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Editorial

PERHAPS, patient Reader, you would care to know what types of individuals pen the various articles in the pages which follow? Naturally, we do not intend to present each writer's character naked to your gaze, a procedure which might not be good for our health. But, dealing with those still at school, and following up the adage: "To judge a man, see what he does when he has nothing to do," we beg of you to draw your own gracious conclusions.

Let us turn our attention to that period of the school-day known as "lunch-hour"—a breathing space of thirty-five minutes. When the bell sounds at twelve forty-five, classrooms discharge their relieved contents, and a portion speeds to the depths for dinner. A gluttonous crowd these, who scorn to feed on tomato sandwiches from the orthodox paper-bag. A number of these bags are already in evidence in the play-ground, their contents rapidly diminishing as a result of ravenous clutchings, followed by a hasty swallow. But this is not a criticism of mastication, so let us, in the words of the geometrician, "suppose it's done."

Paper wrappings are now, we hope, occupying the various litter baskets, so we can study type. A few seniors stroll the length of the railings with pocketed hand, chatting of what, we know not, nor do we dare to inquire. "Meandering with mazy motion" is a bespectacled youth who repeats poetry feverishly with book held tightly closed. From the ball alleys come shouts of "Liners" and "Shorts," occasionally punctuated by something somewhat stronger. Screeching second-formers gallop with arms flailing. Form "gangs" howl derisively at their rivals, while soccer "merchants" sell dummy passes. As we pass on toward what we like to know as "the quadrangle," we can catch glimpses of a handful of seniors furtively practising quarter turns and *chassés* in the gym.

The tuck-shop, as might be expected, is never empty. The shelves yield up their chocolate or toffee ornaments to adorn darker, but—we have decided—scarcely less spacious surroundings. Some distance off, in the warm precincts of the hall, studious youths peruse Latin verse, or Trigonometrical function. Others, lounging in the Sergeant's "box," prefer the news of the day poached from some philanthropist's newspaper.

Many have peculiar notions of passing their leisure, for we find them scrawling impositions under a master's patient eye. Some, plump and dirty, laboriously copy out Algebra. Another, however, is timid, shy, with a nervous pen action and a frequent blush; while, in a corner, a trio of Irish defaulters haltingly mutter "Binn do ghlór . . ."

But the bell heralds the second session of work, masters emerge from their sacred haunt, classes commence, and soon there is stillness, save for the flutterings of pigeons, exercising and feeding in the yard.

School Notes

Work was recommenced after the Summer Holidays on Tuesday, 6th September. We welcomed two new members of the staff, Mr. H. B. Moore and Mr. W. G. Kirkpatrick, both Old Boys of the School.

Ties were straightened and hair combed when the Photographer visited the School during October. The results were pleasing and will form a fine record of the classes and staff.

The Prize Distribution took place on Friday, 28th October, and the following Saturday and Monday were School holidays.

On Armistice Day once again we listened to the Service broadcast from the Cenotaph.

Mr. Goulden gave a most interesting lantern lecture after school on Thursday, 17th November, entitled "The Isles of Aran."

We Congratulate—

D. A. Orr on being elected Captain of Rugby and Boxing.

Mr. Goulden on gaining 1st Prize in Class B in the Portraiture competition held by the Photographic Society of Ireland. His entry was entitled "Seventy Years Young."

An excellent film entitled "Modern Rugby" was shown in the Clock Room to a small but appreciative audience of boys and members of the staff on Monday night, 28th November.

There will be no School Concert this year.

We are hoping for a large attendance at the Annual Break-up Dance to be held in the Clock Room on Tuesday, 20th December. Tickets priced 5/- per double ticket, may be obtained from the Hon. Secs., K. Young and Middleton.

Rugby Notes

Captain	...	D. A. ORR
Vice-Captain	...	K. H. YOUNG
Hon Secretary	...	B. ROONEY

ONCE again, the Square is thronged every afternoon with disciples of the great god of Rugby. We are pleased to note many new faces and figures in attendance, and prospects seem extremely bright. A geyser has been fitted in the "pav," which is a great innovation, when someone supplies a shilling for the gas.

S.C.T.

This year's team is very light, but what is lacking in weight is made up in knowledge of the game. This is most important when we realise that most of its members will be back next season with more weight and the same "Rugger sense." Up to date results have justified our hopes for a successful season.

2ND XV.

Captain	...	D. P. STEPHENS
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We are proud to be able to field a Second XV quite independent of our Senior. Although we have not played many matches yet the team is quite satisfactory.

J.C.T.

Captain	...	R. J. BEATTIE
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The nucleus of this year's team is made up of a few of last year's cup "veterans." Owing to greatly increased competition for places the J.C.T. promises to be even better as a team than last year's, and we hope it will be equally successful. The forwards are heavy and energetic, but must learn the value of team-work. The halves and three-quarters are speedy and sound, but as yet we have not found a successful full back.

"UNDER 14."

Captain	...	A. W. POLDEN
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The Under Fourteen is a well balanced team and promises to have a very successful season. Several of its members play regularly on the J.C.T.

"UNDER 13."

Captain	...	R. F. KYLE
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The Under Thirteen is very keen as usual and is not lacking in talent. The forwards are light and the backs, though good individually, must learn to combine better in attack.

Swimming Notes

Captain	...	E. R. ROBERTS
Vice-Captain	...	J. N. ALLEN
Hon Secretary	...	K. H. YOUNG

WE closed a successful season on Tuesday, 27th September, when we held our annual gala. This was undoubtedly the best attended of any of the Dublin school galas this year. The gate-money was the highest for many years, and every programme was sold. Entries were well up to standard, and races were run off promptly. The results are given below.

We learnt with regret that J. N. Allen would be unable to defend his Leinster Intermediate Championship title, or compete in the Leinster Senior Championship owing to illness. We wish him the best of luck for next season. We are again indebted to Mr. H. Case, who trained us during the year. Mention must also be made of the "trainees" who swam in the various squads:—Smyth, Reynolds, Maddison, Spencer, Quin, J. Moore, Jones, Kerr and Bestall, and of Mr. W. R. Wilson, who took a great interest in us.

The results of the gala were as follows:—

22 yards (Beginners) Handicap.—1st, H. Fallon; 2nd, J. Smith; 3rd, C. Delaney.

Breast and Back.—1st, M. McClintock; 2nd, G. T. Moore; 3rd, D. A. Orr.

44 yards (Under 14) Handicap.—1st, O. Ferguson; 2nd, J. Moore; 3rd, W. Armstrong.

High School Junior Championship.—1st, R. Quin; 2nd, S. Bestall; 3rd, R. Kerr.

