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Editorial.

AGAIN Christmas is at hand, and again its festivities will be overshadowed for everybody by the life and death struggle that is still raging between the nations of the world. In many homes—in some even which the *Erasmian* will reach—we regret to say the season will be a sad one, for the war has taken a heavy toll, and many will be missed from the Christmas home gathering. We sorrow for them, but the sorrow may well be mingled with pride for the nobility of the sacrifice they have made. All honour to them! Their memory will be ever fresh in the hearts of all who knew them.

In particular we note with great regret the death in action of 2nd Lieut. C. A. Kinnear, who acted as Honorary Treasurer to this Magazine for the year 1914-15. He joined the R.F.A. towards the end of October, 1915, and was sent out to France in the beginning of this year.

Those waves, in many a fight, have closed above her faithful dead;
That red-cross flag victoriously hath floated o'er their bed;
They perished—this green turf to keep by hostile tread unstained—
These knightly halls inviolate—those churches unprofaned.

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We bid farewell in this number to the Editor, who has so ably guided the destinies of this Magazine for the last two years.

He has entered Trinity College with flying colours, obtaining first place at Junior Exhibition and third place at Sizarship. He has made a record in winning Entrance Prizes, obtaining first place in Greek Prose Composition, Greek Verse Composition, Latin Prose Composition, and second place in Latin Verse Composition. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, and wish him every success in the future.

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We have undertaken the task of Editor with much diffidence, though we are proud of the honour of being thus associated with the *Erasmian*. We feel that we cannot make it a success without loyal support, and we therefore appeal to *all* boys, both present and past, for articles, without which no magazine, school or otherwise, can be a success.

Notes on Old Boys.

IN the Headmaster's Report, which we give elsewhere, two Old Boys are mentioned for winning this autumn the Military Cross. The official announcements were as follows:—

"Temp. Sec. Lieut. Geoffrey Lawton, Leins. R.—For conspicuous gallantry during a raid. He took up a covering position with a machine-gun on the top of a crater, and, though heavily bombarded and three times buried, stuck to his position and by his fire helped much in the success of the raid."

"Temp. Sec. Lieut. Edward John Francis Holland, R. Ir. Rif.—For conspicuous gallantry when in command of a successful raid. After careful preparation he entered the enemy's trenches, captured a prisoner, blew up four dug-outs known to be occupied, and accounted for several of the enemy. He then returned with very slight casualties."

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Since then we have heard of two other Old Boys who, serving in the ranks, have been awarded the Military Medal. They are H. T. Henley (1904-07), of the Royal Irish Rifles, who distinguished himself at Ginchy, and was promoted to be Acting Co. Sergt.-Major, and has since received his commission. The other is C. C. Woods (1890-93), who has changed his initials to H. Woods, of the 4th Leinster Regiment, who has since been wounded in action, and is now stationed in Limerick.

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The following names are to be added to the list of Old Boys who have joined H. M's. forces:—

- C. G. Bateman (1909-16), O.T.C. Cadet School.
- C. A. Findlater (1881-83), Sergeant, 10th R.D.F.
- E. E. Glorney (1895-1903), Lieut., Royal Flying Corps.
- P. Mandeville (1895-1902), Capt., W. Yorkshire Regt.
- H. O. H. May (1894-96), Lieut., R.A.M.C.
- W. B. E. Powell (1909-14), Prob. Flight Officer, Royal Naval Air Service.
- F. St. G. Sleith (1908-11), 2nd Lieut., Leicestershire Regt.

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We regret to say that E. E. Glorney, P. Mandeville and A. C. Findlater have been killed.

E. E. Glorney was one of several brothers who were at the school. After he left he went to America and took up mining. He graduated from Columbia University, New York, and the Royal School of Mines, South Kensington, and was a member of the Institute of Mines and Metallurgy. He followed his profession in North and South America, South Africa and Nigeria. At

the outbreak of the war he held the position of Mining Engineer and Manager of the Penang Tin Mining Company, Siam, but gave it up to come home and join the Flying Corps. He was accidentally killed on October 25th.

Pierce Mandeville graduated in Trinity, and took his M.A. in 1910. He was joint Headmaster of a preparatory school at Braeside, W. Kirby, near Liverpool. He was killed in France on September 28th. He was only married a little over a year, and leaves a widow and one child.

Sergeant Findlater was educated at High School, Dublin, and subsequently entered Trinity College, Dublin. For a number of years he was associated with the family firm of Alexander Findlater and Co., Ltd., and then he turned his attention to engineering, and was subsequently associated with Messrs. Ross and Walpole. In 1902 he went to South Africa, and worked at his profession of engineering for several years in Johannesburg. Returning home, he became interested in the cycle trade as a partner with Mr. W. L. Martin, and later was associated with the development of motor-car industry in Dublin. As a sportsman he was well known. He was on the gymnastic team of the Sackville Hall Club. He was a well-known cyclist, and won a number of long-distance races in the Irish Road Club, and also in Trinity College, while he was also a member of the Monkstown Football Club; and distinguished himself in the keenly competitive days of the Dublin Swimming Club.

