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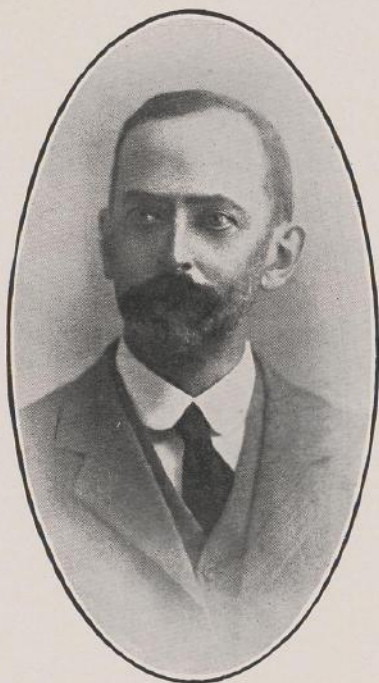
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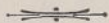
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Mr. A. E. LYSTER, M.A.,
Senior Mathematical Master, 1890-1892, 1896-1911.

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Editorial.



THE school resumed work after the Christmas vacation on Tuesday, 16th January, with an increased number of pupils on the roll. As the headmaster stated in his opening speech, the school has with the New Year practically turned over a new leaf in its history. With the advent of a Senior Classical Master, the Headmaster will be relieved of much extra pressure, and be enabled to pay greater attention to the school as a whole; and besides the changes in the school staff, there have been other alterations made in the programme and ordinary routine of the day, all of which tend, we hope, to the further advancement of the school's interests and to greater success in examinations and athletics. The first test the school will undergo will be the Intermediate Examinations in June. We call them a test, for though fault may be found with the Intermediate system of education as such, yet, rightly or wrongly, a school is judged by its results in them.

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Another method of judging a school's life, and one of a totally different character from the foregoing, is that which was afforded this year on that elusive date, February 29th. Although our 1st XV. were not fortunate enough to be the victors on that occasion, yet their narrow defeat was well-nigh glorious, especially when we consider the reputation that St. Andrew's footballers have won for themselves. Our team acquitted themselves with great credit on the field, and gave our opponents a hard fight. The last time that we met St. Andrew's College in the Cup Tie was in the Semi-final in 1901, but sad to relate, we progressed no further. We are now basing our hopes on the Junior Cup Team, a team which has shown within the last few years that it is not a *quantité négligeable*.

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Since our last number appeared, another old friend has departed from our midst, one whose face was familiar to all connected with the High School for the last two decades. In leaving us, Mr. A. E. Lyster, has severed yet another link with the past. What a tale he could unfold of those multitudinous pupils into whom he

endeavoured to instill some knowledge of mathematical principles! A great number of those pupils are now scattered throughout the world, filling positions of importance and trust; others have preferred to remain in the "green isle," and to make a name for themselves at home; and a few, in years the youngest of all, are still plodding away, as our old friend would have said, in the High School. Yet, no matter where his former pupils may be, the memory of their erstwhile master will never fade away. We have been fortunately enabled to include in this number of our School Magazine a photograph of Mr. Lyster.

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The Literary and Debating Society has apparently taken the cue from the grizzly bear, for it has been dormant during the winter, but with the advent of spring it is beginning to wake up, and its voice will soon be heard. A debate on a very topical subject, viz.: "Are Strikes Justifiable?" has been arranged, and from the list of speakers who have given in their names for and against, ought to be keenly contested.



School Notes.



MR. A. E. LYSTER, retiring on a pension after 20 years' service, and Mr. L. A. Jennings left us at Christmas, and we welcome in their stead Mr. C. Chaffer, M.A., and Mr. J. C. Wrigley, B.A.

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Mr. C. Chaffer is a former scholar of Peterhouse College, Cambridge, and 18th Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of 1907. He also obtained honours in the National Science Tripos, and was Captain of his College clubs both in football and cricket.

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Mr. J. C. Wrigley is a former scholar of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and obtained a First Class in the Classical Tripos in 1910, and a First Class in the History Tripos in 1911.

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On 15th December Rev. J. C. Forrester (1887-93), who was home on furlough, gave the school a very interesting lecture on Chota Nagpur. He returned to India at the end of January.

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The Old Boys' Annual Dinner was held on December 14th last, and proved an immense success. A full account is given elsewhere.

The Roberts' Medal of the High School Miniature Rifle Club was presented to H. G. Goodwillie, who won it on handicap.

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We are glad to see the advent of electric light in the passage outside the Headmaster's room. The visitors at the Annual Distribution of Prizes will no longer have to plunge into the darkness of the Styx to get their tea.

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Our Rugby Captain, J. R. Brennan, was selected to play for Leinster against Munster in the Inter-Provincial Schools' Match.

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The Rifle Club has been holding its practices consistently every Thursday afternoon since January 25th, when it re-commenced after the Christmas vacation. The best thanks of the club are due to Mr. Nichols for presiding over the practices, and to the Sergeant for keeping the rifles in such excellent condition.

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The School is to be congratulated on the results of the Scripture Examinations which were held in December. The Church of Ireland results were very good, especially in Greek Testament, in which the School once more won the silver medal for first place, the successful candidate being L. J. D. Richardson, who won it before in 1908. H. V. Thornton is also to be congratulated on winning second place, and altogether the School won five out of the first seven places. In the Middle Grade special mention may be made of C. D. Wilding and C. J. Tanner, and in the Junior Grade of H. G. G. Digges, R. A. Heatley, W. H. Thrift, and L. R. Miller, the last of whom won a second class prize at his first attempt while still under eleven years of age.

