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THE ERASMIAN.

DUBLIN, MAY, 1899.

Editorial.

The High School Magazine appears in this issue under a new guise and name. For several years past a series of manuscript and hectographed copies of its predecessors, under various names, has delighted the leisure hours of their readers. We are, however, unselfish, and from a desire to let a wider public share the pleasure, we have decided to place ourselves under an obligation to the art of Gutenberg. That "The Erasmian" will, in its new form, serve many useful purposes, is obvious. It will act as a link between the Old Boys and the School, and for the Present Boys it will foster that *esprit de corps* which is the soul of school life. We are fortunate in having among the past boys many who have made their mark in Literature, and in our present issue will be found an article by one of these. We shall always be glad to publish contributions from Old Boys, and we hope that many of the Present Boys will be encouraged to learn how to shape their thoughts in literary form, which will prove so useful to them in after life.

Let boys learn as soon as they can what possibilities are in them, and when they know their own worth, and have found their vocation, let them be faithful to their trust.

Football.

The High School *v.* Marlborough.

This match was played on January 30th at Belgrave Square and resulted in a scoreless draw. The previous match before Christmas resulted in a win for the High School by the narrow margin of 1 try (Halpin) to nil.

The High School *v.* Rathmines School.

On February 1st we played Rathmines School at Richmond Hill. Considerable delay was caused by the non-appearance of the key of the ground, and an adjournment to Belgrave Square was even proposed. In the end, however, it happily turned up, and a commencement was made about 4 o'clock. The ground was in a fearful condition, particularly near the pavilion goal. In the first half neither side had much

advantage, and play was uninteresting. After half-time, however, our men brightened up, and had quite the best of the game. G. White attempted unsuccessfully to drop a goal from a free. Finally a bout of passing between M'Donnell, White, and Meyer resulted in the last-named scoring far out. Drennan's attempt at goal failed, and the whistle went immediately, leaving our team deserved victors. Besides the above-mentioned Carson (three-quarter), and Walsh (full), played well for the High School, as did Deacon, Collins and Emerson for Rathmines.

Score :

The High School	1 try (3 points).
Rathmines School	nil.

The High School

v.

Drogheda Grammar School.

Played at Belgrave Square on February 4th, and won by Drogheda by 1 goal and 2 tries to nil. After the match our team entertained the visitors to dinner, and the two teams went afterwards together to see the International Match, England v. Ireland, at Lansdowne Road. Our team in this match was one man short.

The High School

v.

St. Andrew's College.

This match came off at Belgrave Square on February 8th, and resulted as under :

St. Andrew's College	3 tries (9 points)
The High School	nil.

The High School

v.

St. Stephen's Green School.

The fixture came off on February 23rd at our ground. There was no wind, but the ground was muddier than might have been expected. Drennan kicked off for us, and, play settling in our opponents' territory, we soon nearly got over. Drennan made but poor use of a free, and S. S. G. S. gained a good bit of ground. The teams crossed without any score, play being even throughout. W. Bridge having kicked off for S. S. G. S., Carson made a good attempt at scoring. Our opponents, however, recovered well, and Atkinson, running from almost the centre of the ground, scored what seemed (at least to S. S. G. S. boys), a fair try, but the referee thought otherwise and ordered a scrum five yards out. White was conspicuous by well-judged kicks into touch. With our forwards pressing strongly, Drennan scored, and Thrift found no difficulty in bringing off the major point. Nothing more of note was accomplished, and H. S. ran out victors on the score :

The High School	1 goal (5 points).
St. Stephen's Green School	nil.

The High School

v.

The Masonic School.

On February 25th we met the Masonic School on our ground. The match resulted in a scoreless draw.

LEINSTER SCHOOLS' CUP.

The High School *v.* Corrig School

This match came off at Lansdowne Road on March 2nd. The ground was in grand condition, a slight wind blowing from the railway goal. For the first half our men defended the Dodder goal. Drennan kicked off, and the ball reached touch at the centre. Corrig showed better in the scrums at first. Drennan took a free nicely and our position improved. After varied success Corrig got down to our line. Another free taken by Drennan was followed by some advantage for our forwards in Corrig territory. A pass of Thrift's was intercepted, but White collared well. Corrig now got to our line, and play remained for some time in our territory. A goal from a free was charged down. Our line was again in jeopardy and Corrig made an excellent attempt at a goal from a heeled free. Carson had now changed places in the three-quarter line with Johnson. Half-time came with Corrig at our line.

The High School nil.

Corrig School nil.

The first part of the game had been

dull, but the H. S. play now improved greatly, and we had hard luck in not scoring once or twice. After the kick-off White and Carson kicked well, but the latter should have run. Brew got away, but went into touch. Corrig kicking poorly, we reached their line. Drennan made another good attempt at a penalty goal. Wright was stopped after a good run, and scrums took place in mid-field. Chambré was warmly applauded for a fine kick into touch at Corrig's 25. Meyer heeled a free shortly afterwards and kicked well. With good kicks by Chambré and White, our men got to the Corrig line. But they saved well, and H. S. lost a good chance. Passing among our backs ended poorly, but Meyer afterwards kicked well, and Corrig had to touch down after good play on Chambré's part. After play at centre, H. S. got over, but the referee did not allow the try. Drennan took a free again, at the centre, and the ball was carried over. Then a scrum was formed before goal. A stoppage took place owing to Drennan being hurt. After a scrum at the line, bad play among our backs brought play to the centre. When the whistle went the match resulted in a scoreless draw.

The High School nil.

Corrig School nil.

