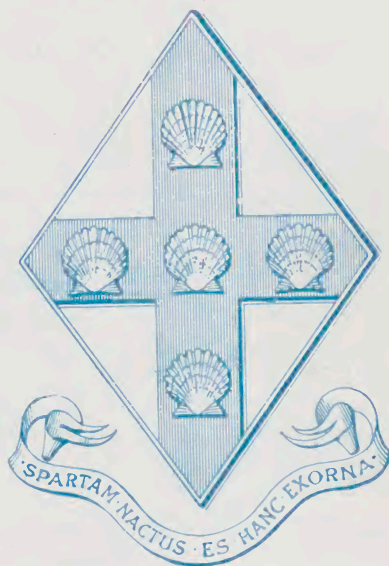


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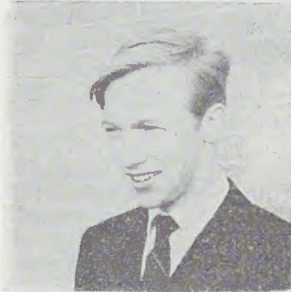
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# Midleton College Magazine

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## Editorial



THE WORLD moves on and so does Midleton College. Progress is something which cannot really be defined since numerous opposing views exist on the subject and it is comforting for one, who has not yet a set view in this matter, to notice that while Midleton progresses, certain safety valves are being kept in working order. I refer, in this respect, to the classics in general and Latin in particular. It is so necessary, with science laboratories assuming an extremely enticing appearance, to maintain our sense of values if only for the upholding of a balanced education. It is with this in mind that I somewhat complacently point out that the senior Latin class has increased from one last year to eight for the present term, and that if no fifth formers drop the subject the figure will be doubled next year. Not only is Latin an essential part of the English language's heritage, it also opens the door to Roman literature which provides an insight into one of the greatest empires the world has known. Its real value, though, is that it sets one just that little bit apart from the milling crowd, giving one that vital injection of culture, so much needed in an all too materialistic world; that refinement that will hold one in good stead in the most distinguished of company. Just as it would be a tragedy for Irish to die out so the extinguishing of the Latin flame would make me turn in my grave: at least I have the satisfaction of knowing that this will not happen in my life-time.

But far more important than culture is survival, and the past year has witnessed Midleton showing a keenness in the face of adversity that must surely have won the admiration, or more important the respect, of the general public. In retrospect it appears as if the powers that be, spurred on by diverse motives concerning amalgamation, sought in vain to join Midleton, Rochelle, Bandon and Cork Grammar into an educational hotch-potch. It must be stressed at this stage that Midleton has at all times upheld its independent nature so essential if one is to keep the title of public school. Should those powers have got their hands on the College a heritage of over 250 years as a public school, a reputation extending far beyond our shores and, most important, the ability, stemming firstly from its having the power to determine its own course to educate its pupils without dogmatic, religious or political pressures, would have disappeared.

It says much for Midleton and its supporters that letters to the newspapers, during the pressurising period, writing off Midleton, have not affected it in the slightest, and the College continues to provide a balanced education, now to increased numbers.

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### **Ave.:**

THE FOLLOWING new pupils were enrolled since our last issue. We welcome them and we extend to them our best wishes for success and happiness here:

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### **Vale:**

WE WISH the following, who left last year, every success in the future:—

ALAN TATE, last year's Head Boy, and HOWARD SHAW, who are both reading Business Studies at T.C.D.

MICHAEL JONES left us at Christmas and has entered Nottingham University, winning an Atomic Energy Commission scholarship.

TREVOR LESTER is studying Pharmacy at U.C.D.

SAMUEL JEFFERY is our sole entrant to U.C.C., where he is studying Medicine.

CHRISTOPHER GARDE has entered the Medical School, T.C.D.

PETER HUTCHINSON is merchandising with Goodbody's Ltd., Dun Laoghaire.

MARTIN WOLFE attends T.C.D., where he is reading History.

TREVOR PEARE has gone into the Science department of T.C.D.

NIGEL HICKEY left us last Christmas, and is now studying accountancy in Atkins and Chirnside.

PIERCE SMYTH is commencing a career in Industrial Designing.

DAVID BOGAN is attending the Crawford Municipal Technical School, gaining experience at the same time in Ford's plant.

TREVOR KINGSTON is working in the laboratory of the Erin Food factory in Middleton.

DANIEL CROSS has set his sights on a career in Chartered Surveying.

BEVERLEY CRAIG and ALLEN BRADY at present hold temporary posts before finding something more permanent.

RICHARD ROYCROFT is at present working at home in Skibbereen.

JAMES TAIT and ALBERT DE COGAN have returned to the "green acres" to commence a career on the land.

## *Midleton College 1968*

**CRISIS.**—The past year was a critical one but also a decisive one. It may seem like digging up skeletons to recall the meetings held in Cork last Spring—that originally called by the Dept. of Education in January and the others which followed—to discuss post-primary education for Protestants in Munster. The chief Dept. officer at the January meeting blandly asserted from the platform in his review of the situation in Cork that the Dept. ‘did not like Midleton’—presumably he meant the Development Branch, whose policy it is to close more schools by amalgamation and the provision of transport services (cf. Newport). No previous intimation of this attitude to Midleton had been given to us by any Dept. official or inspector until this statement was made in front of a public audience and in the presence of the press. Of this tactic we took a poor view and the general arguments for our demise did not impress us. Indeed we have good reason for believing that these sentiments were not generally held by other sections of the Dept., who are aware of our record and our atmosphere. The officers concerned intimated that they were not forcing a particular project on Cork but were bringing a state of affairs to the notice of the Cork people and suggesting remedies. It sounded like an effort to drive a wedge between the Cork parents and their schools. The main suggestion (though it was possible ‘Finance would not agree even if Education did’) was for a comprehensive school to absorb Midleton, Rochelle and Cork Grammar, and possibly Bandon as well.

Midleton has been a rapidly developing school over the past few years with a high increase rate of pupils and a large expenditure on buildings and equipment. Its Board fully backed by its parents, past pupils and staff made it very clear that the system of education provided by it and its independent status were well worth preserving, and that it was not going to be liquidated or ‘phased out’ (to quote a prominent Old Boy comprehensivist) at the whim of those who had no intrinsic interest in its future welfare, and would like to see it (fully hostellated) buttressing a questionable experiment in Cork, which would involve the sacrifice of its community life as a boarding school and the loss of its independence to a state-controlled committee. If subject spread and staff-pupil ratio count for anything, and they must, Midleton can compare most favourably with any outline of curriculum or timetable so far prepared for a comprehensive school. As well as its extensive grounds and its fine buildings, Midleton has a well integrated system of organisation both in the academic and domestic sphere which, if destroyed or uprooted, could never again be supplied.

The Board made a final and definite statement of decision in March to maintain the College in its present form, and this was welcomed by all our connections.

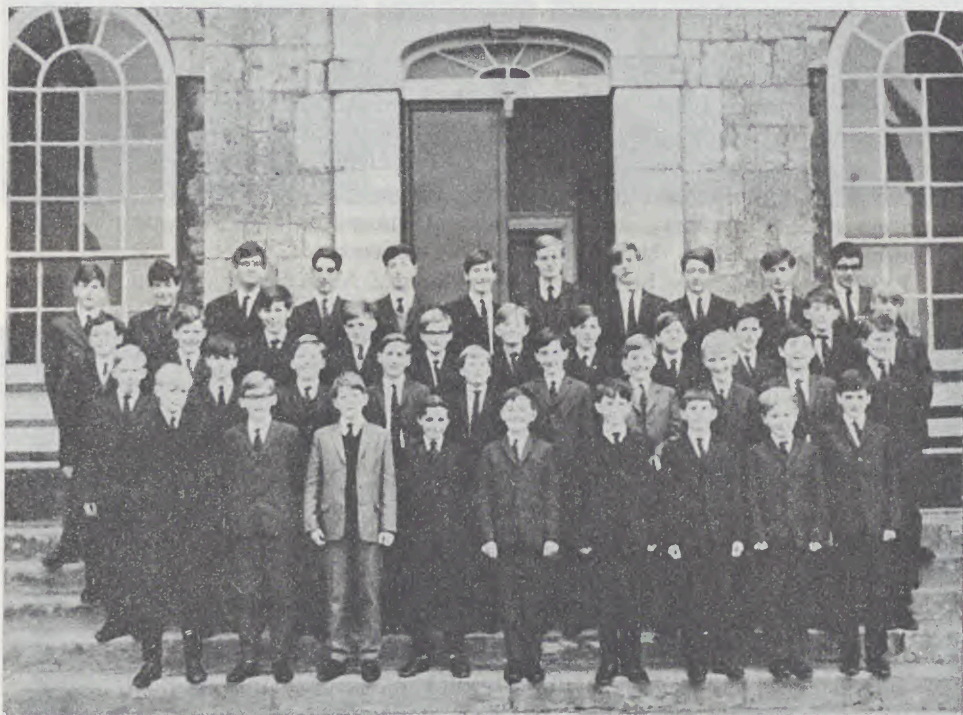
**AFTERMATH.**—Numbers had been slow to accumulate during the uncertainty of the above period, but after the March statement, which was widely publicised and acclaimed, entries came in rapidly, and we were confronted with the usual building problems of the Summer holidays. A further Roh-Fab sleeping unit was built, and two classrooms were added to the teaching block—one for general purposes and the other a geography room. A new Woodwork Shop was

put up, and the old one has been adapted for extra changing space with a full set of steel tog lockers—one for each boy. A total of 172 boys turned up in September—22 more than that of the previous June. Boarders number 150. The next serious bottleneck with further increases will be dining space and kitchen and serving facilities. An entry of 38 to first form involved its division into two groups—a two-form entry. The division is based not on ability but according to numbers on the ranking list—the odds (I o) and evens (I e). Next year shows signs of a further two-form entry which has encouraged the Dept. of Education to view us more favourably, and to consider us for capital grants—a rather different situation from that of a year ago.

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### NEW BOARDERS — 1968



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### TERCENTENARY

WE CONGRATULATE Kilkenny College on their tercentenary which was celebrated this year. We trust that schools that had such brilliant pupils as Swift and Berkeley, who was a member of the Board of Middleton College when Bishop of Cloyne, will continue to give many more years of service.

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## *Prize Giving and Concert—1967*

THE FIRST opportunity a new boy has of seeing the College and parents on display is the prize-giving and concert at the end of his first term. Last year saw Dean Lawrenson, of Derry, an old boy of the College, presenting the prizes. Having performed this function he went on to speak on the importance of having one's roots firmly grounded in Christian principles.

The Concert followed, the usual fluctuations of standard between the various items being evident. The Senior Play, entitled "The Reunion", was competently acted, but one felt that its theme of how people's attitudes change when not under pressure, was trite. It was the Junior Play, "The Emperor Godiva," however, that provided the real entertainment for the assembled throng, the mannerisms of the actors being greeted with hoots of laughter. Another junior effort "The Seven Ages of Man" was humorously enacted, while an excerpt from "The Bald Prima Donna" was memorably performed by Jan van der Puil and Ken Good.

The Drummer Boys, with gaunt faces reflecting their arduous task, made their annual appearance. Of the two musical items, one was memorable for Peter Coe vainly striving to play an electric guitar that was not plugged in, while the Harmonies had more entertainment value. The last item was the performing of "The Outwitting of Whitherington" by the choir. This musical comedy, written by Sam Jeffery, and incorporating many contemporary pop songs, undoubtedly provided the highlight of the Concert.

Lastly, mention must be made of the efforts of Allen Brady, Tom Ferguson and the stage-hands. on which the smooth running of the Concert depends so much.

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## *Prize Giving—1968*

THIS YEAR it was decided to separate prize giving from the Concert. In view of these functions being separated, the prize giving was held in 1968 at half-term. It is hoped that both will benefit as a result of the greater time allotted in each case. It might also be added that it aids the magazine which no longer finds itself reporting on the previous year's prize giving while giving details relevant to the following one.

After the presentation of the prizes, Dr. Reynolds, Headmaster of the High School, Dublin, and a prominent figure in Irish secondary educational circles, addressed the audience. Having advised the boys on the value of living life to the full, he enlarged entertainingly to the parents on certain dangerous aspects of increasing government control and take-over in secondary-education in this country. He praised the stand that Middleton had taken and referred to its status as ranking with the best of England's public schools. He was duly thanked by representatives of the governors.



1967 — William Jermyn and Clive Hutchinson with the Lord Bishop and Dean Lawrenson.



1968 — Bert van Mourik receives his prize from Dr. Reynolds.

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# Examination Results, 1968

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W. K. B. Craig	Pass in English, Irish, History, Geography, Mathematics, French, Drawing.
J. D. Cross	Pass in English, Irish, Geography, Mathematics, Physics-with-Chemistry, Applied Mathematics, Drawing.
C. J. Garde	Hons. in Chemistry, Pass in English, Physics, Botany.
N. L. Hickey	Hons. in Geography, Physics-with-Chemistry, Commerce.
J. C. Hutchinson	Hons. in Geography, Drawing, Pass in English, Irish, Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics.
P. J. Hutchinson	Pass in English, Geography, Mathematics, French, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics.
S. F. Jeffery	Hons. in Physics, Pass in Chemistry, Botany.
T. F. Kingston	Hons. in French, Physics-with-Chemistry, Pass in English, Irish, History, Geography, Mathematics, Drawing.
T. R. Lester	Hons. in English, Geography, Pass in Physics, Chemistry.
H. V. Shaw	Hons. in French, Physics, Chemistry, Pass in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.
R. P. Smyth	Hons. in Drawing, Pass in English, Irish, Geography, Mathematics, French, Physics-with-Chemistry, Applied Mathematics.
T. A. Tate	Hons. in Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Pass in Drawing.
M. H. Wolfe	Hons. in History, Geography, French. Pass in English, Irish, Mathematics, Latin.

## INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

G. W. Armstrong	Hons. in History, Geography. Pass in English, Irish, Drawing.
A. J. Baker	Hons. in Mathematics. Pass in English, History, Geography, Science, Drawing.
E. P. Bailey	Pass in English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science, Drawing.
D. J. S. Brewster	Hons. in English, Mathematics, Science. Pass in Irish, History Geography, Latin, French, Drawing.
T. N. Cave	Pass in English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science, Drawing.
P. J. Cross	Pass in English, Irish, History and Geography, Science, Drawing.
R. H. Deacon	Pass in Irish, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science, Drawing.
B. P. Edwards	Hons. in History and Geography, Mathematics, Science. Pass in Irish, English, Latin, Drawing.
A. G. Farrar	Pass in English, Irish, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science, Drawing.
K. R. Good	Hons. in English, History and Geography, Mathematics, French, Science. Pass in Irish, Latin, Drawing.
P. J. Good	Hons. in Science. Pass in English, Irish, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin.

W. J. Hadnett	Hons. in Irish, Latin, French, Science. Pass in English, History and Geography, Mathematics.
A. J. S. Hickey	Hons. in English, Mathematics, Science. Pass in Irish, History and Geography, Latin, Drawing.
E. V. Ludgate	Hons. in Science. Pass in English, Irish, History and Geography, Mathematics, Drawing.
T. G. McBride	Hons. in Mathematics. Pass in English, Irish, History and Geography, Latin, French, Science, Drawing.
A. D. Mackillop	Hons. in English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science. Pass in Irish, French, Drawing.
R. E. Murphy	Hons. in English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science. Pass in Irish, French, Drawing.
C. S. Northridge	Hons. in English, History and Geography, Latin, French, Science. Pass in Irish, Mathematics.
L. S. Payne	Pass in English, Irish, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science.
T. R. Perrott	Hons. in History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Science. Pass in English, Irish, Drawing.
E. J. J. Tait	Pass in English, Irish, Mathematics, Drawing.
J. G. van der Puil	Hons. in English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Science. Pass in Irish, Latin, French, Drawing.
G. A. van Mourik	Hons. in English, History and Geography, Mathematics, Latin, French, Science. Pass in Irish, Drawing.
R. L. Roycroft	Pass in Irish.

### GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (London)

#### (A—Level)

S. F. Jeffery	French.
J. D. T. Peare	Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics.

#### (O—Level)

A. F. E. Allen	English, Geography, History.
J. K. Brookes	English, Geography, History.
J. D. Clarke	English, French, Geography, History, Mathematics.
P. R. F. Coc	Geography, History, Mathematics.
A. W. B. Good	English, History, Mathematics, Physics-with-Chemistry.
H. B. Hosford	English, Geography, French, History, Latin, Physics-with-Chemistry Religious Knowledge.
F. M. Jeffery	Geography, History, Physics-with-Chemistry.
R. L. Jeffery	History, Mathematics, Physics-with-Chemistry.
J. E. S. Kingston	English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Knowledge.
J. Ladd	English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Latin, Irish.
J. W. Ludgate	Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Knowledge.
A. M. McMillan	French, Geography, Religious Knowledge.
S. A. Moore	English, French.
G. G. Morgan	English, History.
R. Shackleton	English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Irish, Physics-with-Chemistry.
M. V. Shorten	Geography, History, Mathematics.
E. R. Sweetnam	English, History, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Physics-with-Chemistry.
M. Hosford Tanner	English, Geography, History, Latin, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Physics-with-Chemistry, Afrikaans.
B. J. Wolfe	English, Geography, Mathematics.

### ASSOCIATED BOARD OF ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

GRADE IV	P. R. F. Coc.
GRADE III	A. J. S. Hickey.
GRADE II	I. C. T. Leopold.
GRADE I	I. R. Fleming, H. N. Vokes, N. P. K. Peare, D. T. Eadie, J. A. Key.

## Prize List, 1968

MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: J. D. T. Peare.

MIDDLETON SCHOLARSHIP: G. A. van Mourik and A. D. Mackillop.

SPECIAL LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE: T. A. Tate.

O.B.A. PRIZES: H. V. Shaw, M. H. Wolfe.

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: K. R. Good, C. S. Northridge, J. G. van der Puij, T. R. Perrott, R. E. Murphy, A. J. S. Hickey, D. J. S. Brewster, B. P. Edwards.

SPECIAL G.C.E. PRIZE: J. M. Hosford Tanner.

J. H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR SCIENCE: H. V. Shaw, C. S. Northridge.

BAGWELL PRIZES FOR LANGUAGES: M. H. Wolfe, G. A. van Mourik.

MRS. E. F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MUSIC: P. R. F. Coe.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: H. B. Hosford, R. Shackleton, J. Ladd, J. E. S. Kingston, E. R. Sweetnam, J. D. Clarke.

MRS. SMYTH'S PRIZES FOR SINGING: C. J. Garde, K. W. P. Chapple, K. R. Good, I. R. Fleming.

DEBATING PRIZES: C. J. Garde (senior), A. D. Mackillop (junior).

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

*Senior*: 1st, M. H. Wolfe; 2nd, S. F. Jeffery.

*Middle*: 1st, J. W. Bateman; 2nd, K. Allen.

*Junior*: 1st, R. M. Allen; 2nd, D. T. Eadie.

SCRIPTURE PRIZES:

*3rd year*: 1st, J. W. Bateman; 2nd, L. A. Graham; 3rd, D. J. F. Key.

*2nd year*: 1st, R. M. Allen; 2nd, D. T. Eadie; 3rd, B. F. Lynch.

*1st year*: 1st, N. S. Key; 2nd, P. R. Kermod; 3rd, D. Jeffery.

*Preparatory*: 1st, P. R. Walsh; 2nd, R. D. Kingston; 3rd, P. D. Loane.

**Class Prizes:**

FORM V: J. W. Ludgate, A. W. B. Good.

FORM IV: T. G. McBride, E. V. Ludgate, P. J. Good.

FORM III: 1st, K. Allen; 2nd, D. J. F. Key; 3rd, J. W. Bateman; 4th, D. W. Griffin; 5th, K. J. O'Driscoll; 6th, J. R. St. Leger; 7th, D. P. Moore.

FORM II: 1st, R. M. Allen; 2nd, A. W. Tait; 3rd, H. A. S. Egner; 4th, N. P. K. Peare; 5th, B. F. Lynch; 6th, T. W. H. Boyd; 7th, W. D. Kingston.

FORM I: 1st, N. S. Key; 2nd, P. R. Kermod; 3rd, A. J. van Mourik; 4th, M. F. Ross; 5th, N. R. Roycroft; 6th, P. G. de Montfort; 7th, J. G. Murphy.

PREPARATORY: 1st, P. R. Walsh; 2nd, J. M. Pringle; 3rd, P. S. Lewis; 4th, P. H. Kingston; 5th, P. D. Loane; 6th, A. F. Khambalia.

The Magazine continues to be produced at a loss each year, and but for our Advertisers, whom we commend to you, we could not keep going. A small but faithful band of people send subscriptions; perhaps you could join them this time if you have enjoyed this issue. We acknowledge Subscriptions in 1968 from Mrs. Constable, Miss E. E. Bailey, Dr. M. E. T. Hearn, Rev. C. Devenish, Mr. H. O'Neill, Mr. J. R. B. Bird, Capt. G. A. P. Webster.

## Outstanding Scholars 1968

### MICHAEL JONES

Entered Engineering School of Nottingham University and awarded an Atomic Energy Authority of Great Britain Scholarship worth £600 per annum to cover his university training. This is the largest scholarship ever won by a Midleton boy.

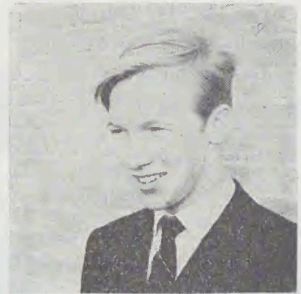


### TREVOR PEARE

Gained A levels in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. Has entered the Natural Science Faculty of T.C.D. Gained 28th place in T.C.D. Entrance Scholarship with Grade I in Physics, Grade II in Mathematics and Grade II in Chemistry.

### MICHAEL HOSFORD TANNER

Gained G.C.E. O-levels in eight subjects with Grade A in English Language, Geography, History, and Mathematics, and Grade C in Afrikaans.



### BERT VAN MOURIK (right)

Gained six honours in the Intermediate Certificate with 89.9% in Mathematics and 82.5% in Science.

### A. D. MACKILLOP (left)

Gained five honours in the Intermediate Certificate with 92.5% in Mathematics and 82.7% in English.

### EASTER SALE, 1968

OUR TRIENNIAL EASTER SALE was held in April on the last day of the Easter Term. Its aim was to provide funds for the construction of a new Woodwork room. Its success greatly exceeded our expectations, and we are deeply grateful to all our supporters—parents, Old Boys and friends—who ran stalls, organised functions and attended the Sale. The results generally indicated a strong gesture of goodwill for the decision of the Board to maintain Middleton as an independent unit. Herewith is a summary of the receipts:—

SALE TAKINGS:			FUNCTIONS (contd.):		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Admission	....	12 17 6	Reception in Dublin		
Work Stall	....	170 14 11	(per Mrs. McLean)	55 10 0	
Country Produce	....	128 3 11	Whist Drive at College		
Cake Stall	....	79 11 2	(Cloyne Ladies)	60 2 0	
Bottle Stall	....	52 6 0	Coffee Afternoon		
Tombola	....	92 10 3	(per Mrs. J. Hornibrook, jun.)	53 10 0	
Sweet Stall	....	69 19 10	Coffee Evening in Douglas		
Amusements	....	40 19 1	(per Mrs. I. Cave)	56 10 0	
Boys' Stall	....	62 5 0	Schull Parish		
Teas	....	78 2 0	(per Mrs. W. J. Ferguson)	11 15 0	
Raffle	....	131 10 11	Jumble Sale at Youghal		
			(per Mrs. Andrew)	12 0 0	
<b>FUNCTIONS:</b>					
Jumble Sale			Carrigtwohill Dance		
(per Mrs. W. Tait)	....	171 12 6	(per Mrs. T. V. Ludgate)	21 0 0	
Jumble Sale			<b>Subscriptions</b>	87 3 0	
(Carrigaline, etc.)	....	107 10 0	<b>Interest, etc.</b>	16 12 11	
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£1,572 6 0</b>	

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### THE LIBRARY

SHORTLY after the commencement of this term, a Library Committee, under the guidance of Mr. King, was formed. Each member of this eight-man committee is responsible for the daily welfare of the library. Much credit is due to this committee and to Mr. Mullins, for the complete re-organisation and cataloguing of all the library books. It is hoped that by making the books more accessible, reading will be encouraged.

But if reading is to be encouraged so the high standard of the reading matter must be maintained. In this respect we must thank Mr. and Mrs. Beitz, the former American consul in Cork and his wife, for the regular monthly contributions of books of educational interest. We also thank the Very Rev. T. H. O'Driscoll, Dean of Vancouver, for his contributions, and take this opportunity of underlining the importance of such gifts of educational books.

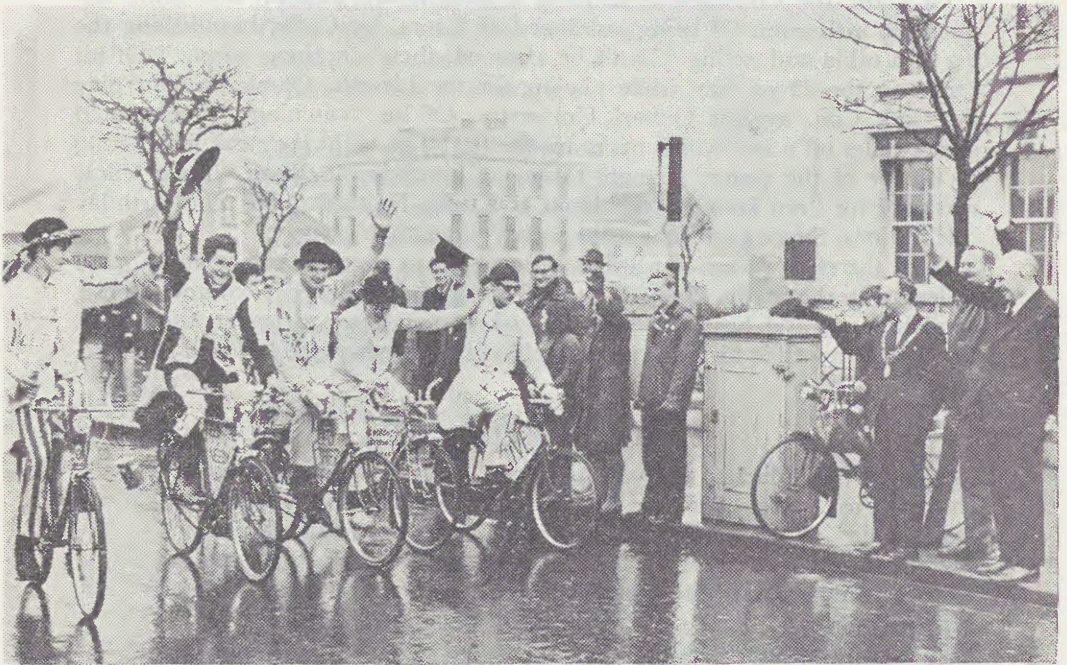
## FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CYCLE

THE six Midleton boys who cycled the hundred and sixty miles to Dublin were given a rousing send-off by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Alderman Pearse Wyse, the Headmaster and various friends of the school. Last year, however, we had arranged for six pupils from both Glenstal Abbey and Newtown School to set out from Limerick and Waterford respectively, all of us to meet in Dublin. There the highlight of the cycle took place when we were met by An Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, at the Government Buildings, where we handed over the contributions received to the President of Gorta before television cameras.

The trip was a tremendous success both from the monetary point of view and that the cycle was for a worthy cause. The total collected was £780, of which the Midleton sextet collected over £500, our success probably being due to the previous years' experience. But I think that one could not write an account of last year's cycle without drawing the reader's attention to the great credit due to Michael Jones and Alan Tate, who both put in a considerable amount of work and valuable time in ensuring the success of the venture; both deserve great thanks for their efforts.

This year we plan to stage another charity cycle though, due to the resentment felt by certain people over the matter of contributing to a society which concentrates its efforts overseas, we have decided this year to collect for an equally worthy local charity, Cork Disabled Children. We trust that people will seize upon the opportunity of contributing towards this deserving cause.

T. W. Ferguson (*Form VI*).



The boys—Tom Ferguson, Trevor Cave, Chris Garde, Alan Tate and Michael Jones are seen off from Cork City Hall by The Lord Mayor, Alderman P. Wyse, Mr. N. Cave, and the Headmaster.



**AFTERMATH TO THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE**

All was sad and quiet one dark November morning,  
 Nothing could be heard, but alas the day was dawning,  
 Red blood was covering the bodies of the dead,  
 Fate had befallen those who had been bravely led.  
 The courageous British officer had given the instruction  
 And many hundred soldiers had just galloped to destruction.  
 It was absolutely useless and they knew it all too well  
 And on and on they galloped and 'My God,' the way they fell.  
 They just galloped and they galloped midst a hail of shell and fire  
 And the few that still were mounted they were driven to retire.  
 The mission had been useless and the toll of death was high  
 But the order had been given; there was no time to deny;  
 And the bravery and the courage of the men who fought in vain  
 Will live and be remembered long within the hall of fame.

D. Griffin (*Form IV*)

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**CHRISTMAS TREE**

When the soft lights on the Christmas tree  
 Cast a magic spell,  
 There's the lovely story of its life to tell;  
 Once upon a time, not very long ago,  
 It lived in a woodland  
 Where the tall fir trees grow.

There the warm sun shone on it  
 While a gentle breeze would blow,  
 And the soft cool rain from heaven  
 Made its leaves and branches grow.  
 'Twas there in the still of evening,  
 That stars above gave light,  
 Like a million tiny holes  
 In the velvet cloak of night.

And when the frost lay sparkling  
 Like jewels and diamonds grand  
 And snow caressed the branches  
 In winter wonderland,  
 'Twas then the woodman took an axe  
 And cruelly cut it down  
 And early the next morning he sold it in the town.  
 Now it stands in the high street  
 For everyone to see;  
 The messenger of joy and peace,  
 The little Christmas tree.

Ken Dukelow (*Form IV*).

## RICHARD ALEXANDER COX

It is with deep regret that, just as this issue of the magazine is coming off the press, we record the death of our colleague and friend, Richard Cox. He had been off work through illness since his mother died on late October but the news of his death came as a great shock to us all. He was on the staff of the College for the past twenty-three years and we are deeply conscious and appreciative of his work. He was an excellent teacher of Latin and English and was noted for the meticulous care he took in organising and arranging his work. He acted as Editor of this Magazine from time to time but his particular forte lay in dealing with the laborious work of the Advertising Section. He was a great link between the O.B.A. and the school and he gave valuable service to the O.B.A. as Membership Secretary. He was a man of unusual quirks of character, endowed with a wonderful facility for dead-pan humour! His devotion to his work and his duties at the College transcended all his other qualities. *May he rest in peace.*

## Miscellanea

This term four members of the touring Australian Rugby Team, together with their manager, paid a visit to the School. Before the College's assembled rugby-playing fraternity, they proceeded to answer questions on a variety of aspects of the game. They then presented Tom Ferguson and Ivan Lecpold, senior and junior rugby captains respectively, with souvenir badges.

Two opportunities presented themselves last Rugby season to watch Internationals at Lansdowne Road. The first was a general excursion by train, open to all, while the latter was confined to members of the senior team who had played King's Hospital the previous afternoon.

Thanks to the Everyman Theatre kindly sending complimentary tickets to two performances, a literary-minded group and the stage-hands had the opportunity of seeing "Waiting for Godot" and a farce by Molière respectively. This gesture on their part is most appreciated.

We wish Miss Fitzgerald, our matron, a swift recovery, and welcome Miss Burke, the temporary nurse, to Midleton, and hope that she has an enjoyable stay.

It is with regret that we bade farewell to Mr. O'Leary; his fascinating stories of his brief educational career in Nigeria will long be remembered, as will the endless effort he put into getting the Intermediate Certificate class through Geography. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

We welcome Miss Hosford, Mr. Daley and Mr. Mullins, who has already shown enthusiasm for which we are grateful in founding a Literary Society. It is with sincerity that we wish all three a long and memorable career here.

Last year Midleton was invited to participate in R.T.E's general knowledge programme, Inter-School Question Time. The team, consisting of M. Wolfe, who was captain, T. Peare, J. Hutchinson and R. Shackleton, went down in the first round to the eventual winners, St. Brendan's College, Killarney, this factor proving a consolation.

The usual social round of dances at Rochelle, Cork Grammar and Midleton was completed without any reputations irreparably tarnished.

The pride and joy of the soccer fraternity, the pitch near the distillery, witnessed the first organised soccer match against outside opposition in memory. Brian Wolfe thus became Midleton's first soccer captain.

On two nights during the recent Cork Youth Conference groups of seniors from the College were transported to and from the Conference, where they doubtless contributed their valuable suggestions in a creditable manner.

Last year we were fortunate in having Mr. L. Atkins come to speak on shells. An eminent conchologist himself, he gave an erudite and surprisingly interesting talk.

This term aspiring artists have the opportunity to develop their talents under the guidance, in the case of seniors, of Mr. Breslin, and in the junior's case, of Mr. Clarkin. The introducing of this subject, which could prove to become a career or more likely an enjoyable past-time in later life, is to be commended.