The results may be summarised thus:

	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Pass Certificate.
Greek Testament	6	1	—	2
Senior Grade	—	—	2	5
Middle Grade	—	2	9	14
Junior Grade	1	3	8	13
	—	—	—	—
Total ..	7	6	19	36

The Presbyterian candidates also did well, obtaining four First class prizes, two second class, and three pass certificates. In the Middle Grade C. A. Kinnear won first place, and D. G. Lawson and A. J. Smyth also won first class prizes, and A. K. Ferguson won a first class prize in the Junior Grade.

Notes on Old Boys.



THE following Degrees were taken in Trinity this winter :

B.A. DEGREE—E. H. Wilkins (1896-1906).

M.A. DEGREE—Rev. E. R. Day (1899-1900); Rev. Arthur Norton (1896-1901); Rev. J. L. S. Smylie (1894-1903); M. A. C. Wilkins (Stip. Cond.), (1894-1904).

D.D. DEGREE—Rev. F. R. Montgomery Hitchcock (Stip. Cond.), (1881-1886).

M.D. DEGREE—G. O. Halpin (1894-1900).

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Rev. F. R. Montgomery Hitchcock, B.D., Rector of Kinnitty, King's County, has been awarded the above degree (D.D.) for his Donnellan Lectures, "The Atonement and Modern Thought," recently published (through Wells, Darton, and Gardner) by the Board of Trinity College, the fees being remitted in his case on account of his many contributions to "Hermathena," which have been favourably noticed on the Continent. He was Classical Scholar and Large Gold Medallist in Classics, Gold Medallist in Modern Literature, University Student and Fellowship Prizeman (three times), at the last examination being first in Classics and Hebrew. Among other publications of his are the "Mystery of the Cross," "Christ and His Critics," "Suggestions for Bible Study," "Present Controversy on Prayer," "Clement of Alexandria," "St. Augustine's City of God," of which a revised edition has just appeared, and the "Fresh Study of the Fourth Gospel," which is attracting considerable attention. In the Irish field of literature he has written "Celtic Types of Life and Art," "Midland Septs and the Pale" (Sealy, Bryers, Dublin), which are well known. He has been a frequent contributor to many learned journals and magazines, "Hermathena," "Journal of Theological Studies," "Expositor," "Homiletic Review," "Churchman," etc. The publishers of the Donnellan Lectures predict that the book—which is a large volume—will take a high place in the literature on the subject dealt with.

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A. C. Ellis, LL.B. (1896-1901), has been appointed by the Government to succeed his father, Dr. W. E. Ellis, on his retirement as Auditor to the Local Government Board.

Rev. F. M'Connell (1892-1902) has left Clontarf, and has accepted the Curacy of Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill, S.W.

W. F. V. Rumney (1909-1912) has accepted an appointment with the Car and General Assurance Corporation.

P. Campling, B.A. (1896-1904), will be ordained at Whitsuntide by the Bishop of Liverpool for the Curacy of Sutton, St. Helen's, Lancashire.

R. E. M. Crotty (1907-1908) went out to Canada in January. He has obtained an appointment in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Montreal.

May we congratulate the Rev. E. J. Young, B.D. (1881-1887), of St. Mark's, on his recent marriage, and on the wedding present which he received from his congregation ?

Also Mr. Innis E. Gibson (1897-1899), so well known in former years at the sports as our "Trick Cyclist," who was married on February 20th at St. Mary's, Donnybrook, to Grace, daughter of the late S. M. Holmes, of Rathfarnham, and of Mrs. Holmes, 41 Park Avenue, Sydney Parade.

P. C. Bell (1909-1911) has obtained a Clerkship in the Bank of Ireland.

R. R. Spears (1903-1906) obtained 46th place in the last Second Division Clerks' Examination.

Joe Bell (1906-1911) has been playing during the season for Clontarf I. and II.; G. W. Holmes (1907-1909) for Trinity I.; N. E. M. S. Tuite (1906-1910) for Lansdowne I.; and W. H. Crotty (1907-1910) for Wanderers I.

J. Greene (1903-1907) was placed first with honours in the Final Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, and was awarded the Society's Gold Medal.

C. S. Carolin (1907-1910), J. H. Hancock (1910-1911) and I. A. Stein (1906-1911) are among those who passed the Junior Freshman Term Examination.

G. W. Holmes (1907-1909) and H. B. Goulding (1903-1909) have passed the Final Freshman Examination.

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We notice the following Term Prizes and Honours in the Junior and Senior Freshman years in Trinity College :—

Michaelmas Term. Junior Freshmen—Max Nurock (1904-1911), Composition Prize in Classics; I. A. Stein (1906-1911), Composition Prize in German.

Hilary Term. Junior Freshmen—Max Nurock, First Honour in Classics (1st); G. S. B. Mack (1909-1911), Second Honour in Classics.

Senior Freshmen—J. M. Barron (1900-1910), First Honour in History.

Examination Results.



PRIZE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS AT CHRISTMAS.

