

THE ERASMIAN.

MARCH, 1910.

Editorial.

AT the present period of the year, when the rounds of the Leinster Senior Schools Cup have been decided, and the final has been lost and won, we think that it would not be inappropriate to give a brief résumé of the exploits of the High School XV. in their endeavours to gain possession of the trophy. Of their doings previous to 1898 we will make no mention, but start with that epoch-making year in the annals of the team. In that year High School triumphantly passed through the preliminary rounds, en route accomplishing a feat which they had never before performed, nor have, as yet, repeated, for they actually conquered all-powerful Blackrock College. This brilliant achievement was, perhaps, some slight recompense for our defeat in the final by Wesley College, whom we had previously beaten at the Square earlier in the season. '99 saw our career in the Cup abruptly terminated in the first round by Corrig, who proved the superior by three tries to a goal, after a scoreless draw. Again, in 1900 Corrig were the stumbling-block to our further advancement, and defeated the High School XV. by 8 points to 3, of which XV. Harry Thrift was a conspicuous member.

For the third year in succession we met Corrig in 1901, and once more the result was in our opponent's favour, in spite of all the noble efforts of F. N. Smartt, J. Purser, and H. Thrift, who captained the School, the final score being one goal and one try to nil.

When in '01 Corrig took the field against us in the Cup Tie the tables were turned with a vengeance, and the High School men, with the memory of past defeats rankling in their breasts, utterly routed Corrig to the tune of 28 points to nil. But, sad to relate, in the semi-final we succumbed to St. Andrew's College, who scored a goal and three tries to nil. In the Cup Team of that year we notice the well known names of J. C. Duncan, R. Ogden and L. J. F. Leland.

From '03 onwards there is a long long line of defeats to our credit, Blackrock College accounting for most, running up the enormous total of 57 points in '06, while King's Hospital accounted for us in '07 and '08.

What is mostly noticeable is that almost every year High School's best men in the Cup Ties were prevented by illness or injury from participating.

Had ill-luck not so persistently dogged our footsteps, the above records might be of a different character.

As we pored over faded *Erasmians* in search of the foregoing statistics we came upon several interesting facts. For instance, we found notices of a cycling club, which numbered amongst its members Mr. A. E. Lyster and the late Mr. W. E. Paterson; then there regularly appeared an account of the doings of a gymnastic club, which seemed to have been fairly successful during its existence. We also discovered countless contributions from Old Boys, which we have not the pleasure of receiving now-a-days.

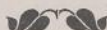
It will be worth while to print one which may rouse them from their present lethargy. The following verses seem to be a parody of the famous poem by Thomas Hood:—

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 cobble stones,
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.



School Notes.



THERE was a decided increase in the number of pupils after the vacation. The number on the roll is now nearly 200. The newcomers have supplied us with two good footballers. Craig, who comes to us from Campbell College, and who plays centre three-quarter, and Le Bas who played full back for the Junior Cup Team.

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G. H. Cross, an Old Boy, turned out for Civil Service against his old school team, and received special attention from our "scragging" members.

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Congratulations to those who succeeded in gaining prizes at the recent Synod Examinations, G. S. B. Mack especially, who was

placed 3rd in Greek Testament. A. S. Larkin also received a first prize in the Middle Grade.

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I. M. Craig has been elected on the Committee of the Athletic Club in place of D. W. P. Carter, who left at Christmas.

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Mr. Gibson has returned to his duties in school. His re-appearance is warmly welcomed, both by his pupils and the members of the 1st XV.

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Many familiar faces of Old Boys were seen round the touch lines at our Cup Tie, their owners urging on the School with encouraging shouts and good advice, which was, we fear, repudiated more often than not.

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We are glad to record the success of F. P. Synnott, who obtained second place in Ireland at the Boy Clerks' Examination, also third place for Latin in Great Britain and Ireland.

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L. Barron and J. Butler have been admitted to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Ireland, having passed the final examination of the Incorporated Law Society, the former this January, the latter in October of 1909.

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The Governors have changed the rules for School Scholarships, the age limit being reduced.

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During the season of 1909-1910 G. R. Thomson has scored thirteen tries and converted eleven into goals for the School, making a total of sixty-one points. As an interesting comparison we may state that in one year F. N. Smartt, as captain, totalled somewhere near 120 points, with 23 tries and 25 converted goals.

