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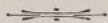
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Editorial.



ONCE more the revolving seasons are bringing us, whether we will or not, to the end of another educational year, and the proximity of the Intermediate Examinations, which seemed so hazy and so far away a couple of months ago, is now striking us with a suddenness which is almost startling. The two months preceding the Intermediate have always seemed to us to pass more quickly than any other portion of the year, with perhaps the exception of the last fortnight of the summer holidays. It is useless for us to indulge in any idle speculations as to the school's probable position in the results, but to those who are about to face the ordeal of this annual examination we would say, "Keep up the Old School's Reputation." Many further changes are being introduced into the examinations this year; the abolition of Special Papers for Exhibition candidates seems to be drawing forth an amount of approbation and relief after six years' experience of them; but, on the other hand, there is a further reduction in the monetary value of the First Class Exhibitions in the Senior Grade, a change which is not calculated to be popular. The abolition of the Preparatory Grade Prize Fund is a thing which we still deplore, although its existence is already fading into the dim, forgotten past. We are still of the opinion that the small pecuniary prizes of 5s. to £2, coming, as they did, to all boys of thirteen or fourteen years of age who passed the Preparatory Grade, were a far greater incentive for a moderate amount of steady work, and were far more fruitful in beneficial results than the larger prizes and exhibitions awarded only to the "chosen few" in the higher grades.



We are very pleased to be able to announce that there has been quite a substantial increase in the sales of the *Erasmian* in the school, but we still wonder why the ranks of those Old Boys who are supporters of the only link which still binds them with their *Alma Mater* are so thin, especially when we compare them with the countless hordes who have passed through the High School portals since 1870. Old Boys can help us in many ways: they can take the *Erasmian* every quarter; this will delight the Treasurer. What is quite as necessary, but more often neglected

they can send along short articles, "Letters to the Editor," poetry and other items of general interest, nor would criticisms and suggestions be out of place; this will delight the Editor. A school magazine exists mainly for three purposes. Its College Notes and Notes on Old Boys should appeal to all Old Boys of an earlier or later date, and to make these notes as full as possible, we are always glad to hear from past pupils of their own distinctions or of those of others. The pages devoted to Athletics should be acceptable to present pupils, and should furnish them with records of their own successes or failures in the world of sport which they will be glad to possess in future years. Lastly, the literary departments of a school magazine should bring to the light the latent talent which we believe must be existent somewhere in the school. Not until all these purposes are being fulfilled do we really feel satisfied that a school magazine is entirely successful.

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It has been arranged to hold the Annual High School Athletic Sports as usual in the Jumping Enclosure at Ballsbridge on June 27th. The events are timed to commence at 1.30 p.m., and will be of the same nature as last year, with one or two minor differences as regards handicapping; it has been proposed to have in addition a tug-of-war. We are obliged again this year to make an appeal to all the present pupils, parents, Old Boys and others interested in the school to support the Athletic Sports' Fund as generously as possible. The Hon. Secretary is W. B. Gilligan, and the Hon. Treasurer, L. J. D. Richardson.



School Notes.



The Cambridge University Press have published this spring a new book by the Headmaster, entitled "A First Year Latin Book." This book is intended to meet the requirements of a complete year's course in Latin for boys commencing the language, and is based upon the recommendations of the Classical Association. The Headmaster has also been elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

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MR. WRIGLEY, who only came in January as Senior Classical Master, left us at Easter, having somewhat unexpectedly been offered by the Civil Service Commissioners an appointment in the First Division of the Home Civil Service. He sat for the examination last August and was offered in the autumn an appointment in the Indian Civil Service, which he declined.

His place is filled by Mr. J. Bennett, M.A., who comes to us with a great record from Trinity College. Mr. Bennett is an ex-Scholar, and was University Student in Classics in 1906, having won Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Classics and Junior Moderatorship and Silver Medal in Ethics and Logics. He was also Junior and Senior Exhibitioner, and gained many prizes during his career. He has also been Auditor of the College Classical Society, and holds the Philosophical Society's Gold Medal for Composition and Silver Medal for Oratory.

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Medals were awarded this spring as usual by the Football Club. Among the Seniors L. G. Worthington Eyre, J. D. Colquhoun and A. E. Brambell won the competitions for drop-kicking, punt-kicking, and place-kicking respectively. In the Junior competitions the same items were secured by R. Gibson, R. Gibson and H. Westropp.

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In the Rifle Shooting competition, which was held at Ballsbridge on May 28th, under the auspices of the National Service League, and which was open to teams of four sent in by schools and troops of scouts in Leinster, the High School team won second place, thereby obtaining a prize of £3 and four silver medals. J. R. Duggan was also presented with a miniature rifle for making the highest score among all the competitors. The actual scores will be found elsewhere.

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In the Rifle Club, the Bell Medal was presented to L. J. D. Richardson for the highest average, and the *Daily Express* Medal to J. R. Duggan for the highest individual score during the season 1911-12.

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The Swimming Club is again in full swing this year, and the meetings take place every week at the Iveagh Baths. Our afternoon at the Baths has been altered from Thursday to Wednesday.

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Several of the Australian Cadets who paid Dublin a visit during the Easter holidays were entertained by High School boys. The Colonials' tour was a very successful one.

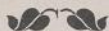
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Caps were awarded to the following members of the 1st XV. (1911-12):—Forwards, M. T. Craig and L. G. Worthington Eyre; half-back, W. H. B. Mack; three-quarters, C. S. Marchant. The Captain, J. R. Brennan (forward) was permitted to

add the date 1911-12 to the cap he was awarded last year. The cap presented to L. G. W. Eyre was a special gift from the masters.

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On 20th March we met St. Andrew's College in the second round of the Junior Cup Ties. High School played a good game, but it was apparent that we were matched with a superior team. We made the first score, however, John Bell crossing the line after a fine run. Our line was passed several times afterwards, the final score standing at 3 goals, 2 tries and a penalty goal to 1 try. John Bell played a splendid game for High School, while the most prominent among the St. Andrew's team was L. Smith.



Notes on Old Boys.



W. S. Worthington Eyre (1909), took his B.A. degree in Trinity this spring.

Percival Campling, B.A. (Schol.) (1896-1904), has been awarded a Theological Exhibition in the Divinity School.

R. R. Smylie, M.A. (1886-1893), a Member of the Irish Bar, has been called to the English Bar by Gray's Inn.

Henry Stuart Doig (1890-1893), already well-known in the Dublin journalistic world, has been called to the Irish Bar by the Lord Chancellor.

C. S. Campbell (1906-1910) has obtained a Clerkship in the Second Division of the Civil Service.

The Dublin Brotherhood in connection with the S.P.G. have selected the Rev. J. C. Forrester, M.A. (1887-1893), formerly Curate of St. George's, Dublin, as head of the Brotherhood, in the room of the late Dr. Hearn. The article that appears in this number of *Erasmian* on School Life in Chota Nagpur is from his pen.

In the Divinity School E. M. Norton (1897-1906) has won the First of the Downes Divinity Premiums. He has also been elected a Member of the Committee of the College Theological Society.

