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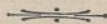
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Prologue.



IN once more greeting our friends we have to point out that, while we have laboured earnestly to make our production as complete as possible, we are sensible of many lapses from the ideal. In the days of the former *Erasmian* we constantly felt our artistic sense offended by the form and printing of the Magazine, which defects we have endeavoured to remove. Our present venture departs from the copy-book shape of its predecessor, and approximates more to that of a neat and convenient periodical; the printing, too, is more attractive, and we only need the enthusiastic support of our new and old friends, both in keeping us posted in current *Erasmian* news and in contributing verse or prose of an interesting character.

We have to thank Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Sec. of the High School Literary Society, for his keen and strenuous labours in the business department of the Magazine, and so commit ourselves to the stormy sea that lies before all new publications.



Editorial.



THE ebb and flow of the seasons inevitably leave the beach of time, here eroded, there restored, but, as a rule, by such imperceptible degrees that the senses become accustomed without difficulty to the transitions. Would that such were always the case! But, alas! from time to time a great headland breaks away and sinks into the dim depths where dwells the goddess Recollection, another bold elevation rising in its stead. Since last this Magazine saw the light we have experienced such a catastrophe and such an addition. Our former Head Master, Mr. W. Wilkins, M.A., has left us, attended with our every good wish, to spend the evening of his days in that peaceful leisure his hard work for three decades has so well earned. Mr. J. Thompson, M.A., now reigns in his stead, and by his kindly rule does much to console us for our loss.

On the last day of school-work, June 29th, Mr. Wilkins was presented by the pupils then in the school with a handsome silver

tea and coffee service. When some feeling words on behalf of the school had been delivered by H. M. Daniel, our late Head Master, who was visibly moved, replied. He thanked his pupils for this last expression of their kindly feelings, and, alluding to the motto of the Governors, reminded them that boys would be men, he hoped gentlemen. Finally he spoke a few touching words of farewell, and, with tears in his eyes, gave one and all his blessing.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins took up their position at the end of the clock-room, and each boy as he passed out, with a simple hand-shake, said farewell.

So passed the most famous Head Master The High School has yet known. His honest bluntness, veiled for the less penetrating, especially among the lower forms, the true gold of his character, but by those whose privilege it was to know him well his poetic spirit and deep enthusiastic knowledge of English Literature, will ever be enshrined amid their most sacred memories.

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The school re-opened, with Mr. Thompson at the helm, on August 26th. A new division of the school day has been adopted, *i.e.*, into five equal periods of one hour each, the lower forms have their lunch half-hour at 11.30, and the upper forms theirs at 12.30, and the former system of weekly reports, in which only the marks under 30 % were recorded, leading to detention and other things on Saturday at 12 o'clock, has given way to a monthly abstract containing the average percentage in each subject.

Of the changes internal, besides the new "Head Master's room," we will only mention the teaching of geography, which has received a great impetus by the fitting up of Mr. Cooney's old room with the finest and most beautiful maps obtainable. Maps of all sorts and sizes crowd the walls in profusion, though not confusion, for any particular one can be easily picked out by means of cords and pulleys. In connection with this a meteorological station, equipped with rain-gauges, hygrometers, differential thermometers and barometers, has been established, and excites much interest in the junior students, who by means of matches and even their breaths, cause the maximum and minimum thermometers to register amazing temperatures. A lantern room has been furnished at considerable expense, and thus by means of slides the pupils are enabled to obtain a vivid impression of the natural configuration of the countries whose geography they study.

We are requested to appeal to all our readers for gifts of lantern slides representing scenes either at home or abroad. The donors of such will lay the Geographical Department under great obligations to them.

Mr. Cousins is in charge of the Stationery Department, whose profits go to that deserving institution the Athletic Club. Members of the school are strongly urged to make all their purchases from Mr. Cousins.

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Besides the departure of Mr. Wilkins, we regretfully said good-bye to Mr. W. S. Cooney, Mr. A. R. Paterson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. York and Mr. Taaffe.

Mr. Cooney has earned the most heart-felt affection from all with whom he came in contact. His simple, hearty nature and sunny manner have won him hosts of friends, and to the Football Club, with which he was connected since its inception in the oblivious past, his loss is well nigh irreparable. A movement, with W. S. Gray, 5 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, and G. A. Small, T.C.D., at its head, is on foot to present him with an adequate token of the general esteem in which he is held, and these gentlemen will be most happy to receive contributions from his great circle of acquaintances.

Mr. A. R. Paterson has also gone. A genuine sportsman, as those who have had the pleasure of an outing over a country with him well know, he has had a long connection with the school, and will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. York and Mr. Mitchell carry with them the best wishes of all their friends.

Mr. H. E. Taaffe was one who made but a transitory stay with us, but in one short year won the esteem and respect of every pupil. From the sixth form especially the most heart-felt sorrow and the most sincere good wishes follow him to his new post in the distant Bermudas.

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We saw in September the last of that hearty soldier of the old school the "Man with the Bell," whose praises have been sung in some admirable lines in a previous volume of the *Erasmian*. He came from Archbishop Plunket's household to the High School, and was going in and out with us daily, for eleven years after receiving the wooden foil. Colour-Sergeant Mulholland was a rough diamond, but, nevertheless, a real diamond, and little merited the unkind tricks of the more thoughtless. "Victory sit on his helm" in all his undertakings.

