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THE EDITOR'S DIEN

Editorial

ANOTHER summer vacation has slipped away and another autumn term has followed it almost imperceptibly into the realm of forgotten things; examinations have crept upon us and, at a loss for words, we have found ourselves, in the tradition of our office, browsing through old copies of THE ERASMIAN in search of inspiration. And there, in pages written beyond the memory of any present schoolboy, we read of A.R.P., of the visit of a gas van to the School, and of a first-aid post on the premises. In the same year the first Boxing Championships were held. Now ten years later the wheel has turned a full cycle, and no championships have been held this year. In the meantime the Ellerker Cup has come and gone. Mention is made of the Stamp Club, the Debating Society, and the Dramatic Society, three very useful and interesting activities all of which has been discontinued for some years, yet all at the time seemed as permanent as could be. "Sic transit . . ."

The advent of the first mistress, and the introduction of conduct reports are noted in two short paragraphs. Is there any significance in the juxtaposition of the two? A change which may well draw a wistful sigh from the heart of some prisoner languishing in detention is the removal of the photographs from the walls of the Clockroom. But a generation is rising which has no recollection of the former glory. The addition of two plaques to the war memorial and the hanging of the framed address by Lord Rugby have a deep significance for many Old Boys and senior pupils.

These last ten years have been extremely critical ones for the world, and the repercussions have spread through all walks of life, but the School pursues the even tenor of its way unmoved by the buffets it has received from all sides. All the changes serve only to emphasize how the character of the School continues unchanged by external influences, in the tradition passed down from one generation of seniors to the next.

The New Dress

JANE TRENT stopped work at five-thirty exactly, and at five thirty-five she could have been seen leaving the offices of Montague Jackson and Burnes, Importers and Exporters, with a determined look upon her pretty face. While waiting for her bus she pondered on Pat. Pat was a close friend of hers and yet was always blissfully unaware of anything new Jane ever wore. She remembered with a sigh her blue dress, her red shoes, her exotic perfume—and yet Pat just said: "Hi, Jane! Let's go". Thirty shillings worth of perfume wasted on the desert air, she thought ruefully.

The bus arrived, and seating herself, Jane wondered how she could make it obvious that she had a new pink dress on without making it obvious. The gushing attitude, the blasé, the mute or the—as was usually the case—submissive? She discounted all these and settled for gentle hints: "Can't sit on that seat, might dirty my dress", "Pat, would you pick up my glove, my dress may drag on the ground", and many other excuses came to her mind.

She hurried from the bus to her home and was greeted by her mother: "Going out with Pat to-night, dear?"

"Yes, mother. I'd better go and change into my new dress."

"Don't you ever go out with anyone else but Pat?" said Mr. Trent teasingly.

"Why? I like Pat," replied Jane sharply.

"Oh, well, I was just wondering," muttered Mr. Trent.

Jane went upstairs and laid out her new dress across her bed, and then having bathed herself she dressed slowly but carefully. Viewing herself in the mirror she wondered how *anyone* could fail to notice the new dress; but yet, she thought Pat would.

She descended the stairs to find her tea ready. She was still thinking about Pat while eating her meal, and her mother, seeing her

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daughter's face looking worried, asked: "Is anything the matter, Jane? You look worried".

"Oh, I'm alright, but I just want Pat to notice my new dress, just this once."

"I shouldn't let that worry you, if I were you," snorted Mr. Trent from across the table.

Shortly afterwards she excused herself and left the table. As it was a gloriously fine evening she decided to wear just a cardigan, thereby giving Pat an opportunity to see her dress. Leaving the cardigan open, she walked slowly down the road grasping her handbag tightly. Would it be noticed? Would it be noticed? Would Pat see it? These questions ran through her mind.

Rounding the corner she saw Pat. Pat was good-looking, tall, and slow-moving. Jane always disliked Pat's habit of lounging against the walls. On seeing Jane Pat stood up from the cinema wall and called: "Hi, Jane. Let's go!" The dress went unnoticed, observed Jane with a sigh. She came up to Pat and in silence the two girls entered the cinema.

G. HENDERSON (6).

In a Slate Quarry

DURING a holiday at Caernarvon, North Wales, I visited the world's largest slate quarry, which is situated outside the town of Llanberis. The quarry is eight miles long and is galleried. The galleries have been blasted out above and below sea level.

The method of obtaining the slate is simple. Charges of explosive are placed on the gallery by the workmen who then take cover in specially built huts similar in shape to an igloo. After the slate has been blasted out by the explosive it is loaded into the trucks by the men. The trucks are taken along to an elevator which takes them up or down (as the case may be) to ground level. They are then brought by a narrow gauge railway to the factory.

The slate is taken to the chiseling department where it is chiselled into sheets. The sheets are then taken to the cutting department where they are cut into various sizes, some by hand and some by machine. For the benefit of the workmen a duct is erected over the cutting machine to draw off the dust. They are

then smoothed off and taken to the nearest railway station to be carried to various places in the country, and also to the docks to go abroad.

C. D. SEYMOUR (Form 2A).

Holidays in France

DURING the summer holidays my father sent me for one month to France to stop with a French family. The place I stopped at was Lille in the North of France. Lille is not pretty because it is full of factories and offices.

When I arrived the boys had not yet got their holidays and I was surprised when I saw them going off at eight o'clock, because the schools start at half-past eight and the boys do not leave them again till seven o'clock in the evening; they got their lunch in school and had homework for the holidays.