C. H. York (1899-1908) has been awarded a First Class Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition.

C. H. York and G. S. B. Mack (1909-1911) have passed the Junior Freshman Term Examination.

E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D. (1885-1892), has been elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy.

H. M. Daniel (1901-1909), has obtained First Place and Prize in the Class Honours Examination in Anatomy in the Second year of the Medical School in T.C.D., while R. T. Stoney (1906-1911), has won First Place and Prize in the similar examination in the first year.

O. V. Burrows (1900-1902) has passed the Final Examination in Medicine in the Medical School.

In the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, G. M. C. Powell (1904-1909), was successful in the Primary Fellowship Examination, and E. W. P. V. Leach (1908-1911) has passed the Entrance Examination.

F. Fennell (1909-1910) has accepted an appointment from the Royal Bank.

We are glad to notice the appointment of S. W. Maddock to the Secretaryship of Mount Jerome Cemetery, which had been rendered vacant by the death of Major G. F. Gamble.

We notice that J. P. Warner (1909-1912), whom we missed on re-assembling after the Easter break, has been playing for Pembroke Cricket Club.

There are several Old Boys at present home on furlough. We had the pleasure of renewing our acquaintance with Eyre S. Duggan (1901-1909) who has taking a brief holiday from his ship H. M. S. "Thunderer"; also with J. A. O. Fitzpatrick, I.C.S. (1889-1898), with Dr. F. Stevenson of the Indian Medical Service (1891-1902), with W. W. Powell, I.C.S. (1893-1901), and with C. H. L. Farran of the Indian Police (1898-1901).

Just as we were going to press, the results of the Fellowship and Scholarships Examination came to hand. In the former Examination, Newport Benjamin White, M.A. (1894-1899) won a Fellowship Prize of £40 with the subjects Classics, Logics and Ethics. He gained a Fellowship Prize last year also.

In the results of the Scholarship Examination we have to record a most signal and unique performance, that of one who can hardly yet be called an Old Boy. Max Nurock (1904-1911), who entered Trinity College last October with first Junior and first Board Intermediate Exhibitions, along with three entrance prizes, obtained in his first year the First Classical Scholarship. This is a most singular achievement, last performed, we believe, by Rev. George Wilkins, the present Fellow. Nurock's mark (192) is also a very high one, and one not often reached.

The marriage arranged between Hercules J. Knox, Esq. (1893-1898), B.A., M.D., Dublin University, of West Derby,

Liverpool, son of Hercules F. Knox, Esq., Carragh House, Naas, Ireland, and Rosslare, Sligo, and Lilian Whyte, of Adare, Hightown, Lancs., formerly of Annadale, Balbriggan, Ireland, and daughter of the Rev. James Bodel, B.A., and Mrs. Bodel, Sherbrooke, Bootle, Liverpool, took place on June 15th at Sefton Church, Liverpool.

The Rev. F. W. O'Connell, M.A., B.D.* (1889-1893), Professor of Celtic Languages and Literature in the Queen's University of Belfast, is not allowing the grass to grow under his feet. His Grammar of Old Irish is a very useful book for those who cannot read Professor Thurneysen's masterly *Handbuch des Alt-Irischen*. Mr. O'Connell has, so to speak, boiled down Professor Thurneysen's work, and has offered his decoction to all. Without Professor Thurneysen, there would have been no Grammar of Old Irish from Mr. O'Connell, who gladly acknowledges his obligations to the distinguished German. We understand that Professor Thurneysen is himself engaged in the preparation of an abridgment of his book referred to above. Professor O'Connell has done his work well. He has made good use of the labours of the great Celticists from Zeuss to Thurneysen. His apology "for the liberties taken in the transliteration of Sanskrit words" was quite unnecessary. No "scholar" expects any other form of representation in ordinary type.

The sources from which the appendix of grammatical terms was compiled might have received fuller bibliographical acknowledgment.

On Page VII. "Mhór" should be "Mhóir."

R. Magill, B.A., T.C.D., (1892-1896), has been appointed a Master at St. Columba's College, Rathfarnham, and has taken in hand the management there of the Officers' Training Corps.

On the results of the Intermediate Final Medical Examination, Part I., H. M. Daniel (1901-1909) has won the Cunningham Médal for Anatomy and the Purser Medal for Physiology. E. H. Wilkins (1896-1906) and Ivan H. Powell (1904-1907) have passed the Final Medical Examination, Part II.

MARRIAGE.

FITZPATRICK (1895-1902) AND M'LEAN—March 31, 1912, at Knox Church, Calgary, by the Rev. J. A. Clarke, Vicar. George Alexander Mackay, second son of S. A. O. Fitzpatrick, Dublin, to Christina Talbot, youngest daughter of the late John M'Lean, Dundee, Scotland.

* "A Grammar of Old Irish." By Rev. F. W. O'Connell, M.A., B.D., Professor of Celtic, Queen's University, Belfast. Belfast: Alexander Mayne and Boyd.

Boy Life at the High School, Hazaribagh, Chota Nagpur.



"WELL, what is it? Come in."

A deputation of two monitors, backed up by a little crowd of small boys, stood at the warden's door.

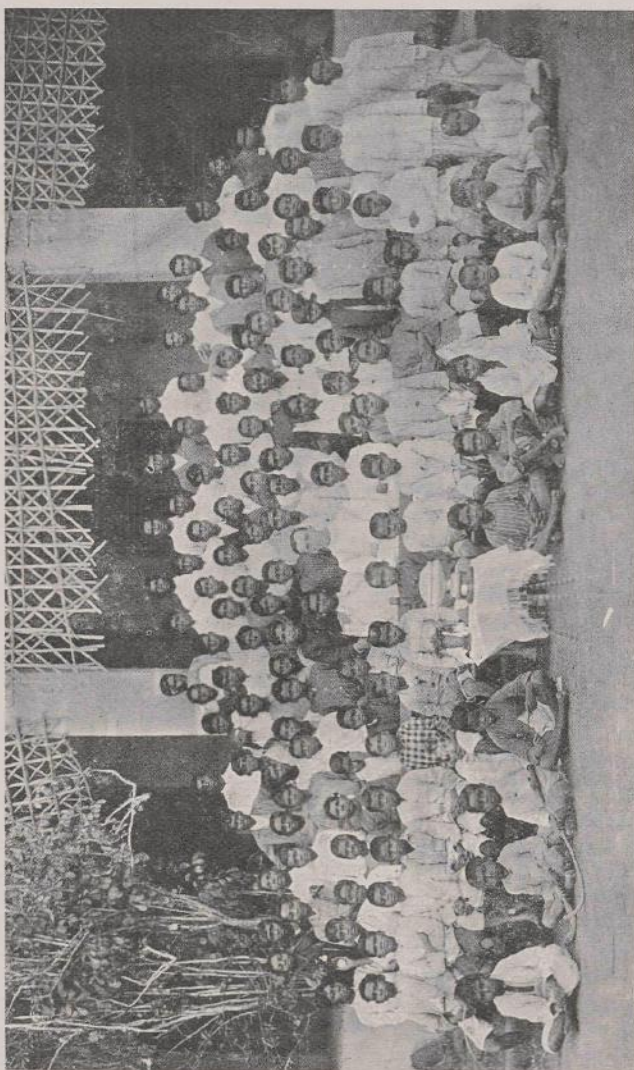
He gave a regretful look at a big pile of examination papers which lay before him on his desk awaiting to be marked, and turned his chair round to hear what the boys had to say. The two monitors came in and the youngsters stood outside grouped round the open door.

