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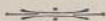
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Editorial.



WE started the educational year of 1910-1911 on the 29th August, and though many boys have departed the large number of new pupils more than counterbalances the loss. This increase is very gratifying, and bodes well for the success, financial and otherwise, of the various clubs.



During the holidays two important alterations have been made. First, the dividing wall between the "A." and "B." rooms has been demolished, and one large spacious class-room formed; and secondly, a new bicycle shed has been erected at the wall adjoining on the lower laboratory, where, in future, all bicycles will be stored.



The Swimming Club early recommenced its natations, and the Rifle Club soon after opened its session. The Literary and Debating Society will soon emerge from its long state of quiescence, and we hope to have the satisfaction of listening to some spirited speeches before this issue is published. The debates, as before, will be arranged by Mr. J. H. Cousins, the Hon. Secretary. The Intermediate Exhibition and Prize Lists recently issued credit the High School with seven distinctions, which is, considering the number of boys who entered for honours, a very praiseworthy performance. Of course, our successes are far and away behind those of twenty years ago, both in monetary value and in number. In those days the High School always carried off many honours, and hardly a year passed without her pupils gaining a dozen exhibitions and a few medals. Still as our numbers increase, we hope that our successes in the Intermediate will increase proportionately.



Our Annual Sports passed off, on the whole, in a quite satisfactory manner, and on the financial side, the Treasurer, we are pleased to hear, is able to report a sound balance on the right side. For the first time for many years the Clerk of the Weather was in a surly mood, and most of the races were run in a regular

downpour. However, as the majority of the public arrived before any rain fell, the inclemency of the weather did not in any way diminish the attendance, and the grand stand was crowded during the afternoon. As was generally expected, W. H. Crotty carried off the Cup and the accompanying gold medal. He well deserved his victory, which he obtained on the high total of 28 points. There was no hitch in the proceedings, and a large measure of the success of the Sports is due to the Old Boys and masters, who kindly acted as stewards, starters, and time-keepers. Our best thanks are also due to the Provost's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Traill, who graciously presented the prizes, as well as to all those who so willingly subscribed to the Sports' Fund.

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We wish to inform parents and pupils that the box in the Hall is intended for literary contributions to the *Erasmian*, and not as a repository for fees. The mistake has already been made on a few occasions, and is a source of great trouble.



School Notes.



DURING this summer there have passed away two members of the Erasmus Smith Board of Governors, who, for many years, took the greatest interest in the welfare and prosperity of the High School. The Right Hon. Hedges Eyre Chatterton, formerly Vice-Chancellor of Ireland, who died on August 30th, at the great age of 92, became a member of the Board in 1870, and was elected Treasurer and Chairman in 1872. He held this position until May, 1906, when he resigned the office, and although he still remained on the Board, he did not, after this date, take any further part in the management of the Endowment. During the long period of his Chairmanship—thirty-four years—he devoted himself unsparingly to its duties, he mastered every detail of the work, and by his watchful guardianship of the finances, and his wise advice and leadership brought the Erasmus Smith Endowment safely through a very critical period of its existence. Old Boys will remember how for many years he regularly gave away the prizes at the annual distribution.

The Very Rev. W. C. Greene, M.A., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, who died on August 9th, at the age of 82, was a Governor for even a longer period than the Vice-Chancellor. He was elected in August, 1861, and only resigned this position last November, having gone to live near London. He had previously resigned the Deanery of Christ Church. During all the years for which he was a Governor he was most regular in his attendance at the meetings of the Board, and took the greatest interest in the schools under the Endowment.

The Committee of the Dublin Branch of the National Service League are offering to the school two prizes (of the value of £1 each) for boys, respectively, over and under 16, for the best answering on a paper designed to test elementary knowledge of: 1. The growth, &c., of the British Empire; 2. Patriotic duty in its bearing on daily life; and 3. The duty of home defence in the case of war. The paper will be set about the end of November to all the classes from 3 C. upwards, the questions and the awards being decided by the Head Master.

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Having obtained an appointment in Rhodesia, Central Africa, Mr. Gordon has left us. We wish him all success in his future career.

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His place is filled by Mr. Wyon, to whom we tender a hearty welcome, and who, we hope, will help us on the playing-field as well as in the class-room.

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W. H. Crotty (1907-10), and R. R. Wilson (1906-10), have also left the school, and their departure deprives us of two valuable players for the cricket XI. and the football XV. Our best wishes follow them.

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R. Green (1904-1908) has passed the second professional examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

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A. H. Clarke (1905-1907) has obtained an appointment in the Registry of Titles Department.

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We met D. A. Smyth (1899-1905), who is home on three months' leave, recently at Dalymount Park. He is looking bronzed and well, and seems to enjoy the Indian climate.

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Judging by all accounts, the Old Boys at the D. U. Officers' Training Corps Camp, held this year near Laytown, enjoyed themselves immensely. Among them were W. G. Tomlinson, N. E. Tuite, H. B. Goulding, H. Barron, and H. M. Daniel.

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J. C. Taylor was one of a party of Boy Scouts chosen from Great Britain and Ireland to make a six weeks' tour through Canada under the command of the Chief Scout, General Sir R. Baden-Powell.

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Mr. J. H. Cousins has very kindly presented medals for batting and bowling to the 1st XI., which have been obtained by I. M. Craig and G. S. B. Mack respectively.

Three High School students figured in the Intermediate Prize List: Max Nurock, who obtained the medal for 1st place in Latin, the second Classical Exhibition, £40, and a composition prize (1st place) in Latin, value £4; also a second class Mathematical Exhibition, £20, for which he is ineligible; Alfred S. Larkin, who was awarded a first class Classical Exhibition, £15, in the Junior Grade, and composition prizes in Latin (1st place) and Greek, each value £2; and E. S. Dunlop, who, in the same grade and course received a book prize value £1. We offer them our heartiest congratulations.

