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Dear Scholar,

Warmest congratulations on your election to Scholarship. It is a remarkable academic achievement and makes you part of a very long and special tradition at Trinity College Dublin. Being a Scholar in Trinity brings with it significant privileges as well as important responsibilities.

There are many benefits of Scholarship, which I hope you will use and enjoy. The purpose of this booklet is to inform you about what being a Scholar involves. In addition, the web pages dedicated to Scholars are available at www.tcd.ie/students/scholars/.

I wish you continuing success in your studies at Trinity and a fulfilling and successful career to follow. I look forward to meeting you tomorrow when newly-elected Scholars are invited to make the formal declaration required by the Statutes.

With best wishes,

Dr Linda Doyle,

Provost

Trinity Monday

20 April 2026

- 10 am Announcement of elections to Fellowship and Scholarship
- 10.30 am Address: Most Rev'd Dr Michael Geoffrey St. Aubyn Jackson,
Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough
- 12 pm Memorial discourse in the Graduates Memorial Building (GMB) by
Michael Cronin, F.T.C.D.
on
'Owen Sheehy-Skeffington (1909-1970)'
- 1 pm The Provost's 'At Home' reception with Fellows and Scholars in the
Provost's Garden, access via House 1
- 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea – Scholars meet with the Registrar of Chambers in
the Conversation Room, GMB
- 5.15 pm Annual General Meeting of the Trinity College Dublin Association
and Trust
- 7 pm Photograph of the Scholars of the Decades and New Fellows in the
Public Theatre
- 7.45 for 8 pm Dinner in the Dining Hall

Tuesday 21 April

- 12 pm Swearing-in ceremony of the new Scholars
For Oath, see page 8.

A Welcome from the Scholars' Committee

Congratulations on your election as a Scholar of Trinity College Dublin! On behalf of all Scholars, I wish to welcome and commend you today, on what I hope will be one you will always fondly remember. Becoming a Scholar is an enormous privilege, one which lies at the heart of Trinity life. This honour is awarded on the basis of talent, academic commitment and intellectual curiosity, all of which you possess in spades. You deserve this special recognition for your accomplishments thus far — really, well done!

Some mystery and intrigue surrounds the privileges enjoyed by Scholars and the responsibilities involved in becoming one, but you do not have to figure it all out alone — actually, far from it. Undoubtedly, your most reliable source of information over the coming weeks, months, and years will be your fellow Scholars. This booklet, however, is a close second, containing lots of the information you will need to ensure a smooth transition into the Scholar community. Granted, there will be way too many facts, dates, and figures flying at you today for you to remember them all, so do use this booklet as a reference guide on deadlines, contacts, and entitlements over the coming years.

While the overwhelming feeling of having your name called out in Front Square might initially lead you to think that you have arrived at your destination—whatever that may mean — it is healthier to view this as a significant stepping stone on a journey towards many more achievements, both personal and academic. The level of commitment required to reach this point has consumed a large portion of your college lives thus far, and it can be quite the shock to the system for things to suddenly become so much less... intense. I encourage you to take stock of this proud achievement while looking forward to the rest of your academic career with optimism, excitement and — crucially — balance. Pour more time into clubs and societies, get to know other Scholars, and keep learning from those around you. Scholars are offered the unique opportunity to mix with talented students from all disciplines, so share ideas, make lasting friendships, and finish your time at Trinity satisfied that you have contributed to that hallowed 434-year-plus history.

Welcome from the Scholars' Committee, continued

Becoming a Scholar opens up a whole new world of opportunities: come along to Commons, volunteer to say Grace, learn to enjoy the variety that comes with sitting beside a new face at dinner every evening . On top of that, the Scholars' Committee will be organising events like Scholars' and Fellows' Quizzes, exchanges with our sister colleges Oriel College, Oxford and St John's College, Cambridge, educational and charity initiatives, and — of course — the Scholars' Ball! In Michaelmas Term, the Scholars' Committee will hold an election for the position of 2026-2027's First Year Scholar Representative, so do nominate yourself if interested.