High School Senior Championship.—1st, D. Maddison; 2nd, A. W. Reynolds.

Old Boys' Race.—1st, D. Ewen; 2nd, G. McCabe.

Inter-House Squadron Race.—1st, Abbey; 2nd, Harcourt.

44 yards (Under 16) Handicap.—1st, R. Kerr; 2nd, B. Griffin; 3rd, D. Maddison.

66 yards Senior Handicap.—1st J. Moore; 2nd, D. Maddison; 3rd, A. W. Reynolds.

Water Polo, Young Leinster v. H.S.D. Old Boys.—H.S.D. Old Boys.

The Prizes were presented by Mrs. Bennett.

Cricket Notes

Captain ... R. T. MOTYER
 Vice-Captain ... K. E. J. TYRRELL
 Hon Secretary ... D. A. ORR

THIS was a most successful season, for, although our S.C.T. was not outstanding, our J.C.T. succeeded in winning the Cup, and the "Under 14" reached the final of the League.

The S.C.T. was above the average of those of recent years. We were unfortunate in being

supported by Wright, Greening, and Motyer, and the rest of the side, although many were playing the game for their first season, showed great promise. In the Final they scored 38 as opposed to 72 for Belvedere College.

There was much material from which to select our J.C.T., but of the final choice we must mention the fine batting and bowling of Rooney, who captained the side. He was backed up in fine style by Lyons, Spencer, Vanston and Beattie, whose batting, bowling and wicket-



SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1938

Back Row, Left to Right—J. W. Vanston, R. F. Jackson, G. D. Lyons, W. T. Heaney, C. B. Richardson, J. Smyth.

Front Row, Left to Right—Mr. J. Bennett, J. Spencer, K. E. J. Tyrrell, R. T. Motyer (Capt.), D. A. Orr, B. F. Rooney, Mr. C. G. Johnston.

drawn against the more powerful teams of the League, but did very well in our friendly matches. A feature of the team's performances was its keenness in the field.

Owing to a number of inexperienced members the "Under 14" was somewhat unbalanced, but nevertheless succeeded in reaching the final of the League. It was captained by R. R. Quin, whose batting, bowling and especially fielding set a fine example to the team. He was ably

keeping did much to bring victory, while the fielding of the whole team was excellent.

In the first round of the League, we were given a "walk-over" by Wilson's Hospital, Multyfarnham, and so qualified to meet St. Andrew's College. We proved too strong, however, for a young and inexperienced team and won by 148 runs to 18. Thus we arrived in the semi-final, in which we encountered Wesley College. Although, after rain had put

a stop to our first attempt to play the match, we were in a losing position, we managed to win the replay by a small margin. Vanston batted pluckily at the end of our innings to bring our total up to 65, and, thanks to some fine bowling by Rooney, we managed to dismiss Wesley for 63 runs in an exciting finish.

On the 25th June, at Masonic School's ground, we met Belvedere in the Final. We won the toss. Burrowes and Martin opened and made a good beginning. Our next three men

analysis of 9 for 13. Thus, after the victory of J.C.T. in the Rugby League, High School achieved an unprecedented double by carrying off the Junior Cricket Cup.

The full score of the final was :—

HIGH SCHOOL

Martin c Kennedy b Cusack	8
Burrowes c Cusack b Quinn	9
Spencer lbw b Quinn	0
Quinn c Murphy b Cusack	2
Lyons c Quinn b Brodrick	43
Rooney c Byrne b Brodrick	3
O'Malley c Magoran b Brodrick	3



JUNIOR CUP TEAM, 1938

Winners of Leinster Schools Junior Cup

Back Row, Left to Right—J. W. Vanston, A. O'Malley, R. Beattie, G. Jarrett, R. R. Quinn, C. W. Martin.

Front Row, Left to Right—Mr. J. Storey, D. Burrowes, G. D. Lyons, B. F. Rooney (Capt.), J. Spencer, S. Wright, Mr. C. G. Johnston.

were soon dismissed, however, and so it was a relief to watch Lyons, whose hard hitting gave him a total of 43 runs before he went out to a brilliant catch on the boundary. The innings soon closed for a total of 82 runs. Once the Belvedere captain was dismissed, the rest of the eleven gave us little trouble, and they were all out for 37 runs. The whole team fielded splendidly, and there was some fine bowling by Rooney and Spencer. Rooney had the excellent

Vanston not out	2
Beattie b Quinn	0
Jarrett b Kennedy	0
Wright b Quinn	6
Extras	6

Total..... 82

Bowling: Quinn 4 for 23; Brodrick 3 for 16.

BELVEDERE COLLEGE

G. Murphy b Rooney	3
Kennedy b Rooney	18
Quinn b Rooney	7

Brodrick c Quin b Rooney	0
Redmond c Quin b Rooney	3
Dixon lbw b Spencer	1
P. Murphy b Rooney	1
Cusack not out.....	1
O'Connell b Rooney	1
Magoran c Beattie b Rooney	0
O'Byrne b Rooney	0
Extras	2

Total..... 37

Bowling: Rooney 9 for 13, Spencer 1 for 23.

Boxing Notes

Captain ...	D. A. ORR
Vice-Captain ...	R. R. QUIN
Hon Secretary ...	E. W. FRITH

BOXING started this season on 18th October. Our team appears to be a very strong one as we have only lost a couple of last year's team, so our success for the coming season seems to be assured. We are arranging fights with St. Columba's College and Mountjoy School and, if possible, with King's Hospital School. We have our popular trainer, Mr. J. Nelson, with us again this year; we are very grateful to Messrs. Young and Goulden for the interest they take in the club.

Annual Athletic Sports

THE Annual Sports were held on Thursday, June 30, at Lansdowne Rd., by kind permission of the Irish Rugby Football Union. Despite somewhat unkind weather the long programme was carried through in good time. Mrs. Bennett kindly presented the prizes. This year we had the very remarkable coincidence of two boys scoring equal points for the War Memorial Cup and also two boys doing the same for the Junior Cup. In the Junior Cup Parsons scored three "firsts" and Bestall scored two "firsts," one "second" and two "thirds." In the War Memorial Cup events, Motyer and Allen each scored four "firsts" and one "second"—Motyer gaining his points in the Sprints and Field events, and Allen, as usual, taking all before him in the Distance events. Motyer represented the Province of Leinster in the Shot Putt in the All-Ireland Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships and gained "third place"—quite a good record in such a "hot" field. Allen has since gone to South Africa to "dig for

gold," and we all send "A.J." our best wishes, and we hope he will show a "clean pair of heels" to all the "Afrikanders."