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The Governors have awarded Second Class Statutory Exhibitions to S. L. Tolerton and W. S. Worthington Eyre.

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T. S. Tomlinson called in February to say good-bye before sailing for India to join the Royal Munster Fusiliers in the North West, in which regiment he has been gazetted Lieutenant.

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G. A. Small has, for the second year in succession, won the Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Greek Verse.

His brother, F. G. Small, has gone out to India to join the Leinster Regiment—the Royal Canadians—in which Douglas was appointed Lieutenant in 1908.

The Vice-Chancellor's Prize for English Prose has been awarded to G. Chester Duggan.

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Maurice Wilkins has accepted an appointment at the Royal School, Dungannon, and has been teaching there since the beginning of the year.

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P. Campling, who is now in the Divinity School, has won the Carson Biblical Prize.

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N. E. M. Tuite passed the Entrance Examination into Trinity College in January, and will leave us at Easter.

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Of the boys who left us at Christmas, E. W. Morris and J. B. Horrell have obtained Scholarships at King's Hospital, and C. R. Hillis has been elected to a place in the Masonic Boys' School at Clonskeagh.

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T. K. Greene is now on an Australian Sheep Farm at Mount Oriel, Iandra, about 100 miles from Sydney. His brother, D. K., is leaving us this Easter, his family having moved to Hitchin.

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R. A. Oulton is to be ordained this Easter to the Curacy of St. Stephen's.

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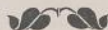
In Memoriam.

CHARLES JAMES CALVELEY

Born July 13, 1886.

Died March 4, 1910.

Entered the School: Aug., 1899: left: June, 1903.



School Scholarships.



THE examination for School Scholarships will, this year, be held on May 27th and 28th. As there is a change this year in the arrangements for the School Scholarships, a few words of explanation will not be out of place. For good reasons the

Governors have decided that after this year the age for these Scholarships will be between eleven and thirteen, and not between twelve and fourteen, the age being reckoned from June 1st, as for the Intermediate and for Junior Exhibitions and Sizarships in Trinity College. The present year being the year of transition when the change is being introduced, two sets of scholarships will be awarded, viz.—one set of eight scholarships (four first-class and four second class) for boys between twelve and fourteen, the same as last year, and another set of eight scholarships (four first-class and four second class) for boys between eleven and thirteen. Next year only eight will be offered, viz.—for boys between eleven and thirteen. Boys who are thirteen this year will be eligible only for the first sets of scholarships, boys who are twelve for both sets, and boys who are eleven only for the second set. The boys who are eleven this year will be eligible to compete again next year. The scholarships are open to all Protestant boys whether already in the school or not, the syllabus of the examination is different from last year, and copies of it can be obtained on application to the Head Master.



Results of Examinations.



THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

THE following is a list of the Prize Winners for the half year ending at Christmas. In Form VI. the results are decided by examination only; in the other forms, the term's marks and the examination marks count equally:—

FORM VI.

English	..	..	..	Nurock, Max.
Latin	..	..	..	do.
Greek	..	..	..	do.
French	..	..	..	Barron, J. M.
German	..	..	..	do.
Mathematics	..	..	..	Wilson, R. R.
Experimental Science	..	..	..	do.
Commerce	..	..	..	Synnot, F. P.

FORM V.

English	..	..	..	Thornton, H. V.
Latin	..	..	..	Campbell, C. S.
Greek	..	..	..	Thornton, H. V.
French	..	..	..	Sleith, H. L.
German	..	..	..	Fennell, C. H. H.
History and Geography	..	..	..	Thornton, H. V.
Mathematics	..	..	..	Campbell, C. S.
Experimental Science	..	..	..	do.
Drawing	..	..	..	Taylor, J. C.
Commerce	..	..	..	McClenaghan, H. W. D.

FORM IV.

English	..	..	Colquhoun, J. D.
Latin	..	..	Larkin, A. S.
Greek	..	..	do.
French	..	..	do.
German	..	..	Burns, P. F. T.
History and Geography	..	..	Duggan, J. R.
Mathematics	..	..	Stone, W. H. C.
Experimental Science	..	..	Burns, P. F. T.
Drawing	..	..	Duggan, J. R.

FORM III A.

