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Summary of Successes obtained by the Students of Skerry's College during the Year 1912.

SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE, TRINIDAD, July. ALL THE APPOINTMENTS OFFERED (Three).

R.I.C. CADETSHIPS, Oct.—2nd PLACE. 1 of the 3 Appointments originally offered.

INDIAN POLICE SERVICE, June.—35th PLACE Specially prepared in Latin.

HIGH COURTS JUSTICE (IRELAND), February.—3rd PLACE. 1 of the 3 Appointments.

ARMY QUALIFYING EXAMINATION, March.—1 SUCCESS.

ASSISTANTS OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, February.—36 SUCCESSES, including First Irish Place. RECORD IRISH RESULT.

SECOND DIVISION CLERKSHIPS, September.—8 SUCCESSES. BEST DUBLIN RESULT.

ASSISTANT CLERKSHIPS, ABSTRACTORS. February and July.—46 SUCCESSES. BEST IRISH RESULT.

BOY CLERKSHIPS, Jan., April, June and Sept.—60 SUCCESSES. BEST IRISH RESULT.

MALE LEARNERS, G.P.O., DUBLIN, Sept.—5 SUCCESSES. BEST RESULT.

PROVINCIAL MALE LEARNERS.—11 SUCCESSES, including 7 FIRST PLACES.

WOMAN CLERKSHIPS, G.P.O., LONDON, April.—19 SUCCESSES. BEST IRISH RESULT.

GIRL CLERKSHIPS, G.P.O., LONDON, April.—5 SUCCESSES, including First Irish Place. BEST IRISH RESULT.

FEMALE LEARNERS, G.P.O., DUBLIN, February.—4 OF THE 6 APPOINTMENTS.

PROVINCIAL FEMALE LEARNERS—9 SUCCESSES, including 6 FIRST PLACES.

BANK OF IRELAND CLERKSHIPS, April.—16 of the 20 Candidates sent forward were successful.

OTHER BANK CLERKSHIPS—71 SUCCESSES.

GUINNESS'S BREWERY FIRST CLASS CLERKSHIPS, Feb. and Sept.—4 SUCCESSES.

GUINNESS'S BREWERY LADY CLERKSHIPS, March.—3 SUCCESSES.

DUBLIN CORPORATION CLERKSHIPS, July.—ALL THE APPOINTMENTS OFFERED (5). Oct., 3 of the 5 APPOINTMENTS.

CONGESTED DISTRICTS BOARD CLERKSHIPS, July.—7 SUCCESSES. BEST RESULT.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO IRISH TRAINING SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY, May.—2 SUCCESSES.

RAILWAY CLERKSHIPS—34 SUCCESSES.

MISCELLANEOUS—21 SUCCESSES.

A GRAND TOTAL OF 376 SUCCESSES.

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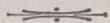
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Editorial.



"TIME and tide wait for no man:" our readers may have had occasion to perceive the truth of this proverb. Easter this year is to fall at an inconveniently early date, and consequently we are compelled to bring out this issue earlier than would otherwise have been the case. We would remind those students who follow Horace's maxim, and enjoy the present day, trusting as little as possible to the morrow, that the Intermediate is not too far distant, and that this is a very good time for revising their work. Some students will perhaps welcome the announcement that according to the present text of the Schedule for 1914 Examinations will only be held in that year in Honour subjects, and that the system of Pass Examination will be by inspection only. After the abolition of the Preparatory Grade this drastic change did not come as a very great surprise. But whatever the merits or demerits of the present system may be, we hope that this year the steady increase in the number of our awards will be maintained, since it is still the main internal test of the school year's work. [The bill rendering the above announcement possible has now been withdrawn for the present].

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The Annual Old Boys' Dinner took place (as announced in our last number) on Thursday, 5th December, in the Dolphin Hotel, when a most enjoyable reunion took place. We are glad to notice the increase in numbers, which shows that this fixture is gaining in popularity, and we are sure that this increase will be maintained as more students issue from the portals of the High School, who by attending this function can pay back a small portion of their debt of gratitude to their Alma Mater.

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We are glad to have an opportunity of again congratulating G. W. Holmes on his having been selected to play for Ireland against England and Scotland as well as against the South Africans. Next year we look out to see two Old Boys on the Irish Fifteen.

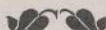
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On going to Press the result of the Cup-tie with Mountjoy came to hand. Our team put up a splendid fight and had much the

better of a scoreless game. In fact we were extremely unlucky not to have come out winners by a satisfactory margin. A full account of the match will be found elsewhere. The replay is to take place on Friday, 7th March, when we hope that the fickle jade, Fortune, will be kinder to us.

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Our appeal in our last number for literary contributions seems to have fallen on deaf ears. However, if we can judge from our contemporaries we are not the only School Magazine which suffers in this respect. We hope that the return of spring, which we are told stirs the divine afflatus in the breast of poets, will awaken the sluggish Muse of some of our readers.



School Notes.



THE School resumed work after the Christmas vacation on Tuesday, 14th January, and we were glad to notice many new faces. The School will re-open after Easter on Tuesday, April 1st.

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We had a visit from Mr. Kerin, the Senior Intermediate Inspector, early in February.

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The Rev. J. W. Tristram held his usual inspection of the Lower School last December.

