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EDITORIAL

SOMEONE remarked to us the other day that as a school magazine the ERASMIAN was a good fly-swatter. We caught their sarcasm and blushed guiltily, but they pursued their onslaught by adding that in the future in their search for reading they intended to forsake the magazine of their alma mater and find solace in the pages of the Argosy, or, deadly insult! Buffalo Bill's Weekly. "For," they said, "we have amply steeped our minds in notes, notes, and more notes. In fact, we are apt to become rather peeved at the sight of notes. Why should the ERASMIAN be glutted with these things? Football, cricket, and even work, each have their respective spheres in which to present themselves to the public eye, so you must give the literary side of the school an opportunity to reveal the results of its genius." With difficulty restraining the tears of humiliation and shame, we meekly submitted, "We have used, and are prepared to use, to the uttermost all the powers of our position in order to further this aim. We have entreated, threatened, cajoled, and put up many notices, in order to obtain 'the results of the literary genius.' Not a one has come. We are fully prepared to cast out every line on sport, examinations, and even the sacred notes on the Old Boys, in order to publish these 'results.' But not a one have we received." Seeing the effect which we had wrought with the magnificent terseness of this reply, we bowed our head slightly in a slow smile, and withdrew with studied dignity.

As you will have quickly observed, wearied reader, this introduction serves two purposes, firstly, to give the proper conventional tone to the magazine, and secondly, and the more important reason, to fill up a considerable amount of worrying space. The supreme mystery which confronts every Editor is not "how" to write an Editorial, but "why." If any reader can produce the answer to this difficult question, he will forthwith be made Editor for next year, and thus learn to mind his own business in the future.

We were going to tell you how summer seemed a long time in really coming, that the buds however are all successfully out and the trees quite green already, and that the rap of the cricket bat on the ball and the muttered curse of the tennis-player as the ball sails over the wall, can once again be heard in Belgrave

Square, but then we realised that all that has been said before, and it never looks well to repeat such things. However, we have some excuse in that they cannot be repeated too often for the schoolboy, they mean too much to him for that to happen. It is peculiar how in our young days we develop attitudes which follow us right through life. Every boy who enters the High School will proceed up to Belgrave Square, and at once take complete control of the place with the assuredness of a proprietor. As he develops greater acquaintance with it, he comes to treat it with a certain casualness, a feeling which is inwardly as personal as it is outwardly impersonal, the indifference of security which leads a person to call the road in which he lives "our" road. The boy in time leaves school and ascends into loftier spheres, but his proprietary affection towards the "Square" does not diminish. When he passes it he looks upon it with a little of that sentimental feeling which such an occasion is wont to raise. The Square recalls pleasing memories of the "good old days," and what days they were to be sure! He sees the scene of so many glorious triumphs, and of so many quite as glorious defeats. He sighs, perhaps, at the memory, and looks benignly, patronisingly, upon the youngsters playing within. Decent kids, all right. But not a patch, of course, upon the fellows of "his" time! Why, think of the days when W—— and he used to hold up the bowling for hours on end

It has always been the same way.



To the Editor of THE ERASMIAN.

Sir,—There has been in the High School for many years a considerable interest in Cycling. It manifests itself in different forms, generally in competitions similar to motor-cycling events. Cycling tours are also frequently undertaken by individuals, but seldom, if ever, by parties. Camping tours during holidays could be organised and there are many other possibilities which are not attempted at present simply because of a lack of co-operation. This difficulty could be surmounted by a Cycling Club.

I suggest, therefore, that the members of the senior forms next year who are interested in cycling should form a club which, once formed, would rapidly extend, and bring much benefit to all.—Yours truly,

A. E. MORROW.

SCHOOL NOTES

THE new term commenced on Monday, April 20. We had the customary holiday on Ascension Thursday, and in addition a holiday on the last day of last term, to commemorate the Boxing Team's success in the Ellerker Cup.

The Boxing Club crowned a very prosperous season by defeating St. Andrew's for the second year in succession, thus retaining the Ellerker Cup. They also registered a win over Rathmines Technical Institute, but this was balanced by a defeat later on from the same people.

The Cricket Club engaged the Old Boys in the annual match on May 4th. The Old Boys were extremely fortunate to be spared a defeat owing to the intervention of the weather.

During the term, Mr. Rae, of the Student Christian Movement, gave the Seniors a short address on the Movement and the work it does in University life.

The Co. Dublin Schools' Sports brought a very slight success to us, W. D. Boyle being placed in the High Jump. Our own Sports take

place at Lansdowne Road on June 30th, and we are looking forward to perfection in attendance and weather.

