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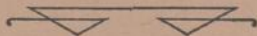
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DUBLIN, DECEMBER, 1899.

Editorial Notes.

The present Editor after ten year's service severs his connection with the School and the "Erasmian."

The striking feature of our December issue is its poetical contributions. We publish with pleasure Mr. T. P. Stuart's "At the Front." His first verses were written in the Lower IV., early in the eighties. Mr. W. H. Mackenzie, the English master, himself a poet of no mean order, suggested that instead of the weekly essay, any boy might send in a set of original verses. The Lower IV., with their usual sportsmanlike qualities, instead of chaffing the author of the only verses sent in, felt a haughty pride in possessing the only live poet in the School. Among the number was Mr. W. B. Yeats, who little thought of the fame which he would one day achieve in the literary world. Mr. Stuart finds time to contribute occasionally to *The Pall Mall Budget*, *The Sketch*, *Fun*, and other papers.

School News.

We greatly regret to have to record the departure from among our masters of the Rev. W. B. Morris, who has received an appointment from the South American Missionary Society at San Paulo, Brazil. He has been a master here for fifteen years, and has been always greatly liked and esteemed by the boys. He has always taken an interest in the School sports and School games, especially the cricket, in which both as a batter and a bowler he has greatly strengthened the team. On Wednesday, December 6th, in the School Library, Mr. Morris was presented with a set of the Speaker's Commentary, as a token of the esteem with which he is held by his pupils. He has the best wishes of all for success in his new work.

We must also notice with regret the departure of N. B. White, A. W. M'Farlane, and C. H. M'Comas from School. These three "old boys" have always taken the warmest interest in

the "Erasmian," the former holding the post of Secretary, the two latter successively that of Treasurer. We have to congratulate White and M'Farlane on their brilliant success at "Junior Examination," and wish all three a successful College career.

On page 60 our School Poet makes his first appearance?

The Governors have awarded M. S. M'Donnell a Statutory Erasmus Smith Exhibition of the first rank. We must also congratulate him on having obtained three Entrance Prizes, in Latin Prose, Latin Verse, and German.

The disappearance of the historic Lower Fourth has caused a pang of regret to many old boys. It is, perhaps, not too much to say that this was the most celebrated—possibly notorious—of the classes. In the days gone by it used to form the backbone of our Cup Teams, and in this respect often put the majesty of the Sixth to shame. As regards the base slanders as to its intellectual capabilities, all true Lower Fourth boys point with great pride to E. H. Alton's Junior Grade Exhibition, and they always showed their great fondness for the scholastic atmosphere of the big schoolroom by their crowded attendance there on Saturdays (and, indeed, on most other days), thereby setting an example which

contrasted strongly with the oppressive and self-conscious rectitude of the Upper Fourth boys, who would dissolve into tears at the mere thought of staying a few minutes after 12 on Saturdays. At all events, there was always a healthy *esprit-de-corps* about the Lower Fourth as regards the School, and in this respect they outdistanced the other classes.

W. H. Carson has been very unfortunate when playing against Wesley College. At the last match he had his wrist sprained, while at the same match two years ago he had his collar-bone broken. We trust that next February he and the rest of the team will give a better account of themselves against our old rivals of Stephen's Green.

At the Front.

(With apologies to Mr. Henry Newbolt).

I.

In eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,
 When Buller came swinging from
 the Cape,
 Thirty-thousand Dutchmen had mar-
 shalled into line,
 Pounding Ladysmith with shrapnel,
 and with grape.
 Yule had joined White's forces, when
 gallant Symons fell,
 Tramping it from far Dundee pursued
 by shot and shell,

And they vowed to hold out Ladysmith,
 were it the mouth of hell,
 When Buller came swinging from
 the Cape.

II.

The Boers famous "Long Tom" was
 knocking things about,
 When Buller came swinging from
 the Cape;
 "Have we nothing that can answer
 them," I heard the General shout,
 "Must the beggars punch our head,
 and then escape?"
 When haply as propitious as the wooden
 horse of Troy
 The naval train steamed up with guns,
 "Hurrah! but Jack's the boy!"
 "Long Tom" was knocked from off his
 perch, the soldiers cheered for joy;
 When Buller came swinging from
 the Cape.

III.

The Colonel's down (Dick Cunyngham)
 the bravest of the brave,
 When Buller came swinging from
 the Cape,
 But "Get on men! get on men!" they
 saw his claymore wave,
 As at Elands Laagte he dared Death's
 cruel shape.
 The Devons, Gordons, Fusiliers, had
 charged at tuck of drum,
 And bristling British bayonets made the
 braggarts dour, and dumb.

They may curse the "coward rooineks";
 but the *lot* will soon succumb,
 When Buller comes swinging from
 the Cape.

T. P. STUART.

Trinity College Notes.

