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FEBRUARY, 1920.

Editorial.

Another year has come and gone, fraught with many surprises and upheavals. With the signing of Peace we thought that surely everything would soon settle down again, and that we should enjoy some of those blessings which we have been denied for the past five years. But it was not to be. "Tempora mutantur," the poet complains, and well may we adapt this phrase to the present time. It seems that instead of strife being over, it is only beginning. We would not like to enter into a discussion on the unrest and discontent prevalent in our isles, but let it suffice to say that the Empire needs all its courage and endurance to breast this sea of trouble, for breast it it will, and that too, we trust, at no distant date.

"Ferrea primum
Desinet ac toto surget gens aurea mundo."

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On November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was celebrated. For two minutes work was at a standstill, while all loyal people reverently turned their thoughts to those who had made the great sacrifice on the field of battle. In the School, each class, when the signal was given, stood up, and remained standing for the two minutes in silence. Truly in most of us there was a feeling of thankfulness that it was "all over," mingled with a feeling of awed respect. We all realise now what a great thing it is to have won the War, and what would have happened if we had not, so that it was only fitting that we should have devoted our thoughts, even for such a brief space, to those who through their bravery made victory possible. And "ad hoc" may we add a few words with reference to the proposed memorial to Old Boys. By the two minutes' silence we ourselves remembered those who fell in the war; but by the memorial not only we ourselves, but also those who follow after us, will remember what the Old School did. The subscription list is growing bigger, we are pleased to notice, and we hope that it will be bigger still, so that the memorial may be worthy of the purpose for which it will be erected.

We are glad to state that no influenza prevented us from holding our annual Distribution of Prizes, which took place at the usual time, towards the end of November. We are not wrong, also, in saying that everyone in the School was delighted when they heard that the Distribution was going to be public, with tea, just as it was before the War. It is the big boys who remember what it was like in 1914, but of course they were not big then; and having instilled into the minds of their fellow-pupils a faithful report of the proceedings, everyone was looking forward to its re-occurrence with eager anticipation. We feel it our duty to add here that the function was a complete success, and was very well attended by parents and others. We were very pleased to see His Grace the Archbishop, who is himself an Old Boy, and who spoke a few words to us, among those who took their seats on the raised platform.

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And now, as we pen these words, we call to mind a little scare which arose early in December last. According to a certain "Professor," none of us should be alive this day. Oh, what immense relief to those unfortunate boys on the threshold of big exams., before whom ever loom the spectre of the Christmas Examinations, and the dread vision of the Intermediate, growing larger every day! If we were to end our mortal existence, there would be some consolation, they argued, in knowing that such things as exams. would also be no more.

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We wonder what the "Professor" had in mind, we wonder if he was thinking of Tennyson, when he prophesied the end of all things:

"Yet all things must die.

The stream will cease to flow;

The wind will cease to blow;

The clouds will cease to fleet;

The heart will cease to beat;

For all things must die."

But of course, according to his theory, all things would not die until the wind **had** blown, and the stream **had** flowed, so much so, indeed, that we would have been envying the man who built the Ark. We were also to experience considerable heat, and severe cataclysms. However, the fact remains that we still survive, though, alas, those dread spectres mentioned above survive also.

We shall conclude with a few words to the School. We are now entering upon the second half of our year's work, and we hope that it is the aim of every boy to keep up the honour of the School by doing his best and by working well. We address these words to the senior boys, because they have a big examination in front of them; and we address them to the younger boys, for by their Summer Tests they are preparing themselves for the stiffer ones that come later.



School Notes.



School re-opened after the Christmas Holidays on Tuesday, January 13th.

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Our annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, November 28th. Mr. J. A. Maconchy, J.P., Chairman of the Governors, presided. After the distribution His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin made a racy speech, reminiscent of his old schoolboy days in the Clockroom. Both visitors and boys had tea after the distribution, and Mr. S. W. Maddock, D.L., gave a lantern lecture on a "Recent visit to Flanders and the Rhine." We quote elsewhere some extracts from the Headmaster's Report.