When I arrived everybody was talking about something called "le tour de France", which they later explained was a bicycle race between countries on the continent around France, starting in Paris and stopping at various towns, one of them being Lille, and finishing in Paris.

On the day the race came to Lille my friends brought me to the city where we got a place two kilometres from the check point of Lille. The day was very warm and we arrived three-quarters of an hour early.

While waiting I saw a thing that made me laugh: a fat police agent came along on his bicycle, stopped in front of us, got off and went over to two parked bicycles, put his hand into the saddlebag of one of them, took out a bottle of wine, put it to his mouth and drank some. He then put the bottle back and rode off.

I had expected to see a crowd of bicycles coming along and ridden at great speed, so I got a shock when I saw a long line of motor vans coming down the street advertising all types of goods. These vans go in front of the bicycles all the time.

Shortly after a police formation of motor-bikes came and cleared the streets, and then the first group of riders came down travelling quite slow and looking very dusty and very tired. The people cheered them on with shouts of "Two more kilometres".

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The bicycles were lightweight racers, the men wore shorts, singlets and cycling caps. They also carried water flasks on their handlebars. When they had passed, my friends and I returned to the suburb where we lived.

This was one of the many interesting things I saw during my month's holiday; among the others were: a visit to a radio circus, a cotton mill in Armentières and a trip to Ypres battlefield in Belgium.

T. H. HEMPENSTALL (2A).

Some time ago I saw some very pretty white silk being woven on a hand-loom from the only silk that has ever been produced from silk-worms grown in Ireland. These worms were reared in Roscrea by the Monks. This material may one day be found in the Museum.

I would now like very much to see some silk-worms and so see the very beginning of silk manufacture.

G. H. BLEAKLEY,

FORM 2A.

The Manufacture of Silk and Poplin

AT one time Silk and Poplin were all woven on hand-looms, but now only two firms use hand-looms, and I visited one of them during my Easter Holidays.

I was told that the silk-worms are reared mostly in Japan and China, and it takes eight of the strands produced by the silk-worm, twisted together, to make one of the threads that are used in the looms. In making one yard in width, there are six thousand eight hundred threads threaded in the loom, and one thread is passed in and out through them to form the cloth. These threads are threaded through very small eyes on the frames of the loom to form the various patterns.

To operate the loom the weaver presses his foot on a bar to lift some of the frames and threads up and then he runs his shuttle through the space between the threads and then clamps the shuttle thread tightly in place. When he presses a second bar the position of the threads in the frames is reversed, and he runs his shuttle in the opposite direction. It takes about one hour for an experienced weaver to make one yard of silk.

I saw different cloths being made. The first piece I recognised was the material for Trinity scarves and ties. I also saw material for a sportsman's tie with fish and birds woven on it and some material in the colours of a South African Club. I was then shown woven pictures of different places, one of which was Glendalough.

A Visit to Skerries

ON Friday, 2nd June, a party of about forty boys went to Skerries with Mr. Ruddock and Mr. Willoughby, on the invitation of Waterloo Grammar School, Liverpool, who was camping there. When we arrived we were photographed along with our English hosts, and then divided into three parties—one to go swimming, one to play "soccer," and the third to play cricket. After some enjoyable games played in a holiday spirit we sat down to a fine tea. A "quiz" was then held between teams representing the two schools, and was won by Waterloo. It was now time to think of trains, so having thanked our English friends for a very pleasant day, we set out for the station.

R. A. S.

High School through the eyes of J4 and J5

THE High School has many features; one is the great interest taken by Dr. Bennett in our work.

Every Thursday he comes round to look at the work we have done during the week. He begins at the juniors, that is J1, and goes from form to form right up to the seniors. If a boy is not doing good work he will make a note of it, and if he finds the same fault the next week the boy will be put in detention.

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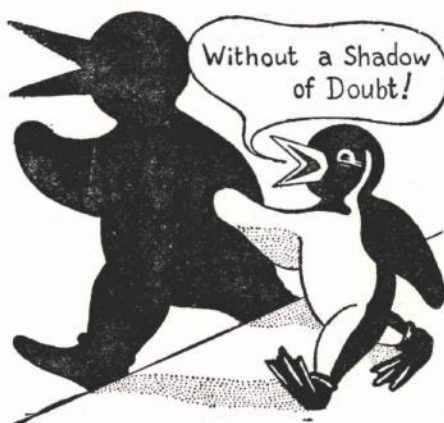
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The Clockroom is our school's pride. All meetings of any size are held in it. It is called the Clockroom because there is a big clock built into one wall.

At one end of the room is a stained glass window—a war memorial. Under it is a text and a tablet with a list of the names of the Old Boys who were killed in the two wars.

Every morning prayers are held in the Clockroom because it is the only room that can hold all the boys in the school.

The Sergeant's Box is just inside the door into the school. What we call "the box" people outside would call an office. It is a small room packed with books of all kinds. There are benches in the room. In the morning before prayers the masters sit on the benches and talk or read papers until the bell rings.

The Sergeant has a desk. On this he has a book to keep the names of boys who are late and those who are "stuck".

The Sergeant is a very useful man: he rings the bell for prayers and when it is time for classes to change; he gives out pencils and rulers and collects the absent lists. Although he is cross at times we are fond of him.

We all like Mr. Wilson's room very much. Inside the door to the right the first thing we see is a lovely picture on canvas. Behind it are the manual instruction benches. The loveliest thing in the room is a lantern with aeroplanes drawn on the sides. When a motor is turned on the lantern spins round.