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Besides the above G. K. Carpenter obtained First Place in Ireland in Mathematics in the Preparatory Grade, and full marks in Arithmetic. J. C. Taylor obtained First Place in Drawing in the fourth year, and P. C. Bell Second Place in Drawing in the third year course in the Middle Grade.

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The Fancy Events, which could not be run off on Sports' Day, were decided on Saturday, 10th September, at Belgrave Square. Results:—Senior Consolation Race—1st, L. J. D. Richardson; 2nd, W. H. Stone; 3rd, G. S. B. Mack. Consolation Race, under 15—1st, E. C. Smith; 2nd, H. T. Westropp; 3rd, W. J. Dawson. Consolation Race, under 12—1st, W. H. Taylor; 2nd, D. A. Saville; 3rd, H. Bell. Sack Race—1st, G. H. Wilson; 2nd, H. R. Hopking; 3rd, G. Mack. Boot Race—1st, H. S. Larkin; 2nd, C. Ferguson; 3rd, John Bell. Siamese Race—1st, T. M. McConkey and H. J. McCormick; 2nd, J. Farrell and H. S. Larkin.

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T. S. Tomlinson (1905-1907) has been promoted from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant of the Royal Munster Fusiliers.

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R. D. White (1909-1910) was awarded last June the Gold Medal for Violin Playing in the Senior Grade in the Leinster School of Music.

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J. H. F. Leland (1899-1903) won the First Place with a £7 prize in the Senior Examination in Law last June; and J. C. Duncan (1892-1903) Second Place with a £4 prize.

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F. E. A. Campbell, M.A., T.C.D. (1890-1897) has passed the *Viva Voce* Examination for the degree of Ph.D. in the University of Greifswald, Germany.

L. J. Stephenson (1896-1901) has secured an appointment as a Master in the Manor House, a military grinding school at Felixstowe. The appointment, we understand, is a lucrative one.

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MARRIAGES.

Rev. J. Riversdale Colthurst, M.A. (1885-1890) was married on June 1st at St. Philip's Church, Milltown, to Georgina Hickson (Ena), daughter of Dr. A. Nixon Montgomery.

William H. Roper (1881-1883) was married on July 28th at St. Bartholomew's Church, to Rosita Charlotte Jordi, only daughter of Miguel Jordi, Esq., 108 Pembroke Road.

George Grant Duggan, B.A. (1896-1904) was married on August 24th at Christ Church, Leeson Park, to Dorothy Isobel Tuthill, only child of the late Wm. Hy. Johnson, 53 Ashfield Road.

Arthur Henry Houston (1886-1891) was married on September 15th at Essex Church, the Mall, Notting Hill Gate, to May, daughter of the late Paul Brunner, of the Knoll, Sefton Park, Liverpool.

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THE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following were awarded School Scholarships last June :—

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BOYS BETWEEN 12 AND 14.

First Class.

G. C. White
Jno. Bell
J. M. Mounsey
J. D. M'Carthy

Second Class.

E. G. Dixon
A. J. Smyth
C. A. Kinnear
H. S. Wisdom.

R. J. Charters and C. J. Tanner were also elected in place of John Bell and J. M. Mounsey, who had previously held Second Class Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BOYS BETWEEN 11 AND 13.

First Class.

J. Farrell
P. R. G. Fennell
R. H. Molloy
H. G. G. Digges

Second Class.

N. F. Currall.
W. H. Thrift
A. J. Benson
C. E. A. Ferguson

Next June only eight Scholarships will be awarded—four First Class and four Second Class—to boys between eleven and thirteen years of age on June 1st, 1911. Further particulars and the syllabus of the Examination may be obtained on application to the Head Master.

A Day with the O.T.C. at Laytown, July, 1910.



5 a.m.—Reveill  sounds for the Engineering Section. Reluctantly blankets are tossed aside, and each of the six members of our tent make the best shift of the limited space at his disposal to dress; washing has to be dispensed with for the present, for rifles have to be thoroughly cleaned ready for practice at the butts, which is the first item on the day's programme.

5.30 a.m.—A sharp walk of nearly a mile through the long grass, in the cold, misty, morning air, brings us to the butts. Here we fire in squads of fours, five shots each; as this is the first time that the majority have handled a short Service Lee-Enfield, with a 3'03 bullet, there are many rueful exclamations and a multitude of bruised shoulders. Still for beginners the percentage of hits is quite good, and our Sergeant-Instructor compliments us.

7.0 a.m.—Wide-awake now, but begrimed and hungry, we return to camp to find all astir. The Infantry and Medicals, whose reveill  is at 5 30 a.m., have already cleaned up their tents, and placed their bedding out to air in the sun, which has by this time managed to struggle through the clouds. We follow their example lustily, perform our ablutions, and set to work to burnish up the badges and buttons on our equipment.

8.0 a.m.—Breakfast call. Never was music more welcome than the orderly bugler's—"Come to the cookhouse door." We rush pell-mell to the mess tents where we do ample justice to the meal spread before us.

8.45 a.m.—Tent Inspection. Bedding and kit must be rolled up opposite each tent, rifles stacked, and tent swept and tidied.

9.0 a.m.—General Parade. Infantry fall in for Company Drill, and rehearse the March Past for the Inspection by General Sir Neville Lyttelton. Engineers receive spars and ropes, and practice lashings, or make sand-bag trenches. The latter work, by the way, is very interesting, and the trenches are made exactly as in actual time of war.

1.0 p.m.—Lunch. Only when we sit down at the tables do we realise how keen is our appetite, and we make short shrift of our rations.

