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Capt., K. H. YOUNG. Vice-Capt., D. A. ORR.

Hon. Sec., J. A. BELL.

WE may consider the season 1939-40 as a reasonably successful one for all the school teams, and of all the matches played approximately half were won. Unfortunately there was a large number of absences later on in the season due to injuries and sickness; the

Drogheda and the Seniors spent a couple of days at Cork on one of the most enjoyable tours yet held. The Junior Medal was won by S. Reede; the Bell Cap was won by D. A. Orr, and caps were presented to Weir and Smith, and Young was awarded a date. We have in the school now a good nucleus for next year's teams and we hope soon to have John Bell back fully recovered and as keen as ever.

S.C.T. played 14, won 6, drew 2, lost 7, points for 105, points against 161.

SENIOR CUP XV, 1939-40



Left to right, back—W. Rutherford, H. R. Roberts, L. James, G. D. Lyons, Mr. J. A. Storey, E. Foster, R. R. Quin, R. J. Machesney, S. J. Whitney.

Seated—Mr. G. C. Johnson, B. Griffin, J. R. Smith, K. H. Young (Capt.), D. A. Orr, R. J. Weir, Mr. J. Bennett (Headmaster). On Ground—W. Potts, R. Caldwell

S.C.T. especially were handicapped in this respect.

During the season the Under 14 travelled to Kilkenny and Multyfarnham. The Juniors were unfortunately unable to play off their return match at Kilkenny owing to an outbreak of measles there. Later in the season they went to Multyfarnham. The 2nd XV travelled to

S.C.T.

The season opened well and promised even better. We had more senior boys than usual playing football and competition was keen. The forwards were light but played hard. The backs were excellent. Unfortunately we soon began to experience a sequence of injuries which lasted right through till the end of the season, with the

result that the team had very little opportunity to settle down for combined play. In the cup match our forwards failed to live up to expectations. Faced by a heavier pack, they could not get the ball for their backs, who, nevertheless, defended stoutly. A feature of the game was a brilliant solo run by Orr, leading to his scoring under the posts.

J.C.T. Captain, A. W. POLDEN.

The Juniors had a rather bad opening to the season, but before Christmas they had become a very useful team. In the Cup-tie we were beaten by a narrow margin by Terenure College, who afterwards reached the semi-final.

Nine of the team were "Under 14," so that we may look forward with confidence to the coming season.

"Under 14." Captain, R. F. KYLE.

"Under 13." Captain, R. H. KYLE.

"Under 12." Captain, P. TICHER.

These teams were very keen and had a successful season. If the talent displayed is properly developed we should certainly have good J.C.T.'s for the next few years.

G.C.J.
J.A.S.

Cricket

Capt., D. A. ORR. Vice-Capt., G. D. LYONS.
Hon. Sec., D. H. CARROLL.

THIS season we secured the services of Brockway, the Trinity Coach. Although we did not go far in either Cup, the standard of play has considerably improved.

We were defeated by St. Andrew's College in the first round of the Senior Cup. At the beginning of the season there was some hope of bringing the Junior Cup back to the school, but the team gave a disappointing display against Masonic in the second round. The "Under 14" this year is not up to the standard of previous years, but the members of the team are young and very keen.

The Old Boys match was held on the 27th and 28th of May at Belgrave Square. The Old

Boys won by 67 runs, due to a brilliant innings of 77 by Boucher and one of 42 by W. Gilmour. S. J. Wright came out the best bowler with 3 wickets for 11 runs. The total score of the Old Boys was 179 runs against 112 runs scored by the School. Orr with 38 runs and Griffin with 21 runs were the top scorers on the School side.

HIGH SCHOOL—1st innings

R. R. Quin c Mulroney b Gilmour	...	5
D. A. Orr b Booker	...	38
D. H. Carroll b Spencer	...	4
B. G. Griffin run out	...	21
E. W. Frith b Spencer	...	9
S. J. Wright b Walker	...	8
J. W. Vanston c J. Gilmour b Motyer	...	1
B. W. West c Mulroney b Spence	...	13
J. R. Greening b Motyer	...	1
J. A. Davis not out	...	5
G. Williams b Spence	...	2
Extras	...	5
Total	...	112

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Spencer	10	5	18	2
Gilmour, W.	6	1	29	1
Walker	8	3	16	1
Mulroney	4	0	8	0
Booker	4	1	9	1
Motyer	4	1	14	2
Gilmour, J.	2	0	8	0
Spence	1.3	0	3	2

OLD BOYS—1st innings

W. Gilmour b Vanston	...	42
J. Gilmour b Williams	...	4
J. Spencer lbw b Williams	...	2
H. Booker b Williams	...	16
G. Mulroney b Williams	...	0
E. E. Spence b Davis...	...	0
A. C. O'Malley b Vanston	...	15
R. Motyer b Wright	...	0
W. Walker b Wright	...	11
R. Boucher c Quin b Wright	...	77
G. Keegan not out	...	1
Extras	...	11
Total	...	179

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Vanston	12	1	57	2
Williams	15	5	44	4
Davis	8	0	38	1
Wright	3.2	0	11	3
Quin	2	0	17	0

Boxing

Captain, D. A. ORR. Vice-Captain, R. R. QUIN.
Hon. Sec., E. A. FOSTER.

THE Boxing Club ended this season by winning the Ellerker Cup for the sixth year in succession. The progress that the team has made under our new trainer, Mr. Byrne, may be seen in the results of this contest.

Under 6st.—Machesney, C. G. (H.S.) beat Butler, P. D. (St. Andrew's).

Under 9st. 2lb.—Potts, W. (H.S.) lost to Murphy, J. W. (St. Andrew's).

Under 9st. 10lb.—McKeon, J. V. (H.S.) beat Wann, W. (St. Andrew's).

The fight at under 10st. 8lb. between Quin, R. R. (H.S.) v. McCaw, J. W. (St. Andrew's) had to be abandoned in the second round.

The fight at under 11st. 8lb. between Orr, D. A. (Capt.) (H.S.) v. Williamson, S. (St. Andrew's) was not fought.

JUNIOR CUP XV, 1939-40



Left to right, standing—G. A. Cole, J. Moore, S. S. Weir, D. Hood, Mr. J. A. Storey, A. Jones, A. Grice, N. Lambert, R. F. Kyle.

Seated—Mr. G. C. Johnson, C. Delaney, G. T. Stephens, J. Faull, A. W. Polden (Capt.), G. H. Gardner, D. E. Dann, S. Reede, Mr. J. Bennett (Headmaster).

On Ground—S. J. Wright, R. H. Kyle.

Under 6st. 7lb.—Wright, S. J. (H.S.) beat Wann, D. (St. Andrew's).

Under 7st.—Stephens, G. T. (H.S.) lost to Reede, C. J. (St. Andrew's).

Under 8st.—Whitney, S. J. (H.S.) w.o.

Under 8st. 8lb.—George, N. T. (H.S.) beat Dewar, J. V. (St. Andrew's).

Over 11st. 8lb.—Foster, E.A. w.o.

The fight between R. R. Quin (H.S.) and J. W. Caw (St. Andrew's) had to be abandoned in the second round owing to a failure of the lights. The fight between D. A. Orr (H.S.) and Williamson (St. Andrew's) was not fought as Orr was two years older than Williamson and under the Ellerker Cup rules there may not be

more than one year between the ages of the two competitors.

We hope that next season the class for the younger boys every Tuesday and Friday will receive the support we would like it to receive. A number of boys from our team are leaving this year and their places may have to be filled from this class.

In conclusion we would like to thank Mr. Goulden and Mr. Young for the time and support they have given to the club.

Swimming

Capt., K. H. YOUNG. Vice-Capt., R. R. QUIN.
Hon. Sec., A. L. JONES.

THE opening meeting of our swimming season was held on Monday, 8th April, at the Iveagh Baths. There was a good attendance and it has been kept up during the term. There is a scarcity of outstanding Seniors, but the number of promising Juniors makes up any deficiency. Once again we have secured the good services of Sergeant H. Case and this year he has started a new venture, a Life-Saving Class.

Tennis

Capt., D. A. ORR. Vice-Capt., A. MOTYER.
Hon. Sec., W. RUTHERFORD.

THE standard of play was very much improved this season, especially amongst the Juniors, and we anticipate a good senior team in a couple of years time.

The following table represents the Junior and Senior Tennis Cup matches in which we played.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew
Senior ...	4	0	3	1
Junior ...	4	2	2	0

We are very grateful to Mayfield L.T.C., who very kindly lent us their courts, to play our Cup matches on.

At present we are running a Junior Championship and a Senior Handicap Competition, and although neither of these is finished as yet we have some promising players who are very keen.

We were very fortunate in having five of our Juniors coached at Anglesea L.T.C.

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PRIZE WINNERS.

Greek Testament—R. K. Maguire (Silver Medal and 1st Class).

THIRD YEAR COURSE.

Prizes—A. L. Jones, E. W. Brennan, J. A. Motyer, V. James (1st Class); H. C. Jermyn, J. J. Maguire, C. Harris (2nd Class); J. Miller, E. Foster, S. W. Reede (3rd Class).
Pass Certificates—D. G. Duff, E. F. J. Beck, R. R. Quin, E. R. Haynes, E. A. Wetherall, S. J. Whitney, B. Reeves, E. Pollock, A. Sheil, W. B. West, A. J. Burge, R. F. Luke, R. J. Clinton, J. W. Moore, D. E. Dann, A. R. Jolley, J. E. Predy, R. A. Kerr, H. O. Jestin, A. L. D. Turpin, S. Belford, J. W. W. Macdonald, W. Mathews.

FIRST YEAR COURSE.

Prizes—E. D. R. Simms, S. Burch, J. R. Lindsay, D. C. Wright, G. McKeon, W. B. Lyons, S. J. Wright, H. Ashe, J. H. G. Perdue, J. Faull (1st Class); A. J. Seawright, S. C. Wright, G. H. Gardner, W. Young, L. J. Wilkinson, M. Carey, R. Reddy, J. H. R. Lindsay, H. W. Burgess, M. Cole (2nd Class); L. Drew, W. G. Leach, A. W. Willits, N. R. Young, A. M. Grey, G. T. Stephens, D. Jupe, T. R. Rooney, J. R. D. Balbirnie (3rd Class).
Pass Certificates—T. Calvert, R. Harris, D. Wilding, R. A. Maltby, N. Rodway, D. A. James, E. Margetson, C. Ashe, J. G. Smith, F. Young, N. E. Lambert, R. A. Caldwell, G. N. Gray, W. A. Hughes, P. H. Stewart, G. B. Quin, K. A. Bird.

PRESBYTERIANS.

FIRST YEAR COURSE.

Pass Certificate—S. A. Ferguson.

THIRD YEAR COURSE.

Prizes—R. P. Willis (1st Class); W. J. G. Gourley (3rd Class).

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THIRD YEAR.

Prize—C. Delaney (1st Class).
Pass Certificates—A. W. Polden, H. A. Ross.

FIRST YEAR.

Prizes—R. H. Kyle, R. F. Kyle, G. W. Williams, A. W. Mowatt, D. Collie, H. Kevelighan (1st Class); A. S. Taylor (3rd Class).
Pass Certificate—S. N. C. Smith.

The School Choir qualified for a money prize, gaining 87% at the Examination in March.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN. 1940.

