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Editorial.

THE closing portion of the present year will ever have a mournful notoriety in the annals of Dublin as having witnessed the most serious labour troubles ever experienced in our city. Happily, they are outside the sphere of school life, and have caused us no more inconvenience than a delay in receiving the books which some of us had chosen as prizes, so that on the day of the distribution a few boys had to go away without their full complement of volumes. However, the fact that these disputes do not directly concern us, does not prevent us from sincerely hoping that the approaching season of Peace and Goodwill may see a settlement, far distant though that prospect seems to be at present.

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We have done particularly well this October at the Entrance Examinations in Trinity College. In the Classical Sizarship Examinations we obtained two out of three sizarships awarded, our successful candidates being W. H. B. Mack and A. S. Larkin, while P. F. T. Burns was close up. In the Junior Exhibition Examinations we obtained three out of the first seven places awarded, which is by far the best result gained by any school this year. W. H. B. Mack was third, thus winning the High School Exhibition of £25 a year for four years; P. F. T. Burns was fifth, and A. S. Larkin seventh. It was a disappointment that N. L. Hannon failed to do himself justice and missed a Junior Exhibition. In the Entrance Prizes Examinations, W. H. B. Mack won the First Prize for Greek Prose, the First Prize for Greek Verse, and the Second Prize for Latin Verse. P. F. T. Burns has also been awarded a Board Exhibition by Trinity College (£15 a year for two years). The Governors have awarded a First Class Statutory Exhibition to P. F. T. Burns and Second Class Statutory Exhibitions to A. S. Larkin, N. L. Hannon, and R. Bell.

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We congratulate these boys who have brought such distinction on their School, and assure them that our best wishes follow them in their college career, which has opened so auspiciously.

We also call attention to the fact that the School has won first place in Classics in both the Senior Freshmen and the Junior Freshmen Classes. M. Nurock was First of the First Rank both in Classics and Philosophy in the Senior Freshmen class, and obtained First Place at Little-Go (we are told, on record marks), and L. J. Richardson was First of the First Rank in Classics and in English in the Junior Freshmen Class, in which class H. V. Thornton also won a First in both these subjects. Richardson also won a First in Mathematics.

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The Annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, 7th November. The prizes were distributed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors. A very large attendance of visitors and Old Boys ensured the success of this important function.

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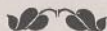
By the time that this number is in circulation the Scripture Examinations will have taken place. We hope that all the boys who have entered will do credit to the School, and that in our next Magazine we may have the pleasure of recording the many successes they have gained.

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As, with this number, the *Erasmian* has fallen under the direction of a new Editor, we take the opportunity of reminding our readers that the success of this, as of any magazine, depends largely on the literary contributions which we receive. We therefore hope that, during our tenure of office, there may be no lack of material, and that many boys will utilise the coming holidays for committing their thoughts to paper.

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In conclusion, we wish all our readers, friends, pupils, and Old Boys a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



School Notes.



WE were glad to see again Mr. C. E. Walker, who came back to us in October, quite recovered from his recent illness.

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On Thursday, 13th November, we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. W. Hind-Smith deliver a most interesting lecture on Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Some lantern slides were shown, illustrating the work done in sending out to Canada boys who had been rescued from the slums.

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A few days afterwards the Rev. E. Mann, a lately returned

missionary, very kindly gave a lantern lecture to the lower forms on "Japan," the country where he had been working.

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The Swimming Club continued their visits to the Iveagh Baths during September.

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The Rifle Club has been holding its practices weekly for the Seniors on Thursday afternoons, and on Mondays for the Juniors.

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A friend has offered a prize of five shillings for the best acrostic on the letters of the word "Erasmian." Attempts must be sent in to the Editor by the end of January, and the result of this competition will be published in our March number.



Notes on Old Boys.



At a sports meeting in Devonshire, T. M. McConkey (1909-11), won the following events:—100 yards, men under 30, 1st; long jump, 1st; quarter-mile flat, 1st; wheel-barrow race, 1st; obstacle race, 2nd; one mile flat, 2nd.

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We are glad to learn that C. H. Alexander (1892-1902) is a member of the Australian Football XV.

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N. F. Currall (1909-13) is taking the course in Mechanical Engineering at the Royal College of Science.

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M. Cornick (1906-10) has passed his Primary Dental Examination in Anatomy, Physiology, and Histology, and has also obtained a First Class Honours Certificate in Anatomy.

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U. Lipman (1907-09) has passed the First Medical Examination of the National University.