The Michaelmas Term has again
 come round, investing with all the
 dignity of Sophistership those who have
 safely braved the terrors of Little-Go
 (and great this year is the lamentation
 here). The *toga virilis* (otherwise a
 jib's gown), has been assumed by many
 expectant schoolboys, destined to find,
 alas! that undergraduates are but
 ordinary mortals, Fellows but a new kind
 of glorified schoolmaster, and that, in
 some things at least, T. C. D. falls far
 short of their expectations.

At the opening meeting of the College
 Historical Society, we had the pleasure
 of seeing the place of honour, as Auditor,
 occupied by an O. H. S. boy, E. V.
 Longworth. In fact, the High School
 was very well represented, J. C. For-
 rester occupying with much dignity the
 position of Record Secretary, and G.
 O'Grady that of Librarian. These
 gentlemen and R. S. Smyly were
 honoured by rewards for oratory, etc.,
 from the Society. In his opening ad-
 dress on the present economic position
 of Ireland, the Auditor showed much

knowledge of his subject, and treated it in a very interesting and informing manner. Of the subsequent speeches, Father Finlay's seemed the best. The generally decorous character of the proceedings contrasted favourably (or shall we say unfavourably?) with the tumultuous scenes of the U.P.S. opening meeting.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to F. A. Longworth on his attaining to the proud position of University Student in Classics. We hope that he will be some day added to the noble army of Fellows, among whom the High School is already worthily represented by Mr. Exham and Mr. Thrift. We are glad to notice that G. D. Carleton, son of our School Catechist, the Rev. J. G. Carleton, has won the Brooke Prize in Classics and a special prize of £40. At the Moderatorship Examinations H. H. Jeffcott and S. Hutchinson also did very well, the latter obtaining first (large) gold medal in Ethics and Logics, and a special prize of £40.

The opening meeting of the U. P. S. was a return to the good old times of our Grandfathers. All the latent talent of the whole of jibdom was brought into requisition. Some favoured us with a musical performance, in which the shattered fragments of two dozen, or more, chairs played a prominent part.

Some again provided a pyrotechnic display, others practised aerial projection, while one inventive soul established a pigeon post with the neighbouring Bay. The writer can depose from experience that the feelings of the recipients of the many projectiles were very different from those of the senders. As regards the speeches, they were excellent, so far as they could be heard.

The Junior Exhibition Examinations resulted in N. B. White securing First Place with the H.S. Exhibition, and A. W. M'Farlane Third Place with a special Exhibition. This is the second year in succession that H.S. has got first place at this examination; we trust that one of our representatives next year will do the trick a third time.

The Football First XV. suffered defeat at the hands of Lansdowne by 2 goals and 1 try to 1 goal and 1 try. The match was a fine exposition of the game, both sides playing vigorously. We were represented on the Trinity team by J. Sealy and R. D. Barbor. We were surprised that Trinity should beat Blackrock only by 2 goals to 1. Among the elections at the Bicycle Club we note the following:—Hon. Treasurer—G. A. Joynt; Committee—W. R. Armstrong, W. G. Joynt, and A. S. Armstrong.

The following is a list of High School boys who have entered in the past year :—Brew, A. W., Campion, W. A., Foster, C. T., M'Comas, C. H., M'Cormick, H. M., M'Farlane, A. W., MacDonnell, M. S., Montgomery, R. N., Ussher, F. J., Warren, R., White, N. B.

The War, 1899.

(A Fragment).

I.

"Mother," to England from over the sea,

"One of thy children's chief birth-rights

Is to be ever free.

This we learnt at thy breasts at birth
That thy free sons throughout the earth
Should ever hold their rights.

Yet we, who with labour of brain and
hand

Have enriched a people and mind their
land,

Are denied our Freedom. And wrongs
not few

We bear instead of thanks—our need !
Great Mother, to thee we come at need
To help us fight for our due."

II.

England called to her sons and cried
"There are men of our blood across the
sea—

Men of a tribe that have ever been free,
Shorn of their ancient pride.

Is it meet, my sons, that Liberty
Should be to our race denied ?"

III.

"And England's sons with one loud
voice cried "No ;"

Bethink ye, then, my sons, will ye cross
the sea

And wrench your brethren's dues from
your brethren's foe ?"

"Aye, we are ready, Mother (said each)
send me."

IV.

Of the bravest and best of her sons did
England take,

Those nearest her heart—her soldiers—
and sent them forth.

"I must part with my dearest," she
said, "for my honor's sake,

They shall show their brethren across
the seas the worth

Of the love of their sea-girt, strong,
Isle—Mother of the North."

V.

She sent them forth—they have sailed :
The nations railed.

"Land-grabbing Despot, Tyrant, Low,
Depraved !" Thus they raved—

With vain, wild words, goaded by envy,
sought

To shake the mighty will of Her whom
naught

Has ever kept from seeing Justice
wrought

For those oppressed. England with
lofty scorn

Noticed them not, and with high-lifted
head

Went on her way in splendid solitude,
and said,

"Let them shriek on!"

ERNEST E. S. FORRESTER.

Football.

The Cup Team v. Palmerston.