DISTINCTIONS.

J. C. Duggan—Scholarship in Mental and Moral Science.
D. T. Malley—Scholarship in Classics.
J. C. Gilmour—Begley Studentship.

MEDICAL.

E. P. Hill—B.A.O.
D. A. Huggard—B.Ch. (Final Med.).
J. I. Stafford—B.A.O.
C. Wachmann—1st Medical.

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC (ZOOLOGY).

A. C. Donnelly, J. C. Gilmour, D. J. Waugh.

HONOURS EXAMINATIONS.

JUNIOR SOPHISTER.

B. S. Whitney—Experimental Science, 3rd Rank.

SENIOR FRESHMAN.

N. D. Browne—Mental and Moral Science, 1st Rank.
H. G. W. Macdonald—Mental and Moral Science, 3rd Rank.
J. K. A. McColl, Experimental Science, 3rd Rank.
F. A. L. Gardner, Experimental Science, 3rd Rank.

JUNIOR FRESHMAN.

A. N. Jeffares—Classics, 2nd Rank.
G. A. W. Ridgeway—Mental and Moral Science, 1st Rank. Classics, 3rd Rank.

FINAL FRESHMAN.

B. S. Whitney; R. T. Towson (Med.).

ENTRANCE.

R. F. Jackson.

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

C. Magill—Term Prize, Dental Anatomy.

The Debating Society

President, Mr. H. B. MOORE. Hon. Sec.,
S. J. WHITNEY.

THE High School Debating Society was revived on the 13th February, 1940. It was decided to admit only the Middle School, that is, Forms 4², 4¹, 5², 5¹, to the debates. This system has proved very successful and we have held thirteen meetings altogether at which there was a good average attendance.

The Headmaster kindly consented to take the chair at our last meeting which was held on the 21st May.

We are looking forward to our next meeting which will be held at the beginning of next term.

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The bloodshot moon hangs in the sky,
But, slowly rising, she clears her eye;
The earth is still, the sea is calm,
The air of midnight is filled with balm;
The long road stretches before us white:
There's joy in travelling thro' the night.

The engine runs with an easy drone,
The air is fresh and the road's her own;
With measured pulse she glides along,
And the joy of night inspires her song.

She could do fifty, sixty—more,
She's done it oftentimes before,—
But not to-night. She asks no race—
At thirty-five she'll set her pace.
Who's in a hurry a night like this?
Who'd blarge ahead and its fragrance miss?

Let me inhale the clear fresh air.
Give me the wheel,—I don't care where.
I'll not ask more than the pure delight
Of being awheel on an August night.

L.S.M.

Confession of a Wronged Saint

I CAN do my sums at home alright, but why
i can't do them in class i explane on this sheet
of paper.

At home my father dose not *actually* help me
he sometimes corrects them, but i do them by
the multiplication tables turning them into divi-
sion. I get the nearest figger to such a figger
in the division some and put the big one on top
and subtrack the figure i get i put near the figger
i'm dividing into. When the figgures that i
divid into get bigger I get muddled and finally
loose my temper with it.

I will admit that i was telling lies about the
hole thing but i didnt want to disgrace myself
in front of the class. I am ashamed off myself.
I will try to improve my arithmetic, but it is two
late i have not much time to idle. As i wan't a
good job later on. I am in a nice mess and it will
take years to forgive myself for getting into it.
So in future even if i get as much as 4 it will be
my own work.

LESLIE (not CHARTERIS).
Form (Bad).

Great Wall and the mandarins who built it, or of Peru and its Incas, who built those strange buildings that yet survive, while all the time I seem to hear

"Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair.
Nothing beside remains."

Now I turn and look inland, where I see hill upon hill rising and falling as far as the eye can reach. I see birds, twittering mournfully as they wheel and turn over my head, while right below me I see the railway line, twisting and turning in its attempt to pierce the mountain barrier. Railways have always held a charm for me. I never travel on a train without an experience of intense delight; I feel as if I were king of the whole universe. Is there anything more elating than to ride with one's head out of the window, feeling the rush of air through the hair? An engine is one of the most majestic of all mechanical creations. I can never look upon even the humblest goods engine without admiring this personification of power. I am always laughed at for this rather childish type of enjoyment but I can say that whoever has not tasted of the joy of travelling by train has yet lived only half his life. Every passenger is a royal personage; the train itself is a royal carriage.

My thoughts are interrupted by the sound of a cuckoo far down the valley. It repeats its cry and immediately the strains of Delius' "On hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring" sound in my mind. Of all composers Delius has, perhaps, the greatest intimacy with me. While listening to music by any other writer, I still retain my earthly body, but as soon as I begin to listen to Delius, "this muddy vesture of decay" drops from me, and leaves me free to receive the cadences to the inmost recesses of my mind. Such an act is, I suppose, the aim of all musical composers, only Delius has ever succeeded in doing it to me. I earnestly entreat anyone who has not already made himself intimate with Delius to do so at once, he is the greatest communicator of

"the bliss of solitude."

For reading on a hill-top, no author is better than George Borrow. He, himself, had a great love of hills and their surroundings, which is so well expressed in his books "Lavengro," "Romany Rye" and "Wild Wales." Little more than collections of sundry incidents, they

abound with the fresh mountain air, the colours of purple and yellow, of quaint figures and characters such as the old apple-woman on the bridge. His pages come to life when read on a hill-top, surrounded by all the sights and sounds of the countryside.

Now the sun is setting, and as I look towards the west I feel the power behind the universe throbbing in the air. The sky, flecked with red and orange, is but a visible robe for the Creator of all beautiful things, its warm, bright colour filling the western sky. The power of music, the whistle of a railway train, the pleasure of reading, all are the products of the beneficence shown to us mortals. I can do nothing but bow in reverence before its majesty.

A railway-whistle sounds from down the valley. Quickly I stuff my copy of "Lavengro" into my pocket and hurry down the slope.

E. W. BRENNAN (5¹).

The Form

The first is Leach,
The second is Tubby,
The third is Red Head,
The fourth is Stubby,
The fifth is tall,
With a head like a ball.
The sixth is Ashe,
Who has plenty of cash;
The seventh is Lee,
As busy as a bee;
The eighth is King Billy,
Who's awfully silly;
The ninth is Cole,
A merry old soul;
The tenth is Fatty,
Who's awfully batty;
The eleventh is Cully,
Often chased by Bully;
The next is Dopey,
Who's certainly mopy;
Stewie is next on the list,
Then Waugh, good with his fist;
Stewart, P. H., is near the end,
And he's so supple he'd nearly bend;
Knight and Thomson bring up the rear,
And that's the best form for many a year.

"STUBBY" (3C²).

A Sea Trip to Hamburg

TWO years ago I went for a sea trip to Hamburg. My father was captain of the ship, so I was allowed to steer, and go freely about wherever I wished. Leaving Dublin Bay the thing that impressed me most was the lights—myriads of them looking like a fairyland all ranged in rows. The next morning we were well out in the Bristol Channel in choppy weather. I was fairly seasick, but in the afternoon I was sufficiently recovered to have a talk on the wireless telephone with a ship on the other side of England, while in the evening I was completely recovered.

The next day was sunny, so I got on the monkey top or into the boat covers and basked. That evening we passed the famous Needles and the beautiful Isle of Wight. I also saw where Irish cement comes from: Portland, white cliffs looking as if they had been made from concrete. The day after this we sighted the Thames estuary, and we saw the fog clearing off the land, like mud off the disturbed bed of a stream.

By the following day we reached Hamburg where I met a great friend in the stevedore's son, Edgar Trice, who took me all round the place. The first morning we went up to Hagenback's Zoo, one of the largest zoos in the world. It even had a first-aid station and a nursing home for animals just arrived. Also there was a circus where seals played on motor-car horns and bears drove round in children's motor cars, and climbed up ladders. In the afternoon of that day I went up the steeple of St. Michael's Church, which was burnt down in the Great War but was re-built and is now very much as

it was except that there are metal stairs up instead of stone ones.

The morning after this Edgar and I went round the harbour in a motor launch. We saw a destroyer in her berth and another being built, and a queer ship for rescuing aeroplanes that have crashed into the sea. It had guns on the foredeck, but on the afterdeck there was nothing except a crane so that the deck could slope into the water and the aeroplanes could be hauled up. That afternoon we left.

The return voyage was fairly uneventful except for passing a French cruiser, a submarine, and the liners Manhattan and either the Europa or the Bremen. We went back to Cork, so I got the train to Dublin.

M. W. BRYAN (3C¹).

Finis Diei

Dusk falls in the mountains,
Golden sinks the fading sun;
Shadows lengthen down the valleys,
Yet another day is done.

Darker and darker fades the landscape;
Only, now the stars are seen
Twinkling like the lights of Heaven
Shining on the world serene.

L.J.C. (4²).

The Tree

There's a tree in our schoolyard,
A basket is on it too,
But the boys who throw their papers in
Are very, very few.

There's a tree in our schoolyard,
And litter all around,
There's bread and jam, and pork and ham,
And butter by the pound.

Those boys who leave their litter there—
They think nothing of it,
But the seagulls in the air,
I know they truly love it.

W. G. LEACH (3C²).

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Guernsey

OUR ship wallowed in and out of the troughs of the Channel. In and out among rocks and islets we had gone for the past few minutes. Suddenly a stir occurred among the hardened travellers who had not succumbed to the effects of the sea. Guernsey was in sight. Most of us were too weary after a none too good crossing to be interested. However, once our ship had berthed and we were on the quay our natures changed.

Around us lay the spacious harbour of St. Peter Port, with the ancient fortress of Castle Cornet sprawling along the southern breakwater. The town, the island's capital, spread along the coast before us. Built on a hill, it seemed to be on the point of overbalancing itself in its attempts to beckon us onwards.

There being no particular reason why we should perch ourselves permanently on the quay-side, we got into our bus to begin our tour of inspection. Up incredibly steep streets and down apparently steeper we went between houses which seemed liable to touch us on either side. Every now and then we passed those little staircase alleys, still bearing old-time French names. These seem to be a peculiarity of the town, their purpose being, of course, to connect the different streets at various levels.

Going through the southern suburb of Haute Ville we passed the house where Victor Hugo spent most of his exile in writing some of his famous novels.

At last we got out into comparatively open country—Guernsey supports 1,650 people to the square mile—to begin a new sport, namely, dodging glass houses. They swarm all over the island glaring back in fierce defiance at the sun. The roads were narrow and winding, the scenery was nothing extraordinary, so we made our way to the coast. Being in the southern part of the island we were presented with a magnificent sight of cliffs rising several hundreds of feet in height sheer from the sea. Beautiful to look at, but horrible to climb—we tried! On the highest part of the island we came across a very useful memorial—Doyle's Column. From the top of this we obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding islands and a glimpse of France.

All along the coasts, covering every conceivable and inconceivable landing were Martello Towers—relics of former threats of invasion. The northern coasts are low-lying and consist of long open bays fringed by beaches on one side and islets on the other.

"Guernsey, island of sunshine," so read the advertisements. While we were there the island seemed to want to show that there was no shortage of rain. However, it appears that we had picked with unerring accuracy the worst period of the season. Guernsey has more hours of sunshine a year than any other part of the British Isles. As a rule the sun when it comes out is oppressive in its intensity.