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J. A. Jeffcott (1892-1895) has been appointed to the responsible position of American Agent to Guinness's Brewery.

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Lieutenants D. G. D. Small (1902-5) and F. G. Small (1902-7), have both joined the Army Flying Corps on Salisbury Plain.

R. McDonnell, B.A., J.P. (1886-8), has been appointed Assistant Librarian of Marsh's Library.

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Rev. R. Arthur Oulton, B.A. (1900-03), has been appointed to the Curacy of Grange Sylva, in the Diocese of Leighlin.

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In Trinity College we notice the following distinctions obtained by Old Boys :—

CLASSICAL SIZARSHIP—2nd Place, W. H. B. Mack (1910-13); 3rd Place, A. S. Larkin (1902-13).

JUNIOR AND SCHOOL EXHIBITIONS—3rd Place, W. H. B. Mack; 5th Place, P. F. T. Burns (1908-13); 7th Place, A. S. Larkin.

ENTRANCE PRIZES—Greek Prose, W. H. B. Mack (1st). Greek Verse, W. H. B. Mack (1st). Latin Verse, W. H. B. Mack (2nd).

ENTRANCE—October—C. T. Shortt (1910-13). November—T. F. H. Read (1910-13).

LITTLE-GO EXAMINATION.—The following have passed—1st Class, Max Nurock, Sch. (1st) (1904-11); 2nd Class, C. H. York (1899-1908); 3rd Class, J. H. Hancock (1910-11); unclassified, G. S. B. Mack (1909-11).

JUNIOR SOPHISTER TERM EXAMINATIONS—Passed, C. C. C. Oulton (1901-05).

TERM PRIZE EXAMINATIONS—JUNIOR FRESHMAN CLASS.

CLASSICS.—First of First Honours—L. J. D. Richardson (1903-12); First Honours, H. V. Thornton (1905-12).

ENGLISH LITERATURE.—First of First Honours—L. J. D. Richardson; First Honours, H. V. Thornton.

MATHEMATICS.—First Honour—L. J. D. Richardson.

SENIOR FRESHMAN CLASS.

CLASSICS.—First of First Honours—Max Nurock.

MENTAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY.—First of First Honours—Max Nurock.

WILLIAM ROBERTS PRIZE IN CLASSICS.—Max Nurock.

JUNIOR SOPHISTER CLASS.

NATURAL SCIENCE.—Second Honours—J. M. Barron (1900-10).

MEDICAL SCHOOL.

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION (PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY.—Passed—J. R. Brennan (1909-12).

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M. Nurock, Sch., read a paper before the Classical Society on "Ancient Schools."

Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal for Latin—1st Place, Max Nurock.

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B.A. Degree Examination—H. B. Goulding (1903-09) has passed.



MARRIAGE.

OULTON AND MCCREADY—October 8, 1913, at St. Thomas' Church, Belfast, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Connor, assisted by the Rev. Henry Taylor, the Rev. John Strickland, and the Rev. J. E. Leonard Oulton (cousin of the bridegroom), the Rev. Richard Arthur Oulton. M.A., eldest son of G. N. Oulton, K.C., 19 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, to Sylvia Helen, youngest daughter of the Rev. C. T. McCready D.D., Lochlin, Howth, Co. Dublin.



Correspondence.

FORERUNNERS OF "THE ERASMIAN."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In looking over the accumulated papers of several years, I came across a few copies of a magazine called "H. S. D.," which lived for a few years before the venture of the printed magazine was made. I believe the Editor was changed every month, and his chief duties were to write out the whole of the "copy," and make as many "cyclostyle" copies of it as he thought he would be able to sell, and he had also to suffer the penalty of another month's editing if his first attempt was illegible. In the issue of November, 1898, there appeared a poem which was awarded the prize in a poetry contest. Perhaps it may be counted worthy of reproduction once more. The author was one of four brothers, all of whom were educated at the school, and some of them may be within the recollection of some of the present generation. He died at the very outset of what promised to be a worthy career in the ministry of the Church of England.

Yours, etc.,

FRED McCONNELL.

"FIFTY YEARS AFTER."

(By GEORGE W. WHITE.)

I remember, I remember,
The school where I was taught,
The little room in which the lore
I love, was dearly bought.
It always seemed as dry as dust,
And weary made the day,
Yet never lasted very long,
Nor wore my life away.

I remember, I remember,
 The yard in which we drilled,
 'Twas paved with rugged rubble stones,
 On which ourselves we killed.
 The courts on which I often played,
 The poles round which we flew,
 High in the air, and risked our necks,
 I well remember too.

