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School Notes.

The present number of the *Erasmian* is the last of the fifth volume.

We publish elsewhere a list of the boys who passed the Church of Ireland Synod Examinations, with their marks. A summary of the results shows that in the Greek Testament all those who entered passed, there being four first-class prizes, three second-class, and five pass certificates.

In the Scripture Examinations the Senior Grade shows one first-class prize and one pass certificate, the Middle Grade two first-class prizes, one second-class, and ten pass certificates; in the Junior Grade there were one second-class prize and twenty-eight pass certificates.

We are glad to see that the Bicycle Club has been revived, and we hope boys will take full advantage of the monthly and other holidays by joining in the runs which are organised by the Committee.

May we urge boys to join the Cricket Club, and to pay their subscriptions early? D. A. Smyth has been elected Captain, and A. C. Richardson Secretary.

The Rt. Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, the Chairman of our Governing Board of Erasmus Smith, has retired from the Bench after a lengthened service as a judge of over thirty years. We trust that he will enjoy many years of retirement.

One of the most important events of the Term has been the death of Dr. Salmon, the Provost of Trinity College, which took place on January 22nd. He was one of the Governors of the School, and as a mark of respect the School ceased work, and the boys and masters stood bareheaded at the gate while his funeral was passing down Harcourt Street.

Our School Catechist, Rev. J. G. Carleton, D.D., has been elected a Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral. We offer him our hearty congratulations.

By an oversight in our last number we stated that the High School Exhibition is tenable for four years. It is, of course, tenable for five years. Its value is ordinarily £30 a year, but is increased to £40 when the Exhibitioner wins first place at the Junior Exhibition Examination.

We published in our October number a list of boys who passed the Intermediate Examinations last summer. The list when we published it was correct, but, fortunately or unfortunately, during the last two years the authorities have taken to revising their official pamphlet after publication. In consequence of this the name of A. C. Richardson should be added to the list of those who passed in the Junior Grade. He was at first given a failure in Experimental Science, but this being changed to a pass, gave him a pass in the examination as a whole.

The following elegant specimen of English as "she is wrote" by a Chinese firm in giving notice of a "cheap sale" may interest our readers:

Sir—We are much pleasure to inform you that we have just landed of good furniture which fine works and best quality different kind complete suit as bedding room sitting room dining room and beside of furniture and household, etc., etc., etc.

We will supply you to be honour

which much cheaper sale one week only begin on "22 Dec. 1903."

We will to beg you Gentleman and Ladies to come us give some business for a trial first then you will know what we will do the best of future.

We give elsewhere an account of the First Fifteen Football matches played since December. We fear we must confess that we are "on evil days now fallen," but it is hardly the fault of the boys on the team. They have, on the whole, shown plenty of spirit and energy, and had they been more accustomed to victory, we think they would have won their cup tie. They have improved greatly during the season, but there is at the present time a dearth in the School of players of the class of Smartt and Thrift, or, to go back to earlier days, of Knox and Sealy. There is one feature which we do not like to see: we read of some games in which some of the team did not turn up. If a boy can't play, he should give notice early, at least by twelve o'clock on the day of a match. This is a duty which he owes to the School, the Club, and the rest of the XV., and we should like to see more *esprit de corps* and public feeling shown in such cases.

Notes on Old Boys.

Ernest V. Longworth, after being editor of the *Daily Express* for close upon two years, has now retired from

that post in order fully to devote himself to his work at the Bar. We understand that he has made a special study of the law as it relates to Irish land tenure and sale.

Rev. H. M. C. Hughes, B.A., Curate of Killinkere, has been elected to the Incumbency of the parish of Moybologue, Diocese of Meath.

John D. Cowen was ordained on February 27th for the Curacy of Maryborough.

We ought to have mentioned in an earlier number that E. E. Forrester was ordained at the end of last June to a Curacy in Londonderry. His Vicar is Canon Goold Adams, and his parish consists mainly of working class people engaged in the shirt and collar factories.