It was a glorious sunny day, the prelude to a heat wave, when we embarked for home, bringing with us mementos of the islands, such as a set of its coins. Slowly we left Guernsey behind. We slipped in and out among the islets and rocks once more to be rocked in the cradle of a none too gentle deep.

V. A. JAMES (5²).

The Limit

On Monday we took the car out,
On Tuesday we gave it a clean,
On Wednesday and Thursday a crowd gathered round
And said, "What a lovely machine!"
On Friday we wanted some petrol,
And found we had no ration card,
On Saturday morning our search was in vain—
So we pushed it back into the yard.

R. E. BARDON (4²).

"DAINTY"

SELF-RAISING FLOUR

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High School Old Boys' Union

NOTWITHSTANDING the difficult times through which we are passing the activities of the Union have been well maintained and both the Annual Dance held in the Metropole Ballroom in November last and the Annual Dinner held in the Clock-room in January were most successful; in fact, at this latter function there was the record attendance of 140 members and guests.

The Whist Drive was held in the Clock-room in February but although it proved most enjoyable the attendance left much to be desired.

It is difficult in these days to make plans for the future but the Committee recently decided to hold the Annual Golf Competition at Milltown Golf Club, on Friday, **6th September, 1940**, and furthermore, a provisional arrangement has been made to hold the Annual Dance in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, **2nd November**, and it is hoped that members will make a note of these dates now.

The other sporting activities of the Union are being continued and cricket matches with the School and other Old Boys' Unions have been arranged for the present season.

Patron—Dr. W. E. Thrift.

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The Annual Dinner

The Old Boys' Dinner was held in the Clock-room on the 20th January. Mr. H. J. Johnston

the President, was in the chair. Although the night was one of the coldest during the hard frost there was again a record attendance. The Dinner had its usual characteristics of good music, enjoyable speeches and opportunities of reunion with old school friends which we all appreciate. The usual silence in memory of those who fell in the Great War was observed. The toast of the School was proposed by Mr. S. W. Meyer, Ex-President, and the Headmaster replied. The Rev. W. C. G. Proctor proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and Dr. Walter Starkie replied. The toast of "Kindred Unions" was proposed by Mr. George Butler, Ex-President, and Mr. Corrigan (Mountjoy) and Mr. Hinton (Wesley) replied for the Unions. Mr. R. W. Jeffares gave the toast of the Musical Guests (Messrs. Mervyn Bell, R. J. Cowle, R. McCullough, Ewart Grace, P. Henry, S. Mooney). Mr. T. Bell proposed the health of the President.

The increasing success of the Dinner is due to the enthusiasm of the Committee, especially the permanent officials, and above all to Mr. Mervyn Bell.

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O.B.U. Rugby Report

WE played the first of our annual matches against the Present Boys on Thursday, 25th January, 1940, in which the result was a draw—3 points each.

The team picked was quite a good one but unfortunately when we turned out to play we were two men short. That, however, did not dishearten us but made us more keen on winning and we did fairly well. It was a most enjoyable match and it was anyone's game until the final whistle. We scored first, H. Booker running from half-way to score a fine try, which we failed to convert, but it was excelled by the magnificent try scored by Potts (Present) which was not converted.

The second match which we played on the 5th February, 1940, was against the "Colours." It was played on a very wet pitch but every player seemed to play above his average form and, to say the least, it was a thrilling game. The result was 21 points to 16 against us. The Present boys played very well and deserved their victory. We, however, hope to reverse the decision next year.

The High School (Past) v. King's Hospital (Past), played at Chalgrove Park on the 28th February, 1940. The High School team was as follows:—M. Rooney, T. Early, A. F. Bennett, E. C. Ridgeway, W. G. Kirkpatrick, H. Booker, S. Meyer, M. Rooney, J. Haslett, E. G. Flynn, W. Shiel, R. Motyer, W. Gilmore, I. McCabe, B. E. Hennessey.

It was a good match but K.H. had a very strong side out and proved a little better and fitter than we.

B. E. HENNESSEY
(Hon. Rugby Sec.).

Old Boys' Register

As most Old Boys are now aware, we are attempting to get together a Register of all Old Boys who entered the School since 1870. Good progress has been made, due to the co-operation of Old Boys who sent in the forms enclosed in the December ERASMIAN. Many people have helped me by sending in addresses and by looking over copies of the lists of their own years. If there are any Old Boys who would be willing to help, I can send them copies of the Roll on request. Old Boys who have not yet done so are asked to fill in the enclosed form and to post it to me.

Once more I would like to thank those who have helped me, Old Boys and others, especially Lieut.-Col. J. G. Foster, O.B.E., who, despite a long illness, has again sent me much information about many Army men.

Here is a list of Old Boys who entered the School between the years 1870 and 1880. If you can tell me anything about any name, please drop a line to H. B. Moore, The High School, Dublin. Do it now!

Gall, John Richard; Gallagher, Henry Joseph; Gay, Edward Moncrieff; Gelston, Epsworth Arthur; Gibbs, Charles Armstrong; Gilbert, Frederick Wm. Packenham; Gore, Harry Herbert; Graham, Fredk. Wm.; Graham, Thos. Rice; Graham, Wm. John; Grant, Richard Alex; Gray, Edwin; Greene, Frederick Edward; Greene, Thos. Hy. Holmes; Grierson, Hy. John; Griffin, Thos.

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Ilberry, Rupert; Irving, Alex. Bailey.

Jackson, James Andrew; Jackson, John; Jacob, Francis John; Johnston, George Hy.; Johnston, Wm.

Keane, Albert Wm.; Kennedy, Geo. Thos.; Kennedy, John Carmichael; King, St. George Webber; Kingston, John.

Latchford, Edward; La Touche, Arthur Digges; Leet, John Usher; Leet, Wellesley Ambrose; Legge, Rev. Wm. Foster; Lett, Fredk. Wm.; Leuton, Fredk. Wm. Meredith; Livingston, John Wm.; Lindesay, Chas. de la Poer Cranford; Lionel, Izod; Litchfield, John; Long, Herbt. Wm.; Longford, John; Lowry, Rev. Wm. Hamilton; Lyle, Fenton Hervy Acheson; Lyttle, Johnston; Lyttle, Geo. Hy.

McCallum, Gordon Lionel; McCallum, Horatio Campbell; McCleane, Robt. Bertie; McClure, Edward Richman; McClure, Robt. Sherwood; McCrea, Edward Harris; McCrea, John Harris; McDonald, Andrew Wm.; McGill, Alfred Geo.; McGill, Hy.; McGill, John David; McMullen, Thos. Wallace; McNamara, Chas. Alex.; McNaught, Edward James; McNaught, Fredk. Josiah; McNaught, Hy. Havelock.

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Neill, John Andrews; Neill, Thos. Curtis; Netterfield, John Travis; Netterfield, Richd. Wethern (dead); Newell, Cameron Graves; Newell, Percy (Dr.?); Newell, Wm. Clarges; Norman, Robert John.

O'Brien, Hy. Acheson; O'Brien, Robt. Irwin; O'Brien, Wm. Fras.; Officer, Chas.; Officer, Wm.; O'Hara, James Houston; Oldham, James Howard; Ormsby, Arthur Wm.; Ormsby, John Huston; O'Sullivan, W. H.; Overend, Wm. McMahon (dead); Owen, Arthur Trevor.

Palmer, John Butler; Park, Chas. David; Pasley, Hy. David; Paul, Wm. David; Percival, Enkin Hercules; Percival, Wm.; Phillips, Gibson; Pim, Fras. Edward; Plunkett, Loftus Hy.; Pope, Wm. Alex.; Powell, Chas. Doyne (Rev.); Powell, Francis Robt.; Powell, Hy. Eyre; Power, John Thos. Smith; Power Wm. Aemilius; Purdon, Wm. Stanley.

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J. R. Brennan (1909-12), Surg.-Comm. R.N.
F. C. L. Crawford (1910-18), Wing-Comm., Med. Service, R.A.F.
T. C. B. Crawford (1913-15), Surg.-Comm. R.N.
C. S. Draper (1919-21), R.A.F.
E. S. Duggan, O.B.E. (1901-09), Paymaster-Comm., R.N.
J. W. Duggan (1917-20), Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.
T. Eager (1925-31), North Irish Horse.
V. J. Fielding (1917-23), Surg.-Lt., R.N.
T. L. Flewett (1911-16), Major, Royal Irish Fusiliers.
R. G. Freeman (1913-19), Med. Service, R.A.F.
G. H. Hall (1920-28), A.A. Battalion, B.E.F.
B. P. Hamilton-Hunter (1930-34), Wireless, R.A.F.
G. B. Holmes (1908-11), Lt.-Col., R.A.S.C.
R. J. G. Hyde (1910-12), Major, R.A.M.C.
B. Johnston, D.S.O. (1898-1900), Colonel, R.A.M.C. (D.M.S. Western Command).
F. J. Leach (1925-29), R.A.S.C.
D. L. McKee (1926-30), Auxiliary R.A.F.
W. S. Moore (1928-33), F.O., R.A.F.
K. G. Nicholson (1921-28), Driver-Mech., R.A.S.C.
R. L. G. Proctor (1910-12), Surg.-Comm., R.N.

- S. G. Rainsford (1913-14), Surg.-Lt.-Comm., R.N.
 R. S. Savage (1923-30), Irish Guards.
 G. Stewart (1919-25), L./Cpl., North Irish Horse.
 D. D. C. Swayne (1910-19), Asst.-Sup. Kenya Police (Nth. Frontier).
 F. Sykes (1921-25), North Irish Horse.
 R. T. Tomlinson (1928-36), Corporal, R.A.F.
 J. F. H. Whitney (1934-36), Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.F.

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pulled him clear of the aircraft, which afterwards exploded. Valuable photographs of the bombing and convoy were obtained by Corporal Tomlinson."—*Daily Express*.

News of Old Boys

Rev. R. C. Armstrong (1920-27), Curate Assistant of the Mariners' Church, Kingstown, has been nominated Incumbent of the United Parishes of Narraghmore and Fontstown.

J. H. M. Beattie, B.A. (1927-33), has been appointed to an Administrative post in Tanganyika, and will take up his duties in July.

G. Begley (1926-29) has won the following prizes in Ballroom Dancing Championship Competitions: — 1st March, 1940: Ulster (Open): 1st place with Miss Christine Kane. Ulster (Amateur): 2nd place, with Miss Ethel Wilson. 5th April, 1940: All Ireland (Open): 2nd place, with Miss Kane, and All Ireland (Amateur), with Miss Wilson.

We are sorry to hear of the death in September, 1939, of C. W. Egerton (1879-81). He passed from the High School to T.C.D. where he had a brilliant career, specialising in English Literature. After holding two lectureships in Scotland, he became lecturer in English Literature in University College, Auckland, N.Z., in 1894. He was President of the Auckland Institute in 1909.

Donal B. W. Good, B.L. (1915-25), has been appointed Resident Magistrate in Jamaica.

C. H. H. Fennell (1909-10), for many years Secretary to the Institute of Bankers in Ireland, has been appointed Agent to the Ballsbridge Branch of the Bank of Ireland.

We have heard from H. Fletcher (1879-83), who was for 43 years in the service of the Queensland National Bank, and retired in 1931.