House Points—Abbey 48, Belgrave 85, Harcourt 92.

75 Yards (under 10).—1, Burleigh, H. E.; 2, Mullin, W. J.; 3, Bowles, D. A.

75 Yards (under 11).—1, Seale, C.; 2, Benson, J. W.; 3, Tichauer, P.

75 Yards (under 12).—1, Waugh, B.; 2, Bird, K.; 3, Layfield, R.

100 Yards (under 13).—1, Wright, D. C.; 2, Quin, G. B.; 3, McKeon, G.

100 Yards (under 14).—1, Greening, J. R.; 2, Quin, R. R.; 3, Delaney, C. F.

100 Yards (under 15).—1, Parsons, A. W.; 2, McKeon, J.; 3, Bestall, S. S.

100 Yards (under 16).—1, Collins, J. F. J.; 2, White, A. S.; 3, Stephens, D. P.

100 Yards (Senior).—1, Orr, D. A.; 2, Motyer, R. T.; 3, Bennett, A. F.

150 Yards (under 12).—1, Benson, J. W.; 2, Waugh, B.; 3, Kyle, R. H.

220 Yards (under 15).—1, Bestall, S. S.; 2, McKeon, J.; 3, Caldwell, R.

220 Yards (under 16).—1, Rooney, B.; 2, Collins, J. F.; 3, Stephens, D. P.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, Sargeant, I. R.; 2, Grey, A. F.; 3, Bennett, A. F.

440 Yards (under 15).—1, Bestall, S. S.; 2, Gardner, R. L.; 3, Medcalf, W. R.

440 Yards (Senior).—1, Allen, A. J.; 2, Rooney, B.; 3, Orr, D. A.

Half Mile.—1, Waugh, D.; 2, Cole, G. A.; 3, Smyth, J.

Mile.—1, Allen, A. J.; 2, Rooney, B.; 3, Tyrrell, K. E. J.

Long Jump. (under 15).—1, Parsons, A. W.; 2, Bestall, S. S.; 3, Medcalf, W. R.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Weir, R. J. S.; 2, Smyth, J.; 3, Poll, L. C.

High Jump (under 15).—1, Maslin, V.; 2, Caldwell, R.; 3, Beattie, R. J.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Rooney, B.; 2, Orr, D. A.; 3, Tyrrell, G. J.

Hurdles (under 15).—1, Parsons, A. W.; 2, Griffin, B. G.; 3, Bestall, S. S.

Hurdles (Senior).—1, Orr, D. A.; 2, Poll, L. C.; 3, Bennett, A. F.

Siamese.—1, Cole, G., and Romney, J.; 2, Rudd, L., and Bird, K.

Sack (under 13).—1, Buchalter, S.; 2, Caldwell, R. G.; 3, Tichauer, T.

Sack (over 13).—1, Waugh, D.; 2, Hennessey, A. B.; 3, O'Malley, A. C.

Obstacle (under 13).—1, Wright, S. J.; 2, Gardner, D.; 3, Cole, G. F.

Obstacle (over 13).—1, McCall, E. C.; 2, Hennessey, A. B.; 3, Palmer, G. S.

Consolation (under 12).—1, Balbirnie, J. R.; 2, Smyth, J. G.; 3, Bennett, S. G.

Consolation (under 15).—1, Ross, H.; 2, Quin, G. B.; 3, Lambert, N. E.

Consolation (Senior).—1, Fogarty, H. R.; 2, —; 3, —

Sisters' (under 13).—1, Miss Smyth; 2, Miss Caldwell; 3, Miss Hennessey.

Sisters' (over 13).—1, Miss Carroll; 2, Miss White; 3, Miss Parsons.

Old Boys.—1, Rooney, M.; 2, Chillingworth, R.; 3, —.

Tennis (Junior).—Beattie, R. J.

Tennis (Senior).—Bennett, A. F.

Cricket (Best Bowling).—Spencer, J.

Cricket (Best Bat).—Rooney, B.

Handball (Senior C'ship).—Orr, D. A.

Handball (Senior H'cap.).—Motyer, R. T.

Handball (Junior H'cap.).—Parsons, A. W.

Gymnasium Medals.—Form 4¹, Willis, R. D.; 4², Burrowes, J.; 3A, Maguire, J. J.; 3B, Burgess, P. J.; 3C¹, Ross, H. A.; 3C², Tichauer, P.; 3D, Gray, G. N.; 2, Benson, J. W.

J.C.T. Rugger Medal.—Bestall, S. S.

"Place and Drop" Cup.—Rooney, B.

100 Yards Championship (under 15).—Parsons, A. W.

220 Yards Championship (Senior).—Motyer, R. T.

Winners of Junior Schools Rugby Cup.—Rooney, B.; Parsons, A. W.; Weir, R. J. S. (Captain); Tyrrell, G. J.; Stephens, D. P.; Martin, C. W.; Griffin, B.; Lyons, G. D.; Bestall, S. S.; Beattie, R. J.; Jarrett, G.; Collins, J. F.; Bell, J.; Strickland, J. C.; Roberts, H. R.

Winners of Leinster Schools Junior Cricket, Magee Challenge Cup.—Rooney, B. (Capt.); Lyons, G. D. (Vice-Capt.); Spencer, J. W.; Quin, R. R.; O'Malley, A. C.; Martin, C. W.; Vanston, J.; Beattie, R. J.; Jarrett, G.; Burrowes, D. G.; Wright, S. J.

House Relay Race.—Belgrave (Motyer, R. T.; Allen, A. J.; Weir, R. J. S.; Orr, D. A.).

Junior Cup.—Bestall, S. S., and Parsons, A. W.

War Memorial Cup.—Allen, A. J., and Motyer, R. T.

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Distribution of Prizes

THE Distribution of Prizes was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 28th October. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr. W. E. Thrift, Provost of Trinity College, was in the Chair. The following Governors were present:—The Provost, the Rev. W. J. Mayne, Mr. George Butler and Mr. A. L. B. Moore (Registrar).

Apologies for absence were received from the Earl of Donoghmore, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Meath, the Bishop of Cashel, Col. Cairnes, Mr. Carson, K.C., Mr. Cecil Darley, Sir George Franks, Canon Nash, Prof. John Purser, Mr. W. B. Stanford.

SOME POINTS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The number on the register during the year under review was only once exceeded and that was 45 years ago. The school continues to be very successful in securing appointments for those boys who do not go to the University. The staff is the largest which the school ever had and there is good reason to claim that it has never been more highly qualified, as the Masters possess the University qualifications required by the Department of Education for registration as Secondary teachers, and no less than 11 of them have what are classed officially as "Honour Qualifications." All boys down to the most junior are taught by these Masters and we employ no unqualified or inexperienced teachers.

