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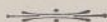
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Editorial.



THE 28th of June will witness a revival no less interesting than that of the Erasmian. Athletic sports were last undertaken by the School on the 16th September, 1905, when the Challenge Cup and Cross was won by D. A. Smyth. On that occasion the events commenced at the early hour of 1.30 p.m., were not concluded until 6.30 p.m., and the card contained twenty-six events.

So interesting an occasion may, perhaps, form a sufficient excuse for one or two reminiscences. It is hard to believe that of the fifty odd competitors little more than a tithe are with us still. Nevertheless, it is interesting to observe that the competitor in fancy races seems to be of a more enduring species than the athlete pure and simple. For of the seven or eight survivors no less than four were victors in this class of contest on that memorable day.

Cinquevalli alone could out-do W. G. Tomlinson in his palmy days. For then it was he bore to victory the egg of unstable equilibrium, rocking wildly at the extremity of a spoon. His agile gyrations in balancing the succulent comestible are still talked of with bated breath, and were well worthy of the oxydised watch with which his efforts were rewarded.

His brother's aspirations, though less lofty, were inspired by sentiments of practicality which do honour to his methodical character; and were attended with no less success.

We feel that the boot race has claims which cannot be ignored upon the consideration of every boy who has been late for school through inability to find his foot-gear. As to its conditions nothing could be simpler. The boots of the competitors are placed in a confused heap at the extremity of the course, and the prize is awarded to the runner who, having recovered and laced on his own, returns to the starting point most quickly. It was in this that H. M. Tomlinson excelled, and he is recorded to have won a pocket-book as the first prize.

Your Editor, with C. W. Bright, successfully disposed of the Siamese race, though almost over-hauled at the finish by L. M. Johnson and J. H. Barbor.

We have already mentioned that D. A. Smyth carried off the Cup. This trophy was first presented in 1891 by Messrs. E. R. Moore for the competitor with the highest aggregate of marks for the day's events. It has been held by many distinguished performers on the track since then. To instance only the most celebrated:—James Sealy, the Old International, who was the spokesman at Mr. Cooney's presentation the other day; H. J. Knox, ex-Captain of D. U. R. F. C., and an Old International; H. A. Sloan, Capt. of the Bohemian F. C.; and Mr. H. Thrift, F.T.C.D., whose exploits need no mention.

Although we can hardly venture to hope that the winner this year will successfully emulate the achievements of these giants of yesterday, we rejoice that the annual struggle for the trophy is to recommence, and we are confident that its future holder will, at all events, so acquit himself as in nowise to be unworthy of its great traditions.

The following is the programme proposed:—

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| 1. 100 Yards H'Cap. .. senior | 16. Throwing the Cricket |
| 2. 100 Yards H'Cap. .. under 15 | Ball .. senior |
| 3. 100 Yards H'Cap. .. under 12 | 17. Throwing the Cricket |
| 4. 220 Yards H'Cap. .. senior | Ball .. under 15 |
| 5. 220 Yards H'Cap. .. under 15 | 18. Sack Race |
| 6. 220 Yards H'Cap. .. under 12 | 19. Siamese |
| 7. 440 Yards H'Cap. .. senior | 20. Consolation Race .. senior |
| 8. 440 Yards H'Cap. .. under 15 | 21. Consolation Race .. under 15 |
| 9. Half Mile | 22. Old Boys' 220 yds. . |
| 10. Mile | 23. Relay Race open to Schools |
| 11. Long Jump .. senior | affiliated to I.R.F.U. Teams of 3. |
| 12. Long Jump .. under 15 | Each competitor to run one |
| 13. High Jump .. senior | lap. |
| 14. High Jump .. under 15 | 24. Old Boys' Mile Bike |
| 15. 120 Yards Hurdles | 25. Mile Bike (School). |

Nothing could better grace an Old Boys' Dinner than a ceremony such as the presentation to Mr. Cooney. To the good-will then expressed we are proud to add our tribute. It will be long e'er we forget his noble and kindly character.

Mr. Cooney was associated with the High School for thirty-seven years, and in that space of time endeared himself to many generations of his pupils. There still exist several photographs which go back to the most distant periods of the School's history, and in them Mr. Cooney is always represented with the same frank ingenuous countenance. It was with peculiar happiness that Mr. James Sealy alluded to that characteristic gesture to which his commanding stature lent so martial an air. Mr. Cooney's bearing was lofty and dignified, but his heart was so overflowing with simple and good natured merriment that he seemed always to be surrounded by an atmosphere of jollity. He was an inveterate

punster, but it is not his least praise that what was a failing in other men was nothing less than a virtue in him.

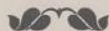
Nothing gave him greater joy than the enumeration of mathematical dogma in doggerel form, and a particular favourite was that rule for subtraction—

“ Change the sign
Of the lower line
And proceed as in
Addition.”

So many of Mr. Cooney's pupils have gone to foreign lands, carrying this mathematical incantation with them that we should hardly be surprised if, walking down a street in Timbuctoo, we were to hear it on the lips of some chubby negro baby.

It was not only his humour, but his sunny smile and kindly spirit that endeared him to his pupils. We leave others to tell of his fostering care for athletics; sufficient for us his sound and unostentatious work in school. There it was that the true wealth of his character revealed itself in his patient but dogged persistence to instil some knowledge in the heads of the most refractory.

Let it suffice to say of him that there was no one who was not the better for knowing him, and all that knew him loved him.



