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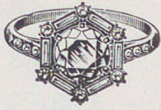
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## Editorial

**T**HE CHRISTMAS has come again, and once more the *Middleton College Magazine* is here for your approval. For some time past a continual stream of poems, prose articles, photographs and drawings has been pouring in—it is my unhappy lot to write the prologue to the work of so many better men.

First, I want to thank our Advertisers. They have helped greatly, and we feel that we are especially indebted to them this year, since business at present is so difficult. Secondly, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those Old Boys and others who have contributed so liberally to the *Magazine*.

You, our friends, and particularly our Old Boys, will be glad to learn of the College's success in 1941: the winning of three Sizarships, each worth £200, and a Junior Exhibition into Trinity is a unique achievement in our annals—there is life in the old school yet! You will also be glad to see from the team photos, that, in spite of the problems which harrass the housekeeper, our supplies have been well maintained and our belts have not been unduly tightened.

When this "Little Blue Book" reaches you, it will have passed through many hands. It is proverbial that "Many hands make light work"; in this case I hope you will say "Many hands make light reading," and that you will enjoy this year's *Magazine*.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Good Luck in 1942, I say :

*Go, little Book!*

*And if, as I believe, thy vein be good,*

*The world will find thee after many days,*

*Be it with thee according to thy worth:*

*Go, little Book! in faith I send thee forth.*

## Irish Medicine in Olden Times.

The earliest records of medicine in Ireland are very closely associated with those wonderful people the Celts. The Celts gave us the Brehon code of laws, which is the oldest code in Europe, a very high standard of art, and put the art of healing on a very high basis.

The earliest record of any individual Irish doctor is of Capa, who practised about B.C. 2000, but there is no detailed record of his life or work. There is, however, evidence in the writing of Diancheact, who can be considered a sort of Irish Aesculapius. He was not only a physician, but a surgeon, and was really a druid, which seems to have been an inclusive term for all hypnotists, herbalists, priests, doctors and astrologers. Diancheact flourished about 400 B.C., and at the battle of Moytura in Co. Sligo, made a bath of herbs, into which the injured were dipped, coming out completely healed. The cure was due to a substance called Slan-Ici and this Elixir of Life claimed to be a cure for all ills. Its description does not err on the side of modesty, because it is described as "a preservation for the dead and living, for the tongue-tied, for wounds from iron or fire, the bite of a hound, the lassitude of old age, the decline, the rupture of blood vessels, the festering sore, and all to whom it shall be applied shall straight way be made whole." Unfortunately the ingredients are not given. The extraordinary claims made by Diancheact for his Elixir of Life sound to us so extravagant as to be only amusing, but they really are not any more extravagant than the claims made by Bishop Berkeley of Cloyne for his famous Tar Water in comparatively recent times.

Ireland can be proud of the fact that it has one of the earliest hospitals on record. It was the House of Sorrows, established by the Irish Princess Macha in B.C. 300, which is nearly 800 years earlier than the Island Hospital of St. Bartholomew in Rome, which is supposed to be one of the earliest hospitals of the Romans.

During the first four or five centuries of the Christian era, Ireland was the most cultured country in Europe, and medicine in Ireland at this time was comparatively speaking, in a very advanced state and very highly organised.

The Irish physicians were very highly regarded by the general public. Their work was usually limited to their own clan or tribe. The position was largely hereditary and only doctors' sons were allowed to study the art. The Brehon code of laws definitely laid down rules of procedure for doctors, lawful and unlawful, and stringent measures were taken against quackery. Fees were based on a sliding scale—42 cows for curing a bishop, the wages accrued by an ordinary labourer for a year for the curing of a prince, and for a slave one-sixth of this. Fortunately for the doctors of that time, the bill was nearly always paid, because the responsibility for its payment not only rested with the individual, but also with the whole tribe or clan. Physicians were also given a grant of land so that they could

have time and means for occasional rest and study. Dogs, fools, and female scolds were not allowed to visit the doctor's house, which was usually the hospital. It was laid down that this house must be built near running water, must have four doors, one on each side, and the one facing the wind left open, and it is believed by some that the custom of having half doors, so common amongst peasant houses in Ireland, originated in this way. The lower half for protection and the upper half for ventilation probably helped a good deal in lowering mortality from disease for those who lived in windowless huts.

Irish doctors at this early period practised cupping, and trephining of the skull for injuries; they were well versed in cauterization of wounds, splinting of fractures, and even Caesarian operations. Trephining always played an important part in early medicine, because not only was the skull opened in the case of wounds, but boring a hole in the bone was also popular in cases of insanity, so that the devils encased in the skull which caused the madness would have an opportunity to come out through the hole. One case of trephining is described as having been done so as to remove the organ of *forgetfulness*.

It will be seen from this that even in very early times Irishmen allowed themselves to indulge in that involvement which is now described as an "Irishism."

Irish doctors had on more than one occasion to deal with plagues and pestilences. Victims of a plague were isolated and buried in one fenced enclosure called a Tamlaght, and this seems to be the origin of the name Tallaght, given to a hill near Dublin, where there are several burial places and mounds to be seen. Nearly all the early Irish Saints are identified in some way with medicine. St. Patrick always made medical arrangements for any monastery he founded, and is said to have been able to cure leprosy. St. Bridget, the most delightful Saint of all, was the Patroness not only of all young things, but of many medical foundations.

February, the month when illness is so common, is the month of St. Bridget, and as her ways are the ways of gentleness, she is always associated with gentleness in the treatment of the sick or injured. Through the mists of centuries, we see her gracious figure, her lamb in her arms, and her lamp in her hand, as she is the real origin of the "Lady of the Lamp." When the bitter winds are blowing, the kindly flame of her flower, the dandelion, shines out and tells us that spring is near. She watches over the mothers and their new born babies, and caused to be placed in each hospital she founded, her motto, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."

Midleton College has the names of many doctors on its roll of Old Boys, and, no doubt, in the future there will be many more. The world looks to Ireland to carry on the great tradition of such famous medical men as St. Breacan in the past, and in modern times Robert Adams, Abraham Colles, Adrian Stokes, John Cheyne and Dominio Corrigan, all of whose names are in daily use where modern medicine is practised and taught.

Let those therefore who take up the study of medicine be fully alive to their great heritage and responsibility, and determine to keep alive, in no matter how small a way, this great and priceless tradition.

Dr. CHARLES H. BRENNAN,  
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# Midleton Memories,

## 1912 to 1916.

By a fortunate chance my parents decided, in the summer of 1912, that their second son should be sent as a boarder to Midleton College. In those happy days of peace, when Great Wars were not known, my father presented me with a golden half sovereign and a memorable little lecture. He told me that he had a large family to educate, and that if I made the best use of my opportunities, he would help me all he could. He certainly fulfilled his part of the bargain. Midleton College was a wise choice, and for this, I feel sure, I was largely indebted to my mother, who had many old associations with the County of Cork.

As my father had some important business in London, my mother accompanied me to the railway station for a journey, which was the longest I had so far undertaken. No doubt the guard was tactfully but quietly instructed to see to my safety. I well remember sitting in the train, with my face pressed to the side window, and tears rolling down my cheeks; I was speechless with grief, and my mother often reminds me of this sad parting. Such troubles are, however, quickly forgotten in a good school, and I soon settled down happily with my new friends.

Mr. Parker was the new headmaster, and the numbers at the College were increased by those who followed him from Abbeyleix. There were in all about thirty boarders and five or six day boys. Among the senior boys were J. Madden, A. Wilson, A. L'E. Brownlow and J. & T. Levingstone. Their kindness to the small boys was memorable, although discipline was strictly observed. In my own group were D. P. S. Wilson, C. D. Nealon, T. G. Tyner, G. C. Wilmot, J. Neill, O. G. Wilde and R. K. Flewett.

We played cricket for the first three or four weeks on the home ground, and later played hockey on the town ground. On Saturday afternoons excellent hockey matches were arranged, when such experts as the Holmes brothers and Mr. Blundell joined in the games. Soon a combined team of Midleton College Past and Present was formed and entered for the Munster Senior Hockey League. We did not win the Senior League in my time, but I well remember playing in the final of the Charity Cup in Cork, when extra time in the failing light lost us the cup by one goal. Considering the small numbers at the College, the standard of hockey was consistently high between 1912 and 1916, and excellent cricket matches were enjoyed in summer, especially when our genial umpire, Sergeant Flaherty, was able to attend.

School work was steady and consistent, and the Intermediate examinations were surmounted with reasonable success, although not with the brilliant results recorded in recent editions of the School Magazine. We did not lack inspiring teachers, especially Mr. C. J. Rowan, Rev. William Bell, Mr. Barry and Mr. Timothy Ward, whose classes are a joyful memory of reasoned and instructive teaching.

Chess was encouraged by Mr. Rowan. On one memorable occasion a team was invited to the Rectory by Canon Tichbourne, to play a team from the

town. Our team consisted of Mr. Rowan, D. P. S. Wilson, R. K. Flewett, O. G. Wilde and myself, and every game was won by the College. To our great disappointment, a return match was never arranged.

Paper chases were popular as an occasional change from hockey. Two boys were usually selected as the hares and given five minutes start. G. C. Wilmot and I were once selected as the hares, and we ran through the cave field to the canal. Arriving at the canal, we divided company, and I laid a trail of paper to a point about mid-way between two bridges. Wilmot then laid a trail on the far side of the canal, from a point opposite to where I finished my trail. We then met at the bridge higher up, and continued the trail home round the Castle. We arrived home fresh and dry, and were delighted to find the whole school, including two masters, had plunged through the water and climbed the muddy banks. We were not as popular as we expected, and our amusement was not appreciated.