When the war broke out Charlie Findlater joined the well-known "D" Company of the Dublin Fusiliers as a private. He was wounded on the 21st of August, 1915, at the Dardanelles. After returning home he joined up with the 10th Dublins, and went with them to the front. He was killed in action on the 13th November in the big battle on the Somme front.

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F. S. Marchant (1911-15) and H. S. Larkin (1906-16) have passed into Sandhurst.

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C. S. Marchant (1911-13) and G. E. Larkin (1905-15) have obtained their commissions in the R.D.F.

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H. T. Gilchrist (1914-15) has obtained his commission in the A.S.C.

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At the meeting of the Governors of the Erasmus Smith School on November 10th, 1916, the following award was made on the result of the Junior and Schools' Exhibitions:—G. S. B. Mack, the £25 High School Exhibition, with £10 added, he having outstripped all other competitors.

G. S. B. Mack also gained the following Entrance Prizes :—
First in Greek Prose Composition.

"	"	Verse	"
"	Latin	Prose	"
2nd	"	Verse	"

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In the recent Sizarship Examinations G. S. B. Mack obtained 3rd place with a total of 300 out of 400 marks.

FINAL FRESHMEN EXAMINATION

(MICHAELMAS TERM, 1916).

G. K. Carpenter (1908-1914) and Maurice Nurock (1906-1914) have passed in First Class.

SENIOR FRESHMEN

(MICHAELMAS TERM, 1916).

G. K. Carpenter won First of the First Honours in Experimental Science.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

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In surgery, D. J. Steele obtained Second Prize (£1) and a certificate, and also Gold Medal in Operative Surgery.

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In Pathology, R. T. Stoney won Second Prize (£1) and certificate, and also First Prize (£2) and medal in Public Health and Forensic Medicine.

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M. Briscoe won the Silver Medal in Operative Surgery.

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In Biology, J. Green obtained First Prize (£2) and medal.

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David Eppel and Abraham D. Watchman have passed their Preliminary Examination in the Conjoint Examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and of Surgeons.

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Also E. L. Coleman has passed his first Professional Examination.

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At the recent prize distribution held at the Dental Hospital, L. L. Glick was awarded 1st Prize in Senior Dental Surgery, Materia Medica, and Pathology, and 1st Prize in Senior Orthodontia.

MARRIAGES.

DRENNAN (1895-98) AND DUDGEON—October 19, 1916, at All Saints' Church, Blackrock, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ossory, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Dobbs, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Doctor CHARLES EDWARD DRENNAN, of Priors Orchard, Kilkenny, youngest son of the late William H. Drennan, I.S.O., J.P., and Mrs. Drennan, of Glenmuir, Palmerston Road, Dublin, to ROSE, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DUDGEON, of the Priory, Stillorgan.

DUNLOP (1891-96) AND STRUVER—November 21, 1916, at Allahabad, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lucknow, the Rev. DOUGLAS L. C. DUNLOP, M.A., son of H. W. Doveton Dunlop, C.E., of The Octagon, Dalkey, to MARGERY ANTOINETTE, only daughter of H. STRUVER, Esq., The Cedars, Knock, Belfast.



School Notes.



WE note with pleasure the introduction of a new feature into the ordinary routine of school life, namely, the gymnasium. Arrangements have been made with the Swedish Institute next door to give systematic instruction to the different Forms in the School. The classes are held on Tuesday and Friday, each lesson lasting for half an hour.

We strongly advise every boy in the School to avail himself of this opportunity of developing his physique.



The Headmaster has received a letter from the Director-General of Voluntary Organizations thanking him for the gift of three footballs which are being forwarded overseas, where they will be greatly appreciated.



We have received a card from Mr. Wyon, who is now in France acting as interpreter to the general staff, stating that he is quite well.



The Distribution of Prizes.



THE Distribution of Prizes was held in the School-room on Monday, November 23rd, at 12.15. Mr. James Maconchy, J.P., Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The boys, at their own request, were given the option of having books for their prizes, or of giving the whole or part of their value to the British

Red Cross Funds for Wounded Soldiers. Those who surrendered the whole of their prize received certificates instead.

The Headmaster's report was as follows:—

This year, as last, we are not holding a public distribution of prizes. The stringency of war has not relaxed but rather increased its demand that public institutions should set an example of self-restraint with regard to anything in the nature of public entertainments. The boys themselves realise the claims of the war, and of their own free will are giving most of them the whole and others part of the value of their prizes to the Red Cross Funds. On the other hand it is only right that the School should assemble to hear the usual annual record of what it has been doing during the past year. For the most part the School has kept the tenor of its way without striking external incident except at Easter time, when during the rebellion, at the request of the military authorities, it was for a short time turned into a Red Cross Hospital, and the vacation was in consequence prolonged by a week. Otherwise its comings and goings will be most conveniently summarised in the results of various examinations indicating what the School is accomplishing and how the boys are progressing.

