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OCTOBER, 1918.

School Notes.

SCHOOL re-opened after the summer vacation on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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We missed some familiar faces, but welcomed in their place an increasing number of new ones. The school roll this term is considerably larger than before the summer.

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We mentioned in our June number that Mr. C. L. Dillon, B.A., Headmaster of St. Patrick's Cathedral School, was coming to take the Junior Mathematical Classes, but we did not know at that time that we should also be losing Mr. Bennett, who, at the end of last term, accepted the Headmastership of the Grammar School, Sligo, under the Incorporated Society.

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Mr. Bennett had been with us for over five years, and was deservedly popular. He never spared himself, and gave the School of his best. His kindness and energy were much appreciated, and they had their reward in the excellent results at the June Intermediate Examinations. He takes with him the good wishes of everyone in the School for his success at Sligo.

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His place is being taken by Mr. E. R. Dodds, B.A., who, after a brilliant career at Campbell College in the Intermediate, went as a Classical Scholar to University College, Oxford, where he obtained First Class in Classical Moderations and in Classical Finals, and also won both the Craven and the Ireland University Scholarships.

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The Headmaster has been appointed a member of the Vice Regal Committee of Inquiry into Intermediate Education which is sitting this autumn.

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Mr. Wyon has been mentioned in despatches for his services with the S. Staffordshires in France.

At the end of last term the School gave a public gymnastic display in the Swedish Gymnasium on June 21st which was a great success.

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We give elsewhere a full account of the results of the Intermediate Examinations. These were this year particularly satisfactory, the distinctions being five exhibitions, two medals, four composition prizes, and two other prizes. In addition, successful candidates were eligible for four more exhibitions and six more prizes. The results were much delayed in publication owing to the printers' strike which was not settled till the end of September.

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By an oversight the scores in the Junior Cup cricket matches were not given in the last ERASMIAN. As the Junior Cup team was very successful and got into the final, their performances deserve to be recorded and will not be too late to be interesting.

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The War Savings Committee continues to collect money in the School to pay for the war. The officers are changed this term, and G. H. Townsend is now the Hon. Sec., and W. D. Fielding is the Hon. Treasurer. In addition the Committee consists of the following collectors:—Form V., I. E. Jones; Up. IV., R. H. Colwill; Lr. IV., P. W. Hanan; III. A., D. B. Good; III. B., H. W. Kelly; III. C., W. S. Squires; II., M. E. Bardon; I. A. and B., J. V. Leach. Over £100 has already been subscribed this term, but there are still many boys who are not helping by their weekly mites "to win the war." They should begin at once.



Notes on Old Boys.



OBITUARY.

WE regret to announce that the following Old Boys have fallen in the war:—

R. G. Brewster (1905-07), 2nd Lieut., Special Cavalry Reserve, serving with the Lancers, was reported in our last number as missing, but it has since been announced that he was killed on March 21st last. He was the son of Mr. W. T. Brewster, of Audenville, Iona Road, Glasnevin, and when leaving school took first place in the United Kingdom in the Second Division Civil Service Examination. When the war broke out he was employed in the Department of Agriculture; he and his brother Theo both joined up at once in the South Irish Horse, and he served with

the First Expeditionary Force from August 17th, 1914, took part in the retreat from Mons, in the battles of the Marne and the Aisne and the first battle of Ypres. He obtained his Commission in November, 1916, and returned to France in April, 1917. Until his death in March at Roussoy, near St. Quentin, he had come right through the war scatheless. Everyone who knew him will remember his bright, cheerful disposition, and straightforward honourable character. His brother is now a 2nd Lieut. in the Lancers.

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W. O. Halpin (1894-1900), Captain Royal Army Medical Corps, attached to the 4th Hussars, died on August 10th of wounds received in action near Caix in France, and was buried in Amiens Military Cemetery. "I have done my duty."

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I. M. Craig (Ray) (1910), Captain Royal Engineers, was killed in action in Palestine. He came to us for a short time in 1910 from Campbell College before entering Trinity College, and joined the Engineers after completing his course in the Engineering School in August, 1914. He went out in the famous 10th Division to Gallipoli and the Balkans. His brother, M. T. Craig (1909-12) is also in the Engineers.