A. R. Oulton has been elected "Registrar" of the Trinity College Choral Society.

We must congratulate our two representatives—both from the Trinity Fifteen—on the International Team which beat Wales at Belfast in the only Irish victory this season. Both Harry Thrift as three-quarter and H. J. Knox as forward donned the green jerseys for the first time. Thrift would have played in the earlier matches against England and Scotland, but un-

fortunately his jawbone was dislocated in the match against Monkstown a week before the first International.

Besides the above, we are glad to see that F. Smartt has played half for Trinity, and hope he will be there permanently next season.

F. Stevenson has been distinguishing himself in the Harriers, and won the two miles flat race from scratch in College this last Term.

W. H. C. Chambré, of Winnipeg, was married on February 25th, in the parish church, Rathfarnham, by the Rev. J. Sandys Bird, to Frances Jane, eldest daughter of George L. Davies, Rathgar.

Other old boys who have gone out to Canada are R. H. Fleming and C. T. H. Fleming, who have settled in Ontario, and A. C. Stuart and H. Buckley, who are now in Manitoba.

Rev. F. W. O'Connell took part in the service in Irish which was held in St. Kevin's Church, South Circular Road, on St. Patrick's Day.

We have received a prospectus from Herald Whyte, formerly one of our masters, who has now opened a private school in Waldenburg, in Schlesien, where he is prepared to receive pupils preparing for the Army, Navy, or other

Examinations who wish to have special opportunities of mastering German. Waldenburg is a picturesque town at the foot of the Riesengebirge, or Giant Mountains, in East Germany.

E. Maxwell Paterson gave a farewell concert in the Rathmines Town Hall on March 26th. We understand he is taking up the stage as a profession.

H. S. Sloan again obtained his cap as an International Association forward this year, playing for Ireland in the drawn game against Scotland in Dublin on March 26th.

Obituary.

Dr. Walter James Healey, the youngest surviving son of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Healey, of Sydney Lodge, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, died on February 16th at Zungeru, in the Protectorate of North Nigeria. Dr. Healey, who was in the School from 1888-1890, belonged to the Medical Service of the Protectorate.

Samuel Robert Victor Guthrie, second son of Samuel Smith and Anna Guthrie, died on January 14th, at the Adelaide Hospital. He was at School in the Christmas Term, and died just at the end of the vacation. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his parents at their loss.

Many old boys will regret to learn of the death of the Rev. S. F. Creswell, D.D., who was the first Head Master of the High School, being appointed at the opening of the School in 1870, and resigning in 1879, since when he had been Rector of North Repps, near Cromer, in Norfolkshire. He was educated at Nottingham, and St. John's College, Cambridge, of which he was a scholar, and graduated as fourteenth Senior Optime in the Mathematical Tripos in 1859. After holding various appointments in England, he came to Dublin from Marlborough. He died on March 24th, in his 70th year.

College Notes.

Since last we wrote, Ireland has lost one of the greatest scholars of the nineteenth century; and while the country at large feels the great loss, Trinity College is able to realize how much she owes to the man who ruled over her for 18 years, and endeared himself to everyone who came in contact with him in any way. The books which he wrote 40 years ago are still recognised as the best works on the subjects with which they deal, which is perhaps the greatest tribute that can be paid to his wonderful intellect. Yet, in spite of his great cleverness, his thoughts were always with and for the students; in every public function in College, where arrangements had to be made for the accommodation of spec-

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tators, his first question always was, "Have you provided for the students?" Trinity will have to search far before she finds a successor to such a man; yet no one could come up to the high standard set by Dr. Salmon. Rumour has been busy with quite a dozen names, but so far no one has been mentioned as absolutely certain of the position. Whoever may be appointed, few will be found to approve of the appointment of an "outsider," that is, a man who has no immediate connection with the College. No doubt the outsiders who have been mentioned are brilliant men in their own particular spheres, but there are men within the College walls who are quite the equals, if not the superiors, of those outsiders.