The Great War of 1914 was a bewildering event to a school boy, and soon the sad announcements of the loss of many of our senior colleagues and masters were recorded. We mourned them quietly without display of grief, but we felt proud of their bravery, and their example seemed to unite the Past, the Present and the Future of the Old College in a common cause.

Another change brought about by the war was the introduction of lady teachers. We were very fortunate in Miss Joynt and later in Miss Duggan, who can certainly not complain of any difficulty in keeping order in class. This ability is a gift which they certainly possessed, and which schoolboys soon learn to detect.

On occasions in the earlier years of my period we were visited by the Bishop of Cork and Lord Midleton, and a school holiday was the invariable result. The Bishop usually told us about the days when he was a boy at Midleton College, and Lord Midleton often set us a problem and gave a prize to the boy who discovered the solution. I remember one of the problems was the division of an inheritance of camels among three sons of an Arab chief, in a manner, which appeared rather difficult, without dividing the individual camels. However, the question was answered correctly by one of the boys, and the usual prize and a whole school holiday were duly granted.

Save for a collection of very large volumes of Greek and Latin authors in the masters' sitting room, there were no books for the boys to read in my time, until a plan was evolved by D. P. S. Wilson and myself. We collected a small subscription from every boy, and as much as could be obtained from other sources. We then made out a list of suitable books and submitted it to Mr. Parker for approval. About one hundred volumes were obtained, which were listed and numbered, and kept in the masters' sitting room, where one volume could be obtained at a time. The idea proved very popular and the library was added to from time to time. Its popularity was due in some measure to the fact that it was our own effort, and that we had been responsible for the selection of the books.

In those days a great-uncle and a great-aunt of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Woodley, both approaching ninety years of age, lived at Haymount House, Carrigtwohill. By special permission, I was allowed to visit them on an occasional Sunday afternoon. It was always a great adventure, and my

reception was usually a warm welcome, after a long and careful explanation at the door. As it was essential to be back in time for Evening Service in Midleton, my method was to cross the fields in a straight line for the house, running most of the way and avoiding farmyard dogs as far as possible. The distance was probably about four miles. My aunt usually gave me a small tin of biscuits and plenty of good old-fashioned advice. My uncle would show me his pony, which was fed and cared for in the yard. We always inspected his fishing rods and tackle, and of course for a Killarney boy, this was a matter of great interest. I sent a careful account of my visit to my parents on every occasion.



H. WATSON.

My last year at Midleton was one of real hard work. Early preparation began at 8 a.m., and the seniors frequently read until midnight. It is difficult to describe this steady routine, and isolated adventures stand out more clearly in one's memory. On one occasion, after a hockey match at Cork, with the Leinster Regiment, four senior boys, with the connivance of a master, missed the early train to Midleton. We then went to see a cinema version of Shakespeare's "Macbeth." It was the first cinematograph I had seen, and the vivid portrayal of the moving Birnam wood and a great fight for a castle, when the defenders hurled huge rocks on the attackers below, are clear memories in my mind to-day. No serious punishment followed this rash adventure, after we had given a full account of how we spent our time.

I spent my last summer holidays at Midleton, working for sizarship and the various entrance examinations for T.C.D., and bade farewell to the College after the boys had reassembled for the winter term of 1916. My last recollection is the happiest of all, for when I set off down the drive with a handbag and a brand new felt hat, all the boys and masters came out to give me three cheers and a real boisterous farewell. I am still grateful to them all, and to the College of which I am a small portion.

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## Prominent Midletonians.

In the past 120 years, until the present most successful Head, Mr. West, there were two who made the school famous, John Turpin and Thomas Moore, LL.D.

Mr. Turpin, about 1820, came to Midleton with a great reputation from T.C.D. The College filled rapidly and had great success. After a quarter of a century's work he bought Youngrove and retired. To the old house, he built a handsome addition and then married. Legend says he farmed his 600 acres on the lines of Virgil's Georgics. As a boy, I recall his coming to examine at the College, a most courtly old-time gentleman. My wife was his daughter.

No records tell of his pupils, but some are known. Lord Justice O'Brien and Bishop Meade were certainly at the College. Probably Bishop Fitzgerald was there. He and Mr. Turpin were intimate. Lord Chancellor Sullivan probably was another.

When my father, in 1863, ventured, owing to his love of teaching, to leave a parish in Liverpool for Midleton, he found one boarder and a few day boys. At once pupils began to crowd in. Twice the building was enlarged. The numbers rose to 70 boarders and about 50 day boys.

An article in the College Magazine, April, 1903, gives a picture of Dr. Moore. I quote some of it. "Most of us can recall his face and figure, when as Rector of Midleton, he came to pay us one of his frequent visits: his firm active walk, as he came up the school avenue—like the walk of a young man, though he was nearly 80 years of age—his alert form and cheery greeting as he came into the big schoolroom, stopping to speak to a boy here and there as he walked up the room. On these occasions, he generally ended by finding his way into some classroom, and in a few minutes, before any of us knew what had happened, he was taking the class himself, laughing at our blunders, perhaps making the class laugh at themselves too, for all Jove's thunderbolts were by that time a thing of the past! With anyone else all this would have been the ruin of discipline and order, but to Dr. Moore—*Pater Patriae*—all things were lawful and even this—not inexpedient."

Another of his characteristics was his readiness to help people. Teaching was a passion with him; he always had a pupil on hands, some young fellow trying to make up for lost time, some of his brother clergy who wished to learn Hebrew. Nothing came amiss to him.

Leaving Heads for pupils, the prominent name which can be identified with the College in the eighteenth century is that of John Philpot Curran. Direct from Midleton, he entered T.C.D. in 1780, well taught, for he won a Scholarship. Upon the life of this great orator it is unnecessary to dwell, but a clear estimate of his brilliance is available in Lord Byron's words, "I never met his equal. . . his imagination is beyond human. . . he has fifty faces, fifty voices when he mimics."

In common with Mr. Turpin, some prominent Collegians have been mentioned. In a former article, I told Bishop Meade's laming escapade at Cahirmore Castle. He will be long remembered for his kind and faithful rule in Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The adventures of the Rev. W. S. Green, C.B., have also found a place in the Magazine, but no one could omit his name from a list of Prominent Midletonians. He was prominent in many ways, excellent as a speaker. He lectured before the British Association on the whale fishery at Innisfree. "The smell," he said, "was one you could stand on." But the exploit for which he is best remembered, was his climbing New Zealand's great snow peaks, thought inaccessible until conquered by him.

General Reginald Dyer is remembered at Midleton as a quiet shy boy. As a General he was eminently successful. In supreme command, he carried to a successful issue a difficult campaign in Baluchistan. For a time he was under a cloud for firing on native Indians, but his biographer has proved that his command not only saved the troops with him, but also numbers of civilians, from destruction by a menacing mob.

Louis Claude Purser was a great favourite of my father's, and the affection was mutual. It would have been hard not to love the future Vice-Provost of T.C.D. Latterly I was often with him. We often sat beside each other at Boards, and before business, chatted on old times. "One of my proudest memories," I once said to him, "is that on a single occasion I got more marks than you for Classics." His modest reply was, "Oh, but you were ahead in other subjects."

The great banquet given by the Earl of Midleton in 1927 to Old Midletonians is a fit scene for closing these notes. The two specially invited to attend and speak were Dr. L. C. Purser and myself; but there must have been nearly one hundred Old Boys there. As I looked from our central places, right and left, I realised that I was again among schoolfellows: W. J. Wilson (Dean of Cloyne), Harry Beecher (Dean of Ross), very special friends, and many more almost equally well known.

My view of the gallant company told me that the College had well served Cork and its neighbourhood. When, some years later, Mr. West formed a vigorous Old Boys' Association, I felt it a most welcome honour to be asked to be its first President.

CANON H. KINGSMILL MOORE, D.D., F.L.S.



# The Debating Society.

We are glad to say that the Debating Society, resurrected last year, has entered on the second session of its new existence, and bids fair to continue successfully. Last year we referred to the value of such a society in school life, and after a year, our society has shown that this value is not imaginary. When we began last year, speakers were often few, and much of the heavy work was left to a small stalwart band. Towards the end of the year, however, the number of fairly regular speakers had increased.

There are a few points to which we would like to draw the attention of future speakers. Firstly, an essential qualification for any public speaker is clarity, both of diction and of argument. Too many keep their heads bent down, and mumble their words into their chests. This fault is largely due to the prevalence of written speeches, and could be easily avoided, especially by those whose speeches are not long and could therefore be easily remembered. As to clarity of argument, this virtue is not so easy to attain. It requires hard work and thorough preparation; but, as a beginning, we recommend that speakers confine themselves to one or two salient points, and say what they have to say as concisely as possible. Another improvement could be effected if speakers had more punch. Too many inaccuracies are allowed to pass without their proper punishment. Especially those who are not among the set speakers should be ready to seize such opportunities, and one point made thus, even though it takes only half-a-minute to make, is better than a ten-minute written speech.

Of last year's meetings, the most successful were those in which we decided that Ireland could survive the blockade, and that England could win the war. This latter debate was especially good, but we feel that the motion was carried on grounds of sympathy rather than on the merits of the debate. From these debates it will be seen that our subjects tend to a political bias. We would like to see some lighter motions chosen occasionally.

