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School News.

We have to record the departure of W. H. Carson, E. R. Day, H. G. Hillas, C. Scaife, and J. D. Sands from the world of school to the higher sphere of Trinity College, where they with B. Johnson now belong to the ranks of the Gibs.

H. G. Hillas who has made great strides the last two or three years, has added to his success at the Royal, in the Summer, the great triumph of winning First Place in the Junior Exhibition Examination at T.C.D. in October, and has accordingly been awarded by the Governors the High School Exhibition of £40 a year for five years. The ordinary value of the Exhibition is £30, but is raised to £40 when its holder obtains first place in the Examination. He also won the Entrance Prize for English Literature and the Second Entrance Prize for French. Why should we further sing his praises when the great Mantuan tells us how hackneyed is the theme?

Cetera quae uacuas tenuissent carmine mentes,
Omnia iam uulgata.
Cui non dictus *Hylas* puer?

Hillas's achievement, we believe, creates a new record. For the third year in succession a High School boy has won the first place at the Junior Exhibition Examination. A. Spiro (now Classical Scholar and Ex-Classical Sizar) in 1898, and N. B. White (now Classical Sizar) in 1899. We may fain hope that others will go and do likewise.

B. Johnson should also be congratulated on winning an Entrance Prize for History and Geography.

We are very glad to see that the Governors have awarded W. H. Carson an Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition. Carson, in many ways, set an excellent example. He was captain of the Football Fifteen, took a prominent part in arranging for the Sports, and served the "Erasmian" well as Hon. Treasurer.

All our readers will be pleased to see in this issue a long letter from Rev.

W. B. Morris describing Sao Paulo. We are sure we are only expressing a universal feeling when we say with what deep regret and sympathy we heard that his two youngest children (twins), only just over a year old, had died of meningitis. We are glad to hear his other boy is doing well.

Early in the term O. Moriarty had a very bad accident in the gymnasium. He fell, one afternoon, from the top of one of the poles to the ground and broke his left thigh. He was taken to the Meath Hospital, and when we last heard was up and about on crutches and was out of the hospital.

A great change has come over the spirit of Football this term and we are heartily glad of it. Perhaps the remarks in the "Erasmian" had something to do with it, but whatever the cause we congratulate the club on the way it has buckled to, and on the number of members who have joined its ranks. The committee at the beginning passed a resolution fixing a definite date for the payment of subscriptions after which no one who had failed to contribute was to be allowed to play on the Fifteen; and although this was passed with misgivings on the part of some members, the effect was marvellous, and we are now free from the disgrace which attached to some former teams of allowing boys to play throughout the season without really

being members of the club. This is a very healthy sign and we are very glad to see that the season up to the present has been successful.

The office of Touch Judge to the Cup Team which has been held since 1895 by the same enthusiast is in danger of becoming vacant this season. Our Ex-Secretary must bestir himself, and put in an appearance at our next Cup match.

We publish elsewhere the Balance Sheet of the Athletic Sports and are glad to see that there is a balance on the right side of the account.

Some one has recently asked us whether Shakespeare was getting out of date. He was thinking of

The whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school.

Nowadays he scorches like a race horse, and although there is plenty of shine, there is no whine about him, it's a bell or a whistle! We muttered something about "other times, other boys."

R. A. Oulton of the lower Sixth has been elected organist of the Chapel of the Magdalen Asylum. We congratulate him, all the more as he is only 17 and there were 40 candidates. We shall watch his musical career with much interest as there is no doubt that he has great talent.

The Scripture and Greek Testament Examinations held under the auspices of the Synod of the Church of Ireland will take place on Friday, the 14th December. We hope all the candidates will do their level best.

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Educational changes are in the air. National, Intermediate and University Education are all threatened with the melting pot, but it is especially Intermediate which concerns and interests the High School. We believe there will be no change of importance until after the examinations of 1902, when the Intermediate Board, now augmented from seven to twelve Commissioners, will no doubt initiate large reforms. Great improvements are possible, but it will be well if changes are made gradually and the Inspectors, who will doubtless be appointed, are chosen from the ranks of the teaching profession who know and understand the capacities of Intermediate Schools.

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Our Oxford correspondent, formerly editor of the "Upper Fourth Monthly," has roused the ire of the former editor of the "Red and Black." The latter disclaims all connection between the two papers, both now defunct. The "Upper Fourth Monthly" died still-born, but the "Red and Black" lived three years and appeared twenty times. The latter's contributors are now some of them contributing to those daily

journals which make the world's history. Whether for this reason or no, we cannot say, but our Oxford Correspondent is strangely silent this term. But we have received a letter from an old boy at Cambridge who has spoken *amplio ore*, but we regret that as his communication came somewhat late, some of it has been crowded out.

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Our readers will all be glad to hear that "A Cyclist's Grievance" is to be remedied forthwith, and the cycle room will shortly be furnished with stands for cycles.

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The Committee of the "Erasmian" has undergone certain inevitable changes with some regret. The officers are now as follows:—

Chairman—W. E. Paterson, Esq.

Editor—J. Thompson, Esq.