I look forward to meeting many of you soon, and if you have any questions, please email me at scholarssecretary@tcd.ie.

Best wishes, and hearty congratulations again,

Camilla Persello (2019 Scholar in Philosophy)

Secretary to the Scholars, 2025-2026

The Scholar's Guide to Trinity Monday

It is going to be a hectic day for the New Scholars, so here is a quick guide to what is happening around you and a few bits of advice. Today, Trinity Monday, is one of the highlights of the College year and there are plenty of things happening.

Be aware of one thing straight away: as a new Scholar you will be attending a formal (black tie) dinner in the Dining Hall tonight at 8 pm, with an important photography session beforehand at 7 pm in the Exam Hall where you will join 'Scholars of the Decades' from 2016, 2006, 1996, 1986 and so on. It is a busy day, and somewhere in there, you must make sure to acquire suitable clothing. Your free time today will be roughly 2 pm to 3.15 pm and 4.30 pm to 6.45 pm.

So, what keeps you so busy all day? As you can see from the day's plan on page four, there are plenty of things planned, including a service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving in the Chapel immediately following the announcement of new Scholars and Fellows; a memorial discourse by Michael Cronin, F.T.C.D. on 'Owen Sheehy-Skeffington (1909-1970)' in the GMB; the Provost's reception either in her Garden (weather permitting) or in the Exam Hall at 1 pm; the traditional game of marbles on the Chapel steps between Scholars and Fellows directly afterwards; Afternoon Tea and a meeting with the Registrar of Chambers in the Conversation Room, GMB at 3.30 pm; the Scholars of the Decades photograph and Trinity Monday Dinner in the Exam Hall and Dining Hall, respectively, starting at 7 pm sharp.

For all these events, you will require a gown. To rent one, go to Room 50 in the Atrium by following the path behind the Chapel away from the entrance to the Buttery.

You will also require the gown for the swearing-in ceremony of the new Scholars, which takes place in the Provost's House on Tuesday 21 April at 12 pm sharp. Meet in Front Square, outside the entrance to the Exam Hall, at 11.45 pm, to be taken through House 1 to the Provost's House.

Declaration to be made by incoming Scholars

The swearing-in ceremony of the new Scholars takes place on Tuesday 21 April at 12 pm

English:

I,, having been elected to the number of Scholars of this College, pledge that I shall obey the Statutes and shall, to the best of my ability, ensure that they are obeyed by others. I shall diligently carry out the particular academic exercises imposed on Scholars in the Statutes, and if any responsibility relating to administration of the business of the College is entrusted to me, I shall carefully discharge it. I shall guard and protect the safety, dignity, peace and welfare of the College and of those who work in it. I shall willingly and diligently obey the Provost in all legitimate and honourable matters. I accept all of the aforementioned conditions and pledge that I shall conscientiously abide by them.

Latin (Man speaking):

Ego,, electus in numerum Discipulorum huius Collegii, promitto me Statutis obtemperaturum et ea ab aliis observanda, quantum in me est, curaturum. Scholastica exercitia singula discipulis in Statutis iniuncta diligenter praestabo; et si cura mihi muneris alicuius obeundi in negotiis Collegii administrandis commissa fuerit, ea studiose perfungar. Collegii eorumque omnium, qui in eo operam praestant, salutem et dignitatem, pacem et commodum tuebor et procurabo. Praeposito in omnibus licitis et honestis, promptissima voluntate et studio parebo. Haec omnia supra memorata in me recipio, atque me sedulo facturum promitto ac spondeo.