"Please, Sir, these boys want leave from school to-day. Last night the roof leaked very much and we were like the birds going from here to there trying to avoid the rain, and we could not sleep, and we are all very tired and sleepy. And, Sir, please will you have the roof mended? The ceiling cloth fell down again and many of the tiles are broken."

The warden groaned inwardly. It was the rainy season, and he had from day to day been wondering how much longer the crazy roof would last. Over fifty of his big family of 116 Christian boys are housed in an old building which had been the cannon-shed in the old days when there were a battalion of infantry and a battery of artillery quartered in Hazaribagh. The European troops were withdrawn some forty years ago, leaving as the only memorials of their stay some monuments in the church graveyard, and a few buildings. Several of these were lent by Government to the Mission rent free, on condition of our keeping them in repair. After long and anxious consideration we had decided that it would be wiser to surrender the old cannon-shed. It was so old and crazy that to make it really habitable would require a very large sum of money, so large that it would be almost as cheap to build a new one. Just four years ago the Government promised us a grant of Rs. 20,000 to build a new hostel for the Christian boys attending the High School. The famine of 1908 prevented the Government paying the grant, and it was not until 1910 that we received half the grant, and the promise of the balance as soon as possible. Yet we determined to go ahead with the new hostel. So in November, 1910, we started work cutting the foundations, making our bricks, burning our lime, and digging our well. By March we had made good progress, and on Easter Tuesday, April 18, we had the joy of having the foundation-stone laid by the Bishop, in the presence of nearly all the officials of Hazaribagh, nearly all the European residents, sixty in number, and a large number of Indian gentlemen—Christian, Hindu, and Mohammedan.

Now for the boys themselves. They are with very few exceptions aboriginals of Chota Nagpur. For centuries before

the time of the Patriarch Abraham, India was inhabited by peoples of the Dravidian stock. Then came the great Aryan invasion, and through the defiles and passes of the Himalayas poured the Aryan hosts, whose descendants to-day are re-



presented by the Bengalis and other Hindu peoples. As in England the old Britons were driven into the hilly tracts of Wales and Cornwall, so in India. Here and there over India in out-of-the-way upland tracts, such as Chota Nagpur, will

be found the descendants of the ancient inhabitants of the land. Despised and oppressed by their conquerors, they have remained barbarous and degraded. But their long night is drawing to a close. Inspired and developed by Christianity, they are forcing their way to the front. Indian Christians form slightly over one per cent. of the population. Out of twelve students sent up this year from our college for the B.A. examination of Calcutta University, two were Christians. One took mathematics as an optional subject. The examination in mathematics (B.A.) is severe and nearly as hard as a Senior Freshman Honor Examination in T.C.D. The Christian aboriginal passed at his first trial, and in his college work and examinations showed decided superiority in clearness of work and grasp of the subject over his three fellow mathematical students, Bengalis, who are, as a rule, noted for excellence in mathematics. And lest it should be thought that it is mere intellectual cleverness, I must add that he was, when he was in college, one of the most influential students we had among his fellows, and very highly respected by the large number of non-Christian students in the college. That an aboriginal won for himself by sheer force of character such esteem and influence among Bengali students is proof that we are not mistaken in hoping for great things in the future from our Christian lads. As is well known, the aboriginal is despised by the Aryan races of India, and not least by the Bengali.

In Chota Nagpur the chief aboriginal races are the Mundas, the Oraons, the Hos, and the Santals. Most of our boys are of the two former tribes, which live in the Ranchi district.

What are we going to do with these boys of ours? Here is a great problem which faces us. The desire for education is growing steadily among the people, and boys are coming to school in ever-increasing numbers.

Some few work their way at the school into college. The number who do this is hitherto small, but is on the increase. This year, 1911, we sent up three Christian lads for the matriculation of Calcutta University, and all passed, one being placed in the first division and winning a Government Scholarship. Ten years ago results like this would have been astonishing. Most of the lads who reach our college will take up mission work of some kind, either as clergy, High School teachers, or as medical men. Some few will get posts in the Government service. Of the boys who can only reach the senior classes of the schools, some will work as elementary school teachers, as compounders and dressers in the Mission Hospital, or get some minor post in Government employ. A certain number are sent to be trained in Government or other industrial schools as motor-drivers, carpenters, teachers of weaving, and some return to their villages, where they occupy themselves with agriculture. We are always glad when a lad does this. He becomes in his village a little centre of influence for higher and better ideals of life.

To be joyful when roused from pleasant dreams by a clamorous bell requires learning! If it's winter, and inclined to be pitchy dark and cold to boot, one tries frantically to extract every ounce of warmth from the blankets before turning out, and wishes vainly it were the hot weather. However, the bell means 5.30 a.m., and up one must get. There's washing and dressing to be done and beds to be made, and dormitories to be tidied up, and there's not too much time to get all done and swallow a cup of hot chā (tea), and be ready for chapel roll-call at 6.20 a.m. After chapel comes inspection. Each dormitory parades on the verandah, and woe betide the luckless wight whose hair is not combed properly or whose clothes are dirty or untidy when the warden comes round.

"Salute!" The warden gravely acknowledges the salute and walks down the ranks, turns and looks at the monitor. "Left march" rings out. Into the dormitory the lads file, and each stands in front of his bed. The warden has an unpleasant curiosity about the lower strata of blankets. A grim smile lurks round his mouth as he pulls apart a pile of blankets having a fair and trim exterior but a very creasy inside. That means a bad mark to the dormitory, and it does not pay to get that when trying for "The Tidiest Dormitory Prize." Inspection is over. Time to gather up one's books and get off to study in the big schoolroom. Time also, if one hurries, to see the warden and get paper, or medicine, or a stamp, or maybe needle and thread and a button. In the meanwhile the housemaster has written the names of the sick boys in the Sick Report, and goes off to measure out the rice for the first meal of the day. Half a pound of rice goes to each boy with curry and dal, the latter being something like pease-porridge made thin. The sick boys go off to the dispensary, and on their return report themselves to the warden, who grants or refuses leave from school as occasion requires.

Then bell goes again! It may be added in a parenthesis that the "bell" is a piece of an old railway line suspended by a rope: it makes an effective noise when skilfully banged by a hammer. Study is over: you can tell that by the noise the urchins make as they tumble out of the room. The big chaps, as is the manner of senior form lads all over the world, walk gravely and soberly out. Bathing time is from 9 to 9.30 a.m. Even in winter time the sunshine is warm, and bathing by the well-side is not unpleasant. By this time appetites have a keen edge and the breakfast bell at 9.30 a.m. is greeted with a yell of satisfaction and a scamper to the Khana-Kotri. Besides, if one is five minutes late there'll be no breakfast!