The much-vexed question of the Graduates' Memorial seems as far from a solution as ever. The Board proposed a most ridiculous scheme, entailing the amalgamation of all the College Societies. This scheme was received with surprise throughout the country, so the Board wisely asked the Societies to send delegates to a Joint Committee, and this Committee formulated a plan acceptable to every Society in College. Yet the Board seems determined to join all the Societies together, a plan which is only wanted by the Experimental Science Association. This Society has 150 members, of whom less than 50 are on the College books, so that its opinion ought to be practically disregarded

when we remember that the unanimous opinion of the Historical and Philosophical Societies, which means the opinion of almost 600 students, is against a union. The ways of the Board are indeed mysterious. Probably when the present Lower First is entering College the matter will be amicably settled.

The Rugby Club has been well represented on this year's Irish team. Thrift, Parke, Robinson, Caddell, Knox, and Smyth have all appeared for their country, while the substitutes have included Greer, Miller and Casement. We must extend our sympathies to Thrift, who has had very hard luck in missing two Internationals through injury. However, he has plenty of time to make up for this. It seems but yesterday since we saw the figures of Thrift and Sloan racing round the playground. Yet both of them have appeared for their country before they reached the age of 21. We hope to see them in green jerseys for many years to come. We must congratulate Knox on his inclusion in the team against Wales. His form this year has certainly justified his being selected on the Irish team. If we get a spell of fine weather at the end of this month we will see the Cup back in College once again. The Second XV., materially assisted by Purser and Smartt, have won the Junior League fairly easily. The other teams continue to win matches without difficulty, and alto-

gether the prospects of the Rugby Club for the next few years are particularly bright. The only fault we can find is that no one seems able to place goals regularly.

The Hockey Club has not had such a successful season as usual, but the membership has increased, five teams turning out regularly. The Soccer Club has taken a new lease of life, and has had a fairly good season. We are glad to note increased vitality in the Harriers, and F. Stevenson is to be congratulated, both for his hard work in connection with the Club, and also on his successes in the term races. Amongst new members of the "Phil." we notice G. J. Crozier, G. Jackson, and J. O. Beattie, while the charms of the Historical have won C. S. Burrows to its membership.

Football.

Dec. 3rd.—High School v. Masonic School.

This match was played in pouring rain and almost in darkness at Clonskea. High School were two or three short, and lost by 1 goal, 3 tries to nil.

High School v. Wesley College.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, December 4th. After a very even match, in which High School had hard lines in not scoring, Wesley won

by 1 goal, 1 try, to nil. Blackham and Weldon in the backs, and Smyth and Small in the forwards, were much the best of the team.

High School v. Sandymount Academical Inst.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, December 5th. The whole team played better than usual, C. Blackham and Weldon being the best of the backs, and Smyth and Stuart of the forwards. The result was a win for High School by 2 goals, 1 penalty goal, and 2 tries to nil.

High School v. St. Andrew's.

This match was played on December 11th, at Belgrave Square, and resulted in a win for St. Andrew's by 2 goals, 4 tries, to nil. The team, with the exception of Smyth and Blackham, played only moderately, and as usual without any dash.

High School v. Riverside.

This match was played at Sandymount on December 12th. We were three or four short, and D. Smyth had to play three-quarter, which weakened the forwards considerably. In the second half want of training on our part became evident, and Riverside had things all their own way, the result being a win for them by 4 goals, 5 tries to nil.

High School v. Portora Vacation Team.

This match was played on the morning of December 23rd, at Belgrave Square. We had several old boys playing for us, including Purser, Smartt, Ogden and Bradford, and after a very fast game, in which there was good passing on both sides, we won by 3 goals, Smyth (2), Ogden (1), off tries by Purser (2) and Ogden (1), to 2 tries.

High School v. Lansdowne III.

This match was played on January 23rd, at Belgrave Square. Lansdowne were two or three short, and after a hard game, chiefly confined to the forwards, High School won by 2 tries (Leland and Smyth) to nil.