For our opening meeting this year on November 7th, instead of a regular debate we had a series of "stump" speeches. About twenty speakers were drawn, and each speaker drew a subject which he was given four minutes to prepare and two minutes to speak on. Considering that it was our first effort of the kind, the meeting was quite successful and, surely, the Gods were in kindly mood when Barry O'Neill drew as his subject "Myself." His was easily the most entertaining speech of the evening.

It is invidious to select names of good speakers, but a few deserve special mention. Of these, R. M. Peet was our most tenacious debater, and could always be relied upon to make a fight for his cause. L. S. Atkins has developed into quite an orator and his vociferous outbursts certainly contribute much to our enjoyment. Tribute, too, must be paid to the gallant way in which, in the early days when speakers were scarce, F. R. Smyth kept things going with his sound common sense. With these, A. Allen, W. Aylward, A. B. O'Neill, and, among the juniors, K. Harbord, A. Cunningham and D. J. Whittaker, were our most consistent speakers. With most of these still in our midst, our Debates for 1941-42 promise to be very successful.

## Some Recollections of the Kestrel Hawk.



One day on one of my country rambles, I was brought to a sudden standstill by the sight of a kestrel on the wing. Although I had often observed this fine bird, I could still watch with pleasure his easy, effortless flight and the grace and power of his every movement. Sometimes he stopped, almost motionless, with flickering wings—then I knew that his attention was riveted by something below. Momently I awaited that sudden terrifying dive upon his quarry. But this time I was doomed to disappointment, for in a few moments he passed out of sight over the nearby tree-tops.

It was the name that first attracted me to the kestrel, for the very word has in itself a fine dignity of its own. Soon I could recognise him at a glance and know his every colour—the slate-grey of his head, the chestnut brown of his back, and even the slate-grey tail heavily barred with black and white. I have often watched him a few feet away, but usually he is to be seen rising and swooping alternately in the sky.

Wild rocky cliffs by the sea-shore and thickly wooded regions are among his favourite haunts. I have, however, found it very hard to observe him amongst the cliffs as he builds in such inaccessible places. Fortunately, near my home in the wilds of West Kerry a family of kestrels have built for the past few years. Remarkable it is that they should build their nest in an orchard—strange, too, that they should remain there, even when the rearing season is over. Last year's nest—a crude structure of twigs—is soon repaired for the coming brood.

Towards the end of April five eggs, of a pale brownish red are laid. These are mottled and speckled with the same colour only very much darker. During this period a very curious observation may be made. The male suddenly appears about fifty feet above the nest, with a small bird or mouse in his talon-like claws. As though to a pre-arranged signal the female flies up to meet him. When she is about ten or twenty feet from him he drops his prey, which she deftly catches in mid-air, and returns to her nest.

One afternoon towards the end of April I perceived the kestrel as a tiny speck about a hundred feet overhead. It was one of those dull heavy days and everything seemed dead and lifeless. The silence was broken only by the twittering of a bullfinch, pecking at a half-opened bud. Then in a moment the kestrel dropped like a stone. The bullfinch fidgeted nervously on the nearby bough as the brown fury swept past me. In a flash there was one bullfinch less to greet the stars of evening or to salute the morning.

R. M. PEET.

## A Visit to Switzerland.

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In the Summer of 1938 I was fortunate in being able to visit Switzerland. The journey, by liner from Cobh via Southampton to Le Havre, and by train from there to Montreux, took about a week. Montreux is situated at the opposite end of Lake Lemane to Geneva, amid the most beautiful scenery imaginable. Across the lake are the Dent du Midi Mountains, a crumpled mass, throwing their snow-capped heads far into the azure blue of the clear sky. Far to the west can be seen the Château de Chillon. On the east is Geneva, and its adjoining aerodrome.

From Montreux, several journeys of great interest can be made, to Mont Blanc, Chamonix and St. Bernard. The journeys to Mont Blanc and Chamonix can be combined into one. The road lies along the Rhone valley, amid tree-lined vales and fruit-laden orchards. There is a gradual rise, and when the peak point of the journey is reached, a most beautiful view is seen. Away on every side stretches a delightful panorama of tree-covered hills and snow-capped mountains. Then a gradual descent is made down by the glacier, Mer de Glace, until Chamonix is reached.

The journey to St. Bernard is usually undertaken by people who have no nerves, and little regard for their lives. The road lies along the Rhone valley, but, whereas the rise to Chamonix is gradual, the rise to St. Bernard seems almost vertical. The road twists and turns in a manner which causes one's head to do things it never was intended to do. Usually the charabanc has, when it comes to a steep turn, to reverse a couple of times, to negotiate the corner successfully. During this delightful little episode, the driver usually takes the opportunity of airing his imperfect English, with many shrugs, and proceeds to wave his arms about in a most alarming manner. The passengers are nearly all too busily engaged in looking about them at the enchanting view, or laughing at the driver, to see where they actually are. To ensure a perfect view, the driver parks his vehicle on the edge of a ravine. Once, when I was lucky enough to have procured the seat beside the driver, he had to get down to swing the engine. He asked me to help and I, willing to show my gratitude for having arrived so far in one piece, opened the door to come down. But, alas, there was no road. The very wheels of the charabanc were on the edge of what seemed to me a precipice.

The Monastery of St. Bernard is perched on a small table-topped area of mountain. I was struck by the scarcity of anything, except the bare necessities of life. The interest of the Monastery for most people lies in the famous dogs. They are very large, friendly animals with mournful eyes. They actually do save life. A week after I had regretfully returned to Ireland, they saved an Italian smuggler from death in the snow.

W. J. T. AYLWARD.

# Midleton College Dramatic Society.

We gave four performances in the 1940 Michaelmas term. The first was at the Home for Protestant Incurables, where the hall was so packed that an enthusiastic audience almost overflowed on to the stage. Seven small Drummer Boys, each with appropriate verse and carrying a letter, spelt out the word "Welcome," the College Co-Optimists, in their blue pierrot costumes with white ruffles, sang our own version of "Phil the Flutter's Ball," and we were well away with "Go to it," "Give a little whistle," "The Woodpecker's Song" and a topical song, with N. MacDonald and R. de Foubert as soloists.

The scene changed to Colonel Bolder's house, where "A Military Engagement," by J. J. Melliush, took place. This entertaining production is a warning to parents who try to arrange their children's matrimonial affairs, and D. Larmour, A. Cunnington (some people thought he really *was* a girl!), W. Aylward, F. Jermyn, C. McKechnie and L. McElveen made the most of very humorous situations, evoking uproarious applause.

In more serious mood a select choir—D. Campbell, R. de Foubert, F. Furney, K. Harbord, H. Knox, A. Merrick and D. Whittaker—took the stage. A. Merrick gave a delightful solo rendering of "Where e'er you walk"; "On wings of Song" and "Ave Maria" were sung in parts, and N. MacDonald, supported by all the Co-Optimists, sang "The Holy City." There followed an accordeon solo by C. McKechnie.

The Drummer Boys in an excellent item played a convincing prank upon the audience. G. Perks, looking white and strained, faltered in his drill and collapsed. Miss West was seen dashing on to the stage as the curtains were hastily closed, and, in response to an appeal for help, Nurse Mayne went forward; once on the stage the soldiers took her prisoner, the curtains opened, and the patient revived and sang "Nursie, come over here and hold my hand," to the huge delight of the audience and the good-humoured embarrassment of our victim.

The Co-Optimists mustered to sing "The Quartermaster's Stores," "Chatterbox" and "MacNamara's Band," with H. Knox, E. Hill and N. MacDonald as soloists, followed by an effective whistling song. K. Harbord, D. Whittaker and G. Williams came forward and gave an amusing recitation to music, "A Tragedy in Five Acts."

The senior play was "Dr. O'Toole," by J. B. Fagan, a most amusing plot laid in a country dispensary, where the genial Doctor (R. Llewellyn) settled more than medical problems, and smoothed the path of true love, assisted by B. O'Neill, N. MacDonald, L. Atkins, B. Gale, A. Allen, C. McKechnie and R. Peet, who, as the Sergeant, brought down the house. Finally, the Drummer Boys bade the audience good-bye in verse, and the Co-Optimists sang their farewell.

Our second performance was at the Blind Asylum in Cork. The audience, augmented by blind folk who live in their own homes,

seemed much amused by our entertainment, and gave us a large tea after it. Our third production was in our own Gymnasium, in aid of the Midleton District Nursing Association. Quite the most popular item was the Drummer Boys' turn. When G. Perks collapsed and the curtains were closed, Mr. West asked any nurse or doctor in the audience to come behind the scenes. The audience was completely taken in, and the District Nurse was lured on to the stage—but before she reached it several volunteers and first-aiders rushed forward, and had to be forcibly restrained! There was tremendous applause when, at the end of his song, the patient called for cheers for Nurse Nolan, and presented her with a box of chocolates.

A new item was a competition in which the audience elected the winner. The four competitors, whose costumes and gestures were excellent, were N. MacDonald, singing "Finnegan's Ball," D. Larmour as the Constable in "Pinafore," C. McKechnie as the "Boss of the House," and B. O'Neill, singing "I Ain't Nobody's Darling." He looked ludicrously funny, and was certainly after the audience's heart, though MacDonald ran him very close. Mr. Fraser staged an impressive display of "Ground-Work" and tableaux to music, which delighted the house.