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Among new masters we welcome J. F. Pery-Hutchesson (T.C.D.); B.-ès-L. (Paris); LL.B. (Caen); H. R. Norton, B.Sc. Hons. (London); M.Sc. (Birmingham); Associate of the Institute of Chemists; R. Griffiths, First Class Certificates in Drawing from the Board of Education. We also greet M. Millett as Drill-Sergeant (Late Colour-Sergeant Lancashire Regiment), who has seen service in the Afghan and South African campaigns.

Notes on Old Boys.



SEVERAL Old Boys have recently achieved distinctions in Trinity College and other examinations that deserve separate notice in this column. First among these we may mention G. C. Duggan, who obtained fourteenth place this summer in the examination for the First Class Home and Indian Civil Service, and was given an appointment in the Admiralty in London. This is the highest place ever won by an old High School boy in this examination, and this is the first time, we believe, that a High School boy has obtained, by examination, a place in the First Division of the Home Civil.

Another very remarkable distinction was that of H. Thrift, so well-known as Irish International three-quarter, who at his first attempt at Fellowship won the Madden Prize of £500. His subjects were Mathematics and Experimental Science, and his success augurs well for his soon winning Fellowship.

We rejoice to hear of the success of Maurice Wilkins in gaining Large Gold Medal and 1st Classical Moderatorship, together with 3rd Moderatorship in English Literature, so obtaining the Brooke Prize. He was extremely unfortunate in not obtaining Studentship, but in spite of that has covered himself with glory.

Another Old Boy deserves a word of congratulation for Double Senior Moderatorship in Classics and History—Percival Campling—whose success is the more praiseworthy, considering the drawbacks under which he laboured at school.

We have also some Army distinctions to record. R. D. Barbor, recently stationed at Cyprus, has obtained, by examination, an appointment on the teaching staff at the Military College, Camberley.

R. G. D. Small has left Sandhurst, and is going out to India as Lieutenant in the Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians). He will be stationed in the hills near the north-west frontier.

H. St. M. Carter was home on leave this summer. He is a Captain in the Army Medical Service with the Mediterranean Fleet, and had been stationed in Crete, but has now gone back to Malta.

Another Army Medical man, B. R. B. Foster, who is stationed in India, was home this summer on furlough; likewise C. H. L. Farran, of the Indian Police, home on sick leave; but both have now gone back again.

This reminds us of two or three other old High School boys, who have recently gone out to India. W. W. Powell, of the

Indian Civil; D. A. Smith, of the Indian Police, and the Rev. J. C. Forrester, who resigned his position at St. George's Church, in the North of Dublin, to go out as a Missionary to Chota Nagpur.

F. Stevenson also went out to India this autumn, having passed from Trinity College into the Indian Medical, being one of the successful candidates in the summer.

Our heartiest congratulations to J. T. Drennan, who has succeeded to the position of Registrar and Assistant-Secretary to the Estates Commissioners, vacated by J. J. Farrell, who has been appointed Assistant Under-Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant.

C. C. W. Stronge, who up to last summer was Modern Language Master at Windermere Grammar School, has been appointed Lecturer in French and German at Magee College, Londonderry.

The Rev. Robert Warren has been licensed to the curacy of Athboy, in the Diocese of Meath, and has left the curacy of Mistioge, in the Diocese of Ossory where he was ordained two years ago.

A. Weiner who left school in the summer of 1907 was seriously ill last winter, but has now recovered, and is doing well out in South Africa.

Tennyson J. D. Large who was stationed for some time in the Customs in London has this autumn shifted to Yarmouth.

We were glad to see H. A. Sloan, of the Bohemians, once more representing the Irish amateurs in the International Association match with England in November.

C. F. Draper, M.A., A.M. Inst. C.E., delivered the inaugural address at the opening meeting of the Seventeenth Session of the Dublin University Engineering Students' Society in November, his subject being "High speeds and their relation to modern practice in Railway Alignment."

We should have added above to our list of old boys going out to India the name of Mr. R. Richardson who, having finished his engineering course in Trinity, has now obtained a position on the Indian Railways. He called to say farewell in October. He is the third brother to go out to the East.

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We are glad to see old boys taking a prominent part in the College Societies. In the "Phil." J. C. Duncan (Sch. Mod.), B.A., is Secretary and J. H. F. Leland (Sch. Mod.), B.A., Ex-Libr. and Rev. F. McConnel, B.A., Pres., are on the Council. R. Arthur Oulton is Secretary of the College Choral and J. H. F. Leland was reading a paper before the College Classical on "Greek Geography."

College Notes.

ONE can hardly expect to be told much about University Life and Doings by a freshly arrived immigrant from the High School—a harassed, exhausted immigrant who wants others to believe he's too busy pondering over things gone by even to think of writing notes on College matters. But where there is a will of the conspiring Heads of the *Erasmian*, some way must be found, and so I propose as a start to tell the friends I have left behind me something about what happens when they, like myself, leave their beloved mater to rush into the chill embrace of what I at present regard as a stony stepmother.

EXAMINATIONS.