High School v. Wesley College.

This match was played at Donnybrook, on January 29th, in deep mud, with a strong wind and rain. Consequently good play was out of the question. Our opponents' forwards were much better trained than ours, who did not keep on the ball. D. Smyth, Small and Stuart were the best of our forwards, and Blackham the best of the backs. Wesley won by 2 goals, 2 tries to nil.

High School v. Columba's College.

This match was played at Rathfarnham, on February 6th. The whole

team played better than usual, and the result was a great improvement on the match at Belgrave Square, Smyth and Stuart especially, of the forwards, being prominent. C. Blackham was the best of the backs, though all played well. The College won by 1 goal, 1 try to nil.

High School v. Blackrock College.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, on February 10th. The forwards all played well, getting the ball quite as often in the scrums as their opponents, but in the loose and in the back play Blackrock were much superior, winning by 1 goal, 9 tries to nil. Smyth, Small and Clouston were the best of the forwards, and Weldon and Blackham of the backs.

High School v. Corrig School.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, on February 11th, and resulted in a win for Corrig by 9 tries to nil. It was again our backs who lost the game by not tackling low, and by going for the ball instead of marking their own men.

High School v. Mountjoy School.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, on February 13th, in deep mud and water, and after five minutes it was almost impossible to recognise the players. It was a most uninteresting

game, in which none played very well, the result being a win for Mountjoy by 2 goals and 5 tries to nil.

High School v. St. Stephen's Green School.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, on March 15th, and resulted in a win for us by 2 goals (Smyth off tries by himself and Small), 2 tries (Smyth and Duggan) to 1 try.

No one played with any life except Smyth, Small and Duggan. If everyone had done his best we could not have failed to obtain several more scores.

High School v. Sandymount Acad. Institute.

We played this return match at Sandymount, and won after a rather hard game by 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 1 try to 1 penalty goal. Smyth was playing three-quarter, and tackled very well, as did all the backs, especially Hegarty. The forwards played rather limply, with the exception of Small, Stuart and Duggan.

Small and Duggan scored, and Smyth kicked the goals.

We regret the loss of C. Smartt, of the 4th, who left at Christmas. He was one of our best footballers and cricketers, and it will be difficult to replace him on either of the teams this year.

The result of the Cup matches shows a great improvement on the form which the team displayed at the beginning of the season. The whole team played with great spirit, especially in the first match, though in the second they seemed to lose heart rather quickly as soon as St. Columba's had scored.

A report of the Cup ties is given below.

THE CUP TIE.

We were drawn against St. Columba's College in the first round of the Schools' Cup. Our team was—Full-back, W. H. Smyth; three-quarters, E. I. Barbor, R. G. Small, A. C. Richardson, and C. W. Blackham; half-backs, G. H. Weldon and N. A. Blackham; forwards, D. A. Smyth, G. A. Small, D. M. Stuart, G. G. Duggan, A. H. Croly, N. S. Clouston, F. W. H. Leland, and J. A. Rogers. The last named played as a substitute for E. H. Featherstone, who had hurt his wrist, and was unable to take part in the match.

The game was played at Lansdowne Road on 8th March. The day was very wet, and there was a very small attendance, Mr. Clements being the only one of our masters who had the courage to go.

D. A. Smyth kicked off. St. Columba's quickly rushed down to our twenty-five, but their backs, owing to the greasy ball, only lost ground by passing, and we came back to half-way.

Soon after this C. Blackham ran to their twenty-five, but Columba's worked back. W. Smyth saved well from some loose rushes of our opponents' forwards, and when half-time came there was no score.

After resuming, our forwards attacked for a long time, and Clouston had hard lines in not scoring. At last St. Columba's rushed away, and looked like scoring, but C. Blackham saved. They worked back again, and one of their three-quarters kicked over W. Smyth's head, but our full-back was able to get to the ball in time to touch down. After the drop out St. Columba's again attacked, and Duggan dribbled back to half-way. Our opponents attacked from this to full time, but could not score, so the result was a scoreless draw.