Films continue to appear on the occasional Sunday nights, while of a perhaps more consistently high standard are the record recitals of Mr. King, for which the throng of dedicated followers are immensely grateful.

Finally, and by no means least, we were thrilled with the wonderful success of David's Fleming's kidney transplant operation last Spring. We pay tribute to the tremendous fortitude shown by him and his father, and we are delighted to have both of them back with us again in their normal capacities.

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### HISTORICAL TOUR OF DUBLIN

AN AMBITION of Mr. Pettit's, our history master, came true last summer term, when he took Form III on an historical tour of Dublin, the day proving a very successful one.

We explored the older part of Dublin, including Christchurch and St. Patrick's Cathedrals. Christchurch proved to be the highlight of our trip; seeing the tomb of Strongbow being an exciting experience, as was the famous crypt. Passing many toothless old women down side-streets, some of whom told us fascinating tales, we proceeded to the city centre. On the way we met some distinguished Old Boys of the College, one of whom was Duncan Moffett. These conducted us around the new library of Trinity College and also showed us the famous "Book of Kells." After this we retired for lunch at the Metropole Grill.

In the afternoon we visited the Dail, while it was in session, and also the National Museum, which proved most enlightening. At this stage we rested under the trees in St. Stephen's Green for half an hour, since the long walk through the city in sweltering heat had exhausted us. It now only remained for us to catch the train back to Cork. Our gratitude to Mr. Pettit for conducting us on this interesting and educational tour was tangibly expressed in the form of a small gift.

D. Griffin and D. Key (*Form IV*).

## *Debating Society*

OFFICERS elected during 1968 were:—

### **Easter Term**

*Auditor:* H. B. HOSFORD

*Secretary:* J. M. HOSFORD TANNER

#### *Committee:*

A. D. MACKILLOP, S. A. MOORE,  
C. S. M. NORTHRIDGE, W. J. HADNETT

### **Christmas Term**

*Auditor:* J. M. HOSFORD TANNER

*Secretary:* H. B. HOSFORD

#### *Committee:*

A. F. E. ALLEN, A. D. MACKILLOP,  
P. L. ATKINSON, K. ALLEN

The Society continues to flourish under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. Johnston. We thank him most sincerely for the amount of time and energy he has devoted to the Society. As usual a variety of topics were debated; however, the highlight of the Easter term's debating was undoubtedly the debating competition, organised and judged by the committee in consultation with the Chairman. Andrew Allen captured the first prize in the Senior Section with Chris Garde the runner-up, while Neil Bullock and Leslie Payne emerged as winner and runner-up respectively in the Junior Section. The prize for the best maiden speech went to Karl Verso, Kieran O'Driscoll coming second. Motions debated by the House for the Easter term 1968 were as follows:—

“This House urges revision of the present system of Censorship.”

*Won*—37-12.

“Animals should wear clothes.”

*Lost*—25-30.

“The public is being exploited by entertainers and professional sportsmen.”

*Won*—19-17.

“God is taking second place to religion in the Christian Churches.”

*Won*—19-5.

The highlight of the Christmas term 1968 was the Annual Debate with the Old Boys. The motion was “That we Protestants have not taken our rightful place in Irish National Life.” The College team, consisting of Michael Hosford-Tanner, Harry Hosford, Archie Mackillop and Andrew Moore, successfully opposed the motion. The motions debated during the Christmas term 1968 were as follows:—

“Democracy is dead.”

*Lost*—9-44.

A Junior Debate:—

“The International Soccer Games have led to a down grading of the game.”

*Lost*—19-34.

**LITERARY SOCIETY***Patron:* MR. T. MULLINS.      *Chairman:* J. M. HOSFORD TANNER

THE SOCIETY was established this term, with its membership confined to Fifth and Sixth Forms, since it is hoped that the meeting will be of an informal nature.

The aim of the Society is to foster the enjoyment of literature. It is hoped that during the year, the spheres of poetry, prose, novel and short story will be covered. The Society extends its thanks towards Mr. Mullins, on whose instigation it was founded, for his continued guidance.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB***Chairman:* S. A. MOORE

THE STEADY increase in enthusiasm in this field is being kept pace with by the addition of new equipment, and in this respect we thank Mrs. Jermyn most sincerely for her gift of an enlarger. With a system evolved whereby more experienced photographers instruct newcomers continued interest is assured, as is the standard of work produced.

**PHILATELIC CLUB***Chairman:* J. M. HOSFORD TANNER

THE CLUB continues to provide the philatelic fraternity of the College with the opportunity to swap stamps and scrutinize one another's collections. With the call of stamp-collecting as ever an enthusiastic gathering every Sunday is assured. The Club thanks M. Wolfe for his past service to the Club, and the much appreciated talks by Commander Graham, R.N. (Rtd.).

**CHESS CLUB***Chairman:* P. L. ATKINSON

THE CLUB, which was founded this term, is the result of a desire by many for a Society to provide organised competition in the game. This competition centres round a ladder, each striving for the top position, and in this respect the enthusiasm at the present augurs well for the future.

**MODEL AERO CLUB***Chairman:* J. C. HUTCHINSON

UNDER THE GUIDANCE of T. W. Ferguson a Model Aero Club was formed. A suitable area has been set aside for the members where their models can be made and left safely. The main emphasis is on flying models, and so far the response has been extremely good. We hope that the Club will flourish in future years.

**BRIDGE CLUB***Chairman:* A. D. MACKILLOP

WITH ENCOURAGEMENT and guidance from the Head, the Club was founded, its aim being to introduce the game to the beginner, and improve the play of the more proficient. Since pleasure often only comes with skill it is hoped that the Club, by fulfilling its function will promote enjoyment in the game.

## *To Serve to Strive and not to Yield*

THIS SELF-EXPLANATORY motto has to many people been both a blessing and a curse, and I have no doubt at all, that in retrospect it has been a blessing to us both. This year the Governors of Middleton College sponsored two boys from fifth form for a month's course at an Outward Bound School in Cumberland. S. A. Moore and B. J. Wolfe were the fortunate ones to be chosen. The purpose of such a course is far from making the partaker a skilled mountaineer or a sailor. The objects put in a nutshell are to bring out the qualities of leadership, to encourage self discipline and to gain self confidence. The courses, being open to all races, classes and creeds pose both a physical and, equally as important, a mental strain on each and every student. It makes them work as a team rather than adopt a selfish attitude.

Our places confirmed, we set about getting our necessary equipment, including huge hiking boots. The day of reckoning soon came, and after an eventful journey, including missing the boat in Dublin, and spending the night with Karl Verso's parents, to whom we are greatly indebted, we finally arrived at the School, which is situated on the west shore of Ullswater, a day late for the course. We signed the "promise book", promising not to smoke or to take alcoholic drink during the course. Then we were shown the "ropes" of the established, which was formerly a seventeenth century manor-house, and accommodates ninety six boys and staff.

The School was divided up into Patrols, each having twelve students, ranging in ages from 16½ (us) to 21. The patrols were named after famous explorers like Hillary and Oates. A competition was run between the patrols giving everybody a chance of contributing something to the patrol, be it project work, athletics, volley ball or just cleaning up the dormitory for the Warden's daily inspection. Thus a team spirit is built up in everybody, fulfilling one of the objects of the course.

The days at school, which began at 6.30 with a dip in the lake, were spent either attending lectures on the various aspects of the course, or on the craggy forbidding sides of Gowbarrow Fell. Here we tried to master the arts of rock climbing, which was really enjoyable, and here we abseiled, the descending art of rock-climbing, and practised mountain rescue. Back at school a rigid set of tests was adhered to. Gruelling cross-country runs were combined with daily circuit training to bring us to peak fitness, which was needed on the Fells. During the course we partook of several types of sports which all counted for the patrol competition. The canoe sports brought the duckings and the laughter, the Tabloid sports, its obstacles and relay running, and finally the surmounting of a 15-ft. high wall and a 10-ft. high shiny beam.

On the other hand the days spent away from school were vastly different. Our first expedition was three days long, and we covered a distance of about fifty miles. Our next outing was a twenty-four hour solo expedition called our "Tod." This was easier than anticipated, and proved to be eventful and enjoyable. The school is a recognised mountain rescue post and the staff and boys are ready to be called out anywhere and at any time. During the course we were called out twice, the first time we were not needed; and the second time it was unnecessary, yet it cost £2,000 due to loss in wages of the five hundred people who took part in the fog and rain, in search of a fourteen-year-old boy who was reported to have been lost on Helvellyn, but who, in fact, had spent a very enjoyable night in a camp in Keswick. This mountain rescue put paid to our rock-climbing expedition which happened to be on at the same time. In the physical sphere the climax of the course was our three-day Final Endurance Test, when we went in groups of four. This, we were told, would make or break us, and indeed it almost broke us. We walked for about ten hours each day, and we climbed such mountains as Skiddaw, Scafell Pike and Helvellyn, the highest mountains in England. We encountered the first bit of bad weather on this expedition, and we could not see more than ten yards in front of us. However, at one time or another we did have the delightful experience of seeing the Irish Sea sixty miles to the west and the Pennines fifty miles to the south-east from these fantastic heights.

The first two days passed without incident, and we made our daily checks; if we had failed to make a check, then by 9 a.m. the following morning there would have been a full scale search party out looking for us. On the third day as we were a bit behind time and as we got lost twice on Helvellyn; it meant that we were walking until almost 3 a.m. on the fourth morning. We were all jaded and glad to get back to relatively soft living after these three days on the Fells, not talking to or seeing anyone except ourselves.

Mid-way through the course tests were held to see how we had mastered the arts of first-aid, map-reading and knot-making. After our final expedition we all had to give a lecture to our own patrol, write our impressions of the course and have an interview with the patrol instructor. On the final night the Warden gave a speech to the school, telling us how pleased he was with the satisfactory way in which the course had run, and he presented some prizes. The rest of the evening was spent watching a concert, each patrol presenting a sketch. It was very amusing if amateurish, considering that we had only three days to prepare it.

And so to the time of departure, and this time punctually. Although most of our stay had been beneficial, if not enjoyable, the strenuous undertakings of the final expedition had left their mark, and so most of us were ready and eager to get back to home again. All in all, disregarding the fact that at times we said that we would never climb another mountain or wear our hiking boots again; we enjoyed the rough and ready life, benefited from the team spirit built-up, and enjoyed the freedom of thought, speech and religious practices during our experience which we would not have missed for anything.

S. A. Moore and B. J. Wolfe (*Form V*).

## Nigeria's Dilemma

THE BIAFRANS have found out the hard way that the favourable amount of world opinion that has been lavished upon them, does not give them any concrete benefits. No matter to what extent the Free World showers its praise on the heroic stand of Biafra, very few actual governments have even hinted at recognising the independence of Biafra. While remembering the tragic suffering and hardships Ibos have endured, the Nigerian Government's point of view must also be considered.

When Britain gave Nigeria her independence, she was a united country, possessing a stable economy, considerable resources and a promising future. She soon became the showpiece of the ideal African colony given its independence. Unfortunately, this young state soon found it was hard to maintain its state of unity. Nigeria found out that it had not progressed from its earliest condition of a piece of territory with a number of tribes occupying it.

The first notes of discord were sounded by the Nigerians. They felt that the Ibos were obtaining more positions than their talents indicated they should. Whilst admitting that the Ibos are a more intelligent and competent tribe, the fact is that as an Ibo received a position, he got his brother a position. In this way the Ibos were monopolising industry, and it is little wonder the Nigerians were deeply agitated.

This situation soon deteriorated into a state of tribal warfare which the Ibos chose to call genocide. The Ibos decided to take an extreme course and declared their own independence. The Nigerians were in a terrible dilemma, whichever way they turned they would bring desolation to a certain section of the population. They could recognise Biafra's sovereignty and thereby lose the most productive region of Nigeria and a number of the major industries, or alternatively they could bring civil war with all its horrors on Nigeria.

The Nigerian Government realised that they could crush Biafra with their well-equipped army. They must have weighed up the pros and cons very carefully. They had the unpleasant choice of defeating Biafra by force of arms and numbers, causing famine, disease, widespread sorrow, and a great loss of life, only to have a discontented country after the conflict, or they could allow Biafra to become an unfriendly nation on their border, possessing Nigeria's only oil refinery, its major port, most productive stretch of land and most talented group of people. Both courses presented difficulties, especially since, if they gave in to Biafra's demands, the other tribes might have been tempted to follow suit.

The Biafrans, on the other hand, must have hoped that the Nigerians would grant them their independence, or at least meet them with generous terms of reconciliation. However, Nigeria attacked. Biafra gets a limited amount of support from other nations which serves to lengthen the war and, with it, the suffering and terrible distress. The Ibos, who have still kept their ideals in the face of famine and disease, cling to the hope of eventual independence. How is Nigeria meant to come to terms with a tribe who have fought them tooth and nail, and intend to continue fighting them with guerilla tactics after the war is over?

A. D. MacKillop (*Form V*).

**THE SPIDER**

A Spider is a funny thing,  
 He makes his web on anything;  
 He makes it from a sticky thread,  
 It is his larder, house and bed.

He lives a life of pleasant ease,  
 He eats his fill on flies and fleas.  
 They land upon his sticky trap,  
 And then they meet with great mishap.

But then in winter, when it's cold,  
 The flies are scarce and he is old.  
 He crawls away into a hole,  
 And then he dies, the poor old soul.

A. Tait (*Form III*).

**THE EVER-CHANGING SEA**

See the graceful fishes dance  
 Among the quiet reedy pools;  
 Or in the frothing turbulence  
 Among the playful dolphin schools.

Followed by a crested wave,  
 Watch the gulls devour their prey,  
 See the waves the sailors brave  
 Twice or maybe thrice a day.

The sea can make man but a slave  
 And drive him onwards day by day;  
 And then destroy him with a wave,  
 And then calm down as if to pray.

Through the endless day and night  
 There beats a continuous rhyme,  
 It is the sound of the ocean bright  
 As it flows through the leagues of time.

T. McBride (*Form V*).

**THE PAINTING (2002 A.D.)**

It hung upon the wall,  
 Sideways.  
 Some came to admire it,  
 Others fell in love with it.  
 Many were inquisitive,  
 Didn't know what it was about.  
 School girls came and made  
 Empty jokes about it.  
 They laughed and laughed  
 Until they saw that the title was  
 "The Crucifixion."

A. E. F. Allen (*Form VI*).

## *An Educational Pioneer*

THE LAST two or three years have seen something like a revolution in Irish education. We have had exciting proposals on Trinity College and U.C.D.; the introduction of the free secondary scheme; the abolition of the Primary Certificate, and school building grants. Meanwhile, C.I.E. buses prowl the countryside bringing in the eager scholars and Telefis Eireann gives us "Buntus Cainte" by the fireside. Things are certainly moving fast, and education, hitherto a rather colourless maiden aunt, is being shaped into a Bright Young Thing. All this has stimulated interest in schools and schooling. It might, therefore, be of some value to have a look at the ideas of one of the greatest figures in educational ideas, Jean Jacques Rousseau.

To-day we take the ideas of Rousseau for granted, we would not dream of questioning their obvious validity. But in his lifetime (1712-1778) he was regarded as a dangerous revolutionary, if not also a raving lunatic. His educational ideas are embodied in his book, "Emile," in which he outlined a programme covering education from infancy to adolescence.

What were the schools like in Rousseau's day? At worst they were slaughterhouses; at best they gave a leafy diet of massive memory work, endless lists of lakes and streams and towns, of irregular verbs, of exceptions to the rule, of tedious translation from Latin and Greek. And all this with early rising, short holidays and frequent flogging. A child was regarded as a mini-adult; he was to be taught what was necessary to fit him for the life of a gentleman; the harder and more uninteresting the work, the better it was. Education was regarded as a process of stuffing suitable information into the mind, or as cutting facts onto a wax tablet. No one dreamt of asking whether or not the said information was really all that necessary, whether it suited the age or ability of the child, more importantly, whether or not the child was really interested in what was being pumped into him just did not count.

After Rousseau all this was changed. Rousseau's basic maxim was that education should be child-centred. The child was not simply a mini-adult, not a gentleman, or a scholar or a soldier in the making. The child was a child. The primary force in his education was his own native interest in the world around him. Education must not consist in deluging him with a mass of pre-digested facts, but rather in arousing all the forces in his own nature. The child must not be artificially moulded into an adult pattern, but rather allowed to develop naturally.