In the Scripture examinations held in Secondary Schools by the General Synod, the Presbyterian Assembly and the Methodist Church, this year's results must have been a record for the school. We presented more candidates than any other school in Ireland. 138 boys passed, of whom 75 obtained prizes, including a special prize for first place in the Presbyterian Junior Grade examination (R. P. Willis) and another special prize for first place in the Methodist Junior Grade (V. C. B. Maslin).

"In the Certificate examinations of the Department of Education, the results were somewhat disappointing. All our best boys in the Senior School were candidates for University examinations in June or had secured business posts so that they could not sit for the Leaving Certificate examination. In the Intermediate

Certificate examination the Irish paper particularly proved to be more difficult than we expected. Still our boys gained a good number of Honours in individual subjects and one of those who passed with Honours obtained over 80% in the examination in general, with Honours in all subjects except Irish. That was R. A. Cole. We must remember too that almost all our candidates took more than the number of subjects required, which is five. Most of them took six or seven subjects and six candidates took eight subjects."

The school was again awarded the special prizes given by the German Government.

At the Entrance examination to Trinity College the School kept up its record by winning a Sizarship (I. P. Mortished) and an Entrance Exhibition (R. J. Monaghan).

"Most people will agree that a school can justly claim the success of its pupils in their University careers to be a proof that the foundations have been well and truly laid. If you look at the Honours lists in Trinity College, you will find High School boys in the forefront in all the

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most important subjects. In the Moderatorship (Honour Degree) examinations, K. N. Douglas and J. H. M. Beattie obtained first place and were awarded Gold Medals and Research prizes of £50. Only eight medals in all were awarded. K. N. Douglas was first of the First Class Honour Graduates in Modern Languages and J. H. M. Beattie in Mental and Moral Science. You will also find First of First Class Honours gained in Mathematics, Classics, Experimental Science, Natural Science, Legal Science and many other Honours and Prizes. The fact that so many of our boys are in the forefront of their year in College in such a wide range of subjects shows that every boy can successfully develop here at school the work for which he is best suited.

"In Sport it has been an *Annus Mirabilis* and I think without precedent in all the past history of the High School. We won the Leinster Junior Rugby Cup, the Junior Cricket Cup, the Ellerker Cup for Boxing, and were only beaten in the final of the Senior Tennis Competition. The Staff in general has given a good deal of time to develop sport, but a special word of thanks is due to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Storey, the Games Masters.

"The Dramatic Society produced 'The Mikado.' Those of you who saw it know how successful it was. Our thanks are due to the many Old Boys who helped, but they are due to an extent which we cannot possibly express to Mr. Eric May. Mr. May also gave unselfishly of his time and talent to train the School Choir for the Department of Education examination in which they gained 74 per cent. The dramatic performances have reached such a high level that we have decided to hold them biennially to reduce the work of training boys to such a point of efficiency by spreading it over two years."

THE OLD BOYS' UNION.

The Old Boys' Union had a very prosperous year and held a number of successful functions under the presidency of Mr. Rupert Jeffares. The school owes much to him and to the other members who have helped them in many ways. This year the members organised an entertainment for the teams which won the Rugby and Boxing Cups. Besides a valuable memento of their victory, a presentation to all members of the Rugby team was made possible by the

generosity of Mr. W. J. Good, an unfailing supporter of all school functions.

The Headmaster referred with regret to the deaths of the Primate, the Most Rev. Charles F. D'Arcy, Patron and Past President of the Old Boys' Union; the Rt. Rev. W. E. Flewett, Bishop of Cork; Sir James Alexander Ossory Fitzpatrick; Frank Vivian Gordon; Peter Holmes and Pilot Officer Douglas St. Quentin Robinson, a notice of whose death while on duty appears elsewhere in this issue.

"We should like to express our congratulations to Mr. Harry Thrift on being co-opted a Senior Fellow and appointed Bursar of Trinity College, and also to Dr. Alton on being elected a Member of the Senate of Eire. The Provost has kindly consented to become Patron of the Old Boys' Union in the Place of the Primate. We are proud of the fact that the Provost, the Registrar and the Bursar of Trinity College are all Old Boys of the High School.

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Authorities, and I complained that our schools were never consulted or given an opportunity to express or discuss their views. It seemed then that we must sacrifice educational ideals or suffer financial loss. It would be unfair if I did not to-day refer to events which have taken place since that time. Soon afterwards we, the Headmasters of Protestant schools, drew up and sent to the Minister for Education a statement of our views on matters which we believed to concern not our own interests only but the good of Education in general in this country. We were invited to a conference by the Minister of Education to discuss these questions with him and the Chief Officials of the Department. Four of us attended as delegates and were met by them with great courtesy and frankness in what proved to be a long discussion. We have good reason to think that it was not merely an act of courtesy but that our suggestions were seriously considered afterwards. There have been many indications that this is so and recently we have been officially informed that one important proposal of ours on behalf of the schools had been fully adopted. We know, too, that other questions are under consideration. It would be ungracious if I did not take this opportunity of thanking the Minister and the Officials for the spirit in which they received us."

The Headmaster appealed to parents to help the efforts which the school was making to get all boys to play games and also to secure an equitable distribution of homework. Finally, he said that the school was fortunate in having now amongst the Board of Governors a number of old boys who knew the wants of the school and were very anxious for its success. He referred particularly to the Chairman, the Provost, who probably knows more about the Irish Educational System than any other public man in the country.

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After distributing the prizes, the Provost spoke on education in three of its branches: the intellectual, the physical and the Spiritual. He deplored the prevailing conditions in this country which tended to restrict the curriculum of schools. Specialisation of that kind took place too early, he felt; to obtain the best education for the boys they would want to go further than five subjects. He was, however, most interested to learn that the Government had been prepared to discuss the matter and hoped that the discussions might continue.

The Old Boys' Cup was presented to the winner, K. E. J. Tyrrell, by Mr. George B. Butler, President of the Old Boys' Union. Mr. Butler spoke of the change for the better in the methods of education in modern days as compared with those of forty years ago. The most welcome feature of this change was the personal interest taken in each boy and the recognition of the importance of preparing boys for business careers as well as for the University. He paid a tribute to the success of High School in this its modern aim.

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Passed (except in Irish).—O. M. P. Tobias, E. G. Cobbe, F. L. Thompson.