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G. H. Cross (1907-09), Captain, Army Service Corps, attached to the Royal Irish Fusiliers, was killed in action on September 30th.

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H. Wilson White (1895-1903), Captain, Royal Army Medical Corps, son of the Dean of Christ Church, has been missing since April 12th.

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R. J. Charters (1910-15), 2nd Lieut., Royal Irish Rifles, attached to 5th Yorkshire Regiment, has been a prisoner in Germany since June, and is at Karlsruhe in Baden.

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David M. Lawson (1908-12), South Irish Horse, is also a prisoner in Germany at Güstrow.

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DISTINCTIONS.

The following distinctions have been gained in the war :—

Engineer Lieutenant W. A. Bury (1894-1899), R.N., has been promoted to the rank of Engineer Commander, and received the Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) for his exploits in the "Vindictive" at Zeebrugge and Ostend. His official record is as follows :—

"This gallant officer greatly distinguished himself in the

'Vindictive' on April 23, and, as soon as he knew another operation was contemplated, volunteered, begging to be allowed to remain in charge of the engine-room department of that vessel. He worked most energetically to fit her out for further service, and on the night of May 9-10 he again rendered invaluable service, setting a fine example to his men. He remained in the engine-room until the last possible moment, and when everyone was clear he blew the bottom out of the ship by firing the main and auxiliary after-charges. He was very severely wounded."

We are glad to hear that he is making a good recovery from his severe wounds.

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We regret having omitted from our previous lists of distinctions the name of B. Johnson (1898-1900), Major, Royal Army Medical Corps, who has also been awarded the D.S.O.

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F. W. Shea (1910-13), 2nd Lieut., Royal Field Artillery, as we recorded in our last issue, has received the Military Cross. The official record is:—

"When withdrawing from a position one gun team was knocked out by enemy shell fire; he volunteered to return with a team made up of bad horses from the other teams, and successfully pulled the gun out. On many occasions he showed great coolness and did excellent work."

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A Military Cross has also been awarded to F. W. Synnott (1899-1904), Captain, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Special Reserve, for the following services:—

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during ten days of active operations in command of an entrenching battalion. On one occasion, when his flank became exposed through the withdrawal of troops on his right, he made repeated efforts to re-establish touch, capturing several prisoners and sending back valuable information. Later, he led two companies into a village under heavy shell and rifle fire and re-established a line which had temporarily given way. His courage and energy were most marked, and he set a splendid example and showed great power of leadership, even when suffering from severe physical and mental exhaustion."

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D. C. Ferguson, Despatch Rider, attached to the 30th Division Royal Field Artillery, has been serving in France for nearly three years, and has won the great honour of being awarded the Military Medal "for gallantry and distinguished conduct near St. Quentin" on the ever memorable 21st March last.

The following have been wounded :—

Lt. T. F. H. Read (1910-13), R.F.A.

Lt. H. T. Bird (1909-16), R.G.A.

Lt. J. B. Butler (1897-99), R.G.A.

Lt. P. R. G. Fennell (1909-15), R.D.F.

J. B. Butler and Fennell have both returned to duty in France.

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H. G. Goodwillie (1906-16), who was in the Royal College of Science, joined last April the Mechanical Transport Section, and has now been for some months in France. He has had some very exciting experiences.

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N. S. Allen (1912-15) has passed through the O.T.C. in Trinity College, and is getting a Commission in the Inniskillings.

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H. R. Bardon (1913-18) has joined a Training School for the Royal Air Force at Hastings. His father, also an Old Boy, is in command of a labour battalion in Lorraine.

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W. M. Carte (1908-09) is now in the Trinity O.T.C.

* *

R. E. Crotty (1907-8), who is in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, is applying for a Commission. His brother, Lieut. W. H. Crotty (1908-10), having been wounded, has been declared unfit for general service, and is being given a home appointment.

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C. H. Farmer (1912-18) has joined the North Irish Horse.

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Lt. A. K. Ferguson (1910-15), Royal Dublin Fusiliers, is now home on leave after serving in Palestine and France for nearly two years.

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G. M. Fletcher (1910-15) has obtained a Commission in the Leinster Regiment in which his brother, Donald, who was killed in Macedonia in 1917, also served.