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The Scripture results were announced early in January. We give the passes and marks of the successful candidates in another column. The total number of passes was 67, and 30 boys won prizes as against 22 last year. This was very creditable indeed, as the standard was raised this year. The Junior Grade did particularly well, particularly in Form 4, where all the candidates won First Class Prizes, and in 3a, where all passed and 13 out of 17 won prizes. In Greek Testament W. C. G. Proctor was second. W. Glover was the first boy in Ireland in the Junior Grade among the Presbyterians.

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Has everybody subscribed to the War Memorial? If not, why not? The list of subscribers is too long to publish in these columns, but we are glad to say that it is being well supported, and the Memorial Window will be put in the Clockroom in the course of this year.

Rev. A. F. R. Bird gave a Lantern Lecture to the School on Saturday, January 24th, on his missionary work and school at Nandyal, in South India.

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We congratulate F. H. Batt, of Form V., on being awarded a Lord Kitchener Memorial Scholarship of £75 a year and fees for four years at Royal College of Science.

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FOOTBALL TIES.

SENIOR SCHOOLS.

First Round—(A) King's Hospital v. Earlsfort House; (B) Castleknock v. Stephen's Green; (C) St. Andrew's v. High School.

Second Round—(D) St. Benedict's v. Wesley; (E) Winner of A v. B; (F) Winner of C v. Mountjoy; (G) Belvedere v. Blackrock.

Semi-Finals—(H) Winner of D v. E; (I) Winner of F v. G.

Final—Winner of H. v. I.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS.

First Round—(A) Belvedere v. Morgan's; (B) St. Andrew's v. Castleknock; (C) Masonic v. Blackrock.

Second Round—(D) King's Hospital v. Mountjoy; (E) Winner of A v. B; (F) Winner of C v. Presentation; (G) High School v. Wesley.

Semi-Finals—(H) Winner of D v. E; (I) Winner of F v. G.

Final—Winner of H v. I.

OLD BOYS.

F. N. Greer (1881-87), K.C., C.B., Parliamentary Draughtsman to the Irish Office in London, received the honour of knighthood among the New Year distinctions. He won the High School Exhibition in 1887, was Classical Scholar in Trinity in 1889, and Senior Moderator in Classics in 1891.

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The Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson (1870-72), Dean of Belfast, has succeeded Dr. D'Arcy as Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore. One High School boy succeeds another. He was given the degree of D.D. Honoris Causa by Dublin University in December.

Rev. W. S. Jaffray (1881-83), Senior Presbyterian Chaplain to the Forces, has been given the C.M.G. and O.B.E.

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G. Chester Duggan (1896-1903), O.B.E., has received the Order of Leopold II. of Belgium.

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His brother (1901-09), E. S. Duggan, Paymaster and Commander, has obtained the O.B.E. He is acting as Private Secretary to Admiral Grant, who is with Lord Jellicoe in Australian waters, and sends us an interesting account of some of his experiences there, which we are publishing in this number.

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James Sealy, K.C. (1886-94),; Wm. Norwood, K.C. (1886-87), and R. R. Smylie (1886-92) have been appointed Crown Prosecutors for Leinster, Munster, and N.W. Ulster respectively.

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A. L. B. Moore (1884-88) has been appointed a J.P. for Dublin.

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From the list of Old Boys killed in the war the name of Captain R. T. Sutton (1890-94) was inadvertently omitted. He went out to France with the 16th Irish Division in April, 1916, as 2nd Lieutenant Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He obtained a parchment for gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on April 27th, 1916, and was twice wounded. He was in Salonica and Palestine in 1917, and came back to France in 1918, where he was killed at Prospect Hill on October 3rd.