- FORM VI.—English, H. V. Thornton; Greek, W. H. B. Mack; Latin, W. H. B. Mack; French, L. J. D. Richardson; Mathematics, L. J. D. Richardson; Experimental Science, P. F. T. Burns; Drawing, J. D. Colquhoun.
- FORM V.—English, G. K. Carpenter; Greek, G. K. Carpenter; Latin, Mce. Nurock; French, G. K. Carpenter and Mce. Nurock; German, Mce. Nurock; Mathematics, W. F. Benson; Experimental Science, G. K. Carpenter; Drawing, F. St. G. Sleith and D. J. Steele; History and Geography, G. K. Carpenter; Commercial Subjects, J. D. MacCarthy.
- FORM IV.—English, G. S. B. Mack; Greek, G. S. B. Mack; Latin, G. S. B. Mack; French, C. J. Tanner; German, H. Shapiro; Mathematics, C. G. White; Experimental Science, C. G. White; Drawing, C. G. White; History and Geography, G. S. B. Mack.
- FORM III. A.—English, C. D. Wilding; Greek, J. Levy; Latin, J. Farrell; French, J. Farrell; German, H. G. G. Digges; Mathematics, J. Farrell; Experimental Science, J. Farrell; Drawing, J. Kelly and W. H. Thrift; History and Geography, J. Farrell.
- FORM III. B.—English, S. Mitofsky; Latin, V. W. Webb; French, J. C. Murray; Mathematics, V. W. Webb; Experimental Science, B. L. Armstrong; Drawing, B. L. Armstrong; History and Geography, B. L. Armstrong; Commercial Subjects, F. W. Shea.
- FORM III. C.—English, S. B. Carpenter; Latin, S. B. Carpenter; French, T. E. Flewett; Mathematics, M. Coleman; Drawing and Writing, M. Coleman and L. Mushatt; History and Geography, S. B. Carpenter.
- FORM II.—Scripture, H. G. Cooke, R. E. Johnston and S. M'L. Lawson; English, C. Hillyard; Latin, C. Hillyard; French, G. H. Tickell; Mathematics, R. E. Johnston; Drawing and Writing, H. G. Cooke and C. R. Loane; History and Geography, H. G. Cooke.
- FORM I. A.—Scripture, T. E. O'Farrell; English, D. A. Saville; French, N. D. Roe; Arithmetic, N. D. Roe; Drawing and Writing, G. D. M'Neice; History and Geography, N. D. Roe.
- FORM I. B.—Scripture, H. E. Childe; English, F. P. Morris; French, H. E. Childe; Arithmetic, H. E. Childe; Writing and Drawing, H. E. Childe; History and Geography, H. E. Childe.

Scripture Examinations.



CHURCH OF IRELAND.

GREEK TESTAMENT.—Silver Medal for First Place: L. J. D. Richardson, 96. First Class Prizes: H. V. Thornton, 90; W. H. B. Mack, 86; A. S. Larkin, 81; E. S. O. Dunlop, 79; N. L. Hannon, 71. Second Class Prize: W. B. Gilligan, 64. Pass Certificates: H. H. Molloy, 46; A. I. Whitty, 33.

SENIOR GRADE.—Third Class Prizes: G. K. Carpenter, 70; W. F. Benson, 62½. Pass Certificates: A. S. E. Thornton, 63½; R. J. Hanbury, 42; F. St. G. Sleith, 40½; D. E. Allen, 30; J. D. MacCarthy, 30.

MIDDLE GRADE.—Second Class Prizes: C. D. Wilding, 77½; C. J. Tanner, 75½. Third Class Prizes: E. G. Dixon, 74; C. G. White, 74; P. R. G. Fennell, 71; G. S. B. Mack, 70½; S. H. Wisdom, 69; J. M. Mounsey, 68½; W. J. Tarleton, 68½; R. J. Charters, 66; F. N. Boyers, 62½. Pass Certificates: F. E. Furney, 57; R. H. Molloy, 56½; W. J. E. Dawson, 53½; C. H. G. Bate-man, 48½; N. F. Currall, 46½; J. Hunt, 44; H. S. Scales, 43½; C. H. Gilligan, 41; F. S. Marchant, 40; A. D. H. Stewart, 40; G. E. Larkin, 38½; F. W. Shea, 36½; H. B. Alexander, 33; H. G. Westropp, 31½.

JUNIOR GRADE.—First Class Prize: H. G. G. Digges, 94½. Second Class Prizes: R. A. Heatley, 83½; L. R. Miller, 75; W. H. Thrift, 75. Third Class Prizes: E. C. Smith, 71; S. B. Carpenter, 66; H. A. Scott, 65; H. S. Larkin, 64½; R. G. Proctor, 61½; H. G. Carolin, 60½; A. J. Benson, 60½; C. St. J. Shortt, 60½. Pass Certificates: H. J. Armstrong, 55; J. Mackay, 52½; W. M. Fitzsimmons, 50; R. G. Fitzsimmons, 46; H. G. Goodwillie, 44; W. O'Farrell, 44; H. G. Dodds, 40½; D. K. Dunlop, 39½; R. S. Wayland, 39; E. E. Spence, 38½; S. Henchie, 37½; C. B. D. Parker, 33½; V. A. Linnell, 32½; H. MacNeice, 32½; H. T. Bird, 31½.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

GREEK TESTAMENT.—Pass Certificate: R. Bell.

MIDDLE GRADE.—First Class Prizes: C. A. Kinnear (First Place); A. J. Smyth, D. A. Lawson. Pass Certificate: John Bell.

