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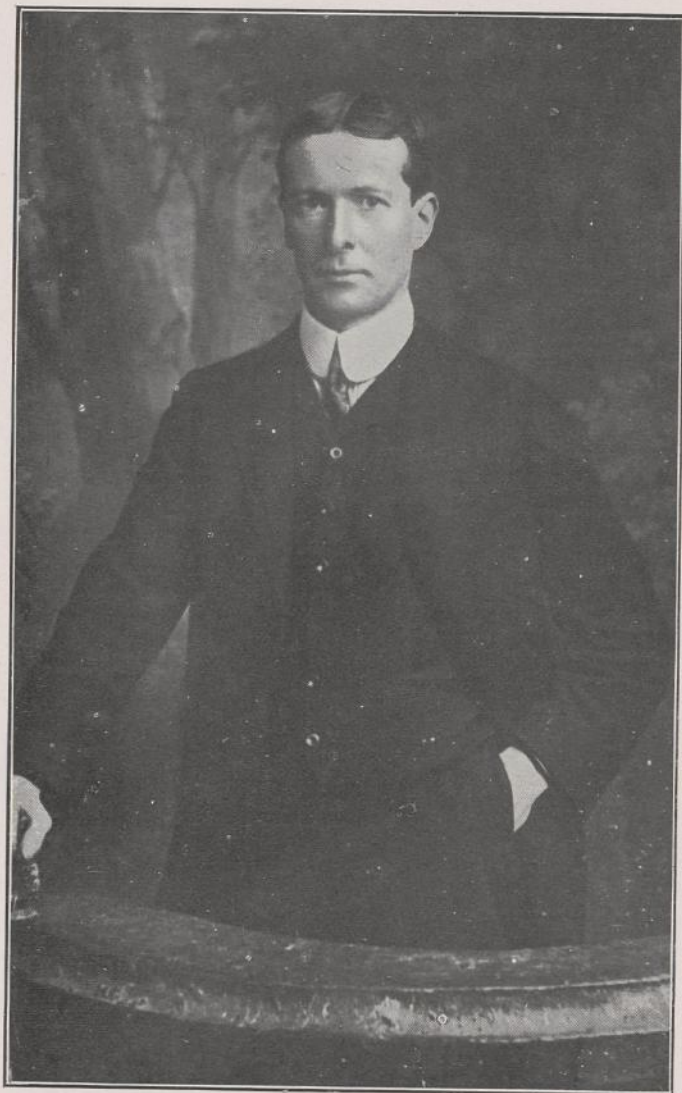
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Senior Mathematical Master, 1915-1920.

= The Erasmian =

MARCH, 1921.

Editorial.

How often, one wonders, do the readers of school magazines stop to think of the trouble that has been taken over the Editorial? As a rule, the difficulty lies chiefly in thinking of a theme to write about, something that is not utterly worn hollow, or played out, and that will not bore the readers to extinction. Few people expect anything but a dull Editorial in a school periodical, and in general, they seldom receive a glad surprise. Some readers do not trouble to read it, others sneer, many have the good sense to know they would probably do little better. Daily newspapers always have the passing events of a vast world on which to base their leading articles. But school magazines are more limited in their choice of subjects. Some editors comment on the various events of the school year, often adding the consecrated phrase, "a fuller account of this will be found elsewhere;" others, it is true, allude to political events, and express pious wishes thereon; others praise the prowess of their school in sport or intellect; one magazine affects an article on a literary subject as its exordium; quite a number of editors turn their Editorials round, so as to be able to introduce a description of Nature's beauties and intersperse random excerpts from Shakespeare, Tennyson, etc. All this is doubtless very good, and an excellent exercise for the mind, but does it please the reader, and is it not somewhat forced?

Should the Editorial exist at all? In some school magazines it has been abolished entirely. But there is probably no better way of beginning a magazine. To begin with anything else or to leave it out would be abrupt and offend one's idea of symmetry. We think, then, that on the whole, in spite of the defects which might be remedied, the system of the Editorial has not been improved upon; and we are willing to take the dullness, if it comes, as a matter of course.

What should happen is that the contributions to the magazines should be so plentiful as not to postulate a padded

and over-elaborated Editorial; and this is just what we have to complain about in our own case. The boys have forgotten that the "Erasmian" belongs to them and should be a parade-ground for their best literary capabilities and feelings. The very boys who sneer at the magazine are themselves responsible for any lack of interest and of vitality that it may have. They leave the "Erasmian," and are content to leave it, in the hands of one or two of the bigger boys. The function of editors is not to write the whole magazine, but rather to collect the contributions, see them printed, and so on. The "Erasmian" will never be an outstanding success until the whole school takes a pride and a share in it, and until the boys vie with each other in keen competition to get their contributions published.

With the sincere wish that this may come to pass soon, we terminate this macrology.

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On November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was celebrated, and, in common with millions of loyal people, we set apart two minutes at 11 o'clock to do honour to the brave men who had made the great sacrifice on the field of battle. When the signal was given, each class in the School stood up, and remained standing for the two minutes in silence. All those who took due reflection understood that we are entering on an heritage of peace and safety secured by the sufferings of literally many million men. Those boys who took the trouble to think seriously about these things could not but remember the sixty-eight from our School, who went forth, and having done their duty, laid down their lives. We must remember all this, but without hate, or else new wars will make their struggle for peace to have been in vain. The memorial window and tablets will be erected in the Clockroom during the year.