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G. W. Frazer, O.B.E. (1887-95), has been appointed manager of the new branch of the Bank of Ireland which has just been opened in Rathmines.

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Major F. N. Smartt (1900-03) has obtained a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force Medical Service, and has charge of a large hospital at Halton Camp, Windover.

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R. D. Small (1902-05) is Lieut.-Col. in the new Royal Air Force, and is Staff Officer First Grade on the staff of General Salmond at Uxbridge, in Middlesex.

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F. G. Small (1902-07) has left the army, and is engaged in engineering work at Bedford with Harper, Bean and Co.

MARRIAGES.

SHORTT (1908-10) and EDOLS—December 27th, 1919, at the Priory, Hampstead, London, by the Rev. Father John Leather, Charles John de Vere Shortt, M.B., second son of Dr. C. Shortt, 443 Stretford Road, Manchester, to Mollie, only child of the late Ross Edols, of Herberton, Queensland, Australia.

ACADEMICAL DISTINCTIONS.

The High School Exhibition was won by N. Shapira, who also gained two entrance prizes into Trinity, the first for Greek Prose and the second for Latin Prose.

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W. H. B. Mack (1910-13), who only came back from the front last February, obtained two Senior Moderatorships last term, one in Classics and the other in History; he was awarded also a prize of £40.

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J. V. Bateman (1913-15) also obtained a Senior Moderatorship in Mental and Moral Philosophy, and a prize of £10.

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G. S. B. Mack (1906-16) has won the Cluff Memorial Prize for History. Term Prizes of the First Rank have been won in the Junior Sophister Year by G. S. B. Mack, in Classics and in History and Political Science (1st place); in the Senior Freshman Year, by W. H. Thrift (1908-17), in Experimental Science, and in the Junior Freshman year by H. J. L. Armstrong (1910-18), in Experimental Science.

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The Little-Go was passed last term by I. Cornick (1914-17), F. C. B. Crawford (1910-15), W. B. E. McCrea (1914-17), V. Robinson (1910-14), and S. G. Rainsford (1913-14).

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The following took the B.A. degree at Christmas:—R. E. Felton (1908-09), R. M. Borm-Reid (1909-11), P. J. Levitt (1910-13), and E. C. Smith (1908-16). R. W. Shaw (1910-11) and C. J. Shortt (1908-10) took the M.B., and H. V. Thornton (1905-12) the M.A. degree.

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In the College Societies we note that W. H. B. Mack is Auditor of the Classical Society and Hon. Sec. of the Phil.; G. S. B. Mack has won the silver medal for Oratory in the Phil., and G. K. Carpenter the silver medal for Composition in the Theological.

G. McKee (1911-18) has passed the First Professional Examination in the Royal Veterinary College with Second Class Honours.

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W. E. Abbott (1912-18) passed the Intermediate Science Exam. of London University last July; in the College of Science he passed the second year Applied Chemistry Course with First Prize in Physical and Metallurgical Chemistry, Second Prize in Organic Chemistry, and Second Prize in Physics.

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L. B. Nulty (1914-17) has passed the London Matriculation Examination, and has also obtained a Cadetship at Woolwich.

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N. B. White (1894-99) is now Classical Master at Chigwell School, in Essex.

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J. C. Van Maanen (1919) has obtained a Clerkship in the Atlas Insurance Office.



The Prize Distribution.



EXTRACTS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1918-19.

Manual Instruction was introduced as part of the work of the Preparatory Grade.

The war being over, we are glad to welcome Mr. Wyon back as our Senior Modern Language Master.

Mr. Dodd's place as Senior Classic Master has been taken by Mr. L. J. Richardson, one of our Old Boys, who was University Student in Trinity.

In the Scripture examination at Christmas, 1918, in spite of the School having been closed for three weeks in November on account of influenza, a larger number of boys passed than in 1917, viz.: 72; 22 won prizes.