Chambré gave an excellent display as full. Of the backs White was probably the best, his kicking being very neat and tackling sound. Carson also acquitted himself well, but did not get

much to do. Meyer played a very fine game on the whole as half, and was well seconded by Thrift. Drennan was quite the best of the forwards; indeed, it would have gone hard with H. S. without him. Brew showed up well, and we may also mention Burton, Hillas and Halpin as doing good work.

The High School v. Corrig School.

After the drawn match our team met Corrig again on the Wanderers' ground at Lansdowne Road on March 10th. There was a strong wind blowing from the railway goal when the teams lined out before a fairly large number of spectators. H. S. winning the toss, decided to play with the wind. Millar kicked off for Corrig and play settled in our 25. Shortly after the start Campbell was badly missed and got over our line for a try, the kick at goal proving a failure. H. S. now woke up and rushed the ball down the field in good style. After some play near the line Thrift popped over the line between the posts, and taking the kick himself brought off a neat goal, thus putting H. S. two points ahead. Shortly before half-time Clarke added another try for Corrig, the kick again failing. Half-time score:

Corrig School	2 tries (6 points).
The High School	1 goal (5 points).

After the interval Drennan kicked off for H. S. The Corrig forwards asserted their great superiority in weight even

more now, and our men were completely shoved, the backs getting no chance. H. S. had to touch down four or five times in succession, and it is much to the credit of their defensive powers that Corrig did not get in several times. Towards the end of the game Wright obtained a third try for Corrig, the attempt at goal proving again unsuccessful. Corrig were thus winners on the following score:—

Corrig School	3 tries (9 points).
The High School	1 goal (5 points).

Our defeat must be attributed to the superior weight of the opposing forwards who had it all their own way in the scrums. For us Drennan was a host in himself among the forwards, and well deserved his place on the Inter-provincial Fifteen. Halpin also worked well, and Burton deserves mention for good play, as does Brew. In the three-quarter line White kicked nicely and Carson did fairly well, both these tackling soundly. Chambré's play at full was not up to the form displayed in the previous match.

Our team was as follows:—

Full—W. H. Chambré; *Three-quarters*—W. H. Carson (Captain); G. W. White, B. Johnson, L. Bayly; *Halves*—H. Thrift, S. Meyer; *Forwards*—V. V. Drennan, G. Halpin, A. W. Brew, H. G. Hillas, T. Pigott, H. Burton, E. Bayly, P. Orr.

The voting for caps for good play

during the past season took place on March 27, and resulted as follows :

1. G. W. White (14).
2. W. C. Chambré (10).
3. W. H. Carson (9).

Halpin, Hillas, Thrift and Meyer also received votes.

On the Leinster Schools' Team v. Munster V. V. Drennan obtained a place among the forwards, and G. Halpin was among the forward substitutes. Drennan also got on against Ulster. Leinster won both matches.

During the season the Cup Team played 20 matches, of which 6 were won, 4 drawn and 10 lost.

Gymnastics.

IRISH SCHOOL SHIELD.

FIRST ROUND.

Last year was, we believe, the first in which a Shield for Gymnastics was offered for competition among Irish Schools. Three Schools entered and the result was : 1. Belvedere College ; 2. The High School ; 3. St. Stephen's Green School. We are glad to notice a substantial increase in the numbers of competing Schools this year. The High School and Sandymount Academical Institution were drawn together in the first round, and met at the Rink in Earlsfort Terrace. The teams turned out to be very equal. High School led off with a dumb-bell display, executed

very creditably, the time being very good up to the last one or two exercises. Sandymount followed with much the same exercises ; their time was rather indifferent. They were awarded 90 marks to 95 for High School. Free gymnastics followed, in which the High School team showed much precision. The Sandymount display, however, was better, and they obtained 95 marks as against 85 for our team. Our men pulled up in the parallel bars item, getting $80\frac{1}{2}$, while Sandymount scored 72. High School thus won on $260\frac{1}{2}$ marks to 257. Owing to the fact, however, that one of our boys came late, and a substitute had to be employed, we had to go through this competition again.

On the second occasion High School showed perhaps more vigour in the dumb-bells than their opponents, and were awarded 186 to Sandymount's 184. In free gymnastics our team had a more decided advantage, obtaining 197 to 190. The parallel bars display was not very creditable to either team, some of our boys being marked very low. No Sandymount boy, however, got above 8, while from High School Page got $9\frac{1}{2}$ and Wilkins 9. The totals were $68\frac{1}{2}$ for High School to 70 for Sandymount, High School thus asserting victory by $45\frac{1}{2}$ to 44.

The team was as follows :—R. A. Page, M. R. Richardson, E. Wilkins, E. Evans, L. M. Johnson, C. V. Walsh, G. Evans, W. A. Young, B. P. Young,

T. Young, F. Pemberton, W. Barnardo.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

In the semi-final our team had to submit to defeat at the hands of Belvedere College No. 1. team. The marks awarded were :—

Dumb-bells :—Belvedere, 97, High School, $93\frac{1}{2}$.

Free Gymnastics :—Belvedere, 106 High School, 96.

Parallel Bars :—Belvedere, 84, High School, 58.

TOTAL :—Belvedere, 287; High School, $247\frac{1}{2}$.

College Notes.

The Hilary Term Commencements were held on Shrove Tuesday, and were of a very dull character, despite the repeated mention of certain windows which needed re-glazing. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Sir Thomas Moffitt and Dr. Allbutt. These gentlemen were introduced to the Chancellor by Dr. Tyrrell (Public Orator) in long Latin orations. Amongst other degrees conferred were those of Rev. T. Rowan (M.A.) and O. J. Parry-Edwards (B.A.)