I propose to describe how the first of the entrance Examinations is conducted, and then I will not detain you any longer this time. As is now the custom, the Sizarship Examination comes first. A boy who presents himself in the classical course has perhaps the hottest time of all in this severe test. I can best outline the progressive steps of the Sizarship Examinations in classics in this dramatic form:—

ACT I, SCENE 1: A SOLEMN, HISTORIC HALL.

Time: Morning, 9.30 o'clock. *Enter* Candidates, Examiners and Porters with pens and answer-books.

Candidates arranged according to courses. Examiners silently mark "present" the shivering candidates. Densely-printed papers in Greek of appalling length distributed among the classicals. Pens glide fitfully over page of answer-book. Examiner treacherously slips nigh. Victim led up to a book-bedecked altar on platform. Victim commanded to translate passage from prepared Greek author; asked to enlighten Examiner on matters of profound learning; sent curtly back to his seat; pen resumes interrupted journey. Half-past twelve o'clock. Examiner removes answer-books and enjoins candidates to leave the hall and return at 2 p.m.

SCENE 2: A SOLEMN, HISTORIC HALL.

Time: Afternoon, 2 o'clock. *Enter* Candidates, Examiners and Porters with pens and answer-books.

Ditto occurs, this time Latin unprescribed passages and *Viva-voce* in prepared Latin author being set.

Exeunt.

(END OF ACT I.)

ACT II, SCENE 1: A SOLEMN, HISTORIC HALL.

TRIAL SCENE.

Time: Morning, 9.30 o'clock. *Enter* Candidates, Examiners and Porters with pens and answer-books.

Papers set in Greek and Latin Prose Composition, one hour each. At 11 30 classical victims led out of hall to a lecture-room. Examiner politely requests victims to seat themselves, which they do with considerable reluctance and funk, looking as if they expected the genial gentleman with the chrysanthemum in his button-hole to assist them in their efforts. Two other gentlemen seat themselves on each side of His Grace. His Grace opens note-book, body-guard smooth out on the desk crumpled sheets of paper with wavy straight lines and fantastic hieroglyphics carefully scrawled upon them. His Grace speaks to the first in alphabetical order: the first in alphabetical order knows that His Grace is asking a trivial question in ancient Greek History, but his knowledge on the point extends no further. His Grace turns his cold gaze to the haggard features of the next in alphabetical order, and savagely utters a prolonged "You." If he is not satisfied with the knowledge that squeezes its way through the chattering teeth of the next in alphabetical order, he turns to his third, with a more savage "you." "You" is frequently heard during the trial scene, and "you" think a fat lot of "your"self. Trivial questions in ancient Roman history are next asked, and "you" and "next please" are alternately addressed to defendants. Time's up, thank goodness. Examiners look weary and sad; remind candidates not to take their holidays just yet.

Exeunt.

(END OF ACT II).

ACT III., SCENE 1: A SOLEMN, HISTORIC HALL.

Time: Afternoon, 2 o'clock. *Enter* Candidates, Examiners and Porters with pens and answer-books.

Papers set in Arithmetic and Algebra—1 hour. Then English Composition, during which classical victim undergoes *Viva-voce* test in Euclid's first six books.

Exeunt.

(END OF ACT III).

ACT IV, SCENE 1: EXAMINER'S ROOM.

Time: Morning, 9.30 o'clock. *Enter* Examiner followed by a diminished number of classicals.

Paper set in Greek and Latin Verse Composition. Sheepish

looks interchanged among the sleepy candidates. Examiner corrects certain answers, and suddenly bursts into musical shrieks of laughter, caused, as tutors later explained, by certain "howlers" in classical translations. Examiner stuffs handkerchief between his teeth, and peeps grimly at your humble servant. Your humble servant hastens to hand up his verses; examiner says "Thank you," and proceeds to remove answer-book from remaining candidates. We leave the room in silence, and place our hopes in Heaven and even farther.

Curtain.

POLYMETIS O'DYSSEUS.



School Notes.



WE have little to add to the magisterial remarks of the Hon. Sec. of the Football Club, save to direct the attention of all members to the valuable nature of the prizes offered for place and drop-kicking, and to urge them to train assiduously for these competitions.

We trust Mr. Pery will permit us to extend to him our condolences upon his distressing illnesses, and wish him a speedy recovery and rapid return to the fighting-line again.

We have elsewhere animadverted to the Club's deplorable loss in Mr. W. S. Cooney, and are glad to learn that he is often to be seen in Belgrave Square, where he will always meet with *cead mille fealthe*.



The High School Literary Society has been formed to control this Magazine, and to organise a Debating Society. Officers:—President—The Provost of T.C.D. Chairman—The Head Master. Vice-Chairman—Mr. J. H. Cousins. Hon. Sec.—Mr. R. Griffiths. Committee—A representative of each form, from form three upwards, and two representatives chosen from the School by ballot, as follows:—P. F. T. Burns, C. S. Campbell, R. R. Wilson, H. Edelstein. General Representatives:—Max Nurock, H. M. Daniel (Editor *Eras*.).

It is proposed to publish the *Erasmian* quarterly; the next issue to be ready in March. Annual Subscription, 1/-, or 1/2 post free, payable to M. Nurock, Hon. Treas.