There are a lot of drawings in the room done by Mr. Wilson. He made desks for the school; some of the senior boys helped him. He is a very clever woodwork master.

From a boy's point of view a very important feature of High School is the Tuck Shop. This is a small room with a counter from wall to wall. There are a number of shelves from which we can buy sweets, chocolates and lemonade. We can also buy doughnuts, cakes and milk.

Fishy !

It's nice to sit, and think, and fish,
And fish, and think, and sit,
And sit, and fish, and think, and wish
The fish would bite a bit.

C. WARREN.

Checkmate

The board is set, the pieces all aligned,
Two different, equal forces of one kind;
The Black and White, each on their victory bent,
Must struggle for their chequered continent.
The pawns advance, by greater powers controlled,
Like merchandise exchanged, or bought or sold;
White knights position take, White castles set
T'extend dominions' boundaries still yet;
The Black, confined, of all their free moves barred,
Strive to break out; the contest grows more hard—
Till by a stroke, both Black and White agree,
To conquering knight White Queen must bend her knee.
If fair means fail, then others must be found,
And the unwilling loser, looking round,
Seeing no victory the rules afford,
Tips up the table, o'ersets the board,
Scatters the pieces, snatches up the king,
Keeps him captive, banished, languishing;
Although he fancies that the game is won,
When rules are broke, a harder game's begun.

J. TAYLOR (5).

Fifty Years Ago

The pear that was on the pear-tree in the playground is missing. Anyone giving information that will lead to its recovery or to a conviction will be suitably rewarded. The matter has been placed in the hands of the Sergeant.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

TERM began on Wednesday, 6th September, 1950.

We record with regret the death in action in Korea of John David Foster (1938-46), and offer our sincere sympathy to his parents.

We welcome to the Staff Mr. W. J. Lowry, B.A., T.C.D., H.Dip.Ed. (Hons.), and Mrs. M. D. Dunlop, A.R.C.M., L.G.S.M., and say farewell to Mr. T. L. B. Cooley, who has resigned from his position as Music Teacher on leaving Dublin to take up residence in Carlow.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Goulden on the birth of a daughter on 17th June last; Mr. and Mrs. Keegan on the birth of a daughter on 24th July last, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on the birth of a son on 29th July last.

The School year ending in July, 1950, was the 80th year since the School was founded.

On 13th June we were visited by Mrs. F. M. King-Wood and Col. Rose and heard an interesting talk, illustrated by a colour film, on the activities of Dr. Barnardo's Homes to which the boys of the School had contributed £12 the previous December.

Congratulations to the 1st XI on winning the Leinster Schools' Senior Cricket Cup!

Two pupils, George Beattie and Robert Purcell, were awarded Consolation Prizes in the Children's Newspaper Handwriting Test, 1950.

Colin Walker read the Lesson at the Annual United Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, 15th October, 1950.

Our thanks are due to G. W. Bull who presented to the School a post for the notice board in Belgrave Square.

The Prefects for 1950-51 are: A. W. M. Cooper, W. S. W. Poole, A. P. R. Brook, C. B. Craven, I. R. McAulay, B. R. Wilkinson, A. Clarke, W. D. Forsyth.

The photograph on the cover is by C. E. H. Maltby.

We Congratulate

Mr. Ruddock on being selected to represent Leinster in the hockey interprovincial match against Ulster.

A. W. M. Cooper on leading the 1st XI to victory in the Leinster Schools' Senior Cricket Cup; on being selected to play for the Schools of Ireland team against the Leprechauns, and to captain the Leinster Schools' Cricket team against Ulster.

T. W. Williams on being selected to play for the Leinster Schools' Cricket team against Ulster.

D. M. Freedman on being selected to travel as substitute with the same team.

A. W. Brook on being selected for a Leinster Schools' Rugby Trial.

F. H. L. Woods (age 11) of J₅ on inventing an improved form of toy petrol pump which, we understand, has been purchased by an English toy-manufacturing company.

E. H. Winter (age 11) on being again invited (October, 1950) to play the violin in the "Children at the Microphone" programme of Radio Eireann.

The Prize Distribution

THE Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Clockroom on Friday, 10th November. Mr. Cecil H. Darley, B.L., Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. There was a very large attendance.

The Headmaster spoke in his report of the steady increase in the number of pupils which had taken place during the last six years, the total increase being over 50 per cent., and the number higher than at any time since the foundation of the School. Five additions in all had been made to the Staff, and six new classrooms provided. The additions to the Staff meant that the classes were not overcrowded in spite of the increased number of pupils.

Before dealing with examination results, Dr. Bennett stressed the fact that the most important thing in a school was a "good atmosphere". This was upheld and transmitted by many influences, including successive generations of senior boys. The results of the Depart-

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ment of Education examinations had rarely, if ever, been better. Half the candidates had passed with honours, over 80 per cent. had got honours in the two basic subjects, Mathematics and English, and two boys had got full marks in Algebra. In the University examinations for Sizarships, Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions boys had gained awards to the value of about £890, thus keeping up the high standard set by their predecessors during the past decade.

[Details appear on another page]

In Sport our chief distinction had been the winning of the Leinster Schools' Senior Cricket Cup, last won in 1917. The "Under 14" XI had reached the final of the "Under 14" League.

The Parents' Association had had an active year under the Presidency of Mr. D. C. FitzPatrick, and valuable lectures had been given on careers for boys leaving school.