Latin (Woman speaking):

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Irish:

Geallaimse,, ar mo thoghadh mar dhuine de Scoláirí an Choláiste seo, go gcomhlíonfaidh mé na Reachtanna agus go ndéanfaidh mé, a mhéad is indéanta dom é, a chinntiú go gcomhlíonfaidh daoine eile iad. Cuirfidh mé i gcrích go dícheallach na cleachtaí acadúla ar leith a leagtar amach do Scoláirí sna Reachtanna, agus i gcás go gcuirfead de chúram orm riar a dhéanamh ar ghnó an Choláiste, comhlíonfaidh mé an cúram sin go cúramach. Cosnóidh mé sábháilteacht, dínit, síocháin agus leas an Choláiste agus na ndaoine a oibríonn sa Choláiste. Géillfidh mé don Phropast i gcúrsaí dlisteanacha agus onóracha. Glacaim leis na coinníollacha réamhluaite uile agus geallaim go seasfaidh mé go coinsiasach leo.

Entitlements

Having come through the tough process of obtaining Scholarship, it is now time to get information on your entitlements as a Scholar. More information is given later in this booklet, but here are the essential details. You can also find a Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions page on the website at www.tcd.ie/students/scholars/faq/.

As a Scholar of Trinity College, you may receive the following entitlements for the duration of your Scholarship:

- Commons free of charge
- College Rooms free of charge (except for utility fee) for up to 9 months of the year
- Tuition fees paid (postgraduate fees covered also), including the ‘Registration Fee’*
- Annual salary of €253.95 (€250 to the Scholar, €3.95 to the Scholars’ Committee)

*Undergraduate scholars from non-EU countries shall have their fees reduced by an amount corresponding to the appropriate fee level of an Irish student.

Tuition Fees

When you register for your course in September/October, your form should indicate that you are a Scholar and that your fees have been paid, or, in the case of Scholars from non-EU countries, that the fees have been reduced. If this is not the case, contact the Academic Registry.

Commons

Commons is a three-course meal usually served in the Dining Hall in the evening on Mondays-Thursdays and 1:05 pm on Fridays during term. It is attended free of charge by Scholars and Fellows, while members of the College community may attend by purchasing a ticket from the College’s Catering Office at the rear of the Dining Hall, or by emailing commons@tcd.ie with preferred dates indicating guest numbers.

Entitlements continued

To attend Commons, you must sign in online before 3 pm each day using the Commons sign-in website - <https://www.tcd.ie/students/scholars/commons/>. You will hear from the Secretary to the Scholars in connection with your username and password to log in to the website. You can sign in up to five days in advance. There is a fine for Scholars signing in and failing to attend Commons. Attendance is recorded, so please bring your ID card with you.

Grace and Waiterships

Grace is said before and after Commons by a Scholar. Ten Scholars are selected for this duty for the year and are paid a salary every quarter for doing so. Grace is said from memory, in Latin; a copy of Grace and a rough translation appear in the appendix to this booklet. All attendees at Commons stand for Grace and remain standing after the meal until the Fellows have passed on their way out. Typically, ten Scholars are given Waiterships each year. To volunteer, either register your interest with the Secretary of Scholars or email the Scholars' Secretary during the week commencing 20 April 2026.

Rooms

Scholars are entitled to rooms for the duration of their Scholarship for up to nine months of the year, typically from early September to early May. Arrangements are made to accommodate those students who need to take up rooms early in the year (for example, Health Sciences students), and Scholars remain in rooms until after their last exam in May. Scholars **do** pay the utility charge during the year and, if resident at Trinity Hall, the Junior Common Room (JCR) membership fee. Applicable charges can be viewed and paid through my.tcd.ie. As a new Scholar, you can now apply for a room in Trinity Hall for the next academic year. Please **do so this week** using the following web page <https://accommodation.tcd.ie/StudentBookings/>

If you have already applied for rooms for the coming academic year, it will not be possible to make a second application – contact the Accommodation Office by emailing szulge@tcd.ie to have your application amended to a room at Trinity Hall. If you will be away for part of the term next year but would like to apply for rooms, please contact the Accommodation Office, as it will be possible to claim cash in lieu of rooms for that part of the year for which you are absent (see next page).