Thirty boys passed the Intermediate. In the Senior Grade, N. Shapira won the first Exhibition in Classics, with the Latin Medal, second place in Greek, and a Latin Composition prize; R. E. McGuire won a Classical Exhibition; P. Coleman qualified for prizes in Classics, Science, and Mathematics. In the Middle Grade, I. E. Jones and W. C. G. Proctor did better than any other boys in Ireland; Jones won a First Class

Exhibition in Classics and a Composition prize in Latin, and qualified for an Exhibition in Modern Languages and prizes in Mathematics and Science; Proctor won an Exhibition in Classics, and qualified for prizes in all the other courses. H. Montgomery won a prize for Science in the Junior Grade.

The High School Exhibition was won in 1918 by E. W. Scales, and in 1919 by N. Shapira. A. R. Ellis won a Junior Exhibition and First Entrance prize for Latin Composition. N. Shapira won Classical Sizarship and Entrance prizes for Latin and Greek Prose. A. R. Ellis and H. J. L. Armstrong were given Erasmus Smith Exhibitions.

H. Bell was Football Captain, and also captained the Leinster Schools.

R. E. McGuire was Cricket Captain and edited the "Erasmian."

R. D. Stephens was Swimming Captain.

The Athletic Championship (revived after the war) was won by E. R. Colwill, the Gymnastic Championship by R. E. McGuire, and the Swimming Championship by N. J. Mather.

The War Savings Certificates number 670.

The following have distinguished themselves in Trinity:—G. K. Carpenter (First Senior Moderator in Science), W. H. B. Mack (Senior Moderator in Classics and in History), J. V. Bateman (Senior Moderator in Philosophy, Hebrew Premium, Prize in Syriac and Chaldee), H. L. Sleith (Jellett Prize), L. J. Richardson (Vice-Chancellor's Prize), I. Cornick (Medical Scholarship) and R. G. Fitzsimons (Prizes for Law).

Other Old Boys to obtain distinctions were:—Most Rev. Dr. D'Arcy, elected Archbishop of Dublin; Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, elected Bishop of Down; Rev. J. H. Thorpe, appointed Canon of Chester; Lieut.-Col. W. I. de C. Wheeler, Knighted; Captain Stevenson, Prof. Jeffcott, Mr. Wm. Norwood, K.C.; Mr. James Sealy, K.C.; Mr. R. R. Smylie, Mr. R. H. Keatinge, and Mr. A. L. B. Moore.

Several more war distinctions have been gained, including M.C., C.M.G., C.B.E., Order of King Leopold of Belgium, and Order of George I., King of The Hellones.

The number of Old Boys fallen in the war is 66.

A Service in their memory was held in Christ Church Cathedral on March 27th.

Subscriptions are being asked for a War Memorial to consist of a large stained-glass window in the Clockroom, with tablets on either side containing the names of the fallen. The Treasurers are Mr. S. W. Maddock, D.L., and Mr. James Sealy, K.C.

Cruise with Viscount Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet

(By PAYMASTER-COMMANDER E. S. DUGGAN,
O.B.E.).

July 5th (1919), 4 p.m.—Embarked on board H.M.A.S. "Suva" and sailed from Brisbane shortly after with the Admiral of the Fleet. Fresh breeze outside gives ship a nasty motion.

July 6th—at Sea. Lord Jellicoe was good enough to ask me to mess with him and his staff for the cruise.