The Graduates' Memorial Committee has at length emerged from obscurity and Rotten Row is now no more. A wooden hoarding round the doomed building was the first sign of impending fate, on which so far no advertisements

have appeared, which shows great lack of business capacity on the part of the Board. The inhabitants have been quartered throughout the College, and the last person to leave was an old High School boy, who only moved when the floor threatened to collapse beneath him. Great disappointment was caused by the removal of the windows at the beginning, as some valuable lessons in the flight of projectiles had been anticipated.

The attendances at the Philosophical Society have been very large during the past term. Papers were read by three old High School Boys :—R. Hodgins, (American Prose Literature); G. A. Joynt, (Dean Swift); and W. W. C. Dunlop, (Balladists of Empire). The last paper called forth an excellent debate, including speeches from Dr. Tyrrell and Mr. A. McDonald, Ex-M.P. There have been three Members of Council elected lately, one being the Rev. W. J. E. Mayne, B.A.

Perhaps our Old Boys are more in evidence just now at the Historical Society than elsewhere. Amongst the numerous speakers this session have been Messrs. F. A. Longworth, E. V. Longworth, R. R. Symylie, G. O'Grady, J. C. Forrester, R. G. Leonard and C. H. Darley. Amongst those elected to seats on the General Committee was J. C. Forrester.

The football season has closed disastrously for the University Team. In the first round of the Senior Cup they received a severe beating from Old Wesley Football Club, and soon afterwards Lansdowne, with a weak team, won their match in the College Park by a goal to nil. Previously Garryowen had also defeated the 'Varsity XV. One of the most interesting matches of the season was the match with the French team, which gave rise to a good and decidedly amusing game. It may be mentioned here that Dun's Hospital, which is to a considerable degree an extension of the D.U.F.C., was beaten in the Final Tie of the Hospitals' Cup. Trinity, however, won the Junior League.

Both Boat Club and Bicycle Club are flourishing. A large attendance was present at the Hilary Term Races, when some interesting events were gone through. One of the best races was the one for Junior Pairs, which was won by a length, a member of the defeated pair being J. A. O. Fitzpatrick. But all "jibs" who have just entered should make haste to join the Bicycle Club. This Club has now made arrangements whereby its members can play Bicycle Polo to their hearts' content and the great damage of their machines. There is also a list of attractive runs for the sociably disposed.

Photographs of Rotten Row before,

and during destruction may be obtained through the Secretary, H. S. M. C.

OUR JIB.

Results of Examinations.

HILARY TERM.

SENIOR SOPHISTERS.

Natural Science.—W. S. Wheeler (Second Class).

Modern Literature.—H. A. Orpen (First of Second Class); R. D. Barbor (Second of Second Class).

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS.

Mathematical Physics.—H. W. Stephenson (First of First Class).

Catechetical Prizes, (Presbyterian).—E. A. E. Burrows (First).

SENIOR FRESHMEN.

Classics.—J. P. Caldwell (Second of First Class); C. H. Darley (Sixth of First Class).

Logics.—J. P. Caldwell (Second of First Class); R. G. Leonard (Fourth of First Class); F. E. A. Campbell (Second Class).

JUNIOR FRESHMEN.

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

Classics.—A. Spiro (Second of First Class); J. A. O. Fitzpatrick (Third of First Class); E. V. Gordon (Fourth of First Class); H. W. Exham (Second Rank).

Vice-Chancellor's Latin Medal.—F. A. Longworth (Sch.)

Wray Prize in Metaphysics.—F. A. Longworth (Prox. acc.)

LAW EXAMINATIONS.

Civil Law. Classed.—R. G. Leonard, W. R. Armstrong.

Constitutional and Criminal Law. Classed.—R. G. Leonard, W. R. Armstrong. *Unclassed.*—J. Sealy.

Feudal and English Law. Classed.—W. R. Armstrong, R. G. Leonard.

The Christian Knowledge Examinations.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The distribution of prizes and certificates awarded at the "Synod" Examinations of last December, was held on February 10th. Evensong was celebrated in Christ Church Cathedral at 3 p.m., the Anthem being "Seek ye the Lord." Among those present at the proceedings were:—Dean of Chapel Royal, Dean of Christ Church, Rev. R. G. Webster, Rev. G. Wilkins, F.T.C.D., Rev. H. V. White, Rev. J. G. Carleton, W. Wilkins, M.A., J. Thompson, M.A., A. E. Lyster, M.A., Rev. W. B. Morris, B.A., W. R. Little, B.A., C. York, B.A., H. P. Morris, W. E. Paterson, F. H. Wilkinson. The distribution took place in the Synod Hall after the service, the Archbishop presiding.

The following were the High School prizewinners:—

GREEK TESTAMENT.—*First Place*, with the Silver Medal (the seventh within nine years won by High School), N. B. White. *First Class Book Prize*, W. W. Powell. *Second Class Book Prize*, H. G. Hillas. *Third Class Book Prizes*, J. P. Hunter, C. H. M'Comas, and R. N. Montgomery.

HOLY SCRIPTURE.—*First Class Book Prizes*, G. W. White (s.g.); H. W. White, P. Campling, E. G. Norton, J. F. Warren, A. W. Norton (j.g.) *Second Class Book Prizes*, G. C. Duggan, E. A. Mason, H. V. White (m.g.); R. E. M'Coy, G. A. Mason, M. A. Wilkins, R. H. Bury (j.g.)