I remember, I remember,
 The school-room with its clock,
 Where we did sit at twelve and three,
 Like prisoners in a dock,
 Waiting to hear the master say,
 In accents cold and clear,
 Take "sixty" or a "hundred" lines,
 Or "take a seat, my dear!"

And now I've wended fifty years,
 Along life's weary ways,
 And still I think with joy upon
 My youthful happy days.
 No matter wheresoe'er I get,
 Travelling the wide world o'er,
 I still look back, with fond regrets,
 Unto "H. S. D's." door.



The Prize Distribution.



THE Prize Distribution was held this year on Friday, 7th November, and was attended by a large gathering. The prizes were distributed by Mr. J. A. Maconchy, J.P., the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Amongst those present on the platform were:—Professor W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.; Rev. Principal H. Kingsmill Moore, D.D.; E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D.; J. B. Ormsby, J.P.; the Dean of Christ Church, Canon H. Jackson Lawlor, D.D.; Canon Tristram, D.D.; A. L. B. Moore (Registrar).

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the following:—

The Primate, the Lord Chancellor, the Bishop of Clogher, Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B.; the Bishop of Tuam, Sir Wm. Goulding, Judge Orr, Sir Gabriel Stokes, K.C.S.I.; A. Purser.

The Head Master first delivered his report, which was as follows:—

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my privilege this afternoon for the fifth time to present to you my annual report on the condition and work of the High School for the past year. The number of boys on the school roll for the present term is 219, which is slightly higher than last year, and for two or three years past. The school con-

tinues to work well and to make good progress. I propose, in the first place, to give a summary of the results achieved in examinations during the year under three headings—(1) Scripture Examinations; (2) Intermediate Examinations, and (3) University Examinations. I do not, of course, wish to convey that examinations cover or test the whole of a school's work. There are many things, and those among the most important in a boy's character and welfare which they do not affect, or affect only slightly, but on the other hand there would clearly be something wrong if a school entered its pupils for public examinations in competition with other schools without gaining any successes; and a distinguished scholar, the Dean of St. Paul's, has recently stated in praise of the examination system generally, what is no doubt largely true, that it develops memory, endurance, self-control, and stern determination, and within limits I know of nothing which can be an effective substitute for it.

1. Scripture examinations are held on the second Friday in every December both by the Church of Ireland and by the Presbyterian General Assembly. In the Church examinations 54 of our boys passed and gained 17 prizes. In Greek Testament the school won again the second year in succession the first place and silver medal, W. H. B. Mack repeating in 1912 the distinction of L. J. Richardson in 1911. Two other boys—A. S. Larkin and P. F. T. Burns—won first prizes in Greek Testament, and three others second class prizes. In Scripture, R. A. Heatley won a first class prize in the Middle Grade, and other boys who did specially well were R. J. Charters, C. D. Wilding, and H. G. G. Digges. Of the Presbyterian candidates nine boys passed, winning three prizes. C. A. Kinnear won a first prize in the Middle Grade, and R. Bell won the first place in Greek Testament, so that the school won for the first time the first place in the Greek Testament both in the Church of Ireland and in the Presbyterian examinations. For the Scriptural teaching of the school we are much indebted to the Rev. Canon Carleton, D.D., of St. Patrick's, and to the Rev. C. T. Clements, B.A., minister of Donore Presbyterian Church.

2. The examinations of the Intermediate Education Board this year contained one very important change. There was no Preparatory Grade, and a good many boys who would otherwise have entered for the Preparatory Grade were entered for the Junior Grade, an experiment that was not very successful; but those boys will benefit by their experience next summer. The results of the examinations were, that in the Junior Grade six boys passed, three with honours, in the Middle Grade twelve passed, three with honours, and in the Senior Grade five passed, one with honours. In the Junior Grade I. Levy obtained a First Class Exhibition in the Classical Group and a prize for Greek Composition, and qualified for a £2 prize in the Modern Language Group; J. Farrell obtained a £3 prize in the Classical Group and qualified for a £2 prize in the Modern Language Group; and in the

Middle Grade G. S. B. Mack obtained a prize for Greek Composition. J. Farrell has since left us, having obtained a Foundation Scholarship by open competition at St. Paul's School, London.