After breakfast there's usually a crowd round the warden's door wanting all sorts of things, from a new school-book to some ointment for a gash on the shin got by a whack of a hockey-stick, or from a slate-pencil to a new blanket!

The bell again! School from 10.30 a.m. to 4.10 p.m., with

half-an-hour's break. Then another glass of hot nimuk-chā (tea with salt in it and no milk), or cheeni-chā (sugared tea), if you like. And then off to hockey, or footer if it's the rainy season. Cricket is not very popular. It is only possible to play it in December and January, for in the hot weather the sun is too powerful to stand out in it all day, and as even in June it is almost dark by 7 p.m. evening cricket is out of the question. From June 15, when the monsoon usually breaks, until early in October is what is known as the rainy season, and the ground is too soaked and muddy to admit of any game save football. The illustration shows a hockey team which was sent up to Calcutta last April (1911) to play for the Brij-Bilas Cup. As will be seen, our boys were victorious. Chota Nagpur boys are famed in Calcutta for their hockey. It is a joy to see them play—slippy as eels, quick as lightning, plucky as the best of British school-boys. Valuable lessons of chivalry, unselfishness, honourable dealing, co-operation and pluck are learned on the hockey and footer fields, and it is a joy to see the lads absorbing all that is best in British sport. It is a thousand pities there is no gymnasium. But so many other needs have prior claims and we dare not spend money on it which is required for other purposes.



After hockey comes evening prayer in chapel, and after chapel, dinner. This meal is practically the same as breakfast. After dinner for the best part of half an hour is the youngsters' time with the warden. At 7.30 p.m. the bell goes again, and the youngsters go off to their quarters in charge of their monitors and the housemaster, and the bigger lads go to study until 9 p.m. The warden goes to the study-hall: a hymn followed by the

Lord's Prayer and two simple prayers for the Lord's blessing and protection of our dear ones and ourselves during the coming night, all being in Hindi. Then to bed or extra study, which some of the elder boys value, and thus ends our day's work.

J. C. F.



Obituary.



WILLIAM STOCKHAM COONEY.

THERE is certainly no one connected with the school whose death will awaken more sincere and heartfelt regret than that of our old friend and former master, Mr. Cooney, who passed away after only three days' illness in the early hours of Saturday, May 25th, in his 69th year. Mr. Cooney was all his life associated with Dublin. He was educated under Dr. Benson in Rathmines School (now the Rathmines Technical and Commercial School), and after winning Mathematical Scholarship in Trinity in 1868 and graduating in 1869, came as Mathematical Master to the High School when it opened under Dr. Cresswell in 1870. He was actively connected with the school for thirty-eight years until he retired with a well-deserved pension in 1908. At the Old Boys' Dinner, held in December of that year, a presentation was made to him by his old pupils. Nothing could have been more happily worded than the speech of Mr. James Sealy in expressing what they felt for Mr. Cooney, while Dr. D'Arcy, the Bishop of Down, who was in the chair on that occasion, spoke also in sympathetic support on behalf of a much earlier generation. Mr. Cooney's work in connection with the school was three-fold—first as a mathematical master; secondly as managing a boarding house for many years; and thirdly, as the supreme organiser and director of the school games and athletics. He had numerous difficulties to contend with, but he had his reward in the genuine respect and good-will felt for him by many generations of old pupils. In judging the character of a master the instincts of boys in the main do not go far wrong, and boys at the High School felt drawn to Mr. Cooney as one who sympathised with their interests, pursuits and ambitions. This was especially the case on the football and cricket field, where he was rarely if ever absent, and was always at hand to congratulate on victory or to condole in defeat. After his retirement he was naturally not so often in Belgrave Square, but the last time we met him he was there, early in May, revisiting old scenes, and he reminded us that it was just thirty years ago that the Governors first leased the square for the school games. There were many Old Boys and pupils present at the memorial service at St. Matthias' Church and at the funeral at Mount Jerome.

Balance Sheets.

FOOTBALL AND RIFLE CLUBS. SEASON 1911-12.

It is usual at this time of the year to publish the accounts of the Football and Rifle Clubs in the *Erasmian*.

FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions ..	10	15 0	To Footballs ..	5	4 11
Fixture Cards ..	0	18 8	„ Touch Flags ..	0	6 4
Collected for Caps ..	1	6 0	„ Goal Posts ..	1	10 0
Masters' Subscription for do. ..	0	16 0	„ Sergeant ..	1	1 3
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			„ Affiliation Fee ..	0	15 0
			„ Entrance Fee J. C. T. and S. C. T. ..	0	5 0
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			„ Laird for Caps ..	3	6 0
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M. T. CRAIG, *Hon. Treasurer.*

W. B. GILLIGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

RIFLE CLUB ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
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Subscriptions ..	2	13 0	Paid S. M. R. C. ..	0	11 0
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R. M. REID, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

Cricket Notes.

THE Athletic Committee met on the 1st of April and elected officers for the Cricket Club as follows:—

Captain—N. L. Hannon.

Vice-Captain—C. S. Marchant.

Hon. Secretary—W. B. Gilligan.

Hon. Treasurer—M. T. Craig.

With the prospect of numerous League and Cup matches, our fixture list was handicapped to a great extent, as the Leinster Schools' Cricket Union, which arranges these matches, did not meet till the last week in April. By that time some schools had filled in their lists with fixtures from outside clubs, with the result that we lost some good matches. It would facilitate matters

considerably for the Schools' Union to meet towards the end of March and arrange the draws for both competitions.

When our fixtures had been arranged a further set-back was caused by the Swimming Club being unable to secure any day but Wednesday at the Iveagh Baths. This meant that all our Wednesday fixtures had to be altered to Tuesdays or Thursdays. Next season it would pay the Cricket Club to remind the Swimming Club that "First come first served" is the rule of the Iveagh Baths. Moreover, Thursday is an admirable day for swimming, as it leaves Wednesdays free for cricket, and Tuesdays and Fridays for St. Cecilia.

In the Senior League competition we were drawn to play Mountjoy School, St. Andrew's College and the Royal Hibernian Military School. In the Junior Cup Division Belvedere College, St. Stephen's Green School and Masonic School furnished the opposition.

It is unfortunate that we cannot treat our readers to a full account of our cricket season, since the *Erasmian* waits for no one, but wanders off to "Press" at rather inconvenient periods. However, they say "Good things keep," so it may be our pleasant duty to record the capture of the Schools' Junior Cricket Cup in our next issue.

With regard to individual players, we have received some much-needed help from Mr. Chaffer, who has been at the practice nets frequently. John Bell and Colquhoun are our best bats, while both are fielders above the average. G. E. Larkin hits hard, but sacrifices accuracy to speed in his bowling. G. L. Eyre has captured the most wickets, and often makes big scores. N. L. Hannon has turned out an excellent Captain in every way. C. S. Marchant has been rather unfortunate in getting lbw so often. H. B. Alexander is more successful in bowling than batting, and the same may be said about M. T. Craig. H. S. Scales is a good fielder, and has raised his batting average by being "not out" four times. Burns is quite a good bat at intervals, and F. S. Marchant has kept wicket during the season.