Rousseau outlined four main stages in the journey of the young person. (1) Infancy, up to four years old; (2) Childhood, four to twelve years; (3) Boyhood, twelve to fifteen; (4) Adolescence, fifteen to twenty. Infancy was a negative stage, concerned simply with exploring toe-nails and all the excitement of creeping and crawling. Childhood was the really fascinating stage. The basic principle was: leave the child alone. He was not to have any formal lessons, no classes, no set study. His mind was not yet ready to be so imprisoned. The parent or teacher would educate by stimulating the child's curiosity rather than by "telling" him things. The aim was to have the child happy and free. Let him spend a lot of time out of doors seeing nature, learning about flowers, plants, animals, asking questions about things that interested him. In this way

he would know things, not just learn about them. He would develop his body, his senses, the main source of knowledge would be sharpened. Books were out.

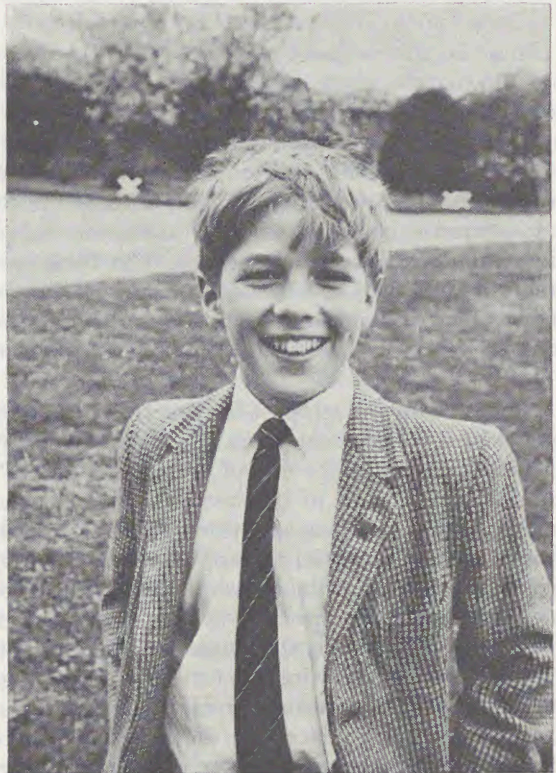
At twelve the child's interests were aroused; he was aware of the wonder of the world, he was ready for a more formal training. He was now ready for more useful work, especially the natural sciences. But, again, he was to be told nothing, he was encouraged to ask questions. He would now also learn a trade. He would learn by doing. At fifteen he would study Religion, to cultivate his moral sense, and History to learn about man's development as a social being. In all stages the emphasis was on the child, in an atmosphere of controlled freedom he was encouraged to develop all his God-given powers; so, free from compulsion, from boring formal lessons, from corporal punishment and the stress of examinations, he would be happy and grow in wisdom naturally.

There is a lot in Rousseau's theory that is impractical; as a tutor he was himself a conspicuous failure. But he had the germ of the right idea. That idea has been developed ever since, resulting in a happier school atmosphere and in better teaching and easier learning. To-day we have wall-charts, projects, visual aids and a host of ways and means to take the drudgery out of learning. In all of this we are following in the footsteps of Rousseau. We now accept that the child, not the system, is the centre of education.

J. F. Pettit (*Staff*).

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A photograph by the Headmaster of ANDREW JERMYN—an indication of Middleton's reputation for the happiness of small boys.



## *The Wandering Trio*

THEY COME from near, they come from far, has long been a feature of Midleton; a tradition which is far from being neglected even in the changing world and changing Midleton. This uniting of cultures, interests and pooling of information has a definitely beneficial effect on the School; a broadening of one's education. Each of these people has a certain affection for his home country, and it is this feeling and the things which would evoke the spirit that will be shown.

First we look at the home-town of Tom McMann, which is Southampton, in New York State, some hundred miles from city centre. This small coastal resort, a little larger than Midleton, was founded way back in 1640, and one of the original homesteads still stands, a reminder to the Americans of their pioneering background. Apart from the accents prevalent in the town, the characteristics of the Irish conception of an American town are absent, such as skyscrapers competing with each other for sunlight, since in this case none exceed even three storeys. Summer is the time when Southampton comes alive with the arrival of the jet-set, including the likes of Henry Ford, and while the local inhabitants go about their business, the beach is covered with flamboyant umbrellas and surfers, resting before again challenging the tricky waves.

It is in the winter, however, that Southampton really becomes Tom's hometown, the shells of empty beach cottages, the shops catering for the tourist bearded up, each person on the streets a known face. The natives' own enthusiasms are demonstrated, when every Saturday till Christmas the town empties as the call of American football draws them into the local stadium to watch the local High School. This is the Southampton Tom knows, his uncluttered street lined with elm trees, the odd passer-by glad of their protection, appreciative of their beauty. The back garden of Tom's home where a small football field and basketball court lend themselves readily to the sporting inclinations of Tom and his friends. Southampton is a small town, a friendly and beautiful one, and home, for one of Midleton's pupils.

And now we go east, past our emerald isle and on to Germany, the birthplace of Richard Werner, or more specifically the city of Hanover. This is a city steeped in history, yet one of necessity modern, the reason being that it was extensively bombed in the last war. The contrast of old and new is readily noticeable in the street on which stands the museum, a building which dates from medieval times, its age apparent on its black, wrinkled face. On either side of the museum, up and down the street the expressionless reflecting fronts of modern buildings stare back at one, peering over the tall trees which line the road on one side. On the opposite side to the trees, trams, their two feelers clinging to overhead wires, go rattling past. But again their presence is becoming merely a symbol of passing times, no longer a contributor to the present. These trams are being replaced by diesel buses; progress demands it, and Richard does not mind, as they are more reliable and speed his journey home.

Staring vacantly from the bus window as it speeds towards his home, Richard is certain to be roused from his stupors by the sight of the large artificial lake which is fed by the canal. In one corner barge upon laden barge chugs by, while in the opposite corner, the tranquil waters have as a backdrop an expanse of parkland, the backs of the museum and its steel-and-glass neighbour, the new Art Gallery, being barely discernable through the foliage of a thousand symbols of life, trees. But once one enters the modern residential area of sprawling bungalows, where the Werners and many others prefer to live, suddenly it is no longer Germany, for what is practical must essential be universal. Wait though; what is written on that bin in place of "bruscar," it's "abfall," and there is very little of it around too; the accents are unmistakable; we are in Germany, in Hanover, Richard's home town.

It is time to wing our way southwards, deep into West Africa, where Jonathan and Ralph Murphy live. As one lands in Accra, the airport, buildings provide one with no immediate clue as to the identity of the place, with the possible exception of a fascinating cluster of red-roofed bungalows for the customs officials. On the road into town, the tropical sun pounding down, the facets of Accra's character become readily apparent. A "mammy lorry", an open truck with a canopy providing meagre protection for its numerous passengers, goes screaming past with a distinct list to port, the sound-effects being supplied by the combined efforts of the chattering passengers and protesting vehicle. Along the side of the road Ghanaian women, their uniform being either a cheap and not too clean cotton dress or a sheet wrapped round them, walk along carrying their baggage balanced on the top of their heads. Looking past these figures on the side of the road one sees an expanse of shrub-land, the occasional thorn tree standing resplendently. Now one gets a glimpse of the sea, the turbulent waters pounding, then racing up the golden sands, only to slither back down again. On the beach fishermen tend to their nets, sitting next to their crude dug-out boats, the catch sprawled out in the sun to dry and then be salted. In the town the continual hubbub of passing "mammy lorries", lusty voices issuing forth in a strange tongue and the shuffling of bare feet along the roasting sidewalks is punctuated by intermittent and sometimes simultaneous blasts of hooters. The Murphys' home, however, is far away from the centre of the city where modern concrete structures extend as fingers above the wallowing meleé of corrugated iron roofs. Their first glimpse of home during holiday time is the top storey of the white painted house visible from the road above a high, green hedge, green by Ghanaian standards at any rate. The driveway extends to the house, cutting a track across the lawn: they are home.

This cross-section of the environs of our pupils from foreign countries gives some idea of the store of firsthand knowledge available to the pupils of Middleton College. It only leaves to be added the fact that, though these people have homes in distant regions of our globe, they are treated as ones from just next door, and this is perhaps one of the most commendable facets of Middleton's character.

## COUNTRY OF CONTRASTS

THE BLAZING African sun—the African sun under which I was born and under which sprawls my country, Kenya. Kenya, the country where Kenyatta was tried and imprisoned; the country which he now controls; a country which has a long coastline; and whose capital is six thousand feet above sea level; a country which has cast off the shackles of colonialism; a nation. That Kenya is a country of contrasts is reflected in the varying nature of her people; from the urban European colonist to the somewhat warlike Masai. But glossing over their contrasts is the fact that they are Kenyans. Despite the pessimistic predictions of foreign politicians and observers, Kenya has flourished and still flourishes, as the best-governed black African country.

Kenya's capital, Nairobi, was founded where it is because the railway engineers ran out of rail, whilst they were in the process of laying a railway between Kenya's main seaport, Mombasa, and an inland town situated on Lake Victoria. The city is built on a drained swamp, and is relatively modern. From the air the city looks like a tiled roof with her buildings built in blocks. A visitor a few years ago would no doubt have remarked at her large Asiatic population since, being mostly middle-class shopkeepers and businessmen. They were conspicuous as well as being numerous. In contrast to these relatively suave customers, Kenyatta, the former rebel, has the still warlike Masai, a male member of whom must drink the blood of an ox and kill a lion before coming to manhood, to mould into the framework of a modern nation. How he is succeeding in doing this, though his Africanising policy is estranging the Asiatics causing many of them to leave, is no small compliment. Another incomprehensible fact about Kenya is that this African country gears itself to the needs of the huge number of American tourists it attracts. Apart from the immediate result of a large number of curio shops springing up, it has caused the cost of living to rocket. In this way Kenya also destroys the myth of cheap living in Africa.

Kenya has a wonderful coastline. It is not heavily indented like this country's. The coastline is protected by miles and miles of reef, which is only broken where fresh water flows into the vast ocean. On the reefs the coral is absolutely fascinating, with its delightful shades of flamboyant colours. Out there on the coral it is literally a paradise for a conchologist. Unfortunately, a great portion of the reef is being spoiled by the Africans who are draining away the beauty by collecting these magnificent shells and selling them. In amongst the pools that are on and inside the reef, there are fish that almost blind you by their magnificent colours. In these pools the water is delightfully clear; the impression imprinted on one's mind.

So, Kenya is a country of contrasts, but this is perhaps where its true fascination lies, the fascination so utterly connected with Africa. The disadvantages, indeed the frustrations of living in a country where customs are different always, and often varying amongst themselves where languages are indistinguishable, incomprehensible and often the suspicions that one is being abused, are obvious. However, these are but trifling pin pricks compared with the benefits, the delights of living in my country; the country where my life began and where, I trust, it will continue to be spent.

Anthony Baker (*Form V*).

## THE UNDERGROUND

THOUGH FEW, if any, reading this article may have heard of the Underground, it is something that may one day affect us all.

It was first brought to light in the British Isles about the same time as your sons, daughters or friends may have been talking of "Hippies," "Flower Power" and "Freak-outs," and when the newspapers began to write of the new "Free-Society" being set up in San Francisco. I expect many of you said, "Just another craze, it will die out when something better comes along." So a lot of it did, but some of it remained. Actually, it all really started long before that, when a few people gave up the proverbial "rat-race" of American society and got together. These people, many of them old and well-educated, some with large financial wealth, sought to create a society where everything was free, as Voltaire, the famous French writer, had sought to create. A society distinct from the old one, with no political policies, no wars, no apartheid, but instead: freedom, love and understanding between man. Soon this movement in the U.S.A. grew and kept on doing so. Thousands of young would-be "drop-outs" left homes and jobs in search of this new "Free-Society."

Soon racketeers in search of easy money saw that there was an opening in this apparently "Free Society." All types of undesirables moved in on the scene and people tried to turn the society into a commercial venture, Hiaght Ashbury, main Hippie area in San Francisco, becoming a tourist attraction. The true Hippies resented this exploitation of their culture, which led to their losing their distinctive identity. These racketeers charged exorbitant prices for Hippie "gear" such as bells, beads, drugs and other things, until it soon became impossible to tell the true Hippies from the fakes.

The society began to decline rapidly; brawls broke out between the true and fake Hippies, and a number of murders were committed. When it went "Underground" to continue, the world lost interest. Many thousands of the "plastic" (fake) Hippies returned to their homes and jobs, leaving the sincere believers behind. Some stayed in the cities whilst others, who had learnt from their mistakes, set up communities on farms in out-of-the-way places and kept them quiet, allowing only their friends to join them.

The European "scene" had done much the same. For six months it had been full of "plastic" Hippies and communities had started in almost every major city in Europe. But when the hangers-on grew tired and left to find new "kicks" elsewhere, the communities were left, as in America, with just a few hard-core believers to continue the society they had dreamed of.

Today's Underground has its own groups, music and art forms, poets and writers, shops and clubs, haunts and communes; Greenwich Village East, New York; Chelsea, London; Hiaght Ashbury, San Francisco; The Caves of Crete, and many others not so well-known, but equally big centres throughout the world. It has its own newspapers and periodicals; "Silver Messenger," "International Times" and others; its own insurance firms and even lingo. In fact, it has been called a sub-culture of our own society.

You may ask what the Underground is aiming at. The answer is that the Underground is trying to be independent of the corrupt society that it sees all around it. Colour, religion and language are not considered to be barriers, everyone being regarded as equal in this movement. As yet it is still an experiment, still young, and has to weather the storm of time, but if it does succeed, everyone may one day hear of the Underground. We can only wait.

## MORNING

THE RUDDY GLOW, radiating from a point on the horizon, lights the sky and etches the outlines of the black silhouettes of the clouds. This beckons in the new day, or to be more precise, the new morning; the morning which will determine the course of the entire day.

The morning is a glorious time. It is the start of a new day, a new opportunity to make good the mistakes of the past, atone for blemishes to one's reputation from the misdemeanours of previous days. But that is the past and people's memories are short. If one does right today, tomorrow will look after itself. Undoubtedly, if these are one's sentiments at the beginning of the morning, then one will do little, if any, wrong in the course of the day.

Unfortunately, however, fine sentiments as they may be, they do not always hold true in real life. In this case for the realist who is so often called a pessimist, morning is a time for reflection and even depression. This is the depression that comes from the fact that modern society requires one to live with one's past, rather than let by-gones be by-gones. A man who has a debt to pay to society, will continue paying that debt for the rest of his life.

It is far easier to bury one's head in the sand than to face life squarely, and the morning provides the opportunity for indulging in self-deception; a harmless enough pursuit, one might add. The morning is the beginning of the future and those wild thoughts as one lay in bed staring at the ceiling, with the light filtering through the curtains, will probably not be shattered until after the mid-day meal at any rate.

So one gradually begins to grasp the importance of morning as a time of thought, the hustle and bustle of later in the day denying this luxury. But the morning is also a time of deceptive relaxation; a time when, with the rest of the day stretching out before one, the complacent remark, "I'll do it later," is permitted. One might also add that morning is the only time that this all too common evasion will be accepted.

Unfortunately, there is the inevitable non-conformist: the man, or woman, who just has to be different even if it kills him or her. I refer, of course, to the person who works in the morning. To pretend to be working in the morning is permissible, but to actually work defeats the whole purpose of morning. Anyone can tell that morning was destined to be a time of quiet application to the task of waking up. Why, it even rhymes with yawning.

It is this peacefulness, together with the carefree attitude surrounding it, that makes morning so appealing. The mistakes made in the morning can, in the normal course of events, be rectified during the day, whereas those made in the afternoon or evening are irretrievable; until the next morning, at any rate.

What a wonderful time to be alive! People quibbling about wages and other such petty issues never cease to amaze me. The only answer to why they quibble is that they are from that unfortunate race that has never learnt to appreciate the glory of morning. Those who do appreciate its beauty can never be dissatisfied, they will always receive the admiration of fellow men for they "on honey dew hath fed, and drunk the milk of paradise."

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## PROGRESS REPORTED

RAIN, wind, sun, earthquake and volcano; these are what the geological experts refer to as natural agents of denudation and destruction. Now, nature has its faults, it cannot be denied, but man also has his faults even though he is reluctant to admit them. Under the pretext of progress, he has attacked some lesser known parts of Midleton College.

The story really began one oppressive June day in 1966. Afternoon classes drew to a close amidst the roar of a chain saw which came from the vicinity of the headmaster's garden. This ghastly sound attracted the attention of a rather large crowd of spectators; the sight which greeted them was clear and unforgettable.