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The Rifle Club has been holding its weekly practices regularly every Friday. We hope to publish in our next number the complete averages for the session. A match took place on February 7th between Masters and Boys, the latter proving victorious. Scores:—

Masters.				Boys.			
Mr. Bennett	..	..	38	J. Phillips	..	..	37
Mr. Guest	..	..	34	H. Goodwillie	..	..	29
Mr. Slade	..	..	27	H. Molloy	..	..	28
Mr. Ellwood	..	..	12	J. McCarthy	..	..	22
Total	..	..	III	Total	..	..	116

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The Swimming Club intend to recommence their natations after Easter. Owing to a substantial balance from last year two new features will be introduced. There will be a Water Polo Ball of our own, and also an Instructor to show us how to use it. As a result there ought to be a record membership. H. H. Molloy will again act as Honorary Secretary, and we hope that Mr. Norton will again lend his encouraging presence.

We print elsewhere the list of Prize Winners at the School Examinations at Christmas.

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The results of the Scripture Examinations held last December will be found on another page. In the Church of Ireland Division the School won the silver medal for first place in Greek Testament for the second year in succession, W. H. B. Mack repeating L. J. D. Richardson's success of last year, while for the first time one of our candidates, R. Bell, was at the top of the list in the Presbyterian Division. A. S. Larkin and P. F. T. Burns are also to be congratulated on winning first prizes in Greek Testament. Special mention may also be made of R. J. Charters in the Senior Grade, and R. A. Heatly, C. D. Wilding and H. G. G. Digges in the Middle Grade.

The results may be summarised thus.

		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Pass Certificates,
Greek Testament	..	3	3	—	2
Senior Grade	..	—	—	1	6
Middle Grade	..	1	2	3	9
Junior Grade	..	—	—	4	20
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Totals	..	4	5	8	37

Of the Presbyterian candidates we may mention, in addition to R. Bell, C. A. Kinnear, who obtained a first-class prize in the Middle Grade.



Examination Results.



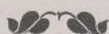
PRIZE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS AT CHRISTMAS.

FORM VI.—English, Maurice Nurock; Greek, A. S. Larkin; Latin, P. F. T. Burns; French, W. H. B. Mack; German, Maurice Nurock; History and Geography, G. K. Carpenter; Mathematics, W. H. C. Stone and P. F. T. Burns; Experimental Science, G. K. Carpenter.

FORM V.—Drawing, Jno. Bell; English, G. S. B. Mack; Latin, G. S. B. Mack; Greek, G. S. B. Mack; French, G. S. B. Mack; German, A. Hayman; History and Geography, G. S. B. Mack; Mathematics, G. C. White; Experimental Science, F. N. Boyers; Commerce, R. J. Charters.

FORM IV.—Drawing, E. E. Spence and J. S. Lewis; English, J. Levy; Latin, J. Levy; Greek, J. Levy; French, C. D. Wilding; German, W. J. E. Dawson; History and Geography, C. D. Wilding; Mathematics, J. Farrell; Experimental Science, W. M. Fitzsimmons; Commerce, N. S. Clarke.

- FORM IIIA.—Drawing, H. G. Cooke; English, S. B. Carpenter, A. R. Ellis, and H. L. Mushatt; Latin, A. R. Ellis; Greek, L. J. Armstrong; French, A. R. Ellis; German, A. R. Ellis; History and Geography, T. E. Flewett; Mathematics, H. L. Mushatt and S. Smyth; Experimental Science, A. R. Ellis and N. S. Allen.
- FORM IIIB.—Writing and Drawing, H. G. Goodwillie and R. D. Gibson; English, M. Elyan; Latin, S. Weiner; French, J. Hesselberg; History and Geography, R. E. Johnston; Mathematics, A. Wallen and T. J. Lewis; Experimental Science, T. J. Lewis; Commerce, T. J. Lewis.
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- FORM IIC.—Scripture, S. C. Taylor; Writing and Drawing, E. W. Parkes, G. H. A. Timms and D. C. Towers; English, F. L. Milligan; Latin, R. E. Mansfield; French, F. L. Milligan; History and Geography, D. C. Towers; Mathematics, L. Hayman.
- FORM IIA.—Scripture, R. D. Stephens; Writing and Drawing, S. M. Burrows; English, I. E. Jones and T. B. Tickell; French, I. E. Jones; History and Geography, C. T. A. Harper and I. E. Jones; Arithmetic, I. E. Jones.
- FORM IIB.—Scripture, S. R. Usher; Writing and Drawing, R. S. Doig and H. D. Brassington; English, E. V. M. Blake; French, B. P. Mansfield; History and Geography, G. S. Wallen; Arithmetic, R. D. Doig.



Scripture Examinations.



CHURCH OF IRELAND.

- GREEK TESTAMENT.—Silver Medal for First Place, W. H. B. Mack, 91. First Class Prizes, A. S. Larkin, 83; P. F. T. Burns, 80. Second-class Prizes, N. L. Hannon, 63½; G. K. Carpenter, 62½; G. S. B. Mack, 62. Pass Certificates, H. H. Molloy, 35; J. M. Mounsey, 34.
- SENIOR GRADE.—Third Class Prize, R. J. Charters, 74. Pass Certificates, F. N. Boyers, 57½; R. I. Hanbury, 56½; C. G. White, 55; C. G. Dixon, 43½; S. H. Wisdom, 34½; R. H. Molloy, 31½.