English	..	..	Carter, D. W. P.
Latin	..	..	Carpenter, G. K.
Greek	..	..	Mack, G. S. B.
French	..	..	Carter, D. W. P.
German	..	..	do.
History and Geography	..	..	Carpenter, G. K.
Mathematics	..	..	Sleith, F. St. G.
Experimental Science	..	..	{ Thornton, A. S. E.
			{ Bell, John.
Drawing	..	..	Thornton, A. S. E.

FORM III B.

English	..	..	Cochrane, W. E.
Latin	..	..	Taylor, J. D.
French	..	..	Cochrane, W. E.
History and Geography	..	..	do.
Mathematics	..	..	McConkey, T. B.
Experimental Science	..	..	Brennan, J. R.
Drawing	..	..	Cochrane, W. E.

FORM III C.

English	..	..	Thrift, W. H.
Latin	..	..	Morris, E. W.
French	..	..	Thrift, W. H.
History and Geography	..	..	do.
Mathematics	..	..	Levy I.
Drawing	..	..	Thrift, W. H.

FORM II.

Scripture	..	..	Hillis, G. R.
English	..	..	Fitzsimons, W.
Latin	..	..	Hillis, G. R.
French	..	..	{ Hillis, G. R.
			{ Fitzsimons, W.
History and Geography	..	..	Ellis, A. R.
Mathematics	..	..	Fitzsimons, W.
Drawing and Writing	..	..	Dodds, H. C.

FORM I A.

Scripture	..	..	Finney, G.
English	..	..	do.
Geography	..	..	do.
French	..	..	Fitzsimons, G.
Arithmetic	..	..	do.
Drawing and Writing	..	..	do.

FORM I B.

Scripture	..	..	{ Higgins, A. E.
			{ Wright, R. H.
English	..	..	Sayers, I.

French	..	..	..	Wright, R. H.
Geography	..	..	..	Adderley, R. G. S.
Arithmetic	..	..	..	Higgins, A. E.
Drawing and Writing	..	..	..	Timms, G. H. A.



Scripture Results.



CHURCH OF IRELAND.

GREEK TESTAMENT.

Form 6	..	Mack, G. S. B.	..	83½	..	First Prize.
5	..	Carolin, C. G.	..	56½	..	Third Prize.
5	..	Thornton, H. V.	..	54	..	" "
6	..	Synnott, F. P.	..	43	..	Pass.

SENIOR GRADE.

Form 5	..	Campbell, C. S.	..	46½	..	Pass.
5	..	Sleith, H. L.	..	42	..	"

MIDDLE GRADE.

Form 4	..	Larkin, A. S.	..	87	..	First Prize.
	..	Benson, W. F.	..	67½	..	Third Prize.
	..	Stewart, C. R. H.	..	61	..	" "
	..	Duggan, J. R.	..	56½	..	Pass.
	..	Whitty, A. I.	..	56½	..	"
	..	Colquhoun, J. D.	..	54½	..	"
	..	Lawson, D. G.	..	54½	..	"
	..	Burns, P. F. T.	..	51	..	"
	..	Allen, D. E.	..	49½	..	"
	..	Stone, W. H. C.	..	44	..	"
	..	Fennell, F.	..	40½	..	"
	..	Holmes, G. B.	..	39½	..	"
	..	Moss, G. L.	..	35	..	"
	..	Dunlop, E. S. O.	..	33½	..	"

JUNIOR GRADE

Form 3a	..	Thornton, A. S. E.	..	66½	..	Third Prize.
3a	..	Carpenter, G. K.	..	63	..	" "
3a	..	Sleith, F. St. G.	..	56½	..	Pass.
3c	..	Fennell, P. R. G.	..	55½	..	"
3c	..	Digges, H. G. G.	..	55	..	"
3a	..	Mack, G. S. B.	..	53	..	"
3a	..	Mounsey, J. M.	..	51½	..	"
3b	..	Furney, F. E.	..	51½	..	"
3a	..	Kéenan, L. M.	..	50½	..	"
3a	..	Barrett, J. H.	..	49½	..	"
3c	..	Morris, E. W.	..	46	..	"
3a	..	MacCarthy, J. D.	..	44½	..	"
3c	..	Thrift, W. H.	..	44	..	"
3a	..	Molloy, H. H.	..	41½	..	"
3b	..	McCormick, H. J.	..	40½	..	"
3b	..	Dodds, C. J.	..	39	..	"
3c	..	Dawson, W. J. E.	..	39	..	"
3c	..	Larkin, H. S.	..	39	..	"
3a	..	Molyneux, E.	..	36½	..	"
3c	..	Bateman, G.	..	35	..	"
3a	..	Larkin, G. E.	..	35	..	"
3b	..	Taylor, J. D.	..	35	..	"
3a	..	Tarleton, W. J.	..	34	..	"
3a	..	McIntyre, H. H.	..	32	..	"

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GREEK TESTAMENT.