Near the shrubbery which borders the garden, they beheld one of the school's most exquisite landmarks, clothed in summer's goodness. However, the most remarkable aspect of the scene was that this beauty was mercilessly being attacked by a pair of chain saw wielding 'fiends'. The very day reflected the atmosphere of that terrible moment; it was one of those still, thundery days when all mankind desires to rest and yet has not the moral courage to do so; earth's ceiling was a thick canopy of insipid, sickly colours. The spectators themselves were a mixed bunch; they ranged from those who were blatantly inquisitive to those who were coldly indifferent. The weird sound rose to a crescendo; both men and tree shuddered; then the tree lunged forward and the men retreated hastily. With a heart-rending groan, which seemed to echo one of Shakespeare's immortal lines "Revenge my foul and most unnatural murder," it fell and died. It was all over; a gentle giant was murdered.

The summer holidays came and went; a new building was born; a part of the College was lost. However, the story of the other dormitory is even more complex in one aspect and yet in another, it is relatively simple. It would never have been built, I think, but for the collapse of a wall. Now, I must explain to you, that this wall was an architectural masterpiece; not only did it imitate the leaning tower of Pisa, but also, it was built of a most rare form of red brick. This wall collapsed or may have been collapsed (what actually happened is not quite clear) and the fruit garden became more easily accessible to the public. Moreover, contrary to what one might expect, the breach was not repaired; instead, however, those rare items, the red bricks, mysteriously began to disappear to an unknown destination. Eventually, a state was reached where there were no bricks left. The powers that be had a problem on their hands. The gap could under no circumstances remain because the orchard was now at the mercy of the marauding mob. However, the simple solution was readily brought about; a new dormitory must be built.

Progress has been made, and as long as man has ambition, will continue to be made; as long as man looks after his own welfare, it will be appreciated. But it is as a sentimentalist that I have written this essay for the sake of posterity. In years to come, people will continue to gaze, praise, criticise and laugh at the monuments of progress and yet, in all their wisdom, they will fail to realise the sacrifices made on their behalf. That which is written cannot be readily annihilated by wind or rain; by progress or selfishness. The word lives on; I have written; I am satisfied.

H. Hosford (*Form VI*).

## Christian Unity

IN THESE DAYS of fervent striving for Christian unity and growing interdenominational concord the consequences of attaining unity often seem shrouded in the obscuring glitter of idealism. Will unity be beneficial to Christianity as a whole? Is it practicable? Is it desirable? Is it merely an idealist's dream?

To indulge in a personal opinion is always very gratifying but as a compromise I have sought to compile a concensus of opinion throughout the school which would include both master and student.

Commencing on a philosophical note Mr. Mullins—Geography Master and Patron of the Literary Society—feels that the stimulus which unity would impart to Christianity is obvious. But he advocates that Christianity must of necessity become attuned with “the human situation of today”. Man's technological advances have led to his losing “his sense of mystery.” I quote, “Man must rise above the technological flood which has swamped his civilisation. By effectively drowning his spiritual nature it has capsized completely his sense of values. This does not mean that technological advance is a necessary evil. It will serve merely to remark that a part has come to dominate the whole.” He continues by saying, “Christianity can provide what the modern world needs. But the Church cannot give as it now is—divided. That the differences are great it must be admitted, but if the Churches cannot come to some kind of unity of faith, if not of worship, then it is difficult to see how even they can survive these challenging times.”

On the other hand Andrew Moore and John Ludgate, *Form VI* hold the opinion that unity is both unforeseeable and undesirable; John, on the grounds that unified Christianity and thus the unified church could not hope to provide fully for the personal beliefs of all of its members, and Andrew on the grounds that it is unworkable. Mr. Johnston, French Master and Chairman of the Debating Society, puts forward what he feels to be a doubtful solution. I quote, “to draw up a very broad basis of doctrine acceptable to the many elements and leave the individual conscience to fill in the gaps, thus producing some very uneasy bedfellows.” He continues by saying, “a lessening of the division could be caused by the free acceptance of all shades of belief in economic, political and social life. This exists already in industrialised European countries.

New York born, Peter Atkinson, *Form VI*, holds a similar view to Mr. Johnston; that an agreeable plan by the churches to return to a basis of christianity acceptable to all is a possible answer. Mr. Pettit, History and English master, sees no easy solution. “Instant religion is somewhat more complicated than ‘instant coffee.’” He goes on to say, and I quote, “there is an enormous amount in common between all the churches, leaving aside technical doctrinal matters. One of the promising signs of our time is the ecumenical spirit. In the past we were all too busy trying to justify ourselves and prove the other fellow wrong. There was too much ‘religion’ and not enough ‘christianity.’”

Michael Hosford Tanner, *Form VI*, student head of Debating and Literary Societies, feels that the Roman Catholic Church, due to greater numbers,

"would be bound to dominate any final settlement of the doctrine and practice of the united church." He continues, "True Christian unity will only come about when the Church is recognised to be the bond between oneself, or more correctly, one's soul and God. The common purpose would be provided by the Bible, especially the teachings of Jesus Christ, our only direct contact over the ages. Thus Christian Unity can only be achieved when the congregations of the world unite, not merely the clergy making settlements which will satisfy their egos."

I would just like to say here how ironical it is that the Bible, the basis of Christianity, and on which any prospects of a united Christendom would seem to depend, has, by its ambiguity, been foremost in creating disunity. Harry Hosford puts forward what a lot of people might call a most controversial proposition, a merging of the Reformed Churches and the Roman Catholic Church with the subsequent loss of the Reformist principles and a re-establishment of the Pope as supreme religious leader on earth.

Alan Hickey, *Form V*, expresses the view that unity would undoubtedly strengthen Christianity in body and members, but the inevitable conciliatory methods needed to achieve unity would produce a mere "second rate religion." Alan suggests a religion personal to oneself devoid of the prejudices that exist between the separate religions of today.

To conclude for the masters I have called on the opinion of Mr. King, Senior Mathematics, General Studies and Games Master. He says that "Christian Unity would seem to be desirable, in view of the fact that disunity has been a source of scandal to the churches for over 400 years. However, if this unity was to produce a top-heavy organisation remote from the great mass of the people, it would have a doubtful value. Even now, a strong criticism of all branches of Christianity is their lack of contact with the people who need their message most." He suggests "a loose structure composed of small groups with overall agreement on doctrine; while appreciating the many sincere churchmen of all creeds who cannot compromise their beliefs." Mr. King goes on to say, "It seems to many both outside and inside the church, that a greater emphasis by these leaders on humility and charity would accelerate the process of unification. The churches must now realise that undignified squabbling amongst themselves can only further weaken their impact on the permissive society which is the world of today."

In conclusion, I would just like to comment briefly on the above opinions. The general one seems to be in favour of unity with just a little uncertainty and uneasiness as to the form the Church would take. For my own part I see unity as undesirable and inconceivable, and I hope it will remain so. For me the strife for unity means merely a drowning of religious principles in a watery creed, diluted to allow all to bathe in it. Are we justified in having Christian Unity at the expense of diluting our personal religious principles? Can we be justified in not having unity and have a continuation of the prejudices prevalent in the churches today? These are questions that defy an answer. Is personal religion the answer?

K. W. P. Chapple (*Form VI*).

## Language Teaching

THE LAST ten years generally, and for Ireland the last four or five, have seen a great revolution in language teaching. A vast amount of research has been done, and huge sums of money have been made available for it. For instance, Sputnik I so frightened the Americans that they passed the 1958 National Defence Education Act which gave great financial assistance to the important subjects of technical and linguistic education there. A lot of research has also been done in France; and with regard to Irish, no small amount at home.

When we use language something like this happens:—

I.—We get an idea.

II.—This idea automatically associates in the mind with a latent idea of how to express it in words.

III.—We speak.

IV.—The hearer takes it in and goes through the whole performance backwards, finally arriving, we hope, at the original idea.

When using a foreign language we use a different set of words from the ones we normally use. The old idea was to effect the change by translation from one language to the other. We made the change at stage III. Now we try to change at Stage II. The pupil already has a set of automatic association or latent reaction. This is the mother-tongue. The job of language teaching is to try to give him another set. Thus in an English-speaking context he will say automatically, "The meal is over," and in a French-speaking one, "Le repas est terminé." In trying to reach the French through the English, as in the traditional way, pupils are likely to produce "Le repas est siv" or some other equally meaningless linguistic excrescence.

Nowadays we take the various aspects of language-learning in a different order. Learners should be able to pronounce sentences before they see them written. A learner can usually read in his mother-tongue before starting a second language; so its pronunciation code affects the correct reproduction of the sounds of the target-language. Pronounce, "Les filles du marchand mangent les oeufs" as you would in English and see how many Frenchmen understand you! Also when speaking, language comes from us in a flow, not in a series of isolated noises. The basic unit of language is a group of sounds; a pattern or structure. So we teach sentences because we speak in sentences rather than words. But when reading, the pupil's attention is focussed on the single word, thus breaking up the pattern.

So our pupils learn correct pronunciation, suitable vocabulary and also the structures of the foreign language (which are different to those of the mother tongue) by learning off sentences relying on ear alone. Then they learn to vary these in pattern practices and structural exercises. "The meal is over" is basically the same pattern as "The Play is funny" while "That brilliant new book by Mr. Murphy is absolutely fascinating" is merely a more sophisticated version of the same pattern. This is known as "audio-lingual" teaching.

The mother-tongue always exercises a certain bad influence on the learning of a new language, so the more we can do without it the better. With this end in view "audio-visual" courses have been devised. In these the pupils see a picture at the same time as they hear the sentence they are to learn. The picture explains the new sentence, the mother-tongue is out!

But what French do we teach? What vocabulary, structures and situations do we use? Obviously the ordinary day-to-day ones which would be necessary for daily life in France. The ones without which the pupil can get nowhere. To find out what they are, research was undertaken in France. The result was "Le Français Fondamental." Similar research in Ireland produced "Buntus Gaeilge" (not Cainte) and research is going on, if it has not already been completed, in Spanish. This fundamental French is what we must concentrate on as a beginning. It is the *sine qua non*.

Obviously language, words and situations change with time. So "Le Français Fondamental" is not Holy Writ "enduring forever." Nor are our teaching techniques fixed forever. As we find out more about language and about ourselves all will have to be modified. Anyway—the experts are not always agreed as to what is right. So from now on we must be prepared to be in a state of permanent change.

Lastly exams. It would be helpful now that we know, for the time being, what should be taught, if the Examining Body (i.e. the State) used this as its standard for examination. We are hopeful! One day the State may even get over its distaste for taking the advice of those appointed to advise it.

D. Johnston (*Staff*).

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### JOHN PHILPOT CURRAN (1750-1817)

MIDDLETON COLLEGE has produced many distinguished pupils, who have in the past made their mark in many spheres, from politics to science. Perhaps one of the most eminent and best-known of our former scholars was John Philpot Curran, an Irish politician of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. He was born in 1750 of wealthy parents. He was educated at the College from 1762-1768 and distinguished himself both academically and on the sports' fields. After Middleton he attended Trinity College, Dublin. He became a lawyer and made a name for himself at the Irish Bar for cross-examination and speeches combining pathos with lashing sarcasm. A liberal with radical teachings, his oratory made him formidable of position in Grattan's Parliament after 1782, while frequently defending radicals in political trials. In 1807 he accepted the office of Master of the Rolls. A portrait of Curran, drawn by J. B. Lane, engraved by S. Freeman, and published in 1815, has been generously presented to the College, and now hangs in the library. History students will also recollect Curran's daughter, Sarah, appearing briefly in Irish history as the lover of the rebellious Robert Emmet. Curran, after an extremely eventful career, died in 1817, at the age of sixty-seven.

J. Kingston (*Form VI*).

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The Headmaster and Mrs. Smyth send their Seasonal Greetings to all Pupils, Parents, Past Pupils and Friends of the College. They thank all those who supported them so nobly during the past year, and they look forward to a very bright future for our fortunes in 1969.

## *Impressions of Madrid*

TOWARDS the end of our annual holiday in the Balearic Isles, off Spain, we decided to pay a visit to inland Spain and its peoples. Our chosen mode of transport was the aeroplane and, as the aeroplane's wings dipped over Madrid, the first thing that caught my eye was that Madrid was lying in a semi-desert, most unlike other capital cities.

As we drove into Madrid I was enchanted by the beautiful buildings of the city, which added to the overall beauty of the place. These buildings were the Royal Palace, the Government Building and, the most famous of all, the Prado, with its priceless collection of paintings. To me this seemed to make the city so much more cheerful and exciting. Another attraction was the numerous souvenir shops, the souvenirs being manufactured in Toledo and then brought to the city. I was also amazed to find a large percentage of Americans living in as well as outside the city.

From my point of view the main attraction of the city meant a visit to the Prado, the Prado that everyone seemed to mention. I duly went to this edifice of grey stone, enhanced as it was by the sprawling parkland in which it is set; definitely it surpassed my wildest dreams. The inside of the spacious building housed a display of priceless paintings from the easels of such famous artists as Goya, Murillo, El Greco and many others, an experience in itself.

Away from the city centre now, we travelled through the outskirts of Madrid towards Toledo and Cala de Hinores, a town renowned for bull-fighting. It was apparent that the people of the area were striving to turn their dry, barren stretch of land into arable fields for a large number of vineyards. Further towards the hills of Escorial lived the wealthier class of people, who preferred a life of refined ease away from the hustle and bustle of the city. However, the number of poverty-stricken people, which represented the vast majority, did not escape my notice either. All these live in the most appalling conditions that one could imagine. This struck me as a blemish on the Spanish because the obvious wealth of a few did not even seem to begin to filter down to the poor.

Madrid at night, with its restaurants, side-walk cafes and clubs, seemed to be humming with life. Everyone appeared to be out enjoying themselves, wining and dining while watching the Flamenco Dancers. My attention was drawn to the tremendously decorative night-clubs, with the main attraction to any tourist being those same Flamenco Dancers, as would soon be discovered if you were new in Madrid. One gets red wine on the house while one enjoys the music, rhythmic movement and the clap-clap of the dancers' castanets. As I left the night-club I thought that the time would definitely come when I would have to return to resample the beautiful Spanish wine and people.

T. Dissen (*Form IV*).

## Cricket 1968

ANOTHER good year for Midleton Cricket, high-lighted by the tour after the end of term. Once again the Munster Schools Senior Cup was won, but with only three schools taking part the competition had little meaning.

However, we did prove that our standard was as high as most Irish schools for on tour we had rather the better of a draw with Foyle College, were beaten narrowly by Portora and decisively defeated Phoenix C.C. Schoolboys XI.

The domestic scene would have been dull but for the many matches played with the Cork Clubs, to whom we are grateful.

The departure of Mr. Cuffe was very serious indeed, and it would be hard to over-estimate the impact he made on College cricket. We are grateful to Mr. Ian Devine, whose help with coaching was invaluable, and to Mr. Johnston who gallantly stepped into the umpiring breach.

Alan Tate once again captained the Senior Team, and under occasionally difficult circumstances, did a fine job. His own batting fell away somewhat but will surely come again. He must rank as one of the keenest cricketers to pass through the College.

Chris Garde was one of the best schoolboy spinners of my experience. Always doing something with the ball he continually attacked the batsmen. It is a great injustice that he never got an Irish Schools' Cap. His figures against Portora: 15 overs, 7 maidens, 24 runs, 6 wickets, are typical of many in his career. As a fielder he was brilliant, and he swung a useful bat. Altogether a very good cricketer indeed, and one who was never less than a good sportsman

Our best batsman was Alan Hickey, who matured steadily, and scored a splendid 49 against Foyle on tour. He was also selected for the Munster Senior Team in the Guinness Cup. Peter Hutchinson batted well on hard wickets, his driving being splendid. Ken Chapple disappointed with the bat but did score a fine 45 against Foyle. He seems reluctant to use his full range of shots, and is relying too much on 'nudges'. His bowling was steady and was rewarded with good figures in many matches.

Peter Coe again bowled well and his flighted off-breaks brought him 24 wickets. Trevor Lester was a better batsman than he himself, and some others thought, and he always fielded well. Of the remainder of the side A. Mackillop showed most improvement. Kelvin Hitchmough and Andrew Moore disappointed, but the talent is there.

The Junior sides also did well. Hitchmough, Ken Good, Bert van Mourik, Brian Ward, Tom Dissen, all scored good runs, while Ivan Leopold and Karl Verso were fine all rounders. Wicket-keeping is a problem throughout the school. Any volunteers?

R.I.K.

## CRICKET TOUR, 1968

In a Cricket Tour that was definitely enjoyable and moderately successful, the 1st XI far from disgraced themselves. With possibly a little more effective batting and a little bit of luck the first two matches might have brought favourable results. Lack of good competition at school in Munster is a possible excuse for this, though. Below is the record of the tour:—

vs. FOYLE COLLEGE, Londonderry:—

Midleton, 123 for 5 declared (A. Hickey 49; K. Chapple 45).