MATCHES.

On the 27th April we tied with the Masonic School at Belgrave Square.

HIGH SCHOOL.

C. Marchant run out	.. 6
Colquhoun b Bowers	.. 5
Hannon lbw b Bowers	.. 2
John Bell b Zebedee	.. 2
G. E. Larkin not out	.. 22
F. Marchant lbw b Zebedee	.. 0
G. Eyre b Bowers	.. 1
Alexander b Bowers	.. 9
Stone b Beatty	.. 0
Burns b Bowers	.. 0
Scales b Beatty	.. 0
Extras	.. 2

Total .. 49

MASONIC SCHOOL.

Coskerry b Larkin	.. 5
Zebedee b Eyre	.. 0
Beatty b Larkin	.. 5
Anderson b Eyre	.. 1
Prentice b Larkin	.. 0
Bowers c Eyre b Bell	.. 5
Mitchell c Scales b Eyre	.. 10
Derby b Bell	.. 11
Dixon b Bell	.. 0
Rice c Eyre b Bell	.. 4
Beatty not out	.. 1
Extras	.. 7

Total .. 49

On the 30th April our match with Wesley College ended in a draw.

HIGH SCHOOL.		WESLEY COLLEGE.	
C. Marchant b Dart	.. 16	Bayley c Hannon b Eyre	.. 21
Colquhoun c Glanville b Dart	.. 0	Mackey c Eyre b Larkin	.. 2
Larkin lbw c Dart	.. 2	Foster c Burns b Eyre	.. 15
Hannon c Leventhal b Hawkins	.. 2	Waugh run out	.. 4
John Bell b Harland	.. 28	Harland b Bell	.. 0
Alexander b Harland	.. 1	M'Cullagh lbw b Alexander	.. 1
Eyre not out	.. 16	Hawkins b Alexander	.. 5
Burns c and b Harland	.. 5	Dart b Bell	.. 5
F. Marchant not out	.. 5	Leventhal not out	.. 1
Extras	.. 2	Extras	.. 5
Total (7 wks.)	.. *77	Total (8 wks.)	.. 59

*Innings declared.

On 4th May we were beaten by Earlsfort School at Belgrave Square.

HIGH SCHOOL.		EARLSFORT SCHOOL.	
Marchant lbw b Rolston	.. 3	D. Le Peton b Eyre	.. 4
Larkin b H. Le Peton	.. 1	Elvidge c Scales b Eyre	.. 1
N. L. Hannon b H. Le Peton	.. 10	H. Le Peton b Hannon	.. 45
Eyre b Rolston	.. 0	Mr. F. Rolleston b Eyre	.. 2
Alexander b H. Le Peton	.. 2	Warren c sub. b Larkin	.. 4
F. Marchant b Rolston	.. 0	Rendel c and b Eyre	.. 3
H. V. Thornton not out	.. 9	Dunlop b Alexander	.. 1
Stone run out	.. 6	Wilmot b Alexander	.. 0
C. Gilligan c and b Le Peton	.. 0	Warham c Scales b Eyre	.. 2
Scales b Rolston	.. 2	Sugden c sub. b Eyre	.. 2
A. N. Other b Rolleston	.. 1	Fitzsimon not out	.. 5
Extras	.. 6	Extras	.. 5
Total	40	Total	.. 74

On 9th May we played Sandymount C.C., and won by 28 runs.

HIGH SCHOOL.		SANDYMOUNT.	
N. L. Hannon lbw b Hilliard	.. 11	Nicholls b Bell	.. 1
C. Marchant lbw b Smyly	.. 15	J. Williams b Eyre	.. 11
John Bell b Smyly	.. 16	Pikeman lbw b Eyre	.. 7
Larkin lbw b Smyly	.. 0	R. Williams b Eyre	.. 0
Eyre c Wilson b Williams	.. 7	Hilliard b Eyre	.. 2
H. V. Thornton lbw b Smyly	.. 3	Barror b Eyre	.. 1
F. Marchant run out	.. 3	Smyly b Eyre	.. 2
Burns b Williams	.. 0	Wilson b Eyre	.. 4
Alexander lbw b Williams	.. 1	Greaves c and b Bell	.. 1
Stone b Williams	.. 0	White b Bell	.. 0
Scales not out	.. 1	M'Nulty not out	.. 1
Extras	.. 7	Extras	.. 6
Total	.. 64	Total	.. 36

On the 11th May we were badly beaten by King's Hospital at Blackhall Place.

KING'S HOSPITAL.		HIGH SCHOOL.	
Buckley b Eyre	.. 3	Hannon c Cullen b Johnston	.. 10
Cullen b Bell	.. 6	Marchant lbw b O'Sullivan	.. 5
Miller c Eyre b Bell	.. 12	Bell hit wicket b Johnston	.. 0
Lloyd st Marchant b Colquhoun	51	Larkin b Johnston	.. 4
Johnston b Bell	.. 11	Colquhoun b Johnston	.. 0
Boyd b Bell	.. 29	Eyre b O'Sullivan	.. 6
Hazlett c Bell b Alexander	.. 0	Alexander st Lloyd b O'Sullivan	5
Anglin c Marchant b Alexander	.. 5	Thornton lbw b O'Sullivan	.. 1
Miller not out	.. 13	Burns not out	.. 1
Extras	.. 9	Marchant b Buckley	.. 3
	—	Scales run out	.. 1
Total (8 wks.)	*139	Extras	.. 4
		Total	.. 40

*Innings declared.

On the 15th May we played St. Mary's College on their ground. The crease was not quite perfect, and we lost by 28 runs. No one was hurt.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.		HIGH SCHOOL.	
Kinley c and b Eyre	.. 0	Hannon lbw b F. Culhane	.. 0
C. Culhane b Eyre	.. 4	Marchant b A. Culhane	.. 0
Brown b Larkin	.. 6	Eyre b C. Culhane	.. 24
Silke c Hannon b Eyre	.. 3	Larkin b F. Culhane	.. 0
F. Culhane c Hannon b Burns	.. 37	Colquhoun b F. Culhane	.. 0
A. Culhane b Colquhoun	.. 13	Thornton c and b Culhane	.. 0
Pemberton b Colquhoun	.. 0	F. Marchant b Culhane	.. 1
Tierney c Marchant b Colquhoun	2	Alexander b Culhane	.. 0
Joyce b Colquhoun	.. 1	Burns b Culhane	.. 5
Boland b Burns	.. 1	Scales b Culhane	.. 0
Hayden not out	.. 0	J. R. Brennan not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 8	Extras	.. 17
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Total	.. 75	Total	.. 47

On the 18th May we were beaten at the Square by the Hibernian Military School.

HIGH SCHOOL (League Match).