Annual Salary and Cash in Lieu of Entitlements

Scholars are granted an annual 'salary' of €253.95. Scholars may also decline the option of rooms and instead accept cash in lieu of rooms, which amounts to €2,215.00, paid in three instalments over the year, on 20 December, 20 March and 20 June. This claim does not go through the Accommodation Office. A Scholar's Emoluments form is sent out by the Academic Registry each September, and Scholars can opt to claim for cash in lieu of rooms on this form. The first payment is made by 20 December and comprises the Annual Salary, Waiter's Salary and the first of three payments for cash in lieu of rooms where applicable. The other two payments are made in March and June. Cash in lieu of Commons may also be granted, though only in exceptional circumstances. A Scholar can apply for Cash in Lieu of Commons by emailing cdeans@tcd.ie before 1 September. Cash in Lieu of Commons is granted at the discretion of the Junior Dean. This amounts to €254, paid in four instalments over the year, on 20 December, 20 March, 20 June and 20 September.

Intermission of Scholarship

If you do not wish to take up your entitlements for an academic year, you may be able to intermit your Scholarship. The Scholarship lasts for a maximum of five years, though a Scholar can apply to intermit their tenure for one year by outlining their reasons in an email to studcase@tcd.ie if currently engaged in undergraduate study or otherwise to pgcases@tcd.ie, in addition to informing the Accommodation Office. Intermission of Scholarship is granted at the discretion of the Senior Lecturer, if engaged in undergraduate study or otherwise the Dean of Graduate Studies. A maximum of three intermitted years is allowed. This would be particularly useful to those new Scholars who will be spending the next year abroad or taking a year out after graduating. Alternatively, students who are studying abroad next year are officially registered here at Trinity and may claim cash in lieu of rooms as outlined above. The deadline for intermission of Scholarship is normally 1 March prior to the academic year for which intermission is being sought. This deadline is waived in the case of new Scholars, however if you are considering intermitting next year, you should apply as soon as possible. Please inform the Accommodation Office of all intermissions.

It is important to note that Scholars who are not registered with College and without an intermission will lose all their scholarship privileges (not just one year). Students who plan to go off-books need to apply to go off-books and apply to intermit their scholarship. These are two separate processes. If you go off-books and do not intermit, you will lose your Scholarship.

Important Contacts

The following people are the College figures you are most likely to encounter in your time as a Scholar.

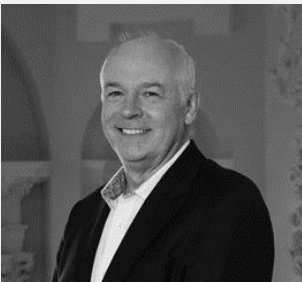


Prof Dónall A. Mac Dónaill

Junior Dean & Registrar of Chambers

Junior.Dean@tcd.ie / chambers@tcd.ie

As Junior Dean, Prof Mac Dónaill is responsible for maintaining discipline and good order among students and he investigates the alleged commission of disciplinary offences by students. The Registrar of Chambers allocates rooms to students on behalf of the Provost.



Prof Vincent Wade

Senior Lecturer / Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Senior.Lecturer@tcd.ie

The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies is the Academic Officer with responsibility for admissions, as well as for the progression and examination of undergraduate students. The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies is administratively supported by staff in the Office of the Vice Provost. For Scholars, the primary direct contact you may have with Prof Wade is if you are applying to intermit your Scholarship.

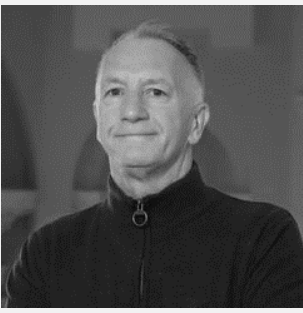


Prof Martine Smith

Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean.of.Graduate.Studies@tcd.ie

The Dean of Graduate Studies has a similar post to that of Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies for postgraduates, coordinating College's policies at graduate level. You may have to contact the Dean of Graduate Studies when applying for a postgraduate position or when applying as a postgraduate to intermit your Scholarship for a year.



