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## Editorial.

THE school resumed work after the summer vacation on Tuesday, 4th September, when a large number of new boys joined us. During the holidays two changes have taken place on our teaching staff. Mr. Faloone was taken ill in July, and was unable to resume his duties after the vacation. He is, however, making good progress, and we hope to see him back with us again after Christmas. His work is being carried on for him meanwhile by Mr. Hanlon. Mr. Timms, as our readers will remember, left us at the end of April last, to take up work in an English school, his place being temporarily filled till the end of the term. We now have Mr. Wilson, from the Belfast Art School, as arts master.

Another year has now passed over our heads and the war still rages. It is now in its fourth year, and matters are becoming more and more serious every day. The U-boats are exacting an ever-increasing toll from our shipping, and the need for rigid economy grows greater, so that our supplies may hold out, as the recent breakdown of Russia is likely to prolong the war. Since our last issue two more old boys have made the supreme sacrifice—William James Francis, and George L. Worthington-Eyre.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. James, who heard lately that his brother has been drowned. His boat was torpedoed by a German U-boat. Mr. James has left us for a few days to pay a visit to his home.

The results of the Intermediate Examinations were published towards the end of August. The percentage of passes is very satisfactory, while a good number of distinctions have fallen to the lot of the school. We congratulate Abbott on obtaining the bronze medal for chemistry in the fourth year course, and Coleman, who qualified for three exhibitions and a £3 prize in the Junior Grade.

To turn to lighter topics, we are all pleased with the success of our Senior Cricket Team this year in bringing the Cup back once more to 40 Harcourt Street. The Junior Cup team had hard luck in being beaten in the final by Masonic.

This autumn we initiated a new feature in our school athletics—a public swimming competition—which was so successful that we hope it will become an annual event. The entries were numerous, but we hope another year to have a still larger entry, especially from the Junior Classes.

Our predecessors, W. H. Thrift and W. B. E. McCrae, have gone up for the examination for Junior Exhibitions into Trinity College. We wish them, along with T. V. Harris, every success.



## Swimming Notes.



OUR Autumn Session was concluded with the school gala, which took place at the Iveagh Baths on Thursday, October 4th. The balcony was well filled with spectators, notwithstanding the weather. The gala opened with the class competitions, a medal being presented to the best swimmer in each form. The fastest class race was in 3b, which was won by Bolton. Then followed a handicap diving competition, the first prize for which was a gold medal presented by Dr. Sheill, an old boy of the school. There were also Senior and Junior handicap races. When these were concluded the spectators were treated to an exhibition race between Dr. Beckett and R. Mather, an old boy. Dr. Beckett also gave an exhibition of diving and polo-ball-throwing. The prizes were then presented by Mrs. Thompson. We have to thank for their assistance the Headmaster and Mrs. Thompson, and also

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Wilson for their kind assistance. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Beckett and Sergeant Case, who acted as handicappers and judges.

The results were as follows:—

CLASS COMPETITIONS:—

Form 6—Harris, T. V.  
 Form 5—Clarendon, H. W.  
 Form 4—Paisley, R.  
 Form 3<sup>a</sup>—Tatlow, A. A. F.  
 Form 3<sup>b</sup>—Bolton, C. C.  
 Form 3<sup>c</sup>—Hanan, P. W.  
 Form 2—Millington, P. R.  
 Form 1<sup>a</sup>—Fosbery, F. G. W.  
 Form 1<sup>b</sup>—Hopkins, J. C.

DIVING COMPETITION:—

N. Mather, 1 ; T. V. Harris, 2 ; C. H. Farmer, 3.

SENIOR HANDICAP:—

E. W. Scales, 1 ; W. Thrift, 2 ; I. Isaacson, 3.

JUNIOR HANDICAP:—

J. C. Hopkins, 1 ; L. Golding, 2 ; R. D. Stephens, 3.



## Cricket Notes.

THE final of the Senior Schools Cup was played at Lansdowne Road on June 25th and June 26th, when we met Masonic.

Masonic batted first, and were dismissed for 40 runs. Rice and Smyth bowled extremely well, the former taking 7 wickets for 18 runs, which included the hat trick, and the latter taking 3 wickets for 21 runs.