MIDDLE GRADE.—First Class Prize, R. A. Heatley, 88½; Second Class Prizes, C. D. Wilding, 83½; H. G. G. Digges, 77½. Third Class Prizes, W. H. Thrift, 70; P. R. G. Fennell, 62½; W. J. E. Dawson, 62. Pass Certificates, E. C. Smith, 55½; H. S. Larkin, 49½; C. H. Gilligan, 47½; A. J. Benson, 42½; H. G. Carolin, 42; C. G. Bateman, 42½; F. W. Shea, 34; W. M. Fitzsimmons, 31; R. S. Wayland, 30½.

JUNIOR GRADE.—Third Class Prizes, S. B. Carpenter, 71; F. J. Allen, 69; R. G. L. Proctor, 69; H. J. Armstrong, 61½. Pass Certificates, R. E. Johnston, 57½; H. A. Scott, 54½; H. G. Cooke, 51½; G. H. Noblett, 50½; W. E. Abbott, 49½; R. G. Fitzsimmons, 49½; S. Henchie, 48½; T. V. Harris, 46½; T. E. Flewett, 44½; J. Mackay, 43½; S. C. Taylor, 42½; E. G. Pemberton, 41½; V. A. Linnell, 37½; J. C. Erskine, 37; T. E. O'Farrell, 36½; E. W. Scales, 34½; F. R. Swayne, 33½; H. G. Goodwillie, 32½; A. R. Johnson, 31; C. H. Hillyard, 30½.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

GREEK TESTAMENT.—First Class Prize (and First Place), R. Bell.

MIDDLE GRADE.—First Class Prize, C. A. Kinnear. Pass Certificate, Jno. Bell.

JUNIOR GRADE.—Second Class Prize, W. M. Lawson. Pass Certificates, N. S. Allen, A. K. Ferguson, G. M'Kee R. W. Mather, S. Smyth.



Notes on Old Boys.



THE following Degrees were taken in T.C.D. this winter:—

M.A.—Rev. W. R. Browne (1887-1894); Rev. Percival Campling (1896-1904).

B.A.—W. S. Gray (1900-1909); J. H. Powell (1904-1907); W. G. Tomlinson (1905-1909); H. Barron (1899-1906).

B.A.I.—W. S. Gray, W. G. Tomlinson.

M.B., B.A.O., B.Ch.—J. H. Powell, E. H. Wilkins (1896-1906).

LL.D.—C. Spiro (1894-1903.)



H. S. Doig, B.L. (1890-1893), was appointed Editor of the *Evening Mail* last December.

Rev. E. J. Young, B.D. (1881-1887), has been appointed Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dublin. He was ordained in 1896, and has been Curate of St. Mark's since 1908.

N. B. White, MA. (1894-1899), has been appointed Lecturer in Greek in the Queen's University, Belfast.

M. Nurock, Sch. (1904-1911), has obtained the Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse, the subject being "Marius;" also the Premium for Classical Composition (Senior Freshmen Class).

L. J. D. Richardson, Siz. (1903-1912), has been elected a Member of the Council of the University Classical Society.

J. R. Duggan (1904-1912) has been awarded by the Governors a Statutory Exhibition of the Second Class.

M. T. Craig (1909-1912) has passed the Junior Freshmen Term Examination.

F. P. Synnott (1905-1910) obtained 66th place at the Examination for Second Division Clerkships held last September.

M. Noyk (1896-1903) has passed Section B for the LL.B. Examination in Trinity College.

C. G. Powell (1897-1906), of Richmond Hockey Club, was selected to play for Leinster *versus* Connaught in this year's Inter-provincial Hockey match.

G. W. Holmes (1907-1909) who played for Leinster in both Senior Inter-provincial matches, and for Ireland against the South Africans and England, was also picked on the Irish team to play Scotland.

N. E. S. Tuite (1906-1910) and A. H. Clarke (1905-1907) figured on the Leinster team against Connaught.

J. Bell (1906-1911) and T. Bell (1905-1908) are conspicuous members of the all-victorious Clontarf II., and C. T. Parker (1906-1909) is the Captain of Leeson Park F. C.

E. G. Dixon (1910-1912) has obtained a Clerkship in the Sun Fire Office, College Green.

We notice the following Distinctions at the Hilary Term Honour Examinations in T.C.D.:—

Senior Freshmen—Max Nurock, First of First Rank in Classics; First of First Rank in Logic.

Junior Freshmen—L. J. D. Richardson, Second of First Rank in Classics; First Rank in Mathematics; H. V. Thornton (1905-1912) Second Rank in Classics

E. M. Norton (Sch. Sen. Mod.) B.A. (1897-1906), has been awarded a Special Certificate in Oratory by the College Theological Society.

E. H. Wilkins is now the doctor in residence at Adelaide Hospital.

The other day we had a visit from Staff-Surgeon T. W. Myles, R. N. (1888-1896) of H. M. S. Wildfire, at Sheerness. Dr. Myles has seen a good deal of service in the China Seas and particularly in the Persian Gulf against the "gun runners."

POEM.

Suggested by one of the ludicrous anecdotes of Hierocles.