Notes on Old Boys.



REV. J. R. Prenter, M.A., has left his charge in Belfast and accepted the living of Leith, in the Church of Scotland.

Rev. A. W. Brew, B.A., Curate of Cloyne, has been nominated Rector of the Parish of Aghada.

R. C. Barbor was married on April 21st at St. Mary's of the Angels, Bayswater, to Mary Teresa Pulsford, widow of the late Major C. H. Pulsford, 2nd (Queen's) Royal West Surrey Regiment.

His brother, Edward Ivan Barbor, was married a week later, on April 28th, at Christ Church, Winnipeg, to Jeannie Vere, daughter of A. McCullagh, formerly of Dublin.

On Trinity Sunday H. M. Wilson White, M.A., was ordained in Christ Church Cathedral by the Archbishop of Dublin for the Curacy of Templemore, and J. L. S. Smylie, B.A., for the Curacy of Devlin and Clonnellan.

In Memoriam.**ARTHUR STANLEY VINDEN LEACH.***Born March 24th, 1897.**Died April 16th, 1909.***Our College Letter.**

SINCE our last letter the football season has ended, and the College Park is now occupied with cricket and tennis.

The 3rd XV., as we hoped, won the Minor League, defeating Lansdowne in the final by seven tries, and thus softening a little the bitterness of the defeat of our 1st XV. at their hands.

The Hockey Club had very bad luck in being beaten by Dundrum, as on previous form they ought to have won.

The Golf Club has been acquiring fame through the deeds of Patterson and Munn, the former of whom won the Irish Championship, while the latter had hard luck in the English Championship, in losing to Hutchinson, who eventually was runner-up.

The prospects for the Cricket Club seem particularly rosy, as nine of last year's team are available for all important matches, and there is a large addition of new blood.

However, the subject of most interest to College men at present is Trinity Week.

It is proposed to try and revive the old glory of the College Races, and in connection with them to organise a Cricket Match, the Regatta, and a Tennis "At Home."

The week will commence on Saturday, 19th June, with the Tennis, Monday and Tuesday will be occupied with the Cricket Match, Wednesday and Thursday with the Regatta at Island Bridge, Friday with the College Races, and Saturday with the Bicycle and Harrier Sports.

There is also a hope that it will be possible to hold a Dance in College on the night of the College Races, if possible in the Dining Hall, but this is not yet certain.

We hope that the week will be a great success socially and financially, as with the rivalry Trinity is soon about to meet, she will need all the support and assistance she can get if she is not to lose ground.

Apropos of changes in College, an attempt has been made by some of the more revolutionary of the Fellows to release the Undergraduates from compulsory attendance at College Chapel.

The result is not yet public, but there seems a pretty general opinion that there will be no change except, perhaps, in the method of punishment for non-attendance.

On Trinity Monday, June 7th, the High School achieved another of its striking successes, and added another to its list of Fellows of Trinity. Mr. Harry Thrift's election was almost a foregone conclusion, but, at the same time, is extremely popular in College. Another old High School boy, Mr. F. W. O'Connell, who left the School in 1893, was up for Fellowship for the first time in Classics and Hebrew, and was awarded a £20 prize.

Of the men up for Scholarship, only E. M. Norton was successful on the Classical side. He was not so high up as we had hoped, but well deserves his place. To the others we can only extend our sympathies, and wish them better luck next year.

All Old Boys are delighted to hear that the High School Sports are to be revived, and we wish the Committee the greatest success in them.

Sports have a great influence in bringing the School before the public, and in arousing a spirit of pride in their School among the boys themselves, as well as giving an opportunity for Old Boys to show their interest in their *Alma Mater*.



Trinity College Results.



ONCE more the High School has carried off the blue ribband of Trinity College by winning Fellowship. Mr. Harry Thrift obtained first place this year with a total of 702½ marks, his subjects being Mathematics and Experimental Science. We offer him our heartiest congratulations. He raises the number of Old Boys who are Fellows of T.C.D. to four, the other three being Mr. Exham, Professor W. E. Thrift (his brother), and Mr. Alton.

Rev. F. W. O'Connell, B.D., entered this year for the Fellowship Examination for the first time, taking Classics and Hebrew, and was awarded a £20 prize. Mr. O'Connell is a distinguished Celtic scholar.

The School also obtained a Classical Scholarship. E. M. Norton's success was generally anticipated, as he was the first man out last year. We offer him our hearty congratulations.



Old Boys' Dinner.



AN Old Boys' Dinner was held in the Aberdeen Hall of the Gresham Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The dinner was a striking success, and just praise is due to the

Committee who organised it, and especially to the Hon. Secs., Rev. W. J. Mayne, J. H. F. Leland, and T. S. Tomlinson.

The chair was taken by the Right Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, Lord Bishop of Ossory, who left the School in 1878. The Old Boys and guests numbered eighty. The guests included the Provost of Trinity College (Chairman of the Governors), Rev. Principal Kingsmill Moore, D.D. (Chairman of the High School Committee), Mr. W. S. Cooney, and Rev. Dr. Carleton. After the toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, the Provost proposed the toast of "The School."