Altogether 58 boys passed, 19 of whom qualified for prizes.

Antiquities.

Behind the eastern door of the clock-room hangs a framed photograph worthy of more attention than it receives as a relic of the past. It depicts the masters and boys of the High School in the summer of 1871, the school having opened on the preceding first of September.

The photograph represents masters who began work in April 1871 and does not represent others who began in January 1872. Therefore it was taken between these dates. The most probable time seems just after the summer vaca-

tion during which the long grass in the foreground would have had time to grow. Such evidence of the fertility of the playground has long passed away under the successors of the 115 boys represented, a considerable number for so young a school. The trees shadowing the group have also vanished with many of their companions, but both trees and grass lasted into my time eight years later. The background of the photograph is the playground wall of the clockroom, the iron rain-pipe fixing the exact spot, and the shadows of the buttresses and window-frames proving the hour to be a little after noon probably 12.30 or 1 o'clock.

In the middle sits the Rev. Dr. Cresswell, head-master up to July 1879 and now Rector of North Repps, Norfolk.

From behind him peeps the future Surgeon-Major Wm. Carte shading his eyes from the sun, above whom against the wall is Stanley Shaw, subsequently a journalist in India and youngest son of Dr. Shaw, Senior Fellow of Trinity College.

At the west end of the group the portly long haired gentleman is the Rev. Oscar Krahmer, modern language master up to December 1888, when he retired owing to heart disease, which soon afterwards caused his death. He leans his hat on the shoulder of the late honored and lamented Mr T. W. Foster, who died suddenly last year from the same disease, and who was chief mathematical master up to July 1890, when

he became Headmaster of the Royal Academy, Belfast. Between them sits Mr C. J. Hinkson, subsequently a clergyman and a headmaster in India.

At the other end of the group Mr. Cooney will be recognised in light colored trousers and Dundreary whiskers, the little boy looking over his shoulder in a white collar being the future Rev. Wm. Colgan, gold medallist in classics. Next Mr. Cooney sits Mr Townsend Mills, the second of a brilliant series of chief Classical Masters. He left the school about a year later, dying soon after of heart disease.

Behind him appears the caretaker, Kenny, in a straw hat. His long beard, subsequently white, gained for him among the boys the nick-name of "Moses," while his complete deafness rendered him the victim of many tricks for 11 years following, after which our present caterer in the tuckshop replaced him and the institution of a "sergeant" began. How strange it must seem to present boys that the school could have existed for twelve years without a sergeant.

I can identify no boys in the photograph but the three I have named, though I may have known some others.

Our day will pass like theirs, but if we try to leave things better than we found them, we shall have done something worthy of not passing away.

W. WILKINS.

News from Dublin Schools.

ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE.

The success in football in last Christmas Term far exceeded our hopes. Only once before did a team from St. Columba's prove so successful. That was in the Christmas Term of 1896, when we were not once beaten by a Dublin School. This time we have won all such matches except one, in which case the beating was not very disgraceful.

Professor Lynd gave an interesting lecture on January 25th on Telepathy, showing that it is not so much a spiritualistic theory as an accurate science. He concluded with interesting experiments with the Marconi Wireless Telegraphy Apparatus.

Throughout the Christmas Vacation the Chapel Organ has been in the hands of Messrs. Telford and Telford, who have been engaged in repairing and improving it.

A third edition of the Calendar is about to be issued. We feel deeply indebted to the late Warden (Rev. R. Rice), and those who helped him, for the pains they have exercised in producing this interesting book.

FROM "THE COLUMBAN."

WESLEY COLLEGE.

The latter half of the Session of our Debating Society was very successful.

The speaking was very good, taken as a whole. Two evenings were given up to two very able essays, written by leading members. One evening was devoted to serious and comic readings, and proved a great success. But perhaps the best meeting of the Society was the Parliamentary night. The Head Master kindly consented to act as Speaker of the House, and the leading members impersonated prominent politicians. The crowning point was the tall hats of all sizes and descriptions worn by the speakers. The Session closed with a very enjoyable musical evening on Tuesday, March 28th.

Our football season has been very successful on the whole. Though beaten in the Cup Ties we retired with no loss of honour. We were glad to welcome Hamlet back after Christmas, and he indeed proved himself not unworthy of his popularity.

A very promising Committee has been elected to look after the games for the coming season. W. R. G.

ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL.

Football was practically brought to a close by our Cup Match v. St. Andrew's College, when we were defeated by 2 goals and 2 tries to 1 penalty goal. Two of the St. Andrew's tries were obtained in the last five minutes, so that the match was much more even than the score indicates. The caps for good play were voted for the next morning, and were awarded to

W. Bridge and Shannon among the forwards, and Jacob among the backs. Our last match was played against Drogheda Grammar School on St. Patrick's Day, and resulted after a hard game in a win for Drogheda by 1 penalty goal to nil.

The third number of our magazine did not appear till the day before we broke up, which allowed a very short time for disposing of it; in fact the printer sent the magazines on the afternoon of March 29th, and, as we broke up at 12 o'clock on March 30th, this only allowed two hours within which the magazine had to be sold.

A committee meeting was held during the last week of the term to elect a captain, vice-captain, and hon. secretary for the cricket season. These posts were allotted to A. Bridge, G. Shannon, and G. White respectively. We were sorry to learn that the cricket professional whom we have had for the last two years will not be with us this summer, as he has obtained a permanent engagement in England. We hope however to get another man immediately; regular practice at the nets will probably begin when school re-opens on Monday, April 17th.