To begin with Religious Instruction. In the Scripture Examinations held last December, the standard of passing having been raised from 30 to 35 per cent., and the standard of prizes from 60 to 65 per cent., sixty-four boys passed and twenty-three obtained prizes—four first class, thirteen second class, and six third class. In the Greek Testament we again obtained, for the second year in succession, first place both in the Church of Ireland and in the Presbyterian Assembly's examinations. In the former, G. S. B. Mack repeated his success of the previous year, and in the latter, S. Smyth repeated the success of C. A. Kinnear in 1914. In the last five years we have four times obtained first place in Greek Testament in the Church of Ireland examination, and three times in the Presbyterian examination. For the present year the programme in religious knowledge has been changed in some important respects from previous years, and as these changes have not altogether been approved by the schools, representations have been made which are likely to lead to a simpler and more acceptable programme for next year. It is desirable that religious instruction should be efficient, but this object is defeated by a too extensive syllabus. During the year we have changed both our Church and our Presbyterian catechists. In the Rev. Canon Carleton we have lost an old friend who has served the School loyally for over twenty years, and only resigned on being appointed Regius Professor of Divinity in Trinity College. His successor is an old pupil of the School—Rev. C. C. W. Duggan, B.D., of Christ Church, Leeson Park. The Presbyterian Catechist—the Rev. G. T. C. Clements—also resigned on being appointed chief

Minister of Donore Presbyterian Church, and his place has been taken by the Rev. A. W. Neill, M.A., of Greystones.

In the Intermediate Examinations held last June the School passed thirty-three candidates, the highest number since the Preparatory Grade was abolished, and of these eleven passed with honours. The conditions of passing were changed this year, and were generally considered to be easier, as Geometry was no longer compulsory, but in spite of this the percentage of passes for boys in the whole of Ireland fell by more than three per cent. It is therefore the more satisfactory to note that the School's percentage of passes was this year increased by over five per cent. over last year. For next year the conditions of passing are again changed, as all candidates, both pass and honour, who take experimental science must pass a written examination, and this will make it rather more difficult to obtain a pass. Of the thirty-three boys who passed this year four were in the Senior Grade, a smaller number than usual, but the class was affected by the war, and all who entered passed; ten were in the Middle Grade, and of these nine passed with honours, an excellent result; and nineteen were in the Junior Grade, also a good result. Distinctions were obtained in all the groups—in Classics, Modern Languages, Mathematics, and Experimental Science. The chief distinctions—I only mention two—were gained by E. W. Scales, who, a year under age, won a Classical Exhibition in the Middle Grade, besides qualifying for a prize in Modern Languages, and by W. B. E. McCrea, who in addition to a prize for Classics, obtained a special composition prize for Latin.

During the year ten boys have passed into the Royal Military College of Woolwich, Sandhurst, and Wellington (in India), in addition to others who have obtained temporary commissions in the army.

Two boys have passed the London Matriculation Examinations, one, G. C. White, with First Class Honours, and the other, K. Waller, with Second Class Honours. Boys have also been successful in passing Civil Service, Bank, and Insurance Office examinations.

I will turn to the School Exhibitions. The usual annual examinations for eight exhibitions tenable in the School for five years for boys between eleven and thirteen, was held in June. The leaving exhibitions tenable in Trinity College were awarded in October. The High School Exhibition of £25 a year for four years was won last year by J. M. Mounsey, who has since joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, his exhibition being held over for him. A Second Class Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition was awarded to C. A. Kinnear, who immediately afterwards obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery, went out to France in December, and was killed on the Somme on October 16th, this year. A First Class Statutory Exhibition was awarded to J. V.

Bateman, who also won a Sizarship for Hebrew and the Entrance Prize for Hebrew, while C. J. G. Conerney was *proxime accessit* for Hebrew Sizarship. This October the High School Exhibition has been won by G. S. B. Mack, who has obtained the First Place at the Examination for Junior and School Exhibitions, and in consequence of his gaining this distinction the Board of Governors have increased the value of the High School Exhibition by £10 a year from £25 to £35 a year for four years. This is the ninth occasion since the year 1900 that a High School boy has obtained the first place at this examination. Mack has also obtained a Classical Sizarship and Four Entrance Prizes for Classical Composition, viz., Three First Prizes for Latin Prose, Greek Prose, and Greek Verse, and a Second Prize for Latin Verse.

Turning from Examinations, the games and other activities of the School were carried on during the year with the usual vigour. The Football Fifteen had three Captains in succession—H. G. G. Digges and H. G. Dodds having one after the other left in the middle of the season for Woolwich and Wellington respectively. The third was C. G. Bateman. The Cricket Eleven were captained by H. S. Larkin, now at Sandhurst. The Swimming captain was R. W. Mather, and the captain of the Rifle Club, first H. G. Dodds, and afterwards H. T. Bird. The Magazine was very successfully edited for the second year in succession by G. S. B. Mack. On account of the war there were no athletic sports. This year, owing to Martial Law in Ireland, we are not allowed to carry on the Rifle Club, but the other games continue as usual, and we have in addition one very welcome and important development on the physical side of our education, as the Board of Governors have this term made arrangements with the Swedish Gymnasium next door providing for the whole School regular and systematic instruction in Swedish drill and Gymnastics. This development is greatly appreciated both by boys and parents, and will, I am sure, have very valuable results.