M. C. Fowler (1929-30) has been elected Auditor of the Classical Society, T.C.D.

D. L. J. Hennessey (1925-27) has been appointed Manager of the North of Ireland Woollen Merchants' Co., on their amalgamation for the duration of the war.

H. J. Johnston (1895-1900), President of the O.B.U., had an M.A. conferred in Trinity College this year.

The Rev. Canon G. V. Jourdan, D.D. (1882-83), Professor of Ecclesiastical History in

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T.C.D., has been appointed Curate-in-Charge of the Union of Maynooth and Kilcock.

Dr. W. M. Levitt (1911-16) has won his Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians, London.

The Rev. H. W. Love (1917-26), Curate-in-Charge of Keady, has been appointed Deputy Registrar for the Diocese of Armagh.

A. H. McKee (1926-30) qualified as a Chartered Accountant in January last. He has been for some years in Rhyl, North Wales.

The Rev. C. G. Powell (1897-1907) is Rector of Horwood and Vicar of Yarncombe in Devon.

J. C. Stodart (1889-96) has just retired from his position as Judge of the High Court of Judicature in Madras Presidency, and will live in Hartfield, Herts.

Corporal R. T. Tomlinson (1928-36) has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. A report appears on another page.

W. ("Wallaby") Wallace (1934) has shared two tennis titles in New South Wales: School-boys' Doubles Championship, N.S.W., and the "Fathers and Sons" Cup, Lindfield, N.S.W.

H. G. Yates, M.A. (1919-22), has been appointed Turbine Research Engineer in the English Electric Co., Rugby.

PUBLICATIONS

E. H. Alton, Litt.D.—"Latin Literature." The Year's Work in Classics, 1937-8. "Tibulliana" (C.R.), etc.

G. F. Mitchell, M.A., M.Sc.—"Stratigraphy and Development of Two Raised Bogs near Tregaron, Cardiganshire." The New Phytologist, vol. xxxvii, No. 5, 1938. [With H. Goodwin]. "A Group of Grooved Standing Stones in North Carlow." The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, vol. lxi, Part II, pp. 99-111, 1939. [With E. O'Toole].

Roll of Honour

HAMMOND (1922-27)—Killed on active service, Sergeant Observer T. C. Hammond, R.A.F., aged 27 years, only son of C. R. and Mrs. Hammond, 285 Griffith Avenue, Whitehall, and 30 Grafton Street, Dublin, to the great sorrow of his mother, father, sisters and relatives.

TAYLOR (1920-22)—March 31, 1940, in France (result of flying accident), William Fraser Taylor, British R.A.F. (Wally), dearly-beloved husband of Gwendoline Taylor, 156 Rathgar Road, and eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Taylor, 20 Wesley Road, Rathgar.

Deaths

BASS (1881-83)—January 24, 1940, John William, beloved husband of Jane Bass, Argyle, Arklow. "Peace, perfect peace."

L. H. BRYSON (1928-1930)—Leslie Harold Bryson, Student, R.I.A.I., 15 Upper Leeson Street (the result of canoeing accident), 23 years; to the inexpressible grief of parents, sister and brothers. "With Christ."

Sir ALFRED CALLAGHAN (1878-79)—At his residence, 72 Coldharbour Road, Durdham Downs, Bristol. Sir Alfred Callaghan, third son of the late Mr. James Walker Callaghan, 11 Northumberland Road, Dublin.

COOPER—December 10, 1939, at a private nursing home in Dublin, in his 72nd year, Albert Damer Cooper, youngest and last surviving son of the late Austin Damer Cooper.

JEPPS (1883-84)—Christmas Day, 1939, George William Jepps, in hospital, after a long illness. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife.

KNOX (1893-96)—December 24, 1939, at Belgariff House, Foxford, Co. Mayo (very suddenly), James Annesley Knox, beloved husband of Peg Knox.

WHITTON (1882-89)—May 20, 1940, at Pyrford, Surrey, Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Whitton, C. M. G., Leinster Regiment, son of the late Frederick A. Whitton, R.C.B., Dublin.

WILKINS—May 4, 1940, aged 85, Mary, eldest child of the late Henry Hutton, J.P., and Eliza Swanwick (of Edenfield, Dundrum, Co. Dublin), and widow of the late William Wilkins, M.A., etc., T.C.D. (Headmaster from 1879 to 1908 of The High School, Dublin).

Marriages

BARDON (1922-31) and FITZGERALD—January 10, 1940, at St. Anthony's Church, Radlett, Herts, by the Reverend W. Foley, Dr. Des-

mond Terence Bardon, of Shenley Hospital, Herts, youngest son of Captain and Mrs. Bardon, Glenaros, Dartry Road, Rathmines, to Dr. Lucia Moira FitzGerald, elder daughter of Dr. John and Dr. Lucia FitzGerald, Glengariff, Crosthwaite Park, South, Dun Laoghaire.

HAMILTON-HUNTER (1930-34) and BURGESS—March 21, 1940, at Altrincham, Cheshire, Bertram Patrick Hamilton-Hunter to Florence Adrienne (Peg) Burgess.

KIRWAN (1924-28) and SHEPHERD—In London on 7th September, 1939, George Arthur, son of the late Mr. Valentine F. and Mrs. Kirwan, of Rathgar, Dublin, to Pamela Dawson, elder daughter of Mr. John Dawson Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd, late of Jerusalem and now of El Tarh, Egypt.

MACWILLIAM (1924-25) and MYLES—April 6, 1940, at St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool, by the Rev. J. G. Gillman and the Rev. W. H. S. Tayler, the Rev. John Alexander Macwilliam, Assistant Priest, St. Andrew's, Leicester, son of Mrs. Macwilliam, of 14 Cremore Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin, and the late Mr. Alexander Macwilliam, to Majorie,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Myles, 10 Woolacombe Road, Childwall, Liverpool.

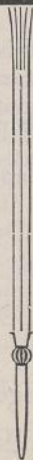
MITCHELL (1922-30) and GWYNN—January 19, 1940, at Tallaght Church, by the Rev. R. C. Madden, M.A., George Francis, younger son of Mr. D. W. and Mrs. Mitchell, Milverton, Temple Road, Rathmines, and Lucy Margaret, elder daughter of Dr. E. J. and Mrs. Gwynn, Prospect, Templeogue.

REEVES (1916-23) and BREWSTER—June 4th, 1940, at St. Philip's Church, Dublin, by the Dean of St. Patrick's, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Coulter, M.A., Eric E. C. Reeves, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Reeves, Ashdene, Kimmage Road, Dublin, to Helen Isabel Brewster, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brewster, Craiglea, Temple Gardens, Dublin.

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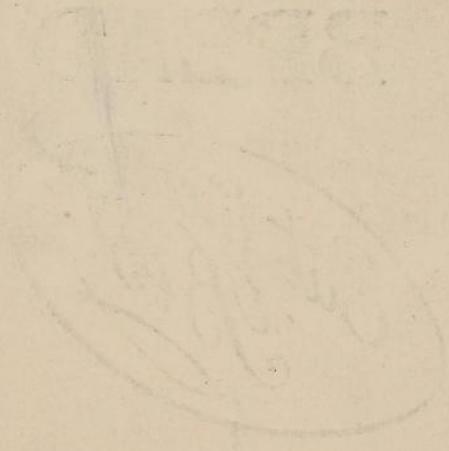
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Editorial

THIS is the time of the year when editors of everything, from film weeklies to quarterlies, pause, and look back over the past year. Not to be outdone, therefore, we shall take this opportunity of having a quick review of 1940.

The year has been notable for many things. Not the least has been the revival of the Debating Society and the creation of a Stamp Club, both of which fill a long-felt gap in the list of out-of-school activities, providing, as they do, opportunities for boys to gain mutual advice on their hobbies, for the person who has a grudge to air it freely, or for the budding revolutionary to impress his hearers with his plans for a future world order.

Thanks to the present state of world affairs, we had a novel interlude at Easter in the form of a course of A.R.P. lectures, given by Mr. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Mr. Goulden, to the members of the staff and to the senior school. During the course, we were instructed in the mysteries of K.S.K., Lewisite, incendiary bombs and the anatomy of a respirator. Several of the boys were given a chance of displaying their dexterity in handling an incendiary bomb when a practice bomb was ignited in the play-ground, while the advent of a gas van gave to many the unique experience of trying to sing popular songs while wearing a respirator. After the summer vacation we returned to school to find several classrooms fitted with wire netting over the windows, wash-basins and a bewildering array of pipes and cisterns. This, we learnt, was because of the needs of the Corporation, who had established a first-aid centre at the school. In only one case did this interfere with the normal school routine, and after a few weeks, even that slight difficulty had been overcome, and all classes are now being held as before. Although the St. John Ambulance Brigade no longer meet in the school we now find ourselves well protected during school hours.

In the field of sport, the most notable event was the holding of the School's first Boxing Championships in place of the usual contest with Portora. Owing to the large entry of 68 boys, the preliminary contests were fought off in the gymnasium, the finals taking place in the Clockroom before a large attendance.

And so we close this short review of 1940 with the hope that 1941 may prove as happy

and interesting. In the meantime, though they may arrive a little belated, we send to all our readers our heartiest wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

School Notes

WE congratulate our Headmaster, Dr. Bennett, on gaining the degree of Ph.D. at Trinity College, Dublin.

School re-opened after the Summer Vacation on Wednesday, September 4th.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. L. Young, a member of the staff for nearly twenty years. His place has been temporarily filled by Mr. V. H. S. Mercier, whom we welcome to the High School.

On the 26th October we had an opportunity of hearing an interesting lecture on missionary work in India, given by Mr. Oliver Brown, headmaster of the High School, Ahmedabad.

At the Youth Day of this year's "Oireachtas," held at the Mansion House, we were represented by eight boys chosen from Forms V and VI.

The first School Boxing Championships ever to be held took place before a large attendance in the Clockroom on November 28th.

Mr. R. Collie gave the Stamp Club a lecture on "Things to look for in Stamp-Collecting" on Monday, November 25th.

During the term, five boys took advantage of the reduced prices of admission offered by the Clopet-Yorke Theatrical Company to attend a production of J. B. Priestley's "Spring Tide" at the Gate Theatre.

The Annual Break-up Dance will take place on Friday, 20th December in the Clockroom.

We congratulate—

Mr. V. H. S. Mercier on gaining a 1st class Moderatorship and gold medal in Modern Languages. He was also awarded one of the two Moderatorship Prizes in Modern Languages.

R. A. Cole on winning the 1st Entrance Scholarship and 1st Classical Sizarship.

D. A. Orr on gaining the Thompson Exhibition.

K. H. Young on being awarded the Old Boys' Cup.

J. R. F. Smith (Capt.), H. Roberts (Vice-Capt.), R. R. Quin, R. J. Machesney, J. R. Greening and W. Rutherford (sub.) on obtaining their Schools Inter-Provincial Rugby Trials (Leinster).

Cricket

Capt., D. A. ORR. Vice-Capt., G. D. LYONS.
Hon Sec., D. H. CARROLL.

THIS was a moderately successful season which hardly fulfilled its promise. The Junior XI were the only team that looked like gaining honours, but gave a very disappointing display against Masonic in the second round of the Cup. The Senior XI started the season

Perhaps the most enjoyable items in the season were the matches which we played against the Old Boys. The first match, particularly, was a high-scoring one, played under very pleasant conditions. It was obvious from the way in which the Present Team shaped that they had learned much from Brockway's coaching. Many Old Boys commented favourably on the skilful use of the "straight bat."