We offer our congratulations to D. H. MacNeill, now in Trinity, on the splendid successes he has lately achieved in Athletics.

The School has again obtained one of the two awards made by the German Government to the two schools which have had the best record for teaching German during the past school year. The award consists of a number of fine books and a painting. Perhaps it is not right to look a gift horse in the mouth, but still we think that the awarders might have made allowance for those of us who are not sufficiently Teutonised to appreciate the homeliness of the latest picture.

The Library has been doing its usual good work under the guidance of Mr. Chillingworth, and we are grateful to F. C. Burge and G. R. Greening for presentations.

We were glad to see the Handball Tournament revived, and, with a large entry, the courts are very busy at present.



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Captain, G. I. McCabe. Vice-Captain, W. H. Houston. Hon. Sec., A. T. McKiernan.

THE season is in full swing at present, and the attendances at Iveagh Baths have been quite good, especially amongst the juniors. Everyone is improving considerably under our able trainer, Mr. H. Case, who assures us every day that he knows no school which will be able to beat us at the end of the season. Our grateful thanks are also due to Mr. W. R. Wilson, who attends the baths and takes such a keen interest in our swimming.



CRICKET NOTES

Captain, J. C. Gilmour. Vice-Captain, C. L. Keegan. Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker.

THIS season the standard of cricket seems to be below that of former years. As we have five of last year's 1st XI with us again, we

expected to be able to put a fairly strong side into the field. But, unfortunately, we could not get six more seniors worthy of their places; so we had to fill these vacancies with members of the J.C.T.

The 2nd XI have some useful players, who, with a little more knowledge of the game, should develop into good cricketers.

The J.C.T. contains most of last year's team and is doing very well. The "Under 14" have played and won several matches.

Up to the time of going to press the 1st XI have played one league match, against King's Hospital, which they lost by 98 runs. They have two more to play, one against Wesley College and the other against St. Columba's College.

The J.C.T. reached the second round of the cup by defeating C.U.S., one of the favoured teams in the competition, by 119 runs; but our hopes were shattered when Masonic beat us by an innings and 8 runs.

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LEAGUE MATCH.

King's Hospital 1st XI v. High School 1st XI.

Played at Blackhall Place. King's Hospital won by 98 runs.

King's Hospital.

Bradbury c and b Booker	22
Brooks, lbw b Keegan	15
McColum c Booker b Keegan	36
Moynan b Keegan	47
McClelland c and b Booker	19
Quinn b Booker	20
Anderson not out	0
Short not out	0
Extras	9

Total (for 6 wickets, dec.) ...172

O'Driscoll, Dunlop and Clark did not bat.
Bowling—Keegan 3 for 30, Booker 3 for 67.

High School.

Rooney b McClelland	16
Gilman, J. C., b McClelland	1
Smyth lbw b McClelland	7
Motyer b McClelland	1
Keegan b Clark	11

Gilmour, W., b Anderson	4
Booker c Quinn b McClelland	17
Armstrong b Short	7
Heaney b McClelland	1
Warrington not out	4
Prince b McCollum	2
Extras	3

Total 74

Bowling—McClelland 6 for 35, McCollum 1 for 2, Anderson 1 for 5, Short 1 for 7, Clark 1 for 10.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Masonic 1st XI v. High School 1st XI.

Played at Masonic ground. Result:—High School, 40 (Booker 16); Masonic, 147 (Uprichard 69). Gilmour 4 for 42.

High School 1st XI v. Old Boys.

Played at Belgrave Square. Result:—Old Boys, 36 (Keddie 12). Keegan 5 for 5. High School, 47 for 3 (Rev. G. Nowlan 30). Walker 1 for 3.

High School 1st XI v. Sandford Park.

Played at Belgrave Square. Result:—High School, 54 (Rooney 21). Sandford Park, 43. Gilmour 6 for 10.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1935-36.

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W. R. Bryans, W. W. Erskine.



Mr. J. Bennett, J. C. Gilmour, W. D. Boyle, M. S. C. Rooney (capt.), C. L. Keegan,
A. E. Morrow, Mr J. A. Storey.
R. T. Towson. R. C. McKell.

High School 1st XI v. Rathmines Technical Institute.

Played at Belgrave Square. Result:—High School, 43 (Smyth 12, Gilmour 11). R.T.I., 51 (Maguire 18). Booker 4 for 0.

Drogheda Grammar School 1st XI v. High School "A" XI.

Played at Drogheda. Result:—High School, 104 (Gilmour 47). Taylor 4 for 29. Drogheda G.S., 36. Booker 6 for 14.