Debates were held on 23rd October.—"That International Disputes should be settled by Arbitration." *Pro*. 1st, H. Edelstein; seconded by M. Nurock. *Con*. 1st, R. R. Wilson; seconded by H. M. Daniel. The lively oratory of Mr. Pery completely won the hearts of the meeting, and they heroically

decided for War by 46 votes to 12. Also spoke :—*Pro.* Mr. J. H. Cousins. *Con.* J. Barron.

On the 20th November, "Woman Suffrage" was on the *tapis*. The motion was, "That the Suffrage should be extended to Women. *Pro.* 1st, S. Lee Tolerton; seconded by R. R. Wilson. *Con.* 1st, J. M. Barron; seconded by G. H. Cross. The *pro* party fought hard in a losing battle, and were only beaten by 36 to 28. The speech of the evening was made by the youngest orator of all—D. P. W. Carter—in support of the motion, whose remarks were very much to the point. Also spoke :—*Pro.* H. M. Daniel, Mr. Griffiths, N. E. Tuite. *Con.* M. Nurock, Mr. Burd, M. Tuite.

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Another page records our Intermediate results. Chiefly, we congratulate Max Nurock, who obtained a First Class Classical Exhibition in the Junior Grade, with first place, and Bronze Medal in Greek, and second place, and over full marks on the honours paper in Latin; and full marks on the Arithmetic and Algebra honours paper. He also obtained Composition Prizes for Latin (1st) and Greek (2nd).

L. J. Richardson also obtained a Second Class Classical Exhibition in the Junior Grade, with second place in Greek, and a Composition Prize for Latin.

And R. R. Wilson won a Book Prize in the Mathematical course in the Junior Grade.

The High School Exhibition went this autumn to H. Edelstein, who obtained fifth place in the Junior Exhibition Examination. Edelstein enters Trinity with great distinction, having won Second Classical Sizarship and Entrance Prize for both Greek and Latin prose, and for Hebrew.

W. S. Gray won fourteenth Junior Exhibition, and has also been awarded by the Governors a First Class Statutory Erasmus Smith Exhibition.

Second Class Statutory Exhibitions have also been given to R. L. Valentine and C. H. York.

We hear from the Committee of the Athletic Club that it is hoped to revive the Athletic Sports in the spring or summer, and shall be glad to hear from Old Boys on this subject.

It is also contemplated to have an Old Boys' dinner this winter, some time before Easter.



LEAVING SCHOOL.

A REVERIE IN BELGRAVE SQUARE.

One eve—not yet did stars bedeck the sky—

I sat alone and sad, in our pavilion,

The setting sun, with tear-suffused eye,

Tinted the house-tops with a sweet vermilion.

I dreamt of things, already but a dream,
Whose memory and I shall ne'er be riven,
Of cricket matches, summer glow and gleam—
Such golden days as angels have in heaven.

I dreamt of football games in winter's light,
When th' air re-echoed with boys' cheery whooping,
While mounted on black, stormy clouds, the night
Came winging on, like some black eagle swooping.

The sun had almost set. Of speech bereft
I sadly turned me home. None seemed to mind me;
The gate gave forth a clanging as I left—
I thought the gate of Youth had clanged behind me.

Well, let us part—my heart's too choked to sigh,
My soul seems dead at such a farewell greeting;
No more, no more for ever!—Well, good bye!
We stay too long.—In dreams, in dreams our meeting!

H. EDELSTEIN.



CONWAY SHORE.

(A FRAGMENT.)

Eastward stretch the sombre sand-flats,
Lending contrast to the view
Of the green cliffs steeply rising,
With the river winding thro'.
Danger lurks upon those sand-beds
Where the snaky water twines;
Joy is dancing on the mountains,
Bounding o'er their steep inclines.
Let us trip a measure with her,
Let us wander o'er the hills,
Leave behind the savage sea-scape
For the sparkling mountain rills.

H. M. DANIEL.



Literary.

A COPY of the "Bell-Branch," by Mr. J. H. Cousins, has reached us. From what we had seen of his previous work we expected to find no ordinary merit in this volume, of which we had seen some selections in manuscript a few months ago; and it is with great pleasure that we tender Mr. Cousins our heartiest congratulations on his latest effort. All through the thirty-four poems which the volume contains there runs the gentle yet sonorous melody of versification which those who have the good fortune to be acquainted with Mr. Cousins' work have learnt to look for. There is much in this pretty book that is beautiful and melodious; there is even more to give one furiously to think, as our cross-Channel relations say, and we may in this connection well instance the charming lines in Hudibrastic stanza entitled

"Nede to Fercertne," where the timbre of the verse is a most entrancing accompaniment to a tersely-expressed and valuable thought.

Of the remainder three pieces especially made powerful appeal to us. The pensive lyric quality of the three stanzas upon Slieve Cullen is delightful, and we are sure that to those who have spent, as we have, a night upon the Sugar-loaf, the delicacy of the following stanza will prove enchanting :—

"The night lay deep on Cullen
When we slept, my love and I,
On the fragrant whispering heather
With our faces to the sky.
Oh, our dreams were full of longing,
Full of ancient woe and tears,
While the heart of Ireland slumbered
As it slumbered thro' the years,
Thro' the slow and heavy years."