The School had scored 47 runs for 6 wickets when rain put an end to the play. On the following day the School finished their innings, which totalled 89 runs. McCrea, S. (33 not out) and Thrift (13) were the only double figures. Masonic on their second venture to the wicket scored 108 runs, to which Cole contributed 43. Russell was the most successful bowler, capturing 7 wickets for 41 runs.

The School in their second innings wanted 60 runs to win and hit them off for the loss of three wickets—thus winning the Cup by 7 wickets. Smyth (29), Scales (17), and Harris (10) were the chief contributors.

After the match medals were distributed to the members of the winning team by Mrs. Thompson, and the eleven were afterwards photographed on the field.

The whole team played and fielded well. They deserved their win in this match, and thus finished an excellent season with a well-earned victory. They put themselves into a strong position when they dismissed their opponents in their first innings for 40 runs, a bad start from which Masonic bravely but vainly tried to recover. Smyth, our Captain, deserves every congratulation on his successful leading of the eleven all through the cricket season.

## MASONIC.

| 1st INNINGS.              |    |    | 2nd INNINGS.         |    |     |
|---------------------------|----|----|----------------------|----|-----|
| Philips bowled Smyth      | .. | 1  | bowled Harris        | .. | 19  |
| Johnston L.B.W. b. Rice   | .. | 11 | bowled Russell       | .. | 16  |
| Murphy bowled Rice        | .. | 1  | bowled Smyth         | .. | 0   |
| Burrowes L.B.W. b. Rice   | .. | 0  | bowled Russell       | .. | 12  |
| Cole bowled Rice          | .. | 0  | bowled Russell       | .. | 43  |
| Mulligan c. Rice b. Smyth | .. | 6  | c. Thrift b. Russell | .. | 11  |
| Bones bowled Rice         | .. | 4  | bowled Russell       | .. | 0   |
| Hewitt c. Thrift b. Rice  | .. | 1  | bowled Russell       | .. | 0   |
| Reid c. Foster b. Rice    | .. | 9  | c Smyth b. Russell   | .. | 1   |
| Millar bowled Smyth       | .. | 6  | bowled Harris        | .. | 1   |
| Frizzell Not Out          | .. | 0  | Not Out              | .. | 0   |
| Extras                    | .. | 1  |                      | .. | 5   |
| Total                     | .. | 40 |                      |    | 108 |

## HIGH SCHOOL.

| 1st INNINGS.                   |    |    | 2nd INNINGS.         |    |    |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----------------------|----|----|
| Harris bowled Mulligan         | .. | 6  | L.B.W. b. Mulligan   | .. | 10 |
| M'Crea, W., L.B.W. b. Mulligan | 1  |    | run out              | .. | 6  |
| Scales bowled Cole             | .. | 6  | c. Bones b. Mulligan | .. | 17 |
| Smyth c. Reid b. Cole          | .. | 6  | bowled Mulligan      | .. | 29 |
| Thrift bowled Cole             | .. | 13 |                      |    |    |
| M'Crea, S. Not Out             | .. | 33 | Not Out              | .. | 3  |
| Russell bowled Cole            | .. | 6  |                      |    |    |
| Foster bowled Cole             | .. | 4  |                      |    |    |
| Milligan bowled Cole           | .. | 6  |                      |    |    |
| Maguire c. Bones b. Cole       | .. | 1  |                      |    |    |
| Rice c. Murphy b. Cole         | .. | 2  |                      |    |    |
| Extras                         | .. | 5  |                      |    | 0  |
|                                |    | 89 |                      |    | 65 |

Bats were awarded to Smyth and Harris, and a cricket-ball to Rice for their performances during the season.

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Smith, Scales, and Harris were chosen on the Schools Inter-provincial, but as the latter was unable to play, Russell took his place.

As Ulster could not send a team to Dublin to play Leinster this year, a match was played between a Military XI and Leinster on the Leinster Cricket Ground. The Military batted first, and compiled 133 runs. Smyth obtained 2 wickets for 20 runs, and Russell 1 wicket for 14 runs. Leinster replied with 110 runs, Russell making 11.

The match was well patronised, and a handsome sum of money was taken at the gate.