Treasurer—F. M'Connell, in place of W. H. Carson, resigned.

Secretary—H. V. White, in place of H. V. Stanley, resigned.

Committee—H. Thrift, W. Carson, E. R. Day, H. V. Stanley, A. Paterson, Esq., C. C. W. Duggan, A. E. Lyster, Esq., J. C. Duncan, W. W. Powell.

Its agents are:—College of Surgeons, W. B. A. Moore; College of Science, W. Cross; College Historical Society, N. B. White; College Philosophical Society, G. A. Joynt (till Christmas), W. H. Carson (after Christmas).

Notes on Old Boys.

We are reminded by Captain C. J. D. Freeth of the Royal Artillery that in our Notes on Old Boys who are nobly serving their country in South Africa we have been in danger of forgetting others who are helping the good cause in a quieter and less ostentatious but equally essential manner. We give some extracts from his letter, especially as it is one of many proofs that the "Erasmian" is highly appreciated by many Old Boys personally unknown to us.

He writes, "The pleasure I have received from reading in the Erasmian about my old companions and about our successors, induces me to hope that a few words about my own occupation may not be altogether tedious to those who retain some slight remembrance of me. I am at present engaged in the manufacture of ammunition within the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. I envy many of my old school-fellows who can look back to a year spent in fighting for their Queen and Country and I am proud of them.

We manufacturers, who have no honour and glory, who can recount no stirring accounts of battles fought and won, can look back to a year, and a very anxious year too, spent in working for our Queen and Country. Unceasingly we have laboured 'from morn till

dewy eve, from eve till morn'—from Monday morning till Saturday night, aye, and all Sunday. I am writing to let my school-fellows know that I still take an interest in the old School, and that I am, to the best of my ability, trying to show, in the world, that the stuff that the High School sends out is sterling value, and that we all endeavour in our own spheres to follow our Governor's able motto "We are faithful to our trust."

We shall be very pleased if the Old Boys will follow Captain Freeth's example and send us short letters about themselves which we can publish in this column.

The following have been elected to seats on the Council of the Irish Hockey Union:—T. H. Richardson, (Excelsior), C. H. Darley (Three Rock Rovers), G. V. Lovell and W. E. Paterson (Corinthians).

A. Paterson is Vice-Captain of the County Dublin Harriers.

J. A. Nairn, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed Head Master of the Merchant Taylor's School, Charterhouse Square, London, and will enter upon his duties there in January. Mr. Nairn was the most brilliant pupil the School ever had, and, as the Journal of Education hath it, the finest Classic Cambridge has produced since the days of Jebb.

J. R. Prenter on taking up his work as Minister of Ahoghill Church was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by the congregation of his father's Church on Ormond Quay. He was married last month to Miss Louisa Moore, B.A. sister of no fewer than three O. H. S. Boys. Our heartiest wishes for their happiness!

We hear that E. H. Alton has gone to London and is there engaged in journalistic work.

E. V. Longworth and S. H. Doig are now regularly engaged on the "Daily Express."

C. F. Draper went to Fermoy on November 23rd, having been appointed Acting Engineer to the Royal Engineers stationed there.

T. H. Richardson is sailing for Bombay, having received an engagement under the Board of Works in India.

R. Hodgins has obtained a commission in the Army as a University Candidate.

Dr. W. G. Joynt has been ordered from Pretoria up to Elandshoek, near Lydenburg. He had the unpleasant experience of losing all his baggage *en route* for the front and of being informed by the military authorities that he was not likely to see it again.

W. C. Stevenson is in Belfast attached, for the time being, to the Royal Army Medical Corps.

We gladly call attention to the list of distinctions gained by Old Boys in Trinity College, and not least of all in the Historical and Philosophical Societies, as this shows that they are taking a wide interest in things in general and developing their minds in every direction, which is the proper function of Education.

E. F. Bourke has been elected Captain of the Wanderer's Football Club, which Club has so far done splendidly under his dashing leadership.

Lansdowne Football Club have elected Bertie Doran as Captain in succession to his brother G. P., or more popularly Blucher, while H. J. Knox has retained the office of Vice-Captain. In R. W. Jeffares the Club has chosen the most urbane of Secretaries.

We congratulate R. W. Jeffares and J. Sealy on their election to the sacred circle of the Leinster V. We must deeply regret, however, the unfortunate accident to Sealy in the cup matches last spring which will probably prevent his playing again. Ireland will feel the loss of one of the most brilliant forwards that ever represented her.

J. De B. Saunderson has been greatly distinguishing himself as full back for the London Irish who have so far had a very successful season. Are we too late in offering him our congratulations on his marriage?

A. R. Paterson has succeeded in carrying off for the second time the "Absolom Cup" awarded for the Six Miles Cross Country Race of the County Dublin Harriers, together with a Presentation Gold Medal.

S. Hutchinson is about to be ordained to the Curacy of Irishtown Church.

T. R. C. Hughes is Curate of Ballymena.

College Notes.

