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Editorial.

We have always conceived it to be at once the duty and the privilege of an Editor to write as little as possible in his own person. At least, we assume this for *The Erasmian*, and we base it on the excellent saying, that "Good wine needs no bush," and it is a fulsome thing for an Editor to be praising his own wares. Everyone of course knows that he has, and exercises within limits, his opportunities of improving or altering, it may be without improvement (for even an Editor is not impeccable), communications that reach him from contributors; but in doing so he shelters himself behind another, who receives the credit or discredit of the work good or bad, including the Editor's corrections; while the Editor himself shines with reflected glory of the Magazine as a whole. We know, too, that in the luminous papers that issue every day from the Press there are certain columns which contain what are called editorials, but how many of these does the Editor, himself, write? Who knows? For he never signs his name.

Why then, it may be asked, do we assert ourselves on the present occasion? The answer is a plain one. We are at the commencement of our Fifth Volume, and our Hon. Treasurer whispers to us that there are some who are called subscribers who have not subscribed for our Fourth Volume, and some—a few—who have not subscribed yet for the Third; he further adds that his conscience and his accounts would feel quite eased and satisfied if these delinquents would make good their shortcomings. We cannot forbear to proclaim these, his whispers, as it were, upon the housetops, for, although, "Good wine needs no bush," it is hardly to be had without the paying. Therefore, subscribers, be true to your names, and pay up.

And now that we have come forth from our sanctum to address our readers in an editorial, may we further appeal to all who are interested in this attempt to focus within the compass of a few brief pages the doings from every point of view of our school and school-fellows past and present—may we appeal to them to help us by contributing to our columns? The field of life is wide; the

realm of school is narrow ; and a school Magazine is of use in this way, among others, that, while it tells old classmates what one and another are doing, it opens up to the present school-boys visions of future possibilities, of excellent doing and daring. To those who have helped in the past we tender our thanks ; we trust their numbers will largely increase in the future.

School News.

It was with very much grief and regret that we heard that Lucy Mab Wilkins, the youngest child of Mr. Wilkins, passed away, after a short illness, on the afternoon of Whitsunday, between 5 and 6 o'clock. It was only this time last year that she underwent a very serious operation, from which she had apparently well recovered, and we had hoped that she was now quite strong. Unfortunately it was not so. All the school will join in expressing their deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins and their family at the sad loss.

Another School year is drawing to a close, with the most trying fortnight of it at the end. The Intermediate Examinations come this year somewhat later than they have usually been, and commence on June 16th and extend on to the end of the month. The only change of importance which we have

noticed in the examinations themselves is that Greek and Latin verse composition are to have separate papers of an hour each, instead of being set on the same papers as the rest of the Greek and Latin.

The Science inspection, or more accurately, the practical examination in Science and drawing, by the Department's Inspector, took place on Saturday, May, 28th.

In the Intermediate programme for 1904, there are not so many vital changes as in the last two years. There are some changes, however, which our readers may like to know. They should remember that the main outlines of the system remain the same as in the past year. An old subject, namely—music, re-appears in all the grades as a pass subject. The standard of passing is lowered all-round to 30 per cent. on the pass papers, to 20 per cent. on the honour papers in the Mathematical subjects, and 25 per cent. in the honour papers in other subjects. The courses remain very much the same, the principal change being that in the Mathematical course, in the Junior, Middle, and Senior Grades, it will be necessary to pass in one language, either Latin, French, or German. Composition prizes are re-instituted in the Junior Grade of the value of £2. In order to encourage the study of Greek and German, special

prizes will be awarded to those who obtain the highest marks in these subjects. These prizes will be given in all the Grades, (including the Preparatory) and will be of the following value:—They will not exceed £10 each in the Senior Grade, £7 in the Middle Grade, £5 in the Junior, and £3 in the Preparatory.

A new rule hints that the Intermediate Board intend in some way to satisfy themselves that proper provision is made in schools for health, recreation, sanitation, and physical exercise.