## SUMMARY OF BATTING FOR SEASON.

|               | Total Number<br>of Runs | Number of<br>Innings | Times<br>Not Out | Average | Highest score |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|---------------|
| Smyth         | 280                     | 12                   | 0                | 23'3    | 59            |
| Harris ..     | 186                     | 11                   | 1                | 18'6    | 55            |
| Scales ..     | 160                     | 12                   | 0                | 13'3    | 36            |
| M'Crea, S. .. | 108                     | 12                   | 3                | 12      | 33            |
| Milligan ..   | 59                      | 5                    | 0                | 11'8    | 44            |
| M'Crea, W. .. | 132                     | 12                   | 0                | 11      | 37            |
| Foster ..     | 61                      | 7                    | 0                | 8'7     | 28            |
| Maguire ..    | 61                      | 9                    | 1                | 7'6     | 18            |
| Russell ..    | 68                      | 10                   | 0                | 6'8     | 34            |
| Thrift ..     | 64                      | 10                   | 0                | 6'4     | 16            |
| Rice ..       | 14                      | 4                    | 0                | 3'5     | 7             |

## SUMMARY OF BOWLING FOR SEASON.

| NAME OF BOWLER. | RUNS. | WICKETS. | AVERAGE. |
|-----------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Smyth ..        | 238   | 43       | 5'5      |
| Rice ..         | 284   | 44       | 6'4      |
| Maguire ..      | 26    | 4        | 6'5      |
| Harris ..       | 52    | 7        | 7'4      |
| Russell ..      | 141   | 16       | 8'8      |



## School Notes.

IN place of Mr. Timms, who resigned last term, Mr. W. R. Wilson has been appointed art master. Mr. Wilson has been teaching at the Belfast School of Art and possesses the Irish Art Teacher's Certificate and the Irish Secondary Teacher's Drawing Certificate. The former is the highest qualification open in Ireland to Teachers of Drawing.

We regret that Mr. Faloone has been seriously ill, but are glad to say he has been making very good progress, and we expect to see him back with the New Year.

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Mr. Wyon is now a Captain in the Staffordshire Regiment.

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The Results of the Intermediate Examinations were very good. Our Middle Grade was weak, but did as well as was expected. With a little luck its results would have been much better; but both the Senior and the Middle Grades had excellent records. We print elsewhere the marks of the successful candidates. In the Senior Grade eight boys passed out of nine, and two obtained Honours. W. E. Abbott won the Bronze Medal for First Place in Chemistry (Fourth year Syllabus) and a £3 prize in the Science Course. E. W. Scales, who has another year in the Senior Grade, only just missed an Exhibition and won the first £3 prize in Classics. In the Middle Grade six boys passed and two obtained honours., L. Heyman won a £3 prize in Classics, and N. Shaper a £2 prize in the Modern Literary Group. In the Junior Grade twenty boys passed, five with honours. In this Grade as in the Senior every boy passed in Greek and Latin, and only one boy failed in Science. Three boys obtained full marks in Arithmetic—R. E. McGuire, W. C. G. Proctor, and L. S. Simon. P. Coleman obtained a First Class Exhibition (£15) in Classics, qualified for Exhibitions both in the Modern Literary and in the Science Group, and for a £3 prize in Mathematics. R. E. McGuire obtained a Second Class Exhibition (£10) in Classics, and qualified for prizes in all the other groups, £3 in Modern Languages, £1 in Mathematics, and £1 in Science. W. C. G. Proctor obtained a £1 prize in Classics, and L. S. Simon a £1 prize in Mathematics.

S. Smyth has passed for Sandhurst high up on the list of successful candidates.

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W. E. Abbott was successful in obtaining at the Examination in July at the Royal College of Science a "Teachership in Training," in other words, an Exhibition of £42 a year for four years with free tuition in the College. He obtained the highest mark in Chemistry.

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B. W. A. Russell has passed the Entrance Examination of the Royal College of Science.

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A. W. Wallen has joined the Trinity O.T.C.

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C. Hillyard and D. M. Killingley are both grinding for Sandhurst.

## Football Notes.

THE annual meeting was held on September 14th, when the following office-bearers were elected :—

*Captain*—H. BELL.