Michaelmas Term has again come round with its train of evils, the misery of 'mods,' and the despair of Degree to sobered Senior Sophisters, the leaden weight of little-go to Senior Freshmen, sallow with a summer's work, and to the schoolboy just entered the prospect of a happy unlimited freedom—fond hope—the right of walking about College in cap and gown, and Grafton Street with a hat, walking stick, gloves and cigarette, and the glorious sensation of patronising Junior Fellows *ad lib.* We have all experienced these feelings, but alas, they are

but transitory. Freedom becomes trammelled by lectures and terms and chapels and Junior Deans, gowns lose their newest gloss, and bye and bye the caps disappear, gloves and stick are not so prominent, though, we fear, the cigarette still remains, and we find out that, after all, we are not lords of creation.

There was a crowded attendance in the Dining Hall on November 7th, for the Opening Meeting of the Historical. An excellent platform had been secured, among the speakers being Mr. Lecky. The minutes were read by the new Record Secretary G. O'Grady, while two of three silver medals for Oratory were won by O. H. S. boys, Rev. J. C. Forrester (SCH.) B.A., and F. A. Longworth (SCH.) B.A. Certificates were awarded to R. Hodgins and G. O'Grady.

We note with great pleasure that the Gold Medal awarded by the President, Lord Ashbourne, for Composition, was awarded to Rev. J. C. Forrester. The subject of the Essay, "The Housing of the Poor," has lately been brought into prominence in College owing to the forward move of our Social Service Union. The following have just been elected members of the C. H. S. and we bid them a hearty welcome; H. G. Hillas, R. N. Montgomery, E. E. S. Forrester.

For the third time in succession H. S. D. has taken the first place at Junior Exhibition, and again on a very high mark—viz. 683, and in a year in which competition seems to have been close. The Ex-Treasurer of the "Erasmian," W. H. W. Carson, obtained a Statutory Exhibition. Next year will be the Kidd Scholarship year, and it is to be hoped that after an absence of eight years it will again be brought back to the Old School, and that an ex-official of the "Erasmian" will again be to the front.

The Opening Meeting of the "Phil" was held on the First of November amidst profound calm. It is said to be the first occasion on record of an Opening Meeting where the minutes were heard being read. The Officers and those in high places were delighted, others murmured of the decadence of the "Phil" and the "Jib" in general. The "Phil," however, is particularly healthy just at present, with a record score of 90 new members so far. At the first ordinary meeting a paper on the "Kingdom of Convention" was read by W. W. Dunlop, B.A., which had the merit of being so profound that but one member present declared his ability to follow it fully.

Behold the power of the Erasmian? A remark was made in this column last number about the few accessions to the "Phil" from Old H.S. Boys,

and lo, they come flocking in. Eight new members have joined from the Old School, namely H. W. Stephenson, W. A. Campion, H. M. M'Cormick, W. H. Carson, B. Johnson, C. Scaife, G. Halpin and E. R. Day. Curious to relate, there was a remarkable similarity about all their nomination papers.

At the Moderatorship Exams. H. W. Stephenson (SCH.) obtained a Silver Medal in Mathematics, and W. W. Dunlop (SCH.) one in Classics. G. A. Joynt has, as we would naturally have expected, obtained a very high place among the Senior Exhibitioners. A. Spiro and J. A. O. Fitzpatrick were, as Scholars, ineligible for Exhibitions, but each obtained a First Class at Littlego, Spiro heading the whole list. At the Junior Freshman Prize Exams. N. B. White (Siz.) obtained Third Place, and also First Place in English Literature and a Second Class in French, being one of two J.F's to obtain three prizes.

Amongst entries into the Medical School we find C. H. M'Comas and B. Johnson, while Engineering claims H. W. Stephenson, G. A. Joynt and R. N. Montgomery. R. Hodgins has passed the exam. for University Candidates for Commissions, while Fitzpatrick has obtained a Waitership, and says Grace at Commons with becoming dignity.

For the first time for many years we have no representative on Trinity First XV. There is not much worthy of note as regards the Clubs, save that at the Bicycle Club Annual Meeting W. R. Armstrong, LL.D. was elected a Vice-President in recognition of his great services to the Club, and G. A. Joynt was re-elected Hon. Treasurer.

Cricket.

During the past summer season the High School C.C. played 13 matches, of which 5 were won, 6 lost and 2 drawn. In several of the matches the fielding was very bad, and an improvement in this department would have won several matches in which we were defeated. In the match v. Wesley College, 16 catches were dropped in the first innings.

Another thing which impedes improvement in the play is the method of practice at present in vogue at Belgrave Square. The younger members of the team seldom get a chance to practice batting, and of course they seldom make runs in a match. If each fellow were allowed ten minutes at the nets, it would at least insure all getting some batting every day, and if turns were taken in bowling we might improve considerably in a department where there is much need for improvement. There was little improvement this season in

the membership roll, and it would be a great advantage if all the fellows on the first eleven would pay, because if fellows who play regularly do not pay, what can we expect from those who do not get a chance to play? If I were to mention names—but I will forbear.