The Science courses are extended and enlarged, under the title of Experimental and Practical Science. They will be under the control of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and it is stated that in and after 1905 a two year's course of Experimental Science and Drawing will be compulsory on all students except those who take the Classical course. The courses in Science are as follows:—For the first and second years, Experimental Science and Drawing; for the third and fourth years, any one or more of the following:—1. Experimental Physics; 2. Chemistry; 3. Mechanics; 4. Botany; 5. Drawing; 6. Physiology and Hygiene; 7. Geology; and 8. (for girls only) Domestic Economy. A student will be allowed to take the same course twice, but only twice.

Sed ad leviora redeamus. We are pleased to see from our Cricket correspondent's report that the Cricket Club has so far been doing well. The cricket pitch in the square has been re-laid, but up to the time our report came in it had only been played on once, most of the matches in our ground having been played on the old pitch. In addition to the First Eleven matches, we hear of a Second Eleven, and hope we shall have some accounts of its doings for our next number.

Mainly owing to the energies of G. Small, of the Fifth, the Tennis Club has been revived, and thanks to the fine weather of May has proved very popular. We have not heard whether it has played any matches. Fears were expressed that this club might injure the school cricket. We do not think this has been the case, but if any boy is hesitating between the claims of Cricket and Tennis, he should choose the former.

Is the Bicycle Club defunct? We hear of no runs from it.

We hope the Sports will be held about the usual date early in September.

We give elsewhere a summary of the Football Season, and a criticism of the First XV. Our last number was published too soon for an account of the Cup Tie to be inserted, and we prefer

not to revive a painful memory by dwelling upon it in this issue. The one cheerful feature of the game was F. Smartt's magnificent run down the field, resulting in our only score. F. Smartt was chosen as one of the halves to represent Leinster in all the Inter-provincial School matches.

It is interesting to notice that there are now in the School boys whose fathers were here before them. We know of two instances, and we believe that there have been others. We refer to the Buckley's in the First and Second Forms, and to Shimmins in the Second.

Will any boy who sees the Motor Race write us a hair-raising account of it, and his own adventures on the day it is run?

Notes on Old Boys.

The Rev. Wm. Ralph, M.A., has been appointed to the rectory of St. Clement's, Belfast. Mr. Ralph entered T.C.D. from the School in 1881, and obtained first honours in English Literature, History and Metaphysics; he was first Senior Moderator in Metaphysics in 1885; first Archbishop King's and first Bishop Forster prizeman in 1886; he was curate successively of Desertmartin, Co. Derry; Penge and Longwood in Yorkshire; and St. Luke's,

Sheffield; and has since 1899 been rector of Malim, Co. Donegal.

The Rev. W. S. M'Caughey, M.A., has been transferred from Fermoy to the ministry of Newport Road Presbyterian Church, Middlesboro'-on-Tees, in Yorkshire. He was inducted into his charge on May 20th, and presented with a set of pulpit robes. Mr. M'Caughey was at the School from 1885 to 1888. A younger brother who was also at the School is now practising as a doctor.

J. R. Cunningham has been appointed Professor of Physics in the University of Calcutta. Our readers will remember that he obtained two years ago a Scholarship from the Royal College of Science, and since then has been in residence at St. John's College, Cambridge; he has there been working under Professor J. J. Thomson, and has taken his degree for original research in the regions of physical-chemistry.

Mention of India reminds us of a letter which we saw a month or two back from Thomas H. Richardson, from the Ranchi District of Bengal. He enclosed the following cutting from an Indian paper:—

ASSAULT ON SCHOOL MASTERS.—At the Howrah Police Court last week before Babu M. N. Mukerjee, Deputy Magistrate of Howrah, Satya Charan Ghose, Mohim Charan Ghose, Nagen-dranath Ghose and others were

prosecuted by Monmotha Nath and Amrita Lal Roy, schoolmasters, for having assaulted them. It appears that one of the boys attending the school was punished for not being prepared with his lessons, and the punishment meted out was that he was made to stand on a bench. The boy, who strongly objected to this method of punishment, ran home and complained to the accused, who rushed into the school-room and assaulted the complainants. The case is proceeding.