The date of our Athletic Sports has not as yet been fixed, but will probably be about the end of May. Last year, it will be remembered, we had a pouring wet day, but it is to be hoped that we will be more fortunate this time.

G. W. S.

School News.

Our football team's career in the Cup Ties was abruptly terminated in the first round, as Corrig defeated us after a drawn match. However, we cannot hope every year to have as good a team as that which defeated Blackrock last year. We heartily congratulate St. Columba's College on winning the Cup for the first time, and we are sure every loyal H. S. boy hopes that we too at no distant date may be *sicut Columbae victores*.

The connection between Football and Poetry is not very apparent, but for some years past the approach of the Cup Ties has been the signal of poetic outbursts from two or more prominent old boys. The shades of Macaulay and Tom Moore should long ago have risen from an uneasy grave. In connection with this it might be noticed that in the days of "Red and Black" the two poets on the staff were Footballer and Hockeyite respectively, and threw themselves into the struggle between the two games with great eagerness. Upon the suicide of the H.S.H.C. their *raison d'être* was gone, and they retired into non-poetic life.

We congratulate the Gymnasium Team on having beaten Sandymount Institution in the Irish Schools' Shield Competition. It is to be regretted that more interest is not taken in the

Gymnasium Classes, and we hope that more fellows will join next year, so that H. S. may have a better chance of wresting this shield from Belvedere College.

The first Football dinner came off on April 20th at Russell's Hotel. Among those present were:—Mr. Cooney, Mr. Ward, Mr. W. Paterson, Mr. A. Paterson, T. H. Robinson, Gar. Crawford, H. J. Knox, G. A. Joynt, B. Doran, J. C. Stodart, W. H. Carson, &c. After dinner J. C. Stodart gave the toast of "School and Masters," to which Mr. A. Paterson replied. H. J. Knox proposed "The Hon. Treasurer," and G. A. Joynt "The Cup team," to which Mr. Cooney and W. H. Carson respectively responded.

One of the most popular toasts of the evening was that of "Lansdowne F.C." which G. W. White proposed and J. H. Dudley replied to. "The Old Boys" were entrusted to W. H. Chambre and A. W. Waters, while F. E. Campbell, in an interesting speech, gave the "Erasmian," to which Mr. W. Paterson, the Chairman of the Magazine Committee, responded. The last toast was that of "The Visitors," which was proposed by Mr. Ward and replied to by T. H. Robinson and B. Doran. Songs were contributed during the evening by Mr. W. Paterson, J. H. Dudley and Mr. A. Paterson.

The interest in handball has been

greatly enhanced by a successful competition with Wesley College, which begun on April 17th. The results were:—Gar. Crawford and W. Hinton (Wesley College), beat A. W. M'Farlane and W. H. Carson (High School), 21-7, 21-7; J. W. Griffin and G. Bracken (Wesley College), beat H. Thrift, and W. W. Powell (High School), 21-22, 22-21; H. Sloan and J. C. Duncan (High School), beat W. Gentleman and W. Wright (Wesley College), 21-6, 21-6. It will thus be seen that Wesley College won by a very narrow margin, one might say a single ace, obtained by pair No. 2. We were pleased to see the interest taken in this competition and hope it will become an annual fixture.

We would call particular attention to the letter in this number from H. J. Knox *re* the Sports. The early appointment of the Sports Committee is very desirable, and we hope that Mr. Knox's excellent suggestions, as regards the race open to Schools, will be carefully noted. The Sports have always been popular and well-attended, and a little energy in a matter like this would render them still more attractive.

With regard to 'Thirsty's' letter in the February number of "H.S.D." we are requested to state that the water in the yard is not turned off till 12.30 p.m., and that boys can always wash their hands at the tuck-shop.

Many old boys will regret to learn of Mr. H. P. Morris' departure at Easter. He was a master here for a very long time, since 1888. His place has been taken by Mr. Clarke, who is, we believe, an ardent footballer, so that he will be of great assistance, we are sure, to next season's Cup Team.

Modern Journalism.

I felt agreeably surprised and highly honoured when one day last week on reaching my editorial sanctum I found a little note from the Editor of your new school Magazine asking me to write an article, however short, for the first issue. As an old High School boy who went through the mill from 1883 to 1888 under the genial but stern rule of "W. W.", I feel I ought to do something in aid of the new departure, but what on earth to write about I am at a loss to know. Shall it be the ominous detention card with flaming red numerals ranging from 3 to 0, which betokens a spoilt Saturday afternoon or the noiseless but ruthless boots of "W. W." descending like fate on surprised non-workers at their little pranks?

Much as I should like to, I cannot write an article on how I won my prizes and exhibitions in the eighties, partly from an innate sense of humility and partly from the fact that I never won any. A more undistinguished boy never left the High School, my sole claim to

any sort of glory being that I once obtained the usual monthly holiday for good work, and that merely because the whole class was given the holiday on account of one of the class-books having got temporarily mislaid.

But I suppose as I am mixed up in London Journalism the best thing I can do is to reveal a few of its secrets to present day Erasmians, so that if they have any intention of embarking on a similar career they will know something of its vagaries and pitfalls. In the first place you must have a natural desire for writing—I won't call it talent—on anything and everything. Not the usual stodgy and heavy essay of your school and undergraduate days, but a bright and versatile style—a style, remember, that both can and must be acquired if you are really to become a Journalist worthy the name. I would sooner listen to some one reading Liddell and Scott's Lexicon out loud than the hum-drum dry as dust essay that passes for good prose at most of our schools and colleges. And much more does this apply now than formerly. With the American wave of originality, sprightliness, smartness and energy that is passing over British (and, I am glad to say, Irish) journalism, all the old order of things is being swept away.