School Choir.—74%.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

First Class.—R. F. Kyle, J. V. Williams, G. H. F. Gardner, N. S. Taylor.

Second Class.—A. W. Willits, G. T. Stephens, D. M. Collie, W. B. Lyons, D. C. Wright.

R. H. Kyle, who gained Second Place while under age, has been awarded a First Class Scholarship for one year.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Old Boys' Cup.—K. E. J. Tyrrell.

Carpenter Memorial Prize.—O. M. P. Tobias.

German Government Prizes.—I. P. Mortished, C. B. Richardson.

French Government Prizes.—(Senior) R. J. Monaghan. (Junior) R. A. Cole.

Prize in Irish (presented by Mr. Warnock).—C. B. Richardson.

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MODERATORSHIPS.

J. G. Yates—Mathematics, 1st Class and Gold Medal. Experimental Science, 1st Class and Gold Medal.

D. H. McNeill—Modern Literature, 1st Class.

G. W. Keegan—Modern Literature, 2nd Class.

B.A.

E. P. Hill and J. D. Murray.

DISTINCTIONS.

J. G. Yates—Brooke Prize, John Winthrop, Hackett Prize, Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship.

J. D. Smyth—Senior Exhibition.

R. G. Love—Bronte Prize.

R. J. Monaghan—The High School Exhibition, awarded at Junior Exhibition Examination

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I. P. Mortished—Sizarship in Modern Languages. First Class Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition.

J. K. A. McColl—First Class Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition.

HONOURS EXAMINATIONS.

Michaelmas, 1938.

(Jun. Soph.)

S. A. Moore—First Rank Honours in Classics.

W. B. M. Smyth—Third Rank Honours in Modern History and Political Science.

G. A. F. Harrison—First Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

(Sen. Fresh.)

J. C. Duggan—First Rank Honours in Mental and Moral Science.

M. C. Fowler—First Rank Honours in Classics.

J. C. Gilmour—Second Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

J. D. Smyth—First Rank Honours in Natural Science, Second Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

(Jun. Fresh.)

D. T. Malley—Second Rank Honours in Classics.

B. S. Whitney—Third Rank Honours in Experimental Science.

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THIS club was formed on 1st June, 1938, and has now over 20 members. The Headmaster agreed to become President of the Club and Mr. Goulden to fulfil the duties of Chairman. Several successful meetings in the form of lectures and lantern shows have been held during the past three months. A competition for the best summer snapshot was organised this term and the results were as follows:—1st, H. W. Williams; 2nd W. M. Noyk.



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220 Yards Championship.—R. T. Motyer.
Magill.—A. W. Parsons.
"Place and Drop."—B. Rooney.
Swimming (Junior).—R. R. Quin.
Lord Holmpatrick.—Harcourt.

School Topics

"No voice or hideous hum
Runs through the archèd roof in words
deceiving." —*Milton*.

Almost the identical words used by the
Rugby Secretary when trying to "ring" Belvedere.

* * * *

"Huc frequens
caementa demittit redemptor." —*Horace*.

The school drains.

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"Full well they laughed, with counterfeited
glee,
At all his jokes, for many a joke had he."
—*Goldsmith*.

The lately-appointed "Professor."

* * * *

"—testudo resonare septem callida nervis."
—*Horace*.

Our's only had one string, and it certainly
didn't resound much, even when it was being
stolen!

G.A.W.R.

Douglas St. Quentin Robinson

IT is with deep regret that we record the death, in tragic circumstances, of Pilot Officer Douglas St. Quentin Robinson, R.A.F., an Old Boy of this School.

Robinson, who was attached to No. 13 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, was on special duty on Saturday, 6th August. After refuelling at Sealand (Cheshire) he took off for Wolfington Aerodrome, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, and encountering dense fog, crashed into the sea off the Northumbrian coast.

Pilot Officer Robinson, who was only 21, was the second son of Capt. Ernest Robinson, B.L., of Elm Lodge, Monkstown, who is also an Old High School man. We extend to Capt. and Mrs. Robinson our sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

In his Prize Day address the Head said: "Douglas Robinson was a cheerful, generous and fearless boy and was cut off with all the promise of his young life before him. Such as he have given their lives for their country as surely as those whose names are on the memorial tablets behind this platform. His photograph hangs beside the War Memorial tablets here and will always hold an honoured place in this School."

? Question Time ?

Brains were de-carbonised recently, when the Society for the Propagation of General Knowledge (H.S.D.. Branch) held an enlightening contest. Masters and boys scratched chins together, the sound of which was only punctuated by the whining of the gong (kindly silver-plated by a member of the staff). We are asked to deny the rumour that one master was coached especially for the contest by his daughter. Nor was the absence of a "stock question" the reason for the failure of a brother wearer of the gown. We print below some specimens of the "brain-ticklers" asked.

Who has "blanket"?

D'you ken Y--ng's Aunt?

Where are the High School Guillotines?

Who is "Herr Professor Willy"?

Who can close his eye to the fact that he got his Trials?

Who can write an Essay on Nothing?

When interviewed by our reporter after the contest, the winner modestly said: "It was a fluke. But don't keep me, as I must away to my Air Raid Shelter and draw battleships." To quote an eminent authority on General Knowledge: "You win, son!"

SCIT.

The Poet viewed the Editor,

And questioned with a leer,

"Dost think," quoth he, "these odes of mine

"Are fit to feature here?"

"I doubt it," said the Editor,

And shed a bitter tear.

"Now this 'ere book," the Poet said,

"Is full of highbrow stuff."

"Ho, crikey," laughed the Editor

And sniggered up his cuff.

"Not 'arf it ain't," the Poet bowed,

And vanished with a puff.

(With due apologies to a certain Walrus, and his friend the Carpenter.)

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Our Visit to Germany, 1938

FOR the second time, a party of boys from the High School have visited Germany as the guests of German schoolboys and their parents. Two years ago, the visit consisted of a trip on the "Home School Ship 'Hans Schemm'" from Berlin to Dresden. This year we stayed in Dresden for three weeks, and made day tours into the surrounding countryside, the longest being a trip by bus to Berlin and Potsdam.

The party, in charge of the Rev. G. Burrowes, Headmaster of the Villiers School, Limerick, and Mr. W. R. Wilson, of the High School, Dublin, left home on the evening of Tuesday, 2nd August, and arrived in Dresden on the following Thursday evening, having travelled via London, Dover, Ostend, Aachen, Cologne, Cassel, and Leipzig. The journey was not void of incident, since, having been delayed by the Customs at Aachen, we arrived at Cologne at midnight to discover that the connection for Leipzig had left at 11.50 p.m. However, a sympathetic interpreter of the Southern Railway of England arranged for us to be billeted in the "Frauenraum" of the restaurant until the next train left at 7.30 a.m. Sleep was difficult in such surroundings, and as a result, many of us saw Cologne's milk supply arriving through the deserted streets in the grey light of sunrise. The famous Cathedral, silhouetted against the brightening sky, was an especially impressive and unforgettable sight.