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It is with great sorrow that we have to announce the passing away, on March 4th, 1921, after an absence of several months from our midst, of our mathematical master, Mr. Frederick J. Faloone, B.A., T.C.D., Sen. Mod. and Ex Schol. He had been with us five and a half years, and had done very much valuable work for us, of which we desire to express our appreciation, and consequently the shock we received on hearing the sad news was very profound. Numerous representatives of High School were present at the interment at Mount Jerome on March 7th. And the whole School begs unitedly to offer their cordial sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.

Our annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, November, 26th. Mr. J. A. Maconchy, J.P., Chairman of the Governors, presided, and distributed the prizes after the Headmaster had read his report. He delivered an interesting address. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin also spoke to the boys and parents present, and closed the proceedings with the Benediction. Both visitors and boys had tea after the distribution, and Mr. F. T. Eason gave an interesting lecture on Japan, illustrated with very fine coloured lantern slides. We feel it our duty to add here that the function was a complete success, and was very well attended by parents and others. We quote further on some extracts from the Headmaster's Report.

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We are glad to see the distinctions won by High School boys in the Junior Exhibition examinations in Trinity College, and we heartily congratulate P. Coleman on obtaining second place, thus gaining the High School Exhibition; and likewise R. E. McGuire, on obtaining a First Class Junior Exhibition and the Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition. Coleman also won the First Entrance Prize in Greek Prose.

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There have been two changes in the School Staff this term. Mr. J. F. G. Magill, after having been with us six years, has left us in order to take Holy Orders; he is now a curate at Monaghan, and we assure him of our best wishes for his success. Owing to his departure and Mr. Faloone's illness two new masters have come on the staff. Mr. E. Simpson, M.A. (T.C.D.), was formerly Headmaster of Waterford Grammar School, a post which he resigned during the war to join the Air Force. Mr. G. A. Small, an Old Boy, is an Inspector under the Indian Education Office, and being home on furlough after serving in the war, is taking duty with us temporarily.

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The Scripture results were announced early in January. We give the passes and marks of the successful candidates in another column. The total number of passes was 81, and 38 boys won prizes as against 30 last year. We congratulate in particular, I. E. Jones, who won the medal for first place in Greek Testament in Ireland. The Greek Testament class did very well indeed, and among the others we should mention D. B. W. Good, H. G. Yates, R. K. Craig, and D. G. McCaully, among the Church Boys; and among the Presbyterians, W. S. Glover, who was again the first boy in his Grade in all Ireland.

Notes on Old Boys.

Rev. F. W. O'Connell, Litt. D. (1889-93), Professor of Irish in Queen's University, Belfast, has obtained the unusual distinction of the honorary degree of Phil. D. from the Senate of the Société Internationale de Philologie, Sciences et Beaux Arts, under charter from the French Government.

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E. V. Longworth, O.B.E. (1889-94), has been appointed K.C.

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G. C. Duggan, O.B.E. (1896-1903) has been awarded the Cross of the French Legion of Honour.

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Surgeon-Commander T. W. Myles, M.D., R.N. (1888-96), has been awarded the O.B.E. for rescue work in South Russia and the Black Sea.

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A. S. Larkin (1902-13) is to be congratulated on obtaining a post in the Indian Civil Service.

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E. S. O. Dunlop (1905-12) has been given a Government Intermediate Clerkship in the Health Ministry.

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Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.A., M.C. (1891-95), has been appointed Incumbent of Carbury, Co. Kildare.

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Rev. E. W. Cowell, B.A. (1892-96), Incumbent of Tam-laghtard, Derry, has been appointed to the Incumbency of All Saints, Clooney, Derry.

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Rev. K. M. Dunlop, M.A. (1891-96), who served as an Army Chaplain in the war, has been appointed Rector of Chapelizod.

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Rev. Gwynn S. B. Mack, M.A. (1909-11), who was also an Army Chaplain, is now Curate of St. John's, Sandymount.

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P. R. G. Fennell (1909-15) has obtained a Clerkship in Guinness's Brewery.

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C. G. White, B.Sc. (1910-15), is now Assistant Demonstrator in Engineering in the Royal College of Science.

T. M. H. Stratford Tuite, M.C. (1906-09) (formerly Captain in the Connaught Rangers) has obtained a post in the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

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C. H. Farmer (1912-18) has obtained a Clerkship in the Bank of Ireland.

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C. A. Ervine-Andrews (1916-19) has obtained a Clerkship in the Provincial Bank.

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F. V. Simpson (1914-19) has obtained a Clerkship in the Belfast Bank.

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Gordon Mack (1906-16) was very unlucky to turn up ill during his Moderatorship Exams. in Trinity, and will go up again next October. We are glad to see that he has quite recovered. He was playing Badminton in March in London, and won the Surrey County Championship, and was in the final of the All-England Open Championship (Doubles).

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H. V. T. Henchy (1917-20) has been appointed to a Clerkship in the London and Lancashire Fire Assurance Co.

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F. W. Synnott, M.C. (1899-1904), has been elected Auditor of the Trinity College Theological Society for the current session.

