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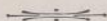
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Editorial.



THIS terrestrial globe of ours will shortly complete another lap of its everlasting race, and soon the bells' clanging will announce to us that the circuit of 1911 has begun, and that 1910 has been added to the huge total in the lumber-room of the past. The coming of a new year is naturally a time when, besides forming resolutions destined to be rudely shattered, we reflect upon all our doings during the dying one, and, in our mind's eye, pass in review those events and occurrences which linger pleasantly or otherwise in our memory. Therefore we do not think that it is unsuitable in a December issue, to recapitulate in brief some recent achievements directly and indirectly of interest to the school.



For the first time since 1906, when E. M. Morton (1897-1906) was the successful candidate, one of our pupils, J. M. Barron, obtained top place at the Junior and Schools' Exhibitions Examination held last October. He thus wins the increased Erasmus Smith Exhibition, and as his total was higher by more than fifty marks than that of the second man, this result is very creditable. From time immemorial High School Students have never failed to gain Entrance Prizes, and this year is no exception, as Barron also obtained an Entrance Prize in History and Geography.



Turning from scholastic successes, we are glad to see that the hope expressed in our last issue as regards the 1st XV. has been fulfilled. Despite their average diminutive stature and light weight, they have succeeded in performing two achievements of which we may be justly proud, and upon which the Captain, J. Bell, deserves congratulation. Wesley College, old rivals and for many years undefeated by us, and St. Mary's College, against whom we have also failed to win any match for many a season, have both been vanquished, the former team being beaten by fourteen points to ten, the latter two tries to a goal. In addition,

up to the time of writing, six matches have been won out of fifteen played, and taking into due consideration that some of our defeats were at the hands of so-called 3rd XV. 'A' teams, our record is a very good one, and the best for many seasons.

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Our Annual Distribution was again a great success, and was attended by a large assembly. The arrangements were the same as last year's, and the prizes were as usual distributed by the Chairman of the Board, the Provost of Trinity College.

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In conclusion, on behalf of the head-master, the teaching-staff, and the pupils, we wish all parents, Old Boys, and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



School Notes.



W. S. GRAY (1900-1908), and W. S. Worthington-Eyre (1909) have passed the "Little-Go" Examination.

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W. G. Tomlinson (1905-9), and W. S. Gray have passed the first year of the Engineering School, and H. Barron (1899-1906) has been successful in the middle year examination.

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G. M. C. Powell (1904-9) has passed the first professional examination of the College of Surgeons, Ireland, and M. Cornick (1906-9) has passed the preliminary examination of the same institution.

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During the temporary absence of Mr. H. Norton, his place was taken at his classes by Mr. J. C. Duncan (1892-1903), an Old Boy.

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H. B. Goulding (1903-9), has passed the first dental professional of the Trinity Medical School.

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T. Bell (1905-8), is at present apprenticed to a well-known city firm of auditors, Mr. James Kinnear, of Westmoreland Street.

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P. Campling, (1896-1904), has been bracketed equal for the Mullins Classical Exhibition.

E. M. Norton (1897-1906), obtained Third Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Classics and a Moderatorship Prize of £10.

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J. H. F. Leland (1899-1903), won a Second Class Certificate at the Law Students' Examinations at King's Inns this session, thus gaining credit for one term of lectures and one of commons. He also won the Silver Medal for competition at the University Philosophical Society this session.

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F. L. F. Boddicker (1898-1901), has obtained an appointment on the Indian Railways.

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Prizes awarded as the result of the Midsummer Examinations, 1910.

In Forms VI., V., and IV. Prizes are awarded to those boys who have passed the Intermediate Examinations in the Senior, Middle, and Junior Grades, but have not obtained Exhibitions or Prizes from the Intermediate Education Board.

SENIOR GRADE.—FORM VI.

G. S. B. Mack.

MIDDLE GRADE.—FORM V.

C. S. Campbell	H. L. Sleith
C. G. S. Carolin	J. C. Taylor
M. T. Craig	H. V. Thornton

JUNIOR GRADE.—FORM IV.

A. J. Beatty	I. A. Stein
R. Bell	W. H. C. Stone
J. R. Brennan	C. S. Thomson
P. F. T. Burns	A. I. Whitty
J. D. Colquhoun	L. G. Worthington-Eyre
J. R. Duggan	

FORMS IIIA AND IIIB.