This year C. Farran has the highest average, being closely followed by H. Thrift and C. Scaife. In the bowling line, Scaife captured 82 wickets, and Thrift 43. Scaife's performance is all the more meritorious when we remember that he bowled in not more than 18 innings, so that on an average he got very nearly 5 wickets per innings.

We have to thank the masters who so very kindly assisted us during the season; from different causes we were unfortunately deprived of their services on several occasions.

Football News.

On Wednesday, September 27th, the second general meeting of the High School Football Club was held to elect the officers for the season. At the first meeting only the Secretary had been elected. After a little discussion the following officers were elected:—

President—W. Wilkins, Esq., M.A.

Captain—H. Thrift.

Vice-Captain—C. H. L. Farran.

Hon. Treas.—W. S. Cooney, Esq., B.A.

Committee—J. Thompson, Esq., M.A.,
W. E. Paterson, Esq., W. W. Powell,
L. M. Bayly, T. P. M. Orr.

H. Thrift may be congratulated on being elected Captain. He has now gained every honour in the school athletics that he can, having won the Cup at the sports, and having been Captain of both Football and Cricket. We wish him every success in his new capacity.

At a meeting of the H. S. F. C., F. Stevenson was elected Captain of the Second XV., C. H. Alexander Vice-Captain, and M. Richardson Captain of the Third XV.

Although at the beginning of the season our prospects did not appear very bright, nevertheless, our record up to the present has been far better than we expected, for out of a total of 8 matches we have won 3, lost 3, and drawn 2. We have up to the present scored 23 times against 7 times for our opponents, and have registered a total score of 97 points against 37 points. L. M. Bayly has scored 5 times, Crosbie, Thrift, and Purser 4 times each, Farran 4 times, and Killingley twice.

CUP MATCHES.

H. S. D. *v.* Drogheda Grammar School.

This match, which was played at Drogheda, was a very good match for the first of the season, and was won by 1 goal and 6 tries to nil. The scorers were, Bayly (2), Purser (2), Thrift (1), Crosbie (1), Farran (1), and Thrift also

converted one of the tries. The forwards played with great dash, and quite out-matched their opponents. W. W. Powell was very brilliant, especially out of touch, where he was invaluable.

H. S. D. *v.* Columba's College.

This match, which was played away from home, was a great surprise to us, as, instead of being hopelessly beaten, as we expected to be, we drew the game and had decidedly the best of it. We won the toss and elected to play with the hill and the sun, and in the first half Columba's scored per Langrishe, but failed to convert. In the second half we started the scoring, after a brilliant run by Crosbie; then they added a second score, and Bayly soon after equalised points. None of the scores were converted. F. N. Smart may be congratulated on his display at full back.

H. S. D. *v.* King's Hospital First XV.

This match was played on Wednesday, October 24th, on the home ground, and after a hard game, resulted in a draw, the scores being:—High School 1 try, scored by J. Purser, after a brilliant run, to 1 penalty goal. Stritch and Barton deserve special mention amongst our forwards, as does L. M. Bayly among our three-quarter line.

H. S. D. *v.* Palmerston II.

A very runaway match for High School, who won easily, compiling the

score of 3 goals (Thrift off tries by himself (1), Killingley (1), Crosbie (1), 2 tries, Thrift (1), Farran (1), and 1 penalty goal, Thrift), to nil. L. M. Bayly played a splendid game, although he failed to score, yet he contributed to the result in no small degree by his brilliant tackling and kicking. The match was played on our ground on Saturday, 27th.

H. S. D. v. St. Andrew's College.

The match took place on the St. Andrew's ground on October 31st, in very unpleasant weather, and resulted in a win for them by 1 try 1 penalty goal to 1 try (Thrift). They had somewhat the best of the game, and would probably have scored once or twice again but for the steady play of Smart at full back. We were without the services of Crosbie who had injured his hand rather badly in the last match. M'Connell took his place, whilst Stanley filled the vacancy in the forwards occasioned by his removal.

H. S. D. v. Old St. Mary's II.

This was played on our ground on Wednesday, November 7th, and resulted in a win for our visitors by 2 goals and 1 try to 1 goal (Thrift off try by Bayly). Our score was the result of a fine passing movement amongst our backs. They overmatched us in weight, but our forwards were the cleverer pack and played very hard indeed.

H. S. D. v.

Sandymount Academical First XV.

Played at Sandymount on Saturday, November 10th, and resulted in a win for us by 3 goals, Orr (2) off tries by Bayly and Purser, Bayly (1) off try by Killingley, 2 tries (Crosbie and Farran), 1 dropped goal (Bayly), and 1 penalty goal (Bayly), to 1 penalty goal. Bayly was responsible for a great deal, he scored once, converted a try, dropped a goal, and kicked a penalty goal. We were without the services of Thrift, who has hurt his knee, but F. Stevenson made a very good substitute.