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W. J. E. Dawson (1909-15) read a paper this term before the College Theological Society on "Religion and Sport." He has also been elected on to the Council of the University Philosophical Society.

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J. Cheatle (1919-20) won the Vandeleur Scholarship last Term in the Royal Academy of Music.

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We are glad to see so many Old Boys playing football for the senior Dublin clubs. G. E. Larkin (1905-15), Lansdowne three-quarter, played for the Possibles against the Probables for the Irish International Team; Jack Ballagh (1917-20), our School full-back last year, is now playing full-back for Beehive, and has done splendidly. The others are too numerous to mention.

MARRIAGES.

- NORTON (1897-1901) and FAGG—February 3, 1920, at Trinity College Chapel, Foochow, S. China, by Bishop Hind, assisted by Rev. A. W. R. Norton (brother of the bridegroom), Edward Moore, son of the late Alexander Richmond Norton, of the Ulster Bank, Dublin, and of Mrs. Norton, Achill, Co. Mayo, to Edith May, daughter of the late George Fagg, of Hobart, Tasmania, and of Mrs. Fagg, Cape Town.
- EXHAM (1888-90) and DEVENISH—February 11, 1920, at the Mariners' Church, Kingstown, by the Rev. Canon Kennedy, B.D., Robert Maziere, son of the late Robert Exham and Mrs. Exham, Kenah Hill, Killiney, to Lily Waller Devenish, daughter of the late Robert Devenish, Cloonfinlough House, Co. Roscommon.
- HUTCHINSON (1891-95) and KIRTLAND—April 27, 1920, at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, by the Rev. Canon Day, M.A., the Rev. Samuel Hutchinson, M.A., M.C., son of the late Robert Deey Hutchinson, of Dublin, to Margaret, daughter of the late J. S. Renn Kirtland, and Mrs. Kirtland, of "Westover," South Shore, Lancashire.
- MACK (1909-11) and TARRANT—June 16, 1920 (by special licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury), at St. Stephen's Church, S. Dulwich, the Rev. Gwynn S. B. Mack, M.A., Hon. Chaplain to the Forces, to Margaret Louise (Madge), daughter of the late Richard Tarrant, Esq., and niece of Mrs. D. G. Bingham, Utrecht, Holland.
- KELSO (1899-1903) and STOKES—July 14, 1920, at Zion Church, Rathgar, by the Rev. William Clarke, D.D., assisted by the Rev. L. Parkinson Hill, M.A., Rector, Walter Duncan, 31st D.C.O. Lancers, Indian Cavalry, youngest son of George Kelso, 60 Brighton Road, Rathgar, to Alma, daughter of William Stokes, "Mona," Winton Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin.
- SHEA (1910-13) and DRIVER—November 6, 1920, at Holy Trinity Church, Heworth, York, by the Rev. A. Victor Jones, M.A., Vicar, Frederick William Shea, M.C., only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shea, Annesley Park, Rathmines, Dublin, to Ruth Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Driver, of Heworth, York.
- HINKSON (1912-13) and PILKINGTON—January 8, 1921, at the Church of the Catholic University, Thomas Henry, elder son of the late H. A. Hinkson, R.M., and Mrs. Hinkson (Katherine Tynan), to Miss Moira Pilkington.

WARNER (1909-11) and FLAEGEL—January 17, 1921, at St. Mary's, Donnybrook, by the Rev. Thomas Pearson, B.D., assisted by the Rev. Canon Wilson, John Proctor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Warner, Sandymount, Dublin, to Olga Louisa, third daughter of Mons. and Mme. Louis Flaegel, Clonskeagh, Dublin.



Extracts from the Headmaster's Report for 1919-20.



Two points distinguish this year from previous years. It is the first complete year of school work after the great war, and now after the disturbance of the war which affected our School and its work in a number of different ways, we have settled down again so far as possible to normal peace conditions. Secondly, the High School was founded in 1870 in development of the work of the Board of Erasmus Smith established in 1669, and we have therefore in the year 1920 reached our jubilee. It was opened in 1870 mainly through the efforts of Mr. John Barlow, and during these fifty years it has had since his time three different Chairmen of the Board; Vice-Chancellor Chatterton, to whom more than to any one man the Erasmus Smith Foundations are indebted for wise guidance and control for 34 years; after him for six years Dr. Traill, Provost of Trinity College; and thirdly, since 1912, Mr. J. A. Maconchy, the present distinguished Chairman. The School has likewise had three Headmasters, Dr. Creswell from 1870 to 1879, Mr. William Wilkins from 1879 to 1908, and myself since 1908. My own connection with the School, however, goes further back than this, viz., to the beginning of 1891, so that by the end of the present year it will have extended over a period of exactly thirty years—*grande mortalis aevi spatium*—a goodly span in a man's life. It would take too long to give an account of the work of these fifty years, but the School's record, whether in the Universities or the Professions, in Civil or in Commercial life, in the class room or in the playing fields, at home or abroad, and lastly in the Great War, is one of which we may be proud and which will bear favourable comparison with that of any other similar institution. Fifty years is long enough to establish a tradition, and it is by its highest achievements during that time that it must be judged in the coming years. By this standard the School is doing as good work as ever; the spirit of its work

and of its play, its conduct, its successes, its tone, its atmosphere, its teaching appear to me to be maintained at a high level, and I may add that its number this year are much larger than a year ago.