The Provost said that although it was not so long ago since he became, in virtue of his office, a member of the Erasmus Smith Board, of which he was now Chairman and Treasurer, he had for many years been acquainted with the working of its endowments as a member of the Endowed Schools Commission. There had been a tremendous fight over their endowments, but owing to the action of Lord Justice Fitzgibbon they remained as they always had been in connection with the Church of Ireland. The High School, however, was not one of the original schools on the foundation, and the only fund available for its support was what was called the Treasurer's Poundage. This was not a large sum, and, therefore, it should be clearly understood that the success of the School must depend largely upon the successful work of the Headmaster and its Staff. When the Governors decided to make an effort to rehabilitate the School, they found there was a very strong feeling among the Old Boys in favour of the appointment of Mr. Thompson as Headmaster, and he was therefore unanimously elected. In the short time that he had been at the head of affairs the fortunes of the School had shown a decided improvement. It would naturally take time to get back into its old position, but now that the School had begun to rise, he hoped it would rise rapidly.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Mr. Thompson, in replying, said that it was with very great pleasure that he replied to the toast of the High School. It was a great privilege to have so distinguished an Old Boy as the Bishop of Ossory in the chair, and the Provost had added another to the many services he had rendered the School by being present that evening. He wished to take this, the first public opportunity which he had had, of thanking the Old Boys, his former pupils, for the support they had given him in his candidature for the office of Headmaster. It was a great thing to have their goodwill in starting on his new career, and a great thing to know that his past work had been so much appreciated. The Old Boys would like to hear of some of the changes which had taken place in the School since last summer. Some were due to the Governors and some to himself; but he believed they would all commend themselves to them. The number of boys showed a net increase of forty since last summer, which was very satis-

factory, but was not sufficient. They required to continue the increase, and wished to draw boys, not only from Dublin, but also from the country. A new boarding-house, standing in two acres of ground, had been opened quite near the School. The Governors had instituted a new system of Scholarships which, when fully developed, should supply the School with a strong nucleus of clever and able boys. The school-hours had been re-arranged, in order to give the junior classes full advantage of the large playground, and they had their play-hour at a different time from the senior boys. Mr. Thompson then referred to the new methods of teaching French, Geography, and Drawing introduced into the School during the year, and went on to speak of the reorganisation of the games, under the Games Committee, of boys and masters, the striking success of which was shown in the large number of boys—two-thirds of the School—who had subscribed to the Football Club during the past winter, so that at the end of the season they left off with a balance after paying all expenses, giving badges to the First Fifteen and awarding medals for successful kicking. They had also started a successful Rifle Club in the School, and were about to revive the Athletic Sports. Another Society—the Literary and Debating Society—had organised monthly debates during the winter, which had been largely attended, and had re-issued the School Magazine, *The Erasmian*, in a new and improved form. The methods of discipline had been entirely reformed, and the cards of divers colours had been consigned to limbo. He had not referred to the success of the School in Examinations. Something must be taken for granted. Past Boys might look forward with confidence to the future of their old School.

Mr. E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D., who has recently been elected a Governor of the School, proposed the toast of "The Guests," which was responded to by Rev. Principal Kingsmill Moore, D.D.

Then followed one of the most interesting features of the evening, when Mr. W. S. Cooney was presented with a cheque on behalf of the Old Boys on the occasion of his retiring from the Teaching Staff of the School last summer. No happier spokesman could have been found to express their feelings than Mr. James Sealy, the well-known Rugby International, who, in a racy speech, described how Mr. Cooney had endeared himself to his pupils both in and out of School. In School he had endeavoured to initiate them into the mysteries of Euclid, where they had not always responded to his kindly efforts. On such occasions he would sometimes wrap his martial cloak around him and retire to his desk, and sometimes despatch them to be dealt with elsewhere. He (Mr. Sealy) did not (now that he was no longer in the School) altogether agree with Mr. Thompson in abolishing the use of the cane. Were not High School boys famous all the world over for the hardness of their hands, and to what else was

that due? Out of the School Mr. Cooney had been the one support of their games. Wet or dry, warm or cold, he was always on the field at Belgrave Square to encourage their efforts. If the team won their game he was the first to congratulate them, and if they were unsuccessful he was the first to make excuses and to sympathise. He, too, had organised the Athletic Sports, which he was glad to hear were about to be revived. It was, therefore, not surprising that now that Mr. Cooney had retired with a pension, his old pupils should desire to show him some mark of their affection and esteem.

Mr. Cooney, in reply, said he was deeply touched by the kindness of the Old Boys, who had so generously remembered his services as a Teacher at the High School, which had covered a period of no less than thirty-seven years. He had always tried to help the boys in every way, and wished now to express his sincere gratitude to them for their gift.

The toast of "The Chairman" was then proposed by Mr. S. Jones, District Registrar of Probate, Cavan, who gave some interesting reminiscences of Dr. D'Arcy as a schoolboy somewhat junior to himself.

The Bishop of Ossory, in reply, said he was delighted to be there that evening, and to resume touch with his old School, which, he felt sure, was now destined to go ahead in the best sense of the term. Referring to Mr. Cooney, he said it was he who first awakened in him any mathematical ability he possessed.

During the evening there was an excellent musical programme, among the contributors being Messrs. Melfort D'Alton, S. W. Maddock, D. M. Frazer, G. H. Timms, R. Arthur Oulton, and C. F. Draper.



A False Analogy.



FEW men have hit the mean between ornate and over-loaded diction with the same precision as the American philosopher Holmes. It is impossible to open his works without lighting upon some passage which charms the ear with its music while ravishing the imagination with its happy similes and luxuriance of glowing imagery. Not here is to be found a misplaced "purpureus pannus" gleaming alone upon a mouldy fabric. Instead, everywhere a colour and a variety prevail that carry forward the reader's mind with a rush as exhilarating to the imaginative faculties as the headlong plunge down a water-chute to those more boisterous.