H. S. D. v. Wesley College Cup Team.

Played at Donnybrook on Wednesday, November 21st, and resulted in a win for Wesley, 1 goal, 1 dropped goal, to 1 goal (Bayly off Farran's try). Our defeat may be ascribed to the want of dash in the forwards, most of whom shirked in the most scandalous style till quite near the end of the game, when they played up much better and with more life. The backs should not have allowed the dropped goal to come off so easily, and must have been temporarily asleep, for during the rest of the game they played well enough, especially L. M. Bayly. Killingley was not up to his usual form either, as he continually "bucked" the ball instead of picking up. On the whole, it was want of practice that lost us the match.

SECOND FIFTEEN MATCHES.

The Second XV. have played four matches, but have not yet succeeded in registering a win.

In the first match of the season, we met St. Andrew's College, at Belgrave Square, in which we recived a bad beating, our forwards not being able to cope with the bigger forwards of our opponents; whilst Burrows, O. V. at half back, and Mills at three-quarters displayed much skill in relieving the forwards.

In our next match against the Masonic School, our forwards played a very fair game, but our backs, with the exception of Smart F. N. and Burrows, did not figure very prominently.

Next we encountered the King's Hospital who defeated us severely. This however, may be somewhat accounted for, as six of our team were unable to turn out and we had to play substitutes.

On Monday, the 19th inst, we met Wesley College on our ground, and received another defeat, which might have resulted in a win if our fellows had displayed a little more life. Nevertheless, Alexander, C. and Stanley distinguished themselves amongst the pack as did Ogden and Smart in the backs. Bayly, G. at full saved remarkably well, and stopped some rushes in the most plucky manner.

We were rather late in starting our Second XV. this year, and as several of our members are only beginners, we

cannot judge our Second by the result of the matches. However, we hope to be able to give a much better account of ourselves before the close of the season.

Cross-Country Notes.

On September 27th, there was a paper-chase starting from Stillorgan, with a fairly large attendance. The hares getting a lead of about seven minutes, started from the railway station, and ran for some distance along the road, eventually getting into the fields by a high wall. They then made a straight course for "Darly's Wood," where the hounds lost the trail, and spent a long time looking for it. The hares had meanwhile made a great circuit, and were seen a long distance ahead doubling back on their old trail. Chase was immediately given, and the trail was found on the road in the opposite direction to Stepside. Part of the pack giving up the chase went to Stepside to await the others, who ran in the opposite direction. While the latter were running along the road, they passed the hares, who lay in a ditch by the side of the road. The paper had then almost given out, so they ran to Stepside, and waited for the others, who returned in a short while. We then had refreshments, and having eaten our fill of blackberries returned home by the 6 o'clock train.

The second paper-chase was fixed for the 18th of October, starting at Cabinteely. The weather was splendid. The hares ran towards Loughlinstown, and having crossed a hill above it, ran through the "Bride's Glen." They then turned up the road, and ran for about a mile along it, until at the entrance to a gentleman's house they found an opening into the fields. The hares then made for the lead mines, but paper gave out about a quarter of a mile from the mines, and they waited for the hounds on a hill-side. Only three hounds finished, and hounds and hares returned to Cabinteely, where we had something to eat, and returned by the 5.30 train.

A third paper-chase started from Dundrum on November 3rd. The hares running along the road entered a field and made for the railway embankment, then crossing the railway, went through some private grounds until they emerged on to the road; then after running some distance the paper gave out. We then had our tea at a house at the foot of the Three Rock.

After tea, as darkness was coming on, we ran home through the fields and met a bull which had wandered from its proper demesne. There seemed now a prospect of a chase of another kind, bulls not requiring any paper scent, but we beat a rapid retreat, retiring on the road and reaching the station just as the train was coming in; we managed to bundle ourselves and our clothes into

a Second Class carriage where some of us dressed while others [*horresco referens*] carried their clothes home on their arms.

The Athletic Sports.

ACCOUNTS FOR 1900.

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To Balance from 1899	...	4	14 3
„ Subscriptions from Present Boys	...	5	0 6
„ Subscriptions from Old Boys	...	0	15 0
„ The Rt. Hon. the Vice-Chancellor	...	5	0 0
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„ Mr. William Wilkins	...	2	0 0
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„ Entries from Present Boys	...	5	5 0
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„ Tickets sold	...	9	19 3
„ Gate	...	2	9 0
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„ Royal Dublin Society	...	5	0 0
„ Turnstile man	...	0	10 0

„ Ground man	...	0	8	0
„ Gas in Refreshment Room	0	1	10	
„ Printing (Powderly)	...	4	16	6
„ Hire of Sacks	...	0	6	0
„ Sergeant	...	0	5	0
„ Police	...	0	10	8
„ Wool, pins, eggs, etc.	...	0	2	4
„ Cutting track, Belgrave Square	...	0	3	6
„ Car and trams	...	0	3	8
„ Cycling expenses	...	0	5	9
„ Stamps and Stationery	...	0	7	6
„ Miss Finn, Sandwiches	1	4	0	
„ Davy & Co.	...	1	14	7
„ Buns	...	0	2	0
„ School Arms Stamp	...	0	2	6
„ Balance	...	2	8	5
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Fifty Years After.

I.