The rest of the report deals chiefly with old boys. By comparison with former years we have in Trinity College fewer old boys in residence. However, we "fit numbers find though few," and rarely have the distinctions won there been so marked. The decrease in the number is, of course, due to the war. The majority of old boys who were there when the war broke out took commissions without waiting to conclude their University courses, and many of those who have entered since have left after a brief stay. In spite of this the highest distinctions have been gained in Classics, Experimental Science, History, Philosophy, Engineering, Law, Divinity, and Medicine. I need only mention half-a-dozen names. W. H. B. Mack, now Lieutenant in the R.F.A. in France, won a First Class at Little Go, The Wm. Roberts' Prize, First Vice-Chancellor's Medal for Latin, and First

Berkeley Medal for Greek Verse. H. M. Daniel, now Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C., finished a distinguished career in the Medical School by winning the Sir John Bankes' Prize. H. V. Thornton, in addition to the Cluff Memorial Prize for History, obtained the First Classical Scholarship, a distinction won by the High School in the previous year and three times in the last five years, and also Junior Moderatorships in two subjects, Classics and History; A. J. Beatty, besides a First Class in Little-Go, was First in both his Law examinations last June, and won a £6 prize for Feudal Law and English Law, and a similar prize for Constitutional and Criminal Law; and finally two of the best pupils we ever sent into Trinity have in successive years won the highest distinction which the University offers to an undergraduate by obtaining the University Studentship in Classics. I do not know whether any school before has obtained Studentship twice running, but this has certainly not been the case in any recent years. Last year Max Nurock, now Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps, won it with First Senior Moderatorship and Large Gold Medals in both Classics and Philosophy, and made in Classics the record mark of 86 per cent. This year L. J. D. Richardson, besides winning the Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Greek Verse, has also won the Studentship with First Senior Moderatorship and Large Gold Medal in Classics, and First Senior Moderatorship in Philosophy. Let us congratulate them on their high honours, and express the hope that many of those here to-day will emulate their excellent example.

We maintain also our good record in other Colleges. In the Royal College of Surgeons D. J. Steele has won a Gold Medal and Prize for Surgery, L. M. Leventon a Silver Medal for Anatomy, M. Briscoe a Silver Medal for Surgery and a Prize for Pathology, R. T. Stoney First Prize for Public Health, and J. Green First Prize for Biology; in the Royal Veterinary College Joe Bell finished his course with a Silver Medal and First Place in Pathology, and is now Lieutenant in the R.A.V. Service; in the Royal College of Science G. C. White has won a Prize for Mechanics; and in the Dental Hospital L. L. Glick obtained First Place in three Professional subjects.

In wider walks of life we may note and congratulate Mr. J. H. Kemp, who has been appointed Attorney-General of Hong Kong; Mr. R. R. Smylie, Junior Crown Counsel for Cavan; Dr. W. I. de Courcey Wheeler, appointed Surgeon to the Lord Lieutenant; Rev. Canon O'Connell, Professor of Celtic in Queen's University, Belfast, who has been given the degree of D.Litt. by Trinity College, and Major F. E. Whitton, of the Prince of Wales' Leinster Regiment, who was wounded and captured by the Germans at the first battle of Ypres in 1914, made his escape, and, being invalided from the army, has now been appointed a Master at Harrow.

In conclusion, a few words about the School's record in the war. The list of old boys serving either with commissions or in the ranks reaches to nearly 400 names. We have also three Masters now in the field. In addition to Mr. Ellwood, Lieutenant in the North Lancashires, and Mr. Slade, Lieutenant in the 6th Essex Regiment, who joined in December, 1914, Mr. Wyon, our senior Modern Language master, joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers at the end of last term, and before the holidays were over he was fighting in France where the Intelligence Department have found his knowledge of French and German so useful that they have attached him to the General's Staff. It would take too long to go through all the names of those who, since last year, have distinguished themselves or been promoted, or of those who have been wounded in action. But we cannot omit to mention the names of two who in the latest list of distinctions have been awarded the Military Cross—G. L. Moss, Second Lieutenant, Leinster Regiment, and E. J. F. Holland, Second Lieutenant, Royal Irish Rifles. We have also to mourn an increasing list of old boys who have died on active service. In the 1914 report I gave the names of two, last year twelve, more were added, and this year there are nine more who have fallen in the war besides three others who are missing, and two more who being killed on duty in the rebellion may, I think, be rightly counted as giving their lives for their country.

The first nine are as follows:—

C. J. Dodds, Capt.	...	6th Royal Munster Fusiliers.
E. E. Glorney, Lieut.	...	Royal Flying Corps.
C. A. Kinnear, Lieut.	...	Royal Field Artillery.
C. A. Findlater, Sergt.	...	Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
P. Mandeville, Capt.	...	West Yorkshire Regiment.
R. S. Swan, Sergt.	...	Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
R. L. Valentine, Lieut.	...	Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
H. W. C. Weldon, Lieut.	...	East Surrey Regiment.
J. H. Wisdom	...	2nd Dragoon Guards.