The deep solemnity of night on Cullen permeates these lines, and lends them its exquisite peace.

In "High and Low" we have an excellent example of our singer's keen response to that spirit of poetry pervading the most ordinary incidents of life. The poem is a beautiful miniature in genre, which we most enthusiastically commend to the thoughtful reader. For pure melody and perfect imagery, however, there is nothing in the volume which can bear comparison with the lovely sonnet beginning "Hushed with the mellow minstrelsy of rills." The consummate ease with which the thought develops through this most artificial form betrays at once the hand of a master. To select from the fourteen lines would be to spoil a most perfect work of art, but we can assure our readers that the sonnet will repay the most careful study.

The book is published at 1/- by Maunsel & Co., Dublin, and is in every way worthy of the firm.

AESTHE.



Concerning Spells.



THERE are certain fundamental instincts which are more marked in their operation in childhood than at other periods in one's history. Of these the faculty of acquisitiveness is the most important. The growing organism, having nothing else of immediate importance to do but to grow, must needs be ever on the watch for the wherewithal of growth. Lacking, however, the discrimination that comes of experience, it discerns no dietetic difference between a box of matches and a packet of needles. Both are deemed eligible for the use of that organ which instinctively adopts the policy of the ever-open door; and strange and wonderful might be the results, were it not that Nature has

wisely provided children with fathers and mothers for the purpose of overseeing the work of acquisition and absorption.

When I was young—very, very young—I knew a family who had a spelling-bee, and I longed to catch one for myself; but my parents only laughed when I asked them where I would find such a bee. I also saw a drawing of a clock which had at the foot of it the words:—"Time flies," and I immediately conceived a passion to acquire a time-fly.

Years have passed since then, and still the time-fly has eluded my net. Early in life, however, I captured the spelling-bee, and found him to be an exploded superstition—a ricketty, squirmy, evil insect belonging to the species termed by the celebrated naturalist, to whom a faked insect was presented as a test of his knowledge, the *genus Hum-bug*.

In other words, of all the inventions which our glorious civilization has brought into existence for the one and only purpose of ruining the schoolboy's brain and the schoolmaster's temper, that of spelling is about the most diabolical. It leads the learner with growing confidence from *rough* to *tough*, shakes him rudely when he comes to *cough*, and finally lands him unceremoniously in a quagmire of *dough*, where there is not even a withered *bough* of consistency on which he can lay hold for safety.

I speak as one who knows, and has a grievance. Yesterday I read a couple of sentences from a newspaper to a number of boys to be written by them. To-day I spent a couple of hours correcting what was written. To-morrow I shall spend half-an-hour talking to them about the errors. The day after I shall ask them to spell the words over again, and I shall get—Correct answers? You know little of human nature in the *buoyant* stage if you think so. No! I shall get a luxuriant drop of brand-new errors of the most ingenious type. It will be "a spell with variations," and, as that genial entertainer of times past—Frank MacCabe—used to say of his tune on the tin-whistle with variations, "it's ten to one on the variations," for the possibilities of variation which are inherent in our spelling may be dimly apprehended when I state that I have before me, as I write, such renderings of the simple words *imagine* and *judicious* as the following:—*immagian, emagan, immagon; judishous, juditius, dudicious*.

The question naturally arises: Could not the time spent in teaching children how not to spell, be more advantageously employed if the spell were broken into fragments and our "system" of orthography reduced to the level of the simple life? Or will the several hours of time, multiplied by the fifty pupils and myself, which have gone to the correction of errors, be compensated by the highly doubtful acquisition of the knowledge that there are two p's in *opponent*, one in *opinion*, one in *receipt*, and none in *deceit*, or the realization of the differences between

cemetery, and *symmetry*, *scimitar* and *similar*, *scythe* and *syphon*, *schism* and *scissors*? I trow not. Think of the time that might have been given to the instructing of boys as to the fundamental facts of their own bodies, in rudimentary hygiene, in mental and physical training that would be of use on multitudes of occasions in after life, all of which must be kept in the background because we have not impulse and strength enough to shake off one of the last chains which the "renaissance" put upon the education of the young. Surely here, if anywhere, is room and to spare for reform.

Opposition to the orthographic reform is made from three standpoints—from the ultra-conservative, from the pseudo-utilitarian, and from the merely academic. The first and second may be left to the tender mercies of evolution, and to the inevitable apprehension of a higher utility than that which would quarrel with the immediate expenditure of time and money in conforming to a true principle, when such a conformity would eventuate in the saving to posterity of infinitudes of time and mints of wealth. These things are in the hands of the people, and from the people the reformation will come, as heretofore. The final struggle, however, will be on the academic ground. The last lion in the path of progress will be the etymologist. He is the exception to Shelly's rule that "we look before and after," for his eye is fixed for ever on the past. He stands aloof from the evolutionary law; he "sticks to his *last*;" whereas in the scheme of progress the last is the first. He has "a bee in his bonnet," and he is as everlastingly thankful to the disease of thought which has manifested itself in language as the bacteriologist is to the degeneracy in tissue which provides a field for the growth of his darling bacilli. In fact the spelling-bee is an overgrown, pampered, conceited, bloated aristocrat of a microbe, and the etymologist is the bacteriologist of language, the pathologist of thought. Let the schoolboy and the schoolmaster grind their teeth and pucker their brows; let them waste time in learning what they never learn; let precious hours be taken from the study of things likely to improve the lot of mankind; but let them not attempt to obscure the history of a word by stripping it of its distinctive grand opera adornments and making it step out in the simple and recognisable garb of truth. And yet how short-sighted is this academic opposition to a sorely needed reform! I think I hear Lecky in his stone chair at the library of Trinity College, Dublin, say with a quiet but meaningful smile, "Yes, please ask the world not to get up to-morrow for fear of obscuring the history which logically ends to-night."