Nor will any of us soon forget the journey through Middle Germany in the sweltering heat of the following day—if only for the amount of lemonade and water consumed. Sleep came very easily to us in Dresden that night, even though we were far too warm under the eiderdowns that cover every German bed *in lieu* of blankets. The next three weeks were packed with interest and variety, and, in addition to "doing" the show places and beauty spots like ordinary Cook's tourists, we gained an insight into the habits and customs through actually living with German families.

During these weeks we thoroughly explored Dresden, with its world-famous Zwinger art gallery, and its other beautiful buildings and parks. We visited Meissen, famous as the home

of Dresden china, and Saxon Switzerland with its weird rock formations carved out by some prehistoric ocean. Our visit to Berlin was made possible by a grant from the German Educational Exchange Bureau, which originally brought about our visit two years ago. We went to Potsdam, where we saw the palace of Sans Souci, and visited the Olympic Stadiums before being shown around the capital itself with its famous *Unter den Linden*, *Tiergarten* and *Brandenburger Tor*.

Still more interesting curiosities were discovered as a result of our tour. Why, for instance, do the Germans eat cake with a teaspoon? Why have their trains the reputation for punctuality? Why do men stand in a bus, when many seats are vacant? Why do they sleep under those weird eiderdowns, with sheet buttoned-on? These may sound trivial, but they all helped to make us realise that we were in a foreign country and the guests of a people whose customs in many cases differed greatly from ours.

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One of the most striking things about Dresden was its cleanness. When looking over the city from the three hundred feet high tower of the new Town Hall there were very few of the factory chimneys, which adorn our horizons, to be seen. The dirty, smoke-begrimed buildings, which mean a city to us, were lacking. Many beauty-spots were, however, partly marred by an ugly cluster of smoking chimneys in the middle distance. Although the population of Dresden is almost the same as that of Dublin, the former seems to be more compactly arranged. This is mainly due to the fact that the majority of the people live in flats, and consequently occupy less room. The hall-door of the flat in which I was staying could only be reached after climbing ninety-six stairs.

There is a very elaborate system of A.R.P.—*Luftschutz*—in operation throughout the Reich. Dresden, in particular, being (at the time of our visit) only thirty miles from the Czech frontier, had great need for adequate protection from enemy bombers. Every house had its air-raid cellar, and full instructions as to behaviour in

such emergencies were posted up at the entrance to each block of flats. The sign at the top was a blood-red aerial bomb.

Our visit ended on the 25th of August. We expect to entertain a party of our German friends in Ireland in the summer of 1939, and in connection with their visit I cannot do better than quote from a letter I recently received from a young host in Germany. He says:—

"In school I had in the German lesson to speak about the visit of the Irish boys, and I have said to all: 'It is false to speak about political things. The only right way is to start a friendship between us and the youth of the other countries, so that in later times there will be peace between our countries.'"

The Germans exhibited a feeling of friendship and good-will towards us when we were their visitors. It is up to us to show them reciprocal feelings when they come to visit Ireland next year.

R.J.M.

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Four Hours Underground in a Rand Gold Mine

WE emerge from the change house at twenty-five minutes past eight, suitably clad for our underground visit in khaki shirt and trousers, leather jacket, sou'wester, thick woollen socks and heavy miners' boots weighing 14 lbs. each. Our friend, who has arranged for us to accompany him underground during his daily shift, is a mine captain and therefore does not descend until half-past eight. The miners' shift goes down at 4 a.m. We approach the shaft head and enter the cage, which is unpleasantly wet and dripping. A bell rings shrilly twice, there is a shout and we are plunged into Stygian darkness. Sixty seconds later we are 2,000 feet below surface, and as the cage comes to rest with a jolt we emerge into what looks like an enormous cave.

We set out immediately along No. 1 Level, accompanied by a native boy carrying lamps, pick, hammer, etc., and walking between a set of narrow gauge tracks, we overtake empty trucks descending to the stopes and meet trucks full of gold-bearing rocks ascending to the shaft. We walk for half a mile along No. 1 Level, then, after inspecting the electric winches which haul the trucks up from the lower levels, we descend a sloping stope to No. 2 Level and continue, ever downwards, until we are on the lowest level of this particular mine—No. 8 Level, 2,500 feet below the surface. It is very warm down here, but air pipes circulate cool air from the surface at regular intervals along the level. We are, of course, 3,500 feet above the sea, otherwise the heat would be unbearable.

We now enter a narrow stope on our hands and knees, with no means of illumination except our hand lamps. Great baulks of timber support the rock on either side, huge stone pillars crushed to powder by the overhanging rock. After crawling for over 100 yards on hands and knees, we reach the "face" where a native boy is using a jack-hammer—pneumatic drill. The noise is deafening, the rock on either side flinging back the echo, and the rock beneath our feet is vibrating. Surely this is a scene from Dante's "Inferno"! Or else the laying of the foundations of Pandemonium in "Paradise Lost"! Satan's minions never looked so sinister as do these native boys in the uncertain light of

this fitful scene. The sweat pours freely from every pore, we cannot stand upright, as the clearance is less than four feet. Our friend the mine captain shouts instructions to the white miner in charge of the native boys. We enter a neighbouring stope, slightly larger than the last, where, too, the jack-hammers are thundering, and lashing boys fill the waiting trucks with the precious rock. The gold is not visible to the naked eye except in very rare cases; we see golden specks in the face, but these are iron pyrites. The reef, the life blood of the Rand, the golden heart of South Africa, is pointed out to us, in this instance a strata of dull-looking rock, not fifteen inches wide.

We emerge once more into No. 8 Level. A tiny flicker of light is seen some distance away coming towards us. A boy approaches, carrying a note which he delivers to the mine captain. There has been a fall of rock in a neighbouring stope. We hurry on to where an anxious shift boss awaits our coming. The native boys have been removed from the stope, but one is missing. We enter the stope where two large slabs of rock have fallen in, slabs three times as large as the school clock. The unfortunate boy is pinned

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under the fallen rock! We attack the rock feverishly with picks and soon extricate the injured native, who only moans slightly although his leg is crushed to a nauseating pulp. He is hurried to a nearby dressing station, strapped on a stretcher and rushed to the shaft at the top of which an ambulance will be waiting. A special gang of men will be sent down to erect fresh timber supports and to remove any dangerous "hanging." Then work must be resumed for already the tally of the day's truck-loads of rock has been seriously affected by this minor accident.