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hannon st Goodright b Toole	.. 10	lbw b Toole	.. 2
Marchant c Nugent b Parslow	.. 8	run out	.. 2
Mounsey b Parslow	.. 0	b Parslow	.. 1
Eyre b Parslow	.. 2	run out	.. 2
Bell b Parslow	.. 2	b Parslow	.. 3
Larkin b Toole	.. 2	c Brown b Toole	.. 0
Colquhoun b Parslow	.. 0	b Toole	.. 0
Marchant not out	.. 3	lbw b Toole	.. 1
Burns st Goodright b Toole	.. 5	b Parslow	.. 0
Craig c Mahony b Toole	.. 0	not out	.. 0
Scales run out	.. 3	c Brown b Toole	.. 0
Extras	.. 3	Extras	.. 2
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Total	.. 38	Total	.. 13

ROYAL HIBERNIAN MILITARY SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Toole b Eyre	.. 4	Toole not out	.. 13
Goodright b Eyre	.. 8	Goodright b Eyre	.. 1
Riglen c Scales b Bell	.. 8	Extras	.. 1
Nugent lbw b Bell	.. 8		—
Parslow lbw b Eyre	.. 6	Total (1 wkt)	.. 15
Jerdin c Colquhoun b Bell	.. 0		
Tucker c Craig b Eyre	.. 0		
Mahony c Colquhoun b Craig	.. 2		
Watterton b Craig	.. 0		
Brown c Eyre b Craig	.. 8		
Dougherty not out	.. 1		
Extras	.. 3		
Total	.. 43		

On the 23rd May we drew with Leinster 3rd on their ground. A feature of the match was Mr. Chaffer's score of 95, which eclipses Mr. Telfer's total of 65 some two seasons back. In his 32 runs John Bell hit one 6 and six 4's.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. C. Chaffer c and b Cordner	.. 95
C. Marchant run out	.. 8
Hannon c Weldon b Cordner	.. 17
Bell c Lynam b Barry	.. 32
Larkin c and b Croly	.. 8
Colquhoun not out	.. 27
Extras	.. 4
Total (5 wks.)	*191

LEINSTER III.

Cordner not out	.. 7
C. G. Powell c Chaffer b Bell	.. 27
Howard c Hannon b Bell	.. 39
Lynam b Chaffer	.. 5
Extras	.. 1
Total (3 wks.)	.. 79

*Innings declared.

On the 25th May we played St. Andrew's College at Donnybrook. By winning we gained 2 points in the Schools' Cup competition.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE

(League Match).

MacNie lbw b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 11
Barrett c Colquhoun b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 6
Stewart b Bell	..	..	..	.. 4
Sheridan b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 4
Beckett b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 1
O'Callaghan b Craig	..	..	..	.. 3
Coghill c and b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 16
Rollins b Craig	..	..	..	.. 0
Smith c Hannon b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 0
Dickson not out	..	..	..	.. 11
Rollins b Eyre	..	..	..	.. 1
Total	..	..	..	.. 57

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Marchant b Dickson	.. 0	c Beckett b O'Callaghan	.. 1
Bell b O'Callaghan	.. 2	lbw b O'Callaghan	.. 43
Hannon run out	.. 11	c MacNie b O'Callaghan	.. 4
Eyre lbw b O'Callaghan	.. 9	b Dickson	.. 1
Colquhoun c Beckett b O'Callaghan	24	c Dickson b O'Callaghan	.. 0
Larkin run out	.. 7	c Smith b Rollins	.. 15
Marchant b O'Callaghan	.. 4	b Rollins	.. 1
Mounsey c Sheridan b Rollins	.. 0	c Rollins b O'Callaghan	.. 2
Alexander c Smith b Rollins	.. 1	hit wicket b O'Callaghan	.. 5
Craig not out	.. 0	not out	.. 2
Scales c MacNie b Rollins	.. 0	not out	.. 4
Extras	.. 2	Extras	..
Total	.. 60	Total (9 wks.)	.. 79
Won on first innings.			

On the 28th May we gained a decisive victory over St. Stephen's Green School at Merton.

HIGH SCHOOL.

S. S. G. S.

Bell c and b Moss	.. 28	Tobin b Eyre	.. 1
Hannon b North	.. 4	Kennedy b Bell	.. 1
Marchant lbw b North	.. 0	Kennedy c Marchant b Eyre	.. 0
Larkin c Tobin b North	.. 19	North b Eyre	.. 8
Colquhoun st Tobin b Moss	.. 8	Moss c Bell b Craig	.. 24
Eyre c Flavelle b Moss	.. 4	Hadden b Bell	.. 2
Burns b North	.. 3	North c Hannon b Craig	.. 5
Alexander not out	.. 15	Flavelle b Craig	.. 10
Marchant run out	.. 0	Purser b Craig	.. 0
Scales c Kennedy b North	.. 16	Corballis run out	.. 0
Craig c Kennedy b North	.. 2	Micks not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 10	Extras	.. 3
Total	.. 109	Total	.. 54

On the 1st June we met Mountjoy School at Belgrave Square. By winning the toss and batting first they gained a distinct advantage, as the heat was quite tropical.

MOUNTJOY SCHOOL

(League Match).

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hobson lbw b Bell	.. 14	c Hannon b Larkin	.. 2
Coursey b Bell	.. 1	b Larkin	.. 2
Prestage b Bell	.. 17	b Larkin	.. 2
Pickeman b Bell	.. 11	c and b Bell	.. 13
Sargaison lbw b Alexander	.. 0	run out	.. 2
Cooper b Larkin	.. 20	c Craig b Bell	.. 0
Farley c Eyre b Craig	.. 20	b Bell	.. 4
Stokes c Bell b Alexander	.. 0	not out	.. 7
Moore not out	.. 2	b Colquhoun	.. 3
Clarke c and b Craig	.. 2	not out	.. 0
Blackburn b Bell	.. 0	not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 14	Extras	.. 9
Total	.. 101	Total (9 wks.)	.. 44

HIGH SCHOOL.

Marchant c Sargaison b Blackburn	..	..	..	12
Hannon b Clarke	..	..	..	5
Bell b Clarke	..	..	..	3
Colquhoun b Pickeman	..	..	..	19
Eyre run out	..	..	..	0
Marchant b Clarke	..	..	..	3
Burns c Farley b Clarke	..	..	..	5
Larkin c and b Pikeman	..	..	..	14
Alexander lbw b Pickeman	..	..	..	8
Craig c and b Pickeman	..	..	..	6
Scales not out	..	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	..	9

Total 86

Lost on first innings.

On the 5th June we lost our match with King's Hospital on the first innings by a very small margin. Though played at Belgrave Square, some of our side cannot have felt "at home" when batting.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Eyre b Johnston	.. 3	Colquhoun b Buckley	.. 19
Hannon b Johnston	.. 1	Marchant b Miller	.. 2
Bell b O'Sullivan	.. 10	Bell not out	.. 35
Colquhoun b O'Sullivan	.. 9	Eyre not out	.. 6
C. Marchant b Johnston	.. 0	Extras	.. 4
Burns c Cullen b Johnston	.. 4		
Larkin c Boyd b O'Sullivan	.. 0	Total (2 wks.)	.. 66
F. Marchant st Cullen b Johnston	4		
Alexander c Miller b O'Sullivan	1		
Craig b Johnston	.. 1		
Scales not out	.. 1		
Extras	.. 4		
Total	.. 38		

KING'S HOSPITAL.