This, the opening match of the season, was played in Belgrave Square on Saturday, October 14th, and after a well contested game resulted in a win for Palmerston by two tries to nil. The home forwards took things far too easily and did not get into the scrums quickly enough.

The Cup Team

v.

Mr. Strangway's Cup Team.

Played at Belgrave Square on Tuesday, October 17th, and after a fairly even game resulted in a win for the High School by one try (L. Bayly) to nil. The H. S. D. Team showed good form and should at least have got another score. For the High School Carson and Thrift (backs) and Hillas, Barton and Bayly (forwards) played well, as did Bridge and Atkinson for Strangways.

The Cup Team v. Masonic 1st XV.

This match was played at Belgrave Square on Saturday, October 21st, and

resulted in a scoreless draw. In the second half Carson got over, but was whistled back for no apparent reason. However, Masonic played a good game and deserved having made the match a draw.

The Cup Team v. Lansdowne III.

In this match, played at Lansdowne Road on Tuesday, October 31st, the High School played one man short, but, nevertheless, won a good game by one try to nil.

The Cup Team v. Wesley Cup Team.

This fixture came off in the Square on Monday, November 6th, and resulted in a win for Wesley by 1 goal and 2 tries to nil. The Wesley forwards played a fine game, beating the H.S.D. forwards both in the scrums and in the loose. Nevertheless, in the return we should give a better account of ourselves. Early in the game Carson got his wrist sprained and will not be able to play till after Christmas.

The Cup Team

v.

St. Andrew's Cup Team.

We were badly beaten by St. Andrew's College at Donnybrook on Wednesday, November 8th, by 1 goal and 4 tries. Our opponents were a far heavier lot than we were, and consequently got their scores by sheer weight. Our forwards played well in the loose, but

could not be expected to hold their own in the scrums. As usual in our fixtures with St. Andrew's, the day was wet and the ground very greasy.

The Cup Team *v.* St. Columba's.

On Saturday, November 25th, we met St. Columba's in Belgrave Square and fared badly, being beaten by 3 goals and 3 tries to nil. However, we had not our best team, some not being able to play and others not turning up. On the whole we got off pretty cheaply. Again our forwards did not get into the scrums quickly enough.

The High School Sports, 1899.

Hon. Secretaries :

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Rev. W. B. Morris W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D. C. H. Ward G. A. Joynt J. Thompson H. J. Knox W. H. Carson	J. Sealy R. W. Jeffares H. H. Jeffcott E. M. Paterson A. E. Lyster C. H. M'Comas
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Hon. Treasurer :

W. S. Cooney.

Judges of Athletics :

S. W. Maddock J. Sealy C. L. Eves	J. T. Magee R. S. Montgomery
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Judges of Cycling :

W. E. Thrift W. E. Paterson	C. Pease C. E. A. Pigott
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Time-Keeper :

W. G. Joynt

Registrar :

F. C. D. Joynt

The Sports were held as usual at Ballsbridge on September 16th. Fortune again favoured us as regards the weather, and our ninth fixture was free from rain. The attendance was fairly large and the racing good, the temperature suiting the latter, though somewhat cold for the spectators. The School Championship caused some surprise, as it was won by Sloan, who succeeded in beating Carson by one mark. The arrangements were very satisfactory, Mr. Cooney, as usual sparing no pains to make the meeting a success. The only faults to be found were the absence of a field officer and the consequent invasion of the ground by many who had no right there, and also the absence of several of the present boys. It is only reasonable to expect that when the Committee and others are put to so much trouble in getting up the meeting, they should have the hearty co-operation of all the boys. A most interesting item was the trick riding of Innis Gibson, which was watched with close attention. An unfortunate accident happened R. F. B. Knox as he was entering the final

straight in the five miles bicycle race, but happily his injuries were not so great as was at first supposed. The Open Schools' Race was won by B. R. Day of Kingstown, second place being gained by W. Watson of Castleknock. Other entries were received from Wesley College, but some schools did not reply to our invitation. The long jump resulted in a close contest, Carson beating Farran by $\frac{3}{4}$ in. and Sloan by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. The sack, boot and wheelbarrow races provided considerable amusement, while the slow bicycle proved the survival of the fittest. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Wilkins. The band of the Dublin Metropolitan Police attended. Details:—

Hundred Yards, under 12. First Heat—N. Sloan (5 yds.), 1; G. Evans (4 yds.), 2. Second Heat—R. Bryan (6 yds.), 1; J. Chamney (scratch), 2. Third Heat—G. M. Johnston (7 yds.), 1; R. Valentine (11 yds.), 2. Final Heat—Bryan, 1; Chamney, 2; Johnston, 3. Time, 13 1-5th secs.

Hundred Yards, under 15. First Heat—C. Blackman (3 yds.), 1; E. T. Barbor (2 yds.), 2. Second Heat—B. Young (scratch), 1; G. C. Duggan (6 yds.) 2. Third Heat—G. Bayly (2 yds.), 1; C. Walsh (9 yds.) 2. Final Heat—Blackman, 1; Bayly, 2; Walsh, 3. Time, 12 2-5th secs.