Our final performance was after the Annual Prize Giving. The audience was splendid and helped us greatly by its enthusiastic applause, the entertainment was humorous, colourful and slick, and the laughter it created well repaid all concerned for the time and trouble spent in preparation for it. As usual, special tribute must be paid to Mr. McBride, the foundation upon which all our musical effects are laid, and under whose enthusiastic leadership L. Atkins, D. Larmour, N. MacDonald, C. McKechnie, B. O'Neill, H. Watson and G. Williams formed a much-worked and much-appreciated orchestra.

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## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION.

From Mrs. M. S. Mahony, Hon. Sec. Ladies' Committee, Blind Asylum. :

"On behalf of the Cork Blind Asylum, I write to thank you and Mrs. West for the splendid entertainment your boys gave for the Inmates on Wednesday, December 4th. I need hardly say how much the "Blind" appreciated it; their applause and remarks proved this.

The plays were splendidly put over; and the fresh young voices of the boys, in their musical items, gave great pleasure."

From Miss M. Waters, Hon. Treas., Midleton District Nursing Association :

"On my own and the Committee's behalf, I wish to thank you so much for the cheque you so kindly sent us—the result of the Concert given by the Midleton College Co-Optimists, £21—and most gratefully received. I was sorry to miss the entertainment, but I got glowing accounts from all who were at it."

## “The Great Injustice.”

I stood there, whitefaced, before my judge, waiting with trembling knees for the sentence. I quaked. Visions of the horrors I was about to sustain came before my drugged senses. I could not comprehend, nor could my soul grasp the meaning of the terrible thing that was about to befall me. My whole destiny seemed to hang on the words of the grim-faced man before me. I strove to bring myself back to realities. This could not be true, it must not be true.

That was it! It was a dream, a horrible nightmare, and presently I would awake, and all would be well. But no! it was no dream. Everything was real, and still more real was the man in front of me.

And then the great injustice of it all flowed over me, for I was innocent, as innocent as if I had never been there. The real offender was at large, and I was going to be convicted of a crime I had never committed.

At last he spoke, and I heard my sentence with despair in my heart: “Six of the best for breaking a window.”

R. H. B. LLEWELLYN.



J. P. COLTHURST.

# Items of Interest.

## Question Time.

An innovation in the 1941 Hilary Term, and one which provided much amusement, was a series of "Question Times" on Sunday evenings.

The competing teams were balanced by an equal number of senior and junior boys, and the Headmaster acted as compère. We all, including the victims, enjoyed ourselves so much that we issued a challenge to an outside team, and near the end of the summer term, Mr. T. Bird, Mr. W. Bird, Mr. Hunt, Mr. McEvoy, Mr. Minchin and Mr. Wharton came to compete against A. Allen, L. Atkins, A. Cunningham, D. Furney, F. Jermyn and B. O'Neill. The visiting team showed themselves weak in Nursery Rhymes, but their singing delighted our visitors and us. The College won by 85 points to 41, but Mr. McEvoy was the best individual competitor. Afterwards, Miss West and Miss Moorhead provided us all with cakes and lemonade.

## Technicolour Film Show.

We owe a very pleasant evening's entertainment to Mr. R. D. Heard, who came here to show us and our visitors some wonderful technicolour films of his own making. He began with films of a cruise from Cork Harbour to the West of Cork and Kerry, including some fine seascapes and rare close-ups of sea bird life, but the most popular films were those he had taken at our 1940 Sports and Gym. Display; they present an exceptionally good record of our doings on that sunny afternoon, and we all enjoyed seeing ourselves immensely. Miss West and Miss Moorhead rounded off the evening with popular refreshments.

## Another Midleton College.

Midletonians everywhere will learn with interest that a new Midleton College has come into being in Selcroft Road, Purley, Surrey. This is a Day School for girls, and we lay claim to it as a daughter school—or rather a grand-daughter school—for its Principals, the Misses A. M. Moore, D. Moore, and M. E. Moore, are grand-daughters of the late Dr. Moore, so long the illustrious Headmaster of our College. We wish them every success, and extend to them our cordial greetings. *Floreat Midletonia!*

## Gramophone Recitals.

A new feature of our school life this session is a series of gramophone recitals. The idea underlying these concerts is an effort to develop a capacity for musical appreciation in accordance with the Syllabus of the Department of Education.

The programmes have included not only works typical of the Great Masters, but also several recordings of modern and lighter music. We have listened with pleasure to:—

|                                 |      |                  |
|---------------------------------|------|------------------|
| Symphony No. 5 in C. Minor      | .... | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| Piano Concerto, No. 2 in B Flat | .... | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| Moonlight Sonata                | .... | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| Sonata Pathétique, 1st Movement | .... | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| Air for the G String            | .... | <i>Bach</i>      |
| "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"   | .... | <i>Bach</i>      |

|                               |      |               |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6     | .... | <i>Liszt</i>  |
| Overture to "The Magic Flute" | .... | <i>Mozart</i> |
| Seven Valses for Piano        | .... | <i>Chopin</i> |
| Hungarian Dances              | .... | <i>Brahms</i> |

as well as many shorter compositions by Mendelssohn, Weber, Dvorak, Humperdinck, Sibelius, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Pierne, etc. Gilbert and Sullivan have not been forgotten, and songs by Count John McCormack, Paul Robeson, Richard Tauber and Richard Crooks have made a pleasing contrast with the instrumental works. Selections from Grand Opera and recent musical comedies have also figured in our programmes.

The items are introduced by brief descriptive notes read by the boys themselves, who, we believe, already have begun to see that classical music is not of necessity dull.

We are indebted to those friends who have presented records, and particularly to F. H. Jermyn, who left us only in June, and who made us a handsome gift of about twenty records.

### Arts and Crafts.

At last a long expressed wish has been fulfilled—classes in carpentry have now begun, and we are much beholden to Mr. P. P. Gornell, Headmaster of the Youghal Technical School, who has consented to be our instructor. The classes started as an experiment in October, and eight benches are at the moment in process of construction. There has been great enthusiasm amongst the boys; so, Mothers! think how useful your sons will be during the holidays, doing those odd jobs; and, Fathers! keep a close eye on your pet chisel!

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### THE OLDEST OLD BOY (?)

The Chaplaincy,  
Mitchelstown, Co. Cork,  
15th January, 1941.

My Dear West,

I hear you are gathering particulars of your Old Boys. There is one, an uncle of mine, probably the oldest—William Cotter Williamson, M.D.—only son of Rev. W. C. Williamson, Rector of Lisgoold. He entered Midleton College nearly eighty years ago, under Dr. Moore, and went from there to Queen's University, Cork, for his M.D. He entered the Royal Navy (first place) and only stayed in four years; "cribbed, cabined and confined" did not suit him. He then went into Government Medical Department, Sydney, New South Wales, and on retiring, settled at Shanbally, There, New South Wales.

I visited Midleton College with him, during the Headmastership of Rev. G. S. Baker.

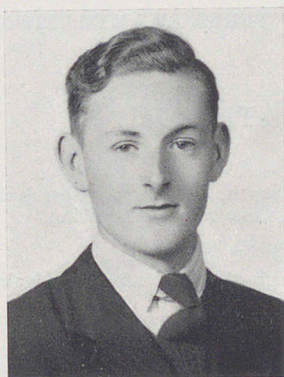
He is wonderfully well and writes as good a letter as ever he did. He must be close to 87. He often used to say he was sent to school at eight, as a boarder.

Yours sincerely,  
W. OSWALD HARVEY.

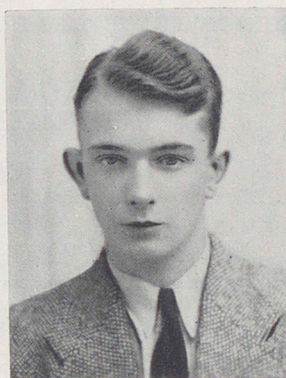
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SIZARSHIPS

In the Examination for Sizarships worth £200 each, we had the distinction of winning two direct from the School, and one of our past pupils (A. R. White) gained a Third and also won a Junior Exhibition.



IRISH :  
W. W. DALY



NATURAL SCIENCE :  
R. M. PEET



CLASSICS :  
A. R. WHITE  
and  
JUNIOR EXHIBITION

# Examination Results.

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## MATRICULATION.

B. B. Gale.

T. A. Gifford.

## ENTRANCE TO ENGINEERING SCHOOL.

W. W. Daly.

## PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION IN ARTS, MEDICAL SCHOOL.

R. M. Peet.

## JUNIOR FRESHMAN HILARY AND TRINITY TERM EXAMINATIONS.

R. W. R. Colthurst.

## INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE, 1941.

### PASS WITH HONOURS.

- A. Allen .... *Honours* in English, Latin, French, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science and Drawing.  
*Pass* in Irish.
- L. S. Atkins .... *Honours* in English, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Science.  
*Passes* in Irish, Latin and Drawing.
- M. J. Bentley .... *Honours* in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science and Drawing.  
*Passes* in Irish, History and Geography.
- R. H. Johnson .... *Honours* in History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Drawing.  
*Passes* in Irish, English, Latin and Science.
- A. B. O'Neill .... *Honours* in English, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science and Drawing.  
*Passes* in Irish and Latin.
- W. E. Perrott .... *Honours* in English, Latin, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Science.  
*Passes* in Irish and Drawing.
- T. R. Shorten .... *Honours* in English, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Science.  
*Passes* in Irish and Latin.
- H. D. Smyth .... *Honours* in English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Drawing.  
*Passes* in Irish, History, Geography and Science.