Cullen c Alexander b Eyre	..	..	..	5
Lloyd c Alexauder b Bell	..	..	..	0
Miller b Bell	..	..	..	2
Boyd b Eyre	..	..	..	0
Buckley b Bell	..	..	..	9
Johnston lbw b Craig	..	..	..	13
Hazlett c Eyre b Bell	..	..	..	2
Miller b Craig	..	..	..	1
Vigors b Bell	..	..	..	0
Anglin c Colquhoun b Craig	..	..	..	2
O'Sullivan not out	..	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	..	4
Total	..	..	..	40

OUR 2ND XI.

This season we have a second "string" rather above the average and from time to time it has been strengthened by

various 1st XI. men who required a little rest. A speciality has been made in winning the toss for innings, as up to the time of writing (5th June) it has been named fifteen times correctly in succession, thereby we often got double innings. We have won eight matches, and some peculiar incidents have happened in them. Batting first against Wesley we steadily compiled 20 runs and then began fielding with heavy hearts. Wesley, however, did worse, and their last man was bowled at 16. Something similar happened against Sandymount II. when we totalled 49, and prepared to do some "leather hunting." But their innings resulted in a relay race from the pavilion to the wicket—and back again. Steady slogging got them 12 runs, of which 5 were byes. The bowling analysis showed W. B. Gilligan had 7 overs, 4 maidens, 5 runs, 7 wickets; while C. H. Gilligan had 6 overs, 5 maidens, 2 runs, 3 wickets. In another match a batsman was given lbw, but he objected to retire as "the ball hit the ground before it hit my pad." In the same match our scorer was forbidden to include a total of 4 not out, as "you never count a chap's score when he's not out." Playing against Kingstown Grammar School, one of our side gave five easy catches in a single over, and was given five "lives" by them all being dropped.

With regard to the players themselves, D. L. Head is undoubtedly the best bat, being both stylish and content to wait for the loose balls in an over. In addition, he has a sure pair of hands, and they will turn in useful for next season's 1st XI. Since Charles Short's voluntary retirement from cricket W. H. C. Stone has filled his place as wicket-keep with great success. Fast bowling can now be employed, and, with Stone, Mounsey is a welcome addition to both batting and bowling. Thornton does not hit out, but all the same he frequently gets double figures. W. B. Gilligan will get his 100 wickets this season, and probably 200 runs. A. S. Larkin gets wickets when he bowls medium, and is one of the steady bats on the team. Westropp and C. H. Gilligan, however, are always trying to knock down houses. The latter has bowled consistently well, and captured 7 wickets for 7 runs in the semi-final of the Junior Cup. Currall watches the bowling well when he is batting, and often makes a score on this account when better players have failed. H. C. Dodds annoys the bowlers by good "poking."

OUR JUNIOR CUP MATCHES.

Having a bye in the First Round, we played Belvedere College, J. C. T. on Whit Monday at the Square. Although we won, it was a case of "touch-and-go" which can best be illustrated by mentioning that Belvedere had 9 runs to make with 8 wickets to fall. Certainly our Captain must have felt the ordeal.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings,	
Marchant b Power	.. 6	lbw b Manning	.. 3
Bell (Capt.) b Manning	.. 6	c Lord b Manning	.. 11
Mounsey b Power	.. 0	b Manning	.. 0
Larkin b Lane	.. 8	b O'Connor	.. 12
Alexander c Lord b Lane	.. 1	run out	.. 7
Scales b O'Connor	.. 4	b Manning	.. 4
Head b Manning	.. 8	not out	.. 2
Gilligan c Manning b O'Connor	5	c Power b O'Connor	.. 6
Larkin b Manning	.. 7	c Purcell b Manning	.. 0
Currall c Manning b Lane	.. 0	b O'Connor	.. 0
Westropp not out	.. 6	c and b Manning	.. 6
Extras	.. 3	Extras	.. 1
Total	.. 54	Total	.. 46

BELVEDERE COLLEGE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Manning b Bell	.. 0	b Bell	.. 0
Lane b Larkin	.. 4	b Bell	.. 17
M'Nulty run out	.. 20	b Alexander	.. 13
O'Connor c Alexander b Larkin	0	lbw b Bell	.. 0
O'Neill c Mounsey b Gilligan	.. 10	c Gilligan b Bell	.. 17
Purcell c Alexander b Gilligan	.. 0	run out	.. 0
Power b Alexander	.. 0	b Gilligan	..
Cunningham c Westropp b Alexander	.. 0	b Gilligan	.. 1
Lord b Alexander	.. 0	run out	.. 0
Herbert b Alexander	.. 0	c Alexander b Bell	.. 1
Barrett not out	.. 0	not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 7	Extras	.. 9
Total	.. 41	Total	.. 58

On the 6th June, we played our Junior Cup semi-final against St. Stephen's Green School J. C. T. Our players had been allowed to leave early, as these matches can only remain undecided after four hours actual play. The match started at 3.10 p.m., when we went in to bat. There was a good number of spectators, whom Bell showed how to get 22 runs from one over in the second innings.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings		2nd Innings.	
Marchant b Corballis	.. 1	b Corballis	.. 3
Bell lbw b North	.. 22	b North	.. 35
Mounsey b Kennedy	.. 11	b North	.. 0
Larkin c Kennedy b Corballis	.. 0	c and b Kennedy	.. 43
Alexander b Kennedy	.. 6	b Kennedy	.. 13
Scales run out	.. 5	b Pigott	.. 2
Head lbw b North	.. 0	not out	.. 6
Westropp b Kennedy	.. 9	c Micks b Kennedy	.. 4
H. S. Larkin b Kennedy	.. 0		
Gilligan b Kennedy	.. 2	did not bat	
Currall not out	.. 0		
Extras	.. 3	Extra	.. 1
Total	.. 59	Total (for 7 wks).	*107

* Innings declared.

ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Kennedy b Bell	.. 0	b Bell	.. 8
Pigott c Head b Alexander	.. 0	b Gilligan	.. 8
North b Alexander	.. 0	b Gilligan	.. 9
Corballis c Gilligan b Bell	.. 1	b Gilligan	.. 4
Kennedy b Bell	.. 4	b Gilligan	.. 6
Micks b Alexander	.. 0	b Gilligan	.. 0
Pigott c Gilligan b Bell	.. 6	c Larkin b Bell	.. 2
Scallan b Bell	.. 0	c Mounsey b Gilligan	.. 0
Kennedy b Bell	.. 0	not out	.. 5
Knox b Bell	.. 1	b Gilligan	.. 2
Russell not out	.. 2	run out	.. 1
Extras	.. 3	Extras	.. 10
Total	.. 17	Tota	.. 55

THE AVERAGES (UP TO 5TH JUNE).

BATTING.

1ST XI.