Even from the point of view of a vested interest, one would think that the historian of the spelling microbe would welcome a new twist in its genealogy, inasmuch as it would provide ample material for many erudite lectures and an additional *raison d'être* for himself.

It may be, however, that the appeal to interest is below the horizon of the etymologist: he may be beyond the reach of corruption, or, as one might say, fossilised in virtue, and only likely to yield to the disintegrating power of a superior virtue. If, therefore, the etymologist be blind to his own interest, let him have regard to the interest of the etymologist of the future: let him think with what joy he would discover a new link in the orthographic history of a word a thousand years ago, and let him think of the injustice he is doing to the etymologist of a thousand years hence by obstructing a change which would be the more prolific of communications to learned bodies as it would be the more drastic. If this argument be not sufficient to convince him, we shall have to leave it to the superman to find one that will.

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Teacher of Geography (at lantern).—Now, boys, a peninsula is connected to the mainland by an isthmus. Isthmus means a neck. Remember your neck is an isthmus, your body is the mainland, your head is a promontory. Now, that big piece of land that is made of rocks is a peninsula. Juggins! tell me why is my head called a peninsula?

Juggins (after a moment's thought).—Because it's made of rocks, sir.



Flying Feet.



THE season has come when the lonely, silent fields, with bare hedgerows send out their mute intangible and irresistible appeal to all that love them. Here and there in the gray winter light, little groups of white-clad forms pass rapidly, and are lost to sight in the still dimness of the country, as they haste along the paper trail. What joy there dwells in movement, when the keen air flicks the cheeks with its exhilarating lash, and the fallen leaves fly up in little whirling clouds as the jocund bands dash merrily down the long wood lane, and an occasional bird rises with loud whirring wings from its solitary cover. Ah, there is no pastime to compare with this. The joy of the foot-baller when he brings his man down, fades into insignificance beside the raptures of the pack when on the hillside, fields away it may be, appear the flitting forms of the beaten hares, and the pack close up for their final rush. And then comes the run home, amid the deepening shades of evening, with many a shout and laugh, and many a merry tale of the day's adventures. This is the true happiness, this is the *summum bonum* sought for in vain by philosophers, but revealing and manifesting itself unsought, to the care-free soul, in the sweet and simple environment of Nature's charms.

Lives there the man whose soul does not respond to the subtle call of the Mother at this season, whose limbs do not long to be moving, and whose heart does not throb faster, as he sees the wide expanse of field and hill lying outstretched, breathing in its sombre majesty and solemn silence the one word "Come."

Health lies here, and a measureless store of joy awaiting the arrival of all who long for them. "Back to the Land" is the cry of the age, but we who love the land can reap its benefits beforehand. Let me urge each one of my readers to try this splendid sport himself, and having once done so, he will never give it up. Cross-country running is as old as the hills, and like them is grand beyond description; it needs no eulogy but inspires it, and in its majestic simplicity touches a chord in every breast.

H. M. DANIEL.



The Football Club.



OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1908-09.

President.....The Head Master.

Captain.....H. M. Tomlinson.

Vice-Captain.....G. H. Cross.

Hon. Treasurer...R. R. Wilson.

Hon. Secretary....E. S. Duggan.

Committee—

The above with E. R. Gray; C. W. Bright; G. Holmes.

Ex-officio Members of Committee—All the Masters.

THE Club has sustained a great loss since last term by the departure of Mr. Cooney from the School. Mr. Cooney has been connected with the Club since it was founded.

There has been quite a revival of football with us this year, largely due to the energetic efforts of Mr. Pery. The membership of the Club has increased to about eighty, but although this increase is gratifying, yet we would like to see all the boys in the School members of the Club.

The hope of the Club lies in the future, and, therefore, we are glad to see the Committee devoting their attention to the junior boys. This is also being encouraged by the Leinster Branch of the Rugby Union, which is giving, for the first time this year, a Cup to be competed for by school teams of boys who are under fifteen on the 1st November. But our Committee had been on the alert before this proposal was mooted, and had laid out the

upper part of Belgrave Square as a football ground for the younger boys, and has regularly organised practice and match games for them. Let the boys see that the Committee's efforts are rewarded by keen play.

The Club began the season with great keenness, but we are sorry to see that the members of the 1st XV. are beginning to get very slack again about practising. When anyone gets on the 1st XV. he instantly seems to imagine that his football is perfect, and he is never seen on the football field again except on match days. The team will not win matches unless they practise. If any of the team, by any chance, happen to turn up at the football field, they never change into their football clothes, but think it is sufficient practice to place goals or drop goals. They seem to forget that tries have to be obtained before goals can be scored.