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E. A. H. Heard (1909-12) is serving in the South Irish Horse.

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A. H. R. Howell (1914-18) has passed through the Trinity O.T.C.

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Lt. T. H. Hinkson (1912-13), Royal Irish Regiment, now serving in Palestine, is applying for a regular Commission in the Indian Army.

Lt. A. S. Larkin, A.S.C., who has been serving since the beginning of the war in the East, Gallipoli, Macedonia, Egypt, and Palestine, is applying for a permanent Commission in the Indian Army.

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S. M. Lawson (1911-17) has joined the Royal Air Force.

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Gordon S. B. Mack (1906-16) has left the Medical School in Trinity and taken a Commission in the Artillery.

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Lt. J. Mackay (1908-17), Royal Munsters, after acting as Gymnastic Instructor to his regiment, is under orders for Egypt.

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J. M. Mounsey (1909-15), who joined the R.A.M.C. in 1915 after winning the High School Exhibition in Trinity, has just come home on his first leave from Malta and Italy. He has been ill but is much better, and is returning to duty.

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W. H. C. Pollett (1908-16) has joined the Hon. Artillery Company in London, and is in training in the Tower of London.

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C. G. Powell (1899-1906), Captain, Durham Light Infantry, has been for two years in Macedonia. He has taken part in the splendid British advance which brought about the unconditional surrender of Bulgaria.

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D. A. Saville (1910-16), P. Sher (1910-11), and F. R. Swayne (1910-16) have joined the Royal Air Force.

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We regret to hear that R. M. Reid (1909-11), Lieut., Highland Light Infantry, after excellent service in Flanders, has broken down in health and been obliged to resign his commission.

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W. H. Thrift (1908-17) was home on leave from Newark in September and expects shortly to finish his course of training there for the R.E.

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S. C. Tully (1903-07), 2nd Lieut., Royal Inniskillings, is applying for a transfer to the Indian Army.

* * *

W. G. Tomlinson (1905-09), who has been out in the Malay States, has come home and joined the B.E.F., in France. He was home on leave early in September.

A. W. Wallen (1910-17) has obtained his commission in the Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was lucky enough to cross to Holyhead the day before the "Leinster" disaster.

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F. W. J. Watkins (1915-16) has joined the R.F.C.

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D. M. Killingley (1914-17) has passed for Sandhurst.

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D. A. Smyth (1899-1905) is looking much better after his encounter with a tiger in India last Christmas and expects to go back shortly.

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We have to congratulate E. K. Alton (1897-99) and Lieut. R. M. Reid (1909-11) on their marriages.



OBITUARY.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. Canon Carleton, D.D., this summer. He was for many years our Church of Ireland Catechist and only resigned in March, 1916, when he was appointed Deputy Regius Professor of Divinity in Trinity College. He was Classical Scholar of Trinity in 1868 and Senior Moderator in Classics in 1869. He was for a long time curate of St. Peter's and lecturer in Divinity in Trinity. In 1904 he was elected Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was a student of wide interest, and published in 1888 "The Bible of Our Lord and His Apostles; The Septuagint considered in its relation to the Gospel, in its History and as an Interpreter of the Old Testament," in 1902 "The Part of Rheims in the making of the English Bible," and in 1909 "The Prayer Book Psalter, with Introduction and Marginal Notes." He will be remembered by all old High School boys for his kindly disposition, his devotion to his work, and his love for the School and for his pupils.

Two old boys whom many will remember with respect and affection have also died this summer. Harry Grant Hillas (1891-1900) who was born 29th June, 1881, and was the second and only surviving son of Mrs. Hillas of Fitzwilliam Street, died suddenly in Cairo on July 19th. He had a distinguished career in Trinity which he entered with the High School Exhibition and First Place at the Junior Exhibition Examination in 1900. He won Classical Scholarship in 1905 and Senior Moderatorship in the same year. He entered the Egyptian Civil Service in 1906, and when the war broke out he joined the Egyptian Flying Corps but had for some time been back at his Civil Service Work. His brother A. B. E. Hillas fell in France last year.

Harold McComas (1894-97) who was born September 15th

1879, died on October 9th, at Falkland Lodge, Ferndown, Dorset. He was the second son of the late R. H. A. McComas, J.P., of Elgin Road, and had been in the Public Works Department, India.