Yet sometimes this power, more lively than that of ordinary mortals, of embodying his spiritual conceptions in the symbolism of external life leads the great writer into error, and this is particularly the case in the magnificent and vivid passage in which a

fanciful analogy is drawn between poetry and violins, or wine, or meerschaum pipes. It is a passage marked by greater passion than usual, and graced with an eloquence which convinces the reader in his own despite, as long as he holds the volume in his hand. Holmes tells us that poetry, like wine, improves by keeping, and that the passage of the ages stores away in its stanzas a melody, like that with which the hands of by-gone maestros have impregnated the pores of many an ancient Stradivarius.

" Nox erat, et eaelo fulgebat Luna sereno
Inter minora sidera,
Cum tu magnorum numen laesura deorum
In verba iurabas mea."

Such are the lines with which this plea is supported.

It is perhaps unfortunate that it should have occurred to some independently to impugn this Epode of Horace. Among recent editors Mr. Page thinks "that the assonance of the third line gives a tasteless, mock-heroic dignity," and sturdily maintains that the opening couplet is "conventional scene-painting, surely to be taken as mimicry and not real poetry." The verses, on careful perusal, will hardly supply a "point d'appui" for this charge of want of taste. Mock-heroic they certainly are. But this is in the nature of the conception. The scene and its description is a reminiscence of one of the poet's half serious amours, related in the key his instinctive taste prescribed as appropriate and natural. The mock-heroic tone of the lady's protestations necessitates a description of the surroundings pitched in a similar key. It is evident from the conclusion of the ode that Neaera was a lady of many loves, a creature of impressions; and thus given to proclaim her affections in the most extravagant terms, when under the influence of the serenely gleaming sky, and the poet's blandishments. To question Horace's poetic instinct in treating with "a sort of airy grace" (to borrow a phrase of Professor Tyrrell's), such a flirtation, is to fail more disastrously than the projector who wished "to keep the Menai Bridge from rust by boiling it in wine!" The supreme merit of the "Rape of the Lock" is its mock-heroic character, and it is thus also with the fifteenth Epode.

Granting, however, that the merits of the poem have been sufficiently vindicated to justify its selection by Holmes as a classical masterpiece, it is very much open to doubt whether or not the pleasure which it is capable of affording has been increased by the lapse of time.

Goldsmith recalls the remark of a French philosopher, "I would not choose to see an old post pulled up with which I had been long acquainted."

Thus it is that the works of the elder poets are endeared to us. The children of their brains are the friends of our infancy, with whom we have rubbed shoulders in our schooldays, and the mind

clings to them in later life with a sentiment which contemporary poetry, our more casual and recent acquaintance, never inspires. A poem we have known long is, as it were, a spiritual savings bank. We are always storing away in it hopes, fears, sorrows, joys. In short, it receives the custody of every emotion, of every epoch of our mental life. We are ever drawing on it too; demanding time and again our compound interest in the shape of the increasingly pleasurable emotions it awakens.

We may indeed contend that the Pyramids, those tremendous memorials of vanished might, stir us with feelings of greater interest than the thrill of exultation they sent through the hearts of their builders. In reality they do not do so. Mankind will ever marvel at the achievements of bygone engineers. And gazing at the fruit of their labours, modern man feels a pleasure differing in kind, but not in intensity from that of his distant forebears. The ancient Egyptian contemplated those mighty structures, so striking and so imposing as to have given their name to every object of similar shape since their erection, with patriotic pride; evincing his joy in his country's wealth and the skill of her artizans. That quality of personal interest is absent from our emotion of wonder and admiration, and is but counterbalanced, not outweighed, by the recollection which we possess of the great events of history with which the Pyramids have been associated.

We can come to no different conclusion save that the spiritual exaltation generated by the sudden impact of a conceit of lyric beauty on a sensitive imagination (precisely as the collision of objects in nature liberates sensible quantities of heat) resulted in the mind of the philosopher, prepossessed by its attractiveness, drawing an analogy little warranted by the facts. For the effect produced by the actual age of a poem is in no perceptible way to be compared with that which depends on the length of our personal acquaintance with it.



The Pleasures of Astronomy.



BY L. M. JOHNSTON.

FROM many points of view Astronomy is the most delightful of all the sciences, the most inspiring; it lifts and broadens the mind, it arouses the imagination. Many people are under the impression that it is necessary to understand higher mathematics in order to enjoy Astronomy, but this is not the case; one may let the mathematics of the subject alone, and yet find inexhaustible pleasure in the study.

The sky appears like a hollow vault, to which the stars seem to

be attached, like specks of gilding upon the inner surface of a huge dome. The "celestial sphere" is so enormous that the whole world of stars and planets lies in its centre like a few grains of sand in the dome of the capitol. Its diameter is mathematically infinite.