We count ourselves particularly fortunate in

SENIOR CUP TEAM 1939



P. A. Davis G. B. Griffiths J. R. Greening W. B. West G. W. Williams
R. R. Quin E. W. Frith D. A. Orr (Capt.) D. Carroll J. Vanston
S. J. Wright

badly, but finished strongly by winning the last five matches. The "Under 14" was not up to the standard of previous years, but the members are young and very keen.

The bat, for the best batting average, was awarded to S. J. Wright, while J. W. Vanston was awarded the ball for the best bowling average; he took 56 wickets at a cost of 6.9 runs per wicket. He also gained a place on the Leinster Schools' Trial Team.

having had the benefit of Brockway's tuition last season, especially as he has returned to England to join up and there is little possibility of gaining professional coaching while the war lasts. The improvement which such coaching can achieve became particularly noticeable towards the end of the term, when, as has been noted above, the S.C.T. won five matches in a row. We fully expect that in the coming season we shall benefit more fully from the work of last year.

The High School Boxing Club

Capt., R. R. QUIN. Vice-Capt., E. A. FOSTER.

Hon. Sec., S. J. WHITNEY.

WE suffered two losses at the beginning of this season, by the departure of our trainer, Mr T. Byrne, who is serving with the Army, and by the death of Mr. J. L. Young we lost a very valuable friend who took an active interest in the club for a great many years.

finals came around and the following bouts took place in the Clock Room before the largest crowd that has ever thronged within its doors.

5st. 0lb.—P. H. Stewart beat D. C. Macauley (on points).

5st. 7lb.—H. E. Burleigh beat D. W. B. Hopkins (on points).

6st. 0lb.—S. N. Grant beat C. G. Machesney (on points).

6st. 7lb.—B. D. Waugh beat D. Romney (on points).

ELLERKER CUP WINNERS 1940



G. T. Stephens, J. F. McKeon, Mr. J. R. Goulden, S. J. Whitney, N. T. George, Sergt. Nelson.
The late Mr. J. L. Young, R. R. Quin, D. A. Orr, E. A. Foster, Dr. Bennett (Headmaster).
(Capt.)

S. J. Wright.

C. G. Machesney.

However, we soon settled down and we were lucky to obtain as our trainer Mr. P. McColgan, who has made great progress with the boys, and Mr. Kirkpatrick kindly undertook to fill Mr. Young's place on our committee.

For the first time in the School's history we decided to run a championship contest and no less than 68 boys entered. The preliminary bouts were fought in the Gym, and we discovered some hidden talent. At last the night of the

7st. 0lb.—S. J. Wright beat A. W. Willits (on points).

7st. 7lb.—J. D. Spoor beat J. G. Palmer (t.k.o. 3rd round).

8st. 0lb.—A. W. Polden beat W. F. Kellett (on points).

8st. 8lb.—D. E. Dann beat S. M. Burch (retired 3rd round).

9st. 2lb.—A. C. Stewart beat E. D. R. Simms (on points).

9st. 10lb.—J. R. Greening beat W. J. Potts* (scratch).

10st. 8lb.—R. R. Quin beat J. R. F. Smith (t.k.o. 1st round).

11st. 8lb.—E. W. Frith beat H. R. Roberts (t.k.o. 1st round).

Heavy—R. J. Machesney beat E. A. Foster (on points).

* R. S. Gardner very sportingly deputised for W. J. Potts, who had been injured in a Rugby match.

At the end of the evening the Headmaster presented the medals which had been very kindly given by a group of Old Boys: Messrs. H. Burchill, J. R. Dick, H. A. Stafford and Dr. J. I. Stafford. We are very grateful to the gentlemen who gave up their valuable time to act as officials. Mrs. Bennett kindly entertained these officials to supper. This competition proved such a success that we propose to make it an annual event.

We had hoped to have a contest against Portora Royal School, but owing to sickness they were unable to attend, but we hope to meet them in February.

The Annual Sports, 1940

Special Cups: 220 yards, Senior Champion—D. A. Orr.

Junior Cup—E. N. Lambert.

War Memorial Cup—D. A. Orr.

Place and Drop Cup—Wright, S. J.

75 yards (under 10)—1, Macaulay, D.; 2, Draper, P.; 3, Rhodes, W. S.

75 yards (under 11)—1, Young; 2, Comley; 3, Macaulay, D.

75 yards (under 12)—1, Hengstenberg; 2, Burleigh; 3, Montgomery.

100 yards (under 13)—1, Henderson; 2, Wright, S. C.; 3, Balbirnie.

100 yards (under 14)—1, Young, W.; 2, Bird; 3, Palmer, J. G.

100 yards (under 15)—1, Gillespie; 2, Grice; 3, Lambert.

100 yards (under 16)—1, Weir, S. S.; 2, Quin, G. B.; 3, Keatinge.

100 yards (Senior)—1, Carroll; 2, Weir, S. S.; 3, Orr.

150 yards (under 12)—1, Cole, M. A.; 2, Montgomery; 3, Rodway.

220 yards (under 15)—1, Jolley, A. R.; 2, Cole, G.; 3, McKeon.

220 yards (under 16)—1, Weir, S. S.; 2, Quin, R. R.; 3, Keatinge.

220 yards (Senior)—1, Carroll; 2, Griffin; 3, McKeon.

Siamese Race—1, Macaulay and Draper; 2, Barlow and Grant.

Sack Race (under 13)—1, Kerr; 2, Ticher; 3, Barrie.

Sack Race (over 13)—1, Wilkinson; 2, Buchalter; 3, Carey.

Obstacle Race (under 13)—1, Wright, D. C.; 2, Comley; 3, Ticher.

Obstacle Race (over 13)—1, Wright, S. J.; 2, Dann; 3, Burgess.

Long Jump (under 15)—1, Lambert, N.; 2, Kyle, R. F.; 3, Wright, S. J.

Long Jump (over 15)—1, Orr; 2, Griffin; 3, Caldwell.

High Jump (under 15)—1, Lambert; 2, Kyle, R. F.; 3, Wright, S. C.

High Jump (over 15)—1, Harvey, T. S.; 2, Orr, D. A.; 3, Quin, R. R.

Hurdles (under 15)—1, Lambert; 2, Wright, D. C.; 3, Gardner.

Hurdles (over 15)—1, Orr; 2, Griffin; 3, Harvey.

Consolation (under 12)—1, Acton-Wann; 2, Silverman; 3, Erdberg, D. J.

Consolation (under 15)—1, Romley; 2, Lee; 3, Baigel.

Consolation (Senior)—1, McColl; 2, Goulding; 3, Palmer, G. S.

Sisters' Race (under 13)—1, Miss Smith; 2, Miss Maltby; 3, Miss Burleigh.

Sisters' Race (over 13)—1, Miss Carroll; 2, Miss Silverman; 3, Miss Seligman.

Old Boys' Race—1, Ellis; 2, McNeill.

440 yards (under 15)—1, Jolley; 2, McKeon; 3, Lambert.

440 yards (Senior)—1, Gardner, R. L.; 2, Weir, S. S.; 3, Quin, R. R.

Half Mile—1, Keatinge, A. H.; 2, Gardner, R. L.; 3, Smith, R. F.

Mile—1, Smith, R. F.; 2, Gardner, R. L.; 3, Frith, E. W.

Tennis, Senior Singles—Jermyn.

Tennis, Junior Singles—Burgess.

Cricket, best bowling average—Vanston, J.

Cricket, best batting average—Wright, S. J.

House Relay—Abbey House. Team: Weir, Gardner, Carroll, Lambert.

Rugby

Captain: J. R. F. SMITH.
Vice-Captain: H. R. ROBERTS.
Hon. Sec.: J. A. BELL.

WE opened this season with a Seven-a-side Competition which proved very successful. This year we have a second ground at Dartry Road, for our Junior XV's., and we are greatly indebted to Miss Waller, who leased us the ground, and also to Capt. Shannon for the use of his pavilion and equipment. So far this season has not proved so successful as last season, but, nevertheless, we still continue to live in hope. The S.C.T. has eight of last season's team, but even with this asset we have not done as well as we expected. In the last few weeks the Seniors have been showing much better form.

The vacancy in the centre, brought about by the leaving of D. A. Orr, has proved a definite bogey, and it was found necessary to bring our captain, R. F. Smith, one of last year's pack, into this position. The team this year, forwards and backs alike, do not play together; the former

failing to bind in the loose, and the latter losing touch when passing. This team will have to introduce more fire, and remember the game was never supposed to be played in a drawing room. Nevertheless, great keenness is being shown, and we hope to avenge some of our defeats after the vacation.

This year we are able to run a 2nd XV quite apart from the 1st XV, which shows the increase in the number of boys playing. This team, captained by S. J. Whitney, has so far done well, and we feel that a useful Senior is in sight.

As regards the J.C.T., which is captained by S. J. Wright, we must say that hard training and more practice is indicated. Taken all round they are small, and so far have not played any type of constructive or clever football to make amends for this handicap. The forwards do not realise that they should take part in the game between the set scrums; at the moment they tend to wander from one scrum to the next. The passing of the backs is so bad that although fast they get no chance to use their speed.

The Under 14, Under 13 and Under 12 teams are weak this year, but at the time of writing a

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slight improvement can be seen. The boys on these teams seem to make more use of their voices than of their feet or hands while playing. Until this fault is corrected they cannot hope to do well.

The first set of House Matches has been played and the Senior resulted in a flying win for Harcourt, who later defeated the rest of the School. The Junior House matches resulted in a tie between Abbey and Harcourt. We hope to see more boys offering their services to their respective Houses next term.

We add an account of the Old Boys' match played at Belgrave Square on Thursday, November 7th. The Old Boys, who fielded seven first class players, kicked off and soon got into the School "25," but the School fought back and worked their way over the half-way line. After about ten minutes a penalty was awarded to the School just on the Old Boys' "25" and Roberts made no mistake. Then the Old Boys came down the field from the kick-off and Ellis put Magill in for a score. Just before half-time Roberts kicked a second penalty goal for High School, and we led by three points at half-time. In the second half the Old Boys had most of the play and tries were added by Ellis and Flynn.

Result: Old Boys, 3 tries—9 points; School, 2 penalty goals, 6 points.

J.A.B.

High School Swimming Club

Capt.: K. H. YOUNG. Vice-Capt.: R. R. QUIN.

Hon. Sec.: A. L. JONES.

THIS year, fortunately, galas were not affected by lighting restrictions. The High School Gala was held on Friday, 27th September, at the Iveagh Baths and there was a good attendance. The results of the races are as follows:—

22 yards, under 13.—1st, R. Maltby; 2nd, J. Kerr.

22 yards, Beginners.—1st, J. G. Smith; 2nd, J. Clarke; 3rd, R. Maltby.

44 yards, under 16.—1st, D. Hood; 2nd, D. Dann; 3rd, S. Burch.

66 yards, under 18.—1st, A. Jones; 2nd, R. Kerr.

44 yards, Breast and Back.—1st, J. Tomkins; 2nd, C. Delaney; 3rd, B. West.

Junior Championship.—R. Smith.

Senior Championship.—R. Quin.

Inter-House Relay.—1st, Harcourt; 2nd, Belgrave.