The forwards ought to turn up in their football clothes at least once a week and practise dribbling the ball and forming "scrums," while the backs should practise passing at least twice a week.

Up to the time of writing the 1st XV. have won two matches and lost nine. The 2nd XV. have lost five and won none. It was a disgrace to the Club for only thirteen men to turn up in the Belvedere Match. We might at least have a full team on our own ground.

Of the team individually:—

Powell at full-back is rather slow, and his kicking at times is erratic.

All the three-quarters are wretchedly weak in passing. W. Tomlinson is by far the best of the three-quarters. Crotty has improved greatly since last year, and has a very good kick, but should run more. We hope to see him improve much more before the end of the season.

Valentine, although fairly good individually, is far too selfish.

Page is too slow for wing; he is much too fond of kicking. He will want to improve greatly to keep his place.

J. Bell, who is good for his weight, should look where he is passing.

Cross, as a back, gets too flurried to be of any use; but, as a forward, plays a hard game. He is about the only forward who can tackle. The halves, H. Tomlinson and Holmes, are both excellent.

Most of the forwards should learn to tackle low, and all are too slow in gathering around the ball.

The back row should let the ball quicker to the halves.

Bright is by far the best forward, and plays a hard game right through.

Wilson also is good and plays a hard game.

N. Tuite is much too slow, but would be good if he played somewhat harder.

E. Gray might also work harder.

Harriss plays a hard game, but should let the ball out of the "scrum," quicker.

Parker is hardly heavy enough for a 1st XV. forward, but should improve when heavier.

T. Tuite plays a hard game.

The 2nd XV., under the captaincy of G. Larkin, have so far not been successful, chiefly owing to want of weight.

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H. S. D. v. CARMELITE COLLEGE.

Our season opened on Saturday, October 3rd, with this match at Terenure. The day was more suited for cricket than for football.

We were unfortunate in losing this match as we had the best of the play for the greater part of the game, but were handicapped by having a much heavier team against us.

In the first half G. W. Holmes scored from a dribble from Mid-field, E. Gray converting. The College responded with a try, which was converted.

In the second half our team started well, but towards the end of the match the weight of the opposing forwards and the great heat beginning to tell on our forwards, the College scored an unconverted try, the final score being:—

Carmelite College	...	...	...	1 goal 1 try
High School	...	...	...	1 goal

On our side the two Tomlinsons and Holmes played best for the backs, while forwards Bright and Wilson were best.

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H. S. D. v. PALMERSTON III.

This second match of the season was played at Belgrave Square on Saturday, 17th October. This day was also rather hot for football.

For the first ten minutes play was confined to the forwards, and neither side could lay claim to any advantage, but after this our forwards had much the better of the game, and sent the ball out to the backs on almost every occasion; but owing to their weak passings many opportunities of scoring were lost. At last, after several wretched attempts at passing, W. Tomlinson got in for a score, which was unconverted.

In the second half the play was fairly even, and W. Tomlinson again scored with a good run for the centre, Holmes converting. Before full time Palmerston scored a try, the final score being:—

High School	...	...	...	1 goal 1 try
Palmerston III.	...	...	...	1 try

For High School the two Tomlinsons again played best of the backs, while of a hard-working set of forwards, Mr. Pery and Bright were most prominent.

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

This match was played at Belgrave Square on October 21st. The game opened in favour of St. Andrew's, who shortly scored. We rallied after this, and had quite as much of the game as our opponents, and no further score was registered before half-time.

Early in the second half H. Tomlinson had the misfortune to twist his ankle badly while trying to save a score, and was rendered practically useless for the rest of the game. After this mishap St. Andrew's did practically as they liked, and won by one goal, 1 dropped goal, and 2 ties to nil.

H. Tomlinson played best of the backs till he was hurt, and Bright was again conspicuous among the forwards.

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H. S. D. v. SANDFORD 2ND.

This match was played at Belgrave Square on 24th October, and resulted in a win for us by 19 points to 3.

H. Tomlinson was unable to play owing to the injury he received in the last match, but J. Bell, who played for the first XV. for the first time this season, proved a valuable substitute.

We attacked the whole time, and never for a moment were we on the defensive in the first half. We obtained 2 scores per Bell and W. Tomlinson in this half.

In the second half W. Tomlinson scored twice and Holmes once.

In this half a Sandford forward being slightly hurt, the High School team abandoned the game to look at him, while Sandford seized the opportunity to score.

The whole team showed a great improvement on the former match, but owing to the selfishness of the three-quarters we think 3 scores were lost.

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H. S. D. v. BELVEDERE COLLEGE.

This match was played on the 28th October at Belgrave Square. The ground was very heavy owing to a downpour. Only thirteen of our team turned up, the other two excusing themselves, without any warning, on the plea that the rain prevented them, although there was no rain during the match. Every member of the team should make it his business to find out before leaving the school whether the match is to be played or not. The substitute also did not bring up his football clothes.

Belvedere started the game and scored within five minutes. Our team was on the defence the whole time, and before half time Belvedere added 3 further scores.

We fared no better in the second half, and Belvedere scored four more times. The final score was—

Belvedere College	...	...	3 goals, 5 tries.
High School	...	...	Nil.

The high score was chiefly due to the absence of the two forwards, which always left two of the opposing side unmarked and always weakened the scrum.