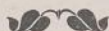
Form 6	..	Bell, Jos.	..	..	Second Prize.
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MIDDLE GRADE.

Form 5	..	Crotty, W. H.	..	..	Pass.
4	..	Bell, R.	..	..	"

JUNIOR GRADE.

Form 3a	..	Bell, Jno.	..	..	Pass.
3a	..	Smyth, A. J.	..	..	"
3b	..	McConkey, T. M.	..	..	"



Literary and Debating Society.



THE burning topic of Tariff Reform was debated on February 1 before a house mustering fifty-five members, the President occupying the chair. Mr. G. S. B. Mack led off for the Reformers, and was supported by Messrs. F. P. Synnott and J. M. Barron. The sole defender of Free Trade was Mr. J. C. Taylor; but Mr. Lyster came to his aid, and right valiantly they expounded the policy of "the open door." But in vain: forty-one voted for Tariff Reform, and only nine against. The rumour may (or may not) be true that the increased Conservative vote in the closing stages of the General Election was largely owing to the result of the debate.

The first "Impromptu" came off on March 4, and disclosed considerable ability on the part of several speakers in putting their ideas in order rapidly, and expressing them clearly. Six subjects were put into the President's cap, and one was drawn. The names of a number of speakers were mixed up in the Secretary's cap. The first drawn by the President had to speak for the motion. Fate decided that the first proposition should be, "That participation in school games should be compulsory," and that the affirmative should be taken by Mr. J. M. Barron. Mr. F. P. Synnott was drawn for the negative. After the drawn speakers had put their case, an opportunity was given for impromptu speeches. The Secretary supported the motion, and Mr. Mack and Mr. Burd spoke against, and the President summed up.

On a show of hands it was found that fifteen were for the motion and twenty-two against.

The second subject drawn was, "That Corporal Punishment in Schools should be abolished." Mr. R. R. Wilson was drawn as affirmative speaker, and Mr. G. S. B. Mack as negative.

The Secretary spoke for the motion, and Messrs. Max Murock and J. M. Barron against. The upholders of lines and moral

suasion mustered twenty-one hands. The ancient institution of the rod was maintained by the unlucky number thirteen. A third subject was drawn, viz.—“That the unemployed should not be assisted out of the Funds of the State.” Mr. A. J. Whitty was destined to move the proposition in a maiden speech of greater promise than length. To Mr. L. J. Richardson fell the opposition speech, which also displayed much dignity of expression and clearness of thought. For the motion twenty-six voted and twelve against.



THE VIOLET.

A violet in a meadow grew
So shyly drooping, no one knew
 It was a dainty violet.
Then came a shepherdess along
With lively gait, and trilled a song
 So merrily and blithely.

Ah! thought the violet, would there were
No flower on earth than I more fair,
 Though for a brief while only—
That on the bosom I might rest
Of this dear maiden, gently pressed,
 And there one short hour linger.

On came the maiden, but alas!
Saw not the flower amid the grass.
 And crushed the tender violet.
Yet with its dying voice it cried
By thee, at least, by thee I've died,
 And at thy feet I perish.

E. T. B.

DAS VEILCHEN.

Ein Veilchen auf der Wiese stand
Gebückt in sich und unbekant
Es war ein herzig's Veilchen.
Da kam eine junge Schäferin
Mit leichtem Schritt und muntrem Sinn.
Daher, daher,
Die Wiese her und sang.

Ach! denkt das Veilchen, wär'ich nur
Die schönste Blume der Natur,
Ach, nur ein kleines Veilchen.
Bis mich das Liebchen abgepflückt
Und an dem Busen matt gedrückt
Ach nur, ach nur
Ein Viertelstündchen lang!