With your permission I will make a digression and say a few words about the present state of the Intermediate system, which is the controlling influence in Irish secondary education. The whole system is now, and has been for a few years past, in a transitional stage, and it is on account of this that the Intermediate Rules contain from year to year numerous technical changes, which often require an educational expert to understand them. This can only be regarded as a disadvantage since a public system of instruction should be one which the public can easily comprehend, while the important changes which are constantly introduced year after year tend to obscure the many good features of the present system. The immediate cause of the present disturbance in Intermediate Education is without doubt the introduction five years ago of inspection. But there are other equally effective causes, among them being the increasing interest of the public in educational problems, and in the position of teachers, and a general desire to bring Irish secondary education more into accordance with modern ideas. We therefore have, as a natural result, movements of various kinds, all operating in the direction of a change in the Intermediate system. I will enumerate four of them. In the first place the Intermediate Commissioners, keeping within the limits of the present system, continue to introduce important alterations in their Rules which are intended to improve the school curriculum, to raise the standard of education, and to ameliorate the methods of teaching. The latest of these, which may serve as an example out of several instances that may be quoted, is the introduction of a new Commercial Course in all the Grades including Industrial History and Commercial Geography, Business Methods, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Precise, and copying M.S.S. Many of these changes have been of great importance, but they do not change the system, and in some cases have certainly been ill-advised. Secondly, the Intermediate Board have abolished the Preparatory Examinations. This is a change of a more far-reaching character. It relieves the examination pressure, and allows the schools freedom in formulating their own syllabus. The Board did not intend to stop here, but to substitute in part inspection as the basis of payment of grants on pupils of the Preparatory Grade age. But this they had no power to do, and to secure them this power an Act of Parliament was passed last session. This Act gives the Board even increased power, as it brings into the Intermediate system pupils from 12 years of age upwards instead of from 13 as heretofore. The Act was passed late in the Session, so that the Board have not as yet worked out a scheme for its operation, but this is clear that if inspection works satisfactorily for pupils of this age, it will be extended, accompanied 'to some extent' by

examination, to pupils of the higher grades. This brings me to the third proposal for reform. The Intermediate Commissioners have in their latest report, for 1912, published their proposals for dealing with the higher grades, and as these are important, and not generally known, I venture to quote them. They are as follows:—

They propose (1) to abolish the restriction which makes the school grant depend entirely on examinations; and (2) to adopt a system whereby examination and inspection should each have a share in determining the grant. These objects, they continue, might be attained as follows:—

The school grant should be a capitation grant, paid to schools which satisfy the required conditions, on all pupils between the ages of 12 and 19 years who have been in regular attendance during the year.

The conditions should include—

- (1) That the schools should be certified as efficient by the Inspectors of the Board.
- (2) That a reasonable proportion of the pupils should pass two new examinations, an Intermediate and a leaving certificate examination, which should be substituted for the present honours examinations, the pass examinations being abolished altogether.
- (3) That the teachers should possess qualifications to be approved by the Board.

These changes would effect a revolution in the present system and would do away entirely with payment by results of examination. In my opinion the proposals are sound, but if they are to be effective they must be accompanied by adequate, and largely increased grants of money to Intermediate Schools. This brings me to my fourth proposal for reform. The Government has admitted the claims of Ireland to increased funds. The Chief Secretary, desirous of raising the status of Secondary Schools in this country, which, as he says, and says with truth, can only be done by raising the present status of the teachers in these schools, has obtained as a first grant from the Treasury a sum of £40,000 per annum to be applied in increasing the salaries of teachers who are qualified to be on a Teachers' Register. This sum has unfortunately been lost for the current year, but Mr. Birrell has announced his intention of presenting his scheme to Parliament early next session, and it is to be hoped that public opinion will support him in carrying it through and that this time next year the grant will be an accomplished fact. This would mean increased salaries for assistant masters, and the first step in the creation of a genuine profession of teachers. These brief remarks

will, I trust, enable you to realise to some extent the trend of Intermediate Education, and the course of the proposed developments during the next few years.

Passing from the Intermediate I come to the school's record for the year in University and other examinations. In the examinations of October last year for Junior and School Entrance Exhibition in Trinity College a pupil of this school for the third year in succession obtained the first place. This was L. J. Richardson who thus crowned a remarkably successful school career by winning the High School Exhibition, increased in consequence of his place in the examination from £25 to £35 a year for four years. He has also won a Classical Sizarship and three entrance prizes. A Junior Exhibition was also won by H. V. Thornton. The Governors awarded Statutory Exhibitions to the latter and also to J. R. Duggan. All these have since obtained First Class Honours in College, Richardson in both Classics and Mathematics, Thornton in Classics, and Duggan in Medicine. Among other distinctions in Trinity College may be mentioned those of Max Nurock (Sch.) who has won the Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse, First Berkeley Medal for Greek, and the Ferrar Memorial Prize; J. M. Barron, who has obtained First Class Honours in Science; E. M. Norton (Sch.) who has obtained the First Downes Prize and a Theological Exhibition, and H. M. Daniel who has maintained his position as the best man of his year in the Medical School by winning First of First Class Honours and Prize in the third year, and has also obtained the distinction, unusual in an undergraduate, of passing the First Part of the Examination for Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in England.