The Old Boys' Race was won by J. Smyth and G. McCabe was second.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Bennett for presenting the prizes and to Mr. Wilson and all who helped to make it a successful evening.

Table Tennis Club

Captain: T. G. GREY.

Hon. Sec.: W. E. RUTHERFORD.

THIS season we are making the experiment of running a Table Tennis Club, membership of which is confined to the Sixth Form for the present. So far it has been an unqualified success. At present the club has twenty members, and we are very grateful to Mr. Wilson, who made us two tables. We play every Tuesday night from 7.30 to 10 p.m., and have already arranged fixtures with other schools and clubs.

On Saturday, 16th November, 1940, six of our boys were invited by the Leinster Branch of the Irish Table Tennis Association to an exhibition by four International players. A discussion followed among the representatives of the schools, as to the best lines on which to run an inter-school competition. Though the details of the competition have yet to be worked out, there is no doubt that there will be some form of inter-schools league which, we feel sure, will be very successful.

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Distribution of Prizes

THE Distribution of Prizes was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 15th November. Professor E. H. Alton, Litt.D., S.F.T.C.D., was in the chair. The following other Governors were present: Messrs. Harry Thrift, G. B. Butler, Harry Johnston, W. R. McCaw and the Registrar.

Apologies for absence were received from: The Archbishop of Armagh, the Bishop of Meath, the Bishop of Cashel, Col. Cairnes, Sir George Franks, Rev. W. J. Mayne, the Rev. Chancellor Nash, Prof. F. E. Rishworth.

The special speaker was Sir Robert Tate, F.T.C.D.

There was a very large attendance, including the officials and members of the Committee of the Old Boys' Union.

SOME POINTS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH.

The Headmaster expressed regret for the absence of the Provost and their pleasure at knowing that his health was improving. He pointed out that the Provost and two other Senior Fellows of Trinity College were Old Boys of the School.

The Report recalled that the High School had reached its 70th year of existence. More than 4,000 pupils had passed through the School, of whom a large number had achieved prominence in various walks of life. The Examination results of the past year had never been exceeded and at present every member of the Staff possessed Honour qualifications as defined by the Department of Education. A report of Examination results will be found elsewhere, but special reference might be made to R. A. Cole, who won the Entrance Scholarship of £320 and First Sizarship at his entrance to Trinity College. Former pupils, now in Trinity College, had gained three First Class Moderatorships (two being First of First), two Foundation Scholarships, First Class Honours (often First of First) in almost all subjects and the following special prizes:—Burke Prize, John Henry Bernard, Townsend Memorial, Begley Studentship, Archbishop King's Prize, Downes and Moncrieff Cox prizes and prizes in English, French, Hebrew, Philology and Sanskrit.

In dealing with Sport, he referred to the great

improvements made at Belgrave Square and to the steps taken to increase interest in games so that now about 200 boys were playing Rugby and there were 68 entries for the Boxing Championships. The Old Boys' Cup was presented by Mr. W. R. McCaw, President of the Old Boys' Union, to Kenneth Young.

Reference was made to the names of Old Boys who had died during the year, particularly those who had been killed in the War. Two others were also mentioned, Mr. J. L. Young, a member of the Staff for nearly 20 years, and Mr. John Garvey, M.A., a member of the Board and a very good friend of the School.

The following prizes were accepted with gratitude:—A legacy of £100 to establish "The Jack Rogers Memorial Prize," prizes presented by the French Government, Mr. Eric May and Mr. William Warnock.

The report pleaded for freedom in education and pointed out that the Totalitarian system of government was historically very old and had produced nothing permanent. Most of our culture came from the Democratic States of Greece.

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The Chairman, Dr. Alton, who is a Senator and ex-member of the Dail, congratulated the Headmaster on his splendid report and said that the most important factor in his own career was his education at the High School. He declared that saving on education was false economy for a nation. Education teaches men to form judgments, and neutrality in war and politics is impossible, at any rate in opinion. He appealed to parents seeking education for their sons to examine the financial advantages of the School, its buildings and its outstanding record of successes.

Sir Robert Tate, F.T.C.D., pleaded for the maintenance of all that is good in old traditions, for the "old school tie" and the spirit of loyalty which the phrase embodies, and for the much maligned examination system. The speech was a refreshing antidote to the many unproved theories of education which we hear to-day.

Examination Results

SPECIAL PRIZES

THE OLD BOYS' CUP.

(Presented by the "Old Boys" of the School, to be given each year to the best type of boy in the School).

K. H. M. Young.

CARPENTER MEMORIAL PRIZE.

E. W. Brennan.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Senior, R. A. Cole. Junior, E. W. Brennan.

PRIZE IN IRISH

(Presented by Mr. W. WARNOCK).

E. W. Brennan.

MUSIC PRIZE (Presented by Mr. ERIC MAY).
W. G. Leach.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1940.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

G. L. James, Pass.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

Passed with Honours:—E. W. Brennan, C. F. G. Delaney, C. Harris, V. A. James, A. L. P. Jones, R. A. Kerr, J. J. Maguire, J. W. Moore, J. A. Motyer, S. W. Reede, A. S. Shiel.

Passed:—S. A. E. Belford, W. M. Noyk, W. B. West.

The following would have passed if they had reached the necessary standard in Irish:—D. E. Dann (Honours); D. G. Duff, A. W. Polden, R. G. Smith, R. F. Luke, R. J. Machesney, G. S. M. Palmer, R. R. Quin (Pass).

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

P. Comley, M. W. Bryan, N. J. F. Rodway, S. C. Wright (First Class); J. R. D. Balbirnie, D. A. Bowles, M. A. Cole, C. M. Henderson (Second Class).

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

DEGREES.

Moderatorships—First Class: Duggan, J. C. (Mental and Moral Science); Fowler, M. C. (Classics); Gilmour, J. C. (Experimental Science); Smyth, J. D. (Natural Science).

Special Prizes at Moderatorship Examinations.—J. D. Smyth: John Winthrop Hackett Prize, Gold Medal (Natural Science).

B. Comm.—Young, E. R.

M.B.—Stafford, J.

B.A.—Tobias, E. J. R.

ENTRANCE DISTINCTIONS.

R. A. Cole: First Entrance Scholarship (£320) and First Classical Sizarship (value £160).

D. A. Orr: The Thompson Exhibition (value £100 with College Rooms at reduced rent).

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

D. H. Carroll, K. M. Chapman, A. C. O'Malley, O. M. P. Tobias, R. J. S. Weir, K. M. Young.

ENTRANCE TO ENGINEERING SCHOOL.

G. D. Lyons, K. M. Chapman.

MICHAELMAS TERM HONOURS—ARTS.

Junior Sophister.

D. T. Malley: 1st Rank, Classics. B. S. Whitney: 3rd Rank, Experimental Science.

Senior Freshmen.

N. D. Browne: 2nd Rank, Mental and Moral Science. H. H. J. Fennell: 3rd Rank, Mental and Moral Science. F. A. L. Gardner: 2nd Rank Natural Science and 3rd Rank Experimental Science. J. K. A. McColl: 3rd Rank Experimental Science. R. J. Monahan: 1st Rank Mathematics.

Junior Freshmen.

A. N. Jeffares: 1st Rank, English Literature, 2nd Rank, Classics. G. A. W. Ridgeway: 1st Rank, Mental and Moral Science.

Final Freshmen.

F. A. L. Gardner (1st Class), R. J. Monahan.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND PHYSICIANS.

M. McParland, Entrance. K. H. Alexander, Second Professional Examination. F. E. Pasley, 1st Dental.

OTHER EXAMINATIONS.

R. R. Caldwell, Chartered Accountants, Preliminary.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL).

H. Rue, First Prize, Organic Chemistry; First Prize, Inter-Laboratory work. E. R. Roberts, First Prize, Applied Chemistry (advanced).

The following have obtained Commercial or other posts:—R. R. Caldwell, S. E. Champ, I. R. Collie, C. G. Corrigan, R. T. Crampton, J. Dagg, D. T. B. Gower, B. G. Griffin, C. W. Holt, A. H. Keatinge, R. A. Lindsay, J. F. J. McKeon, C. W. Martin, A. W. Parsons, H. F. Somers, G. F. Thompson, J. W. Turner, G. J. Tyrrell, T. E. Wills.

The Stamp Club

A STAMP Club was started last term and it now meets each week. A stamp catalogue was bought to help the members, and at present the main pastime at the meetings is exchanging stamps.

So far we have been able to arrange for only one lecture, a very interesting Lantern Lecture by Mr. R. Collie, but we hope to arrange for others next term.

The scope of the society would be very much enlarged if Old Boys in distant corners of the world would send us some of the stamps of the country in which they are living. We should be very glad to receive any gifts which we are sent.

The Debating Society

President, Mr. MOORE. Hon. Sec., R. F. KYLE.

THE High School Debating Society has been holding meetings all this term. It was decided at our first meeting that Sixth Formers were to be allowed to attend. This new system has proved successful and we have had ten meetings, but, unfortunately, the attendance has not been quite so high as we had expected. We hope to have a greater number of boys from the Middle School next term.

We have had some very good meetings and we had one very enjoyable musical evening. The subjects ranged from politics to homework, and were often hotly debated. It was pleasant to see that nearly every member present could rise and speak on most subjects.

We are now looking forward to the meetings which will be held next term.

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AN APPRECIATION

PERHAPS the finest compliment that a teacher can earn is to be described as truly conscientious. In any case, it is a necessary attribute of a teacher, and John Lovell Young possessed it in a high degree. Those of us who have worked with him for nearly twenty years at High School never found him wanting when there was work for him to do. He obviously took a deep interest in his work and was respected by all his pupils and I can honestly say that I never heard one of them pass an unkind remark about him. He knew their capabilities and he was rarely found to be incorrect in his opinion of their characters. He himself was rather reserved and so did not wish to impose his opinions unnecessarily on others. He was not one who made friends lightly, but his friendship was one that had a value which could be appreciated.

He was fond of outdoor life and found great consolation and enjoyment in his garden. He was at one time quite a good golfer and had a handicap in single figures. On the links he was at his best as he was both sympathetic and helpful both to his partner and opponent. In later years when trial and suffering came, he bore them with great patience and calm and we never heard him complain. He was also possessed of a good faith which he never failed to defend when the occasion arose.

Surely any one of us will be content if as much can be said on our own behalf.

C.L.D.

Slumber

When all is fast asleep,
And shadows upward creep,
We lie in quiet slumber,
Although there may be thunder,
But all do sleep.

And at the end of day
When noises die away,
And all have gone to bed,
It seems the world is dead,
But all do sleep.

T.T. (Form 3C¹).

Our Library

In our lending library we lend out some books,
At a half-penny and a penny per week.
If inside the door of my bedroom you'd look,
There's many a book you could seek.

The rules are hung up in an old picture-frame
That cost (when 'twas new) one and three.
When read by a person they all look the same,
For they were type-written by me.

We have "Robinson Crusoe," "The Three Musketeers."

The "Dandy" and "Beano" and all.
And rule No. 6, on the front of the door,
Is "Please wipe your shoes in the hall."

Now "we" is myself, and a boy called A. Plate,
We run it on one day a week.