2.0 p.m.—We set off on a three mile tramp to the river to build a bridge. On our arrival we find the tide out, and we utilise the spare time in carrying down poles, spars, planks, cables and lashings. Two trestles are made, launched, and set up in the river, to which two floating piers are joined. Not having sufficient time to finish the bridge, we leave the timber and ropes out of the

reach of the tide, and march back to camp, singing all the popular songs *en route*.

6.30 p.m.—Dinner. We are now free for the rest of the evening. Some go down to the village of Laytown, which consists of one side of a street, two shops (both public houses), and a post office; others remain in camp playing cricket, or hold a sing-song in the canteen.

9.30 p.m.—First Post.

10.0 p.m.—Last Post sounds. All make their way to their respective tents, arrange their bedding, and make themselves comfortable.

10.15 p.m.—Lights out. The candle is extinguished by the simple expedient of kicking over the bottle which acts as a candle-stick, and we sleep the sleep of the just.

O. T. C.



Poetry : Experiments in French Forms.



A SPRING RONDEL BY A STARLING.

I clink my castanet,
And beat my little drum,
For spring at last has come ;
And on my parapet
Of chestnut, gummy-wet,
Where bees begin to hum,
I clink my castanet,
And beat my little drum.
"Spring goes," you say, "suns set."
So be it ! why be glum ?
Enough, the spring *has come* ;
And without fear or fret
I clink my castanet,
And beat my little drum.

THE SILENT POOL AT SHERE, RONDEAU TO E. J. S.

The Silent Pool stands crystal clear
Among the silent woods of Shere ;
And trout and goldfish, unafraid,
Moving as shades amid the shade,
Are all that stir the placid mere.
And you, dear friend, are standing near,
And pierce the silence with a spear
Of jest that wakes the slumbrous glade,
The Silent Pool.

Perchance, when leaves of life turn sere,
 And frost is on the pulse's weir ;
 In silent hours when dreams are made,
 Some thought of hours when here we strayed,
 Deep in the heart shall stir with cheer
 The Silent Pool.

“LABORARE EST ORARE,” A RONDEAU OF
 FIELD LABOURERS.

“To labour is to pray.” We heave
 The heavy clay ; we dig and cleave ;
 And, knees and hands deep in the sod,
 Search out and shape the Will of God
 Creation's purpose to achieve.

Slant showers may wound, sharp winds bereave,
 We lift not soiled and suppliant sleeve
 (Sure God in Heaven shall bless the rod)

 To *labour* is to pray.

And so we are content to leave
 Prayers for long-headed folk to weave ;
 We work His Will in ear and pod,
 And when His harvest-eyes applaud,

We know—what others but *believe*—

 To labour is to pray.



The Athletic Sports.



ON Monday, 27th June, our Annual Athletic Sports were held in the Jumping Enclosure, Ball's Bridge. Unfortunately a spell of characteristic Dublin summer (*sic*) weather marred what was otherwise a very successful day. However, in spite of the adverse climatic conditions there was a large crowd assembled beneath the ample shelter of the Grand Stand to watch the races.

Numbers of the fair sex also graced the event with their presence, heedless of the threatenings of Jupiter Pluvius.

As usual the Throwing of the Cricket Ball competitions were decided at Belgrave Square on the previous Saturday: the winners being, in the senior division R. G. Kelly, who threw 75 yards; and in the junior, W. A. Cochrane, whose throw was 69 yards.

Sharp to the advertised time the first pistol went at 2.30 p.m. for the 100 Yards under 10 handicap, which was run off in one heat, H. J. Allen (3 yds.) winning without much effort from W. A. Milligan (*scr.*) and H. R. Hopking (*scr.*), who were placed second and third respectively. Time, 15 secs.

Next were decided the heat of the 100 Yds. under 11, the winner in the final being H. Worthington-Eyre (scr.), with L. E. Blood (4 yds.) a close second, and R. J. McConnell (1 yd.) a good third. Time, 14 secs.

In the 100 Yds. under 12, the most fancied heat winners were R. S. Wayland (scr.) and W. H. Thrift (scr.), who in the final reached the tape in such close juxtaposition that it was considered necessary to run the race off between them. This was done, and Thrift, leading all along, won in easy style by about 3 yds. The placing, therefore, was W. H. Thrift, 1st; R. S. Wayland, 2nd; J. Farrell, 3rd. Time, $14\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

In the 100 Yds. under 15, the result was no longer doubtful when R. W. Eyre (scr.) won the fifth heat, the second and third in the final being J. M. Mounsey (3 yds.), and L. C. Le Bas (scr.) respectively. Time, $11\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The Senior 100 Yds. was a foregone conclusion with W. H. Crotty in the running. The first heat was won by G. R. Thomson (1 yd.) in $11\frac{1}{2}$ secs., with J. M. Barron (2 yds.) a good second. The next was won in easy style by G. L. W. Eyre (2 yds.), and for second place A. J. Beatty (2 yds.), and A. Briscoe (1 yd.) dead heated. In the third heat L. J. Richardson (1 yd.) led for half the distance, when he was overhauled by W. H. Crotty (scr.), who was an easy first, Richardson and M. Briscoe (3 yds.) filling the second bracket together; time, $11\frac{1}{2}$ secs. In the fourth heat there were only two competitors, J. Bell (3 yds.), and G. L. Moss (3 yds.), the former winning in a canter. The semi-finals were won by W. H. Crotty, G. L. Eyre, J. Bell, and M. Briscoe, who in the final finished in the order named. The time was given at $10\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

The next event on the programme was the Junior High Jump, which had attracted a large number of competitors, and proved very exciting. The event was won, after a protracted struggle, by G. B. Holmes (receives 3 ins.) on handicap, after both he and W. A. Cochrane (scr.) had failed to clear the bar higher than 4 ft. 4 ins.