The Old Boys' Union had had another very successful year under the Presidency of Mr. F. R. A. West.

In concluding, the Headmaster thanked the Staff for their loyal and harmonious co-operation. He owed a special debt of gratitude to Mr. Dillon and Mr. Evans, who had given their time without stint outside school hours and during the summer holidays to the very heavy work of organisation.

After he had presented the prizes the Chairman congratulated the Headmaster on his report, in particular on the remarkable successes in University examinations, and expressed his best wishes for Dr. Bennett's recovery. He, too, thanked Mr. Dillon and Mr. Evans for all the work they had done since Dr. Bennett became ill. Remarking on the small number of boys who stayed for the Leaving Certificate, he said it was a great pity and a mistake. The best investment a parent could make was to give a good education to his boy.

Mr. G. F. Mitchell, Fellow and Junior Dean, T.C.D., the first Old Boy to be Special Speaker at the Distribution, told of his previous acquaintance with the Clockroom, where for many years he had stood with different classes at Prayers, and later, after Dr. Bennett had become Headmaster, taken part in French and Greek plays which owed a great deal of their

success to the assistance given by Mrs. Bennett in their production.

Speaking from his experience of marking papers in College, he told the boys that the commonest faults he found were bad spelling and a lack of clear expression. Boys should learn to say exactly what they meant, and to spell correctly. If they did so it would stand to them whether in business or at the university. Mr. Mitchell also advised boys to take an interest in some form of art, music, drawing, painting. Students who did so were among the happiest in College.

Mr. E. E. Spence, President of the Old Boys' Union, presented the Old Boys' Cup to the winner, J. L. Wilding. The cup had originated from a suggestion made at the O.B.U. Dinner in 1931 by Mr. Rupert Jeffares, who made a collection there and then to provide the cup. Having spoken of the object of the cup and the grounds on which it is awarded, Mr. Spence congratulated Wilding and welcomed him to the Old Boys' Union.

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

Examination Results, 1950

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS

Leaving Certificate: Honours—E. A. Southam; A. P. R. Brook. (Partial examination. Honours in Mathematics and Mechanics.)

Pass—J. G. Sinclair.

Intermediate Certificate: Honours—E. Ahern, R. G. Brooks, R. S. Browning, J. E. Burrows, G. Clarke, J. W. Dowse, K. H. Fleming, D. H. Griffith, R. G. Heather, G. A. Henderson, J. Love, B. M. McCracken, J. W. A. Scott, C. C. Walker, D. H. V. Johnston.

Pass—W. M. Gregory, C. R. J. Rudd, R. A. Sloan, A. Williams, G. C. Chambers, K. N. Henderson, J. C. R. Seager, R. V. Siev.

The School Choir qualified for the Department of Education Grant with 82 per cent.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

First Class—R. E. Wilson, G. K. Brownlee, B. E. W. Dowse.

Second Class—C. D. Seymour, W. G. G. Fisher.

Carpenter Memorial Essay Prize—C. C. Walker.

John Philips Rogers Prize—G. Clarke.

Mr. Warnock's Irish Prizes—Senior: E. A. Southam; Junior: K. H. Fleming.

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THE Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Friday, 26th October, 1950, in the Clockroom of the High School at which there was a better attendance than on previous occasions, but not as large as it might be considering the number of parents who have boys now attending the School.

The general meeting was followed by a musical evening which was very much enjoyed by all. A talk by Dr. McCracken on "Critical Periods in Youth Development" has been arranged for Friday, December 1st, while an interesting programme is in the making for the 1951 session.

On behalf of the Committee I would be grateful through the medium of THE ERASMIAN to ask all parents to become members and support this interesting and helpful Association.

J. R. DIGNAM.

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LEINSTER SCHOOLS' SENIOR CUP WINNERS, 1950

Standing—J. Forsyth, B. R. Wilkinson, C. C. Walker, Mr. Ruddock, N. Jarrett, J. Love,
R. A. Sloan.

Sitting—Mr. Cornish, A. P. R. Brook, C. E. H. Maltby, A. W. M. Cooper (capt.), D. M.
Freedman, A. Clarke, Dr. Bennett.

Cricket, 1950

WE started the 1950 season in a spirit of modest optimism concerning our 1st XI, for we realized that most of our previous year's team which had been heavily defeated in the semi-final had returned and that some juniors had shown considerable promise. At the start of the season it was decided to dispense with the services of a coach, and Mr. Cornish and Mr. Ruddock undertook this work, which they carried out very efficiently. The experimental team which took the field against Belvedere College on a very dark day proved, with one exception, to be that which later rode to victory in the cup. In this match, when we scored 89 for 5 and took four wickets for 26, the "old stagers" showed the beginnings of cup form and the younger players gained useful experience. Heartened by this and a win by an innings and 162 runs over Avoca in the first round, our confidence was rocked by a strong Blackrock College team in the second, when we lost three wickets for 11 runs and were all out for 93. Fortunately our pace bowlers came off on a hard pitch and a start of six wickets for 22 runs put the match in our grasp, and we

won by six runs. This match at once shocked us, encouraged us, showed us our weakness and strength, and above all, the tension bound us together into a team—and a good team. This was apparent in the semi-final against St. Mary's.

I believe that the 1950 1st XI can be rated as the best team the School has produced for a great many years, and one of the best ever. Its strength lay not in runs or wickets any person made or took, but in the solidity of the middle batting and the all-round ability of the attack backed up by fielders with the will to chase the ball all the way, and some grand close fielding. The team was more important than the individual, and whenever a special effort was needed it was given wholeheartedly.