I remember, I remember
 The School where I was taught,
 The little room in which the lore
 I love was dearly bought.
 It always seemed as dry as dust,
 And weary made the day,
 Yet never lasted very long,
 Nor wore my life away.

II.

I remember, I remember,
 The yard in which we drilled;
 'Twas paved with rugged rubblestones
 On which ourselves we killed.

The courts on which I often played,
 The poles round which we flew
 High in the air and risked our necks,
 I well remember too.

III.

I remember, I remember
 The School-room with its clock
 E'en where we sat at twelve and three
 Like prisoners in a dock,
 Waiting to hear the Master say
 In accents cold and clear
 "Take sixty" or "a hundred lines,"
 Or "Take a seat, my dear."

IV.

And now I've wended fifty years
 Along life's weary ways,
 And still I think with joy upon
 My happy youthful days.
 No matter wheresoe'er I get,
 Roaming the wide world o'er,
 I still look back with fond regret
 Unto my old school door.

"WARBLER."

Early Impressions of Brazil.

CAIXA, 621,
 SAO PAULO,
 BRAZIL,
 July 30th, 1900,

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It was very kind of you to send
 me a copy of the last edition of the
 "Erasmian." Papers and magazines
 from home are greatly prized; although

the news they contain is sometimes more than three weeks old; of course there are daily papers here, but as they are unanimously anti-British the news they contain, especially war news, must be received, not with the customary grain, but with a whole salt cellar. For example, before the official news of the relief of Mafeking filtered through I read in "A Platea," an afternoon paper, a rag something of the "Evening Herald" type, a most circumstantial account of Colonel Baden-Powell's surrender to Commandant Snyman, while the speeches of both commanders were given verbatim! I was told that the same paper had reported the fall of Ladysmith 35 times!

You may imagine therefore the avidity with which we devour any English paper which comes to hand.

Who was your informant with regard to the date of our arrival in S. America? Your readers were told that we landed in Rio on March 12th, and proceeded thence by rail to S. Paulo. Why, we did not leave Dublin until March 14th, while we did not land in Rio until April 7th. And here again the paragraph is at fault, for we proceeded on the following Thursday by the s.s. "Pelotas" to Santos, and thence by rail to Sao Paulo, a journey of 3 hours only, as compared with 15 hours from Rio by rail. We are quite settled in our new home now.

It is a beautifully built house standing in its own grounds which are splendidly kept. We are very fortunate in our surroundings.

Sao Paulo is a large finely built city containing a population of some 220,000 souls; the Italians numbering upwards of 100,000. The English speaking people, *i.e.* English and Americans, amount to between five and six hundred.

It is quite a modern city with modern improvements—for example, we have a fine electric tram system, with the overhead trolley just as in Dublin.

The system belongs to an English company, as does also the railway which connects S. Paulo with Santos, a fact, which of course, accounts for their general efficiency.

The climate is delightful to people who are constitutionally strong; but to others it is dangerous on account of the rapid transitions from cold to hot, and from hot to cold. In the early mornings and evenings an overcoat is necessary (this is our Winter just now) but during the rest of the day the fewer garments the better.

We have some delicious fruits here—pine-apples, oranges, bananas, etc., and exceedingly cheap.

A pine-apple which would cost 8/- in Dublin is sold here for about 5d. We can get a bunch of bananas for 100 reis or about 3d. in English money. Jam is very expensive, they charge 2/6

for a 1lb. pot. We do not like jam as much as we did. House rent, too, is excessive.

No. 40 Harcourt Street would be let here for £500 per annum. Quite small houses have rents of over £100 a year. So although salaries are high here, a large proportion has to be sunk in rent alone.

I went to the Isolomento, the Yellow Fever Hospital last week. It is built on a high plateau, and commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country.

The matron is English and so are the nurses. There was only one case of yellow fever there. The Winter is the slack season with regard to epidemics. I saw a negro in one of the wards, who was suffering from yellow jaundice. You cannot conceive the extraordinary colour the disease effected on the poor fellow's complexion. The Hospital is arranged in isolated chalets. Each chalet being a small hospital in itself, and each being intended for various epidemics. I saw most elaborate machinery for the proper disinfecting of patients, bedding, clothes, etc. I was greatly pleased with the skilful manner in which they were prepared to cope with any epidemic that may unhappily break out. The authorities adopt a curious plan in the event of yellow fever occurring in any house. They bring the patient and all the members of the family to the Isolomento, and keep

them there to see if they will sicken too. At the end of a few days if no symptoms appear they are disinfected and sent home, where they find everything destroyed by the disinfecting process which has (during their absence) been vigorously enforced.

I go down to Santos once a month, usually the last Sunday in the month, to hold Service. There is no Church there, and there is generally a difficulty in finding a place to suit everybody, the members of the English community being greatly scattered.

There is no Saturday half-holiday here in the places of business, and as there is no twilight, outdoor games cannot be played later than 6 p.m., the consequence being that Sunday is the only day (holy days excepted) they have for cricket matches, etc.