The three missing are:—

L. Barron, Lieut.	...	Border Regiment.
N. F. Currall, Lieut.	...	10th East Lancashires.
F. A. Harrison, Lieut.	...	3rd Leinster Regiment.

The two killed in the rebellion were:—

W. J. Rice, Clerk in Guinness's Brewery, and
Holden Stodart, of the St. John's Ambulance,
who was shot dead in Pembroke Lane while picking up the wounded.

All these have been faithful unto death, and have doubtless received their crown of life. The fruit of their labours does

not yet appear, but we may look forward to it with faith and confidence.

Others, I doubt not, if not we,
The issue of their toil shall see,
And, they forgotten and unknown,
Our children gather as their own
The harvest that the dead have sown.

After the report had been read, Mr. Maconchy asked all present to stand up for a few minutes in honour of the old boys who had fallen in the war. The Certificates and Prizes were then distributed, and then Mr. Maconchy addressed the School in a short speech. In the first place he said how greatly pleased he, as Chairman of the Board of Governors, was with the Headmaster's report which showed the great credit due to him and to his staff for their work during the year. While praising the staff he wished to say he thought the boys also must have worked well as successes such as those they had listened to could not be won without a high standard of work. But what pleased him most of all was not the high distinctions but the general high level of achievement as shown by the numbers who passed examinations in which the standard was certainly a good one. It was clear that the School was not neglecting the average boy, but was doing its best for him as well as for the clever boy. He then begged every boy not to be content with what he had achieved, but to aim even higher. All their energies would be required in the future. It was true that looking at their list of old boys serving in the war he could say that the School had not failed in turning out men of spirit and patriotism, and that by this test too the School was successful. There was a still sterner test before us in the near future and after the war, and boys must prepare themselves for this.

When the cost of the certificates of prizes was defrayed, it was very gratifying to find that the boys have been able to contribute £15 to the Dublin Branch of the Red Cross Society for Wounded Soldiers. The Branch has contributed this sum to the Castle Hospital, the committee of which have decided to commemorate the gift by a special "High School" bed. We hope boys and their friends in visiting the Castle Hospital will bear this in mind.



A Voyage Home from India.



I HAVE been asked to write a short account of my voyage home from India.

I left Bombay in a troopship called the "Sicilia," and in a very short time the cliffs and hills had faded into the distance. There

were about 1,500 troops on board, and all looked forward to a pleasant voyage home. For some hours after starting most people were too seasick to take much interest in the surroundings. It was some days before we sighted land, and then the Island of Perim came into view. Later on, when it became dark, the island looked very bright and cheerful with all its lights glimmering. We then passed into the Red Sea, and here it became intensely hot. There was an unpleasant, dry wind blowing, which brought sand and grit, very trying to the eyes, from the desert. Here and there we passed curious looking fishing-boats. We also passed the sister-ship of the one we were in, on her outward voyage to India.

After leaving the Red Sea we came to our first stopping-place, which was off Suez. Here we had to stay two days in quarantine, as there was a case of sickness on board. As it was suspected to be plague the ship was flying the yellow flag.

While we were anchored in the bay, natives came round in small boats selling all sorts of fancy goods, such as corals, shells, and curious ornaments, also various kinds of fruit.

The method of getting these things on board was by lowering baskets with money in them. The natives then placed the fruit and anything else we wished to buy in these baskets, and we hauled them on board.

As soon as the doctors pronounced us fit we proceeded on our way and entered the canal. This was the most interesting part of our voyage. There are high banks on either side of the canal, with a little village here and there. We sometimes passed an Arab encampment or saw a long line of camels.

While passing through the canal our ship ran aground on a mud bank, and it was four hours before we got off. There was a good deal of excitement on board over this little episode.

Soon after we left the canal we arrived at Port Said, and stayed there for a day to take in coal. While this was being done many of the passengers went ashore to explore the place.

Port Said is a quaint old city, and also a place of great interest to travellers. Here one meets with people of almost every nationality, and hears various languages spoken. Most of the shops are either Turkish or French.

We then proceeded on our voyage through the Mediterranean. The heat was still very great, and it was very pleasant to sit on deck under the awnings and watch the numerous vessels passing, and to watch the flying fish playing round the ship.

We did not call at Malta, but passed it on a very dark and stormy evening, when it looked like a blur on the horizon. For at least two days after this we encountered very stormy weather, and it was quite impossible to come up on deck. Then fine weather came and we arrived at Gibraltar. We steamed slowly round the Rock, and as it was a splendid day we had a fine view of it.

We made no stop here, but steamed round the coast of Spain and into the Bay of Biscay, and here we encountered the roughest part of our voyage—high winds and immense waves.