Some of us, no doubt, have more aptitude for writing in the particular style I have been describing than others. That is only natural. But what I want to impress upon you is the fact that

anybody who cares to take the trouble can acquire it with more or less effort to himself.

The Journalist of to-day is essentially an all-round man. He must be able to treat the most worn-out threadbare subjects in a lively, vivacious and attractive fashion, almost deceiving the reader into believing that it is the matter and not the manner that is fresh and up-to-date. Take the race for the Derby, for instance. What can there be, you will ask, to say about such an old-established event that has not already been said a hundred times before? Well, it is the modern journalist's business to find out. For the Derby comes round every year and something fresh has to be said, and, mind you, will be said about it every time. Read any of our brightest morning papers the day after the race this year and you will be surprised to discover how much an experienced journalist of the new school has got to say on such a threadbare theme.

I have just said that a journalist must be an all-round man, and I mean more particularly with regard to the subjects he may have to handle. One day he may be "doing" the Derby, another some great Court function, the next a big fire, a Parliamentary report, or any other of the thousand and one subjects with which the modern up-to-date newspaper fills its columns for the delectation of its readers. All these subjects must be treated in their own special way, yet with the same bright-

ness, the same breeziness, the same delicate touch of light informing humour.

So far I have merely touched on one aspect of Journalism—that dealing with the reporter. But the man who means to succeed must be both ready and able to fill an editorial or sub-editorial chair at literally a moment's notice. Cases are by no means of rare occurrence where the ability to do this successfully has proved the first stepping-stone to a long and honourable career as an editor. It may happen that from illness or some other cause those responsible for the bringing out of the paper are absent. A man who has hitherto done nothing but reporting work is suddenly called upon to bring out the next issue as best he can.

Here then is his chance and everything will depend upon himself. Has he made good use of the time he has spent in Journalism—has he busied himself in picking up useful scraps of knowledge here and there—made himself acquainted, as he can easily do, with the hundred and one details and duties that fall to an editor's lot? If he has, now is the time to show it. Perhaps he will produce a better number than usual, or at any rate he will not come to grief. Be sure that the proprietor will make a note of the fact and the humble reporter who made such good use of his time and opportunities will presently find himself promoted to an editorial or sub-editorial chair.

No doubt the editor's work is very different from the reporter's, but the Journalist must be able to do both kinds of work well and at a moment's notice. That is the keynote of the matter. Modern Journalism especially is one continual rush and hurry—the effort to be first in the field at all costs. Not only must a modern newspaper contain all the news—it wants early and exclusive information, and the man who supplies it is the man who gets on. The art of getting news cannot be taught, it is one of those things, like so many others in Journalism, that must be picked up, and the smartest man will naturally come out top in this department as in all others.

There is another essential of Journalism which I ought to refer to. The new age is the age of youth. I don't say so from any want of respect to older men, but in Journalism particularly, what is so necessary is the energy, the go, the sparkling daring and originality of young men as opposed to the steadier, more solid and shrewd caution exhibited by most men in or past their prime. It is essential to have both kinds of men, of course, as a sort of balance to each other, but young blood on a paper is as the mainspring to a watch.

Again, as in every other pursuit or profession, you must start on the lowest rung of the ladder. Most of our big newspaper editors can tell you the story of their office boy days, their early struggles and their final triumph.

Journalism is distinctly a trade to be learnt. Many young men have a great idea of their literary abilities, yet when they start as journalists they find they are no better equipped for the struggle than hundreds of other hard working youths who simply start with the intention of doing their best and sticking to it.

So if you mean to enter the life—a hard-working life, I may tell you, if ever there was one—don't despise any opportunity that may be offered you. Accept the lowest place thankfully, and your future success or failure will be entirely owing to your own pluck, hard work and “grit.”

And after all this last quality “grit” is what comprises every other and is what we must all in the long run rely on. The man who means to get on and sticks to his work, and uses every chance he is given with that single intention, generally does manage somehow to “get there” at the finish, not only in Journalism, but in every walk of life. And, perhaps, the simple advice, “clench your teeth and show your grit” would be worth all these stray hints I have been given you on success in Journalism.

H. A. HARMSWORTH,
London, *April 25th, 1899.*

Cycling Notes.

The opening run of the Bicycle Club was held on Saturday, 15th April. The attendance was small, but the weather

was to blame. We rode through Tere-nure to Saggart and Brittas, aided by a high wind and a good footpath. It was raining at Brittas, and the home-ward ride through Ballinascorney and Bohernabreena was wet and chilly, but nobody caught cold.

The next Club run is to Naas and Blessington. Several old boys are coming and a pleasant day is anticipated.

G. W. Ferguson took some interesting photos of the Boneshaker race at Ballsbridge.

C. Pease, Half-mile Champion of Ireland, made his first racing appearance at our Sports in 1896.

I. Gibson is to be heartily congratulated on his trick-riding at the recent Lansdowne Road Gymkhana, where he obtained second prize in open competition.

Notes on Old Boys.

We must congratulate G. P. Doran upon his obtaining his green cap this season, and also for the brilliant try which he scored against Wales, thereby winning the match and 'Triple Crown' for Ireland. Mr. Doran is an old H.S. boy, and was afterwards at St. Edward's School, Oxford.