The constellations were mapped out in the sky thousands of years ago. They furnish data for the most ancient poetry and story, and their names themselves suggest delightful material for study. Mostly from Roman and Greek mythology they all have some peculiar significance. Ursa Major, the Great Bear, familiarly known as the big dipper, is the most easily recognised, but it is with difficulty that the outline of the bear is traced. According to ancient legends Ursa Major is Callisto, the daughter of Lycaon, King of Arcadia. Juno, actuated by jealousy, changed her into a bear, and afterwards placed her among the constellations, with Arcar, her son, as Ursa Minor—which latter, the little dipper, is not so easily discerned because its stars are not so large or bright. The constellation Cassiopeia, is easily recognised by the configuration of its six bright stars. They are supposed to form a chair, on which a woman sits above the pole. A bright star is in her head, and other fainter stars in her bosom and uplifted arms. Cassiopeia was the wife of Cepheus, King of Libya, and mother of Andromeda, who was rescued from the sea monster, Cetus, by Perseus, who came flying through the air, and used the head of the gorgon, Medusa, to turn his adversaries to stone. She had indulged in too great boasting of her daughter's beauty, thus exciting the jealousy of the Nereids, at whose instigation Neptune sent the sea monster to ravage the kingdom. Another interesting constellation is Draco, supposed to be the dragon which watched the golden apples of Hesperides, and was killed by Hercules when he captured the prize.

The moon, next to the sun, is the most conspicuous, and, to us, the most important of the heavenly bodies, for she is the only one of them besides the sun which exerts the slightest influence upon the interests of human life. She owes her brilliance and importance solely to her nearness, for she is a very insignificant body in size when compared with the stars and planets. The most important effect produced upon the earth by the moon is the generation of the tides in co-operation with the sun.

The sun is a star, the nearest of them all, enormous as compared with the earth and moon, though probably only of a medium size as a star. Its attraction controls the motions of the earth, and other planets which circle around it, and its rays supply the energy which maintains every form of activity upon their surfaces. It is estimated that the sun's temperature is about eighteen thousand degrees Fahrenheit. It continually gives off such a quantity of heat that in about ten million years the daily amount is likely to fall below the quantity sufficient to support the present conditions upon the earth.

One need not go through life with Venus, Mars, Jupiter, or the other planets, mere names when they are so easily recognised. Why should the wonder-world of Mars be as something only to be read about? It is more nearly like our own world than any other planet. A telescope shows extensive regions supposed to be land, and others generally supposed to be water, but we are not yet able to say whether it be inhabited or not.

Comets present themselves from time to time in the heavens, mostly when unexpected. They move in paths across the constellations, and can sometimes be seen for as long as seventeen months at a time. The size of a comet is generally inconceivably great, the head being from forty to fifty thousand miles in diameter, while the tail frequently attains the stupendous length of fifty million miles.

Shooting stars appear like meteors, but their constitution is entirely different, being like a little dust-cloud or puff of smoke. The total number entering our atmosphere daily is about twenty millions.

One feels a thrill of joy on going out on a cloudless night, and being able to recognise the different stars. They are the most ancient friends mankind has had; they accompany travellers to all parts of the world, and lift the observers from the grime of the earth as nothing else can do. Who can wonder that the ancients so firmly believed the stars, those wonderful, inscrutable bodies, to have an influence on human life and human projects?



The Miniature Rifle Club.



THE Miniature Rifle Club brought its season to a close on Thursday, 27th May, with the competition for a handsome silver medal presented by the Dublin Branch of the National Service League for the best marksman among its members. The entry, which numbered seven, comprised the élite of the Club, and resulted in a popular victory for W. G. Tomlinson.

Details:—

MEDAL COMPETITION.

Possible Score 100.

1.	W. G. Tomlinson	..	..	..	74
2.	H. M. Tomlinson	..	..	..	73
3.	H. B. Goulding	..	..	..	63
4.	R. L. Valentine	..	..	..	61
5.	H. M. Daniel	..	..	..	59
6.	{ J. R. Duggan	..	..	..	51
	{ J. C. Taylor	..	..	..	51

During the past season the Club contested only two matches with outside clubs, but had the misfortune to be defeated on both occasions. It is better to face the bitter truth than to attempt to gloss over the fact that we were distinctly outclassed every time.

Sufficient justice has been done in our previous announcements to the first match; that against Monkstown Park School on our range; in which we were vanquished by 31 points N.R.A. The return took place at Monkstown Park on March 29th.

Several changes in the team rendered it, on the whole, considerably stronger than on the previous occasion. The presence of R. L. Valentine and H. M. Tomlinson was as a tower of strength to the School. The versatile genius of the latter for every sporting and manly exercise was never seen to better advantage. Nevertheless, the untimely indisposition of J. M. Barron deprived us of a reliable and consistent shot.

Weather conditions flattered the School, which, unaccustomed to an out-door range, would have been heavily handicapped had a wind been blowing. But the light was grey and dull. Monkstown won by the narrow margin of 28 points, Decimal, *i.e.*, not quite so much as 14 points, N.R.A., after an exciting contest in which fortune at first favoured the School.

The team were entertained to tea after the match.

H. S. D.

M. P. S.

H. S. D.				M. P. S.			
	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	Total.		1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	Total.
W. G. Tomlinson	34	26	60	F. Roe	..	28	57
H. M. Daniel ..	40	28	68	T. Brett	..	38	77
H. B. Goulding..	37	33	70	— Perrett	..	32	55
R. L. Valentine	41	26	67	C. Marriott	..	33	68
J. C. Taylor ..	12	11	23	H. Tittle	..	38	53
H. M. Tomlinson	32	25	57	H. Scott	..	29	50
E. R. Gray ..	26	10	36	S. King	..	36	71

Total of 6 highest scores, 358.