In the Senior High Jump there were, on the contrary, but a few entrants, and the favourite, J. R. Brennan (scr.), won easily, while G. L. Moss (rec. 2 ins.) filled the second place. The winner stopped at 4 ft. 6 ins., but the height in no way represents his abilities; the rain and the consequent slipperiness of the grass prevented him from attempting any higher jumps.

In the 220 Yards under 12 was won by T. R. Michelson (15 yds.), G. H. Wilson (20 yds.) reaching the tape in front of R. S. Wayland (8 yds), who had to be content with filling the third bracket. Time, $32\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

In the 220 Yds. under 15, the dark horse, J. M. Mounsey, from the 8 yds. mark, had matters all his own way, and romped in an easy first, while W. A. Cochrane (3 yds.) beat R. Eyre (scr.), who had been rather fancied, for second place. Time, $28\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

When the 220 Yds. Senior had been decided, G. R. Thomson (5 yds), C. S. Campbell (5 yds.), and J. Bell (2 yds) being first, second and third respectively, it was discovered that, through some misunderstanding, W. H. Crotty and L. G. Richardson had failed to put in an appearance. The event was, therefore, run again, and G. R. Thompson once more was placed first, beating W. H. Crotty by a bare yard, while C. S. Campbell was a good third. Time, $25\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

The next event was the Senior Long Jump, which was won by W. H. Crotty (scr.), with a magnificent jump of 17 ft. 4 in. J. R. Brennan was second with a very creditable distance of 16 ft. 2 ins.; R. G. Kelly next with 15 ft. 10 ins.

The winner of the Junior Long Jump was C. J. Dodds, who received a handicap of 6 ins., thus making his winning jump 13 ft. 6 ins. W. A. Cochrane (scr.) was second with 13 ft. 4 ins.

In this and the previous event the state of ground was largely accountable for the failure of many of the competitors, to whom the slippery, wet surface of the taking-off board was a source of danger.

For the Sisters' race a large number entered, and the event had to be run off in heats. The ultimate winners proved to be—1st, Miss Le Baş; 2nd, Miss Eileen Hopking; 3rd, Miss Dorothy Webb.

The 440 Yds. under 15 was the first of the long distance races proper, and J. M. Mounsey (7 yds.) astonished everyone by the easy manner in which he accounted for the rest of the field. The favourite, Mr. R. W. Eyre (scr.), was unable to come up to expectations, and could only gain the third place; W. A. Cochrane (5 yds.) having the best of a tussle with him for the second position. Time, 63 secs.

The 440 Yds. Senior, though looked upon as a certainty for W. H. Crotty, was productive of much interest. From the start J. M. Barron (4 yds.) steadily forced ahead, and overtaking all the other handicap men was leading at the Simmons court end. Coming round to the straight Crotty spurred, and passing Barron, who had set the pace too hotly to last, won by about seven yards. Result—1st, W. H. Crotty (scr.); 2nd, J. M. Barron (4 yds.); 3rd, G. R. Thomson (7 yds). Time, 59 secs.

A fair number of competitors took their places for the start of the Mile Bicycle, for which R. G. Kelly was fancied, but meeting with a spill, he was unable to overtake A. J. Beatty, who won without effort. Time, 2 mins. 53 secs.

The Old Boys 220 Yds. attracted more entries than last year, the winner, after a fast race, being found in H. Barron, with W. J. Francis a good second, and W. G. Tomlinson third.

The Hurdles was won in easy style by W. H. Crotty, and a close contest between P. Bell and J. R. Brennan for second place resulted in favour of the former. G. R. Thomson, who had won

his heat, and was expected to do well in the final, dropped out at the last hurdle.

The Half-Mile Senior was the next event on the programme to be decided. From the pistol C. S. Campbell (35 yds.) spurted and gained a big lead, which he kept, and reached the tape yards in front of J. M. Barron (15 yds.), who, having been content to jog along easily at the commencement of the race, was unable to recover the lost ground. J. M. Mounsey (10 yds.) was third. Time, 2 mins. 23 secs.

The Old Boys' Mile Bicycle was won by H. Shea, while E. H. Wilkins was beaten by W. J. Francis by a wheel for second place.

The Mile Senior Handicap was an interesting race. W. H. Crotty (scr.), biding his time, trotted along without effort for the first two laps, then spurring to the front, led till the last lap. when coming up the straight he was challenged by P. Bell (20 yds.). For about fifty yards they raced almost side by side, but Bell was outpaced and beaten by about 2 yards. W. B. Gilligan (50 yds.) was a bad third. Time, 5 mins. 28 secs.

After the Bandsmen's Race the Prizes were distributed by Mrs. J. Traill, daughter-in-law of the Provost, and W. H. Crotty was presented with the School Cup, which he had won with the high score of 28 points. He also received a special prize from the Provost.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the Fancy and Consolation Events were postponed till some future date.

The Band of the Metropolitan Police played a pleasing selection of Music during the afternoon, under the baton of Mr. James Conroy.



A Mountain Climb in North Wales. .



BY H. B. GIBSON.

IT will tend to a better understanding of my narrative if I devote a few preliminary words to the subject of mountaineering. Rock climbing as a sport began to be practised in England about thirty years ago. The writings of distinguished members of the Alpine Club revealed to many the unsuspected charms of mountaineering, and from the middle of last century an ever-increasing band of enthusiasts make yearly pilgrims to Switzerland. By way of keeping in practice for the higher peaks, some of these Alpinists began to spend their shorter holidays among the hills of the British Islands. Soon it was discovered that the homeland crags offered a form of mountaineering no less attractive than the snow

and glacier expeditions of Central Europe; and rock-climbing, from being a sort of off-time recreation of the Alpinist, became the absorbing pursuit of many who could find neither the time nor the means for foreign excursions.