It occurred to me that if they could attend a cricket match they could also attend a Service. So I got the committee to grant me the use of the cricket pavilion (capable of holding some 60 persons) for my Service. They gave me the necessary permission most readily, and yesterday, Sunday, July 29th, quite a large congregation took part in the Service. The cricket ground is beautifully situated at the base of a hill covered with trees and brushwood to the summit, while a few hundred yards on the left is the sea, of a deep blue colour.

The pavilion is open at the sides,

and during the Service, although the sun was very hot we were kept delightfully cool by the breeze that came blowing in from the sea.

I think you have had enough about me and my doings and I will therefore conclude with kindest regards and remembrances to all my friends in the High School. I shall be glad to hear from anyone who can find time to send me a line or two.

I am

Yours very sincerely,

W. B. MORRIS.

Results of Examinations.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

MODERATORSHIPS.

Mathematics and Mathematical Physics.

Junior Moderator.—H. W. Stephenson.

Classics.

Junior Moderator.—W. W. C. Dunlop.

MICHAELMAS PRIZE EXAMINATIONS.

Junior Sophisters. Classics.

Second Class.—C. H. Darley (3rd); R. G. Leonard (5th).

Modern History.

First Class.—R. G. L. Leonard (10th)

Second Class.—F. E. A. Campbell (1st)

Senior Freshmen. Mathematics.

Second Class.—G. A. Joynt (1st).

Classics.

First Class.—A. Spiro (4th), F. V. Gordon (6th).

Second Class.—H. W. Exham (1st), J. A. O. Fitzpatrick (4th).

Modern History.

First Class.—G. A. Joynt (6th).

English Literature.

First Class.—E. E. S. Forrester (5th), C. C. M. Stronge (6th).

Second Class.—E. A. M'Comas (1st)

German.

First Class.—C. C. M. Stronge (1st).

Junior Freshmen. Classics.

First Class.—N. B. White (3rd); M. S. M'Donnell (12th).

Modern History.

First Class.—A. W. Brew (3rd).

English Literature.

First Class.—N. B. White (1st); A. W. M'Farlane (5th).

French.

Second Class.—N. B. White (3rd).

German.

Second Class.—M. S. M'Donnell (1st).

CATECHETICAL PREMIUMS.

Junior Sophisters.

T. L. Healy; F. E. A. Campbell.

SENIOR EXHIBITIONS.

G. A. Joynt (2nd); C. C. M. Stronge (7th); H. W. Exham (12th).

JUNIOR AND SCHOOL EXHIBITIONS.

H. G. Hillas (First Place).

ENTRANCE PRIZES.

English Literature.

H. G. Hillas (1st).

History.

B. Johnson (2nd) (only one awarded).

French.

H. G. Hillas (2nd).

ERASMUS SMITH STATUTORY

EXHIBITION.

W. H. W. Carson.

FINAL FRESHMAN EXAMINATION.

(Little-Go) Passes.

First Class.—A. Spiro (1st); G. A. Joynt (4th); C. E. Riley (11th); H. W. Exham (13th); J. A. O. Fitzpatrick (15th); C. C. M. Stronge (19th).

Second Class.—W. A. Campion; F. V. Gordon.

Third Class.—E. E. S. Forrester.

Pass.—E. A. M'Comas.

Correspondence.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ERASMIAN,"

I venture to suggest to the Committee of the Athletic Sports that in future years two rules of the following kind should be made:—

I. That no Competitor be allowed to take a prize for the same place in

the same event a second time or for a lower place than in a previous year.

II. That no Competitor be allowed to take more than (say) four prizes in all (excluding the Cup) at any one of the Annual Meetings.

I make these suggestions in the hope of adding to the popularity and success of the Sports. To begin with, it is not a good thing for a boy to win a large number of prizes, and the larger the number of boys among whom they are distributed the wider will be the interest in the races. But to return to the suggestions themselves, they would operate as follows: To take an instance—if a Competitor once wins a second prize for the 440 yards he would not be able to take that prize again or the third prize another year, but he might win the first prize; and if once he wins the first prize in any event he would be ineligible in future years for any further prize in that event. To this there should be one exception. A Competitor should be allowed to take the first prize a second time, if in winning it he breaks the previous school record. This suggestion is not meant in any way to interfere with the counting of marks for the Cup. These would be counted as hitherto, and although it might happen that the second boy would sometimes take the first prize, he would only count marks for the second place. I believe this rule obtains in many other school sports and would have a decidedly beneficial

effect. How often does one hear it said "Oh, so and so won that race last year and he will of course win it again," and a feeling that "it is hard to contend with a victor," produces a disinclination to enter for that event. Such a rule would encourage rising lights by giving them a greater chance of a prize.

The adoption of the second rule which I suggest would to some extent counteract the effect of the first. For if a competitor won six prizes he could choose which four he would take, and would then be eligible for the other two in another year.

I recommend these suggestions to the Committee, because anything which will induce a larger number of boys to take part in the Sports will be of advantage both to themselves and to the School.

