

The Annual Outing for the Old Boys' Cup and the Harry Bunbury Cup took place at Milltown Golf Club, by kind permission, on Thursday, 4th September. Results:—Old Boys' Cup and Replica—G. H. Priestman 68. Harry Bunbury Cup—R. G. Ferguson-Kelly 71. Runner-up—G. Cole 72. Best Gross—R. L. Bryson 80. President's Prize (handicap of 16 and over)—J. Greening 78. Special Prize—P. R. Walker. Visitors' Prize—W. J. Bailey 75.

U.I.S. Shield—Held at Milltown on Thursday, 18th September. Won by Presentation College, Bray, with 138½. Our team 8th, with 146—G. H. Priestman and G. Cole 72; G. Brownlee and R. G. Ferguson-Kelly 74.

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News of Old Boys

R. H. Armstrong (1940-44), who was third in the 500 c.c. class and second in the 350 c.c. class, World Road Racing Championship, 1952, riding a Norton, will be a member of the Gilera team in 1953.

T. P. Bates (1948-51) has been appointed to the Royal Bank of Ireland.

The Rev. J. G. M. Carey (1936-45), of Larne and Inver, was made a Deacon, and **the Rev. E. D. R. Simms** (1936-44), of St. Patrick's, Ballymena, raised to the priesthood at an Ordination held in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, by the Bishop of Kilmore.

D. M. Collie (1935-43) is a member of the Staff of Ballymena Academy, where he teaches English.

K. J. Collie (1938-39, 32-46) won first prize in the sports section and second prize in the beginners' class at the Dublin University Photographic Association's Exhibition in November, 1952.

A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51) has been awarded a Pink for cricket in Trinity College, and elected Hon. Treasurer of D.U. Cricket Club for 1953.

Dr. C. F. G. Delaney (1936-42) read a paper on the "Half-life of Calcium 45" at a scientific meeting of the Royal Dublin Society.

J. D. Featherstone, M.R.I.A.I. (1933-38), is Hon. Secretary of the Joint Public Relations Committee of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and the Architectural Association of Ireland.

Dr. John Fielding (1917-23), Surgeon-Commander R.N. (Retd.), is now practising as an oculist in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, having acquired the Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery.

D. Forsyth (1942-50) has been awarded a Pink for Athletics in Trinity College, Dublin.

W. Gregory (1946-52) won the featherweight, and **J. Steyn** (1942-49) reached the final of the middleweight in the Novice Championships, T.C.D. Gregory was a member of the Trinity team in contests with Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

C. H. Hilliard (1910-17) has been appointed head of "Variety" in the B.B.C.

Rev. R. K. Maguire, M.A. (1934-41), has been appointed Dean of Residence for Church of Ireland students in Trinity College, Dublin.

G. F. Mitchell, M.A., M.Sc., F.T.C.D. (1922-30), has been appointed Registrar of Trinity College, Dublin.

H. Rue, B.Sc. (London) (1930-36), has been elected a member of the Institute of Chemistry of Ireland.

Marriages

Thomas W. Buckley (1932-33) to **Margaret D. Bradley**, June 14, 1952.

Robert Parkinson Hill (1929-39) to **Nora Eileen Sholdice**, November 18, 1952.

Eric R. C. May (1918-23) to **Roselyn Walker**, November 24, 1952.

Francis Maurice Penney (1933-40) to **Muriel Burns**, September 10, 1952.

John Ernest Predy (1936-42) to **Hilda Catherine Burtenshaw**, June 21, 1952.

Maurice McMahon Wilson (1925-29) to **Enid Kathleen May Emery**, August 23, 1952.

Deaths

Benjamin Johnson, D.S.O., M.B., Col., R.A.M.C., ret'd. (1898-1900), 20th November, 1952.

Roger Halliday Kyle (1936-45), 1st October, 1952.

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THIS Association was formed with the object of promoting and furthering in any way possible the welfare of the School and its pupils, both while attending and when leaving the School, and of fostering social activities among members of the Association. Membership is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the School. The annual subscription is 5/- per family.

In November of last year there was a most interesting talk by Dr. T. J. MacDougald on "Defective Eyesight and Kindred Ailments in Children," which proved very helpful. In February last parents were privileged to hear Mr. F. E. Pasley speak on the "Care of Teeth," a subject of great interest to all parents. Also in February of this year a most successful whist drive was held, the proceeds of which were given to the School Dramatic Fund. The Annual Social took place early in April and was most enjoyable. There was a good attendance at all these functions.

At the close of the Summer Term the Annual Cricket-Tennis Matches, Parents v. Boys, were played at Belgrave Square. Although the boys proved victorious in both events, both players and spectators enjoyed the games.

On Wednesday, 29th October, 1952, the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at which there was a splendid attendance. It was regretted that Mr. J. R. Dignam had decided to resign from the office of Hon. Secretary. During his years of office he has devoted a great deal of his time to the Association and has helped in no small measure towards its success. The following Committee were elected for the coming year:—

Mr. G. R. Wisdom (Chairman), Mr. W. G. Abbott (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. H. F. Pope (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. F. W. Dunqan, Mrs. J. R. Dignam, Mr. D. Taylor and Mr. A. W. Hilton.

The Committee would like to convey sincere thanks to Dr. Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds and the Teaching Staff for the lively interest they have shown in the Association and their ready co-operation in all matters pertaining to it, and likewise to all those parents who have given their help and support.

The Association is always ready to welcome new members, and those desiring to join may send their names to either the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. G. Abbott) or to the Hon. Secretary, c/o the High School, Harcourt St., Dublin.

H. F. POPE, Hon. Secretary.

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