The Cup Team which represented Lansdowne v. Monkstown in the final tie of the Senior Cup contained no less than eight O. H. S. boys, namely:—G. P. Doran (Captain), B. Doran (afterwards at Rathmines School), A. W. Waters, A. Brunker, J. Warren, R. S. Swan, W. B. Moore, and H. J. Knox. The last three held successively the office of Captain, H.S.F.C.

The High School was represented on the defeated D.U. Cup Team by Messrs. J. Sealy (Captain), and E. H. Alton. These two may fairly be cited as examples of *mens sana in corpore sano*. Our representatives on Wanderers' First XV. were W. R. Montserrat and E. Burke.

We were glad to see J. C. Stodart at the Football dinner. He was here some years ago, and afterwards went to Campbell College, Belfast, where he got a Senior Intermediate Exhibition. He afterwards entered Brasenose College, Oxford, with a Junior Holme Classical Exhibition.

J. Butler is getting on well at the college near London where he is studying engineering. He has now advanced to the second place in his class.

We were pleased to notice that A. W. R. Cheales (Trinity College, Oxford), played for Oxford v. Cambridge in the Inter-'Varsity Hockey Match.

Aerial Functions.

Professor Jaypen sat in his easy chair. He was distinctly dull. His students did not appreciate his gigantic achievements in the world of science, and the public openly scoffed at his new theory of *Aerial Functions*. He sipped his lemonade with a melancholy smile, and smoked his strongest tobacco, and as he watched the smoke-wreaths curling upwards, and soiling his landlady's curtains, he meditated. "The public does not appreciate true genius. They prefer menageries, and peep-shows and penny papers. Science! Why they want scientists to be useful. It is disgusting! But I shall yet win fame, and prove that you can be famous, without being useful." His meditation passed into reverie, and at last, like the Ancient Mariner, he dozed. He became one of the public, and was walking up the steps of the "Electrostatic Railway Company, Limited," in the crowd of holiday-makers, who had made a solemn resolution not to return home sober. On enquiring at the ticket-office for a "Simple Future Return to the Middle Junction," he discovered that he had no money to pay for it. He apologised to the clerk, and turned away in a weary mood, to examine the appointments of the station. All round were placed auto-electrostatic machines. He stopped before one of these and read—"Place your nose inside the slot,

count three, and pull the handle.' Following the instructions carefully, and requesting a small boy who stood near to check him if he went wrong in counting (as he was not used to simple calculations), he pulled hard, and a drawer was exposed. In this he found a ticket, on which was printed electrostatically—

PASS ONE TO THE CAMEL SHED.

He stood for some moments gazing at the card, and meditating. On looking up he observed on the other side of the platform a placard, with a hand pointing "To the Camel Shed." After traversing several labyrinthine passages, he found himself before a large door, with a camel's head projecting through an aperture. The camel opened his mouth and grinned. "Ah! Jaypen, I thought you were never coming. Wait a moment, till I open the door." The animal withdrew his neck from the hole, and the door sank into the ground. "Now, I'm ready. Get up. Lose no time, or I shall be compelled to be unpleasant." "Certainly, Mr. Ship of the Desert," replied Jaypen, wishing he was far enough. "Don't call me names. You men are fools. Not content with sticking caricatures of us in your children's books, you go and label us 'Ships of the Desert.' Be more careful in future. Now, *will* you get up; and mind the steps." "Oh! anything to oblige," said the Professor, clambering up the legs of the camel,

which had footrests placed upon them at intervals of twenty-two centimetres. On the camel's back he discovered a small cabin with glass windows, and a revolving stool in the centre, on which he seated and twirled himself till he became quite dizzy. The camel stalked on to a large gate, which he opened by kicking at it with his hind feet, and the Professor saw that he was in the College grounds. "I wonder how we came here so quickly," thought Jaypen, "the College is at least three miles away. The beast seems to know exactly who I am, and here he is actually taking me to my lecture-room. What on earth does he want there?" "Mind your own business," said the camel. "I didn't speak," said Jaypen. "But you thought so, as far as you are capable of thinking, you rubber-nosed idiot," observed the camel sarcastically. "If you really want to know, I'm going to lecture on *Aerial Functions*, and you'll hear something worth listening to. I read a paper on the subject at the last meeting of The Camel's Provender Research Society, and it is to be printed electrostatically, and will appear in the next 'Quarterly Proceedings.'" The Professor peeped out of one of the side-windows, and saw his students drawn up in line, armed with long camel's-hair brushes. "Do you use a hair brush? I mean a camel hair-brush?" asked the Professor somewhat timidly. "A man of your years ought to know better than to make silly jests

that would disgrace a barber's apprentice!" retorted the camel. A procession was formed with the camel in the van, and the students in the rear. They filed along the corridor till they reached Professor Jaypen's Lecture Theatre. The camel opened the door in his usual sportive manner, and the students gravely took their seats, while Jaypen descended by the steps, and seated himself on the lecture-table. "Come off that table," said the camel, "or I'll give you a lesson in practical *Aerial Functions*, which you won't forget in a hurry."