The Preparatory Grade Prize Fund, awarded by the Intermediate Board, and amounting to £5, will be divided among those boys who have passed the Preparatory Grade of the Intermediate Examinations.

FORM IIIC

English	...	...	I. Levy
French	...	...	H. G. G. Digges
Latin	...	...	W. H. Thrift
History and Geography	...	{	E. C. Smith
			P. R. G. Fennell
Mathematics	...	...	J. Farrell
Drawing	...	...	C. H. Gilligan

FORM II.

Scripture	...	...	L. J. Allen
English	...	...	A. R. Ellis
French	...	...	A. R. Ellis
Latin	...	...	{ A. R. Ellis
			{ V. W. Webb
Mathematics	...	...	J. Hunt
History and Geography	...	...	L. Coleman
Drawing and Writing	...	...	L. Coleman

FORM IA.

Scripture	...	...	H. G. Goodwillie
Drawing and Writing	...	...	{ H. G. Goodwillie
			{ G. Finney
English and Reading	...	...	J. R. Bamford
French	...	...	M. Coleman
Geography	...	...	G. Fitzsimmons
Arithmetic	...	...	S. Henchie

FORM IB.

Scripture	...	...	R. G. Adderley
Arithmetic	...	...	G. H. Wilson
English and Reading	...	...	F. J. N. Moore
Drawing and Writing	...	...	F. J. N. Moore
French	...	...	J. Sayers
Geography	...	...	R. Glover.



A Mountain Climb in North Wales.



(Continued.)

BY H. B. GIBSON.

IN front of us now rose a magnificent pitch, capped by a great chock-stone—a boulder which had become jammed between the walls of the gully. Such chock-stones occur frequently in rock gullies; they nearly always provide interesting pitches, and often require much ingenuity on the part of the climber to get past them. In this case we soon agreed that the direct ascent was impossible, and as usual looked about for some way of circumventing the difficulty. The wall on our left was vertical and hold-less, but on the right a traverse (*i.e.*, a horizontal movement) out of the gully proved feasible. This led us to the foot of a v-shaped crack or “chimney,” twenty-five feet high, crowned with a large tuft of grass and heather.

In reviewing the situation afterwards we agreed that we ought to have turned back at this point. Darkness was coming on, and the place looked barely possible. But at the time no prudential considerations were entertained.

A detached block of rock a dozen feet from the foot of the chimney afforded a good belay for the rope, and when W. had fixed himself there I started up. With a sense of peril in every movement I worked slowly upwards till I got close in below the vegetable crown of the chimney. Here a tiny crack, which had been of great help, gave out, and I had to rely on the uncertain holds obtained by digging my hands into the wet heathery tuft—a most objectionable practice. I had with me an ice-axe, and got some support by driving the pick into the loose earth. By these means I at length worked myself into a position which, had there been a spectator, would have appeared highly ludicrous: my hand had suddenly come away from a treacherous hold, and I found myself suspended at the waist on the blade of the ice-axe. It was not an occasion for deliberation, so, clutching desperately at anything within reach, I somehow or other managed to drag myself to the top of the pitch, feeling painfully conscious of having violated nearly every canon of the rock-climbers' code. W. followed, and his experiences were even less happy; for it fell to his lot to remove the jammed ice-axe, so that he got little benefit from its support.

We were now able to traverse back towards the bed of the gully to a point where a vertical slab of rock rose to the foot of the great chock-stone referred to above. It was obvious that the only means of advance lay in climbing the slab, so as to gain an entrance to the opening between the outer face of the chock-stone and the right wall of the gully. The ground sloped steeply, and afforded no definite standing place, but we discovered a spike of rock which, if carefully used, seemed capable of providing sufficient anchorage. There was neither hand nor foot-hold on the lower part of the slab, but a slight break in the edge far out on the left offered sufficient inducement to advance. I jammed an ice-axe as firmly as possible into the frozen ground with its head in contact with the face of the rock, and using this as a foothold just managed to reach round the edge of the slab. A cry of delight escaped me at the discovery of a satisfying hold, by means of which I was able to pull up into a position where I could use the left foot on a ledge on the inside of the right wall of the gully. Thence by vigorous arm work I climbed up to a ledge about a foot square, thirty feet above my starting point. This ledge was too small to accommodate two, and, there being no belay, I was obliged to go higher before I could ask W. to leave his position and follow.