July 6th to 11th—At sea. Weather fairly rough. Arrived a.m. at Port Purvis (Tulagi). July 11th—Administrator of the Solomon Islands, Mr. Woodward, came off to see A.O.F. Natives in their native canoes came from the shore to have a look. Tulagi, with its palm tress and well-laid-out paths and houses, looked very pretty from seawards. Weather very hot, even in whites. A.O.F. landed and lunched with Mr. Woodward. The party were received with a guard of honour of native police, whose bearing, notwithstanding their lack of clothing, quite put any of the brigades of Guards into the shade. The lunch was quite amusing, the native waiters supplying the amusement. They did their best to put soda water with champagne, and tried to give the guests port and liqueurs mixed. The Governor treated them just like children, and spent his time jumping up correcting their mistakes. His right hand man was one AH PI, who had been with him for about fifteen years. Originally he was brought before him for theft when he was Governor of one of the other groups of Islands. He sentenced him and then attached him to his entourage. He followed Mr. Woodward to the Solomon Islands, and remains a most faithful follower. About 4 p.m. A.O.F. and staff returned, being followed by a large native canoe manned by a crew of eight, consisting of six murderers and two black warders, who circled the ship several times giving vent to loud war cries in honour of Lord Jellicoe! All these prisoners were serving a life sentence for murder. They were political prisoners, the murders being the result of intertribal feuds.

July 16th—Passed Bonganville Island, sighted New Ireland (in Bismarck Archipelago), and anchored late in the evening of 15th at Rabaul. Landed about 12.30 and lunched at officers' mess, being waited upon by black boys who were well trained. They are taken young on a three years' contract, learn readily and make good servants while they are actually at work, but

once they knock off they forget everything. Usually after their three years' contract they turn their cash into various goods and return with these to their bush homes, where they rapidly sink into the same state of dirt and disreputability as the rest of their family. After their three years they leave looking very spruce and smart, but six months later they are absolute savages again, having forgotten everything, except a certain amount of pigeon English. Unless they are caught young they are altogether unable to learn anything. The administration aims at making every man do three years' contract time. Everyone who has not done his time must pay a head tax of ten shillings. The great advantage of this is that it spreads pigeon English as a preliminary to education. So far as one can see, however, the native brain will always be incapable of educating. A native servant will give his master good and honest service. He will steal from another native's master, but not from his own; but, what is almost the same thing, he will regard all his master's belongings as his own and use them accordingly. The natives preferred British to German rule. The German was on the whole just, but it was a harsh justice. The officers were unanimous that the only form of justice the native understood was that which punished misdeeds by chastisement. The Australian politician, hearing that flogging was resorted to as a punishment forbade its continuance. It was unfortunate that the word used was "flogging," for the punishment was in reality nothing more than a caning. The result of the order has been very bad, for the natives, knowing that they will not be caned, are now getting out of hand. The main industry at Rabaul is the growing of cocoa nut palms and banana trees. Export consists of copra, kapok, and bananas. Native labour is very cheap and plentiful. Were it not for cheap labour few of the Pacific islands would be worth developing. Missionaries make but little headway. The native is too ignorant and is incapable of learning. Six months away from the mission station in his own surroundings and he has forgotten all his teaching and has returned to his primitive state.

July 21st—Arrived at Port Moresby, the capital of Papua, or British New Guinea. We managed to get hold of a customs boat manned by natives, and pulled over to the native village. This appears to be built on the sea by the foreshore. The houses are built of palm leaves and rest upon piles driven into the bottom of the sea and into the foreshore. The dress of the natives is pretty scanty on the whole. The small boys, of whom there are myriads, were in a complete state of nature. They looked more like goblins than human beings. We wanted to take photographs, but the local beauties must needs

excuse themselves for a quarter of an hour to get into their Sunday best for the occasion. The result was most weird. The ladies' clothes consisted of a short native skirt, or rather numerous skirts one over the other, giving a ballet-dancer effect, numerous bead necklaces, armlets, and bracelets. Their faces were streaked with all kinds of colours, green predominating. The main industry appeared to be making pottery. We saw several pots being baked by building up conical shaped fires round the pots. This pottery is well known throughout the islands, and a large trade is carried on. It is red, and not unlike the pots which are used at home for greenhouse plants. The Governor, Mr. Murray, and his Secretary dined with the A.O.F. on the 21st. They have traversed the island by sea and on foot, and have had the doubtful pleasure of seeing the wildest natives at home. They have seen human limbs cooked and carved into slices like hams or roast beef. This is done when the native cannot get other meat. When meat runs short, the natives draw lots, and the unlucky loser is fed up and fattened until considered fit for human consumption. The unlucky victim is quite aware of what is coming, and doesn't consider himself badly treated. Sometimes, however, he gets nervous and pines away in spite of the feeding, and is consequently not such a dainty morsel as he would be if he were more philosophical. This is looked upon rather as bad luck for the consumers than a fault of the victim. Cannibalism is, however, gradually dying out, not because the native acknowledges that it is wrong, but from fear of the native police, who will tell the white men and get them punished.