SECOND XI.**King's Hospital 2nd XI v. High School 2nd XI.**

Played at Blackhall Place. Result:—High School, 67 (Morrow 22). King's Hospital, 141 for 6 (Eadie 59 not out).

High School 2nd XI v. Mountjoy 2nd XI.

Played at Belgrave Square. Result:—High School, 27. Griffiths 5 for 10. Mountjoy, 41. Mulroney 7 for 11.

Earlsfort House 1st XI v. High School 2nd XI.

Played at Lansdowne Road. Result:—Earlsfort House, 157 for 4. High School, 22 and 30.

JUNIOR CUP MATCH—1st round.**C.U.S. v. High School.**

Played at Anglesea Road. High School won by 119 runs.

High School.	
Warrington lbw b D'Arcy	29
Gilmour, W. lbw b D'Arcy	0
Orr b Plunkett	14
Motyer b D'Arcy	44
Heaney b Plunkett	8
O'Malley, W., b D'Arcy	12
Begley b Lawlor	19
Armstrong run out	23
Poll not out	9
Tyrrell, run out	3
O'Malley, A., b D'Arcy	1
Extras	5

Total..... 167

Bowling—D'Arcy 5 for 49.

C.U.S.

Lawlor b Armstrong	2
D'Arcy c Orr b Motyer	15
Sexton b Begley	4

HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XV. 1935-36.

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Kenny b Motyer	4
Thornton c Begley b Motyer	12
Plunkett c Begley b Motyer	0
Warren, E., not out	9
Murray b Tyrrell	1
Warren P., run out	0
Extras	1
Total.....	48

Bowling—Motyer 5 for 19.

JUNIOR CUP MATCH—2nd round.

Masonic v. High School.

Played at Richview. Masonic won by an innings and 8 runs.

Masonic.	
Lyttle lbw b Armstrong	6
Swan run out	6
Long lbw b Armstrong	0
Ferguson b Begley	43
Baird c Gilmour b Begley	28
Henry b Motyer	7
Leitch b Begley	1
Harte b Begley	3
Cooke b Motyer	1
Walton not out	0
Notley run out	4
Extras	2
Total.....	101

Bowling—Begley 4 for 37.

High School—1st innings.

Warrington b Leitch	0
Gilmour, W., c Ferguson b Long	0
Orr c Ferguson b Long	0
Motyer b Long	0
Heaney b Leitch	1
O'Malley, W., c and b Leitch	4
Begley lbw b Long	0
Armstrong b Henry	0
Lyons not out	2
Tyrrell lbw b Henry	3
Smyth b Henry	3
Extras	0

Total..... 13

Bowling—Henry 3 for 1, Long 4 for 6, Leitch 3 for 3.

High School—2nd innings.

Warrington run out	0
Gilmour, W., b Henry	0
Orr b Henry	8
Motyer b Henry	16
Heaney c Ferguson b Long	0
O'Malley, W., c Notley b Long	5
Begley c Ferguson b Henry	5
Armstrong b Long	9
Lyons run out	27
Tyrrell b Baird	8
Smyth not out	1
Extras	1

Total 80

Bowling—Long 3 for 14, Henry 4 for 21.

" UNDER 14 " MATCHES.**St. Andrews v High School.**

Played at Stillorgan Road. Result:—High School, 64 (Begley 20). St. Andrews, 12. Begley 9 for 6.

Masonic v High School.

Played at Richview. Result:—High School, 35 (O'Malley, A., 14). Masonic, 37. Burrowes, A., 6 for 13.

LATE NEWS SENIOR CUP TEAM**High School v. St. Columba's.**

League match, played on June 15th. High School won by 38 runs.

High School

Rooney, M., c Rutherford b Spiller	0
Gilmour, J., b Spiller	4
Smyth, J., lbw b Brereton	2
Gilmour, W., b Spiller	2
Keegan, C. L., c and b Greene	65
Booker, W., c Nightingale b Spiller	15
Orr, D., b Spiller	1
Warrington, K., b Brereton	3
Motyer, B., b Spiller	1

Armstrong, H., b Greene	4
Shaw, D., not out	1
Extras	18

Total 116

Bowling—Spiller 6 for 37, Brereton 2 for 41, Greene 2 for 8.

St. Columba's.

Nightingale, c Smyth b Gilmour	20
Greene c Shaw b Gilmour	2
Telford b Gilmour	10
Spiller b Gilmour	0
Peterson b Shaw	16
Bolton b Keegan	15
Brereton c Keegan b Gilmour	2
Furnell run out	11
Cope not out	0
Rutherford b Shaw	0
Watkinson b Shaw	0
Extras	2

Total 78

Bowling—Gilmour, J., 5 for 22, Keegan 1 for 33, Shaw 3 for 0.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CUP TEAM, 1935-36.