A vain and silly fellow wished
 (And there be many blame him),
 Most eagerly and foolishly,
 To know if sleep became him—
 And so the ass procured a glass
 (Which such men ever prize),
 Arranged the hair he thought so fair
 (But which was burning red, I swear),
 And then — he — closed his eyes.



Old Boys' Annual Dinner.



A MOST enjoyable social re-union was held in the Dolphin Hotel on Thursday evening, 5th December, the occasion being the annual dinner of the "Old Boys" of the High School, Dublin. The chair was occupied by Professor W. E. Thrift, M.A., F.T.C.D., who was supported on his right by Mr. J. A. Maconchy, J.P. Chairman of the Board of Governors: Sir Gabriel Stokes, K.C.S.I.; Mr. J. Andrew, Canon H. Vere White, M.A., and Canon Carleton, D.D.; and on his left by Mr. J. Thompson, M.A., Head Master of the School; Professor G. H. Carpenter, B.Sc., and Mr. G. Larkin. There were also present:—Rev. Wm. Anderson, M.A.; E. H. Alton, M.A., F.T.C.D.; W. R. Armstrong, B.L.; J. M. Barron, L. Barron, J. Bennett, M.A.; C. J. Boland, E. T. Burd, M.A.; Dr. W. U. Byrne, W. H. Carson, B.L.; A. H. Clarke, Rev. J. R. Colthurst, M.A.; J. H. Cousins, Rev. J. Millar Craig, M.A.; H. W. Crosthwaite, H. M. Daniel, J. Walker Doherty, B.L.; H. S. Doig, B.L.; J. T. Drennan, B.L.; V. V. Drennan, Rev. C. C. W. Duggan, J. C. Duncan, B.L.; T. W. Flewett, Dr. R. A. Flynn, J. W. Fox, E. D. Guest, B.A.; A. S. Harris, S. Hayes, G. R. Haynes, H. A. Hinkson, B.L.; H. Holmes, L.D.S.I.; G. Horan, R. Smith Hopking, Sealy Jeffares, Professor H. H. Jeffcott, M.A.; S. Jones, M. A.; Rev.

G. A. Joynt, M.A.; J. C. Kirkland, President St. Andrew's Union; F. W. Leland, J. H. F. Leland, B.L.; E. V. Longworth, B.L.; Rev. A. W. B. Mack, M.A.; S. W. Maddock, R. G. Matthews, Rev. J. W. Mayne, M.A.; W. R. M'Caw, E. D. M'Crea, E. H. M'Crea, J. M'Neill, B.A.; A. Miller, A. L. B. Moore, E. M. Norton, B.A.; M. Nurock, Guillamore O'Grady, B.L.; R. J. Ogden, J. J. O'Hara, Rev. R. Oulton B.A.; C. T. Parker, T. Patton, J. E. Robinson, H. H. Rooke, A. H. Seale, J. Sealy, B.L.; T. J. Smyth, B.L.; Dr. W. C. Stevenson, W. D. Stevenson, R. B. Swan, C. Payne Tivy, A. T. Taylor, W. A. Tomlinson, R. L. Valentine, J. J. Warren, A. W. Waters, Dr. H. G. Westropp, F. Wiber, I. E. Gibson, H. B. Goulding, R. C. Graham.

The toast of the King having been musically honoured,

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the High School, said he took it as a very great compliment to be asked to preside over that gathering, for he was now getting to be a very Old Boy of the High School, and he was proud of his connection with the High School. He thought it was a good thing to have opportunities like these afforded them of meeting together annually, because they could all look back on their schooldays with real pleasure. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the School. He was connected with the School as a pupil, afterwards he was connected with it as a Governor, and now he maintained his connection by sending his eldest son to be educated there. He hoped to send two more there to be educated. The High School had been a great success, and it was going to be a still greater success in the future. The Governors of the School had been able to obtain the services of a very excellent head master. Mr. Thompson was a fine classical teacher, but he did not neglect the other subjects which must form part of a modern school education. Mr. Thompson had also got the gift of choosing his men well, with the result that the boys had now every opportunity of receiving the best possible education under the best possible conditions in the School.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Mr. Thompson, Head Master, responded in appropriate terms, expressing in a feeling way his appreciation of the presence of so many of the old boys at their festive gathering. He went on to say that the attendance at the School was steadily maintained, while they had secured the services of masters who were well qualified to give instruction in all branches of education. He was, further, very proud to be able to say that the "tone" of the School was very good, and that due attention was being paid to the development of all manly games. Concluding, the speaker paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Head Master, Mr. Wilkins, and also referred to the services that had been rendered by Mr. Cooney for a long period of years.

Mr. James Sealy, B.L., in a felicitous speech, proposed next the toast of "The Guests." On behalf of the Old Boys he was

very glad to see their guests there, and he hoped to see them all soon again.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Mr. J. A. Maconchy, in responding, said he had devoted a great deal of attention to the work of the High School, and he had great pleasure in testifying to the excellence of the work under Mr. Thompson. Long might the School flourish under Mr. Thompson's guidance.

Sir Gabriel Stokes, who was cordially received, also responded. He was very glad to receive the hospitality of the Old Boys, and he assured them that the Board of Erasmus Schools were watching the career—the successful career—of the High School with the greatest interest.

Mr. Thomas Patton, in also responding, said as an old pupil of Dr. Maurice Hume he was glad to hear that Irish parents were availing of a public school like the High School, Dublin, where Irish boys could receive as high class and as sound an education as they could receive at any of the schools in England.