The vigorous muscle work on the lower part had warmed me up, and I attacked the next bit with confidence. It was a vertical

wall ten feet high, smooth, save for a small excrescence which offered a foothold three feet above and the same distance to the left of my standing place. There was little to aid the balance in stepping upwards; the movement was rather delicate, but when accomplished put me in a position in which I felt moderately secure. My head was then on a level with the bottom of the chock-stone, and it was necessary to pull up into the crack by its side. The crack was filled with ice, and the only hope lay in clearing a hold with the ice-axe; so descending to the little ledge I asked W. to pass it up on the rope.

Armed with the axe I ascended again to my perch on the wall and began a vigorous attack on the ice. I soon succeeded in uncovering a very fair hold, but in such a position that it could be used only by the left hand. This was alarming, for in its iced state the top of the wall gave little support for the righthand; and it began to look as if the pull-up could not be effected. As a last resource I adopted the expedient of jamming the ice-axe. By hacking away more ice I was able to prepare a place in which the axe could be wedged quite firmly and apparently securely. Then I made a tentative movement upwards, just raising my weight off the foothold and gradually and carefully transferring it to the handle of the axe. I was prepared for the worst, so that when the axe almost immediately slipped I was easily able to regain the foothold. But in my care for my own safety the axe slipped from my grasp: I watched it rattling down the slab, from the foot of which it fell in one clear leap to the snow at the bottom of the gully 200 feet below.

Re-descending to the ledge I called for our second ice-axe, which was passed up without a murmur; and I returned to the attack. This time all went well, though that pull up on the handle of the axe afforded me perhaps the most nerve-trying moment of my experience. Then a slow but less exacting step-cutting for 20 feet up the ice-filled crack brought me to a snow slope above the chock-stone. At that point the whole of our 80 feet of rope had run out, so that I had to secure myself by burrowing in the deep snow, the ice-axe being rammed in to the head to serve as a belay. Fortunately the snow was frozen hard and firm, and I felt well enough placed for holding W. in case he slipped in coming up. It was then about 8 o'clock and almost dark, and W. found the pitch excessively trying: but it did not take him many minutes to reach my side. As might be expected he had suffered severely during the period of his forced inaction, and I was grateful for his exemplary conduct. My operations on the slab had occupied more than an hour and a-half; it was bitterly cold, and during the whole time W. was standing with uncomfortable footing attending to the rope, and was often hard put to it to avoid the splinters of ice which fell in showers whilst I quarried above him. Yet he never opened his lips in complaint nor suggested a retreat; and

after the loss of my own ice-axe he readily entrusted me with his, though had it fallen we would have been in a position of grave danger.

(To be continued).



Poetry :



THE following is an anonymous poem which was dropped into the Erasmian box. If only for the fact that they are evidently written by a member of the lower school, these graceful little verses, which we have slightly corrected where the metre was at fault, deserves insertion in our columns, as an encouragement to others.

A SUMMER NIGHT.

The Northern sky grows dark,
 The trees in the vast park
 Stand silent, stiff and stark
 Along the winding walk
 That borders on the lake :
 The lake in which the marsh fowl dive throughout the day,
 The lake in which the roebuck drink,
 And while drinking hark to the slightest sound,
 The slightest rustle in the dark.
 The rabbits too from their holes will peep
 When all nature is asleep,
 And eat the grass wet with the dew
 That falls from Heaven through the few
 Still hours of night.
 I hear th' old church bell toll the hour of ten,
 While dreamy nature sleeps in brook, and vale and fen.
 The moon shines beautiful and bright,
 And sparkles like a ball of silver light.



Our Distribution.



THE annual distribution of prizes took place on the afternoon of Friday, October 21st, when, before a large assembly, the Head-master delivered the following report :—

MR. PROVOST, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,—In presenting my report of the High School for the past year, I am happy to say that the school maintains a steady progress, and that, in my

opinion, it has made a marked improvement, and it is in every way in a more satisfactory state than when I presented my last report. To begin with, the number of the pupils on the school roll shows a decided increase. The number for the past quarter was 215, and for the corresponding quarter of last year 174, being a net increase of 41 pupils. To provide for the efficient teaching of this increasing number of pupils, the Governors have made an additional class-room which has been equipped with new furniture for the teaching of mathematics, and a new bicycle-house has also been built in the play-ground, to accommodate the large number of boys' bicycles. The Governors have further in view other improvements in the school buildings.