W. Smyth, at full back, played very well; C. Blackham and Barbor were the best of our three-quarters, but the latter was inclined to get out of his place. Weldon and N. Blackham worked hard at half. All of the forwards played well, D. A. Smyth, who took things rather easily at times, Small, Duggan, and Clouston being the best.

The match was replayed on 11th of March, in splendid weather. We had the same team as before.

D. A. Smyth kicked off, and for the first few minutes play was at half-way, but our forwards soon attacked, and D. Smyth, picking up in the loose, ran

well before passing to Duggan, who almost scored. St. Columba's worked back to half-way, but through a good run by Barbor we reached their twenty-five. From here our forwards rushed down to the line. D. Smyth getting the ball, worked his way over for a try beside the posts, and kicked a goal. After the kick off St. Columba's advanced to our twenty-five, but our forwards soon made their way back to mid-field, where play was at the interval. Score:—

High School 1 goal (5 pts.)

St. Columba's Nil.

In the second half our forwards did not last as well as those of St. Columba's, who obtained possession of the ball oftener in the scrum, with the result that their backs were constantly attacking. Our three-quarters fell away altogether, and the final score was:—

St. Columba's

College ... 2 goals, 2 tries (16 pts.)

High School... 1 goal (5 pts.)

W. Smyth, at full back, played well, but was too slow in getting in his kick. He could not be held responsible for any of the scores except the first, which was, however, more due to bad marking out of touch. In the first half Barbor played well, as did Richardson and Blackham, who did not get many chances. The backs ran across the field too much before passing, with the result that when the wings got the ball

they were too close to touch to gain much ground. In the second half, the three-quarter line was disorganised by bad tackling by R. Small. N. Blackham was better than Weldon at half, and kicked well to touch several times.

D. Smyth was very good in the loose, but G. Small did more work in the scrums. Stuart and Duggan were equally good, and after them were Croly, Clouston, Rogers and Leland in the order named.

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

W. H. Smyth.—A safe full-back, kicks and tackles well, but is at times too slow.

E. I. Barbor.—A fast three-quarter, who should trust more to his pace to get through.

A. C. Richardson.—Fields and finds touch well, but his tackling, like that of most of the backs, is at times uncertain.

R. G. Small.—Kicks and passes well, but is weak in tackling.

C. W. Blackham.—Is a good scoring three-quarter, very fast, and takes his passes well.

G. H. Weldon.—Plays a very good defensive game, but is weak in attack.

N. A. Blackham.—A plucky half, who is bound to improve, but ought to tackle lower.

D. A. Smyth.—A very good forward in the loose, but does not always work in the scrums.

G. A. Small.—A hard-working forward, who plays up well from start to finish.

D. M. Stuart.—Plays a vigorous game all through.

A. H. Croly.—Has only just started Rugby, very good out of touch, and will improve.

N. S. Clouston.—Has improved greatly, is clever in the loose, but might occasionally work harder.

G. G. Duggan.—Good in the loose, works hard, and is much improved.

F. W. Leland.—Takes things too easily, but has improved.

J. A. Rogers.—Is another hard worker, but does not know the game thoroughly yet.

Cricket.

A meeting of the Cricket Club was held on Wednesday, March 23rd, when D. A. Smyth was elected Captain for the season, E. I. Barbor, Vice-Captain, and A. C. Richardson, Secretary. In addition to these G. C. Duggan and Roger Barlee were elected on the Committee.

The Bicycle Club.

The opening meeting was held on the 17th February, Mr. Lyster being in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Captain and Hon. Sec. and Treas.—
M. A. C. Wilkins.

Vice-Captain—G. A. Small.

Mr. Paterson and Mr. Clements were elected on the Committee with the Captain and Vice-Captain.