Mr. J. Storey, R. J. S. Weir, K. A. M. Young, W. J. C. Stevenson, G. H. Priestman, R. W. A. O'Malley, R. A. Cole, Mr. J. Bennett.



K. A. Warrington, A. T. Begley, K. E. S. Tyrrell, R. T. Motyer (capt.), W. D. B. Gilmour, D. A. Orr, G. T. Moore.
J. Smyth. B. F. L. Rooney.

TENNIS NOTES

Committee—G. S. Prince (Capt. and Hon. Sec.), E. R. Young, D. A. Orr (Junior Capt.), J. N. Allen.

THE tennis season opened on a promising note. Many more boys than before tried to get places on the Cup teams, and the institution of a Junior Cup lent an added interest to High School. We have now two courts at Belgrave Square, and it is to be hoped that full advantage will be taken of these.

We have a fairly strong Junior team this year, and our Senior team has so far been more successful than expected.

We must thank Mr. Storey for the keen and active interest he has taken in our tennis teams.

(G.S.P.)

There follow the results of the first Cup matches.

SENIOR CUP.

HIGH SCHOOL v. O'CONNELL'S SCHOOL.

N. D. Browne (H.S.) beat F. Dempsey (O'C.) 7-5, 6-2.

J. N. Allen (H.S.) beat J. Hanrahan (O'C.) 7-5, 6-2.

G. S. Prince (H.S.) beat C. O'Brien (O.C.) 10-8, 6-2.

(H.S.) Brown and M. C. Fowler beat Dempsey and B. O'Leary 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

(H.S.) Allen and E. R. Young beat Hanrahan and Spillane.

G. Prince and W. Erskine (walk over).

JUNIOR CUP.

HIGH SCHOOL v. O'CONNELL'S.

N. D. Browne (H.S.) lost to J. Hanrahan (O'C.).

J. N. Allen (H.S.) beat A. Smith (O'C.) 6-2, 7-5.

D. A. Orr (H.S.) beat W. Byrne (O'C.) 6-1, 6-2.

Brown and Allen beat Hanrahan and Smith 6-4, 6-3.

Orr and Warrington beat Byrne and Spillane 6-1, 6-0.

Motyer and Tyrrell beat Roberts and Jones 7-5, 6-1.

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BOXING NOTES

Captain, W. R. Bryans. Vice-Captain, M. S. Rooney.

THIS season the club has held more tournaments than in any other season, having three First Team fixtures and an "A" Team fixture. Many of the members of both teams suffered from inexperience and in some cases lack of keenness in training.

"High School retained the Ellerker Cup by defeating St. Andrew's College in hollow

start, and losing only narrowly at the end. The best boxer and hardest hitter on either side was Bryans, the High School captain, who punished Norminton so severely in the second round that the referee wisely stopped it."

—Extract from the *Irish Times*.

This was the largest margin yet registered in this tournament.

THE HIGH SCHOOL v. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Mosquito Weight.

T. H. George beat T. Hay.

HIGH SCHOOL ELLERKER CUP TEAM, 1935-36.



J. P. Nelson (trainer), W. G. M. Crockett, J. D. Smyth, R. W. A. O'Malley, Sgt. Nelson.
Mr. J. L. Young, M. S. C. Rooney, W. R. Bryans (capt.), G. S. Prince, Mr. J. Bennett.
D. A. Orr. N. T. H. George.

fashion by 8 contests to 1 at the gymnasium, College Park. The majority of the bouts were quite closely contested, but the High School boys had a better knowledge of boxing and were also cooler in their attacks.

Orr and Lockheart were the best of the smaller boys, and gave a good exhibition, but the most exciting bout was that between Prince and Lee, the latter recovering well after a bad

Fighting for the first time in a tournament George put up a good show; he should learn to attack more.

A. T. Foster lost to B. L. McCaw.

Foster, an eleventh-hour addition to the team, fought hard in a fight in which the verdict could have gone either way.

Fly-weight.

D. A. Orr beat R. J. Lockheart.

This is the second year Orr has fought for the Cup Team and has improved immensely; has a good straight left, but should use his right to greater advantage. A plucky fighter, has fought and won six fights.

Bantam-weight.

W. G. Crockett beat A. R. Jones.

Crockett, one of the strongest members of the team, boxed cleverly against a bigger opponent. Rather inclined to hit with an open glove; should attack more. Ought to do well next season.

Feather-weight.