Professor H. H. Jeffcott proposed the health of the Chairman, and said he was amongst the foremost of the Old Boys of the High School. He was appointed to succeed the late Professor Fitzgerald in the Experimental School of Physics in Trinity College, which was a great tribute to his ability. He (the speaker) was glad to see that so much attention was now being paid to the teaching of science in the High School.

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Chairman responded by saying that he would not run down the benefits of classical education. The phrase was "classics and culture," but he did not see why the study of science should not bring culture too. He would not now enter into a discussion as to relative merits, but he did not think they could afford to despise either of them.

Other toasts were "The Press," proposed by E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D., and responded to by Mr. H. S. Doig, Editor of the *Evening Mail*; "The Singers," responded to by Mr. Sealy Jeffares; and "The Hon. Secretaries," responded to by Messrs. Carson, Goulding, and Valentine.

In the course of the evening songs were sung by Messrs. S. W. Maddock, A. W. Waters, R. G. Matthews, Sealy Jeffares, and J. Walker Doherty. The Rev. R. Arthur Oulton presided at the pianoforte.



First Impressions of a Spanish Town.



ONE morning about two years ago five Subordinate Officers and myself standing on the poop of one of His Majesty's cruisers found ourselves gazing for the first time on foreign shores.

Three days before, in company with a destroyer, we had left Portsmouth for Vigo. The Bay having lived up to its reputation for heavy weather you may be certain that the sight of Cape Finisterre was not unwelcome.

After skirting the coast for about 120 miles we entered Vigo Bay, and had our first glimpse of a foreign town. We dropped anchor about half a mile off Vigo while the destroyer secured alongside a wharf to replenish her bunkers.

Having received orders to proceed to Gibraltar as soon as the destroyer had taken in coal we did not waste much time asking for leave to go ashore which, much to our surprise, was granted us from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Punctually at three o'clock the steam pinnace conveying officers ashore shoved off from the ship's side and a few minutes later was wending its way through a crowd of small boats containing emigrants who were awaiting the arrival of an Atlantic Liner. The emigrants seemed to be of the poorest class; poverty had done its worst for them, and was even now forcing them to flee from their native land: misery and want had left their mark indelibly stamped upon them.

Having passed this sad sight we shortly drew up alongside some steps and landed. A large crowd of curious people had gathered round the landing place. Forcing our way through these we ascended a very steep hill and, in a short time, found ourselves in the main street of Vigo. Here we split up into parties of two or three.

In wandering through the town what struck one most was the squalor of the houses, the poorness of the streets and the general appearance of wretchedness of the place compared to an English or Irish town.

There was not much of interest to be found in the main street beyond a few shops and hotels, more or less respectable in appearance. Continuing along the main street one reaches the country where one gets a magnificent view of the Harbour and Bay which is very pretty indeed. On leaving the town the roads become abominable, large rocks are scattered here and there, ruts of depths varying from an inch to a foot abound, and no effort seemed to have been made to macadamise them. The ruts were full of mud, and, when passing bullock carts, one had to be quite agile to dodge the mud thrown up to the right and left.

These bullock carts are a very clumsy and primitive kind of vehicles. Each cart seems to be formed of five parts—two wheels, an iron axle, a pole and a platform; the motive power is supplied by two oxen. The axle is a round iron bar of about two inch diameter, having a hole bored in it about an inch from either end. To this is secured a platform in such a way that about four inches of the axle remains clear at both ends. The wheel, which is cut out of a piece of solid wood, has a circular hole cut in the centre into which is inserted the end of the axle. An iron pin in the hole

bored at the end of the axle secures the wheel. Similarly, to the other end of the axle is fitted the second wheel. A wooden pole is then fastened to the platform at right angles to the axle, and on each side of this pole is yoked an ox. The creaking and noise made by one of these vehicles when in motion is deafening.

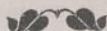
Mules and oxen are used as beasts of burden in Spain. The mules are undergrown and underfed, and in very poor condition, and the oxen are wretched looking animals. Both the mules and oxen seem to be merely skin and bone. The way these poor animals are treated by the Spaniards is absolutely revolting in its cruelty.

We very soon tired of the town, and went down to the sea-front where we found crowds of the better class inhabitants promenading. This promenading, I found out later, is almost a universal custom among continental nations. At about five o'clock all the youth and beauty of the town promenade up and down either the main street or the sea front. The Spanish army officers always seize this opportunity of showing off and strutting round in their fine uniforms. Most Spanish army uniforms are of the gaudiest colours. Pink trousers and light blue tunics or bright yellow trousers in conjunction with mauve tunics are quite an everyday sight!

We met most of the other officers from our ship promenading here. As it was nearly six o'clock we went along to the landing place, and once again climbed on board the steam pinnace, and in a few minutes were on board after having spent a most interesting afternoon.

Half an hour later we were under weigh and Vigo was gradually receding from view.

ARGONAUT.



Football Notes.



SINCE the Football Notes appeared in the last issue of the *Erasmian* nothing very much out of the ordinary has occurred. The weather, especially at the beginning of the new year, was so inclement that several of our most important matches had to be postponed. Belgrave Square, indeed, was under water for some time, and took very long to drain.