When a mountain reaches such a height that it possesses a perpetual cap of snow it is generally a sufficiently difficult feat to reach its summits by the easiest route that can be found. The highest peaks of the Himalayan range have time after time defeated the attacks of strong parties of experienced explorers, and as yet not one of them has been scaled. On the other hand, few of the hills of the British Islands offer difficulties which a good walker may not overcome if he chooses to follow the line of least resistance to their summits. Hence it is that, whilst the mountaineer on the Alps plans to avoid anything in the nature of a precipice, the rock-climber at home seeks out, and finds his greatest joy in, the steep gullies and exposed faces of the loftiest crags.

The necessary equipment of the rock-climber is simple. As far as the individual is concerned an old suit of clothes and a pair of strong boots, properly nailed, will suffice for most occasions. In wintry conditions he must also be provided with a pair of warm gloves and an ice-axe (an instrument shaped like a pick, and about four feet long). A party of climbers are roped together at intervals of forty feet or more, according to the nature of the climb; and it is in the proper use of the rope that the novice will find he has most to learn. On difficult rocks only one member of the party moves at a time, and upward progress is made in a series of stages, each stage being known technically as a "pitch." The pitches are selected by the leader of the party, and as far as possible he chooses his resting-places at points which provide (a) standing room for two, and (b) a projection of rock (a "belay") over which he can draw the rope as the next climber is coming up. Thus when the leader has reached the top of a pitch the succeeding members of the party can come up with perfect safety.

My earliest experience of rock-climbing were gained in Cumberland, and it is to the fells of the English Lakeland that I turn most eagerly at each succeeding holiday time. But the events which I shall here describe took place in North Wales.

The highest mountains of Wales are in Carnarvonshire, and are divided naturally into three main groups: the Snowdon range in the south-west, the Glyders in the middle, and the Carneddys in the north-east. The Carneddys cover an area of about sixty square miles, and contain, next to Snowdon, the two highest peaks in England or Wales. They are very difficult of access from the ordinary tourist centres, and when at Easter some years ago I arranged to visit them with a friend we decided that it would be necessary to take a tent and enough provisions to last a fortnight. We carried our equipment, a weight of a hundred

pounds apiece, from the slate-mining village of Bethesda, for a distance of seven miles, to the head of Cwm Llafar, a wild and desolate valley which pierces right to the heart of the great mass of the Carneddus.

Our tent was pitched on a grassy knoll by the side of a stream. We were at about the 2,000 feet level, just below the now receding line of winter's snow. About half a mile above us the valley ended, being completely shut in by the tremendous precipice of Cefyn-ys-Golion Dnon—a name worthy of the place, and signifying the "Cliff of the Black Ladders." These crags were little known even to rock-climbers, and it was the field which they offered for exploration that had been our chief inducement to visit the neighbourhood. They spring up sheer for 100 feet from the head of the valley, their long jagged crest being 1,400 feet above sea level.

My camping companion, Mr. K. M. Ward, is a climber by instinct. Long before he had done any mountaineering he was an acknowledged expert on trees and the walls of houses. At his old school his name will be remembered for many a day for a feat which he performed on the night before his departure. Climbing out of his dormitory window he made his way to the parish church and there achieved a long-cherished ambition by ascending to the top of the spire, which, I have been told, is over 200 feet high. Unfortunately he was observed by an early workman, and, the alarm being given, the village turned out to a man to witness his descent. The affair, of course, got to the ears of the authorities, and poor W.'s exit next day was somewhat under a cloud. But we are digressing.

On Easter Monday, after three or four days of scrambling and reconnoitring on the hills, we were beginning to feel fit for serious work. The weather, however, turned out very bad, and it looked as if we would be confined to the tent for the whole day. The mountains were hid in mist, and a strong wind, accompanied by frequent falls of snow and sleet, made us glad of the shelter of the canvas. But in the afternoon the outlook became brighter, and about three o'clock we thought we might venture out.

It was too late to think of a long expedition, so we decided to walk up to the foot of the "Black Ladders" and examine the crags at close quarters with a view to finding likely routes to the summit. We were specially attracted by a deep-cut gully which ran up the central part of the face of the precipice, and we wished to get some notion of its features in the hope that it might yield a climb on some future occasion.

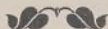
The scene in front of us as we walked up the valley was most impressive. The naturally fine aspect of the splendid crags gained marvellously from the heightened effect which clearing mist always has on mountain scenery. The clouds were clearing rapidly; and as we watched the great white masses, confused

and torn, roll away from the towering blackness of the crags, we were filled with those feelings of admiration and awe which only those who have dwelt amongst the mountains can appreciate. Presently the last cloud wreath dissolved; the sun shone clear above the cliffs, his lower rim just grazing their splendid outline, and sinking gradually behind as we advanced into the shadow of the mountain.

Nearing the cliffs the ground began to get rougher and steeper, and putting on the rope we advanced with more caution. After 200 feet of scrambling over snow-covered ledges we arrived at the foot of the great central gully. Its nearer view proved so attractive that we could not resist the temptation of making a trial trip on its lower pitches. The clouds had passed away, and the air was clear and keen; but it was five o'clock, and we had no intention of doing more than an hour's climb before returning to camp.