Hundred Yards, Senior. First Heat—B. Johnston (6 yds.) 1; W. H. Carson (scratch) 2. Second Heat—C. Scaife

(5 yds.), 1; R. MacDonald (1 yd.) 2. Third Heat—C. Farran (7 yds.), 1; R. A. Page (scratch), 2. Final Heat—Carson, 1; Scaife, 2; Farran, 3. Time, 10 4-5th secs.

Long Jump.—W. H. Carson, 1; C. H. Farran, 2; H. A. Sloan, 3. Distance, 17ft. $7\frac{1}{2}$ in.

220 Yards (Junior). First Heat—G. C. Duggan (10 yds.), 1; G. G. Duggan (12 yds.), 2; B. Young (4 yds.), 3. Second Heat—G. Bayly (4 yds.), 1; G. Stephenson (9 yds.), 2. Final Heat—Stephenson, 1; Bayly, 2; G. G. Duggan 3. Time, 29 1-5th secs.

220 Yards (Senior). First Heat—W. H. Carson (scratch), 1; R. A. Page (scratch), 2; H. A. Sloan (4 yds.), 3. Second Heat—C. Scaife (6 yds.), 1; L. Bayly (10 yds.), 2; R. M'Donald (2 yds.), 3. Final Heat—Scaife, 1; Carson, 2; Page, 3. Time, 25 1-5th secs.

Siamese Race (120 Yards). B. Johnston and H. Thrift, 1; G. M'Comas and J. D. Sands, 2.

Hurdle Race (120 Yards). Final Heat—G. W. White, 7 yds., 1; H. A. Sloan, 4 yds., 2; R. M'Donald, 2 yds., 3. Time, 20 3-5th secs. A good race, won by a few yards.

One Mile Bicycle Handicap (Past and Present Boys).—F. Draper, 50 yds., 1; E. N. Powell, 30 yds., 2; F. Cooper, 80 yds., 3. Won easily; a bad third. Time, 2 mins., 18 2-5th secs.

High Jump.—C. H. Farran, 1; H. A. Sloan, 2; C. Scaife and G. White (equal), 3. Height, 4ft. 7in.

Boot Race.—E. C. Bayly, 1; G. C. Duggan, 2; H. Thrift, 3.

Slow Bicycle Race.—H. Thrift, 1; S. J. Gibson, 2; G. J. Gibson, 3.

440 Yards.—C. Scaife, 10 yds., 1; W. H. Carson, scratch, 2; R. A. Page, scratch, 3. A good race. Carson led till 30 yards from home, when Scaife passed him and won by a yard. A good third. Time, 59 1-5th secs.

220 Yards (Old Boys).—S. W. Maddock, scratch, 1; H. J. Knox, 8 yds., 2; F. E. A. Campbell, 12 yds., 3. A good race. Won by three yards, one yard between second and third. Time, 24 3-5th secs.

Wheelbarrow Race.—R. M. Richardson and A. Brew, 1; W. Young and H. Thrift, 2.

300 Yards Open Schools Handicap.—B. R. Day (University School, Kingstown), 1; W. Watson (Morgan's School, Castleknock), 2; R. A. Page, High School, 3; W. H. Carson, High School, 0; J. F. Perry, Wesley College, 0; G. A. Crawford, Wesley College, 0; R. M'Donald, High School, 0. The first three quickly drew away and Day won a fine race by three yards, a good third. Time, 34 1-5th secs.

One Mile Bicycle.—S. Gibson, scratch, 1; R. Collett, 40 yds., 2; H. Thrift, 50 yds., 3. Won easily, a fair third. Time, 2 minutes, 40 1-5th secs.

Sack Race.—P. H. Appleyard, 1; J. M'Cormick, 2; W. Appleyard, 3.

Half Mile (Senior).—H. A. Sloan, scratch, 1; J. D. Sands, 25 yds., 2; C. Scaife, 10 yds., 3. A good race; Sloan outsprinted Sands in the final start, a good third. Time, 2 mins. 28 secs.

Bicycle Trick Riding.—T. E. Gibson.

Half Mile (Junior).—G. E. Stephenson, 10 yds., 1; G. G. Duggan, 18 yds., 2; G. C. Duggan, 15 yds., 3. Time, 2 mins. 49 4-5th secs.

Egg and Spoon Race.—J. D. Sands, 1; W. H. Carson, 2; G. C. Duggan, 3.

One Mile Flat.—H. A. Sloan, scratch, 1; A. W. Brew, 20 yds., 2; J. D. Sands, 40 yds., 3—won easily. Time, 5 min. 23 2-5th secs.

Five Mile Bicycle (past and present).—H. J. Seale, 1; F. Draper, 2; J. R. Lang, 3. A very close finish, R. F. Knox fell coming round the last corner. Time, 13 mins. 53 1-5th secs.