## SYNOD EXAMINATIONS RESULTS, 1941.

Conducted by a Joint Committee representing the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church in Ireland.

### FIRST PRIZES.

Payne, R. J.  
Russell, J. G.  
Stone, W. D.  
Cunnington, A.

Gow, J. A.  
Howe, J. H.  
Merrick, F. A.  
Huggard, F. J.

Knox, H. G.  
Harbord, K. W.  
Whittaker, D. J.

SYNOD EXAMINATIONS RESULTS—*continued.*

SECOND PRIZES.

|                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Aylward, W.      | Salter, G. A.   | Markham, J. H. A. |
| MacDonald, N. W. | Good, R. V.     | Good, R. C.       |
| McElveen, L.     | Fanning, N. J.  | Campbell, D.      |
| Smyth, E. D.     | de Foubert, R.  | Hill, E. H.       |
| Furney, F.       | Gleasure, G. W. | Perrott, J. W.    |
| Gillespie, D. W. | Maybury, R.     |                   |

THIRD PRIZES.

|               |                           |                |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Lynch, F.     | Fetherstonhaugh, T. F. K. | Larmour, D. A. |
| Watson, J. H. |                           |                |

PASS CERTIFICATES.

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Chantler, H. R. | Cearnley, P. J. | Foott, F. D. |
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GRAMMAR OF MUSIC.

MAXIMUM 99.

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| Grade I.—J. H. A. Markham. | .... | 98 Marks. |
| „ I.—F. A. Merrick         | .... | 97 Marks. |

PIANOFORTE.

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| Grade I.—F. A. Merrick (With Credit). |  |
| „ I.—J. G. Russell.                   |  |
| Grade II.—E. H. Hill.                 |  |
| „ II.—J. G. Russell.                  |  |

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR EXAMINATION.

Result .... 85%

PRIZE LIST, 1941.

MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

W. W. Daly.

EARL OF MIDLETON SCHOLARSHIP.

R. M. Peet.

J. H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE.

A. Allen.

REV. CANON H. DENNY TOWNSEND'S SCRIPTURE PRIZES.

D. Gillespie.      A. Cunningham.      J. Howe.      R. Payne.

REV. V. J. COTTER'S PRIZES.

|                     |      |      |     |
|---------------------|------|------|-----|
| 1st.—H. G. Knox.    | .... | .... | 94% |
| 2nd.—J. G. Russell. | .... | ...  | 92% |

Mrs. J. H. BENNETT'S GARDEN PRIZES.

Best Vegetables { J. E. T. Smith.  
W. B. Palmer.

PRIZE LIST—*continued.*

## Mr. McBRIDE'S SCIENCE NOTEBOOK PRIZES.

|                |                   |                       |                 |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Form V. ....   | R. M. Peet.       | Form IVH. and A. .... | W. E. Perrott.  |
| Form IVB. .... | K. W. M. Harbord. | Form III. ....        | J. E. T. Smith. |

## HEADMASTER'S MUSIC PRIZE.

H. D. O'Neill.

## FORM PRIZES.

Forms V. and IVH. See University and Examination Results.

## IVA.

1st.—G. A. Salter.  
 2nd.—J. P. Colthurst.  
 3rd.—R. Chantler.

## IVB.

K. W. M. Harbord.  
 D. J. S. Whittaker.  
 D. A. Larmour.  
 Special—G. T. Williams.

## III.

H. G. Knox.  
 A. Cunnington.  
 J. G. Russell.

## IIA.

1st.—D. W. Gillespie.  
 2nd.—A. Armstrong.  
 3rd.—D. F. Fanning.

## IIB.

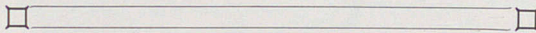
E. Foott.  
 G. W. R. Perks.  
 W. B. Palmer.

Special—S. D. Seymour and W. K. Hunt.

Special—K. Smyth and C. K. Hunt.

## SINGING PRIZES.

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Senior ....   | R. C. S. Good.  |
| Junior ....   | D. S. Campbell. |
| Form II. .... | G. W. R. Perks. |



## CONGRATULATIONS !

Urban District of Midleton,

Co. Cork,

10th October, 1941.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Midleton Urban District Council to send you herewith copy of a Resolution unanimously adopted by them at their last meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Jerome J. Ronayne.

Town Clerk.

## (COPY OF RESOLUTION).

Proposed by Mr. David Barry, seconded by Mr. E. Carey, M.C.C., and unanimously resolved :—

“That we, the Midleton Urban District Council, beg to tender to the Headmaster, Midleton College, our heartiest congratulations on the successes of his pupils at the Intermediate Examinations held last June.”

# Sports and Gymnastic Display.

Our Annual Sports and Gymnastic Display took place on Saturday, July 5th. Owing to the transport conditions we were rather apprehensive as to the attendance. However, as large a gathering of friends, parents and Old Boys turned up as ever. The day held fine, and with the grass neatly trimmed and the flags gaily flying, the field presented a pretty picture.

The programme began with the races. Championships and handicaps were run first, and some very close finishes resulted. The novelty items followed; these included Sack Races and Bin Races, not to mention the Parents' and Friends' Race, which provoked as much excitement as ever. There were contests for visiting boys and girls as well. When this section of the proceedings had concluded, tea was served in the Gymnasium.

The Drill and Gymnastic Display followed. It consisted of Swedish Drill, Club Swinging, Wand Drill, Maze March, Cycle Maze, Box-Horse, Tableaux, Swedish Games, Parallel Bars and Chair Tricks. We must once again congratulate Mr. Fraser on this remarkably fine and varied exhibition, especially as he had far less time than usual for preparation work. Barry O'Neill, continued his clowning efforts where he left off last year, and it cannot be denied that he improves with time. The Cycle Maze was an innovation and it proved most spectacular, the damp surface adding to the thrills.

The proceedings were enlivened at the close by a Fancy Dress Parade, which depicted "Travel in 1941," sans petrol. It was the maiden appearance of our donkey at the Sports, though he has often been the centre of thrilling episodes on less auspicious occasions. He behaved himself admirably. Tricycles, bicycles, trucks and shank's mare, all appeared in the parade which was reviewed at the close by our own inimitable Lord Mayor—cum-Alfie Byrne-moustache-and-chain (Barry O'Neill). He deserves to be congratulated on a most comical performance.

This year we were very glad to welcome Mrs. D. Humphreys, Bilberry, to distribute the prizes to the winners. This brought the day to a close, and all parted for the summer vacation.

### The Championship results were as follows:—

|                             |   |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| 100 yards (under 13):       | 1st—S. D. Seymour   | 2nd—F. O. Furney | 3rd—G. Perks     |
| 100 yards (under 15):       | 1st—W. Jackson  | 2nd—D. Furney    | 3rd—D. Whittaker |
| 100 yards (under 16):       | 1st—D. Larmour  | 2nd—H. Johnson   | 3rd—J. Markham   |
| 100 yards (over 16):        | 1st—R. M. Peet  | 2nd—V. Foott     | 3rd—H. Smyth     |
| Bin Race:                   | 1st—A. B. O'Neill   | 2nd—H. Smyth     | 3rd—R. V. Good   |
| Old Boys' Race:             | 1st—L. J. Humphreys and G. Nicholson (dead heat), 3rd—F. R. Smyth |                  |                  |
| Parents' and Friends' Race: | 1st—L. J. Humphreys and Miss A. Smyth                             |                  |                  |
|                             | 2nd—R. Bolster and Miss C. Daunt                                  |                  |                  |
|                             | 3rd—T. Glavin and Miss Roberts                                    |                  |                  |

# Tennis, 1941

We entered for the Munster Schools' Tennis Cup last summer and were drawn against Presentation College, Cork, in the first round. We had the unfinished match well in hand, but Johnson and Good dropped a few match points and were very unfortunate to be beaten, so that on the whole we were unlucky in not forcing a draw.

The match was played on hard courts. Several of our team had never played on anything but grass courts. This was a great disadvantage and but for it there would have been no doubt about the result.

Particular note must be made of the play of Franks Furney, who is still only twelve years old. He won the Senior School Championship, was the outstanding member of the team in the match against Presentation, and went on to win the Munster Junior Boys' Championship at Blackrock and become runner up in the Irish Junior Boys' Championship at Rushbrooke. These latter competitions were for boys under fifteen. Franks shows exceptional ability and we expect big things from him in the future. Another player to distinguish himself was F. H. Jermyn. He was chosen to represent Munster Schoolboys against Leinster.

Five of last year's team are still with us, so we hope to put up a very good show next season.

## Results of Midleton College v. Presentation.

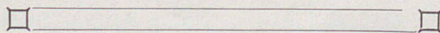
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| <b>Singles</b> — | V. Foott lost to M. Buckley                     | .... | .... | 1-6, 2-6.      |
|                  | D. Larmour lost to T. Hannan                    | .... | .... | 0-6, 2-6.      |
|                  | F. Furney beat Hegarty                          | .... | .... | 7-5, 6-3.      |
| <b>Doubles</b> — | Larmour and Foott lost to Buckley and O'Regan   |      |      | 2-6, 1-6.      |
|                  | Johnson and Good lost to Sheehan and O'Shea     | .... |      | 5-7, 6-1, 7-9. |
|                  | Furney and Llewellyn leading Hannan and Hegarty |      |      | 6-3, 3-1.      |

## Tennis Championships, 1941.

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Senior—F. O. Furney.    | Runner-up—F. H. Jermyn.    |
| Middle—J. P. Colthurst. | Runner-up—H. D. O'Neill.   |
| Junior—F. D. Foott.     | Runner-up—D. W. Gillespie. |

## Final. Under 15 Munster Junior Championship.

F. O. Furney beat G. Foulkes 6-1, 6-0.



# Rugby Notes

1940-41.