Total of 6 highest scores, 386.

Foreign affairs thus disposed of, it is high time to give some account of the standard of musketry displayed by the Club at home.

The appended schedule represents the respective merits of the eight best shots who have maintained a steady attendance at practice. They are classed in the divisions which are usual in shooting circles at the conclusion of each season.

It has seemed best to take the highest target handed in each day during 70% of the number of practices held by the Club, and to count as marksmen those attaining to 70% of the total of H.P. scores, those attaining 60% as first class shots, and those attaining 50% as second class shots. The following is the result from a membership of 17:—

Marksmen—H. B. Goulding, 76%
Sergt. Millett, 76%
H. M. Daniel, 74·3%
W. G. Tomlinson, 73·7%

1st Class Shots—J. C. Taylor, 67%
Mr. Telfer, 61·4%
J. D. Colquhoun, 61·4%
2nd Class Shot—E. R. Gray, 54%

No others qualified by attendance at seven out of the ten registered practices.

Only three members, H. B. Goulding, Sergt. Millett, and H. M. Daniel, attended all the meetings.

Sergt. Millett holds the Club record, having made the highest possible, viz., twenty-five, on 11th March.

The highest gross total was made by H. B. Goulding, being 490 on twenty-one targets; W. G. Tomlinson was second with 440 on seventeen targets; and H. M. Daniel third with 406 on nineteen targets; J. C. Taylor, fourth with 363 on seventeen targets; and Sergt. Millett, fifth, 320, on fifteen targets.

Transmuted into percentages by doubling the score on N.R.A. targets, adding that on Dec. targets and dividing, &c., the placing is—first, W. G. Tomlinson, 70%, average for the season; second, H. B. Goulding, 66%; third, Sergt. Millett, 64%; fourth, H. M. Daniel, 63%; fifth, H. M. Tomlinson, 62%. This last member was twelfth in gross total, having made 126 on six targets.

H. M. Daniel compiled the biggest single day's score (any system of marking) knocking up sixty-six on three targets, and W. G. Tomlinson the largest similar score, limited to Decimal targets, with 121 on three targets.

Last, but not least, the following, each returned one blank target in the course of the season:—H. B. Goulding, J. D. Colquhoun, A. Briscoe, C. W. Bright, G. W. Holmes; E. S. Dugan returned two.

The total number of targets used by members in practice alone was 228, and the number of rounds fired 1,141.



Cricket.



FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

HIGH SCHOOL *v.* ANNESLEY.

WE opened our season this year with a win against Annesley by 56 runs. Batting first we made 96 runs—Mr. Telfer, 23; Valentine, 18; and Goulding, 16, being the chief scores; Annesley only getting 40, due to some capital bowling by Valentine. In the second innings we made 41 for the loss of three wickets, and declared, leaving Annesley 97 runs to get to win; Tomlinson 20 not out being the chief score. Annesley went in and made 48 for the loss of four wickets.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.				2nd innings			
Tomlinson b Toft	..	..	8	not out	..	..	20
Valentine b Butler	..	..	18	c Toft b Butler	..	..	0
Goulding c Toft b Butler	..	..	16	lbw b Butler	..	..	5
Tolerton b Butler	..	..	0	b Saville	..	..	6
Mr. Telfer c Mackey	..	..	23				
Parker b Butler	..	..	0				
Duggan b Toft	..	..	2				
Gray b Hannon	..	..	1				
Crotty b Hannon	..	..	2				
Powell not out	..	..	6				
Colquhoun b Hannan	..	..	3				
Extras	..	..	17	Extras	..	..	10
Total	..	..	96	Total for 3 wks...			41

ANNESLEY.

Butler c Telfer b Valentine	..	..	0	b Telfer	..	..	3
Mackey c Telfer b Valentine	..	..	6	b Telfer	..	..	23
Toft (D.) lbw b Valentine	..	..	2	b Tolerton	..	..	19
Hannon c Colquhoun b Tolerton	..	..	17	b Tolerton	..	..	0
Saville b Valentine	..	..	0				
Toft (T.) run out	..	..	0				
Magee b Valentine	..	..	7				
Dwyre c Colquhoun b Valentine	..	..	0				
Byrne c Goulding b Valentine	..	..	0				
Rollins b Valentine	..	..	0				
Hazley not out	..	..	1				
Extras	..	..	7	Extras	..	..	3
Total	..	..	40	Total for 4 wks...			48

HIGH SCHOOL v. PALMERSTON III.

H. Tomlinson captained the team in the absence of H. B. Goulding. Winning the toss, High School sent Palmerston in first; Palmerston, with only nine men, making 58. Thomson bowled well for the School. The School opened the batting with H. Tomlinson and R. Valentine, who brought the score to 39, when Valentine was run out. Tolerton only stopped till 46 was reached. When C. Parker joined Tomlinson, this pair hit off the runs. Tomlinson (41), Valentine (14), and Parker (8), were the chief scorers.

PALMERSTON III.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.				1st innings.			
Nichols b Thomson	..	..	0	Tomlinson b Jamison	..	..	41
Cox run out	..	..	0	Valentine run out	..	..	14
Stanley b Valentine	..	..	17	Tolerton c Nichols b Moran	..	..	1
Roney b Thomson	..	..	2	Parker b Jamison	..	..	8
Button run out	..	..	6	Powell b Cox	..	..	4
Jewell c and b Thomson	..	..	2	Campbell c sub b M'Gregor	..	..	1
M'Gregor c Thomson b Tolerton	..	..	23	Thomson run out	..	..	0
Jamison b Thomson	..	..	0	Colquhoun not out	..	..	4
Morgan not out	..	..	0	Extras	..	..	10
Extras	..	..	8				
Total for 9 wks	..	..	58	Total for 7 wks.	..	..	83
				Kelly, Crotty, and Green did not bat.			