During the past year important changes have been made by the Governors in the rules of the School Scholarships. In order that the scholars should enter the school at the right age to benefit by their education here, it was decided to lower the age, which had been between 12 and 14, to between 11 and 13, and the programme of the Examinations which are held in May was modified accordingly. The present year being a year of transition two sets of Scholarships were awarded, one set of 8 Scholarships to boys between 12 and 14, the other set of 8 to boys between 11 and 13. The boys who won Scholarships this year were distinctly better than those of previous years, and a larger number of boys competed.

The life of a school naturally falls into two parts, which may be roughly defined as its work and its recreation. The two form together one great whole and no school can afford to neglect either lessons or games. But it is essential that a school should put work first and that boys should be taught to regard their work—the training of their mental, moral, and spiritual powers—as the most important part of their school duties. I shall therefore deal first with this part of school life. In that connection, perhaps, the most important event of the school year has been the introduction of the system of annual inspection by the inspectors of the Intermediate Board of Education. We have had no report on their visit to the school as the result of their inspection last year, but there is little doubt that systematic inspection will encourage the better methods of teaching, and will eventually result in marked general improvement in the education of the country.

It is sometimes stated that inspection would ultimately do away with the annual examinations, but whatever may happen in the future, the Intermediate Examinations continue for the present as a conspicuous feature of school work, and at the examinations held last June the school passed 31 boys, as compared with 26 in 1909. That increase was in spite of the severity of the standard of passing which unfortunately has in recent years become more and more accentuated. The percentage of passes for the whole

of Ireland was this year only 53, the lowest figure known. In other words, the standard of passing was this year higher than in any previous year. When the system was reformed ten years ago a pass examination was introduced which the Commissioners stated, and still state every year in their rules and programme, to be of such a character that a student of average capacity fairly well taught would be able to pass. That intention was fulfilled in the first year of the reformed system, when 70 per cent. passed of the students examined, but gradually the standard has risen until now it is higher for the pass student than it was even under the old system. As a matter of fact, too, the standard is really higher than the percentage of 53 indicated, as many boys who are eligible by age never enter the examinations, and from the figures given in the Board's own annual report it is seen that the number of passes out of boys eligible for the examinations is only 40 per cent. In my opinion this is an unfortunate policy on the part of the Board, for although an annual external examination may in itself be an excellent test of a school's work and a boy's progress during the year, yet if the average student in spite of steady persevering efforts finds that he does not pass, he is greatly discouraged; he thinks he is a failure, and his whole career in school is likely to be injured. There is, however, a hope that in the near future more funds will be available for Intermediate education, and in that case the Intermediate Education Board may change their policy and lower their standard to a level which the average student may hope to pass; otherwise schools will have to consider seriously how far it is advisable to recommend all eligible boys to enter for these examinations. It is more pleasant to record the striking successes gained by some of our pupils at these examinations.

The best were obtained by Max Nurock in the Senior Grade, who won the medal for first place in Latin, a first-class classical exhibition, and the first composition prize in Latin; and by A. S. Larkin in the Junior Grade, who won a first-class classical exhibition, the first composition prize in Latin, and a composition prize in Greek. I should also mention that in the Preparatory Grade G. K. Carpenter obtained first place in mathematics and full marks in arithmetic. In the Scripture examinations held last December, under the direction of the Synod of the Church of Ireland, the School gained the following results: In Greek Testament three prizes (including the third place) and one pass; in the Senior Grade two passes; in the Middle Grade one first prize, two third prizes, and eleven passes; and in the Junior Grade two prizes and 22 passes. In the Presbyterian examination we gained a prize in Greek Testament, two passes in the Middle Grade, and three passes in the Junior Grade, thus making a total altogether of 50 boys passing with nine prizes, as compared with 45 last year. The boys are taught their Scripture by the Rev.