It is to be hoped that all cyclists in the School will join, as the Club offers advantages for very enjoyable runs in the country. Medals for good attendance at the runs will be presented at the end of the season.

The opening run took place on Thursday, 25th February, at which only three members attended, owing to the bad weather. After a late start, the ride to Blessington was accomplished against a strong wind. The well-known "Downshire Arms" Hotel, under its new proprietor, Leonard Davies, has been greatly improved, and for good value, excellent cooking, and general management, cannot be beaten. After dinner and tea in the hotel, and a stroll by the river, we reached home at 10 p.m., having experienced a very enjoyable run, with no accidents.

The Joys of a Hired Tandem.

On Saturday, 31st October, two members of the Bicycle Club—J. C. Duncan and E. H. Wilkins—undertook a ride to Carlow, with results narrated as follows:—Starting at 9.30 a.m., we burst the front tyre of our hired tandem at Charlemont Bridge, and were de-

layed half an hour mending it with a piece of leather and several yards of tape. Starting anew by Terenure, we had occasional glimpses of the Dodder as far as Tallaght, whence we continued at a good pace under the green Tallaght hills to the beautiful "Slade of Saggart," which we ascended to Brittas, where we were pulled up again by a puncture in the front wheel. This mended, we sped over a lonely table land to Blessington, and thence by the Liffey to Poulaphouca, having on our left the great misty mountains in which the river and its feeders rise. At Poulaphouca we experienced a third burst in the front tyre. Mending this, a jocular rustic consoled us with the information that it was eight miles to Baltinglass, though, as a matter of fact, it was fifteen. We strengthened the cover with the tongue of one of our shoes and more tape, and renewed the original tape, which was just worn through. Further on we rested at the side of the road, where we were interviewed by a postman, who as to the nature of the road and the distance to Baltinglass answered that it was seven bad miles, but a long seven it proved. Stopping twice more to renew the tape, we saw at length issuing from the Glen of Imale the silver Slaney, which accompanied us to Baltinglass, where we halted at 3 p.m., as we and the machine looked as if we had emerged from a sea of mud; we had no mudguards, and the state of the road was indescribable.

We ordered dinner in what called itself "The Grand Hotel," but what in our estimation more resembled a tenement house. In half an hour an uninviting dinner was served, and when we had finished we dozed on the sofa till six o'clock, when we started for home with 38 miles before us. It was pitch dark, rain was falling, and our acetylene lamp was not too bright. However, we plodded ahead, not knowing the moment the tire would burst again, the chains grinding with mud, and the front wheel, bandaged with tape, rubbing the forks. At one time we found ourselves in two feet of water, and next at the bottom of a ditch. We repeatedly experienced side slips, and on one occasion were forcibly deposited in the mud, and for some time could not find the tandem. In this manner we laboured till near Blessington, where our front tyre burst for the fourth time. Perseveringly we mended it with another shoe tongue and the rest of our tape, by 10.30 reaching Blessington, where we stayed an hour to get eatables and more tape, and at 1 a.m. reaching home, the tyre burst for the fifth time. At each repairing we had to remove all the tape already put on, and to renew it every six miles, using in all fully 30 yards. It is needless to say anything about the condition of the tandem and ourselves on returning. We had covered nearly 80 miles, but owing to mist and darkness had not enjoyed the scenery so much as the air and exercise.

Christmas Carols.

(Concluded.)

The next example is from a song of a lighter nature, such as was taking the place of the sacred carol, to some extent, in the houses and entertainments of private gentlemen; and continued to do so down to the Commonwealth times, when efforts were made to eliminate everything but the religious songs.