Whether the fact of being in his own lecture-room revived Jaypen's courage, or whether the intrusion of the new lecturer roused his ire, he obstinately refused to stir. "Very good," said the camel, "stay where you are, you'll do nicely." Then turning to the benches where his audience sat, all attention, the camel began impressively. "Gentlemen, as I am practical in my ways, and and not a mere theorist, I intend to let practice precede theory. From the known to the unknown; learn your lesson first and then go out to play. You are not wood, you are not stones, but men. I shall now proceed to perform my first experiment, and to show that there is no deception, I turn up the sleeves of my coat." Of course, the camel had no coat, and no sleeves, but he had once been in a menagerie, and learnt off the conjuror's patter, as he watched the gaping crowds in the

tent, and made sarcastic remarks about the sleight-of-hand tricks. That camel was a born ingrate. In return for the conjuror's good he had always returned evil. He had gone so far as to devour his pet pack of cards, when his back was turned, and then jeeringly to ask the conjuror, "What's trumps, eh?" You have probably seen an urchin making a rowan-berry pierced with a pin dance in the air above a pipe shank, by blowing gently into the aperture. The first experiment in *Aerial Functions* was strangely similar. The camel lay down on the floor and balanced himself on his hump. The Professor was so astonished, that he forgot himself, and attempted to jest in the presence of his students. "The camel's got the hump," he cried. Before he knew where he was, the camel had stretched out his long leg and deftly kicked the Professor from the table into the air, exclaiming, "How's that for high, old humpty-dumpty?" For fully five minutes he kept him dancing in the air, sending him up with his fore-feet, and catching him with his hind-feet. With a final kick he sent him flying upwards till he reached the top shelf on the wall, where he lay panting for breath among his dearly beloved bottles. The camel inverted himself and proceeded, "Now that I have shown you the practical nature of *Aerial Functions*, I shall dispense with the explanations as you will find them in your text-books. I shall only request you to leave your cards

with the porter, and you will receive credit for one term's lectures." Then grinning fiercely at the Professor, he shouted, "Jump." "It is too far to jump; I'll break every bone in my body that's not broken already." "Do what you're told, you idiot, or I'll —." "Oh! certainly," whined Jaypen, "I'll do anything, only don't be sarcastic." The Professor gathered his coat-tails together, and prepared to spring. He left his perch, but instead of coming down, as he expected, he began describing graceful circles in the air. The camel turned to the door and walked out; then, putting his long neck inside the door, he observed, "Practice is better than theory, my friend. Don't tire yourself. I'll send the dustman for the pieces. Good morning." The camel had scarcely disappeared, when the Professor felt himself falling. He landed on the table, and lost his senses. He was awakened by a loud knocking at the door, and found himself in his easy chair at home. The slatternly maid entered, and handed him a telegram. He rubbed his eyes, and wondered where he was. But when he looked at the dirty table-cloth, and the broken chair in the corner, and had felt himself all over, he knew that he was in his own rooms. He opened the telegram and read. "You are offered the Aerial Professorship in the University of Pneumatica. Wire immediately whether you accept. Reply prepaid." His work was at last recognised. Fame

and success were now within his reach. He sails early next month in the "Skyscraper."

CUSTOS.

Correspondence.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ERASMIAN."

DEAR SIR,

Although it is rather premature to arrange anything about the school Sports, yet I think that something should be done to make the 300 yards Open School's Race more of a success, and that at once. I would suggest that the race be an invitation scratch race open to all schoolboys who are of age for the Leinster Schools Rugby Football Cup, and that circulars inviting two or three boys from each school to compete, should be issued before the summer vacation. This would give the boys time to decide about entering, and also time to train, which they cannot possibly do if the circulars are not issued till a fortnight before the sports take place. Even if the Committee were not elected before the summer vacation, I am sure some member of the Football or Cricket Committee who has the interests of his School at heart would send out the notices. This should be well worked up as it would be the keenest and best contested race of the day.

Yours truly,

HERCULES J. KNOX.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ERASMIAN."

SIR,

We heartily congratulate you on the success of your Magazine. It is no easy matter to work a School newspaper properly, but each number of yours is better than that which preceded it. We hope that your Magazine will continue to flourish.

Yours, &c.

W. RICKARDS GALWEY.

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Answers to Correspondents

(See Announcements on page 23.)

H.V.S.—I should not advise you to use liquid gum as a lubricator for your cycle. If you are fond of experiments, by all means try it.

P.B.f.—You are mistaken; Erasmus Smith was not the author of "A Smaller History of Greece." He was, however, next door to it, as he was a "Turkey merchant."

Youthful Logician.—A *hypothesis* is a supposition of something not proved. It is closely related to a *proposition*, which is also frequently, though not universally, non-proven. The latter case is equivalent to guilty.

Anxious Mother.—No, your son has not been overworking himself. His unusual pallor is due to his having

eaten twelve jam-tarts and other 'unconsidered trifles' at a sitting in the tuck-shop.

Intermediate Student.—The following hints may prove useful :—(1) Do not prepare your work during the year, as you cannot tell what questions will be asked you in the examination. It is better to go in fresh. (2) If thirsty, do not drink the ink. (3) Should you not be sure of the answer to a question, do not leave a blank, but draw a picture of the Superintendent to show that you take an interest in your surroundings. (4) Read over the "Instructions to Students" carefully and break as many as you can. Your name will then appear in the "Results Pamphlet" with a minimum of trouble on one of the front pages. (5) Ask the Superintendent as many questions and give him as much trouble as you can, and complain that your desk is not in a good position for copying. He will then probably look upon you as a boy of marked intelligence, and you will receive a special report to the Assistant Commissioners.

Tommy.—I am sorry for your disappointment. Cycle agents do not put the same meaning into "free wheels" as you did.

A. J. W.—It is a pity that you have to walk so far in the mornings to school. There is, I think, little possibility of a "Dublin Iambus Company" being formed, as you suggest.

Announcements.

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. We hope old boys will not be restrained by feelings of modesty from sending in information about themselves for the Magazine.

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