The gully started steeply, but there was nothing that gave us trouble till we had ascended a hundred feet. Here a vertical wall of rock, fifteen or twenty feet high, barred the way. There seemed to be three possible routes, the least attractive being by way of a shallow trough down which flowed a copious stream of icy water. The right wall of the gully, though slightly overhanging, seemed well supplied with holds, and to it I readily turned; but I was unable to advance more than a few feet, and after several attempts pronounced it hopeless. We then turned our attention to the left wall. Here there was manifest need of that unity which is strength, for the only apparent holds were far out of reach of a single climber; so, though it involved his standing in the waterfall, W., obeying the rules of the game, made no scruple of offering me his shoulders, standing on which I was able to reach the upper holds. The sacrifice, however, proved in vain; the holds turned out to be inadequate for the pull-up, and I descended, in no doubt that the climb had beaten us. But I had reckoned without W. For, darting from my side, he reached up into the mass of falling water, and appearing to swim up the torrent, was at the top of the pitch before I could recover from my amazement. Having had little practice in that method of natation, I followed in some trepidation; but I found it simple enough: the terrific shock of the icy stream, which, entering by one's sleeve, trickled in tortuous (and torturing) rivulets down the back, chest and legs, was the most trying ordeal; but there was good hand-hold concealed by the water, and combining this with the scanty friction afforded by the sides of the trough, I was not long in following an excellent example.

To be continued.



High School Rugby Football Club.



THE following officers were elected for the coming football season:—

Captain--JOSEPH BELL.

Vice-Captain—A. J. BEATTY.

Hon. Secretary—G. S. B. MACK.

We hope to hold the first football practice on Wednesday, September 21st, and thenceforward to have the 1st and 2nd XV. practices twice a week until the school matches commence. Of last year's Cup Team only four remain, but we hope, with constant practice, to equal, if not excel, our last season's records. Among the new boys this term we have got W. H. B. Mack, who has played half-back for King's Hospital, and should be a useful acquisition to the team. There is plenty of raw material among the juniors, and although our team will be rather diminutive in stature, we expect that it will give a good account of itself. The first match of the season will take place on October 1st against Belvedere College. We hope that the masters, as in former seasons, will take an active interest in the club, and assist us as much as possible by attending at practices and lending their aid in coaching the teams.



Cricket Notes.



THE cricket season closed with a match against Leeson Park on June 22nd. Altogether we played 10 matches, won 3, and lost 7. We had a much larger list of fixtures, but owing to the death of his Majesty King Edward and the bad weather, several had to be cancelled.

Of our League matches we won 1 and lost 2, beating Belvedere College, and losing to Mountjoy School and Masonic School. The team was weak, principally in batting, J. M. Craig, who was only able to play in half the matches, being far and away the best. On the other hand G. B. Mack was easily the best bowler, having taken 50 wickets in 10 matches at a small cost. W. H. Crotty, whose batting was weak at the beginning of the season, improved wonderfully towards the end, playing an exceptionally fine innings of 22 runs against Mountjoy School, and against Leeson Park, making 12 and 16. (not out). Mack was too anxious to hit out, but, nevertheless, often got runs, 18 v. Wesley, and 19 v. Leeson Park being his best achievements. G. R. Thomson could not play for us often, but whenever he did his

services, both in bowling and batting, were most valuable. J. Bell was a very good fielder and change bowler, and a fair bat. J. D. Colquhoun and C. S. Campbell were both very poor this year, neither getting double figures in any match. Campbell's fielding was also frequently at fault. C. S. Thomson is a steady bat, and with practice will turn out well. As to the tail-end of the team, which was frequently changed, G. B. Holmes and H. B. Alexander were the best, both fielding splendidly, and batting fairly in all matches. We are sorry that there were not more club matches for the masters to participate in, and hope to have more next year. Both 1st and 2nd XI. nets were well attended, and the places on the 2nd team were hotly contested for. The Junior Cup Team, after beating Clarinda Park School, lost to King's Hospital. Most of the team, however, are well under the age, and next year ought to give a good account of themselves. Jno. Bell, H. B. Alexander, G. L. Moss, G. B. Holmes, and G. E. Larkin were the mainstays of the team.

On the whole, the cricket season went off very well, and if the same keenness is displayed next year the prospects for the season will be very bright. In conclusion, we must not forget to thank the Sergeant for the excellent way in which he has looked after the pavilion and the cricket things generally.

BATTING AVERAGES.

HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI.

Batsman.	No. of Innings.	Not out.	Most in an Innings.	Total.	Average.
J. M. Craig	.. 9	1	21	89	11.1
W. H. Crotty	.. 16	1	22	73	4.8
G. S. B. Mack	.. 16	0	19	67	4.2
G. R. Thomson	.. 11	0	18	41	3.7
Joe Bell	.. 16	2	11	45	3.2
G. B. Holmes	.. 6	1	4	12	2.4
C. S. Thomson	.. 13	0	8	23	1.7
J. D. Colquhoun	.. 13	0	6	22	1.7
C. S. Campbell	.. 15	0	5	25	1.6
H. B. Alexander	.. 7	3	4	5	1.2

BOWLING.—G. B. Mack has taken 50 wickets, J. H. Craig 15, W. H. Crotty 13, J. Bell 9, G. R. Thomson 8.

HIGH SCHOOL v. BELVEDERE COLLEGE.

Our Third Cup Match took place on June 11th against Belvedere College, when we gained a handsome victory by 10 wickets. Mack took 14 wickets for 9 runs, thus carrying off the bowling honours. Craig batted very well in the second innings, and the 21 runs required for victory were hit off without loss. Scores:—

BELVEDERE COLLEGE.