*Vice-Captain*—E. W. SCALES.

*Hon. Secretary*—S. MCCREA.

*Committee*—The above with Messrs. FALOONE and MCINTYRE.

Of last year's team only Milligan and Scales of the backs, and Bell, McCrea, Simon, Isaacson and Moore of the forwards remain.

The younger members have shown promise, and with hard training the team should uphold the standard of former years.



## Notes on Old Boys.

SINCE the last issue two more old boys have been killed in France—Wm. Jas. Francis (1906-1909), Corporal in the Army Cyclist Corps, was killed in action on July 6th. He was the only child of Frederick and Amelia Francis, of Merrion, and was born in Merrion. On leaving school he obtained a clerkship in the Congested Districts Board. He joined the army in January, 1915.

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Lionel George Worthington-Eyre (1909-1912), Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, was killed on July 14th. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Worthington-Eyre, of 12 Tivoli Terrace, Kingstown. He will be remembered at school as a fine three-quarter and a good cricketer. He entered Trinity in 1912, and joined the engineering school. He obtained his commission in the spring of 1915, and was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches in May this year. He was killed while engaged in destroying an enemy machine-gun emplacement. He was forward observation officer at the time. He had opened fire when at 6.45 p.m. an enemy shell landed right on the trench from which he was observing and killed him instantaneously together with one of his signallers. Two of his brothers are serving, his eldest brother W. S. in the Royal Engineers in Egypt, and Robert in the Australian Infantry.

Lieut. (Acting Captain) Thomas Mark Hardress Stratford Tuite (1906-1909), of the Connaught Rangers, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a raid into the enemy's lines with the utmost courage and determination, killing and capturing many of the enemy. He has constantly shown fine qualities of leadership and courage. We add our congratulations.

At the same time we regret to announce that his brother, Norman Eric M. Stratford Tuite (1906-1910), a well-known footballer, died on July 11th after a very long illness. He entered Trinity in 1910 where he joined the Medical School, and was well on his way to his degree.

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G. S. Appleyard (1891-1897), formerly of the "Pals" Battalion of the R.D.F., has obtained a Commission in the Leinster Regiment, and has gone out again to France. He was rather severely wounded last year in the leg and foot.

\* \*

H. M. Butler (1902-05), Lieut. in the 12th Manchesters, is applying for a permanent commission and expects to be sent to India.

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C. J. G. Conerney (1913-15), Lieut. R.D.F., was home on sick leave for a short time this September from Flanders.

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Sergt. H. A. Drennan (1889-95), of the R.F.A., is obtaining a temporary commission.

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C. F. Draper (1891-95) is now a Major in the R.E. and is still in Egypt.

\* \*

F. Fennell (1909-10) of the North Irish Horse is applying for a commission in the Indian army.

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One of our very old boys, F. Field (1884-87) is Staff-Sergt. in the Canadian Army Service Corps.

\* \*

W. B. Gilligan (1903-12) has passed out of Sandhurst with a commission in the Indian army.

\* \*

G. B. Holmes (1907-09), who has been in France for the past eighteen months attached to the 65th Siege Battery R.G.A., has been gazetted Captain in the A.S.C.

R. V. Jackson (1913-15), 2nd Lieut. R. Irish Fusiliers, has been transferred to the Indian army.

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Dr. J. S. Joly (1887-94), of Harley Street, has joined the R.A.M.C. in France as Captain.

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W. D. Kelso (1899-1903), 2nd Lieut. S. Irish Horse, has obtained a commission in the Indian army.

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A. V. G. Killingley (1914-15) was very seriously wounded in France, was at the base hospital for six weeks, and had nine operations. He is now in England and making progress. 61

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H. S. Larkin (1906-16), like ~~S. Migan~~ <sup>S. Migan</sup>, has passed out of Sandhurst with an Indian commission.