However this was soon over, and shortly afterwards we steamed up the English Channel, and arrived at Southampton on Christmas Eve after a very pleasant voyage lasting twenty-one days.

R. E. M'GUIRE (Form IV.)



A RECRUITING SONG.

'Twas on the fourth of August,
Quite two long years ago,
When the war cloud burst on Europe,
And Britain faced the foe.

We sent a little army out
To face the German hordes,
And right well they did their work
With bayonets and with swords.

And now where are those men
Who first went forth to war?
There is but one in ten
Of those who went before,

But their places have been filled
By many a loyal man,
And though these may be killed
More men have still to come.

The call has reached the Colonies,
And Britain's sons still pour
From far-off Oceania—
But still we're wanting more.

So you just join the army
And do not stay at home;
Just show you are a Britisher
Like your brothers o'er the foam,

Heroes from far Alaska,
When they heard their country's call
Came quickly to the colours
To stop Old England's fall.

Came men from Abyssinia
And sun-baked India's plain,
From fever-stricken Africa,
Or Guiana's fields of cane.

They came flocking to the colours
Like Britons stout and true;
And now we're only waiting for
The joining-up of you.

H. R. BARDON (Form IV.)

In Memoriam.

In Memoriam, 2nd Lieut. C. A. Kinnear, R.F.A., Dublin, killed in France, October 16th, 1916.

Rejoice, "He giveth His beloved sleep,"
The gracious Master, when their task is o'er;
'Twere idle then for us to sit and weep
When he, our loved one, gains the further shore.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant," well!
Where Honour led, you nobly kept the tryst;
A valiant soul, you bravely fought and fell
For King and Country and the Cause of Christ.

When Duty called, thine was no laggard pace
To join the battle line of Britain's sons;
A worthy scion of a worthy race
Who line the trench and man the thundering guns.

Good night, beloved, where thy dear dust sleeps
Beneath the kindly sod of glorious France,
The soul of Chivalry its vigil keeps,
With spectre knights of Provençal Romance.

A. S.

Football Notes.

1ST XV.

THE following is a summary of the matches hitherto played:—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points for	Points against
12	5	6	1	99	79

MATCHES PLAYED.

Oct. 4th—WESLEY COLLEGE, at Bloomfield.

High School won the toss and played down hill, pressing from the start. After a short time Bell scored after a splendid dribble, Milligan failed to convert. High School continued to hold the upper hand, scoring three more tries per Bell, Harris and Pedlow, Wesley only asserted themselves once scoring an unconverted try per Lawson.

Result—High School, 12 points.
Wesley College, 3 points.

Oct. 7th—MERRION, at Belgrave Square.

Played in dirty weather. The visitors were a much heavier lot, and in consequence managed to wear down their lighter opponents. High School managed to score one try per Hillyard. This try Milligan failed to convert.

Result—Merrion, 12 points.
High School, 3 points.

Oct. 11th—KING'S HOSPITAL, at Blackhall Place.

Played in good weather; the result was hotly contested. In the first moiety Harris scored a splendid try between the posts which Milligan tried to convert. Towards the end of the same half a loose rush by the King's Hospital forwards resulted in a try which was unconverted. In the second half Hamilton, the King's Hospital centre, intercepting a pass scored a good try.

Result—King's Hospital, 6 points.

H.S.D., 3 points.

The return match played on Nov. 15th at Belgrave Square resulted in a draw after an exciting contest.

Oct. 14th—MR. LEHANE'S ARMY SCHOOL, at Belgrave Square.

This match, began in doubtful weather, was finally stopped on account of the rain near the end of the first half.

Result—H.S.D., 6 points.

Mr. Lehane's Army School, nil.

Oct. 18th—C.U.S., at Belgrave Square.

The home team proved superior in every point, but nevertheless an interesting encounter took place. The principal scorers were Harris, Smyth, Pedlow, and Milligan.

Result—High School, 30 points.

C.U.S., nil.

Oct. 21st—ST. COLUMBA'S, at Belgrave Square.

Losing the toss we kicked off. Shortly afterwards a passing movement amongst the St. Columba's three-quarters resulted in a try which was unconverted. After this High School bucked up, and had the game all their own way. Scores were gained by Harris, Smyth, Pedlow, Milligan, and Reid.

Result—H.S.D., 27 points.

St. Columba's College, 3 points.

Nov. 1st—BELFAST ACADEMICAL INSTITUTION, at Belfast.

We travelled up to Belfast on Wednesday, Nov. 1st, by the 9 o'clock train from Amiens Street, being favoured with glorious weather. On our arrival we were conducted to the School where we changed. From thence we proceeded to Osborne Park by electric tram where a most interesting encounter took place. High School lost the toss, and kicked off against the wind. Institution pressed but were repulsed, and shortly afterwards High School attacked, and Harris scored a fine try between the posts, which was converted by Milligan.

Shortly afterwards Milligan succeeded in breaking through for an unconverted try. In the beginning of the second moiety Institution pressed, and succeeded in scoring a try which was converted. Shortly afterwards they succeeded in gaining another

try which, however, was not converted. High School then pressed, and a splendid dribble by Harris resulted in a try which, however, the referee did not give.