1st innings.			2nd innings.		
O'Hara b Mack	..	0	b Mack	..	4
Hannefy run out	..	0	b Craig	..	2
Minch b Mack	..	0	c Alexander b Mack	..	2
Carroll b Mack	..	0	b Mack	..	0
Moloney c Holmes b Mack	..	1	c and b Bell	..	1
Barry b Mack	..	1	b Mack	..	13
Scallan run out	..	0	c Alexander b Mack	..	0
Power b Mack	..	5	c Craig b Bell	..	0
Manning not out	..	5	b Mack	..	0
Dunn b Craig	..	0	not out	..	1
Freeman b Mack	..	0	b Bell	..	1
Extras	..	11	Extras	..	4
Total	..	23	Total	..	27

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.			2nd innings.		
J. M. Craig c Carroll b Minch	..	6	not out	..	21
W. H. Crotty c Carroll b Minch	..	0	not out	..	0
J. D. Colquhoun run out	..	6			
Jno. Bell lbw b Minch	..	6			
G. B. Mack run out	..	7			
C. S. Campbell b Minch	..	0			
R. G. Kelly b Minch	..	4			
G. B. Holmes b Barry	..	0			
H. J. McCormick b Minch	..	1			
G. Moss c and b Minch	..	2			
H. B. Alexander not out	..	0			
Extras	..	0	Extras	..	0
Total	..	32	Total (no wkt)	..	21

HIGH SCHOOL v. MASONIC SCHOOL.

Our Second Cup Match was played at Clonskea on Wednesday, June 3rd, v. Masonic School. Batting first, we were all dismissed for 26 runs. Masonic responded with 72 runs. Mack took six wickets for 15 runs, Craig one for 19 runs, Bell one for 0 runs, and Crotty one for 27 runs. High School were all out in the 2nd innings for 16 runs. Masonic thus won by an innings and 30 runs. Scores—

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.			2nd innings.		
J. M. Craig b Standish	..	4	b Fitzgerald	..	1
W. H. Crotty b Standish	..	1	c and b Hildebrand	..	5
G. J. Colquhoun c and b Fitzgerald	..	0	b Hildebrand	..	0
C. S. Campbell b Fitzgerald	..	0	b Hildebrand	..	1
R. G. Kelly b Fitzgerald	..	2	c Dickson b Hildebrand	..	0
G. S. B. Mack b Fitzgerald	..	7	b Fitzgerald	..	0
J. Bell b Standish	..	0	c Standish b Hildebrand	..	5
C. S. Thomson b Standish	..	0	c Hildebrand b Fitzgerald	..	0
W. E. Cochrane b Fitzgerald	..	4	c Hildebrand b Fitzgerald	..	0
G. Moss not out	..	4	b Hildebrand	..	0
G. B. Holmes c Malcomson b Fitzgerald	..	3	not out	..	3
Extras	..	1	Extras	..	1
Total	..	26	Total	..	16

MASONIC SCHOOL.

Coskery run out	..	..	..	..	..	1
Goss b Craig	..	..	..	..	..	3
Swan b Mack	..	..	..	..	..	6
Standish b Mack	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fitzgerald b Crotty	..	..	..	..	..	0
Hildebrand b Mack	..	..	..	..	..	10
Lowery b Mack	..	..	..	..	..	12
Malcomson b Mack	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dixon c Campbell c Mack	..	..	..	..	..	2
Zebedee not out	..	..	..	..	..	23
Bowers c and b Bell	..	..	..	..	..	3
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	5
Total	..	..	..	..	..	72

HIGH SCHOOL v. ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE.

This match was played at Belgrave Square on Saturday, June 4th, and resulted in an easy win for St. Columba's by an innings and 6 runs. Scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL

1st innings.				2nd innings.			
W. H. Crotty b Finlay	..	5		c Webb b Finlay	..	..	2
G. S. B. Mack b A. Price	..	0		c Beatty b Finlay	..	..	0
G. R. Thomson b A. Price	..	0		c Bridge b Finlay	..	..	0
J. D. Conquhoun b A. Price	..	1		b J. K. Price	..	..	3
C. S. Thomson c Webb b Finlay	..	0		c Lewis b J. K. Price	..	..	0
C. S. Campbell lbw A. Price	..	4		c and b Finlay	..	..	1
Joe Bell c J. K. Price b Greer	..	1		b Finlay	..	..	2
R. G. Kelly b J. K. Price	..	1		b A. Price	..	..	0
Gilligan not out	..	0		not out	..	..	4
H. J. McCormick c and b Greer	..	1		b J. K. Price	..	..	1
H. W. Hall c Beatty b J. K. Price	..	0		c Gibson b Beatty	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	11	Extras	..	..	7
Total	..	..	24	Total	..	..	21

ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE.

A. H. Price b Thomson	..	..	..	..	17
A. Beatty not out	..	..	..	..	21
F. Webb not out	..	..	..	..	12
Extras	..	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	..	..	51

R. A. Finlay, J. R. Price, P. Webb, M. Bridge, J. Lewis, J. Gelston, E. R. Greer, A. Crookshank did not bat.

HIGH SCHOOL v. MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.

This match was played on Saturday, June 18th, and resulted in a win for Mountjoy by 51 runs. Mountjoy in their 1st inn-

ings made 100 for five wickets and then declared. Mack took three of the wickets and Bell two. High School were all dismissed for 49, Crotty being one of the last out for a fine compilation of 22. Mountjoy in their 2nd innings had six wickets down for a small score, Mack taking three and Bell three. Score:—

MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.

Browne b Bell	..	..	31
Dawson b Mack	..	..	4
Bor b Bell	..	..	15
Buchanan c Crotty b Mack	..	..	19
Baile b Mack	..	..	18
O'Clery not out	..	..	3
Anderson not out	..	..	2

Extras 8

Total (6 wkts) 100

HIGH SCHOOL.