\* \*

C. A. McConnell (1911-15) has joined the Royal Naval Air Service.

\* \*

G. H. M'Elnay (1910-12) wrote to us from Macedonia in August. He had had a slight touch of malaria, but was better. Since then we hear he has gone to Egypt. He wrote that Lieut. Edwin Larkin (1905-15), of the 6th R.D.F., has been Assistant Transport Officer for some time and also doing great things in the cricket field. T. H. Hinkson (1912-13), of the Royal Irish, was highly complimented by the Divisional Commander for some excellent work in holding up the Bulgars. Capt. R. G. Kelly (1909-10), who has been out East for a long time, is ill with malaria.

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W. H. B. Mack (1910-13) of the R.F.A. is now a Captain in Flanders. His elder brother Gwynn S. B. Mack (1909-11) is going to France as a Military Chaplain.

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F. S. Marchant (1911-15) has passed out of Sandhurst with a commission in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

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We were sorry to see that Ernest Molyneux (1908-11) has been wounded in France.

\* \*

R. W. Mather (1911-16) has got his Commission and sailed for India the first week in October.

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We regret to hear that R. N. Montgomery (1893-99), R.A.M.C., has been a prisoner of war at Osnabruck in Germany for six months.

W. O'Farrell (1910-15) is now in Macedonia in the Flying Corps.

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C. C. W. Oulton (1901-06), who has now recovered from his wounds, has gone out again to France. We have to congratulate him on his marriage, which took place in August just before he went out.

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R. M. Reid (1909-11), Lieut. Highland Light Infantry, called to see us the other day. The war evidently agrees with him, and he was none the worse for his adventure at Nieupoort in August, when the Germans won their only little success this summer in Flanders, through no fault, however, of the Highlanders.

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F. St. G. Sleith (1908-11), 2nd Lieut. Leicester Regiment, has, we are sorry to see, been wounded.

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A. J. Smyth (1908-15) was badly overcome by the German mustard gas and had to go to hospital, but is all right again.

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R. T. Stoney (1906-11) has joined the R.A.M.C.

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Major J. A. Willington (1884-86) has been appointed Temporary Staff Paymaster.

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The following results of Exams. appeared during the summer :—

#### TRINITY COLLEGE.

Intermediate and Medical, Pt. I, Passed : M. A. Nurock (1906-14), C. J. Shortt (1910-12), P. J. Levitt (1910-13), J. Levy (1908-15). Final Medical, Pt. II (B.Ch.) : J. R. Brennan (1909-12).

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

Passed Final Exam. : D. J. Steele (1910-11) and R. T. Stoney (1906-11).

Passed Second Professional Exam. with Honours : R. S. Wayland (1908-15).

Passed First Professional Exam. : E. S. Becker (1911-13), M. Levy (1909-15), A. D. Watchman (1900-08).

Allan Timms (1909-17) has passed the Cambridge Junior Locals, getting through in every subject. As he only left us at the end of April, he had very little time for preparation.

In the Royal College of Science C. G. White (1910-15) has obtained the following distinctions in passing his Sessional Examinations at the end of his second year: second prize in Mechanics, first prize in Experimental Mechanics, first prize in Physics, second prize in Surveying, first prize in Mechanism.



## Intermediate Results.



WE give below the marks of the successful candidates. All subjects have 400 for full marks. The marks obtained on honour papers are in black type. To pass, a boy must obtain 30 per cent. on the pass papers; 20 per cent. on the honour papers in Mathematics, or 25 per cent. on the honour papers in other subjects. In all languages a candidate to pass must obtain at least 20 per cent. of the marks given for Composition.

### SENIOR GRADE.

|                    | English | Greek | Latin | French | History and<br>Geography | Arithmetic<br>& Algebra | Geometry | Trigono-<br>metry | Chemistry |
|--------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| W. E. Abbott       | 250     | 221   | ..    | 185    | 195                      | 173                     | 120      | 210               | 360       |
| H. J. L. Armstrong | 165     | 204   | 214   | 116    | ..                       | 103                     | 280      | 105               | 287       |
| J. Cornick         | 135     | ..    | 212   | 215    | 150                      | 97                      | 80       | 150               | ..        |
| A. R. Ellis        | 185     | 179   | 239   | 135    | 195                      | 295                     | 240      | ..                | ..        |
| T. V. Harris       | 135     | 231   | 176   | 130    | ..                       | 230                     | 270      | 120               | 160       |
| E. W. Scales       | 225     | 314   | 266   | 142    | ..                       | 300                     | 280      | 250               | 327       |
| S. Smyth           | 130     | 174   | 188   | 130    | ..                       | 300                     | 220      | ..                | 267       |
| A. W. Wallen       | 140     | ..    | 160   | 181    | ..                       | 270                     | 280      | 165               | ..        |