Dr. Carleton, Canon of St. Patrick's, by the Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Donore Church, and by the class masters. To boys leaving school and entering Trinity College the Governors offer annually a High School Exhibition of £25 a year for four years. This was won last year by H. M. Daniel, who obtained fifth place at the Junior Exhibition Examination, and also won an entrance prize in English Literature. The Governors also awarded Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibitions of the first-class to H. B. Goulding and W. G. Tomlinson, and of the second class to S. L. Tolerton and W. S. Worthington Eyre. In Trinity College itself the school's record of success has been well maintained. During the past twelve months N. B. White won a prize at the Fellowship Examination; G. A. Small won a Classical Scholarship, and for the second time in succession the Vice-Chancellor's prize for Greek verse. G. Chester Duggan won the Vice-Chancellor's prize for English prose; P. Campling won the Carson Biblical prize and the first prize in Biblical Greek and a Hebrew premium; E. M. Norton won the silver medal of the Theological Society for composition; and J. F. H. Leland and J. C. Duncan respectively obtained first and second places and prizes in the general examination in Civil Law; and if you look at the list of distinctions won in Trinity College you will find old boys of the school doing well in all the professional schools there—in the Divinity School, in the Law School, in the Medical School, in the Engineering School, and in the Army School. Among the distinctions of old boys I may mention finally that the Rev. F. R. M. Hitchcock has been appointed this year the Donnellan Lecturer in Trinity College, and that Mr. H. H. Jeffcott was appointed early in the year Professor of Engineering in the Royal College of Science. The school is also doing well on its commercial side, and boys have been successfully prepared for Civil Service appointments, for banks, insurance, and other offices. It is thus shown that boys are receiving a good, sound general education, which will fit them for all businesses and professions in life, and it is our aim to give every boy an opportunity of improving and developing his capabilities in whatever direction he or his parents desire. Turning to those other school interests which I referred to, and which also make up a decided part of a boy's education, I am glad to state that here too the condition of the school is very encouraging. The games, etc., of the school are managed by the Literary and Athletic Club, the committee of which is elected by and from the boys themselves, assisted by the masters. The work of the committee is twofold. On the athletic side it organises the Football and Cricket Club, the Miniature Rifle Club, handball competitions, and the athletic sports. This year had also seen the establishment of a successful Swimming Club, the members of which, 60 or more in number, have met every Thursday during the summer in the Iveagh Baths. All the clubs

have met with more support this year than in previous years, and in particular the athletic sports were well supported. One hundred and fifteen boys entered for the sports, and the Governors, parents, and friends of the school contributed generously to the funds. At the suggestion of the Governors every boy entering for any race over 100 yards was medically examined and advised about his running and training, and the school has to thank Dr. R. S. Wayland for the kindness, interest, and trouble he showed in doing this. On the literary side, the Committee arranges school debates, and publishes quarterly the "Erasmian," the school magazine, which fulfils a double purpose of recording the doings of the school and of former pupils, and of giving boys an opportunity of showing their literary abilities. It is edited and managed by the boys themselves. I do not wish to complain of the way in which the literary and athletic club has been supported when I appeal for still further support. All the clubs are doing well and showing a good spirit this year, and more copies of the last number of the "Erasmian" were sold than of any previous number. We are therefore showing a constant improvement, but there is still a good percentage of boys who do not join the clubs, never come to Belgrave Square, never buy the school magazine, and apparently take no interest in this part of school life. These boys are missing a great deal of what they might gain at a very trifling extra cost from their school life; they have no feeling of corporate life, of *esprit de corps*, or of all those associations of boys with one another which make them interested in others beside themselves, and will make them when they leave school better citizens of the world, because more public-spirited. If the parents of any such boys are here to-day I would urge upon them to see to it that their sons take an interest in the school, both in the class room and out of it, and try to get the full benefit of every side of the school life. The boys will greatly gain thereby, and will become more interesting, more human, and better educated. In conclusion, I am glad to be able to present once more a satisfactory report and I desire to thank all those who have helped to promote the school's welfare—first, the Chairman and Governors for the support they have given both to the school work and to the school games; secondly, my colleagues who one and all have given ungrudging assistance in every branch of our labours; and lastly, the parents, who have entrusted their children to our care.