Foyle 121 for 8 (C. Garde 5 for 42; K. Chapple 2 for 36).

Match drawn.

vs. PORTORA ROYAL SCHOOL, Enniskillen:—

Midleton 69 all out (K. Chapple 15; A. Tate 10; S. Jeffery 10).

Portora 70 for 7 (C. Garde 6 for 24; K. Chapple 1 for 32).

Portora won by 3 wickets.

vs. PHOENIX SCHOOL BOYS, Dublin:—

Phoenix 54 all out (P. Coe 5 for 10; C. Garde 3 for 15).

Midleton 56 for 0 (A. Tate 37 n.o.; A. Mackillop 10 n.o.).

Midleton won by 10 wickets.

## Senior Batting Averages

<i>Name</i>	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
A. Hickey .....	12	11	5	219	51	36.6
P. Hutchinson .....	9	9	0	217	68	24.1
A. Tate .....	12	12	2	221	76	22.1
C. Garde .....	12	10	1	166	71	18.4

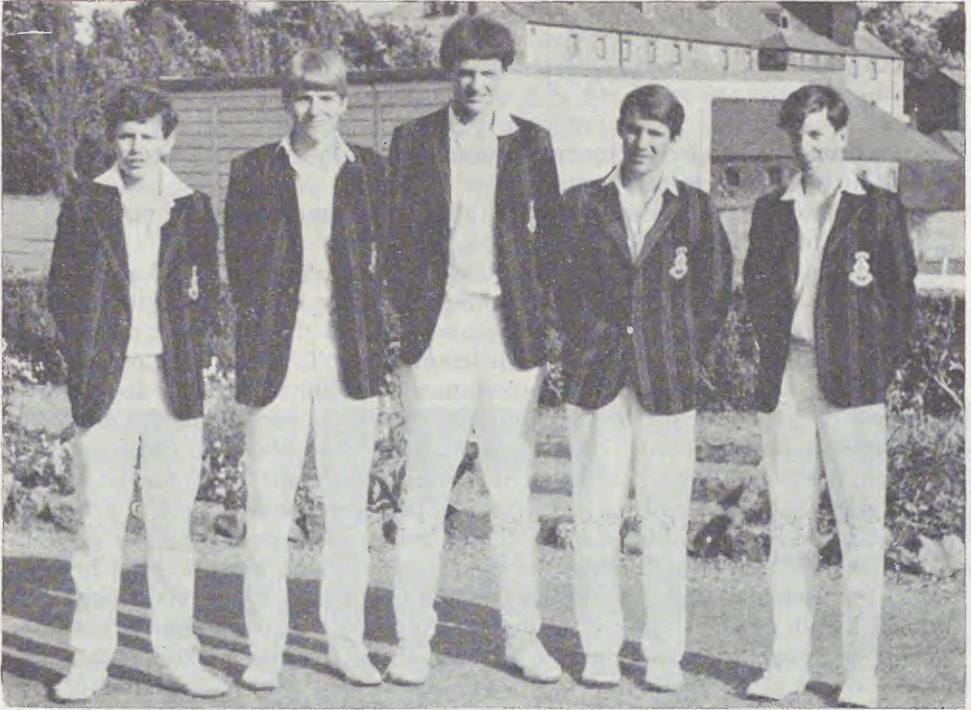
## Senior Bowling Averages

<i>Name</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
P. Coe .....	24	182	7.6
C. Garde .....	40	312	7.8
K. Chapple .....	23	268	11.7

## Team Statistics

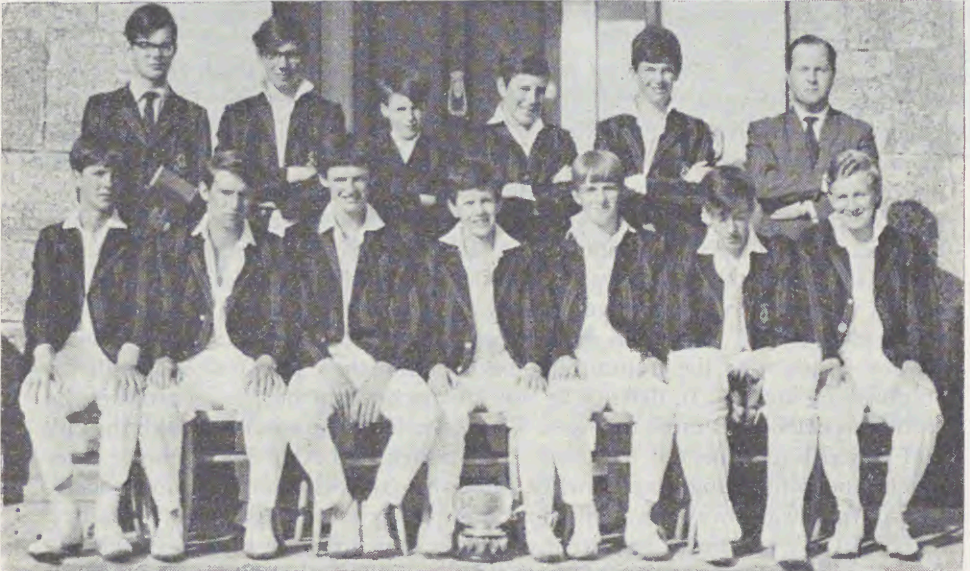
<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Abandoned</i>
1st XI .....	12	7	1	3	1
Under 16 .....	4	2	1	1	0
Under 14 .....	1	1	0	0	0

## CRICKET INTERPROVINCIALS



T. A. Tate, P. J. Hutchinson, C. J. Garde, K. W. P. Chapple, A. J. S. Hickey.

## SENIOR CRICKET XI



Back Row: J. D. T. Peare, S. F. Jeffery, K. C. Hitchmough, A. D. Mackillop, S. A. Moore, Mr. R. I. King.

Seated: P. R. F. Coe, K. W. P. Chapple, C. J. Garde, T. A. Tate (Capt.), P. J. Hutchinson, A. J. S. Hickey, T. R. Lester.

## Rugby 1967-68

IT IS HARD to avoid a feeling that enthusiasm for Rugby in the College generally is not as high as in former years.

One cannot be sure of the reasons, but there are several possible contributory factors.

Firstly, it does seem that the affluent society has led to a physical softening with a resulting avoidance of contact games. Secondly, it is true that increased numbers have created problems of organisation, and that available coaching resources are at full stretch. Thirdly, the emphasis by T.V. and Press on soccer has made it the glamour game. An unfortunate by-product here is the acquiring of many of the unsporting habits of some of the soccer 'stars'. Finally, many of the younger boys in Forms I and II seem too lazy to play any game unless brought out to the field by a master. It is possible to refute these reasons.

Rugby is not only for big boys—any skilful player can avoid trouble if he uses his head and his feet. Many organisational and training chores could be taken over by team captains. Student participation would be a good thing here! Skill at soccer is an asset playing Rugby. But how many of our soccer players can kick with two feet—or even with one? And surely schoolboys must play a game for its own sake and not with the thought of transfer fees and glamour. Junior boys could show more initiative themselves. Shove ha'penny is a poor substitute for the real thing. House leagues which will include all the boys in the school will be organised in the Easter term.

However, having said all this, the outlook is not all gloomy. So far this term the 1st XV has won 4 matches out of 6 played, while the J.C.T. shows considerable promise and plenty of spirit. The 'Under 15' also is prepared to take on all comers.

Last year the 1st XV played Rugby which included nearly all of Mr. Tony O'Reilly's celebrated 57 varieties. Against Rockwell in the O'Brien Cup victory was won by disciplined, keen, intelligent and skilful play; while a game against Kilkenny was lost by a point through carelessness and lack of team work. These were the two extremes, but the good did outshine the bad.

Peter Hutchinson captained the side well, and usually played hard at wing forward. Indeed he was outstanding against The King's Hospital in Dublin. Chris Garde was the best forward, especially in the line-out. Howard Shaw was a hard worker who never played a poor game. Others to have their moments in the pack were T. Ferguson, K. Chapple, S. Jeffery, T. Cave and B. Craig.

Alan Brady was the outstanding back, although a purist would fault his emphasis on kicking. In defence he was always brilliant but, as an attacker, he tended to neglect his three-quarters. Trevor Lester always ran well with the ball and scored some splendid tries. Mervyn Shorten and Alan Hickey were competent and contrasting centres, while Pierce Smyth was a strong running wing. Brian Wolfe was always an industrious and plucky scrum-half.

The J.C.T. was never consistent. Friendly matches were won convincingly, but we made heavy weather of beating Waterpark in the Cup, and Rockwell gave us a lesson and a beating in the next round. Inexperience can hardly be given as an excuse, for many of the team had played in the previous years' competition. It is about time we got rid of Rockwellitis.

Lack of possession from loose scrums and mauls was the main fault, for it meant that fast, strong running backs like Mervyn Shorten, John Ludgate and Henry Boyd were being wasted. Alan Hickey and Brian Wolfe were neat halves, and the latter was a keen captain. In the pack Tom Ferguson, Andrew Moore, Michael Tanner, Trevor Cave, Sam Jeffery and Geoff. Morgan were best.

A tribute to Mr. Cuffe will be found elsewhere, but it would not be proper to close these notes without referring to the debt that College Rugby owes to him. Some of his most promising Juniors last year were:—B. Ward, B. Lynch, K. Hitchmough, K. Good, I. Leopold, S. Harris, D. McGillivray, J. Garde, P. Moore, K. Allen, N. Bullock, K. Verso, L. Payne, G. Armstrong, B. van Mourik, F. Ross, H. and J. van der Puil.

R.I.K.

**SENIOR XV**

Back : A. Hickey, P. Smyth, M. Shorten, B. Craig, T. Cave, S. Jeffery, Mr. King.  
 Seated : K. Chapple, A. Brady, T. Lester, P. Hutchinson (Capt.), C. Garde, H. Shaw, T. Ferguson.  
 In front : A. Tate, B. Wolfe.

**RUGBY, 1967-8**

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Senior .....	13	7	4	2	160	86
J.C.T. ....	8	4	2	2	59	61
Under 16 .....	4	2	2	0	23	44
Under 15 .....	3	0	2	1	22	39
Under 14 .....	6	3	3	0	23	12
Under 13 .....	3	1	1	1	13	11

## Hockey 1967-68

THIS WAS a season of closely contested games for the Senior team. They won 3—1 against Newtown at home, but lost 2—1 in the return match. They were narrowly defeated by the 'Old Boys', the score being 1—0. Against Cork Grammar, our rivals for the Senior Cup, we were again narrowly defeated (3—2) at home but in the Cup match at Cork we lost (5—0).

However, the coming season promises to be a good one, as the Senior team have already beaten the 'Old Boys' and Cork Grammar. The latter have not been beaten by us for many years, due largely to the fact that they concentrate on hockey whereas in Midleton Rugby takes precedence.

During the season it was agreed by the various schools involved to compete at Senior, Under 16, and Under 14 levels, the ages being determined on the previous 1st of August. This replaces Senior and Under 15, which has been played up to now. This means that three teams now have to be trained instead of two. We are therefore very grateful to Mr. Johnston and Miss Hosford who have agreed to take some Junior Hockey on the new field. Apart from their help it would be very difficult, with our increased numbers, to give the smallest boys hockey more than once or twice a term.

We entered a team to compete for the new Munster Schools' Under 14 Cup. We drew in the final against Cork Grammar, and in the replay at Cork we were defeated by one goal, after extra time had been played twice. We were thus very unlucky not to have shared the new Cup for the first year.

Munster trials were awarded to: P. Hutchinson, A. Brady, K. Chapple, N. Hickey and A. Hickey, from which A. Brady and N. Hickey were selected to play for the Munster Team.

The captain for the season was A. Brady, and vice-captain N. Hickey, who left us at Christmas, and was succeeded by K. Chapple.

The Senior team was: P. Hutchinson, P. Cross, T. Cave, A. Tate, A. Brady, C. Garde, A. Moore, A. Hickey, M. Shorten, K. Chapple, B. Wolfe. Subs.: P. Smyth, D. Cross, T. Ferguson and N. Hickey.

R.R.L.

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI .....	5	1	4	0	6	11
Under 16 .....	1	0	1	0	1	3
Under 15 .....	3	1	2	0	9	8
Under 14 .....	3	0	2	1	2	5

UNDER 16 XI



Back : V. Ludgate, H. Van der Puil, D. Key, Mr. Little, B. Ward, K. Good, P. Moore.  
Seated : P. Bailey, P. Cross, A. Hickey (Capt), A. Moore, T. Cave.  
In front : L. Payne, K. Hitchmough, T. Dissen.

SPORTS' DAY — 1968



Mr. R. Heaney and John St. Leger at the receipt of custom !

## Sports Day, 1968

OUR ALLY of the last couple of years, the weather, deserted us. The result was a Sports Day, the athletic events of which were conducted under the threat of rain which, in the end, prevented the gymnastic display being performed. The events where entrants run more to form had been completed the previous afternoon, and their successes are recorded below. It is before the crowd of parents and friends, their necks craned in anticipation, that the unexpected happens. Most memorable amongst these turns of fortune were Martin Wolfe, closely resembling a kangaroo, as he stormed through from behind in the sack race, Kelvin Hitchmough atop Chris Garde finishing way ahead of the field in the chariot race then, being disqualified for not having cards to show their allotted partners, and finally mention must be made of Mr. Ackland who, with the field strung out behind him in the Gentlemen's Race, slipped on the damp grass two yards before the finish; we feel sure that he echoed our sentiments on the weather that day. Lastly I feel that we should sympathise with Mr. Fraser who was unable to put the fruits of his labour on display.

### SPORTS' DAY PRIZES

#### Athletic Championships:

Victor Ludorum	....	C. Garde
Runner-up	....	T. Lester
Middle Group	....	1st, K. Hitchmough 2nd, T. Dissen
Junior Group	....	1st, M. Tyrrell 2nd, D. McGillvray I. Leopold
Gym. Cup Winner	....	T. Cave
Runner-up	....	A. Moore

#### Tennis Championships:

Senior	....	1st, P. Atkinson 2nd, B. Ward
Middle	....	1st, K. Good 2nd, M. Atkinson
Junior	....	1st, G. van Mourik 2nd, P. Kingston
Table Tennis	....	A. Tate P. Coc

#### Cricket Prizes:

Senior Batting	....	P. Hutchinson	Middle Single-wicket	1st, K. Hitchmough 2nd, I. Fleming
Senior Bowling	....	C. Garde	Junior Single-wicket	1st, P. Kingston 2nd, N. Key
Junior Cricket	....	K. Hitchmough		
Senior Single-wicket	....	1st, C. Garde 2nd, G. van Mourik		

### CRICKET PAVILION

WE ACKNOWLEDGE with gratitude the gift of a Cricket Pavilion from the Old Boys' Association to mark the 250th anniversary of the College. It was built last Easter holidays in pre-fab style, and it proved of great advantage during last Cricket season as a focal point for the teams and scorers during matches. It is large enough to accommodate teams for tea, which takes a good deal of weight off the dining hall and the domestic staff. There is a suitable plaque in brass on the interior of the Pavilion.

GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1968



T. R. Lester, C. J. Garde, S. A. Moore (runner-up), M. V. Shorten, T. N. Cave (winner), K. C. Hitchmough, T. W. Ferguson.



NEW SPORTS PAVILION presented by the O.B.A. — Easter, 1968.

# Midleton College Old Boys' Association

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## *Events during the Year*

ONCE AGAIN the two Highlights of the social side of our Association were the Annual Dinner and Annual Dinner Dance.

Referring first to the Annual Dinner:—We were very honoured with the presence of Mr. Jack Lynch, Our Taoiseach, and at this dinner the attendance was possibly one of the highest. Following a series of most interesting and entertaining speeches, Eric Hill “layed on” what must have been the best entertainment programme at any dinner.

The beginning of the 1968 season then started with our Annual Dinner Dance, held in the Metropole Hotel, on January the 19th. Once again this was an outstanding social evening, and our sincerest thanks to the organisers. We coupled with this function our final celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the School, thus, ending a most memorable year in a very gay manner.

Overshadowing most of the early part of 1968 were a series of meetings in the education world, at which the future of our School appeared to be in question. At all these meetings, however, our members kept a very close interest, and it was received with a considerable relief when the Board of Governors squashed any further speculations as to the School's future.

The Association would like to congratulate the Board on their courageous decision, and can only wish the College increasing success for the future, and their own continued support.