Composite Race.—H. Thrift, 1; H. A. Sloan, 2; R. E. Hall, 3. Thrift had matters all his own way as soon as he got on his bicycle. A bad second and very bad third.

Challenge Cup—H. A. Sloan, 17; W. H. W. Carson, 16; C. Scaife, 14½; G. Stephenson, 10; C. H. Farran, 9.

The following are the winners of the Cup since 1891:—

1891 J. de B. Sander-	1896 {	D. M. Frazer
1892 B. B. Burke [son		H. J. Knox
1893 James Sealy	1897	C. J. Stuart
1894 Do.	1898	H. J. Knox
1895 R. D. Barbor	1899	H. A. Sloan

Athletic Sports, 1899.

DR.

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To Balance from 1898 ...	3	15	5
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„ „ (past) ...	0	19	0
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„ Printing tickets (Gibbs)	0	11	6
„ Sergeant Mulholland ...	0	5	0
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„ Wool and pins ...	0	2	4
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„ Car and trams ...	0	3	10
„ Stamps and stationery ...	0	8	9
„ Miss Finn (sandwiches)	1	5	0
„ Davey & Co. ...	1	12	6
„ Buns ...	0	3	0
„ Balance ...	4	14	3

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W. S. COONEY, *Treasurer*.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN THOMPSON.

Scindalamon Paraxonìa.

Under the influence of Bret Harte's *Heathen Chinees*, the poet of the Upper Fourth has broken out in the following deathless lines on the subject of the happily harmless fall of Richard Knox in the cycle race at the School Sports.

I.

It was at the School Sports,
And R. Knox took a hand
With a cycle, the same
Some do not understand,
But with hard knocks he soon *tumbled to it,
And the lookers-on said it was grand.

II.

Which his name was R. Knox,
 And I cannot deny,
 With regard to Hard Knocks,
 What the name might imply,
 For Knox takes the knocks like a
 knocker
 That knocks knocks innocuously.

Tumble to = see the point of. Slang
 Dictionary.

Notes on Old Boys.

We are glad to welcome back from Australia Mr. G. Doran, who went out there last summer with the British team. He had the misfortune to get his collar-bone broken while out there, but he has recovered and resumed his post of wing three-quarter on Lansdowne I.

We have to congratulate Mr. H. Drennan on obtaining the Fry Prize for Composition in the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society.

Mr. A. Brunner has retired from the football field after an honourable career. He played for the Cup Team in 1889, and held the position of Secretary for a few months. He then joined Lansdowne, playing for the First XV. for ten seasons, and was Vice-Captain for two seasons. He obtained his High School cap in 1889 and the coveted green cap in 1895.

We are pleased to record the election of Mr. H. Knox to the Vice-Captaincy of Lansdowne and the Captaincy of Baggot Street Hospital F. C.

We congratulate Mr. W. G. Joynt on his recovery from Scarlatina, from which he has been down for the last two months at Dun's Hospital.

Mr. G. Frazer, who is in the Bank of Ireland at Dundalk, has been home lately. He seems to enjoy banking and is looking very fit.

We had a visit last month from Mr. T. E. Stephens, of Moscow. His shadow has not grown less; and he hardly looks a day older than when he left the school. The Muscovite fare evidently agrees with him.

Mr. A. R. Paterson, our popular Junior Master, has burst upon the world of sport as a harrier of the first order. On Saturday, November 25th, in the six miles "Club Handicap" over the Meadowbrook course, Dundrum, he distanced all competitors. Catching up the limit man after the first lap, he arrived first at the post, winning easily by three minutes. The custody of Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Absolom, thus falls to him for the next year.

Mr. J. T. Drennan, B.A., Barrister-at-Law, who was last year President of

the Dublin University Philosophical Society, has obtained a Staff post in the Registry of Titles of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division. We heartily wish him the best success in his new sphere.

Mr. C. F. Draper, B.A., has taken up his duties as Surveyor and Draughtsman to the Irish Land Commission, taking first place in the Examination. His record in the Engineering School was most brilliant.

Mr. E. W. Maddock, who won the Old Boys' event from scratch at our sports in September for the eighth time, has a very fine sprinting career. He has won over forty classical handicap sprints. In 1893, he won the 100 yards Gaelic Championship of Ireland at the City and Suburban, clocking 10 3-5 secs.; and in 1894 was second in the I. A. A. A. 220 Championship. He was a capable member of the Bective Rangers in the early nineties, and played on the team which won the Leinster Cup in 1892. His modesty is only equalled by his merit.

Mr. R. G. Leonard, who has had a brilliant career in the Law Examinations at King's Inns, Dublin University, and London University, was called to the Irish Bar on the opening day of term, at the Four Courts. In his fuzzy wig, he recently passed unrecognised by one of his former preceptors. "Brief" life is now his portion.

"I Remember"

(With apologies to Thomas Hood).

I.

I remember, I remember,
The High School long ago,
The forms and desks in which we used
To sit all in a row.
We never came a 'wink' too soon,
Nor stayed an 'blink' too long;
And if past "Three" we e'er were kept
We thought it monstrous wrong!