The lists you have in your hands show an increasing number of honours in the Medical and Engineering Schools in Trinity, and an increasing number of past pupils are also gaining distinctions in the Royal College of Surgeons, particularly G. M. C. Powell, D. J. Steele. L. Glick, and M. Briscoe, who have all won First Class Prizes there. Jos. Bell again has passed with honours the First Professional Examination of the Royal Veterinary College.

Among other distinctions in wider fields of life the following deserve mention. Mr. W. S. Norwood has become a K. C., and Mr. F. N. Greer, Parliamentary Draughtsman to the Irish Office, has been gazetted as C.B.; Mr. Jas. Sealy has been appointed Junior Crown Prosecutor for the County Wexford; Mr. Cecil Darley, Chief Inspector to the National Insurance Commissioners of Ireland; Mr. Newport White, Lecturer in Greek in Queen's University, Belfast; Mr. John Purser, Assistant Professor of Engineering in London University; Mr. H. S. Doig, Editor of the *Evening Mail*, and the Right Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, Lord Bishop of Down, Donnellan Lecturer for the second time in Trinity College, while of several clerical appointments the most

important are those of the Rev. C. F. Young, B.D., to be Rector of St. Paul's, Dublin, and of the Rev. J. R. Prenter, M.A., to be Minister of St. Mark's Parish Church, Dundee.

Two changes affecting the school which the Governors are making during the present year claim a brief notice in this report and will, we hope, commend themselves to the favourable consideration of parents whom they chiefly concern. The first is a rearrangement of the school year into three terms, instead of four quarters. The division of the latter portion of the year after the summer holidays into two short quarters of less than two months each constantly gave rise to inconvenience and sometimes misunderstanding, and the school year is now divided into three terms from the end of August to Christmas, from January to the end of March, and from the beginning of April to the end of June, while boys may be admitted from half term for half fees.

The second change, which has come into operation this term for new boys, and will come into operation for all boys from the commencement of next term, is the consolidation of all the school subscriptions for games and the magazine into a single subscription to be added to the school fee. The subscription is a moderate one, 2/6 a term for boys over twelve, and 1/6 a term for boys under twelve. This should prove more acceptable to parents than the payment of a separate subscription to four or five different clubs. It will save a great deal of trouble in the collection of subscriptions, and will, I hope, induce some boys to join in our games who have never done so before on the principle that every boy should try to get some value for his parent's money. This should also help to increase the success of the clubs.

During the past year both the Football and the Cricket Clubs did well, the former, under the captaincy of A. J. Beatty, and the latter, for the second year in succession, under N. L. Hannon, who brought the school team into the final for the Leinster Schools' Cup. In the Interprovincial Cricket Match against Ulster the school had two representatives, C. S. Marchant and G. E. Larkin on the Leinster Eleven. The Athletic Sports this year were a great success being held at the end of June at Ballsbridge in magnificent weather, when the Challenge Cup was won by J. M. Mounsey. The Rifle Club again won silver medals in the open Schools' Competition at Ballsbridge at Whitsuntide, and the Swimming Club has also had a successful season, a new and important attraction this year being the engagement of a swimming instructor. The School Magazine, the *Erasmian*, was edited by W. H. B. Mack, who has now entered College, and is succeeded by G. K. Carpenter.

For the continued success of the school, both in the class room and in the playing fields, I should like to express my thanks to my colleagues who have all worked hard and co-operated with me loyally in the interests of the school. Two of them who were on

the staff for several years, Mr. Cousins for eight and Mr. Norton for five, have now left for other appointments.

A school should aim at high ideals and remember it is a preparation for life. It is therefore our aim, by example and by precept, to inculcate the noblest principles of honesty, honour of order and reasonableness, of truthfulness and straightforwardness, of industry and persistent endeavour. We should like all our boys to be good scholars, but that not being in the nature of things always possible, we are anxious that at least they shall all turn out upright men and good citizens.