W. H. Crotty c Browne b Bridge	22
G. R. Thomson b Browne	.. 0
Joe Bell b Bor	.. 4
C. S. Thomson lbw Browne	.. 8
G. S. B. Mack c Browne b Box	.. 1
W. B. Gilligan b Dawson	.. 0
G. B. Holmes b Baile	.. 1
H. J. M'Cormick not out	.. 5
W. B. Alexander c M'Kee b M'Bride	.. 0
R. T. White c M'Kee b M'Bride	.. 0
T. M. M'Conkey b M'Bride	.. 0
Extras	.. 8

Total 49

HIGH SCHOOL v. LEESON PARK.

This match was played on June 22nd, at Belgrave Square, and resulted in a win for us by 2 wickets, after an exciting finish. Crotty and Thomson, with 12 and 18 respectively, batted well in our 1st innings, while Mack and Thomson soon dismissed Leeson Park, the former taken six wickets for 18 runs, and the latter three for 20. Leeson Park at their second venture made 64 for six wickets, leaving us to get 60 to win. Mack with 19 and Crotty with 16 soon made the issue safe, and we won by two wickets. In this match Mack secured his 50 wickets for the season by bowling H. M. Tomlinson. Scores:—

LEESON PARK.

1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
Tomlinson c McCormick b Mack	3	b Mack	 9				
Polson b Thomson	.. 17	run out	 5				
Parker b Mack	.. 5	b Crotty	 11				
Waters b Mack	.. 0	b Mack	 5				
G. Pemberton c and b Mack	.. 8						
Henchy b Mack	.. 1	b Mack	 17				
Smyth c Bell b Mack	.. 0	c and b Thomson	 7				
Crawley b Thomson	.. 0	not out	 1				
Taylor c and b Thomson	.. 4						
Fred Pemberton not out	.. 4						
Extras	.. 1	Extras	 9				
Total	 43	Total (6 wkts.)	 64				

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings				2nd innings.			
G. S. B. Mack	b Parker	..	3	c Water	b Parker	..	19
W. H. Crotty	hit wkt b Henchy	12		not out	..	..	16
J. Bell	lbw Parker	..	0	b Smyth	..	..	4
R. Crotty	c and b Parker	..	1	b Henchy	..	..	2
G. R. Thomson	b Henchy	..	18	b Henchy	..	..	5
C. S. Thomson	c b Waters	..	2	b Polson	..	..	2
C. S. Campbell	b Tomlinson	..	4	b Henchy	..	..	5
G. B. Holmes	b Henchy	..	1	b Henchy	..	..	4
H. J. McCormack	lbw Henchy	..	2	not out	..	..	0
G. L. Moss	not out	..	2	not out	..	..	6
H. B. Alexander	b Henchy	..	0				
Extras	..	..	2				
Total	..	..	47	Total (8 wks)	..	..	63

G. S. B. MACK,

Hon. Secretary.

Results of Intermediate Examinations, 1910.

WE give below the names of the boys that passed the Intermediate Examinations last June. The marks given are only those obtained on the Honour Papers or when in italics on the Honour and Special Papers combined, except in the Preparatory Grade where the marks given are the pass marks, there being no honours. The marks are in all cases the pass totals. 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 in Mathematics and 100 marks in other subjects.

SENIOR GRADE.

	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	German.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Trigono- metry.	History & Geography.	Chemistry.
Mack, G. S. B.	P 420	172	159	..	P	P	P	P	..	..
Nurock, M.	280 615	779	439	..	505	230	265	..	..	..

MIDDLE GRADE.

	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Trigono- metry.	History & Geography.	Chemistry.	Drawing.
Campbell, C. S.	225	..	151	108	350	255	..	P	186	316
Carolin, C. G. S.	220	115	F	P	120	160	..	P	P	..
Craig, M. T.	P	F	P	P	P	P	..	P	..	..
Sleith, H. L.	P	P	172	122	375	100	P	P	..	..
Taylor, J. C.	P	..	P	P	P	P	..	P	P	294
Thornton, H. V.	P	440	385	F	320	120	..	110	..	..

JUNIOR GRADE.

	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	German.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	History & Geography.	Science.
Beatty, A. J.	P	..	P	P	P	P	P	P	172
Bell, R.	P	P	P	P	..	P	P	P	168
Brennan, J. R.	P	..	P	P	..	P	P	P	P
Burns, P. F. T.	240	P	P	303	F	P	120	P	421
Colquhoun, J. D.	P	..	P	P	..	P	P	P	P
Duggan, J. R.	235	P	150	389	..	335	P	P	190
Dunlop, E. S.	285	480	472	179	..	350	115	P	..
Larkin, A. S.	215	665	651	437	..	610	120	185	..
Stein, J. R.	P	..	210	P	538	P	P	..	..
Stone, W. H.	P	..	P	P	..	520	120	P	195
Thomson, C. S.	P	..	P	P	..	P	P	F	P
Whitty, A. J.	205	..	P	239	..	P	P	P	140
Worthington Eyre, L. G.	210	..	P	259	..	P	P	P	P

PREPARATORY GRADE.

	Greek.	Latin.	English.	French.	German.	History & Geography.	Mathema- tics.	Science.
Barrett, J. H.	..	222	250	236	..	235	595	P
Bell, J.	..	155	120	220	..	300	530	P
Carpenter, G. K.	..	318	275	282	273	350	785	P
Cochrane, W. A.	..	..	135	F	166	150	665	P
McCarthy, J. D.	..	219	235	146	..	145	565	P
Molloy, H. H.	F	F	125	334	..	185	675	P
Mounsey, J. M.	..	171	160	152	..	255	640	P
Scales, H. S.	140	173	150	237	..	165	595	P
Sleith, F. S.	..	146	190	188	..	265	650	P
Thornton, A. S.	..	185	175	243	..	310	700	P

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