The snap catching of Brook and Walker in the leg trap positions and Williams in the gully and the neat ground fielding of Freedman at cover may, perhaps, be picked out specially, Brook taking seven catches during the season and Freedman six; but everyone played his part. Maltby behind the stumps achieved ten catches and three stumpings. The main attack consisted of four bowlers, Cooper, Clarke, Williams and Freedman, who between them bowled all but five of the overs bowled in the cup matches and were together capable of disposing of most batting sides on any wicket.

In every cup match the opening bowlers took at least one wicket inside two overs, and all four finished the season with averages between 5 and 9. Only once in the season were we given a start of more than ten by the opening batsmen, but someone always came to the rescue. The solidity of Williams' defence at No. 6 proved invaluable on several occasions. This state of affairs did not of course come about at once, but after a great deal of work, and great credit must go to Mr. Cornish and Mr. Ruddock for their interest in and work on the team. Our thanks are due also to J. L. Wilding, who scored so willingly and efficiently for us during the season.

The J.C.T. had a fairly disappointing season and were somewhat overshadowed by the seniors, but several of them showed great promise and should fill the gaps in the senior next year.

The "Under 14" did better than was expected and won their way to the league final, when they were rather heavily defeated by Belvedere College.

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Three of our bowlers were further honoured during the season, Cooper and Williams being selected for the Leinster Schools' XI against Ulster, the former as captain, and Freedman travelling as a substitute. Cooper also played for the Irish Schools' XI v. the Leprechauns.

A. W. M. C.

[As a footnote to the above report, it must be mentioned that its author, A. W. M. Cooper, the cricket captain, was an inspiration to the team, and by his leadership and example, both on and off the field, contributed in a great measure to its success.—J. C.]

LEINSTER SCHOOLS' SENIOR CUP FINAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL

J. Love bowled Borton	5
A. Brook lbw, b Highton	10
A. Cooper lbw, b Webb	19
D. Freedman c Highton b Borton	14
C. Maltby c Marshall b Webb	17
T. Williams c Nowlan b Talbot	29
D. Forsyth bowled Borton	1
C. Walker lbw, b Highton	1
R. Sloan bowled Highton	25
A. Clarke not out	35
N. Jarrett c Wilson b Highton	0
Extras	18
Total	174

Bowling:

N. Borton	21 - 12 - 37 - 3
R. Talbot	21 - 7 - 46 - 1
W. Webb	14 - 5 - 26 - 2
R. Highton	23 - 9 - 33 - 4

MOUNTJOY SCHOOL

1st Innings

R. McDonnell lbw b Cooper	0
W. Webb c Cooper b Williams	4
D. Thompson bowled Cooper	1
N. Borton c Brook b Clarke	9
J. Lyle bowled Williams	0
R. Highton c Walker b Clarke	1
A. Nowlan c and b Williams	10
A. Hayden bowled Williams	0
C. Marshall c Maltby b Freedman	2
S. Wilson not out	0
R. Talbot c Brook b Freedman	0
Extras	14
Total	41

Bowling:

A. Cooper	8 - 4 - 5 - 2
A. Clarke	12 - 4 - 12 - 2
T. Williams	9 - 5 - 7 - 4
D. Freedman	4.5 - 1 - 3 - 2

2nd Innings

R. McDonnell bowled Cooper	0
W. Webb bowled Clarke	0
D. Thompson c Brook b Cooper	2
N. Borton not out	49
J. Lyle ct Brook b Cooper	0
R. Highton st Maltby b Freedman	5
A. Nowlan bowled Freedman	0
A. Hayden c and b Freedman	0
C. Marshall c Forsyth b Clarke	8
S. Wilson bowled Clarke	3
R. Talbot lbw b Clarke	4
Extras	14
Total	85

Bowling:

A. Cooper	14 - 6 - 26 - 3
A. Clarke	12.5 - 5 - 19 - 4
T. Williams	8 - 2 - 11 - 0
D. Freedman	7 - 2 - 15 - 3

SEMI-FINAL

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Duff c Williams b Cooper	2
Farley not out	51
Harrington bowled Williams	2
Murray, P. c Brook b Cooper	6
O'Dwyer lbw b Cooper	11
Kelly bowled Williams	18
McGovern lbw b Williams	4
Fagan bowled Cooper	0
O'Broin bowled Williams	12
Murray, C. lbw b Williams	2
Gibney bowled Clarke	5
Extras	14
Total	127

Bowling:

Cooper	20 - 3 - 48 - 4
Clarke	7 - 1 - 16 - 1
Williams	22 - 9 - 36 - 5

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Brook lbw b Kelly	2
Love lbw b Kelly	2
Cooper bowled Gibney	25
Freedman c O'Broin b Kelly	3
Maltby bowled Kelly	50
Williams c Duff b Kelly	25
Walker bowled Duff	0
Forsyth c C. Murray b Duff	3
Sloan bowled Kelly	2
Jarrett not out	0
Clarke not out	7
Extras	16
Total	135

Bowling:

Kelly	19 - 3 - 52 - 6
Gibney	16 - 6 - 26 - 1
Duff	9 - 1 - 16 - 2



(Photo by R. M. Mahon)

Mrs. Cooper presenting the Cup to her son, A. W. M. Cooper.