Our School Staff has had one change. Mr. J. R. James, who had been with us for six years, left us last summer for a post at Lichfield, in England, and has been replaced by Mr. Evans of Trinity College.

At the Scripture Examinations held last December under the direction of the Church of Ireland Synod and the Presbyterian Assembly, 67 boys passed, 7 in Greek Testament, 5 in the Senior Grade, 11 in the Middle, and 36 in the Junior. Eight Presbyterian boys entered and all passed. Thirty boys obtained prizes compared with 22 in the year before. W. S. Glover was first among Presbyterian boys in Ireland in the Junior Grade; W. C. Proctor was second in Greek Testament; and seven other boys obtained First Class Prizes, the Junior Grade in particular distinguishing itself. These results were the more creditable as the conditions of passing were last year made more difficult. Not only must a candidate pass on the examination as a whole, but he must also pass in each paper in which he is examined.

At the Intermediate Examinations last June 33 boys passed, as compared with 30 in 1919, 5 in the Senior Grade, 8 in the Middle, and 20 in the Junior Grade, 9 with honours. High distinctions were obtained—W. C. G. Proctor won the Medal for First Place in Science, and E. J. Weinberger the Medal for First Place in German, both in the Senior Grade. Weinberger also won a First Class Exhibition in the Modern Literary Group and the only prize awarded for German Composition. Proctor won a £3 Prize in Science, and qualified for prizes in Classics and Mathematics; I. E. Jones and P. Coleman both obtained £3 prizes in Classics and qualified for prizes in the Modern Literary Group. All the boys in the Junior Grade who won honours also obtained distinctions; G. J. Rush an Exhibition in Classics and a prize for Greek Composition, besides qualifying for prizes in Mathematics and Science; L. J. Archer £3 Prize in Mathematics, and £3 Prize in Science; W. S. Cunningham, £2 Prize in Science; E. J. Montgomery, £2 Prize in Science, and £1 Prize in Mathematics; and T. G. Squires, £1 Prize in Mathematics. That the School does equally well in all subjects is shown by the number of distinctions won in the different groups: 5 in Classics, 5 in Modern Languages, 5 in Mathematics, and 6 in Science.

Deep regret should be expressed in the name of Irish Schools at the death this summer of Dr. Starkie, Chairman of the Intermediate Board. He was not only a great Irishman and a great scholar, but he was also a great and enthusiastic

worker for education, and his place will be hard, if not impossible, to fill.

At the Junior Exhibition Examination held last year N. Shapira obtained second place, and was awarded the High School Exhibition of £25 a year for four years. He also won a Classical Sizarship and two Entrance Prizes. Last June P. Coleman also won a Classical Sizarship, and at the Junior Exhibition last month obtained, like Shapira, the second place and the High School Exhibition, as well as an Entrance Prize. R. E. McGuire, who was unfortunate in just missing a Sizarship, obtained the fourth place, winning a Junior Exhibition of £20 a year for two years, and also being awarded by the Board of Governors of the School a First Class Statutory Exhibition.

Besides the above, F. H. Batt was awarded a Lord Kitchener Memorial Scholarship of £75 a year for four years, in addition to the payment of fees tenable in the Royal College of Science.

In Trinity College W. H. B. Mack obtained a Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Classics, and a Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in History; J. V. Bateman obtained a Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Mental and Moral Philosophy; G. K. Carpenter was given the B.Sc. degree for a special dissertation; W. H. Thrift and H. J. L. Armstrong both gained foundation scholarships in Experimental Science. G. S. B. Mack, who is the Badminton Champion of Ireland, and won the Tennis Championship Cup in Trinity this year, has the honour of being President this year of the University Philosophical Society, and also Hon. Sec. of the College Classical Society, while F. W. Synnott has been elected Hon. Sec. of the College Theological Society, and has been awarded a special certificate for Oratory. W. E. Abbott is to be congratulated on his brilliant successes in the Royal College of Science and in London University.

Our football captain was J. Hempenstall. Our full-back, J. T. Ballagh, played for Leinster in all the inter-provincial matches. Our cricket captain was R. E. McGuire, who was also chosen to captain the Leinster School team; the swimming gala was held at the Iveagh Baths on October 5th, and the School Championship was won by J. C. Hopkins; the Annual Gymnastic display was held in the Swedish Gymnasium on June 25th, when the class medals were awarded to boys who had done the best work during the year; and finally the Athletic Sports were carried through with the greatest success on June 23rd at Lansdowne Road. The championship was won by R. E. McGuire, and the prizes distributed by Mrs. E. H. Alton. At the Leinster School Sports held in September for the benefit of the Dublin Hospitals,

High School boys won four out of the five championships; R. D. Stephens the Mile, R. E. Murray the Senior 100 Yards, W. S. Cunningham the Junior 100 Yards, and E. M. Wright the Junior 300 Yards. I should add that the "Erasmian," the School Magazine, was edited during the year by R. E. McGuire. Unfortunately the magazine costs to publish three or four times as much as before the war, and we have therefore been obliged to reduce the number of issues during the year from four to two, and to publish it only in the autumn and spring.