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The rules and laws governing baseball are the same throughout all North America. The game is played with a round bat about thirty-six inches long, about two and a half inches in diameter at the large end, and tapering to a convenient size for the hands. The ball is hard but elastic and is three inches in diameter. The pitch or field is generally over one hundred yards square and the "diamond" or smaller inner pitch, which fits into a corner of the whole field, is a square with a side of ninety feet. In the common corner of the two squares is "home" base and the other three corners of the diamond are occupied by canvas bags filled with sand or sawdust which are known as first, second and third bases.

Each team has nine men and is divided into three divisions, namely, the "battery," the "infield" and the "outfield." The "battery" consists of a "pitcher" and a "catcher." The "pitcher" stands in the centre of the "diamond" and throws the ball over the "home" base within the batter's reach, but deceptively and swiftly so that the batter may not hit it. The "catcher" guards the "home" base at the rear of the batter and catches the balls that are missed and returns them to the pitcher. The catcher is protected with a chest protector, a wire mask over his face and a heavily padded hand mit. The "infield" consists of the first, second and third basemen and the "short stop," who stands between the second and third bases. The "outfield" consists of a right fielder, a centre fielder and a left fielder. These players, who are out in the field beyond the diamond, use lightly padded gloves, and are expected to catch "fly" balls hit by the batters.

The umpire, who stands behind the "catcher," watches the ball as it is pitched, and if it appears to pass over the "plate" and above the batter's knees and below his shoulders, he calls a "strike," even if the batter makes no attempt

to hit the ball or if he hits it "foul," that is, behind either of the first or third base lines. If the batter makes three attempts to hit the ball and fails, he is called "out" and another of his team takes his place. When three men of a team have been called out, either by "striking out," being "caught out" or by being run out on base, the teams change places, that is, the team that were batting go into the field and the other team bat. A game is completed after nine "innings," that is, when each team has been at bat nine times.

The batter tries to hit the ball between the lines of first and third base and into such a position that the "fielders" cannot catch it. If he is successful he runs as far as he can around the bases before the ball is thrown back to the diamond. Pitched balls which do not pass over the "plate" or do not pass at the right height are called "balls." After four such "balls" the batter is given a "walk," which means he is allowed to go to first base. If a batter touches first, second and third bases and reaches "home" he has scored a point or run for his side. If a batter who starts to run round the diamond fails

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at any time to reach a base before the opponent guarding that base catches the ball, he is "out."

Baseball is the most scientific and carefully studied sport in America. For instance, a player knows he has just about three seconds to run the ninety feet from first to second base before the pitcher can deliver the ball to the catcher, and before the latter has time to throw the ball to the second base man. The loss of a fraction of a second may prove fatal to the runner, or the slightest error in judgment by the pitcher or catcher may give the runner just the time that he wants. Every player in the big leagues knows to a fraction of a second the time each play will take and practises to make himself perfect in each play.

There have been many outstanding baseball players in the past fifty years. Probably the most famous pitcher was "Cy" Young. He held the all-time record of having pitched over five hundred winning games in major league baseball. Among the names of the famous batters are those of "Babe" Ruth and T. Cobb.

Baseball in the United States is under the jurisdiction of two major leagues, the National League and the American League. Below these leagues are the Minor Leagues and in every community there are amateur leagues. Baseball has become a huge business enterprise in the United States. Millions of dollars are spent on it every year and crowds by the thousands attend every major league game.

H. W. ADCOCK (Form 6A).

4²

THE first two are those who have written this ditty,

The third is a long lank who's not very witty,
The fourth is a scholar in need of a brush,
But in Geography class makes the rest of us blush.

The fifth is a small 'un, of vocab. so large,
Who repeatedly pipes up "Which Gr-y is it, Sarge?"

The sixth is our R-dn-y, fond of lassies, we know,
But he's lost his flapjack, so he's now full of woe.

The seventh is one full of "wisecracks" so rare,

But when K.P.K. looks at him, gets quite a scare.

The eighth is eccentric—most times he is sane,
But when he starts preaching he gives us a pain.
The ninth is our "Granny," who groans in despair

When the Maths. Master catches him combing his hair.

The tenth is our "winger,"—he hasn't scored yet!—

But he'd rather play round with his Dad's "Super-het."

The eleventh is W-lson, a writer of note.

When his work is corrected, then he's "in the boat."

The twelfth man is handy, can make things and rig 'em,

But in Irish his answer is always "Ní h-igim."

The thirteenth's unlucky, as well you might guess,

—Got caught with face powder all over his dress.

The fourteenth's our jockey, a bit long we know,
But when doing Shakespeare he goes very slow.

The fifteenth's our farmer, he hasn't a vice,

As cool and as pleasant as an H.B. cream ice.

The sixteenth's our Scotsman, who "fell off a wall"

And when the class sniggered, to him it was gall.

The seventeenth's a Rajah of Far-Eastern fame,
But in Sutton he's known as "the guy with the name."

The last is our dandy, a boxer to boot,
When he "tricks" himself up there's no doubt
he looks cute!

D.R. and S.H.B. (4²).

(With apologies to the best Form in the School).

Housing Problem

A homeless beetle met a snail,
Who listened to his piteous tale:
"My house, O snail, has been burnt down;
Please sell me yours for half-a-crown."
"Impossible!" replied the snail,
"My lovely house is not for sale.
To it so much attached am I
That if I lost it I should die."

F. R. DALEY (Form 3C²).

Musical Medley

Mr. St-r-y: "Say it over and over again."
 Mr. M--r-: "The Latin Quarter."
 Mr. -v-ns: "The dirty little 'pill' went rolling
 down the hill."
 Mr. D-ll-n: "Sh—Sh! Here comes Charlie!"
 Mr. K-rkp-tr-ck: "The Old Tin Helmet."
 Mr. K--g-n: } "French Without Tears."
 Mr. M--rc--r: }
 Mr. W-ls-n: "I like a nice cup of tea in the
 morning."
 Mr. G--ld-n: "Up came Johnny with his
 Camera."
 Mr. W-ts-n: "I was born to Swing."
 Mr. Gr-h-m: "Where did you get that hat?"
 Mr. J-hns-n: "Are there any more at home like
 you?"
 S-rg-nt: "Just a penny serenade."
 R. J. M-ch-sn-y: "Wear a great big smile."
 R. R. Q--n: "It's a date."
 -. -. F-st-r: "You must have been a beautiful
 baby."
 J. B-ll: } "Let's call the whole thing off."
 } "I love to whistle."
 -. T-mk-ns: "All over the place."
 W. K-ll-tt: "I love the horses and the hounds."
 J. F. R-dd: "I wonder if love is a dream."
 H. W. -dc-ck: "Prairie Schooner."
 D. H--d: "Scatter Brain."
 J. W. M--r-: } "Begin the Beguine."
 W. R-th-rf-rd: }
 S. J. Wh-tn-y: "Nobody knows the trouble
 I've had."
 Form 3c²: "We're off to see 'The Wizard.'"
 Rugby Scrum: "Hold tight! Hold tight!"

—OLD MAN RHYTHM.

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Soliloquy

Dark and dim is winter's sky
 With powdery snow-clouds dipping by,
 In quiet twilight we perceive
 The tokens true of Christmas Eve.

Lone footprints on a carpet white
 Bespeak a traveller through the night
 Who quells meandering desires,
 And presses home to glowing fires.

The snow-drooped boughs of leaves stripped
 bare
 In silent majesty declare,
 That o'er the woodland's vast expanse
 'Tis Winter's reign, and Snow's Romance.

D. M. COLLIE (Form 4¹).

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HON. SECRETARIES' REPORT FOR SEASON
1939-40.

THE year 1939/40 has come and gone, and although we entered upon this session with a certain amount of foreboding, in view of the very unhappy international situation, we are able now to look back on one of the most successful periods in the short existence of the Union.

Under our President, Mr. Harry Johnston, M.A., time was not wasted in idle talking, but the Hon. Officers, under whose supervision the various activities function, were spurred on to greater efforts as a result of which we believe no member of the Union will deny that the reunions which took place during the year, with perhaps one exception, were the most successful that have yet been held.

It is satisfactory to note that the various activities show that steady improvement each year which is the sign of healthy growth and, provided that the younger Old Boys are prepared to play their part, there is no reason why this should not be apparent for many years to come.

We take this opportunity of expressing to Mr. Johnston our very sincere appreciation of all he did for the Union during his year of office and we feel confident that under his successor, Mr. W. R. McCaw, the Union will continue to prosper. We wish our new President every success during 1940/41. The first function held during his year of office augurs well for the future; we refer to the Annual Dance held early in November, which proved most successful both from the reunion and financial points of view.

The Annual Meeting was held in October at which there was the largest attendance in the history of the Union. Reports from the various Sports Secretaries were submitted, and from these it was apparent that the Union is in a healthy condition.

In conclusion, we wish again to thank Dr. and Mrs. Bennett and the staff of the School for their continued help and co-operation in the running of the Union.

The following Officers and Committee were elected for the year 1940/41:—

Patron: Dr. W. E. THRIFT.
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Golf Sec.: Mr. S. S. EVANS.
Dance Secs.: Messrs. C. MORTON and H. BUNBURY.
Ex-officio, as immediate Past President: Mr. H. J. JOHNSTON.
Committee: Messrs. H. B. MOORE, S. W. MEYER, H. E. P. ANDERSON, E. E. SPENCE, T. D. MURPHY, K. H. YOUNG, D. A. ORR and R. J. WALKER.

Annual Dinner

At a recent meeting of the Committee it was arranged to hold the Annual Dinner on Saturday, 18th January, 1941, in the Clockroom. Members are urged to keep this date free.

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Cricket Section

REPORT FOR SEASON 1940.

THE Old Boys' Union Cricket team played 4 matches during the season, of which 3 were won and the remaining one lost. Another match was arranged but was cancelled by our opponents on the morning of the game.

On the 27th and 28th May the School was played. This match was the "Colour Match" for the School and was consequently much more enjoyable for all concerned, being taken more seriously than usual. The School, batting first, made the very respectable total of 112, of which Orr contributed 38 and Griffin 21. The School batting was most consistent and showed careful coaching. We replied with 179, thanks to some very good batting by R. Boucher and W. Gilmour.

On June 3rd and 4th we had King's Hospital Old Boys at the Square and owing to the very fine weather we again had tea each evening in the open. We were pleased to have the support as spectators of some of the older "Old Boys." We batted first and totalled 90 all out, to which K.H. replied with 129, thus winning a most enjoyable match by 39 runs.

On July 4th we played our usual one day match with the School, which we won by 42 runs. Some members of the School team were on holiday at the time and cycled from Wicklow to Bray, completing the journey by train to take part in the game. This speaks very highly for the keenness shown by the School team.

We completed our fixtures with a game against the Ulster Bank at the Square on the 25th July. We batted first and declared at 157 for 5 wickets, to which the Ulster Bank team replied with 130 all out, leaving us winners by 27 runs. This match was an innovation inasmuch as it was played during the holidays, and we would like to thank Dr. Bennett for kindly allowing us to have the Square for the occasion.

The opinion was expressed that the Square this season looked and was very much a cricket ground. In fact, it was a pleasure to play there, and no qualms were felt, as formerly, when fielding.

W. G. BOOKER, }
J. C. GILMOUR, } Hon. Secs.

Golf Section

REPORT FOR SEASON 1940.