	Innings.	Not out.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.
John Bell	14	1	43	204	15·6
J. D. Colquhoun	14	1	27*	113	8·6
G. E. Larkin	16	1	22*	121	8·0
G. L. Eyre	14	2	24	82	6·8
N. L. Hannon	16	1	17	99	6·6
C. S. Marchant	17	0	16	94	5·5
H. B. Alexander	12	1	16*	49	4·4
H. S. Scales	12	4	16	30	3·7
M. T. Craig	7	3	6	13	3·2
P. F. Burns	10	1	5	26	2·8
F. S. Marchant	14	2	5*	30	2·5

2ND XI.

W. B. Gilligan	19	0	34	156	8·2
W. H. Stone	11	1	25	82	8·2
D. L. Head	12	2	14	56	5·6
H. V. Thornton	10	2	12	38	4·8
H. T. Westropp	14	0	17	58	4·1
N. F. Currall	10	1	14	35	3·8
C. H. Gilligan	13	0	10	46	3·5
A. S. Larkin	15	1	21	45	3·2
H. S. Larkin	13	0	13	31	2·4

BOWLING.—1st XI. Wickets have been taken as follows:—Eyre (39 for 215 runs), John Bell (31 for 226 runs), Craig (14 for 54 runs), Alexander (12 for 87 runs), Colquhoun (6 for 26 runs).

2nd XI.—The analysis was not kept regularly. W. B. Gilligan has taken 82 wickets, C. H. Gilligan 34, and A. S. Larkin 8.

High School Rifle Club (1911-1912).

THE Rifle Club has very successfully concluded the fourth year of its existence. The membership has not experienced any great enlargement since last year, but those who joined at the beginning of the season were all very regular in attending the practices. The standard of marksmanship has steadily improved, to which the most cursory glance at the weekly record of scores testifies. As regards individual scores, J. R. Duggan is the most prominent. He has made 48, 47, 46 (2) and other scores above 40; H. H. Molloy has made 46 and 45; L. J. D. Richardson, 44 (2), 43, 42; and R. M. Reid has exceeded the 40 limit not once, but many times; J. D. M'Carthy once made 43. We notice that blank targets were returned on three occasions, all of which, we rejoice to say, were at the beginning of the season. The total number of rounds shot in practices alone was 1,419.

This has been the first season in which we were affiliated to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs. That society annually presents the clubs affiliated to it with three medals for competition. We held a competition last December, in which H. G. Goodwillie won the Roberts' Medal on handicap. The two other medals were reserved until the end of the season, when the Bell Medal was awarded to L. J. D. Richardson for the highest average, and the *Daily Express* Medal to J. R. Duggan for the highest individual score during 1911-12. These medals carry special privileges with them.

Shooting was discontinued after the Easter vacation, with the exception of special practices for the team entering for the Junior competitions at Ballsbridge. The team was composed of J. R. Duggan, D. E. Allen, H. H. Molloy and H. G. Goodwillie. Duggan was the only member of the team which shot last year at these competitions. We hoped we would be able to repeat last year's performance in winning first place in the National Service League competition, but we had to be content with second laurels this year. The All-Ireland Miniature Rifle Meeting was held at Ballsbridge on Whit Monday and Whit-Tuesday; on the Tuesday the Junior competition took place. In the National Service League competition we obtained second place, thus winning £3 and four silver medals.

The scores were as follows:—

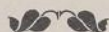
					Total—200.
J. R. Duggan	..	..	..	..	181
H. G. Goodwillie	..	..	..	..	136
D. E. Allen	..	..	..	..	134
H. H. Molloy	..	..	..	..	125
					576

The first place was secured by the Earlsfort School with an aggregate of 658.

J. R. Duggan is especially to be congratulated on his shooting, for he obtained the miniature rifle which was offered as a special prize to the member of the Leinster team who compiled the highest individual score in the above competition.

The scores and averages during the whole season are as follows:—

Name.		Number of Practices.	Total Number of Points Scored.	Highest Individual Score.	Averages.
L. J. D. Richardson	..	18	980	44	37.7
R. M. Reid	..	14	603	41	35.5
J. R. Duggan	..	17	815	48	31.4
J. Kelly	..	18	440	38	24.4
H. G. Goodwillie	..	19	474	39	23.7
D. E. Allen	..	19	479	39	21.8
H. H. Molloy	..	19	394	46	20.7
Mr. Nichols	..	17	572	40	20.4
J. D. McCarthy	..	14	283	43	20.2
W. H. Thrift	..	13	250	30	19.2
V. A. Linnell	..	9	156	31	17.3
W. B. E. Powell	..	14	251	30	16.7
J. Farrell	..	10	179	28	14.9
R. S. Wayland	..	4	59	19	14.8
J. Mackay	..	14	175	27	12.5
D. L. Fletcher	..	7	97	28	10.8



The Handball Competitions.



HANDBALL Competitions were held during May and proved very successful. Their management was in the hands of E. S. O. Dunlop. There were four main Competitions, Senior Doubles, Senior Singles, Junior Doubles and Junior Singles, in which the various partners and matches were arranged by lot. Those over fifteen years were reckoned as Seniors. The Senior competitions were under League conditions, *i.e.*, the results were decided by the best out of three games: the Junior competitions were decided by a single match. Results:—

JUNIOR DOUBLES.

1ST ROUND.—Mack and Head beat Ferguson and Cohen.

Gibson and F. Marchant beat Powell and H. Larkin.

Thrift and Sheppard a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.—Gibson and F. Marchant beat Thrift and Sheppard.

Mack and Head a bye.

FINAL.—Mack and Head beat Gibson and Marchant.

JUNIOR SINGLES.

1ST ROUND.—Hopking beat Pollett.
Head beat Hillyard.
Mack beat Gibson.
Cohen beat F. Marchant.

SEMI-FINAL.—Hopking beat Head.
Mack beat Cohen.

FINAL.—Mack beat Hopking.

SENIOR DOUBLES.

1ST ROUND.—Bell and Richardson beat C. Marchant and Dunlop
(2 games out of 2).
Read and G. Larkin beat Burns and Stone (2-3).
Gilligan and Alexander beat Duggan and F.
Marchant (2-2).
Eyre and Hannon w.o. Craig and Colquhoun
(scratched).
Brennan and A. Larkin a bye.

2ND ROUND.—Read and G. Larkin beat Gilligan and Alexander
(2-3).
Eyre and Hannon beat Brennan and A. Larkin
(2-2).
Bell and Richardson a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.—Eyre and Hannon beat Bell and Richardson (2-3).
Read and G. Larkin a bye.

FINAL.—Eyre and Hannon beat Read and G. Larkin (2-2).

SENIOR SINGLES.

1ST ROUND.—A. Larkin beat C. Marchant (2-2).
Dunlop beat Burns (2-2).
Gilligan beat Duggan (2-3).
Hannon beat John Bell (2-2).
Richardson beat G. Larkin (2-2).
Read beat Stone (2-2).
Alexander a bye.

2ND ROUND.—Richardson beat Alexander (2-2).
Hannon beat A. Larkin (2-2).
Dunlop beat Read (2-3).
Gilligan a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.—Dunlop beat Gilligan (2-2).
Hannon beat Richardson (2-2).

FINAL.—Dunlop beat Hannon (2-2).

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