Prof Richard Porter

Dean of Students

dean.students@tcd.ie

The Dean of Students is responsible for planning, developing and implementing programmes and policies that encourage and support students to take an active role in positively shaping our campus community. The Dean of Students influences student-oriented policies and practices that include: Careers Advisory Service, Chaplaincy, Student Counselling Service, Day Nursery, Disability Service, Student Health Service, Sports & Recreation, and Tutorial Service.

Adam Ward

Campus Accommodation Office

adam.ward@tcd.ie

The Allocations Manager in the Campus Accommodation Office will be the point of contact for matters relating to your Campus room allocation.

Santa Zulge

Trinity Hall Accommodation Office

szulge@tcd.ie

The Allocations Manager at Trinity Hall will be your point of contact for all matters relating to your Trinity Hall room allocation in the first year of Scholarship.

While it is less likely that you will meet these figures regularly, here are some other important figures in the College of which you are now a Scholar:



Dr Linda Doyle

Provost

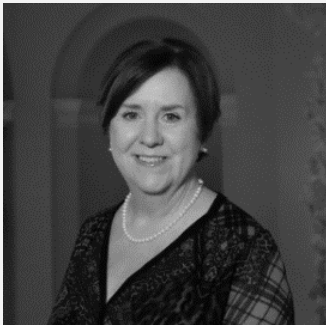
The chief executive of the College, the Provost is elected for a ten-year term and acts as Chair of University Council and of the Board. Overseeing the development of College during her term, the Provost is ultimately responsible for just about everything that happens in College.



Dr Mary McAleese

Chancellor of the University

The figurehead of the University, of which Trinity is the sole constituent College, the Chancellor is the head of the Senate, the part of the University which awards degrees, made up of all Masters and Doctors of the College.



Prof Orla Sheils

Vice-Provost / Chief Academic Officer

The Vice-Provost is the senior academic officer with responsibility for the academic affairs of the university. Prof Sheils assists the Provost and takes her place when necessary and has a strong role in College's strategic planning.



Prof Neville Cox

Registrar

Keeper of the records of College, the Registrar oversees any changes to the Calendar and the Statutes of College.



Noel Gorman

Chief Operating Officer

Heads College Administration and Support Services. This role entails providing strategic leadership in the overall development and management of these services to ensure alignment to the overall strategic objectives of College.



Victoria Butler

Secretary to the College / Director of Governance

Involved in many areas of College, the Secretary oversees university governance, compliance and legal matters.



Prof Eleanor Denny

Bursar & Director of Strategic Innovation

The Bursar and Director of Strategic Innovation has responsibilities regarding financial and related affairs of the College. This role entails providing strategic leadership in the overall development of the campus and administrative services to ensure alignment to the overall strategic objectives of the university.

Previous Scholars of Trinity College Dublin

The institution of Scholarship in Trinity is one steeped in history and tradition. (At the back of this booklet you will find a copy of the poem 'Twenty Years After', written on the occasion of a Scholar's return for the Trinity Monday dinner twenty years after being elected a Scholar, as much because it is now traditional to pass on that poem as for any poetic merit!). Some of the previous Scholars of Trinity College include:

Lenny Abrahamson (Sch. 1988) – award-winning film and television director

Samuel Beckett (Sch. 1925) – Celebrated novelist, playwright and poet, awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969 and elected Saoi of Aosdána in 1984

The Honourable Mr Justice Declan Budd (Sch. 1968) – High Court Judge and former president of the Law Reform Commission

Edmund Burke (Sch. 1746) – Statesman, author, orator and political philosopher

Ambassador John HF Campbell (Sch. 1959) – Former Irish Ambassador to UN and EU

Conor Cruise-O'Brien (Sch. 1938) – Writer, politician and academic

Sir William Rowan Hamilton (Sch. 1825) – mathematical genius, appointed Professor before he graduated! Developed the theory of quaternions, among other achievements.

Prof Declan Kiberd (Sch. 1971) – Literary theorist, author and journalist; Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama in UCD

Former Senator David Norris (Sch. 1966) – Civil rights campaigner, Joycean Scholar and politician

Dr Mary Robinson (Sch. 1965) – Chancellor of the University, former President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Oscar Wilde (Sch. 1873) – Victorian playwright, novelist, poet and celebrated wit.