W. A. O'Malley beat V. Parke.

O'Malley, adopting a south paw stance, slogged his way to victory. Will prove a strong light-weight next season if he takes his boxing more seriously.

Exhibition Bout—G. T. Stephens v. Tony Polden.

Light-weight.

G. S. Prince beat G. N. Lee.

Prince, a plucky boxer, who won through sheer determination in his continuous attacks. He is too inclined to cramp his style, but has a heavy punch in either hand.

J. D. Smyth beat H. A. Craigie.

Smyth's speed and clever boxing neutralizing Craigie's attacks made him an evident winner. Rather slack in training.

Welter-weight.

W. R. Bryans technical k.o. H. C. Norminton.

Bryans is the most successful and consistent boxer in the club, and the most energetic and effective captain we have yet had.

Middle-weight.

M. S. C. Rooney beat A. W. Morrow.

Rooney, suffering from a cold, had a hard fight and became an evident winner in the last round. He is a strong, determined fighter with a heavy punch in his right hand. Rather too fond of "mixing it."

We wish to thank Mr. J. I. Stafford and the Dublin University Boxing Club for kindly allowing us to use the College Gymnasium.

We held two contests against the Rathmines Technical School, the first with our Cup Team and the second with our "A" Team. The first contest was held in the School Clock-room. Results:—

HIGH SCHOOL CUP TEAM v. RATHMINES TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Fly.—D. A. Orr beat J. Ussher.

Bantam.—R. Meyer lost to T. Hayes. W. G. Crockett beat J. Maguire on points.

Feather.—J. D. Smyth beat B. Sevitt on points. J. D. Rowe beat W. Mooney on points. W. A. O'Malley beat L. Donnelly after first round. A. T. Begley lost to V. J. Duff.

Light-weight.—W. R. Bryans (Capt.) beat J. Keirnan on points. G. S. Prince lost to D. O'Reilly on points.

Welter-weight.—M. S. Rooney beat J. McCormack on points.

The second tournament was held in the Rathmines Town Hall on Friday, April 24th, with the following results:—

Fly.—D. A. Orr beat J. Ussher on points. N. Orgel lost to W. Garvey. H. G. Drake lost to J. McDonald.

Bantam-weight—W. Leary lost to D. Hayes. W. N. Erskine lost to J. Maguire.

Feather-weight.—W. O'Malley lost to V. J. Duff on points.

Light-weight.—W. R. Bryans (Capt.) beat J. Keirnan on points. G. S. Prince beat D. O'Reilly on points. D. W. Hiron beat M. Mooney on points.

Welter-weight.—A. E. Morrow lost to J. McCormack on points. W. S. McAllister w.o. B. Maguire on points.

Middle-weight.—J. McKell k.o. F. Hogan in first round.

Heavy-weight.—M. S. C. Rooney k.o. J. Mooney (Capt.) in third round.

We wish to thank the members of the R.T.I. Students' Union for their kind hospitality.

We would like to offer our thanks to Mr. J. L. Young and our trainer J. P. Nelson and all others who helped to make the season such a success.

AN EXPERIENCE ON CARRAUNTUOHILL

The last part of the ascent was not quite so easy as some obnoxious guide-book had tried to make out. It was, of course, child's play compared with the Hag's Staircase which we had just left, for that had been straight up, whereas this was only at about forty-five degrees. A fairish wind now caught us from the south, bringing with it frequent clouds of white mist to envelop us; the local inhabitants had assured us it was a bad day for the climb, so we now commenced to lay an elaborate trail of the "Irish Press" to the summit. Perseverance always wins through in the end, and in spite of the wind, the trail, and the rocky going, we at length approached the top. To our surprise we found that three others also had ventured to brave the weather and were here before us, two of them in shorts and the third obviously a guide. For a while we stood there talking, as at the moment the mist was completely enveloping us. The mountain-top is one of the most respectable in existence, as instead of the usual Irish bog and slush, there is a gentle crown of quite good grass. The actual summit is marked

by a considerable pile of stones, and King Edward, when he was over here as Prince of Wales, is said to have placed the first one there. Our opinion, however, was that the Hag's Staircase was sufficient for the royal dignity. We ourselves, of course, heaved up a massive boulder.

Now the mist was clearing, and we could catch an occasional fleeting glimpse of the land round about. One advantage of the Kerry mountains is that they rise practically sheer from sea-level, with no obstructing plateaux or heights, and the result now was that we had a clear view as far as Clare beyond the Shannon. Or rather we would have had under decent conditions, but on this squally day white clouds overhung the further edges of the plain below. These clouds must have been very low, for we could see the backs of even the furthest. Then just in front below, a little to the right, lay two well-placed little lakes which we had met in the Hag's Glen, lakes Gouragh and Callee, the "hag's" lake, where she is said to have washed her clothes. Presumably this was after she had descended the Staircase in a manner somewhat as rapid as we did.