JUNIOR GRADE.—First Class Prize: A. K. Ferguson. Second Class Prizes: S. Smyth, S. M'L. Lawson. Pass Certificate: N. S. Clarke.

An Adventure in Corfu.

EARLY in December I had forty-eight hours leave from H. M. S. Triumph and the two of us, that is, the R. C. Chaplain and myself, started off in a northerly direction, each armed with a knapsack (our servant's) of food. There was no difficulty finding the correct road which runs along the sea front for about eleven miles. When about three miles out of Corfu we had a view of a magnificent sunrise. One never sees anything like it in England or Ireland. On leaving the sea coast one very soon ascends the side of the mountain. From here onwards to Spartika the road winds like a corkscrew. Spartika is a village perched on the side of the mountain the name of which is San Salvatore, about sixteen miles from Corfu. Here, in a dirty little inn or rather general supply shop, we had some coffee. The coffee was rather good, being made from freshly ground beans by a Turk. The coffee one gets in England is awful slush compared to it. One gets the real thing out here and certainly English coffee is not worth drinking after it.

At about 12 o'clock we started to climb the really stiff part of the mountain. Our objective was a Monastery on the summit about five miles from Spartika. We reached it, 3,000 feet up, about 4-15, and found one of the Monks there who made us some coffee. After a lot of handshaking, ancient Greek, French (modern!) and Italian, we succeeded in informing the old Monk that we wanted a bed for the night, which he said we could have. Two more Monks turned up shortly afterwards. These Monks were dressed in exactly the same dress as peasants except one who had a disreputable looking Greek Church "chimney pot" hat. Probably they were lay brothers or what corresponds to Christian Brothers in the R. C. Church. The R. C. padre who knew about as much ancient Greek as myself was rather enterprising, and after a bit we found out the modern Greek pronunciation of ancient Greek words, most of which remain in modern Greek.

Sitting round a log fire (there was no chimney in the room) we yarned for about three hours, the Senior Greek Monk bringing forth a Greek Bible and picking out favourite bits of his all of which went to prove that the R. C. Church was built up on fallacies. The R. C. padre was not dressed in clerical garb, and the old boy would have been a bit surprised if he had known he was running down the Pope, &c., before an R. C. Priest. However, Father Bray (such is the name of my companion), did not enlighten him and was rather amused.

We were next shown our beds which consisted of straw mattresses piled up on chairs covered with very damp linen and a sheepskin. However, we managed to pass the night somehow in our clothes, wrapped up in the sheepskin.

We turned out at 6 o'clock and tried to get a glimpse of the sun rising, but unfortunately there were clouds about and the sun was not on view until 12 o'clock. There is a magnificent view from the summit. One can see the whole of the island, many of the Ionian islands, and the Albanian coast for many miles.

At 8 o'clock we started on our return journey, which proved a most unfortunate affair. About a quarter of a mile away, I stopped to take a photograph of the Monastery, and the Chaplain feeling cold said he would wander on ahead slowly. I took the photograph and followed him. About three hundred yards on hearing one of the Monks calling I went back and found the Chaplain had left his pipe and baccy behind. I then set out after him at a good pace, but did not seem to have much success in overtaking him. Thinking he must have taken either a wrong path or a short cut, I pressed on and determined to wait for him at Spartika. *En passant* I may state that I had all the cash as I was acting banker at Father Bray's suggestion.

I arrived at Spartika in record time, and with some difficulty managed to find out that Father Bray had not arrived; so I sat down in the Café or what-not to wait for him. After waiting an hour and a half I began to feel rather uneasy, and was thinking what I should do when he turned up, minus everything except his clothes, a walking stick, and a tin with "snuff" inscribed on it. He told me that on leaving me he had wandered on, taken a wrong turning and finding I had not turned up shouted out my name. I did not hear, but a Turk or Albanian who was near came over to him and implied that he was on the wrong track, and offered to put him right. After walking with him for some minutes and appearing very friendly, he offered to carry Father Bray's bag, which he was allowed to do. He next asked to have a look at Father Bray's stick which had rather weird carving on it, and, while examining the stick, asked him the time. Father Bray rather unfortunately pulled out his watch (a £30 gold one) and told him. Noticing the Turk looking at the watch with what appeared to him a rather covetous eye he quickly put it back and buttoned his coat. The Turk, or rather Albanian, then began to look a bit rough and beckoned to him to hand over the watch and made a snatch at it. Father Bray stooped down to pick up a stone when in a flash the Albanian pulled out a murderous looking knife and held it close up to Father Bray's face and grabbed his watch. He next made him turn out his pockets and collared everything except his snuff box. Luckily Father Bray had only ninepence in Greek money on him, I having all the cash. The Albanian looked horribly "sold" on finding he had only got ninepence in hard cash but made off with all he had secured while Father Bray fearing the same thing had happened to me, hastened on to Spartika, where we met again.

The Turks at Spartika are not very bright, but after some trouble and delay we made them understand that we wanted the

police. Luckily one of them rather smarter than the rest went off and raked up somewhere or other two more or less respectable Greeks who spoke French. Having heard our story they said there were neither police nor soldiers in Spartika, but there was a telegraph to Corfu in a village three miles away. They undertook to telegraph to the Gendarmerie at Corfu, and we set out for Corfu at top speed, and reported the matter to the British Consulate at 4 p.m., whereupon a file of mounted police set off at once for the mountain. Luckily, we knew the contents of the bag, the maker's name on the watch, and a name which was written inside the bag so that identification was very easy.