The Provost then distributed the prizes, after which he addressed the gathering. In a few well-chosen words, he complimented the Head Master on presenting so satisfactory a report, and congratulated the school on its manifold successes. He dwelt upon the fact that mental and physical development go hand in hand, that the training of the hand and eye when associated gives best results, and in conclusion, urged the boys to

take heed of the welfare of the moral and spiritual as well as the physical and intellectual sides of their nature.

After the Chairman's address, the visitors were entertained by the Governors in the Board-room.



Football Notes.



UP to the present our 1st XV. have been extraordinarily successful when we compare their record with that of past seasons. The team plays well together, and except in isolated cases, has thoroughly imbibed that necessary spirit of enthusiasm which aids so materially in gaining victories. We append an analysis of matches played :—

Played.	Won.	Lost	Drawn.	Pts. for.	Pts. agst.
15	6	9	—	97	213

If we neglect our 3rd A matches, reckoning solely matches against *bona-fide* school teams, the analysis is as follows :—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts. for.	Pts. agst.
9	3	6	—	49	120

G. W. Eyre has already scored eight tries, kicked three penalties, and has one drop goal to his credit, while he has converted eight tries. P. C. Bell and J. R. Brennan have scored four tries each.

The thanks of the entire team are due to Mr. G. H. Gibson, for the whole-hearted interest he takes in the welfare of the team, and the energy he has displayed in carrying on the Club successfully, and to Messrs. Wyon, Annis, and Telfer for the assistance given by them in Senior 3rd A matches.

We would also urge upon all the players to turn out as consistently as possible at practices, in order to keep the team at a proper pitch of excellence and fitness.

We append a criticism of the members of the 1st XV :—

L. C. Le Bas. For his age and size is a plucky tackler : but kicks weakly, and should learn to handle better.

A. Gibson. This young player is a fine kick, but has no idea of tackling.

G. W. Eyre. Very fast, but should cultivate an inward swerve. Sound in defence and energetic in attack.

John Bell. A fearless three-quarter, tackles strongly, and always gets through an enormous amount of work.

W. H. B. Mack. Has played some good games, but is weak in passing.

W. H. C. Stone. A sound player, who plays with skill, but should tackle with greater determination.

Joe Bell. Our Captain needs no praise from us, his clever and tricky play has been the means of our winning many a match.

L. Hannon. His slight stature notwithstanding, this diminutive half is a good and tricky player.

J. P. Warner. Would improve a great deal if he were less hesitating, and had more initiative.

J. R. Brennan. Our best forward, excellent in the loose and in the scrum, and deserving of recognition from the selectors of the Interprovincial Schools' XV.

P. C. Bell. Also a valuable forward, follows up well, and a hard worker.

A. J. Beatty, M. T. Craig, W. Cochrane, C. J. Dodds, T. M'Conkey, C. S. Thomson, and R. T. Stoney are the less conspicuous, but equally hard-working members of the pack.

H. S. D. v BELVEDERE COLLEGE.

We opened the season on October 1st with an away match against Belvedere College. The team was, naturally, one of an experimental nature, but gave a good account of itself. The play was fairly even, but our men did not take full advantage of their opportunities. The forwards all played a good hustling game, with Beatty and Brennan especially noticeable. The packing in the scrum, however, left much to be desired. G. Eyre played a sterling game in the three-quarter line, and Joe Bell was the better of the halves. Le Bas was satisfactory at back.

The final score was 8 pts. to 12 pts. against us.

H. S. D. v KING'S HOSPITAL.

On October 5th, at Belgrave Square. This was our first home match of the season. There were a few changes made from the team which played against Belvedere College. J. D. Colquhoun and G. S. B. Mack came into the three-quarter line, and T. M'Conkey, J. Molyneux and C. J. Dodds into the pack. Our opponents were a bigger and heavier team than we were, but there was a keen spirit about our play which promised well for future matches. There was no particularly good individual play, and the game ended with the following score:—High School, 1 try, King's Hospital, 22 pts.

H. S. D. v S. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL.

On October 12th at Belgrave Square. J. Colquhoun was tried at full back; W. Mack went into the three-quarter line, his place at half being taken by J. P. Warner, and H. B. Alexander came into the pack. The game was a good one, and keenly contested. Our forwards showed some improvement in packing. Joe Bell at half played a good game, and G. Eyre at three-quarter was conspicuous on several occasions. Beatty, Brennan, and P. C. Bell were the pick of the forwards. Result:—High School, 8 pts.; St. Stephen's Green School—nil.