In a loose rush near the end of the second half Institution succeeded in gaining a try which was converted.

Of the forwards Bell, Mackay, McKee, and Cunningham were prominent. Of the backs Harris, Smyth, Milligan, and Pedlow were the best.

Result—Belfast Academical Institution, 13 points.

H.S.D., 8 points.

After the match we returned to the School and were entertained to dinner in the Café Royal.

Nov. 4th—ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE, at Donnybrook.

Played in soft ground in dull weather. The St. Andrew forwards were much heavier than their opponents, who were playing one short, and of a consequence the High School backs only got the ball occasionally. At the end of the first half St. Andrew's succeeded in scoring an unconverted try. In the second half the game fluctuated a good deal, but the pressure was with St. Andrew's, and near the end they succeeded in scoring another unconverted try.

Result—St. Andrew's, 6 points.

H. S. D., 3 points.

Nov. 8th. BELVEDERE COLLEGE, at Jones's Road.

Played in good weather this match was hotly contested, and up to half-time there was no score, although loose rushes by both sides looked dangerous.

Early in the second half a round of passing enabled Smyth to score a good try far out. This was converted by Milligan.

Belvedere then pressed, but no further score was registered by either side.

Result—H. S. D., 5 pts.

Belvedere College, nil.

OUR LEAGUE MATCHES.

On Nov. 11 we played Blackrock at Lansdowne Road. We were unfortunate in Ellis having to retire early in the first half owing to his knee giving way, otherwise the score against us would have been smaller.

High School played up well in the second half, during which Blackrock scored thrice while the School barely missed scoring per Hillyard. The Rock team is undoubtedly a good one, both forwards and backs being very strong and fast. For High School Smyth, Harris and Milligan showed up well in the half-back

line, while Bell, Mackay (who had brought off one exceptionally fine tackle), and Reid were most prominent in the front rank.

Result—Blackrock, 23 pts.

High School, nil.

The second League match was played on Nov. 25, v. Mountjoy School. From the start we were badly beaten for possession in the scrums, and it speaks well for the defence of our backs that our lines were only crossed on two occasions. The heavy state of the ground affected our side to a considerable extent, but we ought to have indulged more in the buck-kick and rush game. Harris, Smyth, and Pedlow in the backs, and Bell, Mackay, and Isaacson showed up prominently.

Result—Mountjoy, 8 pts.

High School, nil.

We must thank Mr. Faloone and Mr. Macintyre for the interest they have taken in the football both in picking teams and in refereeing matches.

PLAYERS.

Scales promises to become a useful full back. He fields well and is a fair kick. With more experience in tackling and stopping he should improve a good deal next term.

Hillyard is fast and kicks well. He has, however, been very erratic this term and uncertain in taking his passes.

Harris is fast, kicks well, and sure tackle. He shines particularly on a losing side, though he can play brilliantly on the offensive.

Smyth is a strong, resolute runner who requires a good deal of stopping. His kicking this term has been exceptionally good.

Pedlow as scrum half is unselfish. He is a good kick and feeds his outside well.

Milligan is perhaps the most improved back from last year. He promises to be a first-rate outside half.

Bell makes a good captain and leader. He is a good scrummager, though he shines particularly in dribbling and footwork.

Mackay is a sound forward with plenty of pace and pluck. He also tackles well.

McKee has improved a lot from last year. He shines mostly in the loose, and has overcome to a great extent his tendency to get offside.

Reid, though on the light side, is very good. He follows up hard, dribbles well, and is always on the ball.

Isaacson is developing into a fine forward—a good hustler, he is improving rapidly in every way.

McCrea is another forward of the bustling type that shines in the loose. He promises well.

Armstrong, of the new recruits, is showing up well, while Moore and Russell ought to put more "push and go" into their methods.

Others who have played for the first are Thrift, Allen, Ellis, Simon, Clarke. Thrift showed good form in every match he played, while Allen, when he puts on weight, promises to be a good scrum half.

The Junior Cup Team so far have been very unlucky in their matches, as most of the teams they have played against have been much heavier.

Freeman at full-back is the soundest back. He fields cleanly, kicks neatly, and tackles well. When he grows up he should make a splendid full-back.

Sayers, L., as wing three-quarter, has a fair turn of speed, and has played several good games.

Tickell, T., at centre is at times erratic. His best point is his kicking, which he should use to better advantage. He must learn to tackle low, and to lie on the ball when stopping a forward rush.

Sayers, J., at centre has played some good games, but should remember to get touch when he kicks.

Foster, as wing, has done himself justice, and when he gets more stamina should prove very useful.

Fielding, as outside half, must remember to tackle the man with the ball and not to go always for the intercept. He kicks neatly, but he should make sure of touch.

Matthews, as scrum-half, should get round the scrum quicker and learn to kick, more especially in his own 25.

Isaacson is a good forward and shines especially in the loose.

McCrea is an honest forward and works hard from start to finish.

Simon always plays a hard game and proves a fine leader.