The Cup Final

AT ten past three on Friday, the 23rd June, the High School opening pair, J. Love and A. Brook, went out to face the Mountjoy attack in the pleasant surroundings of the Masonic Boys' School ground at Clonskeagh in the final of the Leinster Schools' Senior Cricket Cup, 1950.

Appropriately enough, the first over was a maiden. After six runs had been scored, however, Love was bowled by Borton for five. Brook was then joined by our captain, A. Cooper, and the score was pushed along quite rapidly. After a partnership of 31 Cooper was l.b.w. to Webb when he had made 19. Eight runs later Brook, who had kept an end up with a sound innings, was l.b.w. to Highton, having batted 50 minutes for ten.

C. Maltby now joined D. Freedman and there ensued a brisk and productive partnership which put on 26 runs before Freedman was out for 14. Maltby followed four runs

later when he had made 17, and half the side were out for 75, not a very good score in a cup final. T. Williams was, meanwhile, playing one of his usual innings, combining sound defence with a steady, if slow, stream of runs. With D. Forsyth he added five for the sixth wicket when Forsyth was bowled by Borton for one. Williams and C. Walker then added a brisk 13 before Walker was l.b.w. for one.

Williams was now joined by R. Sloan and these two continued together till tea was taken, with the score at 105 for seven. After tea they added a further 23 before Williams fell to a catch off Talbot for 29 invaluable runs made in 57 minutes.

With the score at 128 for eight, Mountjoy went all out to finish off the innings, but Sloan and A. Clarke gave them no respite. These two indulged in some hard hitting, adding 40 for the ninth wicket in 23 minutes before Sloan was bowled by Highton for 25. The end came quickly after that when N. Jarrett was caught off Highton, leaving Clarke not out with a triumphant 35 to his credit after 38 minutes' batting. Of the Mountjoy bowling the best was that of Highton, who took four for 33, and that of Borton with three for 37.

There were still a few minutes left for play and in that time Cooper struck a great blow for the School when he had McDonnell l.b.w. for 0. Webb and Thompson played out time, and on Saturday morning they went out again to face the opening attack of Cooper and Clarke. Cooper soon had Mountjoy in trouble when he bowled Thompson for one. Borton, the Mountjoy captain, then joined Webb, but neither of them was really happy against either of the bowlers.

After taking two wickets for five in eight overs, four of them maidens, Cooper took himself off and brought on Williams with his slow spinners. Soon after this Clarke had Borton caught for nine and Williams had Webb caught for four and bowled Lyle for a duck, which made the score 24 for five. Two runs later Clarke had Highton caught for one, and with the good figures of 12-4-12-2, gave way to Freedman.

Almost immediately Williams bowled Hayden for 0. While for the next quarter of an

hour Marshall by stubborn defence held up an end, Nowlan went after the bowling in a spirited manner. However, Freedman had Marshall caught at the wicket for two and four runs later Williams caught and bowled Nowlan for ten good runs, while soon afterwards Freedman had Talbot caught for 0, leaving Wilson not out 0, and the total at 41.

Williams had the excellent figures of 9-5-7-4, while Freedman's figures were 4-5-1-3-2.

When Mountjoy followed on 135 runs behind, Cooper again dismissed McDonnell in his first over for 0. Clarke had bowled a maiden when rain stopped play for some 40 minutes. On the resumption Cooper had Thompson caught for two and at the same total Clarke bowled Webb for 0. Borton and Lyle played out time till lunch, but immediately afterwards Cooper had Lyle caught by Brook. Shortly after this Brook, who had already held four magnificent catches, had to leave the field because he injured his hand trying to hold a hard hit by Borton.

Borton and Highton added 23 runs for the fifth wicket in 50 minutes, despite the fact that Cooper took Clarke off and put Williams on. He soon replaced himself with Freedman and this move paid dividends immediately, for in his third over Freedman took three wickets, Highton stumped by Maltby, Nowlan bowled and Hayden caught and bowled. Williams, who had had no luck in his spell, was taken off and Clarke returned. Soon Cooper replaced Freedman but had no success and was comparatively expensive. But Clarke now hit top form, for he had Marshall caught for eight, bowled Wilson for three and had Talbot l.b.w. for four. Borton was left not out, having played a real captain's innings of 49, remaining unbeaten after one and three-quarter hours. The High School bowling figures were: Cooper, 14-6-26-3; Clarke, 12.5-5-19-4; Williams, 8-2-11-0, and Freedman, 7-2-15-3.

And so High School won the cup by an innings and 48 runs for the first time since 1917; and great though that achievement was, the match as a whole was an anti-climax to the nerve-racking struggles in the second round and the semi-final.



(Photo by R. M. Mahon)

The Captain returns thanks.

A word of thanks must be added to Dr. Storey for granting us the use of the Masonic ground and to Mr. Risk and the Masonic boys for preparing the pitch.

J. L. W.

Rugby

THE 1st XV did not start the season in a very promising manner, but after some defeats it settled down and won two matches in close succession against Presentation College, Bray, and St. Andrew's College. The team had lost many of the players of the previous year, but after some trials the vacant places were filled. Soon after the start of the season we lost D. Forsyth when he entered Trinity College, and unfortunately a few of the players, including the captain, Cooper, will not be able to play in the cup matches in the coming term due to their being over the speci-

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fied age limit. At the recent Interprovincial Trials at Donnybrook our lock forward A. Brook gained a place and acquitted himself in a worthy manner.

The 1st XV will be travelling to Bangor on December 1st to play the first match of the two annual engagements against them. We hope that the G.N.R. problem will be solved before they travel down to play us on the 9th February.