On this he remarks, "This is not an exceptional case. I once inspected a School in Parubia, and I found eight panes of glass were broken. I sent for the head master and asked him about it. Oh, he said, the boys broke them one day for play. 'Boys will be boys.' He did not punish them. I told him if he caned them they would soon stop the game. 'Oh,' he said, 'If I beat the boys the fathers would all beat me. What can I do?'"

He further adds: "I have been out in camp since November, 'driving the road,' which is perhaps very useful but not very interesting work, particularly as I have only met two white men since I came out; both were foreign missionaries, and knew very little English, and my knowledge of Urdu is just what you would expect from my brilliant classical work at School."

George Appleyard has been appointed Secretary to the National Hospital for Children in Harcourt Street, a post which his father held for many years, up the time of his recent regretted death.

J. R. Stritch has successfully passed the examination for a clerkship in Guinness's Brewery.

J. R. R. Cusack has passed for a Clerkship in the Bank of Ireland.

H. Thrift, in addition to being on the Trinity XV., is playing regularly this season for the First XI. He has been bowling well, and we hope to see him soon repeating some of the scores he used to make for the School.

We have to congratulate E. R. Day on winning the Carson Biblical Prize.

James Milner Smyth, Engineer, was married on April 14th at Pietermaritzburg, by the Lord Bishop of Natal, to Violet Frederica, eldest daughter of the late Fred. W. Wiltshire of St. Mary Axe, London. We announced the marriage of his eldest brother in our last number.

Calverley Edwin Riley, eldest son of C. R. Riley, Floraville, Inchicore, was married on May 12th, at Sandford Church, by the Rev. Thomas Good, B.D., assisted by the Rev. W. J. Clarke,

D.D., and Rev. W. T. Grey, B.A., to Norah, the second daughter of William M. Lawrence, Breffni, Eglinton Road, Dublin.

It is an interesting fact that Mr. Wm. M'Gee began business in his present establishment just 50 years ago in 1853. He is now the oldest member of the Dublin Booksellers' Association and its President. Both his sons were educated at the School. The elder, Samuel Russell M'Gee, M.A., of Trinity College, was ordained in 1883, and was curate in succession of Aghavea, Co. Fermanagh; Killurin, Co. Wexford; and Clontarf, Co. Dublin. Since 1894 he has been rector of Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow. The younger Wm. M'Gee, qualified as a Doctor from the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians in Dublin, and now holds important medical appointments in Australia.

George Burkitt Wilkinson, of Vosburg, in Cape Colony, son of the Rev. W. F. Wilkinson, Dromara Rectory, Co. Down, was married on April 22nd at Victoria West, Cape Colony, to Emma Eleanor Margaret, daughter of Alexander Walker, 39 Rubislaw Den, South Aberdeen, Scotland.

George Victor Cairns, who left the Fourth Form at Easter, has had a very narrow escape from drowning. On

Saturday morning, May 23rd, he was cycling along the Royal Canal, and passing under Broom Bridge, the well known high bridge, the first above Glasnevin Bridge, he, by some accident, fell into the water. The rest shall be told in the words of his father. "The water there is quite eight feet deep, and not being able to swim, he was in imminent danger of being drowned—in fact he had gone down twice. Most providentially his cries attracted the attention of two men who were walking along the canal, and one of them, James Henshaw, 63 North King Street, ran a distance of 300 yards to where the boy was struggling in the water, and, with great presence of mind, jumped right over his head as he was sinking for the third time, and seizing him under the arms, pushed him over to the bank, where his companion succeeded in pulling him out. The lad recovered very soon, and was able to cycle home, none the worse for his cold bath. His rescuer, however, was very much exhausted, as after his long run he plunged into the water breathless, and when taken out was quite overcome. Such bravery deserves recognition."

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Edward Thomas Irwin, the eldest son of Canon Irwin, who died at the Deanery, Elphin, on May 27th.

College Notes.

The excitement of the election is now long over, and everything is settled and peaceful, and will doubtless continue so till Trinity Monday, when it will be announced that a new Fellow has been elected and a number of scholarships awarded. Mr. Campbell has not been seen within the college precincts since his now famous triumph. We may well call it a triumph, for certain it is that no Roman general was ever received in such enthusiastic style, and we imagine Mr. Campbell devoutly hopes he will never go through a similar performance again. We should like to know if anyone has seen his sticky-back, and we certainly think the different societies should have been favoured with copies. Mr. Samuels was quite downcast over the result of the election, until he realised what he had escaped at the hands of the undergraduates.