The season 1940-41 was a most successful one ; we won the newly formed Schools' League, for which Glenstal Priory, Bishop Foys' School and Newtown School also competed. We played these schools once each, in both Junior and Senior matches, and we won the whole six matches, thereby securing the maximum points.

The Seniors had a very close game with Glenstal. The score stood at six all at half time, and it was not until five minutes from the end that Daly decided the issue with a fine penalty from the touch line.

The match against Newtown, played at Waterford, was most exciting to watch. Play was hard and fast, and was marked by some excellent forward rushes and back movements. The strong defence of our backs and good individual performances by Peet and McDonald enabled us to win by eleven points to six.



MIDLETON COLLEGE, AND HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The team played splendidly against Bishop Foys School and scored eight times without reply. After a rather even first half, we saw some good passing bouts in the second half. McDonald distinguished himself by scoring twice.

The Junior team had runaway victories against Newtown and Glenstal, and defeated Bishop Foys in a closer match. Larmour was outstanding in the backs and did the lion's share of the scoring. He was well supported by Fetherstonhaugh. Lynch played some fine games in the forwards.

Of the Senior team, Peet, Jermyn, McDonald, Gifford, Gale, Daly, Gow, Colthurst and Foott have left us. We wish them good Ruggar in the future.

*Senior Team* : H. G. V. Foott ; J. A. Gow, D. A. Larmour, H. D. Smyth, R. W. R. Colthurst ; F. H. Jermyn, J. H. A. Markham ; R. M. Peet (Five-eighth) *Captain* ; W. J. Aylward, R. H. Johnson, T. A. Gifford, W. W. Daly, N. F. McDonald, L. S. Atkins, B. B. Gale.



#### MIDLETON COLLEGE SENIOR XV.

##### Winners of Schools' League and Lawson Cup, 1940-41.

*Standing*—Mr. J. W. Smyth. J. A. Gow. J. W. Colthurst. W. J. T. Aylward.  
H. G. V. Foott. R. V. Good. Mr. T. West, M.A. (*Headmaster*).

*Seated*—H. D. Smyth. R. H. Johnson. F. H. Jermyn (*Vice Capt.*). R. M. Peet (*Capt.*).  
L. S. Atkins. D. A. Larmour. W. W. Daly.

*On Ground*—H. D. O'Neill. J. H. A. Markham.

*Absent*—N. W. F. McDonald and T. A. Gifford.

*Junior Team:* F. O. Furney ; D. F. Furney, D. A. Larmour (*Captain*), W. Jackson, G. T. Williams ; T. F. K. Fetherstonhaugh, R. G. de Foubert ; F. Lynch, W. D. Stone, D. J. S. Whittaker, J. F. Huggard, H. G. Knox, H. Watson, L. J. McElveen, K. W. M. Harbord.

*Subs.:* A. Armstrong, G. Perks, S. D. Seymour, F. A. Merrick.

Caps were awarded to :—

*Senior*—R. M. Peet, F. H. Jermyn.

*Junior*—D. A. Larmour.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

**Senior.**

- 16/10/40. Midleton College 0, Cove Presentation 24.
- 1/11/40. Midleton College 9, Glenstal Priory 6.
- 9/11/40. Midleton College 24, Bishop Foys' School nil.
- 30/11/40. Midleton College 11, Newtown School 6.
- 30/4/41. Midleton College 16, Wellettes 16.

**Junior.**

- 16/11/40. Midleton College nil, C.B.C. 46.
- 23/11/40. Midleton College 41, Newtown School nil.
- 26/4/41. Midleton College 16, Bishop Foys' School 6.
- 7/5/41. Midleton College, 28 Glenstal Priory 6.



MIDLETON COLLEGE JUNIOR XV.

Winners of Schools' League and Lawson Cup, 1940-41.

*Standing*—Mr. J. W. Smyth. D. J. S. Whittaker. F. A. Merrick. F. Lynch.  
D. F. Furney. J. H. Watson. W. D. Stone. T. F. K. Fetherstonhaugh.

Mr. T. West (*Headmaster*).

*Seated*—J. F. Huggard. G. T. Williams. R. G. G. De Foubert.  
D. A. Larmour (*Capt.*). F. O. Furney. H. G. Knox. W. Jackson.

*On Ground*—K. W. M. Harbord. G. W. H. R. Perks. S. D. Seymour.  
R. A. Armstrong.

1941-42.

In spite of the travelling difficulties the Schools' League is being continued, and we have already had visits from Newtown and Glenstal Senior teams. In both of these matches we were successful. They were two very close games; in the former we won by two tries to one, and in the latter, by two tries to nil, both of which were scored in the last five minutes.

Losing eight of last season's team left us many gaps to fill, and we had to try a few experiments by bringing Johnson and Good out of the pack to play in the three-quarter line. Johnson is very fast and heavy and is extremely hard to stop, but his chief faults are uncertain handling and holding on a little too long. Larmour, the other centre, is our most dangerous back and if given the least chance of an opening will get through. He changes his pace to great advantage and has a neat swerve. He should concentrate on straighter running and more accurate passing. Good, playing on the wing, is speedy but has not been given many chances. D. Furney is a very sound tackler. H. Smyth is now playing out-half. He had a good game against Glenstal, kicking and passing very well. He is easily the best tackler on the team. H. O'Neill and Markham have both been tried at scrum-half. The former played well against Newtown, and we were glad to see that he had fully recovered from his accident last season. Markham has very good football ability, his backing up being particularly noticeable. He has also played full back and seven-eighth and seems to be the utility man of the side. Fetherstonhaugh is another promising back. His play is very neat and intelligent.

As a whole, the backs need to concentrate on more combination, and more variation of play.

The forwards are very heavy this year and are getting the ball well in the set scrums; their play in the loose is not so good, they need to show more dash and follow up quicker.

Aylward, Lynch and Kingston are a very solid front row, and put in an amount of pushing. Aylward has also been doing good work out of touch.

Llewellyn is our most improved forward this year; he is a real hard trier and has had a few good solo bursts. Allen also has improved a good deal and is using his weight to more advantage. Atkins, who captains the team, plays as robust a game as ever and keeps well up with the ball. Stone and A. B. O'Neill are also useful forwards.

Our Junior team has not been in action yet, but we have been trying to sort them out. There is great keenness for places and great curiosity as to when their League Programme will start. With the help of Kingston from the Senior team they should have a very lively pack of forwards. Very promising here are Huggard, Whittaker and Knox. The mainstay of the backs will probably be De Foubert, F. Furney and D. Furney. We wish them the best of luck.

#### SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

##### Senior.

- 11/8/41. Midleton College 6, Newtown 3.
- 15/11/41. Midleton College 6, Glenstal nil.

## Cricket, 1941.

During last Summer we played thirteen matches. Eleven of these were in the Cork Junior League and the other two were friendlies against Glenstal Priory, at Glenstal, and the Old Boys at Midleton. Altogether we won six matches, lost five and drew two, while in the Junior League we finished third of the seven teams competing. The teams above us were both club elevens; we were well ahead of the other schools in the competition.

The match against the Old Boys was one of the most exciting and best to watch. We were very glad to welcome as many as fourteen Old Boys to play, and we opposed them with a like number. It was a relief to play a match on which nothing very much depended, and in it we saw some grand forcing batting and snappy running. The Old Boys collected 114 runs, contributed mainly by some big hitting from Langley Humphreys and Stewart Hosford and some more solid stuff from Cyril Daly. We were left with about an hour to make up the score. Peet and Jermyn opened and went for the bowling immediately. Peet was in grand form and hit up 46 glorious runs before being l.b.w. We were just overtaken by the clock; needing twelve runs from the last over, we secured nine. It was a most thrilling finish.

Our trip to Glenstal was very enjoyable, in spite of most unsettled weather. We hope to have the pleasure of playing them again.

We were unfortunate in not having Peet for all our League matches. He was kept out of six games owing to a broken wrist, and he would surely have made a big difference to the side in the earlier games. He had been our steadiest bat and one of our best bowlers the previous season. In the six matches in which he did play, though unable to bowl, he hit up 123 runs. His batting was more aggressive than before and most of his scores came from hard driving. F. R. Smyth did not touch his old form with bat or ball, but fielded splendidly and was always a great asset to the side. Jermyn has a variety of strokes and with a little more determination and self-confidence, he should make good scores. It was his first season keeping wicket and he did it very well. Larmour was our most reliable and most successful bowler. He should bat well too, if he could give up his habit of nibbling at the ball instead of hitting it. Foott, who had been a hitter, adopted stone-wall tactics for the season. He usually managed to stay in for quite a time, but slow batting can be overdone. He was quite successful as a bowler. Markham has a good eye, but must learn when to hit a ball and when not. His bowling is very promising and he should do well next season. Llewellyn batted consistently and was an excellent fielder. H. Smyth showed great improvement in his batting as the season went on. Others to give promise were H. O'Neill, F. Furney and Fetherstonhaugh. We hope to see them figuring prominently when we wield the willow again.

J. W. S.

## LEAGUE TEAM.

F. H. Jermyn (*Capt.*); R. M. Peet (*Vice-Capt.*); Mr. J. W. Smyth; F. R. Smyth; R. H. B. Llewellyn; H. G. V. Foott; D. A. Larmour; J. H. A. Markham; H. D. Smyth; T. F. K. Fetherstonhaugh; T. A. Gifford.