July 25th—Sailed for Gladstone (in Queensland). During the whole of this part of the voyage we kept inside the Barrier Reef. This is a wonderful thing. It consists of a series of islands and coral reefs. There are thousands of them, and a passage is steered between them, the ship anchoring for the night, as they are not yet chartered and lighted. The reef is always changing owing to the work of the coral insects, who are continually building up new reefs.



The Swimming Gala.



This took place on Wednesday, 1st October, at the Iveagh Baths. It was largely attended by parents of the boys and past members of the School. There were excellent performances on the part of some of the boys. A large number of entries was received for each event, consequently there were several heats before the final. This year there was an

open event, handicap, open to the Dublin schools, which was well contested. A gold medal was presented for the Diving Handicap, and another was given by Dr. J. S. Sheill for the 100 Yards Championship of the School, which N. Mather fully deserved for his splendid swim. Details:—

One Length Handicap (under 13)—D. B. W. Good (scr.), 1; G. W. Whiteside (1), 2; H. Burchill (scr.), 3.

One Length Handicap (under 15)—W. J. Stafford (4), 1; G. A. Mackay (1), 2; R. P. McGarrigle (3), 3.

44 Yards (under 16)—A. A. F. Tatlow, 1; N. Mather, 2; R. A. E. May, 3. Time, 38 secs. Very close finish.

66 Yards (Senior)—H. B. Gifford, 1; R. D. Stephens, 2; E. J. Weinberger, 3. Time, 59 secs. Good win.

Diving Handicap—R. P. McGarrigle (10), 1; A. E. C. May (10), 2; J. C. Hopkins (8), 3.

66 Yards Boys' Handicap (open)—H. V. Millar (10), 1; A. Healy (10), 2; J. Hanna (15), 3.

66 Yards Old Boys' Handicap—J. V. Bateman (scr.), 1; J. Pigot (4), 2; C. H. Anderson (14), 3. Time, 43 secs.

100 Yards Championship of School—N. Mather, 1; R. D. Stephens, 2; J. C. Hopkins, 3. Time, 89 secs.



Football Notes.



Our football so far has been quite successful, among Seniors and Juniors alike. Of our 1st XV. we had only seven of last season's team left, but when the remaining eight were found with some difficulty, we accredited ourselves well on the field, and up to Christmas we had won more than half our school matches. Without being uncomplimentary, it may be said that there were several others that could have been won, if we had had practice beforehand. It was noticed also in both Senior and Junior matches that we were far too long in "getting going"; this, too, may be attributed to lack of practice. It is strange that the members of the teams found themselves able to play in matches, and yet the majority of them were "unavoidably" prevented from turning up to the square on other days. However, we are optimistic enough in expecting things to be different in future.

Before passing on to describing matches, a word or two about the players themselves would not be out of place. Our 1st backs are better than last season's; they are—J.

Ballagh, who is doing well at full; Jolley and Weinberger, both fast sprinters, at the wings; Foster and McGuire, who are good as centres (the latter, by the way, is unfortunately just over age for the Cup matches); Dodds, our scrum half, who has improved wonderfully, and Healy, although a new arrival, is deserving of his place.