Examination Results.

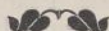


TRINITY COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

THE following have passed the Preliminary Scientific Examination: In Botany and Zoology: J. Cornick (High Marks) (1914-17); L. Hayman (1912-17); M. Sayers (1909-16); L. Harris (1915-17); F. C. Crawford (1910-15); V. Robinson (1910-14); W. B. E. McCrea (1914-17). In Chemistry: J. Cornick (First Place); V. Robinson (High Marks); F. C. Crawford, S. G. Rainsford, (1913-14); J. Sayers (1909-15). E. C. Smith (1908-16) has passed the Intermediate Medical Part I on High Marks, and J. Levy (1908-15) Part II. C. J. Shortt (1910-12) has passed the Final Medical Part I (Pathology).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Major T. L. Sandes (1892-95) has passed the Primary and Final Fellowship Examination. G. H. Farmer (1912-18) has passed the Preliminary Examination with First Place. M. Coleman (1910-15) and L. Sher (1905-09) have passed the First Professional Examination, and E. L. Coleman (1909-14), M. Levy (1909-15) and R. J. Ogden (1899-03) the Second Professional Examination.



The Intermediate Examinations.



THE results of this year's examinations were eminently satisfactory. Out of 47 candidates 33 passed, 9 with honours. In our Senior Grade, which is weakened by the war, 4 boys passed, 2 with honours; in the Middle Grade 10 passed, 3 with honours; and in the Junior Grade 19 passed, 4 with honours. The marks of the successful candidates are given below.

In the Senior Grade E. W. Scales won a Classical Exhibition of £20, and N. Shaper a Classical Prize of £2. This is really a remarkable distinction for Shaper, as he has only been working at Greek for one year.

In the Middle Grade P. Coleman won a Classical Exhibition of

£15, qualified for an Exhibition of £15 in the Modern Literary group, and for a £1 prize in both the Mathematical and Science groups; R. E. McGuire won a Classical Exhibition of £15, and qualified for a £2 prize in the Modern Literary group. He also won the Second Composition Prize in Latin.

In the Junior Grade I. E. Jones achieved a remarkable triumph; he won the Medals for first place in both Latin and Greek, the First Exhibition £15 in the Classical Group with First Composition Prize in Latin and Third Composition Prize in Greek; he also qualified for First Class Exhibitions in all the other groups, the Modern Literary, Mathematical, and Science groups. W. C. G. Proctor won a First Class Exhibition in the Classical group, and qualified for £3 prizes in the Modern Literary and Mathematical groups, and for £1 prize in the Science group; he also won the Third Composition prize in Latin. H. J. P. Rogers won a £2 prize in the Classical group.

The following are the marks of the successful candidates at the Intermediate Examinations last June. Boys with an (H) before their names passed with honours. The full marks in each subject are 400. Figures in italics are marks obtained on the honour papers; the other figures refer to marks obtained on pass papers. There are no honour papers in English.

SENIOR GRADE.

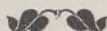
	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	History & Geography.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Trigonometry.	Science.
Clarendon, H. W.	155	..	188	228	..	195	200	..	..
Moore, T. E. O.	210	..	121	..	118	150	150	..	..
(H) Scales, E. W.	270	314	313	157	209	139	..	385	327
(H) Shapira, N.	190	328	331	189	294	190	270	95	..

MIDDLE GRADE.

	English.	Greek.	Latin.	French.	History & Geography.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Trigonometry.	Science.	Drawing.
Bardon, H. R.	230	..	145	..	100	197	175	..	353	..
(H) Coleman, P.	270	321	353	315	241	255	230	170	307	..
Fielding, W. D.	195	..	307	299	..	208	215	..	120	..
Foster, P. B.	182	213	297	227	..	200	205	120	..	..
(H) Harper, C. T. A.	250	..	276	198	200	172	145	..	280	200
Isaacson, I.	150	..	225	..	..	155	190	..	144	..
(H) Maguire, R. E.	190	291	370	231	291	236	320	115	300	..
May, C. H. V.	245	..	266	228	293	255	190	..	..	..
Towers, D. C.	220	232	253	226	..	152	175	..	160	..
Townsend, G. W. H.	195	..	259	198	..	177	210	198	312	..