Bright and Holmes were about the best of our team.

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H. S. D. v. CIVIL SERVICE 2ND.

This match was played on November 14th at Belgrave Square.

This is the only match so far in which the backs have shown any combintaion.

In the first half W. Tomlinson scored a fine try after nearly all the backs had handled the ball.

In the second half Civil Service scored twice, the result being a win for Civil Service by 1 goal, 2 tries, 11 points, to 1 goal, 5 points.

Valentine was unfortunate in getting his ankle badly twisted, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to play again this term.

On the play we were unfortunate in losing, as we had quite three-quarters of the game.

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The matches v. Presentation College, St. Columba's College, King's Hospital and St. Stephen's Green School call for no comment, except that it was owing to the backs selfish play that we lost.

We cannot hope to win any matches until the team make some attempt to work together and not individually.



Results of Intermediate Examinations, 1908.

WE give below the names and marks of the boys that passed the Intermediate Examinations held last June. The full marks for each paper were 400. We give throughout the gross totals. Honour marks are printed in italics and where two marks are given the first is the mark on the honour paper and the second the mark on the special paper. To obtain the marks counting towards an exhibition, 200 marks must be deducted in English, 80 marks from each of the honour and special papers, mathematics, and 100 marks in other subjects.

PREPARATORY GRADE.

	Greek.	Latin.	English.	French.	History & Geography	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Experimental Science & Drawing.
Allen, D. E.	..	240	350	F	140	340	120	P
Bell, R.	..	276	180	F	185	390	265	P
Carolin, G. G. S.	290	327	165	122	130	340	240	P
Duggan, J. R.	165	293	240	277	200	400	210	P
Dunlop, E. S. O.	175	294	250	145	220	400	170	P
Fox, G. R.	..	178	165	F	205	390	295	P
Francis, W. J.	..	250	120	..	200	395	290	P
Long, E. T.	..	..	170	179	205	385	180	P
McKee, H.	..	258	125	..	145	330	145	P
Stewart, C. R. H.	F	146	165	..	150	400	225	P

JUNIOR GRADE.

	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	Arithmetic & Algebra	Geometry.	History and Geography	Experimental Science.	Book-keeping.	Shorthand.
Bell, J.	190	..	250	125	290	280	215	P	..	..
Crotty, R. E. M.	125	..	215	205	225	190	150	..	175	..
McClenaghan, H. W. D.	165	..	250	212	205	240	175	143	265	..
Nurock, Max	220	375	403	313	400	175	300	..	..	..
		365	325		245					
Richardson, L. J.	220	325	307	269	370	240	210	P	..	..
		365	205		240	80				
Smyth, J.	230	295	318	151	320	290	225	123	..	..
Stoney, R. T.	315	..	164	125	170	175	195	P	190	..
Synnott, F. P.	210	270	308	239	260	235	140	P	..	..
Taylor, J. C.	240	..	228	152	260	290	230	P	..	..
Thornton, H. V.	205	290	279	91	225	280	190	P	..	..
					340	210				
Wilson, R. R.	215	..	240	193	255	130	235	175	..	..

MIDDLE GRADE.

	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	German.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Trigono- metry.	History & Geography.	Experi- mental Science.
Barron, J. M.	150	..	235	117 182	265 183	315 135	200	350	295	P
Green, R.	180	215 250	205 143	154	..	275	220	..	130	
York, F.	180	200	295	150	..	310	275	..	135	P

SENIOR GRADE.

Daniel, H. M.	320	160	140	168	..	320	270	360	..	253 213
Edelstein, H.	200	325	330	..	222	285	305	355	..	..
Gray, W. S.	170	270 250	260 208	116	..	280	290	240	..	..
Valentine, R. L.	180	150	200	109	..	360	300	380	..	..
Weir, R. A.	150	..	120	125	..	160	240	145	120	P
York, C. H.	160	240	210	192	..	150	210	235	120	P



College Results.

MICHAELMAS, 1908.

Sizarship: Classics—H. Edelstein (2nd).

Junior Exhibition:—H. Edelstein* (4th); W. S. Gray (15th).

Entrance Prize: Greek Prose Composition—H. Edelstein (2nd).
 Latin " " —H. Edelstein (2nd).
 Hebrew " —H. Edelstein.

Moderatorship: Classics: Seniors—M. A. C. Wilkins† (1st).
 P. Campling (4th).

Modern Lit.: " —M. A. C. Wilkins (3rd).

Hist. & Polit. Sc.: " —P. Campling (2nd).

Term Prize: Jun. Soph: Classics—G. A. Small (2nd rank).

Mod. Lit.—E. Lipman (2nd rank).

Sen. Fresh.: Classics—E. M. Norton (1st rank).

Mod. Hist.—E. M. Norton (1st rank).

Jun. Fresh.: Maths.—A. R. M. Rose (1st rank).

Mod. Hist.—A. R. M. Rose (1st rank—1st)

Final Fresh.:—E. M. Norton (1st class).

A. C. Richardson (3rd class).

Final Medical Examination Part 2 Surgery:

Passed—G. Halpin, H. V. Stanley, F. Smartt.

* Erasmus Smith Exhibition,

† Large Gold Medal.

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