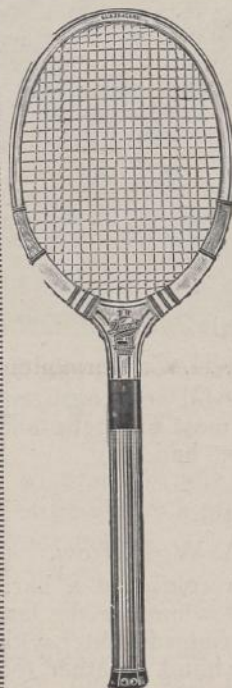
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This pleasant view of undulating farm-land stretching away to the north, with an occasional pond or turn in the Laune glinting brightly in the sunshine, was, however, suddenly changed when we turned to the other points of the compass. On the east, south, and west, we were hemmed in by the great, gaunt masses of the Reeks, rendered still more menacing by the vagueness given them by the clinging mist. Little at all could be seen on the right, but to the left, that is, to the east, there appeared to be two fellow-peaks lying fairly close up to us, Caher and Beenkeragh. The three peaks were almost joined to each other by long high ridges, so that we formed a rough triangle, and the three sides slipped down precipitously into a deep hollow in the centre. In this hollow lay about the most horrible lake it has been my fortune to see. "Lake," of course, is euphemistic, for it was scarcely a large pond, lying down there in the dark recess, inaccessible to man and seemingly also to bird or wind. It seemed an inky black at first, but then I saw it was fringed by a most revolting green slime, and the depths of the centre were also green. The rocky sides were for a slight distance up coated with caked slime, turned by decay to a yellowish-green colour. The Devil's Punch Bowl, the guide said they called it, but I thought of a name which was perhaps more vulgar, but certainly truer. I called it the "Devil's Spittoon."

We were all enthralled, of course, by this wonder spot, but it seemed that the mist would never clear sufficiently for any camera work. The cold wind, too, was beginning to penetrate our enthusiasm, and soon the other three announced their intention to descend. We, however, were not extremely captivated by our latest Saxon acquaintances, especially as they

said they knew we were from Dublin by our accent, so we allowed them to depart without us. We stood there, alone now, and I with my camera ready for the slightest break in the eternal mist. John began to get impatient and wanted to go, but I insisted on staying "just a little longer." We were silent for a while, busy with our thoughts, when quite unexpectedly we heard a man's shout. The shouting came from a distance, slightly spasmodically at first, but soon was joined by another person's and the howl of a dog. Then came a sudden wild "Let go, let go! d——n you!" We exchanged a horrified glance, and ran over to the edge which faced the noise. Whatever it was, the men were just over Caher, on the mountains which we had passed a few days before coming from Glencar. I remembered the wild ridge which we had seen leading up to Carrauntuohill from there, a desolate region. There was a short silence, then the clamour rose again. The dog howled madly, dreadful long howls, and the men shouted, angry and fierce, and one of the two becoming wilder every minute. Again came that despairing "Let go, let go! D——n you, let go!" and a terrible choke at the end. Then rushed

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through my brain thoughts too horrible for me to question what they meant. Our hearts throbbed with a painful heaviness. Somewhere over that ridge two men were struggling on the mountain-side in a fight for life, and the dog was howling for its master and fiercely snapping at the legs of the stronger foe. They were rough men, coarse shepherds like the ones we had seen so often of late. Why couldn't we do something? Why couldn't we at least see something? But there was nothing except that horrible lake down there, and the black mountains stretching away behind, with the dread mist depriving us every moment of any chance we had of sight. And all the time there comes that shouting and barking, more frenzied as the seconds fly past. I wondered whether I were in the middle of a ghastly dream, but the reality of everything denied me even this relief. Then, horror upon horror, the shouting rose to a maddening crescendo, terrible in its fury, and there came up to us, in the loud fulness of the echoed shout, the lone cry of a man, the other voice and the dog's bark stilled, "Let go! Curse you, let go!" There was a break, and then, in a last, awful cry that rose to a piercing shriek and died away in the void, came the one syllable, "God!" It rings in my ears even yet.

There was a very deep silence, and then I remembered saying something to John about "getting away from here." Whatever it was I said, in any case we were not long in finding our feet to pace it down the mountain-side. As we leaped on, we exchanged a few disjointed and terror-filled words. The obvious thing, of course, was to go immediately to the nearest Garda station and inform them. Fleeting, incongruous visions flashed through my mind of what was to come. John, however, then suggested we should first tell the guide and our two English enemies. Fortunately they were

only looking around at the top of the Hag's Staircase, and we soon caught them up.