It is now mid-day, we are mentally and physically exhausted and are glad to sit in a scotch cart and be pulled up to No. 1 Level. As we ascend, we think of the many dangers of underground work, through falling rock, runaway trucks, etc. But the pay is good, and familiarity with the underground breeds not contempt, but resignation to the fact that danger is ever present. A few hours underground daily will mean a fine car, a beautiful home, fine clothes, luxuries. Who would not face the risks for such rewards?

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the boys as we pass. The mine captain is worried, the tally is badly below the usual amount. Yesterday there were 287 truckfuls taken from this level; everyone must slave to make up the deficiency. There is no such word underground as "cannot," but "must" is common. We are now back in No. 1 Level, which is pleasantly cool compared with the lower stopes. The other mine captains are waiting at the shaft discussing tallies, falls of rock, and a serious gassing accident at a neighbouring mine when a blasting explosion took place prematurely. It is now 12.30 p.m. and we have been four hours underground. We enter the cage, the doors are locked, and we shoot to the surface, where we are temporarily blinded by the brilliant sunlight. This afternoon we are to visit the crushing mill, the cyanide plant, to see gold "bricks" worth £6,000 each, to see a vast fortune at a single glance, to touch £100,000 for a moment, but at the moment we are much more interested in the hot shower which awaits us in the change house. As our friend the mine captain remarks, the best part of underground work is the shower when the shift is completed.

A. J. ALLEN.

Devil's Own Luck

"To-night," said the Devil to his valet-in-chief Blinkingthorpe—Bill to you, "to-night I shall visit the Old School." So Bill found his Infernal Master's tie, and draped it around that sinner's neck, taking care not to stand on the Infernal Tail. Then, a sound of rushing air, and they found themselves standing outside a high railing, through which Bill could see a red-brick building. But a noise like that made by a road-breaking drill made him turn, to see the Devil, who was huddled up by the sudden cold, and his teeth were playing a tattoo. So they whisked back to the Infernal Residence, where Bill draped an Old School Scarf around the Devil's neck, again taking care not to tread on the Infernal Tail. The air rushed once more, and this time they were inside the railings, and standing before the School entrance.

Bill moved to knock, but the Devil grabbed him. "Unofficial visit," he hissed, as they slid through the wall. They were now in a stone-flagged hall, which offered no opportunity for fun, so they pushed open a door, and entered a large hall. The Devil chuckled when he saw his initials carved on all the desks, but scowled when he noticed that in a photograph of a hockey team—a copy of which adorned the wall in the Devil's breakfast room—his face was completely blotted out by dust and ink. Bill, however, soon remedied this, when a red instrument he was playing with, dropped to the floor, for it immediately projected a small powerful stream of fluid at both picture and viewer, automatically cleaning both. The Devil, not used to this treatment, howled, and only Bill's promise of a fried Woozle for supper, when they returned, pacified him. Having kicked the piano into atoms and molecules, they careered through the wall and arrived inside the gym.

On finding where he was, the Devil whooped with glee, and threw boxing gloves at Bill, bidding him to don them. Now, although the intruders were very attached to each other, they each liked to get a smack at the other. They jumped into the ring, and, having tucked in their tails, charged at each other heads down. They met with a horrible *clack*. Then they gasped, for their horns were firmly coupled together, and so they were far more attached to each other than ever before. While the big School Clock ticked out three-quarters of an hour, the two wriggled,

waggled, struggled, swayed, rocked, but all to no avail, until they sank exhausted. However, as they cooled off, the horns detracted, and they were soon free once more. So they made millions of matchsticks from the wall-bars, and oozed up to the Lab.

They came to rest—to their disgust—in a sink and the coal bucket, respectively. They hopped out, and the Devil got to work, by boiling up a huge saucepan of concentrated acid. He then filled the gas pipes with water, made catapults from stretched strings, and, which was better still, bit the test-tubes. Bill now joined in by dissolving the floor with the boiling acid. They had a race to see who could break the most windows. The Devil cheated, however, for he mixed some chemicals and had blown up the whole lab. before Bill could say Aloysius Fitzbumpkin Blinkingthorpe, let alone throw rock salt through a pane of glass. They floated to the tuck-shop.

Here they feasted themselves, but when the Devil slipped on a chocolate bar Bill thought it was time to go. So they drank a toast to the Old School and vanished!

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The Mighty Film Producer looked up from the script, and turned to the Author. "D'you think I could make a film of that?" he bawled. "There's far too much story," and he showed the Author the door.

Then a remarkable thing occurred, for the Film Producer received a mighty kick, and turned to see a cloven hoof vanish into nothingness. When the script had been ceded to the Infernal Fires, the Devil informed Bill that never again would he write for pleasure.

A.W.R.

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Life subscription is one guinea. At the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October, 1937, it was proposed and adopted that boys leaving school may become members by paying five shillings during the first year after leaving school, five shillings during the second year, and eleven shillings during the third year; or ten shillings during the second year after leaving and eleven shillings during the third year; or one guinea during the third or subsequent years after leaving.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom.

The Honorary Secretary read his report for the year 1937-1938. He reported a substantial

increase in membership as follows:—

Membership on 25th October, 1937 315

New members during 1937-38 ... 27

Total membership to date ... 342

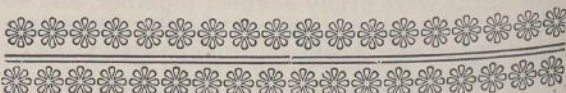
Activities had been well maintained during the year. The Dance, Whist Drive and Dinner had all been most successful and the respective organisers were congratulated and thanked.

The O.B.U. entertained the School teams which had won the Junior Schools' Rugby Cup and the Ellerker Boxing Cup. Although they had not entertained the Junior Cricket Team they congratulated them on their success in winning the Junior Schools Cricket Cup.

A great sense of loss was felt at the death of our Patron, Dr. D'Arcy, Primate of All Ireland, who had occupied the position since the inception of the Union.

The Hon. Secretary thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and the members of the School staff for their help and co-operation in furthering the interests of the O.B.U.

The Union is in a very strong position which is undoubtedly due to the support it receives from the senior members both on the Committee and at the various functions. We would, how-



ever, urge the junior members to take their places in the Union, for the future of the Union rests entirely with them, and the enthusiasm with which they are prepared to carry on.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report showed a satisfactory position. The improvement in the financial position was mainly due to an increase in members' subscriptions and a saving under the heading of postages and stationery. There was a surplus on the year's working of £20 10s. 8d.