With regard to the Fellowship Examination, we make no prophecy, as the result will be announced while we are at press, but we look forward to old High School Boys worthily maintaining the traditions of the school. We make no scruples about prophesying that the High School will figure in the list of new scholars, and that its prestige will be as high as ever. In passing we may say that the would-be scholars looked very unhappy as they appeared after each paper. We are not astonished at this,

as one of the examiners was absent from chapel on the day before the start of the exam., and it was unkindly hinted that he was picking out a few "extra specials" for the unfortunate candidates.

The "University Green" has roused the ire of a contributor to T.C.D., who calls himself an "Ex-Jib., who can, therefore, speak without bias." What the gentleman knows about the present feeling of the clubs, it is difficult to discover. His main argument is that Green is worn by nearly all the Gaelic clubs, and, therefore, is not respectable. He rightly says that Blue is the National colour of Ireland. This is the only correct statement in his article, but we will not burden our readers with any more of it. Suffice it to say that Green has been adopted, and will remain with us. A man who says there are eight primary colours is not fit to live.

The Philosophical Society has lost its Librarian, who had to make a forced march from his rooms. His large and representative funeral testified to the regard and esteem in which the "deceased" was held. There have been several elections caused by this event, and though they are all over, the nominations for next year take place almost immediately, and it is amusing to see the crowded attendances at the meetings, many of the members making great efforts to qualify for voting. We hope to see High School men figuring

in prominent positions in both societies next year.

The Historical Society's inter-university debate was a cause of widespread interest, and the universal opinion was that Ireland came out an easy first. F. A. Longworth's speech was quite up to the traditions of the Historical, but its length rather wearied his audience. C. H. Darley was the best of the six speakers, and, although he only spoke for 10 minutes, his remarks were condensed and brimful of accuracy, and his style was quite captivating. He is bound to come to the front of Irish orators, and improves with every speech. The sympathetic references of one of the visitors to a certain funeral were much appreciated, and the deepest sympathy was evinced when he described his experiences on the boat. Like the gentleman in the old song—

“But when half way over
From Calais to Dover,
He did what he didn't intend.”

The Good Old School.

Song for Breaking-up occasions.

BY ALFRED SMYTHE.

Away with Greek and Latin,
Put all our books aside,
The holidays are coming—
'Twill be a joyous tide.

We've worked with zest and earnest,
We've won our laurels too,
Recess will make us ardent
For tasks and honours too.
Then cheer, boys, for our masters,
For those who wisely rule,
We'll not forget their patience
Nor yet the good, old school!

To-day our hearts are happy,
Sweet visions fill the brain—
Of home and dear ones waiting
To welcome us again;
Good-bye to all our schoolmates,
Our cricket and football,
Our Principal so lenient—
Good-bye to one and all.

Then cheer, boys, for our masters, &c.

But ere we meet together
Upon another term,
Some life's new path will enter
Of sunshine and of storm!
To such, good luck be with them,
God speed them on their ways,
They'll not, when honours meet them,
Forget their old school days!

Then cheer, boys, for our masters, &c.

Perhaps in years far distant,
In widely scattered climes,
Some old heads will remember
These good, old boyhood's times!
Like gleam of sunniest moment
The memory of these years
May come with sweetening savour
When eyes are 'kin to tears!

Then cheer, boys, for our masters,
 For those who wisely rule,
 We'll not forget their patience
 Nor yet the good, old school !

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Football.