II.

I remember, I remember,
We used the masters dread,
Whose glance, when we were idling,
Shot thro' us as 'twere lead.
Our spirits then were oh! so high,
That now so heavy are;
But oft we think of School, e'en though
Now 'tis from us so far.

III.

I remember, I remember,
The "Drill" we all did hate,
The anger dire of Sergeant Brown
When we did "fall in" late;
How round and round the yard we
marched,
Like ducks all in a line,
And listened for the word "Dismiss!"
When finished was the time.

IV.

I remember, I remember,
The Impositions too,
Which after School we had to write
(They seldom number'd few!)

How often we used hard to try
 To break the old record,
 And write "Two-hundred" in an hour,
 At which the master roared.

V.

I remember, I remember,
 'The cards of roseate hue,
 For which, when marks sank under four,
 Fell punishment was due.
 Our father's brow was dark and stern,
 Our tongues were mute and dumb;
 On Saturdays the curse of cane
 And fingers, stiff and numb.

AN OLD BOY.

Sunny South Africa.

PIETERMARITZBURG,

August 6th, 1899.

As an Old Boy of the High School, at present a sojourner in South Africa, I send you a short description of the country, in the hope that it may prove interesting to my old school-fellows. I will not try to tell what everybody knows, but will endeavour to describe the more picturesque side of the country and its customs.

The colony of Natal is about half as large again as Ireland, though the population of the whole is only equal to that of Dublin, including the suburbs. Only one in every twelve is a white. The colony is so named from having

been discovered on Christmas Day. The latitude and longitude of 30 degrees intersect within it. Its capital, Maritzburg, has a population of about 20,000, including the garrison. It is situated 2,095 feet above sea-level, and is surrounded by great hills. We are $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours earlier here than you are in Dublin. The sun appears to move from right to left. The twilight is of very brief duration, and the temperature falls rapidly immediately after sunset.

The features that strike the eye are intensely Asiatic. Everywhere one sees the bright, varied, eastern costumes. Neither Natives nor Coolies (imported from India) wear shoes; they sport only a limited supply of garments. In the streets one meets people of every nationality, black, white and brown. You may see a tall native striding along, preceded by a string of wives and daughters, carrying heavy calabashes on their heads. He himself disdains to carry anything but a bundle of half-a-dozen long knobby sticks.

In Capetown, Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban, they have most successful electric tram services; but up here, at Maritzburg, the ricksha (the jaunting car of South Africa), is the chief means of town conveyance. It is a little gig, on large bicycle wheels, drawn at an astonishing speed by native boys, who decorate themselves with feathers, horns, and unconsidered trifles of every kind. All the houses

have verandahs, which in this sunny climate are most essential, and certainly add enchantment to the view.

As the ship steams into Durban, our chief seaport, the first thing that strikes one is the extreme flatness of the town. It is, like Dublin, built on an old swamp. Immediately at the back of the town a low range of hills rises abruptly, thickly wooded. It is a favourite site for the villas of the wealthier citizens. This district is called the Berea, and from it there is a delightful view right over the town to the broad Indian Ocean, which stretches straight to Australia, nearly as far away as England. On landing the number of objects of interest is without end. First there are the great *trek-wagons*, drawn by 16, 18 or 20 stout bullocks, led by a little nigger, called a *voor-looper*. In these the farmer brings to market the produce of his farm, perhaps 60 miles away; or takes his wife and family to the sea-side for the annual wash. The ladies sleep under the canvas covering on the wagon, the gentlemen under the wagon. A staff of natives accompanies them to drive and cook. Though certainly a slow means of transit, the *trek-wagon* has a large share of fascination about it, as has also the "post-cart," the common name for the two and four-wheeled coaches, which carry passengers and H.M. mails to places up-country, remote from town and railway. These are drawn by as many as eight horses, and

swing along at a rattling pace, over hills and hollows and spruits (or streams), which are usually low enough for fording; but during the wet season (September to March), they swell up in an incredibly short space of time, and have often carried away whole teams of oxen, wagons and all. This method of travelling is fast dying out, being superseded by the railway, for though the journey has its attractions, the heat and the dust, with the thermometer at 95 degrees in the shade, are most oppressive.

As one travels up-country from Durban, the train climbs up by a most circuitous route, on which there are curves of not more than 100 yards radius; and when rounding one can actually speak to the engine-driver from the last carriage. The gradients too are very severe, as much as 1 in 30; but the speed rarely exceeds 12 miles an hour. The gauge is very narrow, viz.: 3 feet 6 inches.

The country rises from the coast in terraces, varying greatly in temperature and climate, from humid and warm on the coast, to cold and bracing at the elevation of 5,000 feet. Owing to this almost all kinds of plants and fruits can be grown in Natal, from which it has been called the "garden colony."

Another feature of the country is the system of "table mountains." The most remarkable example is that over-looking Capetown. They are full of

romantic cascades, dizzy precipices, rocky ravines, and towering peaks,

"That like giants stand
To sentinel enchanted land."