A. D. Mason presented his football report. This showed that many Old Boys were supporting the Rugby section, but he pointed out that he would like to be able to pick teams from

most enjoyable "al fresco" tea. At the end of June another match was played against the School, and again the School won by 20 runs. Congratulations were extended to the School on the victory of the Junior Cricket Team, who won the Cup in the past season.

S. S. Evans submitted the Golf Report. The annual competition for the Old Boys' Cup and Miniature was held at Milltown Golf Club on Thursday, 8th September, and it was by far the most successful outing so far, mainly due to the efforts of Mr. Harry Johnston. The innovation of allowing Union members to invite Golfing Guests is now a well established success. Fifty



KINGS HOSPITAL O.B.U. and HIGH SCHOOL O.B.U. Belgrave Square, June 20th, 1938

those who were actual members of the Union. Two matches were played against the School, and in both these the Old Boys won somewhat easily, owing to the fact that the School team was very light and therefore rather badly over-run. A challenge was received from St. Andrew's O.B.U., but could not be accepted as it clashed with a school match.

W. H. Walker and J. C. Gilmour gave an account of cricket activities. In May a match was played against the School, and an enjoyable game ended in a win for the School. In June a keen match was played against King's Hospital O.B.U., and "K.H." won by 46 runs. The weather was so fine that both teams had a

cards were taken out and 47 sat down to an excellent supper and musical evening. During the evening the prizes were distributed by our President, Mr. Rupert Jeffares, as follows:—Old Boys' Cup and Miniature, A. H. Whiteside, 71; Runner-up, Capt. D. M. Frazer, 72; Third, G. B. Butler; "Hard Luck," R. L. Bryson; Best Gross, W. H. Thrift. "Golfing Guests"—First, J. S. Barrett; Second, J. Brassington; "Hard Luck," J. G. McConnell; "Sealed Nine," D. H. Meredith. An analysis of clubs represented shows the following:—Carrickmines, Castle, Delgany, Dollymount, Grange, Greystones, Elmwood, Killiney, Milltown, Portmarnock, Oxley (England), Rathfarnham. Enter-

tainment of a high level was provided by Messrs. J. Cowle, R. Jeffares, P. Henry, S. Mooney, Eric May and W. S. Kelly. Sincere thanks were extended to those members who make the competition such a success each year, by putting up prizes and who absolutely insist on being known as "Anonymous."

Notes on Old Boys

David McNeill, who recently was awarded a 1st Class Mod. in Modern Languages, has been appointed exchange lecturer by Trinity College at the Sorbonne in Paris.

W. Warnock has been appointed Secretary to the Irish Legation in Berlin.

Henry Begley is now Vicar Choral, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

S. G. Watson has gained his Chartered Insurance Institute—Part 1 Associateship.

Ivan Jones (I.C.S.) has been sent as Deputy Commissioner to Amritsar. We have been informed by Irishmen in India that he has been extraordinarily successful in dealing with difficult districts, and for this reason has been chosen for his new position.

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D.G. Walker, M.A., M.Dent.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., has written a book entitled "The Construction of Vulcanite applicators for applying Radium to lesions of the Buccal Cavity, Lips, Orbit and Antrum."

Mr. Rupert Jeffares (1883-89) was President of the Old Boys' Union, 1937-38.

Mr. P. C. Scott, B.L. (1922-27), Camp Warden, Powerscourt, was awarded the Silver Acorn on St. George's Day by the Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell.

C. V. Boyle (1926-33), the Irish International, has been called to the Bar. He was chosen to play on the British Team which toured South Africa, and played in the only Test Match which they won.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32) won the Elm Park Tennis Championship. He also played for Ireland in the Series of Exhibition Table Tennis matches against the European and World Champions, Varna and Barna.

D. H. McNeill (1931-34) represented Ireland in the Mile, in the Triangular Athletic Contest at Dublin, between England, Scotland and Ireland.

W. Wallace ("Wally") is one of twelve boys selected by the Lawn Tennis Association of New South Wales to receive tuition at the hands of Australian experts.

K. E. J. Tyrrell, winner of the Old Boys' Cup, has gained his clerkship in Guinness's.

In a letter to the Headmaster recently, an Old Boy writes: "Going through some old papers a friend of mine came across the fact that at one time 41B Lower Camden Street was utilized as a residence for boys being educated at the High School."

Obituary

HOLMES (1931-32)—May 26th, 1938, Peter, aged 15, dearly loved son of Marjorie Holmes and the late George Holmes, 69 Albert Road, Sandycove.

Marriages

JOHNSON and COBBE—July 26th, 1938, at St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street, by the Ven. J. W. Crozier, M.A., Archdeacon of Dublin, assisted by the Rev. G. H. G. Bolton, M.A. (brother-in-law of the bridegroom). George Charles, youngest son of Mrs. Johnson and the

late M. J. S. Johnson, Bridge House, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, to Phyllis Mary, niece and adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cobbe, Church Ave., Drumcondra.

STOREY and HARRISON—July 16th, 1938, at Kilternan Parish Church, by the Rev. F. E. Byrn, M.A., John Alexander, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Storey, Langford Place, Cork, to Jeannie Evaline Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison, Kilgobbin, Sandyford, Co. Dublin.

PENNEY (1925-31) and STONE—At St. Matthew's, Belfast, on Saturday, 19th November, 1938, Herbert Achilles, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Penney, Cotswold, Kimmage Road West, to Alice Evelyn Violet, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Stone and Mrs. Stone, 13, Ballygomartin Road, Belfast.

RUTLEDGE (1926-30) and BOLTON—6th September, 1938, at Taney Church, Dundrum, by the Rev. A. W. F. Orr, B.D., John Stanley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rutledge, 61 Grosvenor Road, Rathmines, to Olive, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bolton, Trimbleston Lodge, Roebuck Road, Dundrum.

THRIFT (1891-1901) and CUNNINGHAM—1st August, 1938, at Rathmichael Church, Shankill, Harry Thrift, S.F., T.C.D., younger son of the late Henry George and Mrs. Thrift, to

Janetta Kathleen Cunningham, younger daughter of William Morrow and the late Mrs. Cunningham.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 14th January. Tickets 7/6. It is hoped that it will be a greater success than ever. Members are requested to arrange their own places at table.

Whist Drive

The Committee have arranged to hold a Whist Drive in the Clockroom, on Thursday, February 16th, 1939, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. It is hoped that those interested will make a note of the date. Scoring cards 2/6 (including supper).

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