It does not require a very great stretch of imagination to picture to ourselves the sly and laughing varlet who protests so vehemently that he is *in extremis* on account of the conveniently refractory bone that "sticks" in his throat. Apparently he has no confidence in the skill of the surgeon, who probably forms one of the entourage of Mr. Wortley, who seems to be a person of quality from "his men so tall," etc. No, the only hope of saving the life of the valiant yeoman that now "lyes in great wauste," is in the speedy application of the "leather bottell" brimming with the ripe October. But "A room! a room! a gallant room!" hear the minstrel himself:—

"A Bonne God wote!
Sticks in my throate,
Without I have a draught
Of cornie aile,
Nappy and staile,
My lyffe lyes in great wauste,
Some ayle or beare,

Gentill butlere,
 Some lycoure thou hus showe
 Such as you mashe,
 Our throates to washe,
 The best were that yow brew."

The minstrel then complains (apparently in the absence of the master):

"Mr. Wortley,
 I dar well say,
 I tell you as I thinke,
 Would not, I say,
 Byd hus this day,
 But that we shuld have drink."

Then, after reproaching "his men so tall," he winds up:

"Now gyve hus drink,
 And let cat wynke,
 I tell you all at once,
 Yt stickes so sore,
 I may sing no more,
 Tyll I have droken once."

(Wright's Carols, Cotton, M.S., Vespasian, A., xxv.)

That the minstrels were not always so successful in their incursions is evident from the following anecdote, which I have extracted from Mr. John Ashton's amusing and comprehensive book on "Humour, Wit, and Satire of the 17th Century."

"Maister *Hobson* being then lying in Saint Albones, there came certaine musitians to play at his chamber doore, to the intent as they filled his eares with their musicke, he should fil their purses with mony: whereupon he had one of the servants of the Inne (that

waited upon him) to goe and tell them that hee could not then endure to heare their musicke for he mourned for the death of his mother, so the musitians disapoynted of their purpose, went sadly all away. The fellow heard him speake of mourning, asked him how long agoe it is since he buried his mother; truely (quoth Maister *Hobson*) it is now very neare forty years agoe. The fellow, understanding his subtilty, and how wittily he sent away the musitians, laughed very hartely."

In the British Museum can be found early 16th century collections of carols, with music; the majority not very interesting, however, to the general reader. Wynkyn de Worde is responsible for the earliest printed collection of carols, and it is worthy of note that in this book there is a song celebrating the bringing in of the boar's head, that time-honoured dish, that has adorned the tables of kings and queens, nobles and barons, from time immemorial, and which will adorn the side-board of the King at Windsor this year. In the latter case, I presume, it will be the "real Simon Pure," and not the head of the ordinary porker of commerce—the gentleman that pays the rent—showing a vicious tusk of lemon-peel, or of some peaceful and succulent vegetable.

In the note to Washington Irving's essay on "The Christmas Dinner" in his *Sketch Book* we read: "The old ceremony of serving up the boar's head

on Christmas Day is still observed in the hall of Queen's College, Oxford." Irving gives the carol as sung there as follows:—

"The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary;
And I pray you, my masters, be merry,
Quot estis in convivio.
Caput apri deferō,
Reddens laudes Domino."

The original version of the boar's head carol of the time of Henry VIII. is very little different from the above; it runs—

"Caput apri differo,
Reddens laudes Domino.
The boar's head in hand bring I,
With garlans gay and rosemary,
I pray you all synge merely
Quot estis in convivio."

"Certayne Goodly Carowles to be Songe to the Glory of God," was produced from the press of John Tysdale, who was duly licensed to print same in 1562, and "Crestenmas Carroles auctorysshed by my lorde of London." About half a dozen years later, I see, one Tusser composed a carol, and other verses suitable to the occasion. I presume this gentleman was the famous Thomas of that ilk, whose "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry" is to its subject what the gentle Isaac's "Compleat Angler" is to the contemplative disciple of the angle.

Of course, there are many well-known carols that space will not permit

me to refer to, such as "Joseph was an Old Man, and an Old Man was He," "A Virgin Most Pure as the Prophets do Tell," "A Child this Day is Born," "St. Stephen was a Holy Man," "The First Nowell that the Angels did Say," "God's dear Son without Beginning," the very curious (for a sacred poem) "To-morrow shall be my Dancing Day," and the famous

"God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
Was born upon this day.
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was
born on Christmas Day."