AN INTERESTED ONLOOKER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I want to ask two or three questions about the Sports? The first is: In case of a dead heat why does the first place count only four marks and not five? The second is: Should a prize be given to any boy who does not finish a race? This sounds absurd but it regularly happens in the Slow Bicycle Race, and I see no reason why the ordinary rule about finishing should not apply to this race as well as to every other. Another question is: Is any effort made by the

Committee to keep the record times, and in counting for the cup ought not extra marks to be given to any one who breaks a record? The Sports have been carried out with great success now for ten years, and we ought to have by this time a splendid set of records. I hope some one will elucidate these points for the benefit of

AN ENQUIRER.

Notices.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of "The Armachian," "Wesley College Quarterly," "The Droghedean" (2); "The Touchstone."

The annual subscription to the "Erasmian" is 1/-, post free, 1/3. All subscriptions and donations, which are urgently needed, should be forwarded at once to the Hon. Treasurer, F. M'Connell, at the School.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—C. Egerton (New Zealand), 5/-; C. H. Ward, 5/-.

The next number of the "Erasmian" will be published in March. All contributions should be forwarded to the Editor before the end of February. Boys both past and present are invited to contribute.

Cambridge Letter.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

What interests me most in every new place is the lie of the land round about. Now, of course, in this typical fen country the most striking feature of the landscape is the total absence of the veriest trace of what honest people could call mountain or hill. But by a very simple device the "authorities" have made good this natural deficiency. They provide mountains for our landscape by affixing the title "Hill" to certain places in the town, otherwise quite flat. In fact no ordinary observer could detect, without the use of engineering instruments, that any of these "Hills" were even sloping in one direction more than another. Thus we have "Market Hill," "Senate House Hill," and above all the "Hills Road" whose aggregate height could (I am sure) be reckoned in inches with as little inconvenience as we reckon the price of apples in pence. I am sure that neither you nor your readers would call Dublin a mountainous city, yet some of its streets are mountains in comparison with the "Hills" of Cambridge. In Dublin the most casual observer can discover for himself that certain streets do actually slope by observing the flow of rain water in the tram lines. I have tried this simple device here (for we really do have rain, and plenty of it over here, in spite of the fact that one is often told that rain is a peculiarity of

the Irish climate), and have found it utterly useless. The tram-line "rivulets" (since the Cam is called a "river"), are absolutely stagnant. But I am not really sure if water is the same over here as it is in Ireland (few things are!), *i.e.* it does not seem to obey the ordinary "universal" Laws of Nature, which I was taught in High School, and by virtue of which rivers are said and supposed to flow *down* to the sea. The Cam, for instance, which is the largest body of water hereabouts is absolutely disobedient to law and order. (Yet they accuse us in Ireland for being "agin the Gover'ment"; but it surely is a much less offence to oppose a temporal foreign government, than insolently to disobey the very Laws of Nature!) Well, to go back to the Cam, I have spent many patient and poetic hours on the Bridge of Sighs," wondering which way the weary water wanders," and have at last arrived at the conclusion that it is too weary to wander at all. Hence I have not yet discovered which is the seaward direction, and so I cannot apply the excellent rule (taught me long ago by Mr. Y—k when I used to have to repeat the tributaries of all the rivers of Europe, on penalty of 30 lines!) to distinguish the right bank from the left: and all because this ignorant English water will not obey the plain and common-sense Laws of Nature. Another "Injustice to Ireland"! Indeed, this whole question of hills and slopes (which, being enor-

mously important, I have treated at such length), is an example of an English Bull—one of John B's own offspring—much inferior to the Irish breed of Bulls in all points (of wit, &c.) And yet to hear English people talk you would think that Bulls (John alone excepted), were an exclusively Irish failing.

Cambridge is a very curious old town, very puzzling at first, for it seems to be one endless maze of narrow streets and crooked lanes, apparently leading nowhere in particular, but rather everywhere in general—a case of “all roads lead to—everywhere.” Many of the old houses are crooked and irregular in their every line, and often have one story projecting out over the one below. In fact when Cambridge was a-building plumbline and straight-edge were evidently not yet invented, which proves conclusively that Cambridge was built before the Greek Temples and the Pyramids of Egypt.

As for the Colleges and University Buildings which some people consider matters of importance here, well, you know all about them, certainly much more than I do.

“Ireland, oh Ireland! centre of my longings,
Country of my fathers, home of my heart!
Over seas you call me: *why an exile from me?*
Wherefore sea-severed, long leagues apart?

As the shiny salmon, homeless in the sea depths,

Hears the river call him, scents out the land,

Leaps and rejoices in the meeting of the waters,

Breasts weir and torrent, nests him in the sand.

Lives there and loves; yet with year's returning,

Rusting in the river, pines for the sea,
Sweeps back again to the ripple of the tide way,

Roamer of the waters vagabond and free.

Wanderer am I like the salmon of the rivers;

(Cambridge) is my ocean, murmurous and deep,

Tossing and vast; yet through the roar of (Cambridge)

Comes to me thy summons, calls me in my sleep.

Pearly are the skies in the country of my fathers,

Purple are thy mountains, home of my heart.

Mother of my yearning, love of all my longings,

Keep me in remembrance, long leagues apart.”

J. A. CUNNINGHAM.