Unfortunately the rivers of Natal are not navigable, being too shallow and rapid. We have, however, one of the highest waterfalls in the world, at Howick, on the river Umgeni; the water leaps over a sheer precipice of trap rock, 364 feet in height.

Turning our attention to plagues, we have locusts, which are most destructive. When they fly in swarms, they darken the whole sky for hours. Then we have mosquitos, which mostly turn their attention to disturbing one's slumbers, with supreme success. Sometimes we have great grass fires, which leave whole tracts of country perfectly bare and black for months in the winter. They are lit on purpose to destroy the old grass. The ant-hills, which are to be seen everywhere, sometimes reach an immense size. Then dust-storms. The whole atmosphere becomes thick with clouds of dust, often accompanied by a most depressing hot wind. Thunder storms rage most fiercely in this country. The lightning is most vivid, and in great bunches of flame, as though darting from the hand of Zeus.

Education in Natal is most progressive. This year a vote of £60,000 was made by the Colonial Parliament.

This is a fine, young, growing colony, and I can safely recommend

any young man, who has a profession or trade (the latter for choice), to try his fortune in Sunny South Africa; but on no account at the present time, as all business is at a stand-still.

A hearty hand-shake to all from across the sea, 7,000 miles away, under the Southern Cross.

W. PENNELL BROWNRIGG.

Results of Examinations.

MICHAELMAS, 1899.

Classical Studentship.—F. A. Longworth.

MODERATORSHIPS.

Mathematics, Junior.—H. H. Jeffcott (2).

Experimental Science, Senior.—H. H. Jeffcott, £40 (2).

Logics and Ethics, Senior.—S. Hutchinson (Large Gold), £40 (1); F. A. Longworth (3).

Classics, Senior.—F. A. Longworth (3)

Modern Literature, Senior.—R. D. Barbor, £30 (2). Allowed Degree—H. A. Orpen, F. W. O'Connell.

SENIOR EXHIBITIONS.

J. P. Caldwell (4); F. E. A. Campbell (11).

JUNIOR AND SCHOOL EXHIBITIONS.

N. B. White (1); High School Exhibition (£40 for 5 years), A. W. M'Farlane (3); Erasmus Smith Exhibition (£30 for 5 years).

JELLET PRIZE.

R. Hodgins, H. St. M. Carter.

ENTRANCE PRIZES.

Latin Prose—M. S. M'Donnell (2).
 Latin Verse—M. S. M'Donnell (2).
 English Literature—N. B. White (1);
 A. W. M'Farlane (2).

MICHAELMAS PRIZE
EXAMINATIONS.

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS.

Mathematical Physics—First Class, H. W. Stevenson (1).

Classics—First Class, W. W. C. Dunlop, (3).

SENIOR FRESHMEN.

Classics—Second Class, C. H. Darley (1); F. E. A. Campbell (2); J. P. Caldwell (5); T. L. Healy (6).

Modern History—First Class, R. Hodgins (4). Second Class, F. E. A. Campbell (4).

English Literature—First Class, J. P. Caldwell (8); T. L. Healy (12). Second Class, C. H. Darley (4).

JUNIOR FRESHMEN.

Mathematics—Second Class, B. D. Darley (1); G. A. Joynt (2).

Classics—First Class, F. V. Gordon (3); A. Spiro (4); J. A. O. Fitzpatrick (5); H. W. Exham (7).

Modern History—Second Class, G. A. Joynt (1).

English Literature—First Class, E. E. S. Forrester (5); J. A. O. Fitzpatrick (7). Second Class, C. C. M. Strong (2).

German—First Class, C. C. M. Strong (1).

FINAL FRESHMAN EXAMINATION.

First Class—Hodgins, Carter, Caldwell, Campbell, Leonard.

Second Class—Darley, Macleod.

Third Class—M'Comas, Healy, Eger-ton, Magill.

Pass—Crozier.

A Fragment of Ovid.

How am I torn from thy embrace,
 My darling, by a favoring breeze!
 Favoring! Nay, the vessel's speed
 Bears my dear heart across the seas.

E'en as I spoke to thee, my tongue
 Left more than half my words unsaid,
 Scarce for the mist could I behold
 The tears it shamed thee not to shed.

As long as I could see my love
 His dear eyes glisten'd through a veil
 Of tears, and when the distance grew
 I waved my message to his sail.

But when, though still I strained to see,
 The sail was nowhere to be found,
 Then light departed from my eyes—
 I sank, unconscious to the ground.

But woe is me ! for friends were nigh
 And cooling water on my cheek
 Waked me (ah could I sleep again !)
 And forced me in my wrath to speak.

“ With strength returned, returns my
 grief,

Why do the Gods my death deny ?
 Comb not my locks, and though at hand
 My golden brodered garments lie,

“ Let me be dressed as beggars dress
 And let my sorrow dwell with me,
 For my dear lord, whose life was mine,
 Can ne’er return across the sea.”