### MIDDLE GRADE.

|                 | English | Greek | Latin | French | German | History and<br>Geography | Arithmetic<br>& Algebra | Geometry | Trigono-<br>metry | Chemistry |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| A. Berman       | 155     | ..    | 162   | ..     | ..     | ..                       | 180                     | 190      | ..                | 216       |
| H. W. Clarendon | 120     | ..    | 270   | 198    | ..     | 140                      | 235                     | ..       | ..                | 208       |
| L. Harris       | 150     | ..    | 201   | ..     | ..     | ..                       | 110                     | 150      | 120               | ..        |
| L. Heyman       | 220     | 274   | 307   | 178    | ..     | 235                      | 220                     | 160      | ..                | 217       |
| S. M. Lawson    | 225     | ..    | 172   | 157    | ..     | ..                       | 195                     | ..       | 145               | 204       |
| N. Shapira      | 185     | ..    | 348   | 264    | 210    | 205                      | 223                     | 190      | 180               | 320       |

## JUNIOR GRADE.

|                   | English | Greek | Latin | French | History and<br>Geography | Arithmetic<br>& Algebra | Geometry | Science and<br>Drawing | Book-<br>keeping |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------|
| H. R. Bardon      | 170     | ..    | 174   | 149    | ..                       | 219                     | 120      | 152                    | ..               |
| H. E. Child       | 190     | ..    | 231   | 174    | ..                       | 248                     | 120      | 269                    | ..               |
| P. Coleman        | 285     | 378   | 381   | 270    | 245                      | 340                     | 220      | 337                    | ..               |
| E. R. Colwill     | 200     | ..    | 299   | 200    | ..                       | 220                     | 150      | 298                    | 205              |
| C. H. Farmer      | 225     | ..    | 236   | 200    | ..                       | 273                     | 200      | 281                    | ..               |
| W. D. Fielding    | 135     | ..    | 187   | 155    | ..                       | 248                     | 160      | 238                    | ..               |
| F. G. Flewett     | 150     | ..    | 302   | 166    | ..                       | 340                     | 260      | 247                    | ..               |
| P. B. Foster      | 200     | 323   | 190   | 102    | 110                      | 296                     | 250      | 223                    | ..               |
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## The War and Schoolboys.

WHAT do Schoolboys really think about the war? Those who are still in the School have seen the boys from the Upper Forms go off to join the army, whether by enlisting in the ranks or by getting temporary commissions, or by entering Woolwich or Sandhurst. They joined with great eagerness at the beginning and they go on joining with equal eagerness as they reach the age for service. To these the war is truly "The Great Adventure," and to those who remain behind there is a glamour about their departure. This is as it should be, and those now approaching the age are in their turn looking forward to follow them. But what about the boys in the Middle and Lower Forms of the school? The war appears likely to be over before they can be old enough to serve, and it has been going on so long that to many of them it must seem as if it has always been going on. The war is now in its fourth year and to schoolboys, especially the younger ones, three years are a long time. What then do they think about it? They cannot be indifferent to it, because it is such a gigantic affair that it affects everybody, while some of them have brothers or fathers or other relatives fighting, and some

have lost dear ones on the battlefield or sea; or they come back home wounded and ill. Besides, they hear everybody talk about it, and even if they do not fully understand, they know at any rate that the war is responsible for a good many unpleasantnesses and discomforts, such as scarcity of sugar, inferior bread, dearer shoes, and so on, about which their parents are greatly concerned. But have they become used to it and do they look upon it as an everyday affair, something to fill the newspapers, to provide pictures, or to supply exciting stories of adventure? We do, as a matter of fact, look back upon the wars of the past in a spirit something like this. Waterloo and Trafalgar, for example, are tremendously exciting events, and we like to read about them and see pictures of them, very largely, if not altogether, for this reason.