The scorers were G. Eyre and P. Bell.

H. S. D. v MASONIC SCHOOL.

On October 15th, at Clonskeagh. This game should serve a useful lesson to our team. For the first ten minutes our men were extraordinarily slack in their efforts, during which time Masonic scored twice. After that we had nearly all the play, but did not score nearly so often as we should have done. Colquhoun was weak at back; G. Eyre again played a good game at three-quarter, as did Joe Bell at half. All the forwards played well. The final score was 4 pts. to 8 pts. against us. G. Eyre dropped a beautiful goal.

H. S. D. v WANDERERS' 3RD A.

Played at Belgrave Square on October 22nd, and resulted in a victory for our opponents by 33 pts. to 3 pts.

H. S. D. v SKERRY'S COLLEGE.

Played on October 25th at Belgrave Square. The result was a victory for the School by 2 goals and 2 tries to a goal. J. Bell, P. C. Bell, and J. R. Brennan scored.

H. S. D. v S. MARY'S COLLEGE.

On October 29th at Rathmines. We have seen the High School team play many matches but we do not remember ever having seen a match like this. We went to the ground anticipating defeat but we returned home jubilant and full of hope for future contests. This match was a veritable triumph for us, for we defeated our doughty opponents by the narrow, but sufficient margin of one point. All the members of the team covered themselves with glory, and the scores were obtained by P. C. Bell and G. Eyre.

Result:—High School, 2 tries (6 points), St. Mary's College, 1 goal (5 points).

H. S. D. v S. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

At Belgrave Square, on November 2nd, and resulted in a win for S. Andrew's by 27 pts. to nil. The match calls for no comment, as we were short, and the whole team was thereby disorganised.

H. S. D. v MONKSTOWN 3RD. A.

On November 4th at Sidney Parade. The result was a win for the School by 6 pts. to 5 pts. This was our first victory against a 3rd A. team, and considering the size of our opponents, is worthy of great praise.

H. S. D. v WESLEY COLLEGE.

On November 5th at Donnybrook. Through some misunderstanding we played one man short. Our men got going at once

and the three-quarters got in some very good passing at times. L. C. Le Bas played a greatly improved game, but his kicking is weak. G. Eyre and Joe Bell played excellently; Brennan was the best of a hard-working lot of forwards; Jno. Bell performed his customary diving feats, and W. H. Stone shone at times. The result was a win for us by 14 pts. to 10 pts. G. Eyre is deserving of especial mention in that every one of the scores were obtained by him.

H. S. D. v SKERRY'S COLLEGE.

On November 9th, at Belgrave Square, and resulted in a victory for the School by 8 pts. to nil.

H. S. D. v CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.

On November 12th at Belgrave Square. Helped by the touch-judge and the state of the ground our opponents got the better of the argument. The game, which was better left uncriticised, resulted in our defeat by 9 pts. to 6 pts.

H. S. D. v S. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE.

Played at Belgrave Square on November 16th. The condition of the ground was against good play. Our forwards held their own, but the backs were not as reliable as usual. The result was a win for S. Columba's by 27 pts. to nil.

H. S. D. v LANSDOWNE 3RD.

Played at Belgrave Square on November 19th, and resulted in a win for Lansdowne by 34 pts. to nil.



Junior Football.



WE fear we cannot express great satisfaction at the doings of the Juniors. The 2nd XV. at full strength would be relatively our strongest team, and ought not to have been beaten. As it is, through failure to turn out regularly they have done only moderately. Next term we hope to see great improvement, not only in matches, but in practice games. There is every indication of our having a really good 1st XV. next season, but if this is to be realized the present 2nd XV. must take itself more seriously.

The under 15 team has so far fared disastrously, and all their defeats have been well deserved. The forwards have yet no idea of the game. Their tackling is deplorably weak; and their notion of getting their heads down and backing up is very vague. They also seem to think that the best way to advance the ball is to hack at it wildly, and then stand still and gape at the result, the effect of course being to put most of their own men off-side, and give the opponents a fine opportunity of setting up an attack. By comparison the backs have been much better than the forwards, but they too show great weakness in tackling, and their fielding and handling are very poor; they also show no inclination to stop rushes by falling on the ball. Still the material is by no means bad, and if each one will only make up his mind to improve the side by turning out regularly to practices and matches, we may yet hope for good results in the cup matches, especially when the team is strengthened by the inclusion of Jack Bell and C. J. Dodds.