The first part of the Inter-House competition was completed by the third week in November.

The J.C.T. consists of fifteen individuals who unfortunately have not yet learnt how to play as a team. We hope, however, that they will have settled down before the cup matches.

The Under 14 has shown excellent form this season and has lost only two matches, both to the same team. This Under 14 has the makings of a good J.C.T. next year, and we hope that we will see them do well in the cup competition.

C. C. W.

Boxing

THIS year the boxing season opened quietly and as yet the School Championships have not been held. There is, as usual, considerable keenness amongst the younger members of the club, but there is an unfortunate shortage of heavier fighters.

The School Championships are to be held early next term and several inter-school fixtures are envisaged.

At a general meeting the following officers were elected:—

Captain, A. Clarke; Vice-Captain, J. Love; Jun. Captain, R. Steele; Secretary, W. Gregory. Committee members—J. Glover, J. Forsyth.

A.C.

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Tennis, 1950

A VERY keen interest in tennis was taken by the boys during the season that has now passed. Nevertheless the teams were not very successful, even though the enthusiasm was considerable. At the conclusion of the season we held a Handicap Doubles Tournament which was won by R. M. Mahon and C. E. H. Maltby in the senior section and by J. T. Killen and R. Stevens in the junior. R. M. Mahon won the Sealy Cup for the Senior Championship and B. Twamley won the junior cup. We had a pleasant match with the parents which resulted in a victory for the School. The teams for the season were as follows:—

Senior—R. M. Mahon, C. E. H. Maltby, W. S. W. Poole, D. W. Forsyth, G. W. Bull, N. Jarrett. Sub., B. McCracken.

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Athletics, 1950

THE Annual School Sports were held at Lansdowne Road on Friday, 30th June, 1950. There was a large entry for all the events and there was a large attendance both at Belgrave Square, where the preliminary heats were held on Tuesday, 27th, and at Lansdowne Road.

The winners of the principal cups were:—

War Memorial Cup—A. Clarke drew with D. Forsyth.

The Junior Championship Cup—R. H. C. Walshe.

The Magill Cup (100 yards, junior)—R. H. C. Walsh.

The Moore Cup (220 yards, senior)—A. Clarke.

The Lord Holmpatrick Cup (athletic points)—Belgrave House (Capt., D. Forsyth).

C. B. C.

Swimming, 1950

INTEREST in swimming this year is at a rather low ebb, mainly due to the fact that the Iveagh Baths are still closed. The Championships, which were held at Blackrock Baths in September, attracted a rather small entry. The results were:—

Senior Championship—R. S. Purcell.

Junior Championship—M. V. Burns.

House Squadron—Abbey House.

C. B. C.

Table Tennis

THIS year the Table Tennis Club has been open to the boys from 2B upwards, and there is considerable keenness among them. If there is sufficient talent it may be possible to enter a team for the junior competition which is being initiated this year. In the league we have not been very successful, having lost all matches to date. Owing to the fact that there are eight league matches this year instead of the usual six, we have not been able to get as much practice as we would have liked. The team at present is: D. Dawson, B. McCracken, D. Freedman, A. Brook, B. Twamley, A. Clarke. Sub., G. Watson.

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THE Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 20th Oct., 1950, the President, Mr. F. R. A. West, in the chair. In his report Mr. Cecil Morton, Hon. Secretary, spoke of the great loss the Union had suffered through the death of Harry Bunbury, who for many years had been a tireless worker for the Union, both as Dance Secretary and as Joint Honorary Secretary. His passing had left a big gap in their ranks.

The year under review (Oct. '49—Oct. '50) had been successful; 28 new members were enrolled compared with 11 the previous year, and increased efforts would be made in the coming year to improve on this number. The President, Mr. F. R. A. West, had more than maintained the standard set by his predecessors. He presided over all Committee meetings held during the year and spared no efforts to ensure the success of our social functions. The Annual Dance, held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 5th November, had an attendance of 425, and showed a profit of £48 2s. 8d., the decrease being mainly due to the reimposition of tax. The Annual Dinner had been held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 21st January, with a record attendance of 178, the guest of honour being Sir Gilbert Laithwaite. The best thanks of the Union were due to S. W. Meyer and Harry Booker for the organisation and financial success of the Dinner and to Mervyn Bell, who had arranged a perfect musical entertainment for the Dinner, and with the able support of S. W. Meyer had organised the London Dinner held on Friday, 10th February, eve of the Ireland-England Rugby match. A new social event had been added this year in the form of a Sport's Night dance held on Friday, 30th June, in the Kenilworth Pavilion for the benefit of the more junior members of the Union. The attendance of 80 showed that this event could become a regular feature of the summer season.

There was one failure to report, that was in the efforts to increase the annual contribution to the Adelaide Hospital. Many of the original subscribers had passed away and very few new subscribers had come along to replace them.