The forwards are doing better than was anticipated. We have Hempenstall as centre, supporting the front line, with Colwill to back him up; Bell, who is already approaching the Bell standard; Digges, another improved player; Stephens, one of our good forwards; Proctor, who uses his weight well; Gifford, also new to the School, but quite good, and Rooney, a big forward.

All these should certainly be capable of proving their worth in Cup matches, but here let us remind the School that this 1st XV. is by no means unchangeable. We have at present six or seven boys who are too old for the J.C.T., who will be taken into account when teams are picked. No player, whether Junior or Senior, is indispensable.

Pressure of space unfortunately compels us to give only a curtailed description of the matches played. We describe below some of the best:—

First XV.

October 8th, v. **Earlsfort House School**, at the Square.

For the first ten minutes play was fairly even, with our forwards pushing towards the opponent's twenty-five. Numerous rushes at last resulted in a pass out from the loose to Foster, who touched down, McGuire converting. From the kick off we again attacked, and soon Healy ran some 20 yards for a good try, unconverted. Shortly after the "25" kick, a free kick for the School failed, but just before the interval some good passing was done by the backs, which ended in another try per McGuire. The latter half was better for us, and we were mostly attacking, although the Earlsfort men put up a stiff fight. Our forwards did well, combining and getting the ball out frequently. Four tries were scored during this period, none of which was converted.

Result: High School, 1 goal 6 tries (23 pts); Earlsfort, nil.

October 18th, v. **Wesley College**, at Bloomfield.

It was almost too hot for football, and in the first half we played up hill against the sun. We had 3 subs. on, thus making play more even. Wesley pressed hard in the first ten minutes. and did their best to get over, but the ball was kicked up the

field, where our three-quarters got it, and very nearly scored, the ball being touched down. Our forwards then rushed towards the Wesley end, and gave it to Jolley, who ran well along the touch line for a try, which Colwill failed to convert. At half-time we were three points ahead, and we recommenced by a bout of passing, which, however, failed. Another rush was made by the forwards, and this time they took the ball with them; Digges succeeded in scoring, and Colwill converted. A swift attack by Wesley was stopped by Healy, who played with the forwards most of the time, and we pushed them back to mid-field, where there were several good scrimmages. Just on time Wesley, having a scrum on our line, got through, but did not convert.

Result: High School, 1 goal 1 try (8 points); Wesley College, 1 try (3 points).

October 29th, v. **Belvedere**, at the Square.

In this we surprised ourselves, and it was one of the best matches we played. A bout of kicking at the commencement ended in J. Ballagh getting a good touch; a rough scrambling was followed by a swift rush by Belvedere, which was stopped by a scrum, from which Foster cleared. The forwards, led by Hempenstall, then gave the ball to the backs, and Healy got through the whole pack for the only score of the half. In the second half things were more exciting. For about five minutes we were near their line, when Healy suddenly dashed through for another good try. From the "25" Belvedere rushed up, but were stopped by Stephens, who showed an example to the rest by going down on the ball. Another rush resulted in the Belvedere right wing getting over, but he was held up, and a kick to touch saved the situation. Then from a loose tussle at half way McGuire picked up and ran splendidly for a score. This was repeated by him soon after; Belvedere, in a free kick across, gave him the ball, and he ran through them again for another well-deserved score, just on time.

Result: High School, 4 tries (12 pts.); Belvedere, nil.

Other Matches.

- Oct. 15th, v. King's Hospital (away)—Lost 16 points to nil.
" 22nd, v. Blackrock College (away)—Lost 14 points to 3.
" 25th, v. Lansdowne 3rd (home)—Won 11 points to 3.
Nov. 1st, v. St. Columba's College (away)—Won 10 pts to nil.
" 5th, v. Mountjoy School (home)—Lost 15 pts to nil.
" 8th, v. St. Andrew's College (home)—Lost 6 pts to 3.
" 22nd, v. Earlsfort House School (away)—Won 9 pts to 3.