JUNIOR GRADE.

	English.	Greek	Latin.	French.	History & Geography.	Arithmetic & Algebra.	Geometry.	Science & Drawing	German.
Cobbe, H. D.	215	..	300	274	..	207	190	166	..
Colwill, E. R.	185	122	142	164	..	168	190	218	..
Cowan, A.	155	..	284	279	..	303	240	278	285
(H) Digges, C. E. G.	160	270	150	125	136	96	220	272	..
Ervine-Andrews, C. A.	235	..	219	239	141	253	150	273	..
Gibson, J. S.	140	..	268	263	..	322	245	271	..
Gray, G. F. N.	210	240	305	208	..	195	255	277	..
(H) Jones, I. E.	315	396	443	226	200	312	390	332	..
Layng, W. A.	125	..	128	..	..	163	160	158	..
Macbeth, G. H. L.	160	..	292	218	..	207	160	208	..
May, R. A. E.	205	..	249	247	..	138	170	135	..
Miller, D.	210	..	288	208	..	242	245	213	..
Molloy, H. C. H.	185	151	267	216	108	147	180	247	..
Montgomery, H.	225	188	269	251	..	243	275	302	..
(H) Proctor, W. C. G.	220	342	394	228	243	351	350	285	..
(H) Rogers, J. H. P.	195	252	266	160	147	184	175	241	..
Russell, D. C.	170	..	133	164	..	181	180	306	..
Stephens, R. D.	225	168	183	162	187	220	215	265	..
Tatlow, A. A. F.	155	246	294	252	..	163	140	210	..



Cricket.

SECOND ELEVEN SCORES.

THE HIGH SCHOOL v. MOUNTJOY SCHOOL.—Played at Temple Park on April 27th.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.		MOUNTJOY.	
Colwill c Acheson b Whitfield	.. 1	G. Whittaker c Russell b Batt	.. 0
May b Shea	.. 27	Acheson c Williams b Russell	.. 7
Russell b Bradley	.. 7	E. F. Shea c Freeman b Russell	3
Freeman c Bradley b Shea	.. 22	Reilley b Batt	.. 1
Rogers c Kent b Acheson	.. 9	Kent b Batt	.. 2
Bardon b Shea	.. 1	R. Whittaker c Golding b Russell	5
Golding c and b Bradley	.. 1	R. W. Shea c Golding b Batt	.. 0
Batt not out	.. 17	Bradley c Golding b Batt	.. 4
Andrews lbw b Whitfield	.. 1	Whitfield b Batt	.. 0
Todd	} did not bat	Dagg, C. Freeman b Golding	.. 0
Williams		Darker not out	.. 1
Extras	.. 19	Extras	.. 3
Total	105	Total	26

THE HIGH SCHOOL v. KING'S HOSPITAL—Played at Belgrave Square, on May 8th.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.		KING'S HOSPITAL.	
Freeman b Baldwin	.. 0	Baldwin c and b Batt	.. 0
May, R. b Baldwin	.. 3	Harkness c Rogers b Batt	.. 3
Colwill c Knott b Baldwin	.. 0	Knott I. c C. May b Golding	.. 4
May, C. b Ard	.. 0	Rooney b Batt	.. 0
Bardon c Ard b Baldwin	.. 7	Pemberton b Batt	.. 1
Batt c Swanton b Ard	.. 2	Knott II. b Batt	.. 0
Rogers b Baldwin	.. 1	Dowzer b Batt	.. 0
Golding b Ard	.. 0	Ard not out	.. 2
Andrews c Knott b Baldwin	.. 2	Swanton b Batt	.. 2
Williams b Ard	.. 0	Stanley b Batt	.. 0
Ballagh not out	.. 6	Hipwell st May b Batt	.. 0
Extras	.. 4	Extras	.. 2
Total	25	Total	14