The Chairman, having distributed the prizes, said that the very satisfactory report of the Headmaster, he felt sure would be received by them with as much pleasure as it had given the Board of Governors. In the present juncture of affairs, whatever may be the outcome of matters political, it must be recognised that it was to the youth of their country they must look with hope for the growth of a healthy and sane public spirit. Far be it from him to inflict upon them any partisan opinion upon the grave questions of the day. But issues great and grave were in men's minds, vitally affecting not only the government of their beloved country, but the very foundations of their social system, and the boys of to-day would be the men of to-morrow, in whose hands would be the management of that complex organisation of citizens which was termed the State, which stands on a plane higher than party politics. It was the character of the individual that made the character of society, and never had there been a greater necessity for early discipline and habit in the exercise of those great virtues of tenacity of purpose, toleration of dealing, and clearness of thought which alone could make the character of the individual. Genius had been defined as an infinite capacity for taking pains, and character was formed by daily habit rather than by impulsive resolve. They as Irishmen had earned the reputation of succeeding in every department of life in every country but their own, a reputation which might in part be due to their incurable habit of seeing the humorous side of their own failures, and thereby giving to them an advertisement, where a more practical nation would bury them in oblivion. But it must be their object to show to the world that the success of Irishmen in other countries could also be achieved at home, and that the wonderful activity in thought and in industry which had of late years been shown in Ireland was the light of the dawn of a new and brilliant day in the sun, of which their youth and intellect would have their due place. He was sure they would join with him in expressing their appreciation of the unwearied application and high sense of duty which had characterised the Head Master and the members of his staff.

After the Chairman's speech, some of the visitors were entertained by the Governors to tea in the Board Room, while others attended a lecture, in the Art Room, delivered by Mr. Briggs, on

"The Panama Canal," of which some very interesting lantern slides were put on the screen. These visitors were then served with tea, while others took their places at the lecture which Mr. Briggs very kindly repeated.

The boys also greatly enjoyed their tea, which was given to them in the Clock-room.

Football Notes.

BEFORE proceeding to recount the various matches of the 1st XV. so far this season a few words of general interest concerning the club will not be out of place.

The new arrangement of the terms and inclusion of a subscription towards the Games' Fund in each boy's fees ought to have the desired effect of increasing each boy's interest in the club; of adding to the number of boys at present making use of the square in winter and summer; and also imbue in the Lower School especially a knowledge of the game by encouraging them to attend regularly the practices and games at Belgrave Square. As usual the Committee notice with regret the lack of interest among the older boys, who should be well able to play, and strengthen both the 1st and 2nd XV's.

1st XV.

Summary of the Matches:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points for.	Points against.
15	6	7	2	116	135

As will be seen from the above, our 1st XV. has not done very brilliantly, but any casual observer must take into account the fact that our S. C. T. is about the smallest that has ever represented the school, and is also the lightest and smallest at present in Dublin. With only three of last year's backs remaining we have had to call upon some "new blood" to fill the places of many good players who have left. The back division is much better and more often seen to advantage in defence than attack. Among the three-quarters there are none exceptionally fast, but they all tackle determinedly. The forwards are very light compared with other school packs, and as a result the backs have to do their best to get the ball by some other means than from the scrum.

The half-backs are plucky, and are good at opening out the game for their three-quarters. The notes on the players will be found elsewhere. Some of the team are slack about training and turning out for matches, and they must remember that if the team is to do well each member must work consistently and earnestly.

The 2nd is very small, and has not done very well. Here we have had to requisition the assistance of players who are only fit

for play with 3rd XV.'s. With good hard training and practising they should improve in the coming term. The J. C. T., which is about the same as the 2nd XV., has done better, and ought to give a good account of itself in March, although it is small.

We must here thank heartily Messrs. Wyon, Slade, Walker, Briggs and Ellwood, who have helped us so kindly in club matches.

Our heartiest thanks are also due to F. S. Marchant, who has very kindly refereed for us, regularly, at the Square.

MATCHES PLAYED.

Oct. 4th.—St. Mary's College at Rathmines.—We were unlucky to be beaten by the small margin of two points, as for the most part we were on the aggressive. The most conspicuous back was Larkin, who played splendidly all through, while Smyth and Mounsey were the pick of a hard working pack. Lost by 2 goals (1 dropped), 9 points to 1 goal, 2 tries (11 points).

Oct. 8th.—King's Hospital at Blackhall Place.—Played in wretched weather. High School were unfortunate not to score once or twice. Bell and Larkin got through much work in defence. All the forwards worked well. Lost by 2 tries (6 points) to nil.