Our 48 hours' leave was over, but a day or two later Father Bray and myself were ordered to attend the local tribunal to identify the chaplain's stolen property and give evidence.

It was in rather a weird way that the property was recovered. It appears that when the inhabitants of the villages round the foot of Mount San Salvator got wind of the robbery, the local priests ordered what is known as a "Cursing Service." This is a custom in the Greek church according to which the priest gives orders for all the inhabitants to attend church, and there the perpetrators of robberies, his relations, and offspring are all solemnly cursed. The brigand got wind of this and was terribly frightened about it. He sneaked along to the church when it was empty and laid all the stolen property on the altar and cleared off. The police who were at this time scouring the mountain were informed, and at the same time a woman told one of the priests that she had seen Father Bray and a certain shepherd walking together just before the robbery. This led to the arrest of the right man, who at first stated that Father Bray had made him a present of the stolen articles! However, after contradicting himself several times, he finally confessed the truth. So we attended court and our sworn evidence was taken down. The prisoner whom I now saw for the first time looked quite a harmless sort of fellow, and very sorry for himself. The trial comes off in January, and our sworn statement will be produced then in lieu of ourselves. According to the Greek criminal code ten years imprisonment is the minimum penalty and death the maximum. The general idea seemed to be that he would get from ten to fifteen years.

E. S. D.



Presentation to Mr. Lyster.



THIS interesting function took place in the big school-room after 3 p.m. on 21st December last. The meeting was presided over by the Headmaster, and almost all the senior boys were present, as well as several recent Old Boys.

The following illuminated address, which was exquisitely executed by James M'Connell, of Sackville-street, well known to all High School boys, past or present, as the father of Rev. F. M'Connell, was read by R. M'M. Reid.

ADDRESS TO A. E. LYSTER, ESQ., M.A., T.C.D.,

On the occasion of his retiring from the High School, Dublin, from his past and present pupils, December, 1911.

DEAR SIR,

We, the undersigned, a Committee representing past and present pupils of the High School, Dublin, desire to place on record our regret at your departure from our midst, and to tender our thanks to you not only for the instruction we have received at your hands, but also for the kindly interest you have always taken in all matters concerning our welfare and advancement.

As a master and a friend, you have won the affection of all those with whom you have come in touch : as a master, you were patient and pleasant to those committed to your charge ; as a friend, you were and always will be one to be remembered.

We feel that we cannot let a long and faithful service of almost nineteen years pass without some recognition, and hope you will accept the accompanying gift as a small mark of the esteem and regard which we bear towards you, and we wish you many happy years of prosperity in the continuance of your sphere of usefulness.

Feeling that we represent the sentiments of the whole school, we wish you all that you may desire, and beg to remain your affectionate pupils.

(Signed in *facsimile*),

L. J. D. RICHARDSON (*Chairman*).

J. R. DUGGAN.

JNO. BELL.

MCE. NUROCK.

W. H. THRIFT.

H. M. DANIEL (on behalf of past pupils).

R. M'M. REID (*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*).

L. J. D. Richardson spoke on behalf of the school. He said they had come together that afternoon to celebrate an occasion which was in some ways melancholy, because they were about to lose their revered master, and in some ways pleasant, because there was no one present who begrudged Mr. Lyster the well-earned rest and retirement which he was about to enter upon, and which they hoped he would enjoy for many years. He then went on to speak of Mr. Lyster's connection with the High School. Ever since he could remember, Mr. Lyster had been one of the outstanding features of the school. He then presented Mr. Lyster with a handsome easy-chair and reading-stand.

G. S. B. Mack spoke on behalf of the Old Boys, and in the course of his speech dwelt on Mr. Lyster's college career, which was a very brilliant one.

Mr. Lyster, in acknowledging the presentation, said he was pleased and gratified to see his services so kindly appreciated by the pupils amongst whom he had worked. He felt greatly touched by their kindness, and he would always look back to the years he had spent in the High School with pleasure. He was proud to know that his work in it had not only been found useful, but that it had been so kindly thought of.

The meeting closed with hearty cheers for Mr. Lyster by the boys present.



The Old Boys' Annual Dinner.



THE Annual Dinner of the "Old Boys" of the High School, Dublin, was held on Thursday, December 14th last, at the Dolphin Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Thompson, M.A., Head Master of the school.