Ach, aber ach! das Mädchen kam
Und nicht in acht das Veilchen nahm,
Ertrat das arme Veilchen;
Es sank und starb und freut sich noch:
Und sterb'ich denn, so sterb'ich doch.
Durch sie, durch sie,
Zir ihren Füßen doch.

GOETHE

T. C. D. Letter.



MISFORTUNES never come singly, and the 3rd XV. have lost the Minor League Cup for the first time.

Lloyd, Read and Quinn, all gained their International Caps against England and Scotland, though they have been displaced for the Welsh match, for which Lyle gets a well deserved cap. It seems a pity that M'Ivor was not given a trial vice Thompson, as he is undoubtedly the fastest wing in Ireland, and is also very sound in defence.

The Harriers had a very enjoyable time in Oxford, although they were rather badly beaten, Kerr and Duggan being the only Dublin men who ran well.

Duggan unfortunately fell ill before the Senior National Championship, and Kerr, the first Trinity man, could only get 19th place.

Congratulations to the School XV. on the plucky fight they put up against Blackrock.

Next year, when the team are a little heavier, they will have to be reckoned with seriously in the Cup ties.

The chief item of interest among the various events in College lately is the formation of an Officer's Training Corps. The idea originally came from Edinburgh University, where the first O.T.C. was formed. A meeting was held lately in College, and the project was explained to a large gathering of students, and since then about 200 men have sent in their names as wishing to join. This augurs well for the success of the Corps, and altogether it seems likely to have a most beneficial effect on College life. Every member will have a week or fortnight in camp every year, with all expenses paid, and should have a thoroughly good time, as well as incidentally learning much about military affairs.

Uniform will be provided free, the only proviso being that the owner must pay for it if he leaves the corps before completing two years service.

Each year's service consists of from 15 to 30 drills, the firing of a certain number of rounds of ammunition, and the passing of an easy examination in military matters.

At the end of the training students will be placed on the unattached list of different regiments, and if they like to volunteer in war-time, will then serve as officers, with rank corresponding to that which they held in the corps.

To obtain the fullest benefit everyone should join when entering College, and we hope that all High School boys will do so in future.

To turn to other matters, the Football Club has been doing badly lately, chiefly owing to losses among the forwards, and its misfortunes reached their zenith when the 1st XV. were beaten by Bective for the first time for ten years.

A Spanish Bull Fight.

BY W. F. ANNIS.

THE national sport of Spain has been justly described as an exhibition of revolting cruelty, and yet it has its good points; it calls for more pluck, skill, and daring than, perhaps, any other existing sport.

Some years ago I visited a bull fight in Seville, and though I cannot say I really enjoyed the experience, yet I can quite understand the fascination it has for the Spaniard.

The number of ladies present was remarkable, the seats were crowded, especially the cheaper ones, with women dressed in gaily coloured clothing with gaudy handkerchiefs on their heads, so that the place looked like a huge flower garden.

Suddenly, to a blare of trumpets, in marched the fighters, and the *matador*, the star performer, delivered a speech beneath the presidential box, apparently declaring that he would kill the bull or perish in the attempt.

Then the bull was driven into the ring, where he stood, snorting defiance and pawing the ground. The first part of the business was done by the *picadors*, who, armed with lances, and mounted on horses, had to receive the charges of the bull. This was the most revolting part of the whole entertainment, for the horses were old, worn-out animals, and the *picadors* made no effort to save them; time after time the poor brutes were forced up to meet the charges of the infuriated bull, some actually being ripped open, and then forced up again.

Then the bull was further maddened by the *capa*, or red capes, and darts; this part of the performance showed great skill and daring, and was most interesting.

At the sight of the red cape, the bull charged blindly; the *picadors* even stood still with the cape across their chests till the bull was almost upon them, when, with a swing of the arm, it was held out to one side, and the bull swerved, and blindly followed it, leaving the man unharmed.

Then the *banderillas* or darts, decorated with brightly coloured paper, were placed one on each side, near the shoulder of the bull, the men actually leaning over the horns to affix them, and then swaying their bodies out of danger.

All this was but a preliminary before the actual killing took place, and also, I suppose, to provide excitement for the spectators.