JUNIOR CUP TEAM.

At the beginning of the season we were almost in despair as to how we were going to raise a good Junior team; we were all the more surprised therefore when we perceived that not only had we managed to find one, but also that it had done very well. It has won seven matches out of eleven, and we hope it will not disappoint us in the latter part of the season.

The backs, led by Wright, are in sore need of practice, but there are some of them that show very promising form. S. Ballagh and E. May, the two halves, play well together; and we have a good wing in Morton. P. Hanan, the captain, leads the forwards, with Neill and Abbot, both big and good. There are a few others also who show up well, among them being Isaacson and Montgomery.

Matches Played.

October 18th, v. **Belvedere**, at the Square.

This was our first Junior match, and proved quite successful. From the kick off play was for a few minutes in mid-field, then both sides tried offensive tactics, without result. An exciting scramble near our line came near to success for our opponents, but S. Ballagh managed to get touch. From the throw-in their wing rushed through the gap, which was foolishly left unguarded, and scored a try, converted. At half time S. Ballagh obtained a try for the School, following a forward rush. We were on the attack continually in the second half, and three more tries were registered. Hanan was prominent in the forward line, scoring shortly after re-opening, and Wright did very well in the backs, getting a splendid score at the last minute.

Result: High School, 4 tries (12 pts); Belvedere, 1 goal (5 pts).

Other Matches.

Oct. 29th, v. Belvedere (away)—Lost 10 points to nil.

Nov. 1st, v. St. Columba's College (away)—Won 17 pts to nil

„ 5th, v. Mountjoy (away)—Won 12 points to 3.

„ 8th, v. Wesley College (away)—Lost 9 points to 5.

„ 19th, v. C. U. S. (home)—Won 11 points to 3.

„ 22nd, v. King's Hospital (home)—Won 15 points to 3.

„ 26th, v. Blackrock College (away)—Lost 23 points to 6

„ 29th, v. St. Andrew's College (home)—Won 6 pts to 3.

Dec. 6th, v. Wesley College (away)—Won 14 points to nil.

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Form IIIB.: J. T. Anderson 83½, Second Class; C. F. Moody 67½, Third Class; S. G. Reeves 63, C. N. Monsell 58½, T. S. Campbell 57½, R. J. F. Mayston 53½, R. G. Mortier 47, G. S. L. Drought 43, Pass.

Form IIIC.: M. E. Bardon 73½, J. L. Gray 73, G. B. Thrift 68½, C. A. McCauly 68, V. E. Kerr, 65½, Third Class; A. J. Redding 56, B. K. Foster 49, P. Clarke 48½, R. C. H. Charles 42, Pass.

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Senior Grade—Form V.: N. J. U. Mather 54; Form IV.: J. T. E. Ballagh 48, Pass.

Middle Grade—Form IV.: G. J. Rush 72, M. Bell 67, Third Class; W. E. Lewis 37, Pass.

Junior Grade—Form IIIA.: W. S. Glover 92, First Class; Form IIIB.: V. S. Ballagh 52, Pass; Form IIIC.: G. R. Hope 51, Pass.

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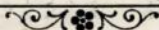
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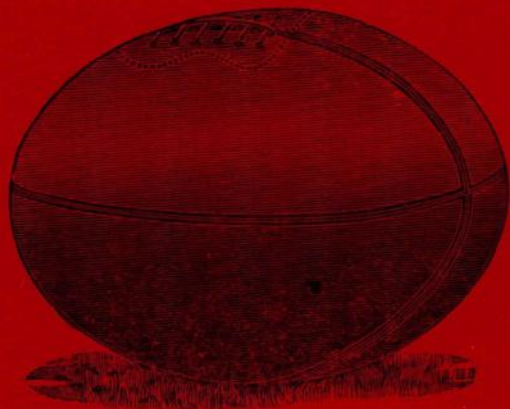
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