Amongst those present were—F. Elrington Ball, D.Lit.; Very Rev. the Dean of the Chapel Royal, Dr. L. C. Purser, F.T.C.D.; G. Fletcher, F.G.S.; S. A. O. Fitzpatrick, R. Smith Hopking, E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D.; Rev. Canon Carleton, D.D.; E. V. Longworth, B.L.; J. Walker Doherty, B.L.; W. I. de Courcy Wheeler, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.; Prof. H. H. Jeffcott, M.A.; W. H. Carson, B.L. (Hon. Sec.); C. H. Darley, B.L.; J. T. Drennan, B.L.; R. Y. Tyrrell, B.L.; S. Jones, M.A.; E. D. M'Crae, J. H. M'Crae, W. S. Cooney, B.A.; W. R. Little, B.A.; J. Sealy, B.L.; Rev. W. J. Mayne, Rev. J. Riversdale Colthurst, Ambrose Bury, R. G. L. Leonard, B.L.; J. Spencer Sheill, F.R.C.P.I.; A. W. Spence, D. M. Frazer (Hon. Sec.); Col. Story, A. L. B. Moore, W. C. Stevenson, M.B., B.S.; J. W. Fox, J. G. Crawford, R. B. Falkiner, S. W. Maddock, R. G. Matthews, A. H. Seale, F. G. Sharpe, LL.D.; R. R. Smylie, B.L.; S. Hayes, Rev. W. D. S. Ogden, J. W. Pemberton, R. B. Swan, J. Warren, F. C. D. Joynt, V. V. Drennan, J. Brown, E. T. Burd, B.A.; H. R. Norton, M.Sc.; M. W. T. Wyon, J. H. Cousins, J. F. Nichols, B.A.; H. V. Stanley, M.B., B.S.; H. Stodart, I. E. Gibson, R. Blackham, C. Mathews, H. Fawcett, Rev. C. C. W. Duggan, J. H. F. L. Leland, B.L.; A. C. Ellis, B.L.; J. C. Duncan, B.L.; G. Chester Duggan, L. Barron, F. W. Leland, R. L. Valentine, G. S. Harris, W. G. Tomlinson, G. M. Cross, H. B. Goulding, H. M. Daniel (Hon. Sec.)

Apologies were received from—The Provost of Trinity College (Chairman of the Governors); the Most Rev. J. B. Crozier, D.D., Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Clogher, Sir A. Reed, K.C.B.; W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.; F. B. Ormsby, J.P.; Capt. Seeds, T. P.

Stuart, J. O'Hara, F. Warren, L.R.C.P. and S.I.; H. W. White, H. G. Westropp, L.R.C.P. and S.I.; Rev. S. Hutchinson, T. W. Flewett, A. C. Richardson, F. V. Gordon, Rev. J. C. Forrester, Rev. A. R. W. Norton, Rev. E. J. Young B.D.; W. B. Yeats, A. W. Waters, C. J. Rice, Rev. R. A. Oulton, J. H. Barbor, Rev. G. A. Joynt, Rev. R. M. Hitchcock, R. Sealy Jeffares, A. H. Clarke, Melfort D'Alton, Rev. E. M. Norton, &c.

The loyal toast was patriotically honoured on the call of the Chairman.

The toast of the evening, that of "The High School," was proposed by Mr. E. V. Longworth, B.L., who said that one's notion years afterwards of the school where one spent early youth was but a bundle of personal experiences, reminiscences and recollections of men—at least they were men now—many of whom he was glad to see around him. Some of the men were dead, but the majority were prosperously flourishing in the Church, the army, medicine and law in Ireland and elsewhere. Some occupied pleasant sinecures in Trinity College and other universities; some had achieved comfortable positions in the Civil Service at home and abroad, and some in services once considered perhaps not quite so secure—many, he had reason to believe, had married. (Laughter). When he went to Trinity College he found the High School absolutely predominant. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. John Thompson, the present Head Master of the school.

The toast having been well received,

The Head Master, in responding, said he was glad to see so many Old Boys present at their annual dinner. It was always a pleasure to see them, to renew old memories, and to feel that they retained some affection for their old school. He must indeed have been an unfortunate boy who on leaving school did not "cast one longing, lingering look behind." He did not propose to talk of their examination successes during the past year—the occasion for that was elsewhere—but rather to mention such events in connection with the school as seemed of more general or personal interest. One change had been made in the school buildings, viz., the introduction of electric light, which would be useful and helpful in many ways. Two changes in the staff were taking place this Christmas, one of which, caused by the resignation of Mr. Lyster, after twenty years' service, he regretted to say was due to ill-health. Mr. Lyster was a brilliant mathematician, who had been a highly conscientious teacher and a loyal and honourable colleague, and had won the esteem and respect of all the boys who had grown up under his tuition. His resignation necessitated the appointment of a new Senior Mathematical Master, and he was glad to say that the Governors had also consented to the appointment of a First Class Senior Classical Master in place of a Junior Master who was retiring. The school was doing well, and its prospects were bright. Mr. Thompson

then referred to the "hostages to the empire" which the school had given in large numbers, and after speaking of several who had gone to different parts of the empire during the past year—India, Australia, Canada, New Zealand—he mentioned the names of three Old Boys who had died abroad at comparatively early ages during the year—C. A. V. Yeo, who had died in his 36th year at Montreal, J. A. Cunningham, Professor of Physical Chemistry in Calcutta, who died of fever at Chota Nagpur, at the age of 34, and Robert Ashe, who in his 39th year was the victim of a political murder at Maniyachi Junction, in the Madras Presidency. He thanked them heartily for the way they had received the toast.

Mr. Walker Doherty, B.L., proposed the toast of "Our Guests" in suitable terms.

The Dean of the Chapel Royal, in responding, said he was always unwilling to be regarded as a guest in any gathering of old High School Boys, for the reason that he had had a long connection in different ways with the school. It was nearly thirty years ago since he first was connected with the High School. He recognised the good work which was being done by the school, and said they were very proud of the results attained under the guidance of Mr. Thompson.

Mr. F. Elrington Ball, D.Lit., in reply, said he had the success of the school very much at heart, and he watched with great pleasure its increased prosperity under the present Head Master.

Dr. Purser, F.T.C.D., said that in Trinity College they knew what splendid men had come into the University from the High School—men excellent in tone and character.