HIGH SCHOOL v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

This being our first Cup-tie, was a very important match. Winning the toss we batted first, Goulding and Tomlinson going in, but with only four on the board Tomlinson left. Goulding and Tolerton brought up the score to 16. When Goulding left Tolerton still continued to bat well, receiving little support from the "Tail." He was at length out for a very well made 19, our total being 51. Wesley, who then went in, lost nine wickets for 18, owing to the splendid bowling of Gilligan and Thomson, being well supported in the fielding. The last wicket added 23. At this stage Gilligan missed a catch off his own bowling, and was thus responsible for this *contretemps*. In the second innings we only got 31 runs. But our opponents, retaining all their energy, were not slow in mounting up a score which enabled them to gain a victory by nine wickets.

Gilligan's bowling was responsible for the capture of six wickets for 23, and Thomson was not far behind with four for 20 runs.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.				2nd innings.			
Tomlinson c Henry b Bennet, J.	4	b Lumley	..	..	6		
Goulding b Bennet, J.	.. 8	b Lumley	..	..	5	..	..
Tolerton b Lumley	 19	lbw b Bennet, J.	..	..	6	..	..
Thomson b Bennet, J.	.. 6	lbw b Lumley	..	..	5	..	..
Parker b Bennet, J.	 0	b Bennet, J.	..	..	3	..	..
Powell b Bennet, J.	 0	b Casey	..	..	0	..	..
Crotty b Lumley	 1	b Bennet, J.	..	..	0	..	..
Colquhoun run out	 0	b Bennet, J.	..	..	0	..	..
Kelly c Whittaker b Lumley	.. 1	b Bennet, J.	..	..	2	..	..
Campbell not out	 0	run out	..	..	0	..	..
Gilligan c Charles b Lumley	.. 0	not out	..	..	0	..	..
Extras	 12	Extras	..	..	4	..	..
Total	 51	Total		..	31	..	..

WESLEY COLLEGE.

Bennet, F. c Thomson b Gilligan	3	not out	..	..	25		
Bennet, J. c Crotty b Thomson	.. 0	not out	..	..	20	..	..
Lumley c Tomlinson b Thomson	4						
Thomson c Powell b Thomson	.. 5						
Charles b Gilligan	 4						
Casey c Crotty b Gilligan	 0						
Henry c Campbell b Gilligan	 1						
Whittaker c Crotty b Gilligan	 0						
Smith, T. b Thomson	 0						
Smith, J. not out	 13	b Gilligan	..	..	1	..	..
Rafter b Gilligan	 7						
Extras	 4	Extras	..	..	2	..	..
Total	 41	Total for 1 wkt.		..	47	..	..

HIGH SCHOOL v. LEINSTER III.

This match, which ended in a draw, proved one of the most interesting of the season. We enjoyed the assistance of two Masters and two Old Boys. Some good batting by Mr. Telfer

and H. Tomlinson giving us a century for the loss of only three wickets, we declared, leaving Leinster an hour and a-half to get 159, which they almost accomplished, getting 154 for eight wickets. In this match Valentine captained the team in the absence of H. B. Goulding.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings.

C. Powell c Eustame b Beckerson	9
H. Tomlinson c Walters b Maloney	.. 36
Mr. Telfer b Moloney	.. 61
Mr. Timms b Whitty	.. 14
A. Richardson b Beckerson	.. 8
R. Valentine b Beckerson	.. 13
Tolerton not out	.. 0
Crotty b Moloney	.. 0
Extras	.. 16

Total for 7 wks. .. 158
Parker, C. Kelly and Thomson did not bat

LEINSTER III.

1st innings.

J. Moloney b Thomson	.. 7
F. Sneyd b Telfer	.. 65
D. Whitty b Valentine	.. 36
J. Croly run out	.. 29
J. Howley lbw b Thomson	.. 4
W. Beckerson c Powell b Thomson	.. 4
A. Walters c Timms b Thomson	1
H. Wilmot c Valentine b Telfer	.. 0
Eustame not out	.. 1
E. Wikes not out	.. 2
Extras	.. 5

Total for 8 wks .. 154

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

May 5th—*Versus* Wesley College Second Eleven, at Belgrave Square. Wesley won by six runs. Score:—

Wesley College	..	..	.. 22 runs.
High School	..	..	.. 16 runs.

May 8th—*Versus* Mr. Le Peton's Second Eleven. Le Peton's won by seventy runs. Score:—

Le Peton's	..	..	.. 128 runs.
High School	..	..	.. 58 runs.

May 19th—*Versus* Rathmines College First Eleven, at Belgrave Square. High School won by two runs. Score:—

High School	..	..	.. 33 runs.
Rathmines College	..	..	.. 31 runs.

Second innings:—

High School	..	..	.. 43 for 7 wks.
Rathmines College	..	..	.. 9 for 3 wks.

May 29th—*Versus* St. Andrew's College Second Eleven, at Donnybrook. St. Andrew's won on first innings by thirty-six runs. Score:—

St. Andrew's	..	..	1st innings, 67 runs.
High School	..	..	1st innings, 31; 2nd, 41.