The past season was not so successful as many of its predecessors, but when everything is taken into consideration, it must at least be described as satisfactory. In all, 28 matches were played, of which 10 were won, 17 lost and one drawn. We scored 287 points and 301 were registered against us, of which Blackrock College scored no fewer than 97. F. Smartt kicked 21 goals and scored 23 tries, or, in other words, scored 141 points for the team. We fancy this is a record which will stand for a long time. Ogden kicked 5 goals and scored 15 tries, Smyth and Blackham scored 3 tries each, G. C. Duggan and Richardson 2 each, and Hegarty, Burrows, White, Small, Gore, and Sinclair one each. Our usual ill-luck did not desert us this season, for Duncan and Burrows were unable to turn out in the cup match. Their presence in that match would have reduced the score by at least one-half, but, at the same time, Cairns and Leland, who played as subs., worked quite as hard as the rest of the forwards. Smartt's try in that match was about the best piece of play in the whole of the cup ties, and was a fitting

termination to a season of which he may well be proud. His play in the interprovincial schools' match was not up to his usual standard, but was sufficiently good to let him be described as the best school half of the year. Caps for good play during the season were awarded to R. J. Ogden, D. A. Smyth, and J. R. Gore, while additional dates were granted to F. N. Smartt and J. C. Duncan.

THE TEAM.

- W. D. Appleyard.—A good kick, but sometimes weak in tackling.
- C. W. F. Blackham.—Very fast, takes his passes well, but like the rest of the backs, is weak in tackling.
- R. J. Ogden.—Sometimes brilliant, sometimes mediocre. Is the best kick in Dublin.
- H. G. Hegarty.—Sound in defence, and bound to improve. Lacks weight.
- C. W. Smartt.—Can tackle well when he likes, but can only kick with one foot.
- M. R. Richardson.—Very light, but plucky. Weak in passing, but has improved greatly.
- F. N. Smartt.—A brilliant half-back, though sometimes selfish. Can play equally well behind beaten and winning forwards.
- J. C. Duncan.—A hard-working forward, who shoves well from start to finish.

C. S. Burrows.—Tackles well, but is sometimes inclined to take matters easily.

J. R. Gore.—Is always good, and sometimes brilliant. Tackles very well.

D. A. Smyth.—A first-year forward of great promise. His play in the loose could not be better.

G. A. Small.—Works hard, but rather slow and inclined to be too gentle.

G. C. Duggan.—Another hard worker, who would be very good with a little more weight.

A. M. McConnell.—When he likes, can play as well as any one, but is usually too easy-going and gentle.

G. G. Duggan.—Very light, and rather nervous, but is bound to come on greatly.

Cricket.

At our opening meeting, held on 6th April, the following officers were appointed:—*Captain*—F. N. Smartt; *Vice-Captain*—R. J. Ogden; *Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. Cooney; *Hon. Secretary*—M. R. Richardson; *Committee*—Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lyster, Mr. R. M'Donnell, G. C. Duggan.

H. S. v. MASONIC.

This, our first match of the season, was played at Clonskeagh on a very soft wicket. Masonic, on winning the toss, went in, but owing to good bowling by Bonner (6 wkts. for 7 runs), and Barbor,

were quickly disposed of for 16. We did not do much better at first, but, thanks to 12 from Bonner, made 28. In the second innings Masonic batted better, and declared when they had made 53 for 4 wickets, leaving us half-an-hour for batting, during which time we made 23 for 4 wickets, Bonner making 10, not out. We thus won, on the first innings, by 12 runs.

H. S. v. CORRIG.

This match was played at Kingstown. Owing to the attractions of tennis, we had to play one short, which, as it turned out, did not affect the result. Our opponents went in first and made 31, Bonner taking 6 wickets for 13 and F. Smartt 3 for 9. Six catches were held. We then made 57, of which Ogden and Smyth made 15 and 14 respectively, and won by 26 runs.

H. S. v. D. U. C. C. 3rd XI.

Played in the College Park. Our opponents went in first and made 75, a total which did not seem likely at one time, as six men were out for 35. Bonner, who bowled very well, took 7 wickets for 25. When we went in no one, except F. M'Connell, who kindly played for us on this occasion, did anything. He played well for 41, including four 4s. C. Smartt made 6, and he and Powell were not out when time was up, the score then being 65 for 9 wickets. The result was thus a draw slightly in favour of Trinity.