Of our old pupils, the Most Rev. Dr. D'Arcy, whom we were glad to welcome here last year as our Archbishop of Dublin, is now Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Sir Frank Greer, K.C., C.B., Parliamentary Draughtsman to the Irish Office in London, was Knighted last January; Mr. Chester Duggan has received the French Legion of Honour; Mr. Max Nurock has been appointed Private Secretary to Sir H. Samuel, His Majesty's Commissioner for Palestine; Dr. E. H. Wilkins has been appointed Head of the Medical Branch of the Education Department in New Zealand; his brother, M. A. C. Wilkins, has been appointed Lecturer in Latin in Queen's University, Belfast; and Mr. S. W. Maddock, D.L., has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Medal for Life-saving. The Committee who have in hand the erection of a memorial to the sixty-eight Old Boys who fell in the Great War have arranged for a stained glass window to fill the three lights at this end of the Clockroom, together with two brass tablets on either side with their names inscribed. The Committee believe this will be a worthy memorial, and expect that the work will be completed before this time next year.



Levia.



Master—"What do we mean by the 'Dark Ages?'"

Boy—"I suppose the time when there were so many knights!"

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From C. room hails this gem:—

Master—"Do you know the population of Dublin?"

Boy—"Not yet, sir, not all of them, we've only been living here two years."

On a bench in the tuck-shop lay a small boy, prostrated as the result of three H.S.D. buns. Fond friends leaning over him to catch his last utterances, just distinguished the faintly spoken words: "Yes, you may carry me home, but don't bend me!"

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Heard in the Boardroom: "Catapultae maximae"—
"Maxim guns."

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Student who has already made twenty-one mistakes in four lines of Latin translation:

"—Interum habet, they had again—"

Master—"There's no 'they!'"

Student (disgustedly)—"Had again!"

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Angered voice from Clockroom—"Boy, do you realise that you have tasted two whole worms?"

Timid, deprecating voice—"I beg your pardon, sir?"

First voice again—"I repeat it, sir, you have, er—wasted two whole terms!"

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Extract from current botanical journal:—"The growth of the wild thyme in the rural districts of Ireland prevents the inhabitants being in clover."

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Extract from *ibid*:—"The average schoolboy's ignorance of botany is astounding. The other day a school-inspector asked a boy what he thought made the flowers shoot up in the spring. The reply was 'he thought it was their pistils.'"

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A confidential word to the older boys—"The best way of "keeping out of a scrape" is to grow whiskers.

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Some people consider that the Canadian designation of the Ford motor-cars as "Lenin and Trotskys" is not unjust. They allege that they are two cranks and a revolution.

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The other day two sailors were intoxicated and began fighting. The victor made good his escape, but the beaten man was summoned to appear before the petty sessions. This is patently a case of the weaker vessel coming into the dock on account of not being quite "dry."

Some Words : Below their Surface.

There are in the English language many words which have been formed by false analogy, and many that have by a natural evolution assumed the same form as other words of totally different meaning and derivation; again, other words have been formed from similarity of sound either in single words or in combinations of two or more words, particularly in the introduction of foreign words, the resulting word or words in each case often producing highly curious divergences of meaning and etymology. The student finds this branch of word-study both interesting and diverting.

Many curious results are produced from misapprehensions of sound. It is thus we get the well-known instance, "Rotten Row," the famous drive in Hyde Park, from "Route au Roi;" again, we get "gipsy" from "Egyptian;" "Yankee" from "Anglais" or "English," being a corruption by the Red Indians through the intermediate form Yengeese; "gooseberry" from the original "groseberry" (O Fr. *gröselle*, a gooseberry); "gooseberry fool" is, of course, gooseberry "foulé," *i.e.*, mashed or crushed. Contrary to one's expectations perhaps, "porter," the beverage, was so called from the extensive use of it by that genus of men; and one may be surprised to hear that "stout" really is formed from the obvious source. "Gin" is a corruption of Geneva, which is from Fr. "*genièvre*," juniper; this derivation may be elucidated by mentioning that gin is flavoured with juniper berries.

When we think about the sinking of the "Lusitania" we call it a tragedy, and perhaps we forget the connection of that lofty word with "tragos," a goat in Ancient Greece. Or what Frenchman, when he uses the word "*gêner*," "to embarrass," remembers its derivation (the valley of) "Gehinnom," near Jerusalem, this valley being a symbol for the infernal regions?

Many of us know that the "Cat and Fiddle" inn is a misnomer for "Caton le fidèle" (in honour of Cato, the faithful Governor of Calais). Another, not so well known, is "The Bull and Mouth," from "Boulogne Mouth" or harbour (in honour of the victory there). The "Pig and Whistle" is from "pige," a maiden, and "wassail," greeting, *i.e.*, The Virgin's Greeting; "The Bag o' Nails" inn was once the "Bacchanals," and "The Goat and Compasses" was originally "God encompasseth us." Duns Scotus (some say he was an Irishman, and his birthplace Dun or Down in Ulster) was indirectly responsible for our word "dunce." The oppo-

nents of this philosopher designated his adherents derisively as dunces, a word we now use without thinking of the worthy original. Amorous youths may feel surprised on hearing that the word "sweetheart" has nothing to do with "heart." They know for a fact it has. Etymologically, however, the second portion of the word is "ard" or "hard," meaning strong in, full of, and is found in drunkard, bastard, coward, etc.