The toast of "The Chairman," was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. W. J. de C. Wheeler, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., and responded to by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. J. Sealy, B.L., at the close of the evening proposed the health of the Hon. Secs. to whom the great success of the dinner was due, and the Hon. Secs. Messrs. D. M. Frazer, W. H. Carson and H. M. Daniel replied, expressing their pleasure at the result of their efforts.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was rendered by Messrs. S. W. Maddock, R. G. Matthews, C. F. Mathews, and D. M. Frazer. The accompaniments were played by Rev. W. Ogden.



Football Notes.



1ST XV. MATCHES.

DECEMBER 6th.—Monkstown 3rd at Sydney Parade. Losing the toss, we kicked off against a strong wind. Monkstown were the heavier team, and when they obtained possession a high kick

and a quick follow up resulted. Owing to the wind and the sodden condition of the ground our backs were unable to field the ball with any degree of accuracy. At half time we crossed over with 2 tries against us. With the wind now in our favour we fared better, and tries were scored by Mr. Gibson, Mack, Craig and R. Eyre. Out of the 6 tries scored not a single one was converted. Won by 4 tries (12 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

December 9th.—Lansdowne 3rd A at Belgrave Square. One of the most exciting games of the season, played in good football weather. As usual Lansdowne fielded a number of "old boys," including T. Smyth, W. G. Tomlinson, F. W. Leland, C. W. Bright, P. C. Bell, etc. The result was a scoreless draw, though on two separate occasions we had hard luck in not scoring. In the loose Colquhoun was conspicuous and he completely overawed the pugnacious player of the other side. Of our backs, Hannon and John Bell played best, particularly the former. Result—A scoreless draw.

December 16th.—Drogheda Grammar School at Belgrave Square. In the absence of Brennan, A. J. Beatty became Captain. The ground was only recovering from several day's rain, so that back play was restricted and scrummages were frequent. Drogheda did not play a representative side, but enlisted the services of outsiders. Players were injured at intervals, and at one time there were no less than five temporarily disabled. Dunlop ceded full-back to A. Gibson, and played a good game as wing three-quarter. Hannon and Mack were the better halves, with Beatty, Craig and Eyre prominent in the pack. Won by 8 points to 3 points.

January 20th.—St. Andrew's College at Belgrave Square. This was our first match after the Christmas vacation. Just after the start our backs delayed in fielding the ball, and thus let Andrew's gain an easy score. This was quickly followed by another, which left us a goal and a try in arrears within the first ten minutes. In the second period Stone dropped a neat goal from a quick pass at scrum by Hannon. Nearing the end, Warner only failed to score after dribbling the ball down the entire field. Lost by 1 goal 1 try (8 points) to 1 dropped goal (4 points).

February 14th.—St. Mary's College (away). With the heavier pack of forwards we kept the play well within St. Mary's lines, and our backs got away now and then. Neither side held points at half time. On restarting St Mary's opened the scoring with a try which was not converted. Wheeling the next scrum in first class style, our whole pack broke away with the ball, and G. Eyre touched it down for a score. The College next scored just before full time near the corner flag. There was some doubt about this score but the referee decided in their favour. In the pack we were decidedly superior, but St. Mary's had a corresponding advantage at back play. Brennan, Beatty and Read were the

best forwards, and G. L. Eyre the outstanding back. Lost by 2 tries (6 points) to 1 try (3 points).

February 21st.—Leeson Park at Belgrave Square. In view of our Cup Match it was decided to play a strict "under eighteen." Nothing of special interest happened in the game, which we won by 11 points to 8.

At half, N. L. Hannon played an exceptionally fine game, and his own try was gained by a very nippy little piece of work. In the forward line, F. S. Marchant and T. F. H. Read played themselves on to the Cup Team by their individual efforts. Won by 11 points to 8 points.

February 24th.—Munster v. Leinster (Schools Inter-Provincial). In recognition of our vast improvement in football this season, the Selection Committee gave J. R. Brennan his place in the Leinster pack. The match took place at 11.30 a.m. on Bective Ranger's ground at Sydney Parade. The Munster team arrived in a drag, but the Leinster men strolled in one by one, so that the game started about an hour late. The Southerners were much the bigger team, so that it became a contest of force against science. The scientific men sustained defeat to the extent of two goals and a try to nil. Brennan did all that was expected of him, and we frequently saw the red and black stocking hooking the ball out for Leinster. G. L. Moss, a former High School player, was scrum-half. He was, perhaps, the best back on the field. Lost by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to nil.

THE CUP MATCH.

TEAM.—*Full-back*—A. Gibson. *Three-quarters*—C. S. Marchant, W. H. C. Stone, John Bell, E. S. O. Dunlop. *Half-backs*—W. H. B. Mack and J. D. Colquhoun. *Forwards*—J. R. Brennan, A. J. Beatty, M. T. Craig, J. P. Warner, F. S. Marchant, J. R. Duggan, T. F. H. Read, H. B. Alexander.