Football in the Lower School.



THE Lower School have played practice games fairly regularly twice a-week since the beginning of the season. With few exceptions the boys have shown great willingness in turning out, and the games have been keenly and closely contested. Our only regret is that we have not been able to play proper class matches, as no class has enough playing members to turn out a full side.

The Lower First gave six members to the club. Of these Heard, Thom, Tate and Levitt were the best attenders at the square. Brian Tickell was also generally on the ground. The Upper First had fifteen members—Wright, Allen, Crawford, Glover, Tickell, Thom, Hillyard, Fletcher, Thomson, Saville, Blood and Johnson, were most consistent at practices. The Second Form was usually represented by McClean, Taylor, Henchie, Heard, Wallen, Scott, Bamford and Fletcher.

Forms 3A, 3B, and 3C were also regularly in evidence, and did much to improve the standard of the practices. Of those we would specially thank Thrift, Dunlop, Currall, Mack, Dawson, Dodds, Westropp, Larkin, Allen, Shea, McEntagart, Shortt, Wayland and Bird.

The under 13 XV. played several matches. Our best game this term being against St. Andrew's under 13, with whom we drew, thanks chiefly to the good play of our backs; the forwards were too light for the heavy St. Andrew's pack, but they played hard, and especially in the last ten minutes their heroic efforts prevented a score.

Rifle Club Notes.

THE Rifle Club has begun the third year of its existence very successfully. We have lost J. M. Barron, our former secretary, and G. S. B. Mack, with A. Briscoe as his lieutenant, reigns in his stead. The list of members numbers 25, an increase since last year, and all display great keenness both by attending practices regularly and by shooting accurately. R. M. Reid is undoubtedly the crack shot of the club, while G. S. B. Mack, A. Briscoe, G. B. Holmes, J. D. Colquhoun, and L. J. D. Richardson are not far behind. Indeed up to the time of writing the scores have been excellent, as the averages testify. L. J. D. Richardson has improved wonderfully since joining the club, and promises to be one of our best marksmen. The highest individual score this season was made by R. M. Reid, who scored 46 out of a possible 50, J. D. Colquhoun on one occasion almost equalled this record with a score of 45.

The Junior Division is also progressing favourably, and we single out W. H. Thrift, F. J. Moore, H. S. Scales, and R. S. Wayland for special praise. Mr. Telfer has resigned the control of the Juniors, and Mr. Norton has very kindly consented to look after them. We hope to have several matches with other clubs after Christmas, and to send in a good team for the Easter competitions at Ballsbridge. Finally we must not forget to tender a hearty vote of thanks to the Sergeant for the excellent condition in which he keeps the rifles, and for his generous help and advice in all matters tending to the advancement of the Club.

Name.		Number of Practices.	Total Number of Points Scored	Highest Individual Score.	Averages.
R. M. Reid	..	6	426	46	32.7
Sergt. Millett	..	5	290	45	32.2
G. S. B. Mack	..	8	478	41	28.1
Mr. Telfer	..	9	414	37	27.6
Mr. Annis	..	5	186	36	26.5
G. B. Holmes	..	7	235	37	26.1
J. D. Colquhoun	..	7	290	45	26.0
A. Briscoe	..	5	201	37	25.1
L. J. D. Richardson	..	6	250	38	22.7
P. C. Bell	..	8	165	38	20.6
E. W. Leach	..	8	183	35	20.3
Mr. Wyon	..	5	84	20	12.0
C. S. Thomson	..	7	82	17	6.3
R. Shaw	..	5	56	12	6.2

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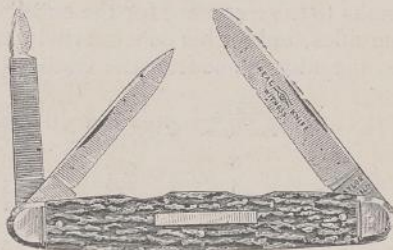
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