Should we look upon the great battles in France and Flanders, in the North Sea, in the Southern Oceans, in Italy and Poland, in the Balkans and Roumania, in Gallipoli and Egypt and Mesopotamia in the same way? Should we read about aeroplanes and Zeppelins, U-boats and torpedoes, tanks and trenches merely as if they were part of a romantic story or an adventure told by Jules Verne? The answers to such questions are extremely important, because, whether we like it or not, the war is for every one of us the most important thing in our lives now, and will continue to be so, even when it is over, for all the rest of our lives. Now, boys may not realise this, and may regard this as one of the many things which older people are always telling them, and which they are sometimes inclined to think the older people want them to believe for some deep dark reason, which perhaps, if rightly examined, would prove not altogether a sound one. They may be the more inclined to this view, because in Ireland we do not come directly within the fighting zone—there are no air raids, there is no conscription, there is no great making of munitions, there is not very much difference in the outward appearance of the streets, and because there is also a great deal of silly and foolish talk in many quarters, often indulged in too by people who should know a great deal better, to the effect that the war does not concern Ireland. As this foolish talk is everywhere it is bound to reach schoolboys as well as other people, and some of them may think that it is true. We know that if a large number of people keep on saying a thing, even if it is not true, they will in time not only believe it is true themselves, but persuade a large number of other people to agree with them. But when we think of the reasons for the war, we see at once that it concerns everybody.

The war began with an unprovoked attack by Austria on Servia. It was unprovoked because Servia was willing to

concede or to arbitrate on the demands which Austria made after the assassination of her Crown Prince and Princess at Sarajevo, which is not in Servia. Then Russia, who has always protected Servia, intervened, Germany, the ally of Austria, prepared to attack Russia, and then France (Russia's ally) came to Russia's help. Germany, who had for many years prepared for war against France, at once proceeded to march on Paris. The easiest way for the German army to reach Paris lay through Belgium; but Belgium had nothing to do with the war and there was a treaty signed by England, France and Germany to protect Belgium from invasion. In spite of this Germany told us that this treaty was only a "scrap of paper," and instead of protecting it, actually invaded it. Unless England was to be as false as Germany she was bound to do her best to protect Belgium, and she therefore declared war on Germany. This is how the war began. Germany violated the law of nations. England came in to defend the law of nations. As we cannot live without law, we are all bound to support it. As the war went on, it also became clear that Germany had intended first to destroy France, then to conquer England, and afterwards rule the whole world. What sort of country would Germany be to rule the world when she began by breaking her signed and pledged word and by destroying Belgium—a country which had trusted her? We are all concerned to prevent a power like Germany from conquering us. There are people who try to excuse Germany and say that in war it is natural for things like this to happen. This is far from being the case, but if it were true, how is it that now Germany has nearly all the world against her—Italy, Portugal, Roumania, Greece, Japan, China, Siam, The United States, and most of the States of Central and South America, to say nothing of our own Colonies and of India and other dependencies? The very number and size of the countries who have since declared war on Germany show the importance which they attach to Germany's defeat. The reason all these countries have joined in is important. Everyone of them has been horrified and provoked by German methods of war, and they feel that morality, justice, truth, law, civilisation—all the fundamental things in life—are threatened by German arms. By the rules of war the fighting should be limited to armies and navies, but Germany kills civilians, puts women and children in front of their armies, carries off helpless people into forced labour (in other words, slavery), destroys cathedrals and works of art, fires on ambulances, sinks hospital ships, bombards unfortified towns, drops explosives from the air on to houses and streets, torpedoes unarmed merchantmen, shoots their captains officers and sailors when they try to escape in boats, insults,

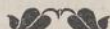
outrages, and puts to death prisoners of war, and commits countless other nameless atrocities. A nation that does these things must be punished. Until it is punished no terms can be made with its people. The only way to punish Germany is for England and all her allies to continue the war until Germany is defeated. If we persevere to the end we shall win a great victory for civilisation and for peace ; if we leave off before the end, the fight between right and wrong, between countries where rule is based on law and the wishes of the people and those where it is based upon might and the power of militarism, will be left undecided ; truth and justice will not have been vindicated and will therefore have been worsted. The bully will not have been beaten and there will be no more fair play in the world.



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