1968 also saw the commencement of the Dublin Branch, and with it a series of excellent functions, which have already been summarised in their Magazine. To the Association it has meant a better service to many of our members who live in Dublin, and we hope in turn, the Association will gain a bigger membership. We wish to thank our Dublin members for their enthusiasm and efficiency and look forward to future years of a bigger and better O.B.U.

During the year we visited the College and played them in a number of enjoyable matches.

We also had our Annual Debate in October on the motion "That we Protestants have not taken our rightful place in Irish National Life." This proved a most lively evening, and although the voting was very close, we still failed to beat the School.

Finally, our thanks are due once again to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth for their hospitality each time we visited the School, and also to Mr. Smyth for his continued co-operation and interest in our Association.

### Dublin Branch

EARLY IN 1968 a Dublin Branch of the Association was formed, and the following members were elected as a Committee:—

*Chairman:* T. A. GIFFORD

*Hon. Secretary:* H. M. ROBINSON

*Hon. Treasurer:* ALAN DAGG

*Committee:*

V. W. ROCKLEY, FRANK LYNCH, A. B. WEST and G. A. GOOD

On the 9th March, which was the day of the Ireland v Wales Rugby International, a rugger match, Dublin Old Boys v Cork Old Boys was arranged and played at Monkstown grounds. The match was most enjoyable, and was won by Cork 9 points to 3 (a full report appears elsewhere in the Magazine) The same evening an informal reception was held at the Merrion Inn, and was attended by over 80 Old Boys. It was a great pleasure to meet old friends, and particularly to see so many members up from the Cork area. The event was hailed a great success, and we are organising a similar reception on the 8th February, 1969.

We entered a team for the A.S.U. 7-a-side rugby competition on the 26th April, but, unfortunately, due to illness, etc., our members were unable to play. We look forward to hearing from younger members who would like to play in this event next year.

Our team of 10 players, lead by Tom Gifford, had their best placing ever in the Association of Schools' Union golf outing at Royal Dublin Club on the 6th of June, when they finished joint 3rd out of 14 teams. Well done!

The latest function this year was a Dinner Dance in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, held on the night of the Ireland v Australia rugby match. We are very pleased that the ninety members and their guests enjoyed themselves so much. We were greatly honoured by having the Headmaster and Mrs. Smyth and the former Headmaster Mr. West present at our first major function.

The Secretary would be delighted to hear from any old pupils now in the Dublin area.

Annual Dinner Dance, Hotel Metropole, Friday, 17th January, 1969.

## Trinity Newsletter

THE NEWS IS OUT: Trinity is going red. A few Communists don't make a revolution anymore than one swallow makes a summer. The truth is that Trinity is beginning to hear the rumblings of Student Power. There appears to be two types in College: the "progressives" who are as involved as possible in the running of the University, and the "normal" students, who rather accept things as they are. Sadly, perhaps, Middleton people are in the second category. While the merits of political involvement are somewhat questionable, lack of awareness and mediocrity are rarely to be encouraged.

Much has been written about Gerry Murphy, now very much the elder statesman, his sporting activities are unrivalled in Trinity, and happily it is on the sports field that there is some, indeed, a great deal, of Middleton participation.

Other men of Trinity rugby are final year scientists; John Levis, who plays on the 2nds, Duncan Moffett and William Jermyn, who play when selected. The latter is doing electronic engineering, and if his wisdom blossoms like his hair he can't go far wrong. Freshman medic Chris Garde also plays for Trinity, and is to be congratulated on making the Freshman side. He also tells me he is helping Trinity news, the campus newspaper, as an advertising assistant. Howard Shaw (Business Studies) also hopes to play rugger, but has not had a chance to show his paces due to banging his head on a brick wall! His colleague Alan Tate has answered the call to the water; Alan has joined the Swimming Club, and it is not only the rugby field that draws the crowds. Stuart Ruttle, 2nd Engineering, plays hockey with a zeal surpassed only by his choral abilities, and Brian Levis, both turn out regularly for Trinity. Brian got a Munster (yea, Munster!) Under 23 trial, and has been improving ever since.

Cur star of the Athletic Track, Alan (I don't care about the altitude) Roddie spent his summer working on the salvaging operations on the Lusitania in Kinsale. John Levis has it that Alan was operating a gas chromatograph (a sophisticated piece of scientific apparatus, dear) although this is somewhat doubtful. John Bury is repeating his 3rd year science; David Toft hopes to graduate this year with a Geology degree. What are you going to do if you don't find oil in Front Square, David? Jim Claxton (General Studies) who has given up the boxing for rugby (was it?) spent his vacation working in the U.S.A.

Historian Clive Hutchinson loves to watch the birds. He tells me he spotted a "first" some weeks ago, and is waiting for confirmation. The writer is disappointed that Clive has never spoken in the Hst. debates but, of course, there is still time. Roderick Prowse has finally hung up his boots—or sold them! Roderick is doing Economics, and he spent his vacation working in France.

Freshman Billy Field has joined us after a few years working at home. He has music among his subjects.

Other newcomers this year are Trevor Peare and Martin Wolfe, who are doing Natural Science and History respectively.

Finally, there is Trevor West, who besides lecturing in Maths., plays an active role in the administration and functioning of College sport. His soccer is superb, and his refereeing doesn't leave much to be desired either. Brian West, who is lecturing in the Zoology Dept., makes the number of Old Boys on the staff two—both Wests!

Now, without detracting from anyone's personal efforts, the above notes do rather bear out the writer's point about lack of involvement. Students here feel it themselves, and when questioned about it reply "Not enough time" or "couldn't be bothered." This is a pity, and we hope it will improve—soon. Remember even the academic results here leave a good deal to be desired.

Trinners.

### T.C.D. EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

J.F.—C. D. HUTCHINSON (History and Political Science); W. T. JERMYN and S. G. R. RUTTLE (1st Engineering); B. R. LEVIS (General Studies).

S.F.—W. D. MOFFETT (Natural Science); A. A. RODDIE and J. E. CLAXTON (General Studies).

J.S.—D. TOFT and J. C. LEVIS (Natural Science); R. PROWSE (Economics and Political Science); R. GREENE (2nd Engineering).

Final—R. P. JEFFARES and R. P. WILLIAMS (General Studies).

## *Cork Old Boys v. Dublin Old Boys*

THE MORNING of the Ireland v Wales game in Dublin on March 9th saw a splendid Rugby match between Cork Old Boys and Dublin Old Boys.

The Cork Team was reinforced by five of the current College 1st XV, who were notably fitter than most others on the field!

A hard ground led to a lively ball, and with both sides prepared to attack the pace was furious. Cork ran out winners 12-6, the scorers being: for Cork, D. Fleury, 1 try; B. Hornibrook, 1 try; M. Shorten, 1 try; T. Lester, 1 try. For Dublin, J. Levis, 1 try; F. Harrison, 1 try.

It is hoped that this game will be the first of many, and the thanks of all concerned are due to Henry Robinson, who was organiser in chief.

*Cork Old Boys*:—J. Moore, D. Fleury, \*M. Shorten, \*T. Lester, V. Hales, \*A. Brady, \*P. Hutchinson, M. Garde, S. Hales, B. Ludgate, C. Sweetnam, H. Bryan, \*C. Garde, B. Hornibrook (*Capt.*), B. Hosford. (*\*Still at College*).

*Dublin Old Boys*:—T. West, F. Jermyn, G. Murphy (*Capt.*), D. Keegan, F. Harrison, J. Levis, C. Brownlee, A. Dagg, F. Lynch, D. Moffett, J. Jeffery, G. Good, J. Chestnutt, M. Jones, W. Jermyn.

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Amongst Old Boys playing Rugby we notice:—G. Murphy, J. Levis, C. Garde, H. Shaw, D. Moffett, W. Jermyn (all T.C.D.). F. Cheatele (Railway Union). F. Harrison, R. Jeffares (Suttonians). D. Keegan, C. Brownlee, P. Hutchinson (Wanderers). B. Hosford, B. Ludgate (Cork Constitution). B. Hornibrook (Sunday's Well). A. Brady, P. Smyth (Midleton). D. Hosford (Youghal). J. Hosford, R. Hosford (Skibbereen). I Shorten (Bandon).

We congratulate the following Hockey players who have all played their part in the notable successes of the C.I. Club in Cork:—W. Hornibrook, A. Hill, J. Moore, W. Hickey, B. Hosford, K. Sweetnam, J. Hornibrook. E. Hornibrook.

## Early Records of Midleton College

(Third Series)

by

F. M. HILLIARD

THE FOLLOWING article completes the record of the Minutes of Midleton College from 1717 to 1754. After the latter date there are no recorded minutes available until 1834, when the story continues again. We are fortunate, however, to have the original first records, and these are now available in simple form in the 1966, 1967 and 1968 editions of the Midleton College Magazine.

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At a meeting of the Governors of Midleton School on this first day of August, 1751, it is agreed that Arthur Hyde, Esq., be elected a Governour of said School in room of Redmond Barry, Esq., deceased.

It is orderd that the Master give his letter of recommendation to the Colledge to no Scholar that has not read the Courses of books before mentioned Unless two Governors consent to his so doing—

It is orderd that the times of vacation for the Scholars shall be as follows—  
From the tenth day December untill the first Monday after the Feast of Epiphany, And from the first day of July to the first of August.

It is orderd that the above rules be engrossed on parchment with the foregoing ones and that Copys of all be sent to each Governour:

Signed this first day  
of August 1751. one.

Rob. Berkeley  
Hen. Boyle.  
George Cloyne.  
J. Corke & Ross.  
Geo. Chinnery.

At a meeting of the Governors of Midleton School on Thursday ye 4 of aprill 1754, Dr. George Chinnery ye Schoolmaster having complained that Mr. James Hulet had behaved to him in open School in a very insolent manner, had refused to observe his directions in teaching ye Scholars and had used various methods as well in open school as in other places, to disgrace him ye master and to represent him as unfit for or negligent of his duty as Schoolmaster and had been the means of ye School being brought into disrepute—

Wheras ye said usher Mr. James Hulet had proper notice of ye meeting and of ye masters intention to offer these complaints and not being able to deny ye facts laid to his charge which were fully proved by said master— it was judged that it would be much to ye disadvantage of ye said School if said James Hulet should any longer continue to be employed as usher therof and that said Hulet shall be immediately suspended from said place of usher and should not from ye time be admitted to act as usher of said school, or receive any Sallary as usher thereof and Dr. Chinnery is directed to apply to such other of ye Governors as can conveniently meet here soon to fix a day for the Governors to meet finally to determine ye matter and to name another usher if they think expedient.

Jemmett Corke and Ross.  
Rob Berkeley.

At a meeting of the Governors of Middleton School on Wednesday the 5th day of April 1754 the complaint of the Revd. Doctor George Chinnery Master against the Revd. Mr. James Huleat the Usher was taken into further consideration and it was resolved that it would be for the advantage of the School to remove absolutely Mr. James Huleat from the place of Usher in said School and he was accordingly removed———And at the same time Mr. Thomas Cooke late Usher of the School at Finglass was appointed to be Usher of Middleton School during the Will and Pleasure of the Governors with a Salary of forty pounds a year——— At which time also the Rt. Revd. Doctor James Stopford Lord Bishop of Cloyne was elected a Governor of the School in the place of the Rt. Revd. Dr. George Berkeley late Bishop of Cloyne Deceased.

Geo. Chinnery.  
Jemmett Corke and Ross  
Rob. Berkeley  
A. Hyde.

At a meeting of the Governors of Middleton School on Friday the 5th day of July 1754. The Governors not finding proper Persons to whom they may give the Exhibitions for their support in the Colledge, in pursuance of the powers vested in them in such cases by the Charter, do appoint ten pounds a year to be paid to Mr. Connor Sullivan formerly educated in the School for the space of two years, provided he continues so long resident in the University of Dublin.

Orderd that the School rooms be repaired and a rostrum provided as the Revd. Doctor Berkeley shall think fit.

Jemmett Corke and Ross.  
James Cloyne.  
Rob. Berkeley.

*NOTE* :—The dates of the meetings of the Governors appears to be somewhat confused at times, for Wednesday the 5th day of April 1754 follows Thursday the 4th, day of April 1754. In spite of this, it is clear that when trouble arose within the School, prompt action was taken by the Governors. Perhaps the error was due to that excitement caused by the events recorded.

The death of Dr. George Berkeley, Lord Bishop of Cloyne must have been a serious loss, as he appears to have been very active in the affairs of the School, and his abilities were great. Much however could be written about the other Governors, who were outstanding people in their own right.

From time to time I come across items of interest in relation to these men, who guided the destinies of Middleton College in its early years. One such item was the acknowledgement paid by Philip Ronayne of Cork, the distinguished algebraist, to the Rev. George Chinnery, our first headmaster, for instruction and advice with regard to some Properties attributed to Numbers.

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Middleton College Library

## News Items

ALFIE ALLEN has recently become a regular contributor to the 'Letters to the Editor' section of the Irish Times on subjects as diverse as politics and driverless cars! We are pleased to hear that some of his poems have been accepted for publication.

JACK BROOKES runs a very successful supermarket in Youghal—Pasley's. A good many prizes for sales and display have come his way, including recently 1st Prize in The Clarnico-Murray Nation-wide Competition and 1st prize in the Findus Frozen Fruits promotion. We congratulate him on these successes in a realm of business which is so highly competitive.

NOEL BENNETT who was in Belfast with Munster Simms has taken up a position with American Express Banking Corporation as Auditor for Europe and later for the Far East. This will involve him in large-scale globe trotting!

JOHN COOKE visited us recently. He has now left the Talbot Hotel, Wexford, to do a training course in Switzerland before taking up a hotel managerial position in this country for the next tourist season.

We are glad to hear that EVAN CROWLEY has fully recovered after hospital treatment from a very serious accident with his tractor.

HENRY COOPER is to be congratulated on passing his finals in Institute of Bankers examination.

JOHN COLTHURST, who is an M.Sc., spent some years with I.C.I. and later teaching in a school at Folkestone. He is now with Shell at Sittingbourne, Middlesex. REV. R. W. R., his brother, is rector of Richhill, Co. Armagh.

ALAN DAGG continues in the Accounts Dept. at Messrs. Guinness. He lost his Water Ski-ing Championship of Ireland by a very narrow margin to Alan Murray, his old rival. He represented Ireland in the international with Scotland and at the European Championships. He has retained the Slalom Championship of Ireland and the Slalom and Jump Championships of Munster.

GERALD DONOVAN has left Gouldings and has taken up a position in the Forestry Dept. of the Civil Service.

KENNETH ELLIS has joined Gulf Oil Co. as Maintenance Superintendent at Whiddy Island Oil Terminal. After a brilliant career in Electrical Engineering at Faraday House, he has been working for the past few years on a new power station at Tilbury, London. We are delighted to see one of our Old Boys returning to Ireland to such a key position. We wish him well.

DAVID FLEURY, who is now a Comptometer Engineer, has recently left the E.S.B. to take up a position with Aer Lingus. He won his Colours at Golf in Trinity and had a remarkably good season on the University Team, being selected for Irish Universities against Scotland.

ROBERT FLEURY, of Youghal Carpets Ltd., was selected as Chairman at the inaugural meeting of the Irish Credit Managers' Association. He was also a member of the Monkstown Golf Team which won the Munster section of the Irish Senior Cup.

FRANKS FURNEY goes on for ever in Munster tennis, again representing the province in the Interpro. Championships.

RICHARD FLEURY has been transferred from Gouldings Ltd., Dublin, to the Waterford Sack and Bag Co. Ltd.

TOM FULLER continues to be a very active man in Church affairs in the Cork Diocese. There is a rumour that he is getting 'hard of hearing' as he failed to pick up the muted tones of MR. TIM WEST at the Synod in Dunmanway.

JEFFERY GOOD has been appointed director of the Lee Garage Ltd.

AIDEN GOOD has left Ireland for Norwich to do a three year course in Hotel Management at the School of Technology there.

We are glad that GEORGE Good and his wife Yvonne have made a good recovery from the injuries received in their car accident in October. It was great to see them enjoying the O.B.A. Dance in Dublin in spite of difficulties of movement.

TOM GIFFORD is a popular Chairman of the Dublin Branch of the O.B.A. He is well-known in golfing circles with Carrickmines G.C.

REV. F. H. GARRETT, Rector of Mallow, was President of the Clergy Refresher Course at Portrush this summer. There were over a hundred clergy present, and it was a high honour for one from the deep South to be in the chair.

The GIBSONS continue to keep in close contact with us—PHILIP writes most interesting letters. He has completed two years in Purdue University, Indianapolis, and is aiming at B.Sc. in Industrial Administration. He received the outstanding award in Economics in his class last year—a very fine achievement. PETER is also at Purdue, and is one semester behind Philip. MICHAEL has transferred from his junior school to Breleaf High School for his final three years of secondary education.