D.U.

Notes from Dublin Schools.

WESLEY COLLEGE.

School life is quiet just now, each fellow working hard at his “ Comps ” in anticipation of the prizes for the best productions in each class at the Christmas Examinations. Our clubs are still to the fore, the Football Club, as usual, occupying the interest of most of the fellows. Football in Wesley has undergone a change, the forwards now doing the work instead of the backs, as of old. Wins and defeats balance each other pretty equally. However we consider ourselves fairly successful in only lowering our colours to one other School.

The Literary and Debating Club held a meeting on Friday November 24th when the subject “ Is the present

position of the British Government in South Africa justifiable ? ” was debated with great heat, and much to the relief of the British Government the positive side won by a large majority. Our collection for the “ Widows and Orphans of Irish Regiments ” Fund is progressing in good style.

ST. COLUMBA’S COLLEGE.

We have two Old Columbans this year to represent us on T.C.D. 1st XV. in Football. R. M. Gwynn who played last season too, and H. V. Greer, who has succeeded in getting on the 1st XV. in his first season at the University. This is an honour of which we feel very proud, as Greer would have played for us only last season in the Schools’ Cup Matches, had he not been a few days over age.

In School Matches this year we have not been so fortunate as we were last season, for, although we have won all our matches against Dublin Schools except one, *i.e.*, Blackrock College, who defeated us severely, yet we are by no means up to last year’s standard.

An now to turn from Football to mental successes, J. T. Gwynn distinguished himself very highly in his recent entrance to T.C.D., for, besides being 2nd. in the list of Junior Exhibitioners, he won of the Classical Entrance Prizes, First Prize in Latin Prose Composition, First in Latin Verse Composition, First in Greek Prose

Composition, and Second in Greek Verse Composition where no First Prize was awarded. G. E. Hamilton also gained a Junior Exhibition, and in the June Entrance Examination St. Columba's gained six high places.

On December 14th, 1899, there will take place the first Old Columbans' dinner that has taken place for many years. It is to be held in the Dolphin Hotel, Dublin.

Correspondence.

OLD HIGH SCHOOL F.C.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ERASMIAN").

SIR,

"An Ex-Secretary, H. S. F. C.", in your last number advocated the formation of an Old High School F. C. and said that he saw "No reason why it should not be a complete success." I do not think such a club possible nor desirable. Ex-Secretary states that last year O.H.S. Boys were foremost in all the Dublin Clubs, so that there would be no lack of suitable material. There were Old Boys playing for three of the six Senior Clubs last season, and does Ex-Secretary think that these will leave their present clubs for the shadowy future of any Old H.S.F.C.? Six or seven seasons ago such a club might have been successfully started, but there are seven Senior Clubs in Dublin, and there

is no room for another. If we want to regard a Senior Club as our own, is there not Lansdowne F. C.? Last season eight O.H.S. Boys played for it in the Cup Ties, and many Old Boys have captained it. Indeed, if I mistake not, at the last H. S. F. C. dinner "Ex-Secretary" proposed the toast of Lansdowne and spoke of it as an Old Boys' Club. Again, apart from the possibility, it is very doubtful if it would be desirable. If a Senior or Junior Club, it would be practically impossible to confine the membership to Old Boys. No other Irish Old Boys' Club does so. Then, from the admission of outsiders and from other causes, there is great danger that the club, having the name of the school, would bring discredit in one way or another on the latter, and thus damage instead of helping it. As for playing at Belgrave Square, the ground would be a perpetual quagmire, if used by two Football Clubs. In conclusion, I would like to point out to Ex-Secretary that no club can win both Senior and Junior Cups.

Yours, &c.,

Another Ex-Secretary, H.S.F.C.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CUP TEAM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERASMIAN.

SIR,—I wonder if the officials of the Club and the other members of the Cup

Team consider that they have reached such a pitch of excellence in the football field that they can afford to dispense with all further training. I believe it is a fact that between the St. Andrew's match on November 8th, and the Columba's match on November 25th, they had one practice, and their lack of training was very noticeable in the latter match. It is surely not unreasonable to expect all the members of the Cup Team, without exception, to train together at least twice a week. Certainly if they wish to make a presentable show in the Cup Ties they must take a little trouble to get into form.

Yours etc.,

XXX.

Acknowledgments and Notices.

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"The Touchstone" (Campbell College), "The Clongownian," "The Castleknock Chronicle," "Alexandra College Magazine," "Wesley College Quarterly," "S.S.G.S." Corrig.

Old Boys are invited to send in items of interest about themselves, or articles or poems.

The next number will appear about the end of February. All articles intended for the next issue should be sent in to the Editor, High School, before the 10th of February.

Correspondents and Contributors are requested to write on one side only of the paper, to leave a margin, and to make their writing as clear as possible. Manuscript should be accompanied by the names of the contributors, and should be sent in at least a fortnight before the date of publication. A *nom de plume* may be used. Rejected contributions cannot be returned.



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