Then the *matador*, armed with sword and *capa*, took up his stand: twice the bull charged, but apparently the *matador* saw no suitable opportunity, and swung out his cape, causing the bull to pass him, but at the third charge, leaning right over the horns, he drove in his sword just behind the neck, and the

bull fell dead, and amidst roars of applause, he strutted round the ring, while flowers, handkerchiefs, cigarette cases, and even money were thrown at his feet.

He certainly deserved applause; the spot aimed at is about where the neck begins, and is the size of a crown piece; one can imagine, therefore, how accurate the aim must be.

A successful *matador* earns a huge salary, and can make in a year sufficient to keep the ordinary person for a lifetime, but it must be remembered that he cannot remain in his prime for many years; the slightest attack of "nerves" would be fatal, and it is not a profession that can be carried on into middle age.

In spite of the courage and skill displayed, one must be a Spaniard, or, at any rate, have attended many fights, to overcome the natural disgust caused by the attendant blood-letting and cruelty which are unavoidable, and such displays could never become popular with us; though our own history of sport shows that our forefathers revelled in the kindred sports of bull baiting, and cock fighting, which, happily, have now given way to more humane amusements.



Rifle Club Notes.



THE following are the average scores of the members up to and including March 3rd since the beginning of the session:—

	Average.	No. of Practices.		Average.	No. of Practices.
Mr. Teller ..	24	14	R. M. Reid ..	23	9
G. L. Moss ..	21	7	D. K. Greene	4	8
D. P. W. Carter	22	15	W. Fitzsimmons	11	8
R. S. Wayland	11	12	T. R. Michelson	1	6
V. A. Linnel ..	8	7	L. C. Page ..	18	10
G. R. Thomson	24	22	R. McConnell	0	8
J. M. Barron	27	24	T. B. McConkey	20	9
A. Briscoe ..	30	19	G. S. B. Mack	20	12
R. R. Wilson	10	7	R. T. Hamilton	23	11
G. F. V. Hudson	21	9	H. H. Molloy	8	9

Highest individual scores:—

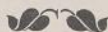
Seniors—A. Briscoe ..	45.	Max. 50
Juniors—R. T. Hamilton ..	40.	„ 50

The session which began last September is now practically at an end, as it has been decided not to have any shooting after Easter. On the whole, we think, there has been considerable improvement, due, in a very large degree, to the partition of the club into a Senior and Junior Division, each division having one afternoon a week to itself. We hope next year to have a larger membership and more matches, both with other schools and between different forms, as the element of competition adds

keenness. We may mention in connection with the Junior Division that as the War Office pattern was too heavy, two new and lighter rifles were bought after Christmas. The Club has been financially, and in other respects, stronger than last year. As regards individual members, A. Briscoe still maintains his record as the champion shot of the club, while J. M. Barron is, perhaps, a little more consistent; his average is a little lower, but he has taken part in more practices. R. T. Hamilton with 40 out of a possible 50 scored remarkably high for a junior, and G. F. Hudson also shows good promise. G. S. B. Mack has improved wonderfully since joining, and his rapid advancement is an excellent testimonial to the good coaching of the Club.

We have great hopes of the team which has been entered for the Bryan-Cooper Cup, the competition for which takes place at the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, towards the end of this month. Briscoe, Reid, Thomson, and Mack constitute the team, and if all four keep up to their reputation we may succeed. We regret very much the departure of D. P. W. Carter, who left before Christmas for Edinburgh. Our heartiest good wishes go with him. We are greatly disappointed to notice that R. R. Wilson and Moss have failed to put in an appearance at any practices this year, the Rugby taking up all their spare time. By the way, the patent flanged and grooved shot-catchers have disappeared into oblivion, and in their place we use good solid blocks of oak, which have been found, by experience, to be more effectual and much more economical.

In conclusion, we must not forget to thank the masters, Mr. Telfer and Mr. Annis, who have shown such interest in the shooting all through the session, and a special word of praise we think is also due to the Sergeant for the excellent condition in which he keeps the rifles.



Football Notes.



1ST. XV.

OUR first match after the Christmas vacation was v. Civil Service II. at Belgrave Square. The ground was in bad condition, and rain fell continuously, while a strong wind further prevented good play. Both teams played short, and in the first half neither side scored, although we were pressing, and Wilson narrowly missed a try. But after half-time our opponents scored twice, one try being converted, thus winning by 8 points. Craig who was playing for the first time, fulfilled all expectations. Moss in the halves, and Mr. Gordon, Barron, and Wilson, in the forwards, were conspicuous.