Of course, you've guessed it already. Our mundane guide did at once in any case. The shepherds were rounding up their sheep on the Glencar side. They are clever shepherds these, and have clever dogs. When the sheep get up into places inaccessible to the shepherd, he sends his collie up to round them in. The dog does this most intelligently too, but sometimes the sheep goes past the bounds of decency in his gambols and the dog naturally becomes annoyed. So he catches the sheep and gives it a good nip in the woolly part, and perhaps in his enthusiasm does it a little too well. So the shepherd below curses him strongly and bids him "let go" in lurid terms. Echo and imagination supply the rest of the story.

We hadn't given ourselves away too badly, but, nevertheless, our friends had a good laugh at our expense. It's all a good story, I expect, but I don't like telling it to anyone, for when I come to the joke at the end of it, they laugh, and I can't laugh, when I remember how afraid I was.

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even straight,
I drink a cup of bitterness and drain it to the
dregs
Each time I try to stop a ball that trickles
through my legs.
And if, as now and then occurs, I get a simple
catch
I'm almost sure to drop it, and, perchance, to
lose the match.

And yet each Wednesday and Saturday upon
a green,
With spirits still undaunted and in flannels nice
and clean
I play with everlasting hopes of brighter, better
things,
For no matter what my fate and doom my
optimism clings,
And since I'm always put in last, I am at times
"not out,"
A circumstance which tends to cause a pleasant
state of doubt,
For if the other man had stayed, 'tis lawful to
suppose
I *might* have been top-scorer, with a century,
Who knows?

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THE VERSATILE GENIUS

Once the noble Hiawatha
Thought he'd try his hand at cricket.
So he went down every evening
To the nets and practised batting,
Trying hard to hit the red thing
That the bowlers hurled down at him,
At the noble Hiawatha.
At first he thought his case was hopeless,
But his gusto kept him trying
Till at last his noble efforts
Gained some notice from the captain;

He approaching most politely
Asked him if he'd care to show them
How his batting was improving.
Oh to tell—But all words fail me—
How he batted in that practice,
How he made a double century,
Like a veteran of cricket!

Two months later sees our hero
Batting in the Test for England.
Oh that match—I can't describe it—
How our hero started "slogging,"
Hitting sixes, fours and singles,
Facing spins, and shoots, and yorkers,
With a look of gay contentment
Spread across his noble features.
Till at last one mighty effort
Drove the ball above the grandstand,
Up and on into the distance,
Far into the distant blueness
Never to be found thereafter!
Even now all famous batsmen
Speak with awe about that Test Match,
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THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS UNIONS

Under the above title, the suggested Union of Old Boys' associations has been formed, and two representatives from the following schools will act as a committee:—Avoca School, Diocesan School, Drogheda Grammar School, High School, King's Hospital, Mountjoy School, St. Andrew's College, St. Columba's College.

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The objects of the Association include the co-ordinating of social and sporting activities of the Associated Unions, arranging combined or inter-union sports fixtures, and the drawing up of a dates calendar to prevent the clashing of Union fixtures.

The Committee also hope to be able to arrange combined events in centres other than Dublin, where the membership of individual unions would be inadequate for such a purpose.

An inaugural Dance will take place on Saturday, 14th November, in the Metropole Ballroom, and it is hoped that all our members will support this in every way, as the success or otherwise of the Association largely depends on the financial result of this event.

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Rio de Janeiro,

Brazil,

29th May, 1936.

To the Editor, "The Erasmian"

Sir,—I should be glad if you could find space to publish this letter as I am of the opinion that it would be a pity should the ideas presented in the story "The Stag's Tale," published in the April "Erasmian" be allowed to pass unchallenged.

In the earlier part of this story it appeared that the writer was making a real attempt to show the feelings of a hunted animal. Then we find the following: "I felt that the humans intended me no harm; . . . looking back on my day, I think I rather enjoyed the exhilaration." Surely this is sentimentality of a most undesirable kind.

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I am aware that among hunting people there is often a feeling that those who realise and insist on the cruelty of hunting and its undesirability are sentimental. This is far from the case, however; the sentimental ones are those who delude themselves with the idea that the hunted animal, be he stag or fox, enjoys it. One can admire the honesty while deploring the callousness of those who frankly admit the cruelty of hunting but insist that the pleasure it gives them is of more importance than the pain and fear caused to a defenceless animal, but for those who quiet their conscience with sentimental twaddle one can only feel a somewhat amazed contempt.