The words "Dick Whittington" conjure up memories of nursery days. But has he any interest relevant to our present thoughts? Well, we wish to examine the statement that he made his fortune by the help of a cat. Might it not have been by "achat," a Norman word for "trading," probably the Mod. Fr. "achat," purchase? Or once more, is it from "A Cat," the name of a Norwegian ship which research has shown us existed about that period plying between London and Newcastle? Thus it is within the bounds of possibility that Dick became rich in this manner. Some of us, however, prefer to be romantic!

The word "tawdry," meaning "showy," is derived from St. Audrey, a place in the Isle of Ely where the annual fair was noted for the sale of cheap, flashy articles of clothing. Many people deny that "beefeater" has the least connection with Fr. "buffetier," a sideboard-man, and assert that it is merely formed by analogy to A.S. "loaf-eater," meaning a servant. Their assertion is not without foundation, but it is hard to give up the former.

Cheapside in London does not mean the cheap place, although indirectly it is connected with the word, but means merely the place (Germ. "Seite," side) where things are bought or sold (Germ. "kaufen," to buy).

Foolscap paper is presumed a corruption of the Italian "foglio capo," folio size (sheets). Here again similarity of sound led people astray. And up till about 300 years ago this paper had as its trade-mark the cap and bells of a buffoon.

It may be news to some that "Boxing-day" has a real connection with Christmas boxes, reminiscent of the days when 'prentice boys presented special boxes to the customers for gratuities.

The phrase "running the gauntlet" does not suggest anything unusual at first sight. "Yes," perhaps we say, "plainly it means running between two files of men and being beaten with mailed gloves or gauntlets." This, to some extent, is right. But on close examination we observe that "gauntlet" in this phrase was formerly the Swedish "gantlope" (the confusion being due to the similarity of sound), meaning running down a lane, from "gata," a lane, and "lopp," a leaping; the Germ. "gassenlaufen" has the same signification.

At first sight the origin of the word "humble-pie" in the

phrase "to eat humble-pie" seems perfectly obvious; humble, Lat. *humilis*, pie, Low Lat. *pastata*, the compound word being used in a fig. sense. This, however, is not the case. The second part of the word is correctly derived, but the derivation of the first is, according to the above interpretation, misconceived. It is from the old word "umbles" (Fr. *nombles*, which in turn was from Lat. "*lumbulus*," a small loin), with the meaning of entrails, especially deer's entrails. Pies made with these were formerly given as food to the serfs, hence they were humble pie as well as umbles-pie.

The "Blue Peter" (*i.e.*, the flag, blue with square white centre, which is borne by ships about to set sail) has no connection with the saint. Its origin lies in Fr. "*partir*," which, we need hardly say, means "to set out."

Lack of space forbids us to expatiate on other equally interesting cases, but mention may be made of one or two more: "Charles' Wain" was once "Churl's Wain;" "pickaxe," according to many philologists, has nothing to do with an axe, but is from the diminutive "pickois," a little pick; a nick name is really an "eke-name," an added name (*cf.* Germ. *auch*, also) with the "n" of the indefinite article joined to it; "kickshaws," an almost obsolete word, comes from "*quelques choses*;" "walnut" is not the nut that grows on wall trees, and has no affinity whatever with "wall," but is, through A.S. from the Germ. *Waelche Nuss*, meaning the Italian or foreign nut; "Jerusalem artichokes" (sometimes used for "Palestine soup") come not from the apparently Oriental origin, but, the artichoke being a sort of sunflower, from Ital. "*girasole*," Lat. *gyrus*, a circle, and *sol*, sun. And thus we might continue for hours.

E. J. W.

WEINBERGER



A FISHY STORY—BY A BISHOP.

Upon the river's bank serene
A fisher stood where all was green,
And looked it.

He saw, just as the light grew dim,
The fish, or else the fish saw him,
And hooked it.

He took, with high erected comb,
The fish, or else the story, home,
And cooked it.

Recording angels by his bed,
Weigh'd all that he had done or said,
And booked it.

Football Notes.



The Senior Cup Team.

This season, which promised so well for us, has ended somewhat disastrously, as far as the Senior Schools' Cup is concerned, owing to the much-regretted illness of Dodds, our captain and scrum half, and of Wright, our left wing. But this is looking at the wrong side of things. Let us turn to the results given below, and we will see that after all the senior team has obtained a good percentage of successes. The results may be summarised as follows:—

Games played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points for.	Points against.
24	13	7	4	231	154

Now, as regards play, we might have done better if our team had remembered the old saying:—

“United we stand, divided we fall.”

It can safely be said that our back division very rarely made a united effort, except in training, when there was no one to hinder it. But a team will not do very much if it cannot put into force the tactics it learns in training. Individual play may be very nice to look at, but it does not succeed very well when there are fifteen opponents to stop it. The forwards this season were the better part of our team, though even here a little more combined work was necessary. The eight forwards are intended to work together and at the same time, and not for two or three to have a rest while the other six or five are working.