Our 1st XV. still suffers from the same defects as formerly. There is too much effort on the part of some members of the team to shine individually, and to forget that it is for the honour of the School and not for private glory that they are playing. Also, with few exceptions, all are inclined to tackle high. The backs fail to understand each other perfectly, but are improving. In forward play we lack combination and strenuous effort, our marking out of touch being very poor.

Of the backs, Bell has been by far the most reliable both in attack and defence. Stone, though good, seems to be off his game, whilst C. S. Marchant has improved in pace and dash. Mack and Hannon continue to combine well, and both make good openings. Of the forwards, Beatty plays a good all-round game, and has captained the XV. and led the forwards well. Read has proved his capabilities out of touch and in the loose, and F. S. Marchant works hard. Smyth, though not always exerting himself to his utmost, plays well in the loose and tackles surely. The other forwards' chief fault is that they are not energetic enough and must come up quicker to "scrums" and to mark out at touches.

The Cup Ties are now hard upon us, and we look forward to both Senior and Junior Cup Matches not without some misgivings. In the Senior Cup Ties we have been drawn against the winner of the match between Mountjoy School and Knockbeg College (Carlow). Both teams are heavier and faster than we are, but nevertheless it is to be hoped that we shall put up a good fight in our match. One never knows what may happen.

The Juniors were drawn against Catholic University School J. C. T., who scratched to us, and have now to meet Blackrock College J. C. T., who, judging by their standard of former years, will prove a tough morsel. Our team is very small and light, but none of the diminutives is likely to cover himself with shame by finking. At least we hope not.

We hope that when Cricket holds sway the Cricket Club will be better supported than the football has been. We shall not be satisfied until every boy in the school joins the clubs, a state of things which is far from being the case at present. If space would permit it, a list could be printed showing how each of the classes stands with regard to its numbers. It is the duty of parents to look after their boys' health, and football and cricket are perhaps the best forms of exercise, and very few are the cases in which these games, especially the latter, injure, instead of strengthening, one's health. We would ask, therefore, all parents to help us in the future more earnestly. The subscription rates to each club are very low, only 3/- for boys over 14, and 1/6 for those below that age, so expense can hardly be pleaded as an excuse for not joining these clubs.

1ST XV.

RESULTS OF MATCHES SINCE LAST "ERASMIAN."

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points For.	Points Against.
8	4	3	1	84	47

NOVEMBER 27TH—ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL AT
MERTON PARK.

Result :—High School, 28 points.; S. S. G. S. Nil.

At the request of Stephen's Green School, we played an "A" team, several of the usual members not playing, and some of the backs played forward and *vice-versa*. Though our form was not so good as it ought to have been, yet we proved too strong for our opponents. The game was fast but "rough-and-tumble."

NOVEMBER 30TH.—BISHOP FOY HIGH SCHOOL (WATERFORD)
AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

Result :—Bishop Foy High School, 5 pts. ; High School, 3 pts.

On the morning of the South African International match at Lansdowne Road we received our first visit from Bishop Foy School, and we hope it will not be the last. Both sides played masters. Owing to the frozen state of the ground, the game was not as good as it would have been. After a tight game Waterford pulled the match off by a goal to a try. For us, Bell and Hannon were the best backs, whilst Mr. Wyon, Mr. Guest, and Read were the most prominent of the forwards.

DECEMBER 18TH.—MONKSTOWN 3RD A AT BELGRAVE
SQUARE.

Result :—Monkstown, 1 try (3 pts.) ; High School, 1 try (3 pts.)

Our opponents turned out very strong, the team being a good 3rd XV. High School started off well, and kept Monkstown hemmed in their "25." Several fruitless attempts to cross the line were made by our backs, and after there had been some hard scrummaging near the line, A. S. Larkin went over near the posts for an unconverted try. Subsequently our opponents' weight in the pack began to make itself felt, and play settled down near the centre. After a bout of passing, Cullen scored for Monkstown near the corner flag. The kick at goal failed. For the rest of the game Monkstown held the upper hand, and had hard luck in not scoring again, but owing to the sure tackling of our backs we managed to keep our opponents out until the final whistle went. Of our forwards Mr. Wyon and Smyth were most in the picture, whilst Bell, Hannon, and Stone were the most conspicuous among good backs.

FEBRUARY 5TH.—DUBLIN UNIVERSITY 3RD B AT
BELGRAVE SQUARE.

Result :—High School, 3 goals 4 tries (27 pts.) ; Dublin University, 3 tries (9 pts.)

In our return match we were able to reverse the verdict of the College Park game. All throughout the match we showed the superiority of our training, and, though much the lighter team, proved more than a match for Trinity. Pressing from the start, we kept our opponents penned in their "25," and after all the backs had handled C. S. Marchant crossed the line for an unconverted try. Then, after much scrummaging, Hannon picked up and scored a "nippy" try. Trinity now rallied, and Brennan, our

captain last season, who all through the match proved a thorn in our side, scored a try which was not improved upon. After a good bit of loose play, Fletcher dribbled up to the line and scored. The kick at goal failed. Following this, Bell scored twice, Marchant adding the extra points to one of them. Trinity then scored twice per Lewis, and Mr. Wyon and Mr. Ellwood each scored once for us, Marchant and Beatty converting. For us, Mr. Wyon and Beatty showed up best among the forwards, and Bell and Marchant in the back division.