THE HIGH SCHOOL v. CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
(CUP MATCH.)—Played at Belgrave Square on May 22nd.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
N. Crotty b Golding	.. 0	b Golding	.. 0
J. Buckley b Rice	.. 11	b Rice	.. 6
G. Keating b Golding	.. 2	b Rice	.. 1
P. MacCarthy b Golding	.. 0	b Rice	.. 2
G. Hughes c Batt b Rice	.. 3	bc Foster b Golding	.. 1
G. Young b Golding	.. 0	b Rice	.. 3
E. Brayden b Golding	.. 0	b Golding	.. 0
J. McLoughlin b Golding	.. 0	c Foster b Rice	.. 0
P. Keating b Golding	.. 0	not out	.. 0
G. Kinley not out	.. 0	run out	.. 0
H. Cunningham b Rice	.. 1	b Rice	.. 0
Extras	.. 3	Extras	.. 2
Total	20	Total	15

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

R. May b Crotty	.. 6
R. Freeman b Crotty	.. 1
G. Dodds b Crotty	.. 0
P. Foster b Keating	.. 3
J. Golding c Kinley b Crotty	.. 8
G. Rice c Hughes b Keating	.. 9
C. May b Keating	.. 3
D. Russell c and b Crotty	.. 3
H. Bardon c Keating b Crotty	.. 0
F. Batt b Keating	.. 0
J. Ballagh not out	.. 4
Extras	.. 1
Total	38

THE HIGH SCHOOL v. MASONIC SCHOOL (CUP MATCH).—

Played on Masonic Ground on June 1st.

MASONIC SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Cole b Rice	.. 7	c Dodds b Golding	.. 1
R. Todd b Golding	.. 6	c Freeman b Golding	.. 32
Hewitt b Rice	.. 12	c and b Golding	.. 13
Phoenix c Russell b Golding	.. 0	lbw b Russell	.. 0
Argra b Rice	.. 4	not out	.. 21
Gwynne b Rice	.. 15	c Dodds b Russell	.. 0
Jackson c Russell b Rice	.. 4	b Russell	.. 3
Fleury b Rice	.. 0	b Golding	.. 8
G. Todd b Batt	.. 0	b Golding	.. 1
Mark not out	.. 0	b Golding	.. 10
Murphy b Batt	.. 0	c and b Golding	.. 1
		Extras	.. 4
Total	48	Total	94

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
R. May c Fleury b Todd	.. 6	b Cole	.. 0
Batt b Todd	.. 2	c Murphy b Todd	.. 0
Ballagh b Cole	.. 0	run out	.. 4
Foster b Fleury	.. 12	c Phoenix b Cole	.. 5
Golding c and b Gwynne	.. 18	did not bat	
Russell c Fleury b Todd	.. 34	b Cole	.. 0
Rice c Mark b Cole	.. 2	c Gwynne b Todd	.. 0
Dodds run out	.. 0	c Jackson b Cole	.. 10
Freeman b Todd	.. 5	c and b Todd	.. 0
C. May run out	.. 0	b Todd	.. 0
Bardon not out	.. 0	c Phoenix b Todd	.. 0
Extras	.. 5	Extras	.. 1
Total	84	Total	20

Football Prospects.

THE following officers have been elected for the season 1918-1919:—

Captain—H. BELL.

Vice-Captain—C. H. V. MAY.

Hon. Secretary—F. D. MATTHEWS.

Selection Committee—The above officers with Messrs. WATSON and FALCONER.

We think the football outlook for this season ought to be an improvement on many of our previous prospects. The forwards, in particular, are good, and should give an excellent account of themselves against all save the very strongest sides. Unfortunately our Captain, H. Bell, whose leadership is invaluable, will be unable to play in the League or Cup Matches. Of last year's pack Isaacson, Hempenstall, Child, and Paisley are still left and form the nucleus of a good front rank, while of the new boys Brunner and Rooney show up well. We have lost several

of last year's backs, but McGuire, May, and Matthews are with us and should improve a lot during the season. The most important fact to remember is that strict and regular training is essential for both backs and forwards, and it is to be hoped that members of the teams will turn up frequently to Belgrave Square and so get themselves into the best possible condition.

Our Junior Cup Team should be good this season. There are plenty of backs, and good backs, too, and the competition for places should be interesting. The forwards are well up to standard, and with steady practice ought to hold their own with most sides.

It is hoped to get several "under thirteen" matches, as most of the very young boys are keen on the game. A practice can be arranged on Mondays and Thursdays in every week when a match is not played. We want to see as many as possible of our Juniors at the Square, as only by having good junior sides can we hope subsequently to have a real strong senior team.