Maguire, although on the light, justifies himself in the loose.

Bardon suffers greatly from lack of training.

Golding works hard, and when he learns the game should prove useful.

Hanan, P., shows great dash, and should develop into a good player.



NEVER MIND.

When you go on Active Service
 To a place called Salonique
 You meet a lot of troubles,
 In the land of Johnnie Greek.
 Though the streets are rather smelly
 And the climate rather hot,
 I know you'd sooner be in Blighty
 Still don't grumble at your lot,
 If Salonique is far from nice
 Don't strafe the place, take my advice.

CHORUS—

If the Greek mosquitoes bite,
 Never mind,
 If you cannot sleep at night,
 Never mind,
 If you're tired of Salonique
 And sick of Johnnie Greek
 Try malaria for a week,
 Never mind.

If you're tired of army biscuits,
 And the bully isn't nice,
 And the Sergeant's pinched the sugar,
 Well, there's sure to be some rice.
 If the bacon's rather salty
 And the stews a trifle thin
 The war can't last for ever
 So endure it with a grin,
 Don't grouse and wish you'd never come
 There's water if there ain't no rum.

CHORUS—

If the marmalade is green,
 Never mind.
 If it tastes of paraffin,
 Never mind,
 If the bread is not quite new
 And we've beetles in the stew,
 Well, they don't belong to you,
 Never mind.

When I got a dose of fever
 And to hospital I went,
 My mind was bent on Blighty
 But to Malta I was sent.
 Then I landed at St. David's,
 What a happy time I spent,
 When I stepped up with my pay-book
 For the two bob weekly rent,
 When sister said your Quinine's here,
 I said "Tut-tut" I'm off for beer.

CHORUS—

If stone picking is my job,
 Never mind,
 And my pay runs at four bob,
 Never mind,
 If I'm sent to Salonique
 I'll be back within a week
 Right away from Johnnie Greek,
 Never mind.



DOG LATIN.

"Mitte meos super omnes ad caudam aut esse homines mortui."—Send my overalls to the tailor to be mended.

"Pax in bello"—Dogs in war.

"Bene audax"—Well bowled.

All the elements of a rat hunt expressed in Latin words—"Sit

stillabit sed amanto hiscat sta redde, sum misi feror errat me trito unda minus, solet me terna ferret in, mi cat."

"Varietas pro rege"—Change for a sovereign.

"Splendide mendax"—Lying in State.



"How to Become a Poet."



OF all the sayings which have misled mankind from the days of Adam to Winston Churchill, not one has been more harmful than the following:—

"A poet is born, not made."

You may, by dint of hard work, become a captain in the Salvation Army, a crossing-sweeper, etc., but no amount of labour will turn you into a poet.

On reading poetry you will notice that nearly all the lines end in rhymed words, such as "drink," "ink," "wink," "sink," etc.

This is the real difference between poetry and prose. For instance: "The dread monarch stood on his head," is prose, but "the monarch dread stood on his head," is poetry (?).

Get your endings to rhyme and you need not trouble your head with anything else. A little caution is needed in the case of rhyme, as "fire," "higher," "Maria," "sire," etc.

Of great importance to the budding poet is "alliteration's artful aid." You should use such phrases as "Dear, dirty Dublin," "dreary dungeons," or "softly shone the setting sun in summer splendour."

Of great effect is the use of such phrases as "I wist," "I wot," "I trow," "In sooth," "Methinks," "Of yore," "Alack," etc. Notice the effect in the following:—"It were, I ween, a bootless task to tell how here, of yore, in sooth, the Paynim fell, erstwhile the foeman sank with eerie yell, alack in goodly guise forsooth to —(censored)."

Then writing poetry you must not call "a spade a spade."

If a girl has red hair describe it as:—

"Glowing with the glory of the golden
god of day."

Or if she has a pug-nose describe it as:—

"Tip-tilted like the petal of a flower."

If a man is "dead drunk" describe him as "spirituously disguised," and "thirty days in quod" as "One moon in durance vile."

You may be able to write on a subject conveying some meaning to your readers' brains—if they have any.

Here are some specimen subjects:—

"Lines on beholding a dead rat in the street." "Impromptu on being asked to have a drink." "Reverie on being asked to stand one."

Soon you may be writing poems on "The Creation," "The Deluge," "The Fall of Rome," "The Future of Man."

By-and-bye your fame spreads, and you wear your hair long (saves visits to the barber's), and you are fond of solitary walks communing with yourself (or somebody else). You assume a rapt air in society (when asked to stand a drink). You despise mere paltry affairs (debts, engagements, etc.), and your eyes have a far-away look (when you meet a poor relation). And now, farewell. You are on the high road to renown.



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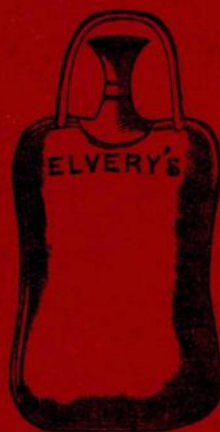
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