Junior Cricket Notes.

BY J. F. PERY.

IT is with pleasure that we have to record that considerable keenness has been shown by Forms I., II., III. lower, and III. upper

during the season. As the Games' Committee will have to look to the members of these Forms, when picking their teams later on, it has acted wisely in offering every encouragement possible to them. An entirely new outfit was purchased expressly for the Juniors at the commencement of the season, and this has been added to since from time to time. Indeed, the Juniors' "tackle" is second to none in the School. Each of the above-named Forms elected its own officers for the season, for the purpose of arranging "Inter-Form" matches. The boys elected were as follows :—

<i>Form.</i>	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Vice-Captain.</i>
I.	L. Allen	Wayland
II.	Rumney	White
III. (lower)	Alexander	Tarleton
III. (upper)	Holmes	Stone

Some ten of these "Inter-Form" matches have been played, and it is gratifying to note that scarcely any boys, chosen to represent their Forms, have failed to "turn up." Quite good cricket has been witnessed during some of the games. Thomson did the "hat trick" when playing for Form III. (upper) May 7th, *versus* Form III. (lower), and on the same day Stone took four wickets during one "over." Another "hat trick" was done by Taylor, who played for Form III. (lower) *versus* Form III. (upper), May 27th.

Besides Thomson and Taylor, Stone, Alexander, Tarleton, White, and H. Allen, all give signs of becoming excellent bowlers later on. Rumney, we consider, deserves especial mention. For his age and size he is a remarkably skilful "wicket keep," a fair bowler, and a steady batsman. We look forward to seeing him do great things.

In Form I.—Allen, L. is a good bowler and a useful man in the field. Mackay has improved, but should resist the temptation of shutting his eyes whilst batting. Wayland should play more steadily. He is a strong "swiper." Barron should avoid giving "catches." Pollet and Pedlow make good attempts at fielding. Johnson is learning to bowl. Hopking and Wiseman should practice more.

In Form II.—Thrift is a plucky long-stop. Levy is a good "all round man." Morris does good work in the field. Dunlop is not steady enough, but is a useful field. Tunstall should avoid giving "catches;" he is a fair field. Hamilton should practise more. Larkin makes a good attempt at both batting and bowling. Gilligan is a skilful bowler, and bats with some style. Griffith and Robson should practise more. Dodds is vigorous, but is not quite steady enough. White is an excellent all round man. Dawson is a very fair batsman, he should practise more. Thornton is a moderately good field.

In Form III. (lower)—Murray is a promising bowler. Alexander is a bowler, and a most promising batsman. Smyth is energetic, but should learn to play a more steady game. Tarleton is a most useful man in all respects. Leach is good, and makes a fair attempt at wicket-keeping. Taylor does excellent work in the field, and both his batting and bowling have been of great value. Molyneux is rapidly becoming quite good. Stewart should practise fielding. M'Cormick is a fairly safe wicket-keeper, and a moderately good batsman. Allen, W. A., bowls fairly well, and is an untiring fieldsman, he is not steady enough when batting. Greene bats with some style and effect, when fielding he should not use his foot but his hands.

In Form III. (Upper)—Burns is a good bowler, a fair batsman, and a rather poor field. Stone is excellent in all respects. Carter should practise fielding. Lawson is a useful man in the field, which goes far to make up for his rather poor batting. Holmes has played some really good cricket this season. Fossett bats and bowls well, but should learn to catch. Weinronk is a good wicket-keeper and steady batsman. Thomson's bowling, batting, and fielding are all excellent. Mack is progressing. O'Donovan is rapidly mastering the game. Larkin is a good bowler and a useful fieldsman. Deane should practise more. Griffith is somewhat heavy on the field. Zlotover fields well, and makes quite a fair attempt at batting.

The more important of the "Inter-Form" matches played this season, with their results, are as follows:—

May 7th—III. upper (30 runs) *v.* III. lower (17 runs).

May 11th—IV. *v.* III. upper.

Form IV. won by five wickets and 100 runs.

May 18th—II. *v.* III. lower.

Form II. won.

May 25th—II. (56 runs) *v.* III. lower (44 runs).

May 27th—III. upper (47 runs) *v.* III. lower (47 runs),

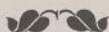
June 1st—III. lower (64 runs) *v.* II. and I. (34 runs).

June 3rd—Form I (64 runs) *v.* II., under 12 (26 runs)

June 4th—II. (31 runs) *v.* III. upper (28 runs).

Comparisons are odious (possibly because they are inevitable) but if we compare the Four Forms, concerning whom these notes are written, we cannot help recording that the salient feature of the season has been the performance of Form II. Form Master—Mr. Telfer; Captain—Rumney; Vice-Captain—White. With regard to Rumney and White, they have both done excellent work in arranging practices and matches, and during Rumney's absence White has proved to be a most worthy substitute. If we compare results we find that form II. has beaten both the two Senior Forms in turn. Striking a percentage in each class of the numbers of boys who have taken a genuine interest in the game we find that Form II. heads the list with 54%. We, therefore, heartily congratulate Form II.

These notes would not be complete without a reference to the work done by the other captains and vice-captains of the different Forms. Holmes, Stone, Alexander, and Tarleton have been untiring in their efforts, and we feel sure that Form I. is equally well satisfied with L. Allen and Wayland.



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