H. S. *v.* KING'S HOSPITAL.

This was the first match played in Belgrave Square this season. The wicket was soft and tricky, and King's Hospital, going in first, could only make 16, Bonner clean bowling six men for 8 runs, and Smyth taking 4 wickets for 3 runs. At first it did not seem likely we should make as many, for 3 wickets were down for 3. But then Ogden and Smyth came together and made 15 and 16 respectively. When they were out the score was 32 for 5 wickets, but the remainder of the side collapsed so badly, that the final total was 35. King's Hospital in their second innings did better, making 42; but we won on the first innings by 19 runs.

H. S. *v.* ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL.

Played at Merton. Our opponents, winning the toss, went in, but were all out for 36, Bonner taking 5 wickets for 7 runs and Smyth 4 for 7. We then went in, and before call of time had made 100 for 7 wickets, more through the weakness of our opponents' bowling than through our own good batting. F. Smartt made top score with 34, and Smyth (12); M. Richardson (11); Powell (11, not out), also made double figures.

H. S. *v.* WESLEY COLLEGE.

This match was played in Belgrave Square. Wesley went in first and made 37. Our batting broke down badly before some good bowling by our oppo-

nents. Ogden played well for 11, not out, but no one gave him much assistance, and the final score was 31. Wesley in their second innings made 47, owing to our wretched fielding, and when time was up we had scored 22 for 2 wickets, F. Smartt making 14, not out. We thus lost on the first innings by 6 runs.

H. S. *v.* ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Played in Belgrave Square. St. Andrew's winning the toss, put us in. Ogden and Smyth opened the batting, and both played carefully and well. Ogden making 13 and Smyth 12. None of the rest made double figures, so the total was only 49. When stumps were drawn St. Andrew's had made 41 for 6 wickets, and the result was a draw in their favour, but as five of our first eleven were unable to play, we cannot be said to have done too badly.

H. S. *v.* PEMBROKE III.

In this match, which was played at Sydney Parade, our opponents batted first and, thanks to our bad ground-fielding, made 84. Ogden and Smyth, who were both helped by good luck, scored 43 for the first wicket, but no one else, except extras, made double figures and we were all out for 82, thus losing by 2 runs. Score:—

Birmingham c Young b Bonner	...	5
Treacy b Smyth	...	19
O'Neill c Young b Bonner	...	1
Aston b Bonner	...	0

Coffey, run out	...	...	12
M'Quade b M. Richardson	...	...	19
O'Burke b Bonner	...	...	0
Blake c A. Richardson b M. Richardson	...	...	1
Grant, not out	...	...	6
Otway, run out	...	...	3
Peakin c Powell b M. Richardson	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	6
Total	...	...	84

H. S.

Ogden b McQuade	...	...	19
Smyth b Blake	...	...	41
Bonner b McQuade	...	...	3
F. Smartt b McQuade	...	...	0
M. Richardson b Blake	...	...	1
A. Richardson b McQuade	...	...	0
C. Smartt b McQuade	...	...	4
Powell b McQuade	...	...	0
Young b Blake	...	...	0
Crosthwaite b Coffey	...	...	1
J. H. Barbor, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	13
Total	...	...	82

H. S. v. CHARLEVILLE.

This match was played in Belgrave Square. Charleville, batting first, made 56. At our first attempt we could only make 24, the extras, which have often scored well, both for and against us, making top score with 6. Our opponents let us follow on and we scored 42 for 6 wickets, Ogden making 25 not out. We, therefore, lost on the first innings by 32 runs.

H. S. v. LEINSTER III.

Played on Leinster ground. The match, after some low scoring, was a win for our opponents by 22 runs. We had a weak team, which included C. Blackham, who had never played cricket in a match before, and Humphreys, an old boy, who had come to look on and kindly played for us as we were one short. Score:—

FIRST INNINGS.—LEINSTER.

Howley b Bonner	...	...	12
Gifford b Smyth	...	...	2
Sheridan b Smyth	...	...	9
Williams b Smyth	...	...	3
Henry c and b. Bonner	...	...	0
Annesley c M. Richardson b Smyth	...	...	5
Edwards b Bonner	...	...	0
Shuley b Bonner	...	...	0
Lett, not out	...	...	3
Smyth b Bonner	...	...	6
Baumont b Bonner	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	3

Total ... 43

FIRST INNINGS.—H. S.