FEB. 8.—We received another visit from Royal Academical Institution (Belfast) on the morning of the English International, the visitors winning by 2 goals and 1 try to a goal and a try. High School pressed immediately on the start, and J. Bell scored after a smart bit of play, but the try was not converted. The home side still keeping up the pressure, Stone scored after a good individual effort, and Beatty added the major points. Before half-time Institution scored twice, one of which was converted. In the second half play was very fast and fluctuating, neither side being able to claim much superiority. Shortly before full-time Institution scored and converted, thus running out winners of a good game by the above score. For the winners both halves were very smart, and Finlay was the outstanding forward; while of the home lot, J. Bell, Stone, and Hannon (backs), Beatty, Gilligan, and Smyth (forwards) were the most prominent.

FEBRUARY 12TH.—ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE AT RATHFARNHAM.

In this match we were outclassed both backs and forwards. Our backs, though playing hard and tackling well, seemed to tackle the same men. Our forwards were very slack in their efforts at scrummaging and footwork. Of the forwards, Read was splendid out of touch, and was the only forward up to his game. Bell and Stone both tackled well and saved us from many awkward positions.

Result:—St. Columba's, 1 goal 4 tries (17 pts.); High School, nil.

FEB. 3.—We played an "A" team against St. Stephen's Green School in Belgrave Square. The game is not deserving of much mention, High School winning easily by 4 tries to nil. The scorers for High School were C. S. Marchant (2), Mack, and F. S. Marchant.

Result:—High School, 4 tries (12 pts.); St. Stephen's Green School, nil.

FEBRUARY 19TH.—ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE AT DONNYBROOK.

Result—High School, 1 try (3 pts.); St. Andrew's College, nil.

For the first time this season we met St. Andrew's College on their ground. Both teams were without some of their usual

players. After a hard-fought game, in which we were unfortunate not to have obtained more scores, we ran out victors by a try to nil. Marchant scored for us after a fine run from our "25." J. Bell, Marchant and Hannon were the best of the backs, and Read and Beatty were most conspicuous among the forwards.



Cup Matches.



THE SENIOR CUP MATCH.

Having got a bye in the first round, we meet Mountjoy, who had previously beaten Knockbeg College, in the second round at Lansdowne Road on Tuesday, 4th March. It was very gratifying to see such a large number of Old Boys coming to back up the red and black. A strong breeze was blowing and a light shower passed over just at the commencement of the game. Of last year's Cup Team only six survived, three backs and three forwards. Burns, who is an ardent votary of the sister code, was given the place on the wing, and Mounsey, who had not previously been able to turn out, was brought in to strengthen the pack. We had met Mountjoy earlier in the season, on which occasion we suffered defeat by 23 points to 3, the result being mainly due to the weight of our opponents, whom the adverse climatic conditions favoured. This was not calculated to make us too sanguine about our Cup Tie, and, in addition, Mountjoy had suffered few defeats this season. Most of us went to Lansdowne Road expecting to see our team put up a plucky fight against great odds and get beaten, but far from disgraced. The unexpected happened, and as the event proved we were extremely unlucky not to come off winners, as we would have done but for an oversight of the referee, who was not up in time to see Stone's score. We are proverbially unlucky in Cup matches. It will be remembered that last year in our Cup Tie with St. Andrew's College we were beaten by a try, which the referee afterwards noticed ought not to have been allowed. This year it was a great disappointment to us only to obtain a draw after our gallant endeavours; but the match demonstrated what has been becoming more and more evident during the last couple of years that High School is no negligible quantity, and must now be seriously reckoned with in the Cup Ties. We hope that before many years elapse the Cup will be introduced to 40 Harcourt Street. But let us plunge *in medias res* and describe the course of the game.

Mountjoy won the toss and Beatty kicked off with the wind, our opponents having elected to play against it. We had rather the better of the opening stages, good kicking by Bell, Marchant and Stone keeping our opponents on the defensive. Play was for the most part confined to midfield, where our forwards held their own well against the heavy pack opposed to them. The

diminutive Dodds, who played an exceedingly plucky game throughout, got the ball well away several times, but nothing tangible resulted, our backs not taking sufficient advantage of the wind by indulging in kicking. Twice C. S. Marchant broke clean away up to the full back but could not pass him. Smyth was once held up only a yard from the line, and Read had a grand dribble on his own for fully twenty-five yards. Stone made several pretty cuts through, and Bell was always dangerous when he got the ball. Half-time arrived without any score, although we were unlucky not to have a couple of scores at least to our credit.

The second moiety was almost a *replica* of the first. Mountjoy set up a determined attack on our lines, but the tackling of the backs, in fact of the entire team, was a treat to look at. Any attempts at passing by our opponents were immediately spoiled. Our spirits sank at one period when F. S. Marchant, after bringing off a splendid tackle, was injured by a kick in the head which necessitated his being carried off the field. This reverse seemed only to stimulate the remaining fourteen. Soon afterwards Bell made a run along the touch line, and when cornered kicked across. Stone fielded neatly, and crossed the line amid tremendous cheers. But the cup of victory was dashed from our lips. The referee did not get a clear view of the score, which none of our opponents even questioned, and did not award it. Mountjoy made desperate endeavours to score, but our tackling was too keen and no score arrived, leaving the result a scoreless draw.