Having expressed the gratitude of the Union to Dr. and Mrs. Bennett and the Staff of the School for their help and co-operation through-

out the year, the Hon. Secretary paid a special tribute to Mr. Evans for all the work he had done for the O.B.U. The fact that he had missed only one Committee meeting in 14 years was evidence enough of the great interest he took in the Union. In concluding, the Hon. Secretary congratulated the 1st XI on winning the Leinster Senior Schools' Cricket Cup.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. R. Walker, having reported to the meeting on the financial condition of the Union, the election of Officers and Committee took place. The Officers and Committee for 1950-51 are:—

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The Annual Dinner, 1951

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clockroom on Saturday, 20th January, 1951. If you intend being present please advise the Hon. Secretary in good time so that accommodation may be reserved for you. Applications to W. G. Booker, 14 Trees Road, Mount Merrion Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

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Sports Reports

Golf—The A.S.U. Competition for the Royal Dublin Cup took place at Dollymount on 25th May. Thirteen schools took part. Sandford Park retained the cup with the score of 300. Our team was 5th with 311. The Veterans' Prize was won by Mr. C. L. Dillon.

The Competition for the Old Boys' Cup was held at Milltown Golf Club (by kind permission) on 7th September. Results were:—

Old Boys' Cup and Replica—R. L. Bryson, 11 (75) on 2nd 9; Runner-up, G. W. Lewis, 12 (75). Best gross—G. Brownlee, 86. Visitors—D. Meredith, 6 (72) on 2nd 9; J. Cowle, 18 (72). Handicaps of 16 and over—G. H. Priestman, 20 (75). School Crest (presented by President of A.S.U.) for the best score at the 15th hole—A. F. Bennett—"a dyke"—3.

The U.I.S. Shield Competition was held at Milltown Golf Club on 14th September. The Shield was won by Castleknock with 147. Our team tied for 6th place with 154½, their score being: R. L. Bryson and W. Taylor, 73½; A. H. Whiteside and Jack Bell, 81.

S. S. EVANS, Hon. Sec.

Rugby—The season 1949-50 proved to be similar to most other seasons. We played our regular matches against the School, the first before Christmas and the Colours match on March 23, 1950. We lost the first 11-5 and won the Colours match 9-6. This proved to be the hardest match, and most difficult to win, of any against the School in recent years as the score 9-6 shows. Another match was arranged with St. Andrew's College but was cancelled, owing to team difficulties, at the request of St. Andrew's.

E. W. F.

News of Old Boys

H. R. Armstrong (1940-44) continues to distinguish himself in motor-cycling events: 6th in the Senior race, T.T. Races, I.O.M., at 86.83 m.p.h.; 2nd Ulster Grand Prix; 4th Swiss 350 G.P.; 5th Dutch 350; 5th in 350 c.c. class

World Championship. Among other Old Boys who have frequent successes in motor-cycle and motor-car trials, road and grass-track racing are J. A. Bell (1930-42); D. A. Bowles (1937-46); D. S. Couse (1941-45); D. C. Ewen (1927-34), Treasurer, Southern Centre Motor Cycle Union of Ireland; G. N. Gray (1934-45); A. R. Jolley (1936-42); J. H. Lindsay (1937-44); G. A. Russell (1933-36); J. J. Steyn (1942-49); B. Waugh (1938-45); S. Woods (1915-20).

The Rev. G. J. Boucher (1920-25) has been appointed Curate-in-charge, Rathlin Island.

J. M. G. Carey (Mod.), B.A. (1936-45), has been elected Auditor of the Theological Society, T.C.D.

R. J. Chillingworth, B.A., B.A.I. (1928-35), has been appointed Surveyor for the Borough of Portstewart.

W. D. Forsyth (1942-50) won the high jump at the A.A.U. Novice Championships, 1950, and came 2nd, Youths' High Jump, A.A.U.I. Championships, 1950.

G. H. F. Gardner (Mod.), B.A., has been elected President of the Mathematical Society, T.C.D.

The Rev. J. H. Hawkins (1924-31), Rector of Bright and Ballee, has been nominated to the Incumbency of Antrim and Connor.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32) represented Ireland in the Davis Cup match v. Poland, also v. Wales and Scotland, and won the Men's Singles, Irish Close Hard Court Championships.

The Rev. R. G. Love (1926-33) has been instituted to the Incumbency of Leixlip Union.

N. S. Montgomery (1938-47) has been elected Hon. Secretary, Mathematical Society, T.C.D.

B. H. Murdoch (1946-47) has been elected Auditor, Mathematical Society, T.C.D.

E. C. T. Perdue (1941-48) has been elected Hon. Treasurer, College Classical Society, T.C.D.

A. C. Stewart, B.A., B.A.I. (1937-43), has accepted a position as engineer in the Nelson Research Laboratory, English Electric Co.

The Rev. F. A. G. Willis (1922-31) has been instituted to the benefice of Lorum.

Marriages

Thomas W. Beattie (1935-37) to Tempé (Bobbie) Coleborn, September 12, 1950.

Derek Edward Dann (Mod.), B.A. (1936-43), to Ida Hodgson, June 21, 1950.

D. Malcolm Frazer (1887-95) to Constance Marguerite, widow of W. G. Bradley, née Inman, October 5, 1950.

Joseph Walter Moore (1936-42) to Eithne Gretta Dagg, September 16, 1950.

Eric P. Shoedice (1935-39) to Ruth V. Poole, June 29, 1950.

Desmond Speidel (1932-33) to Ruth Elliott, September 20, 1950.

Peter Frederick Ticher (1936-39) to Eleanor Margaret Benson, October 4, 1950.

Deaths

John David (Squibs) Foster (1936-46), killed in action in Korea.

Joseph Horsford Kemp, Kt. Bach., C.B.E. (1885-88), formerly Attorney-General and Chief Justice of Hong Kong, September 13, 1950.

Leslie James Murray (1937-39), November 23, 1950.

Arthur Hamilton Seale (1885-88), November 26, 1950.

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