As well as educating themselves academically, Philip and Peter have travelled extensively in the States and Canada, and have had very interesting lucrative vacation jobs.

MICHAEL GARDE visited us during the summer and showed us some of his old flamboyance as a cricketer. He has decided to give up Hotel Training to enter the ministry of the Church, and will shortly start his training at a Theological College at Oakhurst, in England.

RONALD JEFFERS is to be congratulated on his recent promotion in his firm, the Bell Telephone Co. of Ontario-on-Thames. He is the father of two girls and a boy.

LEO KEMMIS has left Cork on transfer to Gouldings Ltd., Dublin. He gave very valuable service in his few years as Hon. Sec. of the O.B.A.

DENIS LARMOUR is captain of Greystones Golf Club. How is this for a test of stamina—following the Captain's Prize at Greystones on a Saturday night, a number of the low handicap men had an early morning game—5 a.m.—and then went on to Dun Laoghaire where two of them partnered the winner, Tom Gifford (another Old Boy), in the Leinster Alliance Vice-President's Prize.

DENNIS MCLOUGHLIN paid us a visit recently on his honeymoon from Aberdeen. He is qualifying as a Laboratory Technician at Aberdeen University, and he hopes to take up a position in Perth, Western Australia, later on.

ROBERT MOLLARD is now Chairman of the Waterford Sack and Bag Co. Ltd.

We congratulate JOHN MOORE on gaining his Accountancy Examination (Part I). He is articulated with Atkins Chirnside Ltd., Cork.

GERRY MURPHY, after a successful cricket season, in which he captained Trinity, later played for Phoenix, and represented North Leinster in the Guinness Trophy, is captain of Trinity Rugby Club for a second year. This constitutes a great record of leadership. Trevor and John West have been made Vice-Presidents of T.C.D. Rugby Club.

PETER MURPHY is now at the Ormond Quay Branch of the Bank of Ireland in Dublin. He continues on his merry way with bat and stick. He had several good performances for Y.M.C.A. Cricket Club during the summer.

He played in the Under-23 Hockey Internationals last season, and has already represented Leinster in the same grade this season. We notice that he is not only a good playing member of Pembroke Wanderers but also a good behind-the-scenes organiser of social activities, etc.

REV. ARTHUR NASH, who has completed a course in Divinity for his L.Th., was raised to the priesthood in Limerick Cathedral in June. He is in charge of a parish in Saskatchewan, 200 miles north of Saskatoon, and he has two churches, which are over 100 miles apart, in an area covered with snow from November to March.

We were delighted to hear of REV. T. H. O'DRISCOLL's promotion. He has left Ottawa to become Dean of Vancouver. Our best wishes, Very Reverend Sir! His brothers PERCY and TERRY are also in Canada, and were visited by JOHN WEST on his cricket tour out there last summer.

BRIAN O'NEILL was recently appointed Agent of the Bank of Ireland at Skibbereen. Brian is married and has three daughters.

KENNETH HUNT has been made a partner of his firm John Thompson & Partners, Architects, who have interests in both Dublin and Limerick.

ERIC HILL continues to excel at fishing as well as banking. He represented Munster at the Interprovincial Trout Fishing Championships and performed the remarkable feat at Lough Melvin of standing in the Republic and fishing in N. Ireland!

STEWART HOSFORD has been transferred from Bandon to Kinsale and promoted as Manager in the Munster & Leinster Bank Ltd.

KEITH HUNT is now Field Manager in Guinness Group Sales (Ireland) Ltd., for South Dublin. He continues to be a keen yachtsman in Dun Laoghaire.

DAVID HOSFORD has started a garage business in Ardmore, where he and his wife are now in residence.

RICHARD HILLIARD has been appointed a member of the Representative Church Body for the Limerick Diocese. He succeeds his uncle Dr. F. M. Hilliard, whom we are pleased to hear has recovered from a recent operation.

HENRY HENNESSY has been appointed Distribution Manager for the London firm of Hobson Ltd. He takes a very active part in London-Irish R.F.C., and helped to look after the fourth's who are organised by Paul McCarthy, formerly of Midleton.

BILL HUME is a very efficient Secretary of Midleton R.F.C., and has recently been given the same office for the Midleton Branch of the Cork Disabled Children's Year.

JOHN JEFFERY (Rathcoursey) has completed a year at Gurteen Agricultural College and is now back on the home farm.

ALAN JEFFERS has been appointed Financial Controller to Jefferson Smurfit and Sons Ltd., Cardboard and Box Manufacturers, Clonskea, Dublin.

TOMMY JAMESON has left Waterford and is now living in Dublin.

JOHN JERMYN has recently passed his First Law Apprentices' Examination. He continues to work in his father's business in Cork.

HAROLD JOHNSON has been Hon. Treas. of the Board of Governors for some years. He has extensive business interests in Cork. We hope "Things" are going well with him!

The JEFFERY brothers, BOB, JACK and ALBERT, continued their successes with their sheep at Midleton Show. Bob won the Silver Cup for the best Suffolk at the Show.

W. T. PERROTT is now Plant Manager in charge of the manufacture of sulphuric acid and phosphoric acid at Goulding Fertilizers (Cork) Ltd.

We are glad to note that REV. H. J. PACKHAM (Douglas) is fit again after his illness, and we congratulate him on the success of the Christian Stewardship Campaign in his parish.

GEORGE PERKS is now running the Monatrea Hotel, near Youghal, and he has had a very successful season.

JACK FERROTT (Bandon) has been laid up for some time with back trouble. We are glad he is well again, and we wish him further success with his extensive broiler business.

DR. JIM PARKER, of Vancouver, who has specialised in Paediatrics, is now a consultant, and he lectures at the University of British Columbia. He visited the College during the summer with his wife and children.

ROBERT PEET visited us during the summer, and we were glad to see that he had retained the youthful looks which once earned him the title—Rcse of Tralee. He is now an eminent neurologist in British Columbia.

E. V. RUSSELL, an Old Boy of 1919 vintage, called at the College in the Autumn. He has spent most of his life in the Hotel business in England. He evinced a particular interest in the College, and especially in the carvings of names on the walls adjacent to the side-door.

ALAN RODDIE spent the summer in Kinsale, in the operations for salvaging the Lusitania. We hear he is now an expert deep-sea diver! His brother, the REV. R. P. RODDIE, is Minister at the Methodist Centenary Church, Dublin.

REV. GEORGE SALTER is to be congratulated on becoming a member of the Governing Body of the Incorporated Society. We hope he will not have too many sleepless nights with the Post-Primary education problems involved!

J. E. T. SMITH has succeeded Stewart Hosford as Accountant at the Munster and Leinster Bank, Bandon. We were glad to see ROY at the Dublin O.B.A. Dance in late October.

DICK SWEETNAM, who was Field Manager for Guinness's in Galway, and later in Dundalk, has been moved to Dublin, and is now in the Marketing Dept, MICHAEL has been moved on promotion from Dublin to the Head Office of the Bank of Ireland in Belfast.

TOM STICKLAND, A.C.A., has been appointed Asst. Secretary of Thos. Dockrell & Sons Ltd., Dublin.

JOHN TAIT (Inch) has qualified at the Radio School in Tivoli, and is now awaiting Ship to take up an appointment as Radio Officer.

BILL TAIT (Hermitage) had a very serious accident earlier in the year. We are glad to say he has recovered fully, and is back on the land again.

BILL TAIT (Buckstown) is now a Vice-President of Middleton Rugby Club.

IAN VICKERY, as well as running a successful hotel in Bantry, has spent a good deal of time acting as Official Photographer for the Gulf Oil Company on Whiddy Island. Many shots were taken from the air. Photography was one of his chief hobbies at Middleton.

ERNEST WOOLLAM has had the very high honour of being chosen as President of the Cork Rotary Club during the past year.

DAVID WHITAKER is now Managing Director of Johnson & Perrott Ltd., Motor Engineers, who have extended their business to Douglas.

BRIAN WEST is a member of the Exhibitions Committee of T.C.D. He compiled the catalogue for the Retrospective Exhibition of Norah McGuinness in the Hall of the new Library in Trinity. Amongst other things we have heard that he was seen wheeling a pram outside a supermarket in Detroit during the summer. He says it was his godson! Brian spent part of the Hilary Term lecturing in Zoology at U.C.C., on loan from Trinity, where he is now working for his Ph.D.

A card from Prof. Bernard Hickey in Rome informs us that "DR. T. WEST in the twinkling of an eye became the Voice of the Vatican on Tuesday, 10th September, 1968, at 6 p.m." It so happened that when the Doctor was on a visit to the Broadcast Station that a transcript of news from Dublin arrived. The station officials found difficulty with some of the transcript, and so the Doctor was asked to do the job. This man gets around! If he is not in the Aran Islands talking Irish, he may be in the Outer Hebrides talking Gaelic, playing cricket in Devon or at Mathematical Seminars in Warwick, Amsterdam or Frankfurt. But the Voice of the Vatican was certainly an unexpected highlight even for TREVOR.

He has recently been appointed one of two Asst. Junior Deans in T.C.D. As well he holds the treasurership of D.U.C.A.C., which controls grants to all the University Sports' Clubs.

REV. PETER WILSON has been appointed Curate-Assistant of the new parish of St. Columba, Portadown. Peter is the son of the Archdeacon of Ross, Ven. D. P. S. Wilson, a prominent 'Old Boy.'

JACK WHITE continues as Asst. Controller of Programmes at R.T.E. His Play "The Last Eleven," had a very successful premiere at the Abbey Theatre last January, and it received very favourable press criticism. It was shown on T.V. in November.

MERVYN WATTS has been appointed to the Design and Research Laboratories in Colour Television with Pye of Cambridge.

JOHN WEST continues his good work with Phoenix Cricket Club, where he has been joined recently by Gerry Murphy. John took part in a Cricket Tour of Canada during the late summer with a team from North-West Ulster. The West's do get around!

We were glad to see REV. IRVEN WILSON during the summer. He had spent some years abroad with the R.A.F. in Singapore, but is now back in England again.

### ENGAGEMENTS

We send hearty congratulations to the following on their engagements:—  
GERALD WILLIAMS, MERVYN WATTS, REV. PETER WILSON, FRANK CHEATLE,  
GEORGE SALTER-TOWNSHEND.

### MARRIAGES

Congratulations and best wishes to the following who were married during the year:—BRIAN MARTIN, WILLIE ANGUS, JOHN DE HEREZ SMYTH, MERVYN JEFFERS, FRANK SMYTH, NEIL O'CALLAGHAN.

### BIRTHS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Perrott, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perrott, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Reddin, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beazley, Mr. and Mrs. David Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jeffers, Very Rev. Herbert and Mrs. O'Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moore, on the births of sons, Rev. Edward and Mrs. Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rockley, Mr. and Mrs. John de Foubert, Mr. and Mrs. Ivor McElveen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tait, Mr. and Mrs. James Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Horne, on the births of daughters.

## Obituary

### FRANCIS H. JERMYN

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Francis Jermyn, tragically killed in a road accident in Co. Wexford last March. He came to Middleton from Portora in 1938, and he immediately made his mark as a vivid personality and a fine sportsman. He completed his education here in 1941, when he entered the banking profession. He later emigrated to Canada, and a few years ago returned to Ireland to take up a business appointment in Dublin, where he lived. Francis was an extremely popular character who always radiated cheerfulness and goodwill. He was a most active Old Boy—indeed a week before his death he turned out on the wing for the Dublin O.B.A. Rucker XV against Cork O.B.A., at the age of 45. This was typical of his youthful vigour, which he never lost—indeed he retained many of his boyhood characteristics not only in appearance but in manner, which belied his age. To his wife, daughters and the rest of his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

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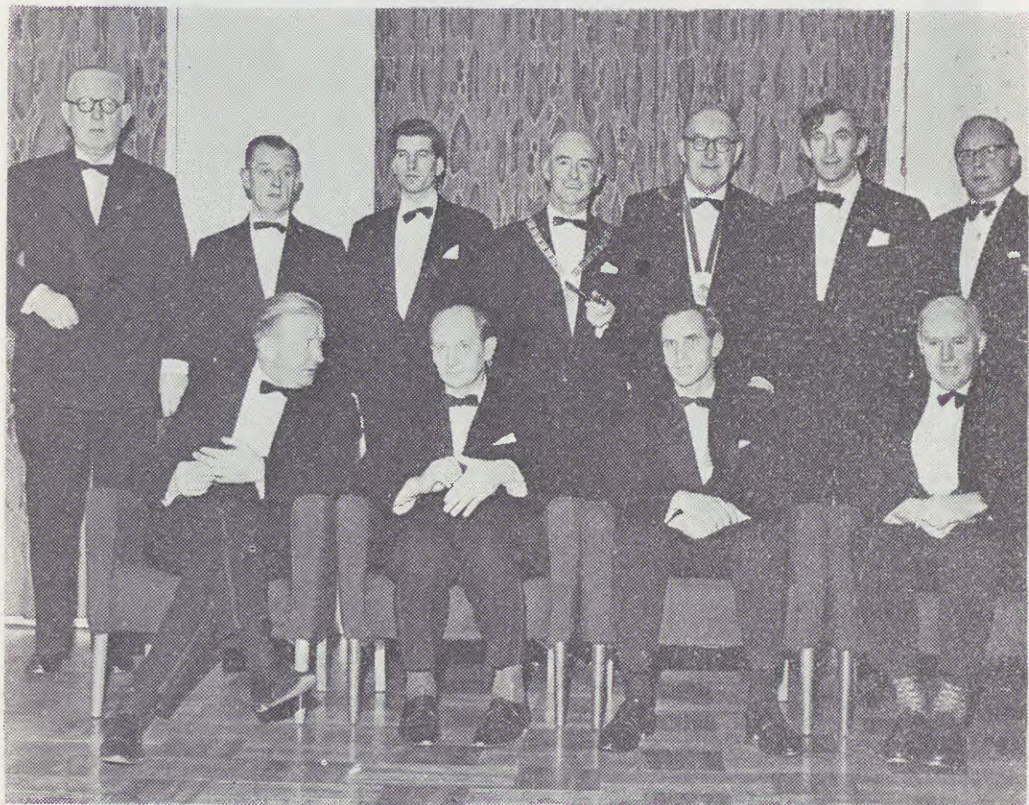
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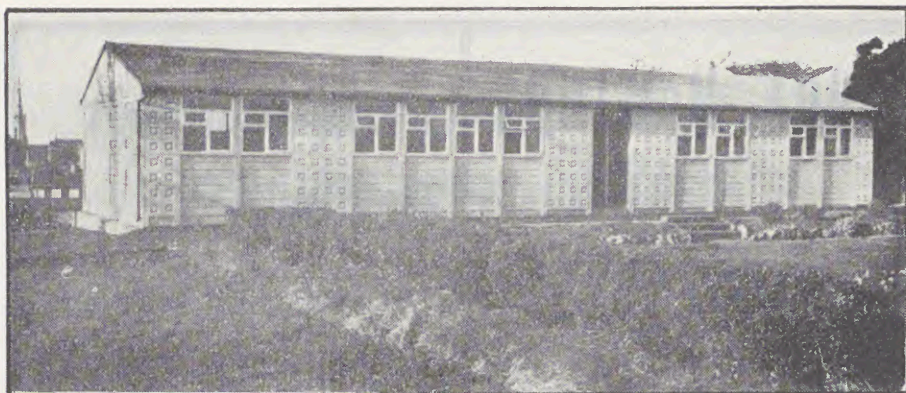
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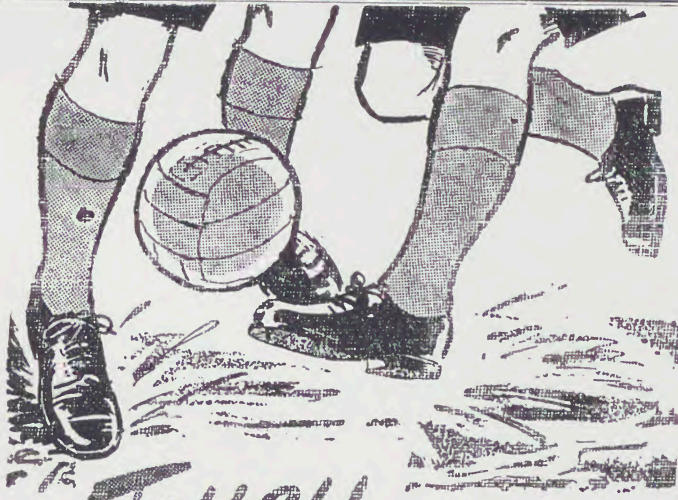


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