THE Annual Competition for the Old Boys' Cup and Replica was held at Milltown Golf Club on Friday, 6th September, 1940. The Committee agreed to continue the plan adopted in previous years of allowing members to bring golfing guests, and it proved an immense success. 51 cards were taken out, and 57 sat down to an excellent supper. Some non-golfing members took advantage of the invitation in our circular and came to supper.

During the evening the prizes were presented by our President, Mr. Harry Johnston, as follows:—

O.B.U. Cup and Replica: V. V. Drennan. Runner-up: H. E. P. Anderson. Best Gross: Tie between W. H. Thrift and H. Thrift, won by W. H. Thrift on 2nd nine. Booby: S. W. Meyer.

Guests—Best net: D. O'Connor. Booby: R. W. Jameson. Members and Guests—First Nine: E. Cronhelm.

The clubs represented were:—Castle, Dunmurry, Grange, Delgany, Milltown, Killiney, St. Anne's, Royal Dublin, Portmarnock and Carrickmines.

A most entertaining evening was spent thanks to the musical programme "devised" by Mervyn Bell & Co. Our most grateful thanks are due to the management of Milltown Golf Club for the excellent supper. And we must congratulate our President on having staged a "wonderful night." I would also like to extend my personal thanks to those members who once again came forward and, without being asked, presented prizes.

S. S. EVANS,
Hon. Sec.

News of Old Boys

C. H. Anderson (1912-16) has been appointed House Master in the Strawbridge Home for Boys in Sykesville, Maryland, U.S.A.

F. G. Bestall (1921-28) has been promoted Assistant Commissioner of Police, Rangoon.

S. S. Bestall (1934-39) is a Cadet in the Merchant Service.

W. D. Boyle (1929-36) was honoured again this season by being selected on the Leinster Rugby XV that played Ulster.

R. L. Bryson (1920-27) has obtained his L.T.C.L.

T. H. M. Chillingworth (1924-31) is now a research Chemist attached to Research Dept. of Royal Arsenal, Woolwich.

D. B. W. Good, B.L. (1915-25) is now Resident Magistrate in Kenya.

R. E. McGuire (1914-20) wrote to us recently from Rangoon. He is Deputy Commissioner there.

E. V. Meredith (1932-34) is in the Merchant Service.

S. C. R. Horrell (1924-29), Palestine Police, is in charge of a camp of internees.

J. I. Stafford, M.B. (1924-31) has obtained an appointment in Northern Ireland.

Rev. E. J. R. Tobias, B.A. (1926-34) is now Curate in Donaghadee.

J. G. Yates (1930-34), Experimental Officer in the Ministry of Supply.

Notice

The Editors would be glad to receive any news of Old Boys. Such information should be addressed to the Editors, The Erasmian, at the School.

Serving with the Home Forces—Eire

R. J. Bouchier (1926-31), Artillery (A.A.).

T. F. V. Jackson (1928-31), Artillery (A.A.) (Searchlights).

A. D. Mason (1928-35), Infantry.

A. G. Mason (1921-28), Lieut., Artillery (A.A.).

E. V. Sutton (1932-37), Motorized Cavalry.

S. Woods (1915-20), Captain, Motors.

Serving with the Forces of His Britannic Majesty

C. V. Boyle (1926-33), 2nd Lieut., Lecturer to Officers Training Unit.

W. R. Bryans (1928-36), A.P/O., R.A.F.

Dr. J. M. Bryson (1923-31), Lieut., R.A.M.C.

Rev. A. H. Butler (1920-26), Chaplain to the Forces.

L. B. Butler (1925-27), W/O., R.A.F.

R. K. Craig (1920-25), Q.M.S., R.A.S.C.

S. F. M. Davies (1928-39), Fleet Air Arm, R.N. (Portsmouth).

W. H. Ellis (1932-37), W/O., R.A.F.

C. A. Ervine-Andrews (1916-19), P/O. Equipment, R.A.F.

Dr. H. W. W. Good (1922-29), R.A.M.C.

L. A. Healy (1919-20), R.A.F.

W. T. Heaney (1931-38), Sergt.-Observer, R.A.F.

W. A. Layng (1916-19), P/O. Equipment, R.A.F.

W. S. Moore (1928-33), F/O, promoted Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.

H. J. Paine (1930-37), Irish Guards.

B. F. L. Rooney (1930-39), R.U.R.

F. W. Shea (1910-13), Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.

H. Simon (1921-27), Major, R.A.M.C. (Gibraltar).

S. R. Smyth (1913-16), Lieut., R.U.R.

Roll of Honour

ATKINSON (1927: 1929-33)—June 13th, 1940, George Andrew, Pilot Officer, R.A.F., son of Major and Mrs. Atkinson, 25 Sidney Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin, killed on active service in England.

Deaths

GARVEY—At Vevay House, Bray, John Garvey, D.L., O.B.E., youngest son of the late John C. Garvey, D.L., of Murisk Abbey, aged 84 years. Governor of the Erasmus Smith Trust.

MOSES (1894-95)—September 9, 1940, at Kilbride, Bradwell, Suffolk, England, the Rev. John Herbert Kingsley Moses, M.A., T.C.D., elder son of the late Marcus Tertius Moses, of Kilbride Towers, Kilbride, Bray, aged 59 years.

YOUNG—November 11, 1940, at his home, 20 Nutley Park, Stillorgan. John Lovell Young.

Marriages

BAIN (1923-27) and BESTALL—July 3, 1940, at Brighton Road Church, Dublin, by Rev. B. G. East, assisted by Rev. R. Montgomery, B.A., Dudley, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bain, 5 Rathdown Park, to Harrie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bestall, 106 Leinster Road.

BRYSON (1923-31) and SPURRELL DAVIES—August 1, 1940, at Swan Hill Congregational Church, Shrewsbury, by the Rev. J. Lloyd Woodhouse, John Millard Bryson, M.B., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bryson, 31 Villiers Road, Rathgar, Dublin, to Dilys, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. D. Spurrell Davies, 13 St. John's Hill, Shrewsbury.

CHILLINGWORTH (1924-32) and LANCEFIELD—October 12, 1940, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, by the Rev. S. O. Goodchild, Vicar of Christ Church, Turnham Green, Thomas Henry Morrogh (Harry), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chillingworth, of Baily, Co. Dublin, to Vida, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Lancefield, of 12 Belgrave Court, Chiswick.

Cox (1924-31) and MASON—July 9, 1940, at St. Mobhi's Church, Glasnevin, by the Ven. Archdeacon Power (uncle of the bridegroom), assisted by Rev. Canon Tobias, B.D., and Rev. W. R. A. Bond, M.A., Rev. W. A. Moncrieff Cox, B.A., only son of the late W. A. Moncrieff Cox and Mrs. Cox, 81 Moyne Road, Rathmines, to Esmé Patricia, elder daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mason, 48 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin.

DOAK (1920-25) and LOUGH—July 3, 1940, at Brighton Road Methodist Church, by Rev. Bertram G. East, William Frederick, elder son of the late Houston and Emily Doak, 11 Claude Road, Glasnevin, to Edith Ashwell, youngest daughter of the late James F. Lough and of Mrs. Lough, 4 Palmerston Villas, Dublin.

DOAK (1923-28) and STIVEN—August 27, 1940, at St. Paul's, Glenageary, Houston C., younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Houston Doak, 11 Claude Road, Glasnevin, to Nell, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Stiven, Provincial Bank House, Kingstown.

FARMER (1925-30) and CONNETT—September 2, 1940, at Sandford Parish Church, by the Rev. W. Nesbitt Harvey, B.D., William Edward, only son of Mr. A. G. Farmer and the late Mrs. Farmer, 4 Mornington Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, to Edna Maureen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Connett, 7 Greenfield Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

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HILL (1926-30) and RICHARDS-ORPEN—Aug. 31, 1940, at Kilanne Church, by the Rev. Canon L. Parkinson Hill, M.A., Edward Parkinson, eldest son of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. L. Parkinson Hill, Zion Rectory, Rathgar, and Charmian Dorcas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richards-Orpen, Monksgrange, Co. Wexford.

KILLINGLEY (1914-17) and MARTIN—September 4, 1940, at St. Thomas's Church, Dehra Dun, Major D. M. Killingley, 18th King Edward VII Own Cavalry, youngest son of Rev. D. F. and Mrs. Killingley, to Iris, daughter of the late Rev. R. D. O. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Windyridge, Kingstown

LYSTER (1926-30) and MANSFIELD—September 28, 1940, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. R. C. Madden, B.D., H.C.F., assisted by the Rev. Canon J. Tobias, B.D., Claud Homan George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyster, 24 Ormond Road, Rathmines, to Marjorie Alice, only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Mansfield, 11 Grosvenor Square, Rathmines.

MOORE (1928-34) and BECK—July 4, 1940, at Upper Wallop Parish Church, William Storey, F/O, R.A.F., second son of the late Wm. Moore, M.A., LL.B., and Mrs. Moore, 10 Frankfort Park, Dundrum, to Celia, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Beck, of London.

MOORE (1928-33) and PYPER—July 31, 1940, at St. Columba's, Swords, by the Rev. J. G. D. Pyper, M.A., Vicar of Swords, Hugh Bedford, eldest son of the late Wm. Moore, M.A., LL.B., and of Mrs. Moore, 10 Frankfort Park, Dundrum, to Florence Ruby, third daughter of the Rev. J. G. D. Pyper, M.A., and Mrs. Pyper.

MORROW (1927-36) and MEREDITH—August 27, 1940, at St. Patrick's Church, Ballymena, by the Rev. F. J. Mitchell, M.A., Andrew Edward, son of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Morrow, late of Dublin, to Charlotte Eileen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Meredith, Southfield, Athy, Co. Kildare.

RICHARDSON (1921-28) and WALKER—July 6, 1940, at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, by Rev. T. Hunter, B.A., Thomas Norman, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. Richardson, Clay

Farm, Sandyford, Co. Dublin, to Doreen Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, Didsbury, Manchester.

Association of Schools Unions

The above association held a most successful Golf outing on Thursday, 4th July, at Dollymount, when the following Unions were represented:—St. Andrew's, St. Columba's, High School, King's Hospital, Mountjoy, Wesley.

The Perpetual Challenge Cup, kindly presented by the Royal Dublin Golf Club, was won by St. Columba's O.B.U.

Roughly seventy took out cards, and considerably more attended the subsequent supper. It was gratifying to note the good response from our own Union, in addition to the Headmaster, our President, Mr. H. J. Johnston, three Past Presidents, and over twenty members were present.

The musical programme, thanks to Mr. Mervyn Bell, was most enjoyable. Amongst those taking part were Mr. J. Cowle, Mr. Sam Mooney, Mr. Paddy Henry and Mr. Bob McCullagh.

Toasts were proposed and responded to by Mr. J. Lawson (President A.S.U.), Mr. W. R. McCaw, representing the Royal Dublin Golf Club, Mr. A. W. Briscoe (St. Columba's), Mr. Corrigan (Mountjoy), Mr. R. W. Jeffares (High School).

The success of the meeting was largely due to the Organising Secretary, Mr. A. Barber (Mountjoy), who was ably supported by our own Treasurer, Mr. T. Bell, Mr. J. Lawson (Wesley), Mr. Alan Kidd (St. Andrew's) and others.

The committee responsible feel very satisfied with the result of this initial venture, and, given normal conditions, subsequent meetings should show even better results.

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