Whatever your discipline, there is a good chance that some of the Trinity academics and faculty members in your area are past Scholars too.

Foundation and Non-Foundation Scholarships

Many of you will notice that you have been elected as a Non-Foundation Scholar, as opposed to the few who have gained a Foundation Scholarship (these are sometimes known as ‘Scholars of the House’). In reality, there is very little difference.

Historically, Scholars are as old as the College itself – three Scholars are even named in the Foundation Charter of 1592. For a time, no students other than those who gained a Scholarship were allowed to enrol, and when the number of students was increased the number of Scholars was fixed at 70, in the Charter of Charles I of 1637. This number of 70 ‘Foundation’ Scholars remains fixed to this day. Non-Foundation Scholarships were initiated in the nineteenth century primarily to deal with problems that had arisen over religious beliefs. Students who failed to attend Chapel were considered ineligible for Scholarship at the time. Non-Foundation Scholarships were thus established to allow the award of Scholarships to Catholics and Dissenters. Upon admission to College in the early twentieth century, women could also only attain Non-Foundation Scholarships, though this was changed in the late 1960s.

Both classes of Scholars are entitled to the same emoluments. The only real difference between the classes is that Foundation Scholars are considered to be part of the Body Corporate, the legal governing body of College, along with the Fellows, the Provost and the Board. (For most matters of importance affecting College, responsibility lies with the Board for issues of finance and strategic planning and with University Council for more academically oriented issues.) Occasionally, the Foundation Scholars may be asked for their opinion or to vote on matters affecting College, though this has only been an issue once in the last twenty years.

Use of Rooms during the Long Vacation

Undergraduate Scholars may remain in rooms until the day after their final examination. Those requiring an extension for oral examinations may request this once the examination schedule is confirmed. Health Sciences Scholars may extend until the day their clinical modules end. This also applies to early entry into rooms when clinical attendance begins. Scholarship covers this period of residency.

Scholars may apply for summer residence for one summer of their Scholarship for the purposes of graduate studies or research. The number of rooms is limited, and priority is given as follows:

1. PhD candidates in their final or penultimate summer
2. Research Masters students in their final or penultimate summer
3. Registered students of taught Masters programmes in final year
4. Registered students on Undergraduate programmes undertaking summer research

Any Scholar who is interested in availing of summer accommodation may complete the application form before **1 March: forms.office.com/e/grBHWKXCkE**

The application link above will be circulated to all Scholars by email in Spring. Before completing the form, applicants should have the following ready, where applicable:

- TCD Student ID Number
- Date of election to Scholarship and details of any intermissions
- Current room number, if in College rooms
- Course/programme details and expected year of completion
- Requested arrival and departure dates
- Details of the work to be undertaken during the summer and the reason accommodation is needed to complete this work, including relevant dates
- A **supervisor's letter** outlining the work to be done during the summer.

Please note that current Trinity Hall residents, if successful, will be allocated Trinity Hall. Applications will not be considered without a supervisor's letter. Only students who will be registered for the full duration of their requested stay are eligible.

Postgraduate Studies

Upon completion of their primary degree, Scholars are encouraged to pursue further study here at Trinity College. The emoluments granted to a postgraduate Scholar are essentially the same as those for an undergraduate one: reduced fees, free Commons, a small salary and on-campus accommodation. Those wishing to work or gain experience in their field before continuing with postgraduate studies in their field are permitted to intermit their Scholarship for one or more years. In the same way that the March deadline for intermission is waived for incoming Scholars, late applications for intermission from Scholars who have just completed their primary degree will also be accepted.

Tenure

Your tenure as a Scholar lasts for up to five years, with the possibility of taking up to three years off by intermitting your Scholarship on a yearly basis.