One prevailing mistake is the idea that once a boy is chosen for a team he is always on that team, no matter whether he plays well or badly. This idea, besides being conceited, is entirely wrong. Another fault is the idea that once a player is dropped from a team, he can never get on that team again, and therefore need not turn out to any future practices. When certain High School boys discard these illusions and settle down to hard work in the football field, then, and not till then, can we hope to see the Clockroom adorned with the Senior Schools' Cup.

We take this opportunity to thank sincerely Mr. Evans, who has taken such a keen interest in our football, and has trained both our Senior and Junior teams. We also thank those other masters who have refereed for us.

We congratulate Macbeth on being chosen to play on the Possibles team in the Inter-provincial Trial Match, and Dodds and Rooney, who were chosen as subs.

Caps for the season 1920-21 were awarded to J. Rooney, R. P. McGarrigle, M. Bell.

The Senior Cup Match—1st Round.

High School v. Wesley College, Lansdowne Road,
25th February, 1921.

From the very first the auspices boded ill. With Dodds, our captain, on the sick-list, with Wright similarly *hors de combat*, and McGarrigle having a bad knee, the outlook was not reassuring.

The condition of the weather and ground, however, was excellent. At first the struggle seemed by no means uneven, till after about ten minutes Wesley scored. Five minutes later another score was registered for Wesley by Reardon, whose play on the field showed to advantage. A spirited and powerful rush on the part of High School ensued, which carried the struggle near the opposing goal-line. In the struggle for possession, a free was proclaimed for High School in our opponents' twenty-five, from which Jolley scored by an excellent place kick. Play continued with vigour, and shortly before half-time a free kick given against High School within our twenty-five, was converted by Wesley College. The score at half time stood at 9 points to 3 in our opponents' favour, neither of their tries having been converted.

In the second half suffice it to say that the absence of Dodds and of Wright was all too apparent. There were several more scores by Wesley, Reardon and Hicks each scoring, the former's being converted. The final score stood in Wesley's favour at 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, and 5 tries (23 points) to 1 penalty goal (3 points).

Of our backs, McGarrigle, at full, was best, though the bad state of his knee prevented him from exercising his faculties in anything like his usual form. Jolley's kicking and tackling were good, but he did not field the ball well, while Abbott, who played on the left wing instead of Wright, was steady. Of our forwards, Rooney and Bell played excellently in every way, but figured best in the rushing tactics which all through the game tended to help us most. Digges "got down" in time, but did not use his weight enough. Of the rest of the forwards, Macbeth, who played a steady game all the time, was the best. Proctor, too, played well, and was always in the thick of the struggle.

The Junior Cup Team.

Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points for.	Points against.
15	5	10	138	207

This summary tells its own story. Until the end of this season our Junior team has been very unsuccessful, though

latterly it has improved. The situation here is the reverse of that in the Senior team. The backs are good, but the forwards could use their weight, of which they have plenty, to greater advantage by packing together tighter in the scrums. Although this "Erasmian" is published after the end of the season, the above should be remembered, as it is to the juniors that we look to supply our Senior Team during the next few years.

This year in the Cup tie we were drawn to play St. Columba's College in the first round, but as our opponents scratched, we qualified to play St. Andrew's College in the second round. This match proved very disappointing. Morton, Ballagh, and Connolly were the only backs whose play was at all worthy of mention. Our forwards, though easily the heavier pack, were far too slow for their opponents. The final score against us was 3 goals, 1 try (18 points) to nil.

NOTES ON PLAYERS.

Dodds.—It is hardly necessary to say much about our captain, although we might repeat that he is extremely strong, often rock-like, in defence, and has saved many a tight corner. May we point out to him that as a captain he should cultivate more originality in attack, and more speed in passing out?

McGarrigle at full-back has improved steadily throughout the year. His handling has been excellent and his kicking very good. Tackles well, but does not always bring his man down on the spot.

Jolley has excellent speed, tackles well, has plenty of initiative, but has no conception of the duties of centre three-quarter. He won't pass out, but rushes head first into the scrum.

Wright has the best speed of the team, and has scored some grand tries, but he fumbles with the ball too much, and seems timorous when called upon to fall on the ball.

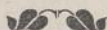
Doherty is inexperienced as a three-quarter, and is happier in the pack.

Isaacson is a steady man, and has shown a certain amount of initiative, but his tackling is somewhat weak, and he should fall on the ball much more often.

May is very good in defence, is extremely plucky, tackles well, but fails as a half because he does not pass out.

Rooney is probably the best of the forwards, and is particularly good in the loose. He is, however, too fond of waiting till the play comes up to him.

- Proctor**, our vice-captain, is one of our steadiest and most reliable men, is always up to his place, and is vigorous. He has no outstanding fault as a forward.
- Digges** hooks well, is always up to the scrum in time, but might use his weight a little more. Very steady on the whole.
- Bell** is an excellent forward, has initiative, and plays a hard and steady game.
- Macbeth** is a reliable forward, but should use his ample vigour with greater discrimination. He tackles well, but not low. Thoroughly reliable.
- Jones** as a forward shows no hesitation, and goes straight on and makes the most of his weight. Very steady.
- Neill**, another steady forward who has done much good tackling.
- Williams** is inexperienced as yet, but shows capacity for solid, reliable work in the scrum.