Coming at last to the most important fixture of our football season, we found ourselves drawn against St. Andrew's College on the 29th February at Lansdowne Road. Our last meeting in the Cup Ties was exactly ten years ago, when they defeated us in the semi-final by a goal and three tries to nil. There were no less than nine changes from last year's Cup XV., yet we seemed to have a better team all around. For the second year in succession we lost the services of Hannon at half-back, who was unable to play through illness. Colquhoun came out of the pack to replace him, but the experiment was hardly a success. The usual photographing ceremony was dispensed with, and both teams appeared simultaneously amid loud cheers. Beatty kicked off and play settled down at midfield. It took some time for the game to brighten up, as the opening stages were entirely forward struggles. It was soon seen that Andrew's were superior at "scrum-half," and indeed had a more convincing style of passing

among their backs. On account of this we kept the ball with our forwards, and when it did come out a quick punt to touch followed. From a *mêlée* on our line, Brennan snapped up the ball and threw it to Colquhoun. It was a wretched pass and he missed it completely. On the hop it was seized by the Andrew's College captain, who forced his way over our line for the opening score. Following this the play was of an up-and-down nature, and we changed ends at half time with the score still three points to nil. In the second period we had a fair breeze in our favour which Gibson took full advantage of. Finding ourselves unexpectedly near their line we gave our three-quarters a chance and Stone at once dived over under the posts for the equalising try. When joy had subsided, C. Marchant took the kick but failed badly. A little disheartened, perhaps, by this ill-luck we did not seem to rouse ourselves sufficiently to put the finishing touch to our work. Brennan, Beatty and Craig had played for all they were worth, but now they seemed thoroughly fagged out. Picking up the ball somewhere near half way a St. Andrew's centre ran round our backs and finished up by scoring the winning try. *En-route* he crossed the "dead ball" line, but our appeal was not allowed. This happened just four minutes before full time, and "long whistle" sounded before we succeeded in again scoring. Perhaps, Duggan caused the greatest surprise of the day. He worked hard all through the game and was always well to the front in open play. F. S. Marchant also worked strenuously, and he enjoys with John Bell the distinction of having played in both S. C. T. and J. C. T. this season. T. F. Read was invaluable for seizing the ball from touch. At full-back A. Gibson played an excellent game, his fielding and kicking being very sound. Though none of our three-quarters distinguished themselves, C. S. Marchant was, perhaps, the most reliable tackler. It is the opinion of many who witnessed the match that we deserved to win, but we are proverbially unlucky in Cup matches, and we will finish by saying that, though beaten, we had the best of it. Lost by 2 tries (6 points) to 1 try (3 points).

March 2nd.—Palmerston 3rd at Belgrave Square. Through a mistake on the part of their Secretary, this match was played on our ground. We had already met on the 21st October in Belgrave Square, and had incidentally won by 47 points to 3. Mindful of this rout, we were asked to supply a three-quarter as substitute. The match opened unfortunately for us, as Palmerston kicked off, followed up, and scored in the first minute. Our opening try came through Dunlop, and C. S. and F. S. Marchant gained the other two. The game soon developed into a third-rate practice, in which A. J. Beatty was specially prominent. He was out to score a try, but, sad to relate, fortune did not shine on him. However, he kicked two fine goals and won the toss. Five of the regular team were unable to turn out, and A. J. Smyth (our sub-

stitute) played best for Palmerston. Won by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to 1 try (3 points).

March 6th.—King's Hospital, at Blackhall Place. For this match F. S. Marchant and John Bell were removed in order to take their places in a Junior Cup Team. We missed the latter especially, as he would have revelled in the rough and scrappy play which we experienced. In the first half, Brennan scored after beating a Hospitaller in a race for the ball. We changed ends still holding this advantage. Our next try was registered by Dunlop, who got over the line rather luckily near the corner flag. This try was converted by G. Eyre. Owing to numerous penalties against us by a strict referee, our fate hung in the balance to the last minute. At half back, G. Eyre was too eager for drop goals, and he also held on to the ball rather frequently. C. S. Marchant had some fine runs, and just failed to score by inches in the last minute. Brennan was always in the thick of affairs, and M. T. Craig, and Beatty, and Warner, were all solid men. A word of praise is also due to A. Gibson (full back), who found some really remarkable touches during the game. Won by 1 goal and 1 try (8 points) to 1 goal (5 points).



Cricket Prospects.



FOLLOWING the usual custom, we commence by recording the names of those cricketers who have left us since last season. First comes our late Captain, Joe Bell, followed by G. S. B. Mack, H. J. McCormick, S. T. Gibson, W. V. Rumney, G. B. Holmes, P. C. Bell, and E. Molyneux. It seems a heavy toll, but comparing them with the active list, we still have—or rather hope to have—N. L. Hannon, who bowled and batted consistently well last year, along with W. B. Gilligan, C. S. Marchant, J. D. Colquhoun, H. B. Alexander, John Bell, G. Larkin, and H. V. Thornton. This list gives a fair idea of our 1st XI., and should W. H. B. Mack give assistance, his presence will materially strengthen the team in every respect. This season we are rather late in commencing practice, but we willingly give way to Rugby as it is the chief school game. We will miss the help of Messrs. Telfer and Annis in practices and matches, but Messrs. Gibson and Timms are still with us. Rumour says that Mr. Chaffer, who succeeded Mr. Lyster, can supply “centuries” when necessary. We are always very glad to hear rumours like that. As regards the Juniors, we ought to have a strong eleven, as the majority of last year's team will be available, in addition to new blood. We hope, in conclusion, that our Cricket Season will receive proper management, and as an example we may add that the Football Club, under Mr. Gibson's control, had but two

general meetings; the first to elect suitable officers for the season, and the second to wind up affairs. Should such a fortune befall the Cricket Club, and if all the members practise consistently, we may, with confidence, anticipate a successful season.



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