I suppose that in our childhood most of us have at some time been chased by other and larger children bent on a little bullying. The fugitive in such a case is well aware—having reasoning powers much greater than any we have reason to suppose an animal possesses—that the pursuers do not mean to kill him. He is even aware that except in the event of a most improbable accident they will not even do him any serious injury. Nevertheless, can any such honestly say that he has in any way enjoyed the experience?

I should like to recommend "Tantivy-Tantivy," and any other readers of "The Erasmian" who have not already done so, to read John Masfield's "Reynard the Fox."

To return to "The Stag's Tale"; we are supposed to understand that the hounds are not intended to catch the stag for whose refuge a convenient stable has been arranged. What happens if the stag doesn't make for the stable—or if the hounds overtake it first? Are we to believe that the huntsmen can beat off the hounds before the unfortunate stag has been severely mauled? I for one find this very difficult to credit.

In conclusion, may I say that while greatly appreciating the enthusiastic efforts of "Tantivy-Tantivy" and all those others who give up time and talent to fill the pages of "The Erasmian" with matter for us more lazy or less talented ones to read, I hope that in their writings they will try to avoid sentimentality. The cultivation of such spurious feelings as this word connotes cannot but be harmful both to the writers and to those of their readers who are deceived into accepting them for realities.

I am, sir, yours very truly,

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The Rev. W. C. G. Proctor, B.D. (1912-21), has been awarded the "Sophie Taylor" Prize for his essay on "The Cambridge Platonists."

Stanley Woods (1915-20) finished 1st in the Barcelona Grand Prix.

C. V. Boyle (1926-33) has been selected to play for the British XV which will tour the Argentine this summer.

D. W. Bleakley (1923-25) has been appointed Manager of Ryan and Co., Chemists, Dundrum.

D. H. McNeill (1931-34) keeps on winning highest honours on track and field. His latest list of successes includes:—College Championships: 1st in the Mile and 1st in the High Jump; Inter-University Sports: 1st in the Mile and 3rd in the High Jump; All-Ireland Schools Championships: 1st in the Mile (new record)

and 2nd in High Jump; College Races: 1st in the Mile and 1st in the High Jump.

J. I. Stafford (1924-31) has once again become Fly-weight Champion of British Universities.

W. B. M. Smyth (1928-35) won the Novice Bantam-weight Championship in Trinity, and he also won his fight in the contest against Collins B.C.

C. A. Kemp (1926-32), H. S. Carlisle (1927-32) and D. L. Hennessey (1925-27) represented Ireland at Table Tennis.

E. Maynard (1920-26) was selected as substitute for the Davis Cup Team.

A. E. G. Moore (1925-34) has been winning high honours in Trinity Motor Cycling Club.

Max Nurock (1904-11) has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Palestine Government.

Mr. Mervyn Bell (1915-22), our Joint Hon. Secretary since the inception of the Union, is being married in August, and will have the best wishes of all members of our Union.

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CONNOLLY and RICHARDSON—May 5, 1936, at St. Bartholomew the Great, London, Ernest Arthur, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Connolly, 31 Templemore Avenue, Dublin, to Phyllis Muriel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Richardson, of Sydenham, London.

BAIN (1923-24) and GRIFFITHS—April 29, 1936, at Zion Parish Church, by the Rev. Canon Parkinson Hill, William, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bain, Rathdown Park, Tere-nure, to Nancy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Griffiths, "Cranfield," Ennis road, Limerick.

BARDON (1913-22) and WHITESIDE—May 15, 1936, at Zion Church, Rathgar, by the Dean of Clogher, assisted by Canon Parkinson Hill, Eric N., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bardon, Glenaros, Dartry road, to Margaret Alice, only daughter of the late Donald Whiteside and Mrs. Whiteside, 13, Fairfield Park, Rathgar.

HILLIS (1921-23) and FRANCIS—April 9, 1936, at St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea, London, Arthur H. Hillis, B.A., LL.B. (Dub.), Barrister-at-Law, younger son of the late J. D.

Hillis, F.R.C.S.I., M.R.I.A., and the late Mrs. Hillis, of Leinster square, Rathmines, Dublin, to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Francis, of Wallasey, Cheshire, England.



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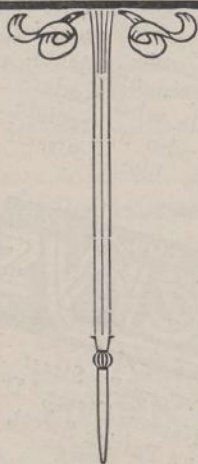


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