Oct. 11th.—St. Andrew's College at Donnybrook.—Played under ideal conditions this match was very fast and strenuous all through. Both sides were unlucky not to score more than once. Bell, Larkin and Smyth played best for the school. Result—a scoreless draw.

Oct. 14th.—Monkstown 3rd A at Sydney Parade.—This match was mainly a struggle between the forwards, but there were also plenty of opportunities for the backs of both sides, and these were taken advantage of. For the school Messrs. Ellwood and Slade worked hard, while the best of a hard-working pack were Beatty, Gilligan and Smyth. Won by 2 goals, 2 tries (16 points), to 1 goal, 1 try (8 points).

Oct. 15th.—St. Columba's College at Rathfarnham.—Lost by 2 goals, 4 tries (22 points) to nil. In this match we were not so badly beaten as the score would indicate, as our backs were mostly attacking in our opponents' territory, but they failed to finish off their movements to advantage.

Larkin, well backed up by Dodds, played well at half, while Bell worked strenuously at centre. The forwards were all good, but Smyth and Mounsey are worthy of note.

Oct. 22nd.—Skerry's College at Belgrave Square.—This match developed into a mere scramble in which the school did not make the most of the advantages offered to them.

Both backs and forwards worked unevenly, and none are worthy of special note. Won by 2 goals (1 dropped), 9 points to nil.

Oct. 25th.—College of Science at Belgrave Square.—Our

opponents turned out a very strong team, their forwards being especially too heavy for the school pack. As a result our backs did not get many chances. Mr. Ellwood and Bell were the best of the backs. All the forwards worked well. Lost by 2 goals, 2 tries (16 points) to 1 try (3 points).

Nov. 1.—High School 1st v. Leeson Park 1st.—This match was played at Belgrave Square in ideal football weather. Soon after the start Mr. Ellwood, receiving from Bell, beat the opposing backs and scored a splendid try beneath the posts, the kick at goal, however, proving abortive. Before the end Leeson Park scored an unconverted try per Scott. Thus a rather scrappy match, in which High School, on the whole, had the best of matters, ended in a draw. Drew by 1 try (3 points) to 1 try (3 points).

Nov. 8th.—Clontarf 3rd at Belgrave Square. In this match we proved too good for our visitors in all departments, and won easily as below. The scorers for the High School were—Bell (5), Larkin (1), Mr. Ellwood (2), Mounsey (1), Smyth (1). Won by 4 goals, 6 tries (38 points), to 1 try (3 points).

Nov. 10th.—Lansdowne 3rd A at Lansdowne Road.—Our opponents turned out a very strong team which consisted of many Old Boys. The play was of a scrappy nature in which the school held their own, but proved much slower in attack. At half-time the school team was leading by 6 points to 3, but in the second moiety, Lansdowne combining and passing well crossed our line twice per W. H. B. Mack, and Haddon dropping a goal, they ran out winners by 1 dropped goal and 2 tries (10 points) to 2 tries (6 points). Bell, Larkin and Smyth, were the best for the school.

Nov. 12th.—Dublin University 3rd B at Belgrave Square.—Played in a heavy downpour of rain this game resolved itself into a "mud-fight." Trinity winning by 1 goal, 4 tries (17 points), to nil.

Nov. 15th.—Masonic School at Clonskeagh.—At the start of this match the ground was in ideal condition. A forward rush culminated in Mounsey obtaining a score which Bell failed to convert. After half time, in a downpour of rain, our opponents pressed strongly, and Bell was compelled to touch down. Some moments later, the game was abandoned, owing to the bad weather. High School was best represented by Bell, Larkin, Dodds and Mounsey.

Nov. 22nd.—Sandymount 1st at Belgrave Square.—In the first half, Sandymount were continually on the aggressive, and some minutes before the interval scored under the posts, but failed with the kick. In the second moiety High School crossed the line twice per Smyth and Larkin, while Bell dropped two goals from marks. Messrs. Wyon and Elwood, Bell, Larkin, and Smyth, were the pick of the school team. Won by 3 goals (2 penalties) and 1 try (14 points), to 2 tries (6 points).

Nov. 26th.—Wesley College (S. C. T.) at Bloomfield.—Our

opponents forwards being heavier in the scrum, our backs did not get the ball often. As a result our backs, aided by our forwards, were always on the defence. Bell, Larkin and Smyth, were the best for the school. Lost by 3 goals, 4 tries (27 points) to nil.

NOTES ON PLAYERS (S.C.T.)