Ogden b Sheridan	...	...	5
Smyth b Howley	...	...	1
M. Richardson l b w, b Sheridan	...	...	5
F. Smartt b Sheridan	...	...	8
Bonner c Howley b Sheridan	...	...	5
C. Smartt c Howley b Henry	...	...	1
A. Richardson c Howley b Sheridan	...	...	0
Bradford b Henry	...	...	0
J. Barbor b Sheridan	...	...	2
Blackham, not out	...	...	1

Humphreys, run out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	6
Total			35

SECOND INNINGS—LEINSTER.

Howley c and b Smyth	...	...	4
Gifford b Smyth	...	...	0
Sheridan, run out	..	...	19
Williams b Smyth	...	...	0
Henry b Smyth	...	..	4
Annesley b Smyth	...	...	11
Edwards, not out	...	...	15
Shuley b Bonner	...	...	1
Lett c and b M. Richardson	...	...	6
Smyth b M. Richardson...	...	...	1
Beaumont b Bonner	...	..	1
Extras	...	...	2
Total			64

SECOND INNINGS.—H. S.

Ogden b Henry	...	...	3
Smyth l b w, b Henry	...	...	4
M. Richardson b Henry	...	...	16
F. Smartt b Sheridan	...	...	3
Bonner b Henry	...	...	0
C. Smartt b Henry	...	...	0
A. Richardson, not out	...	...	4
Bradford c and b Henry	...	...	0
J. Barbor b Sheridan	...	...	10
Blackham b Sheridan	...	...	0
Humphreys c Henry b Howley	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	8
Total			50

So far we have played 10 matches, of which 4 have been won, 2 drawn and 4 lost, a fairly good record. But if we are

to keep it up till the end of the season our batting must be more consistent and our fielding must be improved. Very few members have yet paid their subscriptions; it is to be hoped they will do so as soon as possible.

Spoonerisms.

There are many most amusing tales told of College life, and none more amusing than "Spoonerisms," though even these are apt to pall when exaggerated as much as they are at the present day. But what is a "Spoonerism"? some one may say. I will try to explain. There is a certain Don at New College, Oxford (also celebrated for his edition of Tacitus' Histories) who has an unfortunate habit of transposing the initial letters of his words; for example—to quote the best known instance—he was preaching one day on the subject of ambition and good resolutions, and in the course of his remarks addressed the congregation as follows:—"Which of you, my brethren, has not at one time or other of his life, cherished a *half-warmed fish* in his bosom?" Again, when preaching in the New College Chapel on Jubilee day, he is reported to have asked the prayers of all assembled there for "our queer Dean."

Most people can quote similar instances, but possibly all are not aware of the origin of the term. It is probable

that the unfortunate man may have made one or two such slips in his life, but the countless stories of a like nature which are attributed to him are, for the most part, fabricated. The following instances ought, in all probability, to be included in this category, though my readers are quite at liberty to believe them if they please; I simply wish to state it as my opinion that they are concocted:—

Mr. Spooner was one day travelling by train, when the porter asked him what luggage he possessed, he replied: “three boxes, two rags, and a bug.”

A certain undergraduate who had spent his first two terms, perhaps rather more pleasantly than profitably, was “hauled” before Spooner. The latter being very much dissatisfied with his pupil’s work, prefaced his admonition by saying in a stern voice: “Do you know, sir, that you have tasted two whole worms?” How the wretched undergraduate received this awful accusation, history does not relate.

It is reported that Mr. Spooner assured his pupils the other day of his firm confidence in “*Chubbs’ Starters*.”

This may seem strange conduct on the part of a Canon of Christ Church, who ought, at least, to conceal his racing propensities from his own pupils, but let us be charitable and suppose that he only intended to recommend to their notice *Stubbs’ Charters*.

The cruel story of how our hero “took to himself a wife” may be

familiar, but at any rate will bear repetition. The report goes, that on a certain occasion when entertaining some ladies to tea, he went up to one young damsel, thinking to compliment her by asking her to make the tea, but his tongue played him false, and what he really said was: “I wish you would take me, Miss X.!” which she promptly did, according to the tale.