In such a match criticism of the players would be invidious. The whole fifteen worked solidly to a man; there was not a shirker among them. C. S. Marchant played his best game so far, doing an amount of spoiling, and with a little more speed might have notched a couple of scores. Stone and Bell were a veritable tower of defence, and could always be relied on to get us out of a tight corner. If one of them does not get Inter-provincial honours this year we shall be surprised. Burns got little to do on his wing, but made a creditable *debut*. Larkin and Dodds rose to the occasion manfully, both kicking usefully and bringing off several fine tackles. The forwards stuck to their guns in splendid fashion. Beatty kept them together well, and by precept and example kept them "at it" the whole time, besides giving our opponents incessant trouble by his clever hooking. Read was very good out of touch, and no one worked harder than Smyth. Marchant (F. S.), until his injury, was frequently prominent; and Mounsey, in spite of his lack of training, acquitted himself well. White, Currall, and Digges are the remaining members of a hard-working pack.

The team was:—Full-back, H. T. Westropp; three-quarters, C. S. Marchant, W. H. C. Stone, John Bell, P. F. T. Burns; half-backs, G. E. Larkin and H. C. Dodds; forwards, A. J. Beatty (Capt.), A. J. Smyth, T. F. Read, F. S. Marchant, J. M. Mounsey, C. G. White, N. F. Currall, H. G. G. Digges.

THE JUNIOR CUP MATCH.

On Wednesday, 5th March, we met Blackrock in the second round of the Schools' Junior Cup at Belgrave Square. The match was a most uneven one. Blackrock, as anticipated, proved too heavy and strong for our youngsters. The latter, however, played an exceptionally plucky game, and got some fine practice in tackling if nothing else. Little Harry Larkin excelled in this department, and brought down the big man he was marking every time in fearless fashion. The score at half-time was three tries against us, and the final score read—

Blackrock College J.C.T. ... 1 goal 5 tries (20 pts.)

High School J.C.T. ... Nil.

Larkin, S. Smyth, Westropp, and Dodds were the pick of the backs, and Digges, Bird, and Ferguson the most prominent forwards.

The team was:—Full back, R. D. Gibson; three-quarters, J. Farrell, S. Smyth, E. Head, H. S. Larkin; half-backs, H. C. Dodds (captain), and H. T. Westropp; forwards, H. G. G. Digges, H. T. Bird, W. H. Thrift, G. M. Fletcher, A. K. Ferguson, R. W. Mather, R. S. Wayland, P. R. G. Fennell.

SENIOR CUP MATCH (RE-PLAY).

On Friday, 7th March, we met Mountjoy for the second time, the only change in our side being that J. S. Phillips replaced F. S. Marchant—whose injury, we regret to say, is more serious than was anticipated—in the pack. A hailstorm delayed the start for nearly two hours, and left the ground in a saturated condition. We had the wind against us in the first half, and it was soon evident that our opponents had the advantage from the state of the ground. The game had been in progress nearly half an hour when Mountjoy scored at the posts after some loose scrummaging, but failed to convert. This proved to be the only score of the match, although we had hard luck in not scoring more than once during the concluding stages. The game ended in a regular downpour. Bell played a magnificent game for us, and was easily the best back on the field, receiving most assistance from Marchant, Stone and Larkin, backs; and Beatty, Read, Mounsey and Smyth, forwards.



Cricket Prospects.



OUR outlook for the coming cricket season is indeed a very hopeful one and decidedly satisfactory. Our most serious loss, and one which we all sincerely regret, is W. B. Gilligan, who, although he did not play for the 1st XI., fulfilled his post as secretary with admirable zeal, and devoted much of his time and energy to the welfare of the club. Of last year's team the majority are still

with us, a rather unusual occurrence, and we have lost only two of the regular 1st XI., namely, Worthington-Eyre and Colquhoun. The former will be missed, especially on account of his good bowling, while Colquhoun was our best batsman, and gave a very good account of himself in last year's Schools' Inter-provincial match. Notwithstanding these losses we have the nucleus of a good team in N. L. Hannon, last year's captain; C. S. Marchant, a very useful bat; Jack Bell, an exceptionally good all-round player; and G. E. Larkin, besides P. F. T. Burns, F. S. Marchant, H. S. Scales and W. H. Stone. Although we shall miss Mr. Chaffer, we are sure that Mr. Timms will continue to render us his valuable aid in Senior matches assisted by Messrs. Slade and Ellwood. We hope that this season the Junior Cup team will go one better than last year, when they were only defeated in the Final. Practice at the nets will begin early in April, by which time the pitch ought to be rolled and in good condition, so that if all members—and we hope to see many new ones—practise consistently we may confidently look forward to a successful season.



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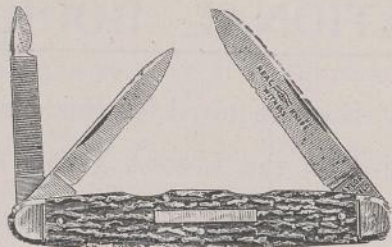
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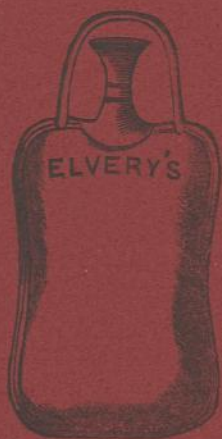
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