Graduate Scholars are entitled to Commons free of charge for the rest of their Scholarship. Graduates undertaking an approved course of study or research elsewhere are entitled to Commons and their annual salary. Graduates undertaking an approved course of study or research here at Trinity are entitled to the full emoluments package.

The tenure of any Scholarship shall terminate by effluxion of time, where a Scholar without intermission ceases to be a student of the College, fails to maintain normal academic progress, dies, or resigns.

Appendix

Here we have included some useful information for Scholars. More can be found at our Scholars' website (<https://www.tcd.ie/students/scholars/>) Full details on Scholarships are to be found in Part 2 of the College Calendar <https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/calendar/undergraduate-studies/foundation-and-non-foundation-scholarships.pdf> and in the College Statutes <https://www.tcd.ie/registrar/assets/Statutes-December-2020.pdf>

Grace

Below is the full text of Grace as it is to be repeated, from memory, by the Waiters before and after Commons. Also provided is a rough translation into English.

Before Meat:

'Oculi Omnium in te sperant Domine. Tu das iis escam eorum in tempore opportuno. Aperis tu manum tuam, et imples omne animal benedictione tua. Miserere nostri te quaesumus Domine, tuisque donis quae de tua benignitate sumus percepturi, benedicito per Christum Dominum nostrum'.

The eyes of all hope in you, Lord. You give to them food at the appropriate time. You open your hand, and you fill every creature with your blessing. Pity us, we beg you, Lord, and bless the gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord.

After Meat:

'Tibi laus, tibi honor, tibi Gloria, O beata et gloriosa Trinitas. Sit nomen Domini benedictum et nunc et in perpetuum. Laudamus te, benignissime Pater, pro serenissimis, regina Elizabetha hujus Collegii conditricem, Jacobo ejusdem munificentissimo auctore, Carolo conservatore, caeterisque benefactoribus nostris, rogantes te, ut his tuis donis recte et ad tuam gloriam utentes in hoc saeculo, te una cum fidelibus in futuro feliciter perfruamur, per Christum Dominum nostrum.'

To you praise, to you honour, to you glory, O blessed and glorious Trinity. May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and forever. We praise you, most bountiful Father, for the most serene ones, Queen Elizabeth the founder of this College, James, its most generous builder, Charles its preserver, and our other benefactors, asking you, as we make use of these your gifts rightly and for your glory at this time, that we might exalt in you together with the faithful happily in the future, through Christ our Lord.

Poem – ‘Twenty Years After’

See page 16 for details

Twenty Years After

(Lines written in College rooms after Dinner in Hall,
Trinity Monday evening, 1934.)

On this proud day of the month of May
Twenty years ago,
’Twas just the same, the Provost came
Flanked by the Board and the vast crowd roared.
The list was read and away I sped
To buy in town my Scholar’s gown,
And I donned my cap with its velvet nap
Twenty years ago.
Heaven held no bliss to compare with this
Twenty years ago.
The day seemed so splendid that I even attended
The discourse on Skelton (not a theme to be dwelt on!),
Then came the photo which we all had to go to,
Twenty years ago.
And in Hall I dined and in Hall I wined
Twenty years ago.
All was pure joy without alloy
(Save for the jar from my first cigar
Twenty years ago).
And at last to bed with a sleepy head.
And the following day we made our way
Twenty years ago
To No. 1 where we’d an Oath to swear,
And, an awe-struck band, held Mahaffy’s hand
Twenty years ago.
And the joy to see o’er the door “Sc -
- h” after one’s name, a title to fame;
And I learned the Grace in the hopeful case
That sooner or later I’d be made Waiter,
Twenty years ago.
These are the things that on memory’s wings
Come thick and fast, as into the past
Twenty years I go.
And if mine the span allotted to man
Before my demise, I may have twice
Twenty years to go;
Yet such a Trinity Monday there’ll never be,
With such a thrill I can feel it still,
That’ll seem as splendid as that one then did
Twenty years ago.

May 31st, 1934.

EL JADIR (Sch. 1914)

L. J. Richardson

TCD anthology
1895/1945 pp 14/15