H. WESTROPP—Fields and kicks well, but his tackling could sometimes be improved upon.

H. MOLLOY—Rather new to the game, slow, but will improve. Makes the most of his opportunities.

J. BELL—Too much cannot be said about our Captain. Time and again he has been a tower of defence, and has often brought us out of great difficulties.

P. FENNEL—Rather slow, good in defence, kicks well, and plays a plucky game.

S. SMYTH—Diminutive for a wing, but is excellent in defence and kicks well.

G. E. LARKIN—One of the mainstays of our defence, very strong and tricky in attack. A safe kick.

H. C. DODDS—Rather small, slow at times, but gets through much work.

A. J. SMYTH—Our best forward, good hooker, and uses his weight to great advantage.

J. M. MOUNSEY—Works energetically, splendid out of touch, and gets through an enormous amount of work.

D. L. FLETCHER—Does not use his weight to advantage, but is a good stayer, and tackles well.

H. G. G. DIGGES—Rather slack at times, good in the loose.

H. V. JACKSON—A fast improving player, very good stayer, and works very hard.

C. B. D. PARKER—If more energetic would make a good forward. Kicks well and to advantage.

C. D. WILDING—New to the game, but vastly improving.

Also played—G. K. Carpenter and G. M. Fletcher.

Our Swimming Club.

ONCE more we have to record the close of a most successful swimming season. A substantial balance from last session enabled us to reduce the subscription greatly, and many new members thus resulted.

We are sorry to lose R. Gibson and W. H. C. Stone, our two best swimmers, who have left the school, but we are glad to welcome J. V. Bateman, another swimmer of repute, in their place. We have still H. Westropp, H. Dodds, and R. Mather, and with the help of our invaluable instructor have had several enjoyable polo matches.

We also must congratulate the junior members on their

progress in swimming, but their persevering attempts at diving are still rather amusing.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. Bennett heartily for coming with us to the baths every Friday, in place of Mr. Norton, who left us during the summer vacation. It will be remembered that it was partly due to Mr. Norton that a swimming club was instituted in High School, and many of us owe our skill in natation to his persevering efforts. We hope he will often remember favourably this part of his work amongst us.

Rifle Club Notes.

THE Rifle Club held its opening practice this year on the 18th September with twenty-three names on the roll, as last year. Our former Secretary, J. D. MacCarthy, has left us. Mr. Bennett still very kindly presides over the practices, both senior and junior.

J. S. Phillips, H. H. Molloy, and H. Goodwillie tie for the highest individual score of 48, A. S. E. Thornton running them very close with 47.

Both senior and junior scores this session are far superior to those of this time last year. There are six averages in the Senior Division higher than the highest last year, also there are nine individual scores over 40 as compared with last year's five. Again, last year's highest score was 42, whereas this year it is 48. In the Junior Division Linnell comes first with 37, and Russell next with 36, though Clarendon obtained a 45 and a 43 while in this division, but was promoted to the seniors. There are three averages higher than last year's highest, and none so low, last year's lowest being eight. Also, this year's highest individual score is 37, whereas last year's was only 30.

These notes would not be complete without an expression of our warmest thanks to the Sergeant for the excellent condition in which he keeps the rifles.

The scores and averages up to date are as follows:—Highest possible score 50.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Name.	Number of Practices.	Total Number of Points Scored.	Highest Individual Score.	Averages.
H. H. Molloy	10	847	48	44'6
J. S. Phillips	10	666	48	44'4
H. Goodwillie	10	458	48	44'6
Mr. Bennett	10	404	45	36'7
A. Thornton	10	412	47	34'3
J. M. Mounsey	10	462	41	33
H. S. Bird	9	469	44	29'3
R. H. Molloy	7	229	37	25'4
R. Jackson	10	479	39	23'9
H. W. Clarendon	11	354	45	22'1
A. J. Smyth	10	353	43	20'8
J. Bell	7	187	30	17
C. G. White	8	193	27	12'9

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Name.	Number of Practices.	Total Number of Points Scored.	Highest Individual Score.	Averages.
B. W. Russell	9	251	36	20'9
V. A. Linnell	8	199	37	18'2
J. Mackey	8	137	30	17'1
N. D. Roe	7	117	34	11'7
R. E. Johnston	8	115	23	10'5
E. W. Scales	9	133	22	8'9
D. Gilbert	7	68	18	7'5
E. W. Mills	6	32	17	3'2
H. R. Bardon	8	14	7	1'5
W. D. Thom	6	13	5	1'3



Our Contemporaries.



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