On Thursday, 20th, we played the Old Boys, who won after a tough struggle by 16 points to 8. Tomlinson and Holmes were in great form for the "Old Boys," and on our team Bell, Wilson, and Thomson played well.

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We met Wanderers' 3rd the following Saturday, the ground, unfortunately, being in a very soft state. Thus, though in the first half our men kept up a vigorous attack, their efforts fell away after half-time, and the final score was 25 points to 3 in favour of Wanderers. Thomson was hurt early in the game, and was consequently unable to do his best.

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On 24th January the 1st XV. lined out against St. Stephen's Green School at Merton. The ground was like a quagmire, in fact there was a miniature bog at one end. During the whole game High School kept the opponents defending, but only succeeded in scoring once, per Thomson, who, picking up the ball, skimmed over the "Bog of Allen," and registered the sole try of the match. Craig, with a very creditable kick, converted.

Among the backs Crotty, Thomson, Craig, and J. Bell, played well, and Eric Tuite and Bright ably assisted the forwards.

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On Saturday, the 12th February, we were successful in defeating Lansdowne 3rd A. by 21 points to 5, the heaviest score which has been run up by us this and the past few seasons in any match. The game at first was pretty even, our men always hooking the ball out of the scrum. Thomson, Craig, Crotty, and Bell scored, the other backs also playing splendidly. Of the forwards E. M. Tuite were the best of a good set.

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Our match with St. Columba's was disastrous, and at full-time the score was thirty-six points to nil against us. Several of the original team, however, failed to put in an appearance, and substitutes had to be chosen on the field.

Three penalty goals were scored by St. Columba's, Mr. Gibson refereeing very strictly. Thomson, Craig, Wilson, Barron, and Bright were conspicuous for the School.

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On Saturday, 20th, we had Sandford II. as visitors at the Square. However, as the majority of this 2nd XV. were members of the 1st team, we suffered defeat by 20 points to 3. Thomson scoring a good try for the School. Our team was a weak one, and this fact was also partly liable for our failure. Wilson, Barron, and Kelly played extremely well.

THE CUP TIES.

The Senior Cup team was as follows :—

Full Back :

W. B. Gilligan.

Three-Quarters :

J. D. Colquhoun, W. H. Crotty, G. R. Thomson, R. G. Kelly.

Halves :

G. L. Moss, Joe Bell.

Forwards :

J. M. Barron, R. R. Wilson (Capt), N. E. Tuite, J. R. Brennan,
G. S. Harriss, G. W. Eyre, A. J. Beatty, P. Bell.

In the last number of the *Erasmian* we ventured to predict humiliation for our Senior Cup Team in the competition unless they condescended to practice. This prediction was only too correct, as the match against Blackrock College proved.

We will not rub salt into the open wound, but will hope that those in authority next year will do their best and work together to revive the old glory of High School football.

The Tie against Blackrock College was played at Lansdowne Road on March 2nd, and resulted in a win for Blackrock by 21 points to nil. For some time the game was evenly contested, and our forwards did some good work, Wilson and Tuite being particularly conspicuous. Blackrock then pressed, and Gilligan was forced to touch down. A "free" to Blackrock followed by one in our favour produced no result. Some close play followed, and twenty minutes from the start our opponents opened their score with a try which was not converted. Blackrock soon got busy again, but a run by their right wing was finely stopped by Crotty. At this period of the game Barron was noticeable for some good play. A fresh attack was initiated by Blackrock; the ball was fumbled by Gilligan, and a second try—also unconverted—was registered against us just before half-time.

On resuming, with the wind against us, our men were soon seen to be in distress. The play during the second half really calls for little description. Blackrock started at once to attack, and our defence was found to be sadly wanting. Tries were registered against us at intervals of about five minutes, and the game ended with the score, as we have said, 21 points to nil against us.

We congratulate Wilson, Tuite, and Crotty on their particularly good play. Barron did some good work, and Moss did well considering the superior size and weight of his opponents. We have also a word of praise for Kelly who did valuable work, especially

in the second half. G. R. Thomson and J. Bell worked hard right through, and gave valuable assistance.