I am personally interested in the next carol, "I Saw Three Ships," as my grandmother used to sing it. My readers will recollect that Mr. Quiller-Couch has taken the above four words as the effective title of one of his well-known books. The idea embodied in this carol is the same as that of a very ancient Dutch one, in which the Virgin holds the rudder of the ship. In Ritson's "Ancient Songs" the following appears, relating to the same subject, and was sung about the middle of the sixteenth century:—

"There comes a ship, far sailing then,
Saint Michel was the stieres-man;
Saint John sat in the horn.
Our Lord harped, Our Lady sang,

And all the bells of heaven they
rang

On Christ's Sunday at morn."

The version of this carol that I am familiar with is in nine verses and commences—

"I saw three ships come sailing in

On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day ;

I saw three ships come sailing in

On Christmas Day in the morning."

Then, after the question, "What was in these ships all three?" we are told—

"Our Saviour Christ and His Lady,

On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day ;

Our Saviour Christ and His Lady

On Christmas Day in the morning."

and so on through the carol—which is a most haunting one.

In the beginning of the last century street carol singers abounded, with their bundles of cheap broad-sheets, many with outlandish wood-cuts, ludicrously ill-suited to the subject. I do not think at the present time, that one of those professional carol singers can be found in our towns.

"Old times are changed, old manners gone," and we are, no doubt, very superior folk to our grandfathers and grandmothers. But are we either as healthy or as happy? We certainly are not as picturesque, or as jolly, or as neighbourly; but then, electric trams,

twopenny tubes, *et hoc genus omne*, do not tend that way.

If, however, we can lend a helping hand to keep up old customs that are "honest and of good report," surely we should study to do so. Our interest in life will be added to thereby, and some old-fashioned but desirable virtues, may be preserved from desuetude. Ranging through these old time songs, links with a far-off unreturning past, we may for a little space forget our cares and breathe "the larger air" of our ancestors; and if under the softening influence we may speak kindly to the friendless, and feed the hungry, is it not well done, my masters? And let not our gross appetites alone be fed. Let the "feast of fat things, and wine on the lees well refined," give timely place to the joyous strains of "Nowell, nowell."

T. P. STUART.

Church of Ireland Religious Examinations.

These Examinations in Religious Knowledge were held on December 11th, 1903, by the Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge, acting with the Standing Committee of the General Synod. The prizes were distributed on Friday afternoon, February 19th, in the Synod Hall, Christchurch Place, by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, after a short service

in Christ Church Cathedral, at which the Rev. T. Stirling Berry, D.D., preached.

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Senior Sophisters—Logic—1st Honors, G. W. White.

Passed Term Exam.—M. S. M'Donnell.

Junior Sophisters—Modern Literature—1st Honors, W. W. Powell; 2nd Honors, I. J. North-Bomford.

Passed Term Exam.—C. C. W. Duggan, I. J. North-Bomford, F. Stevenson, H. Thrift.

Senior Freshmen—Supplemental Final Freshmen Exam.—1st Class, W. W. Powell.

Mathematics—1st Honors, J. Purser.

Logic—1st Honors, F. M'Connell; 2nd Honors, O. V. Burrows.

Passed Term Exam.—C. R. Milligan.

Junior Freshmen—Mathematics—1st Honors, J. C. Duncan, C. Spiro, M. R. Richardson, C. S. Burrows.

Classics—1st Honors—G. C. Duggan (1st), J. H. Leland, M. Noyk; 2nd Honors, J. H. Stanton.

Term Prizes for Composition—G. C. Duggan, J. H. Leland.

Passed Term Exam.—C. S. Burrows, R. H. M'Donald, R. A. Oulton, M. R. Richardson, F. N. Smartt, J. L. Smylie.

MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Final Exam.—Medicine—H. S. M. Carter; Section A—H. J. Knox.

Physics and Chemistry—H. J. Knox.

LAW SCHOOL.

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