Subs.—H. D. O'Neill; F. O. Furney.

## AVERAGES.

## Batting.

|              | Inns. | Not Out | Highest Score | Runs | Avg. |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------------|------|------|
| R. M. Peet   | 6     | 1       | 50            | 123  | 24.6 |
| Mr. Smyth    | 10    | 0       | 35            | 148  | 14.8 |
| F. H. Jermyn | 13    | 0       | 52            | 135  | 10.4 |

## Bowling.

|                  | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wkts. | Avg. |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|-------|------|
| D. A. Larmour    | 135.5 | 21      | 247  | 54    | 4.6  |
| J. H. A. Markham | 19    | 2       | 40   | 8     | 5.0  |
| F. R. Smyth      | 42.2  | 9       | 126  | 23    | 5.5  |

## Summary of Cricket Matches.

|                  |            |  |  |  |       |
|------------------|------------|--|--|--|-------|
| 24/5/41.         |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 43         | (Markham 18. Llewellyn 11)               |  |  |       |
| Glensal Priory   | 68 for 8.  | (Larmour 5 for 25).                      |  |  | Lost  |
| 28/5/41.         |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 60         | (F. R. Smyth 13. Foott 12)               |  |  |       |
| C.B.C.           | 24         | (F. R. Smyth 5 for 12. Larmour 5 for 11) |  |  | Won   |
| 2/6/41.          |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 69         | (Mr. Smyth 22)                           |  |  |       |
| Wanderers "A"    | 78         | (Markham 3 for 3)                        |  |  | Lost  |
| 4/6/41.          |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 102        | (F. R. Smyth 35. Humphreys 23)           |  |  |       |
| Wanderers "B"    | 18         | (Larmour 7 for 4)                        |  |  | Won   |
| 7/6/41.          |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 38         | (Llewellyn 11)                           |  |  |       |
| Bohemians        | 50 for 9.  | (Larmour 4 for 14)                       |  |  | Lost  |
| 14/6/41.         |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 71         | (Llewellyn 16. Foott 14)                 |  |  |       |
| P.B.C.           | 38         | (F. R. Smyth 5 for 7).                   |  |  | Won   |
| 20/6/41.         |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 72         | (Foott 21. Mr. Smyth 15)                 |  |  |       |
| Bohemians        | 97 for 9.  | (Markham 2 for 6)                        |  |  | Lost  |
| 21/6/41.         |            |  |  |  |       |
| Midleton College | 112 for 4. | (Peet 46. Llewellyn 16)                  |  |  |       |
| Old Boys         | 114        | (Foott 3 for 18)                         |  |  | Drawn |
| 23/6/41.         |            |  |  |  |       |

SUMMARY OF CRICKET MATCHES—*continued.*

|                  |      |     |                                |      |      |       |
|------------------|------|-----|--------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Midleton College | .... | 79  | (Mr. Smyth 21. Peet 13)        |      |      |       |
| P.B.C.           | .... | 100 | (Larmour 7 for 28)             | .... | .... | Lost  |
| 25/6/41.         |      |     |                                |      |      |       |
| Midleton College | .... | 112 | for 8 (decl.) (Jermyn 52)      |      |      |       |
| Wanderers "A"    | .... | 42  | for 7. (Larmour 4 for 16)      | .... | .... | Drawn |
| 27/6/41.         |      |     |                                |      |      |       |
| Midleton College | .... | 120 | (H. Smyth 27. Mr. Smyth 20)    |      |      |       |
| C.B.C.           | .... | 49  | (Foott 3 for 10)               | .... | .... | Won   |
| 28/6/41.         |      |     |                                |      |      |       |
| Midleton College | .... | 118 | (Mr. Smyth 35. Llewellyn 17)   |      |      |       |
| C.I.             | .... | 22  | (Larmour 6 for 13)             | .... | .... | Won   |
| 2/7/41.          |      |     |                                |      |      |       |
| Midleton College | .... | 151 | for 9. (Peet 50. Mr. Smyth 28) |      |      |       |
| Wanderers "B"    | .... | 40  | (Larmour 6 for 21)             | .... | .... | Won   |

Batting Prizes .... R. M. Peet and F. H. Jermyn

Bowling Prize .... D. A. Larmour.

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**REVERIE.**

The bitter rain is falling fast,  
 And howls and moans the wintry blast;  
 I seek the cheerful hearth, to dream  
 And watch the firelight's flickering gleam.  
 In fancy there I walk again  
 O'er dewy hill and slumb'ring plain.  
 I see the green of growing corn  
 And hear the notes of woodland morn.  
 I journey on 'mid bracken thick,  
 Setting many a wild bird startling quick;  
 Or, at eventide, when the landscape fades,  
 And the tall trees cast their lengthening shades,  
 A silence falls with the coming night,  
 And lo! in a lovelier living light,  
 The fields are hushed, and stillness creeps,  
 And the owl in the tree trunk cautious peeps.

I ever have lov'd the calm and quiet shade;  
 The flush of sunset with its hues that fade,  
 Blue skies, silver clouds and gentle rain,  
 The river flowing down the broad'ning plain.  
 I long for the song of the bird in the wild,  
 But I hear it not in the wintry wind.

T. R. SHORTEN.

## With the Old Boys.

**Old Boys' Association.**—There have been several meetings of the Committee, but unfortunately it has not been possible, owing to the prevailing conditions, to hold any social functions. However, arrangements are in hand for the Annual Dinner, and we hope to have a good muster of Old Boys. We appeal to all past pupils to join the Association, and we feel confident that when times are normal we shall have many happy re-unions, both at the School and elsewhere. A full list, with addresses, of the existing members, will be found after these notes.

We hear that the publications of the Rev. Canon H. Kingsmill Moore, D.D., F.L.S., President of the Old Boys' Association, have brought a request for photo and particulars, so as to include him in the next Edition (American) of "World's Notables." We heartily congratulate him.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the following on their successes in their various Examinations:

W. T. A. Stickland, A.C.A., the Hon. Treasurer, Old Boys' Association, who was admitted an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

James D. Morgan and Bryan G. O'Neill, on their appointments to clerkships in the Bank of Ireland at Maryborough and Galway respectively.

A. Smyth on passing his Third Year Professional Examination in the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

### Trinity College, Dublin.

T. J. C. Warriner (Medical) on being appointed Demonstrator in Anatomy and gaining B.A. and Third Medical.

S. G. Patterson, B.A., on gaining his Higher Diploma in Education.

W. J. White, who has won First-Class Honours in Classics, and Junior Sophister and First of First-Class Honours in Intermediate Law.

W. H. Daunt on winning the Robert King Memorial Prize and a First-Class Divinity Testimonium.

F. H. Rodgers on completing his second year Divinity course and gaining Third-Class Honours in Mental and Moral Philosophy.

T. G. Rickerby on gaining Third-Class Honours in Experimental Science and Little-Go.

W. H. H. Tanner on passing Little-Go and first year Medical.

W. J. Young on getting his B.A.

F. H. Garrett and R. W. Colthurst on passing their respective Term Examinations.

Max Humphreys, T. A. Gifford and B. B. Gale, on gaining Entrance.

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages and wish them every happiness:

Rev. H. J. Packham, who married Sylvia L. Smyth, also a past pupil. Desmond Sullivan, M.R.I.B.A., Wesley Patterson, Norman Smith, Joe Hennessy, J. Jeffery, Ben Daunt and Charlotte de Cogan.

The Bishop of Limerick held an Ordination Service in Tralee Parish Church, on St. Luke's Day, when the Rev. Henry J. Packham, B.A., was admitted to the Priesthood.

We heartily congratulate Freddy Sayers upon receiving his knighthood. He is now Sir Frederick Sayers, C.I.E., Inspector of Police, Madras.

Two of our Old Boys, Jack Brookes and Eric Deane-Roe, have been gaining notoriety in the Dramatic and Variety world—the former was a member of a Variety Show at the Savoy Theatre, Cork, and the latter appeared in "Smilin' Through" at the Opera House, Cork.

We wish to congratulate H. R. Kenworthy on gaining his commission, and Sheila B. Blundell, who has been recommended for her commission in the Wrens.

W. J. White has had the distinction of being elected President of the University Philosophical Society, T.C.D., and his opening address was entitled "The Monkey and Me." We congratulate him on this very signal honour. It was revealed also that he was last term's Editor of T.C.D. "He receives the best thanks of the company and the usual reprimand for 'wildness' with which energetic editors are usually rewarded"—*Irish Times* T.C.D. Notes.

Congratulations to Brian B. Gale on his appointment in the Ocean and Accident Assurance Company.

### SPORTING ITEMS.

J. A. Mattsson has been playing regularly as full-back on the Dublin Wanderers First XV.

R. J. Bolster has won his place in the forwards on the Dolphin First XV.

F. H. Jermyn has appeared as scrum-half on the Constitution First XV.

D. W. Loane helped Munster to beat Connacht in Hockey by 5 goals to 4—he scored three goals. He also played against Leinster and scored, and Munster won—the first time for forty years.

F. R. Smyth scored 14 of the 20 points made by his squadron in the R.A.F., and helped them to win their first match.

William Bird had many successes with his yacht *Ballydulea* in the Cove Sailing Club competitions. The *Cork Examiner* says—"Ballydulea, after a season's absence, and with her owner at the helm, signalled her return to racing by winning first prize on her initial reappearance, showing that her owner has lost none of his cunning at the helm." After this success

the *Ballydulea* was heavily handicapped, but after a few weeks she came into her own again and won at least five successive victories. Congratulations, Mr. Bird.