One of the latest and, in my opinion, most far-fetched of all, is the following, which was invented February, 1899:—It is reported, says the *Granta*, that Mr. Spooner stated in a recent speech that “there is not a few at Trinity between the man and the ape.” But the best of this joke is that a Scotch paper, not recognising the Spoonerism for *true affinity*, actually quoted it as an interesting account of the state of the undergraduates at X. College. Trinity had been changed into X., a Scotch College, in the course of adaptation, and thus the whole point of the story had been destroyed.

WAR.

Our Strange Language.

We printed a year ago an illustration of the vagaries of our mother tongue in some cautionary verses to youth of both sexes. A correspondent has called our attention to some similar verses which were reprinted from the *Bangalore Magazine* in the *Spectator*, which it seems

worth while to repeat, while we add
some more sent us by our correspondent
constituting a veritable *tour de force* on
the sound of the letter u and its manifold
spellings.

When the English tongue we speak
Why is "break" not rhymed with
"freak"?

Will you tell me why it's true
We say "sew," but likewise "few";
And the maker of a verse
Cannot cap his "horse" with "worse"?
"Beard" sounds not the same as
"heard";

"Cord" is different from "word";
"Cow" is cow, but "low" is low;
"Shoe" is never rhymed with "foe,"
Think of "hose" and "dose" and "lose";
And of "goose"—and yet of "choose."
Think of "comb" and "tomb" and
"bomb";

"Doll" and "roll"; and "home" and
"some."

And since "pay" is rhymed with "say,"
Why not "paid" with "said," I pray?
We have "blood" and "food" and
"good";

"Mould" is not pronounced like "could."
Wherefore "done," but "gone" and
"lone"?

Is there any reason known?
And, in short, it seems to me
Sound and letters disagree.

The Abuse of U's.

Whilst hewing yews
Hugh lost his ewe

And put it in the hue-and-cry;
To name its face's dusky hues
Was all the effort he could use.
You brought the ewe back by and by,
And only begged the hewers ewer
Your hands to wash in water pure,
Lest nice-nosed ladies, not a few,
Should cry on coming near you, Ugh!

A Cradle Story.

There was a man who was blessed
with a son, and rejoiced over him. So
now he must buy a cradle, and goes to
a carpenter and gives him a dollar, and
says to him, "Make me a cradle."
"Good," says the carpenter, "Come
and fetch your cradle on Friday," mean-
ing after eight days, for this was
Thursday. On Friday the man went
and said, "Give me the cradle." Said
the carpenter, "It is not ready yet."
And the carpenter was never ready with
it till the child walked, and grew up,
and married, and had a son himself.
Said he to his father, "I want a cradle
for my baby." Said the father, "Go to
such a one, the carpenter; I ordered a
cradle from him just twenty years ago,
and you may have it." So he went to
the carpenter and said, "Give me the
cradle my father ordered from you and
paid a dollar for." Said the carpenter,
"Here is the dollar; I hate to be hurried
with my work."

Cantilena.

AD LECTOREM.

Illam, amice lector, cantilenam ex antiquitatis caligine nunc mihi primam editam atque curiosissime castigatam ne reicias duas, utramque bonam, profert scholiastes rationes; primum nos hic invenire sine dubio primam istius Hibernici poematis originem, Brian O'Lynn (de qua saepissime inter se collatis signis certant grammatici); deinde auctorem, non ut illum Terenti Chremetem, monere rem eis aliena curantibus saepe male perire.

Dic O Brian, ait ovis,
Cur non capis pellem bovis
Et de ea tibi facis
Quod tibi constet pro braccis,
Haud decenter semper rura
Calcas longa nudus crura?
Improba! quam insequere
Mox tu ipsa de vellere
Culpam sanabis, te pestem
Mihi occidam ut vestem
Vilem des, reversa pelle;
Meliores possim velle
Braccas, et decentes lauto,
Lana intra, extra scorto?

V. 13 Sic Schol. Anglice 'fit even for for a swell.' Bene.

H.G.H.

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The Hon. Treasurer begs also to remind subscribers that some of them have not yet paid their subscriptions for the past year. As he is anxious to close his accounts for the year ending last March, he will be very much obliged if these outstanding subscriptions are forwarded to him as soon as possible.

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