Experiences of Fire and Flood in New Zealand.



BY DR. E. H. WILKINS.

PAHIATUA, N.Z., 23rd March, 1918.

LAST week, as I was going out to the hospital one morning after a very windy night, I noticed the hills looking very blue and smoky and the sky rather brown. In another hour or less the whole horizon was smoky brown, and the air got more and more smoke-coloured. The wind got up more and more and blew a gale, clouds of dust went hustling along the street, and the smoke got thicker, and as time went on we could distinctly smell it. By lunch time, the sun was brownish red and the air was full of ashes. Still the wind blew, and at 2 p.m. the light quickly faded and everything was enveloped in dark yellow. The sky overhead was yellow, and we could hardly see across the street. Rumours had been abroad all day that Ngarahoe, Ruapheo, and various volcanoes had erupted, and that various towns were annihilated, and that miles of bush were ablaze. Whole districts were cut off from telephone and telegraph communication, so definite information was not obtainable.

After a day or two it came out that the smoke was due to the wind lighting up various quiescent fires in the bush; a town, Raetiki, was completely destroyed, and some others partially. One family was burnt wholesale, and the inhabitants had to get up at night and run amidst the fire and tremendous heat to save their lives. You can picture yourself turning out of your burning house in the night, blinded by dense smoke and choking flames and in the lurid light, running miles in the hot wind! We distinctly felt the oppressive heat at Pahiatus about 150 miles

distant. During the afternoon the wind changed a bit, and Pahiatua was cleared of smoke. Even yet we taste the smoke in the tank water.

PAHIATUA, N.Z., April 16, 1918.

We were awakened the other night by the fire-bell at 2.30 a.m. I got up and ran out in my pyjamas and bare feet, and saw a most beautiful sight. It was a clear moonlight night with no wind. The houses, trees, roads, and everything reflected a beautiful, warm, rose-red light, and contrasted with this the sky appeared a deep indigo blue—a colour contrast of exquisite richness. On reaching the corner I saw a great cone of flame rising twice the height of the buildings in the middle of the town. E. and I dressed hurriedly, and ran down to see the fun. It was the Cosy Tea Rooms burning. The fire brigade (a voluntary one) was just arriving. This building was in the middle of a line of buildings, a jeweller's on one side and a saddler's and barber's on the other. I had a great time on the roofs and in these adjoining houses, helping the firemen. The heat was sometimes awful and the smoke blinding. The woodwork of the tea rooms was completely burnt, leaving two 14-in. brick walls, which saved the fire spreading into the adjoining houses. I was frequently receiving messages from men saying, "Mrs. Wilkins is looking for you." I would go down and ask what she wanted, and find she only wanted to know if I was all right! On one occasion she saw me on the roof looking over the brick wall into the abyss of flame, illuminated in the firelight against the indigo blue sky, and then she said I disappeared! I had just been hacking a hole in the jeweller's roof with an axe to get the hose through. After a while the blaze died down a bit, and as the fun was over we went home to bed, I having thoroughly enjoyed myself.

PAHIATUA, N.Z., May 24th, 1918.

The last few days we have had awful torrents, and floods and thunder and lightning. I was out in the car one morning, and on the way to a patient's house the road disappeared in front of me into sheets of flowing water, nothing being visible but the tops of fences, trees, and wading cattle. The river had overflowed and covered many acres of ground. Fortunately it was not too deep, and I was able to motor through it with the water up to the axles for over half a mile. I returned by another route.

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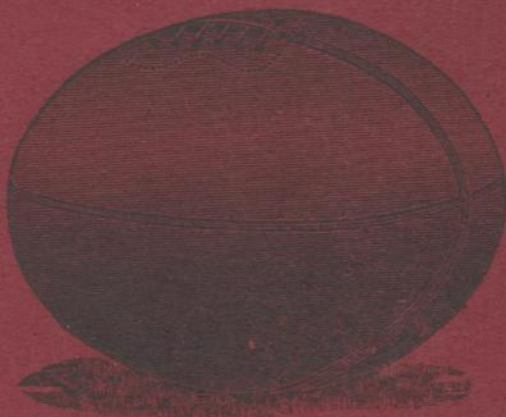
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