JUNIOR CUP TEAM.

Our Junior Cup Tie against Catholic University School was altogether a success. The team played in a manner worthy of the highest praise.

Catholic University were, perhaps, a smaller lot of men, but their play was also inferior.

The Tie was played at Belgrave Square on Febuary 17th. The team was as follows :—

Full Back :

L. C. Le Bas.

Three-Quarters :

A. Gibson, Jno. Bell, R. W. Eyre, G. E. Larkin.

Halves :

G. L. Moss (Capt.), W. V. Rumney.

Forwards :

J. F. Read, C. H. Dodds, A. J. Beatty, W. E. Cochrane, G. B. Holmes, A. Wallen, H. B. Alexander, W. H. C. Stone.

The whole game was almost entirely in our favour. From the kick-off our men began to press, and it was soon evident that our team were the superior. Our forwards kept the play well in our opponents' half, and the few attacks made by the Catholic University School were easily repelled. At half-time the score was two tries in our favour.

The second half was a repetition of the first, and High School crossed the line twice more, the whistle finally going with the score one goal and three tries to nil.

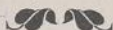
We were very pleased with the play of our forwards; the three-quarters were all good, with Bell, perhaps, the best; Moss was the better half, though Rumney was quite satisfactory. The best man on the field, however, was Le Bas, who played an excellent game at full-back.

In the semi-final round, we were very disappointed to see the Junior Cup Team beaten by Roscrea, by a narrow margin of a goal to nil.

This defeat can be for the most part attributed to the superior weight of the Roscrea team. In the first half, playing against the wind, we more than held our own, Moss having very hard lines in not scoring, but after half-time, with the wind, the team fell off a good deal, and were kept in their own half the greater part of the time, although our opponents only succeeded in scoring a solitary try.

At full-back Le Bas tackled splendidly, and was in no way to blame for the score. Moss and Bell are the only backs worthy of mention. The forwards played well to a man, and are deserving of great credit considering the bulk of the opposing back.

On the whole our Juniors have given a successful display in the Cup Ties, much better, in fact, than was anticipated. We look forward to their further exploits with very sanguine hopes.



Cricket Notes.



AT a meeting of the Committee of the Literary and Athletic Club, on March 3rd, the following Officers were elected for the Cricket season:—

Captain—G. R. THOMSON.

Vice-Captain—W. H. CROTTY.

Secretary—W. B. GILLIGAN.

These officers, with Mr. Timms, were appointed as a Cricket Sub-Committee to arrange the programme for the season.

The prospects for the season are fairly promising. We have lost several of last year's XI., including H. B. Goulding, the Captain, "Dickey" Tomlinson, R. L. Valentine, S. L. Tolerton, G. H. Cross, C. T. Parker and G. M. Powell. We have left G. R. Thomson, who was our best bowler, Crotty, Kelly, Colquhoun, J. C. Taylor (who will, we hope, be able to play more regularly this season), Gilligan and Campbell, and we have some new recruits, particularly Craig and Mack, and as there was plenty of promising material among the Juniors last year, there should be no difficulty in getting a good first XI. We hear, too, of some of the older boys taking up cricket: Joe Bell and R. R. Wilson, who, with some practice, should prove useful acquisitions. Members of the Cricket Club should remember that the season is very short, and they should commence practising at the earliest opportunity, and practice hard and regularly. We hope, too, to see the same enthusiasm as last year among the Juniors, and to have class matches regularly played every week.



"THE SCOUT."

Who is it, dressed in breeks of blue,
An axe, a belt, a broomstick, too,
Explores the country thro' and thro'?

—The Scout.

Who is it, armed thus cap-à-pie,
Makes phantom Germans swiftly fly
With Redskin whoop or Zulu cry?

—The Scout.

Who is it, when we roam Glendoo,
With call of cobra or cuckoo
Recalls to mind the Dublin Zoo?

—The Scout.

Who oft, emitting dismal howl,
Tracks warily some roosting fowl?
Disciple of brave Baden — P——

—The Scout.

Who in his hat his dinner boils
And cares not if his shirt he soils,
(From washing it he ne'er recoils)—?

—The Scout.

Who is it, when in "mufti" dressed,
Wears gilt device upon his breast,
Which— by the way—is Orlean's crest?

—The Scout

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