We had visits from the following and were delighted to see them at the College :—

G. S. Packham ; K. B. and T. K. B. Williams ; W. J. Ferguson ; R. R. Palmer ; W. H., Joe and Eric Daunt.

Additional list of Old Boys serving with His Majesty's Forces :—

**Merchant Navy.**

Eric Law.

Jack Law.

**R.A.F.**

F. R. Smyth.

N. Taylor.

G. H. Nicholson.

B. N. Daunt.

**North Irish Horse.**

U. G. Love.

J. M. Gifford.

**Royal Artillery.**

A. Martin.

We wish to have post-card photographs of all Old Boys serving in the Forces for the purpose of a pictorial record for the College Dining Hall, and we hope all will respond.



## Letters from Old Boys.

H.M.S. *Racer*,  
c/o G.P.O., London,  
8th January, 1941.

Dear Mr. West,

Very many thanks for sending me the latest *College Magazine*. It continues to live up to the standard of its predecessors, in spite of the difficult times, and is a very worthy record of the School and its many activities.

I was glad to see that the Old Boys' Association was so successfully—not to say gastronomically—brought into being and I hope it will long flourish. I would like to join as a Life Member under the Rules given in the *Magazine*, and hope this will be in order.

I was particularly pleased to see in the inaugural photograph, my old Headmaster, Mr. Baker, looking very hale and hearty and, indeed, as if he could still hit up his 50 runs in an afternoon, with his customary ease, and a fair proportion of sixes.

Congratulations are due to the Cricket and Rugger Teams on their excellent records. All Old Boys will be glad to note that the prowess of the College in Games and Sports is being so worthily maintained.

I am enclosing a list of my brothers—all Old Boys—and their addresses for the information of the Secretary of the Association, and I will send the *Magazine* to my eldest brother, to read and pass down the line.

Incidentally, I suppose you saw that Freddy Sayers—a contemporary of ours and of Mr. Baker's—received a Knighthood in the New Year's Honours List. He is now Sir Frederick Sayers, C.I.E., Inspector of Police, Madras.

With best wishes to the School, the Old Boys' Association and yourself.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

V. WEBSTER,

Captain, R.N.

171 Newton Drive,  
Blackpool, Lancs.,  
January 14th, 1941.

Dear Mr. West,

Many thanks for sending me the last copy of the *Midleton College Magazine* and for your good wishes. I would like to become a Life Member of the Midleton College Old Boys' Association, and will be very pleased if you will include my name on the list of members. I will forward my subscription in due course when I hear from you. I am sure that all Old Boys must feel very proud to read of the present fine record of the College.

Yours sincerely,

F. M. HILLIARD.

## EXTRACTS.

From S. G. Patterson, College of St. Columba,  
Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin.

I have been meaning to write to you for some time to thank you very much for the copies of the *College Magazine*, which I received last Christmas. It is a great treat to get them and may I congratulate you and the Editors on the splendid standard achieved. I enclose herewith a small donation to the Funds of the Magazine.

The Bursar has left here to go on Active Service, so I have taken over all his work except the actual accounts, which will be done by Craig Gardner. This means a heavy programme, in addition to teaching and control of some twenty acres of tillage on the College Farm. However, I sometimes wonder how you do all your Headmastering and Bursaring all in one without help. Wesley Patterson has got himself married—so I hear.

From Sergeant W. T. Batson, R.A.F., Sergeants' Mess,  
Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire.

You will be glad to hear that I have won my "wing and stripes" and have successfully completed my gunnery and wireless courses.

During the time I was actually on these courses, I often wondered how I was going to pass them, as to my mind wireless theory is a nightmare.

The gunnery course was very interesting and consisted of a large amount of practical experience on fighter and bomber aircraft. I have had several thrills, but though I'll admit I felt mighty funny at first when we'd go into a power dive, or start putting the plane through its paces, I feel pretty well acclimatised now and can enjoy it to the full. At the moment I'm on a course which will be my last before going into action proper.

I'm flying on heavy kites, so hope shortly to have the pleasure of dropping some "heavies" where they shall do most good.

I hope the old College continues to have further successes in all spheres of activity. I presume that even now, if it has not already taken place, everyone is preparing for the "Gym. Display."

I would also thank you for the *Magazine* which you so kindly sent. I received it while in hospital after Christmas, and believe me it served to cheer me up quite a lot.

**2nd Letter.** I have just completed a pretty tough course which was my last one before going on active operational service. However, I managed to pass the Board with a fairly good percentage, and am now on an active squadron.

Life at present I find very good indeed. Risky it is, without doubt, but the fun and thrills we get, together with the satisfaction of knowing we are doing something worth while, far outweigh any risks.

In every station I go to I have a pretty good search round to try and find some of the Old Boys, and hope to be lucky in that respect soon.

From G. Nicholson, 1 College Hill, London, E.C.4.

Thanks for the *College Magazine* which I was glad to receive. I am very pleased to know that you have succeeded in getting the Old Boys'

Association going, and should be glad to become a member. I have applied for a transfer to the Royal Air Force, and hope to carry out flying duties as a pilot, if possible.

We have had rather a lively time here but it did not stop our Rugger season. We played seventeen games, won fourteen, lost two and drew one. Your teams seem to have done very well, so I hope it continues.

**From R. M. Peet, 19 Trinity College, Dublin.**

"Daly and I are fairly well settled in here now. We have had some good fun trying to strike bargains here and there, and we haven't done too badly.

Our rooms are in Botany Bay, and they are quite comfortable, the only drawback being that every time we want to get to our rooms we have to climb sixty steps. However, we don't mind that. Incidentally, I asked the Clerk of Works to put in a lift for us."

**From Cadet F. R. Smyth, Hotel Majestic, Torquay.**

"I played a match for the squadron last Friday, and I was in grand form. I scored fourteen out of the twenty points scored. It was the first time our squadron has won while I am here. I am on next Saturday's Wing team. There are too many backs and no forwards. I first put my name down as a centre, but they asked me to play in the forwards, so I picked wing-forward as the best of a bad lot. There are a number of County players on these matches, and some time ago we had Guest, the English centre, playing. I hope we don't see many more like him, or we shall have to give up altogether.

Have you entered for the Schools' League this year? I met an Old Boy of Kilkenny College a short time ago and he mentioned something about entering for the new League. I was wondering what League they could enter, but he seemed certain that they would have to play Bishop Foy's. He must have made a mistake.

I must do my navigation exam. again. I missed it by one mark. I got 59 per cent. I was unlucky enough to be put in with the top grade Cadets for Maths., and I found that easy. But I thought I would be put back to second grade for Navigation, as I had never done it before. Then, being in top grade, I was not allowed to attend evening classes. The class actually consisted of a couple of Cambridge graduates, some fully qualified engineers, and a lot of younger fellows who had been in the A.T.C. and had even gone through almost all the course before.

I suppose the rehearsals for the concert are going on in full swing now. I wonder has Mr. Fraser any new ideas for the stage. God help the work party if he has.

I called in to see Bobbie Peet and Willie while I was in Dublin. Bobbie happened to be just after bringing off a deal with somebody for a carpet, while Willie was still bartering with somebody else for some other luxury. When I had been forced to take supper with the two of them—which I thoroughly enjoyed, in spite of Bob's slap-dash cooking—we went to see Bill Daunt and Hubert, and there we had a regular O.B.'s meeting."

From G. S. Packham, Pugome, Ardleigh Green Road,  
Hornchurch, Essex.

"I am enclosing a P.O. for 10/- towards a prize for the College Sports Day, and may I wish it every success. It was certainly very thoughtful of you in having a *College Magazine* sent to me, its reading gave me great interest. I was surprised and pleased to see that some of the boys were over here in the Forces. Let's wish them every success. I suppose you know that I registered with my age group last August, but up to the moment my job is in the list of reserved occupations. However, not to be idle in the evenings and nights, I joined as a Warden early in 1939, before the war began. I cannot here relate my experiences, but, believe me, they have been hectic. I take my hat off, so to speak, to the English people, after the way they behaved during those very heavy attacks we experienced during the winter and early in the year."

Letters were also received from:—

- R. J. A. Good, whom we hear has been appointed Instructor in the R.A.F.
- C. S. Gifford, who is working for his commission.
- R. P. West, whose twin brother, H. P., is now serving on H.M.S. *Valiant*.
- W. W. Daly, who is in rooms in T.C.D., with R. M. Peet.
- J. S. Love, who is seeking a cadetship in the Royal Ulster Constabulary

## ECHO.

O, Echo was a maid of charm,  
The fairest of the fair,  
A Goddess of the ancient Greeks,  
With plaits of golden hair.

Her virtues numberless were marred  
By a fault disliked by all—  
'Twas the love she bore for talking  
Of matters great and small.

The Queen of Gods came forth in wrath,  
And warned her many a time,  
And soon she threatened punishment  
Unless she stopped her crime.

But Echo would not be reproved,  
And so was sent to climb  
Up to the highest mountain tops,  
With a task for the rest of time.

The task that was assigned to her  
Has given her many a care—  
To breathe again the words she hears  
On the silent evening air.

And now, if you should call aloud,  
And hear the hills reply,  
Remember that its Echo,  
Whose voice will never die.

A. B. O'NEILL.

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