Examination Results.



TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

- P. Coleman (1914-20)—The High School Exhibition (£25 a year for four years, with privileges as to rooms).
First Entrance Prize in Greek Prose Composition.
- R. E. McGuire (1914-20)—First Class Junior Exhibition (£20 a year for two years).
Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition.
First Term Prize for Classical Composition.
First Class Honours in Classics.
- N. Shapira (1914-19)—First Class Honours in Classics.
- A. V. G. Killingley (1914-15)—First Class Honours in French.
- Gordon S. B. Mack (1906-16)—Cluff Memorial Prize for History.
- W. B. E. McCrea (1914-17)—Passed Final Medical Examination, Part I.
- V. Robinson (1910-14)—Do. do. do.
- S. G. Rainsford (1913-14)—Do. do. do.
- W. M. Fitzsimmons (1909-14)—Passed First Engineering Examination, with Special Certificate in Practical Engineering.

- G. K. Carpenter (stip. cond.) (1908-14)—Awarded B.Sc. Degree for Special Dissertation.
 L. J. D. Richardson (stip. cond.) (1903-12)—M.A. Degree.
 Rev. J. A. Rogers (1903-4)—Do.
 H. V. Thornton (1905-12)—Do.
 W. J. E. Dawson (1909-15)—B.A. Degree.
 J. S. Phillips (1912-14)—Do.
 H. L. Sleith (Respondent) (1906-11)—Do.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.

- W. E. Abbott (1912-18)—Passed Third Year Course in Applied Chemistry, winning First Prize in six subjects: Mineralogy and Petrology, Chemical Technology, Thermodynamics, Inorganic Chemistry, Practical Chemistry; also passed in Electro-Technology.
 H. G. Goodwillie (1909-16)—Passed Third Year Engineering Course.
 D. C. Russell (1911-19)—Passed First Year Course.
 H. R. Bardon (1913-18)—Do. do. do.
 H. S. Scales (1909-15)—Do. do. do.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

- C. G. White (1910-15)—Passed London B.Sc. Degree with Second Class Honours.
 W. E. Abbott (1912-18)—Passed Pure Mathematical Section of B.Sc. Examination.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

- A. Hayman (1910-13)—First Prize in Anatomy. Second Prize for Systematic Anatomy.
 I. Levy (1908-15)—Second Prize for Surgery.
 R. G. Freeman (1913-19)—Passed First Professional Examination.
 D. Eppel (1905-09)—Passed Third Professional Examination.
 A. Hayman (1910-13)—Do. do. do.
 R. J. Ogden (1899-1903)—Passed Final Professional Examination.
 L. Sher (1905-09)—Do. do. do.

ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE.

John Bell (1909-15)—Passed First Professional Examination with Second Class Honours.

H. Bell (1909-19)—Do. do. do.

G. McKee (1911-18)—Passed Second Professional Examination.



The International Match between Ireland & Scotland.



(By a special reporter for the "Erasmian.")

The weather was unusually good, as the rain had only been falling gently for several days. The floods at headquarters, Lansdowne Road, were somewhat reduced, and with ease one could touch the bottom by standing on tiptoe. However, during the morning some of the surplus water had drained towards that noble waterway, the River Dodder, and at 3 p.m. the depth was only three feet. The Scotch captain, though he was of a long line of highland ancestors all born in the land of mist and rain, was unwilling to play. But finally, at the request of all the spectators, who visited him, not singly, but one by one, in the pavilion, he agreed to risk it. Winning the toss, he decided to play with the current, which was setting strongly in a southerly direction, though the breeze was contrary. At 3.30 p.m. the opposing teams swam on to the field. The referee, who was just recovering from an attack of influenza, paddled about in a small canoe. Owing to the difficulty of kicking the tendency was to throw the ball forward, consequently a large number of scrums resulted. Shortly after starting the Scotch centre three-quarter, intercepting a pass, swam off with a beautiful side-stroke and scored between the buoys amid shouts of applause and clouds of foam. A fast match ensued, interrupted several times to administer first aid to players who stupidly remained too long under water. At half time the floods had still further abated, showing the craftiness of the Scotch captain, as now he had the breeze in his favour, while the strength of the current had weakened so much as to be of little value to the Irish team. The touch flags were now commencing to appear, so altogether the second half of the game was likely to be more exciting. It certainly was most thrilling as the home team,

which at half time was several points in arrears, soon made good the deficiency. After a thoroughly exciting match, in which the audience was remarkable by its fewness, the Irish team paddled off victors by nine points to eight.

The delight of the victory was somewhat lessened by a sad accident. Half way through the second period it was discovered that the referee was missing. It was thought that perhaps he had gone to the pavilion for refreshments, but a search party failed to discover him.

Later Communique:—A telegram from Holyhead states that "the referee has arrived safely. His canoe was carried away by the tide, and after narrowly escaping being run down by the Kish Lightship, he was picked up by the Mailboat." By this means he avoided the exorbitant prices of the long and tedious train journey from King's Row to Westlandtown. It is hoped that his influenza is none the worse for his enforced sea voyage.

He is at present writing a book on "How to paddle my own canoe in my spare time."



Scripture Results.



CHURCH OF IRELAND.

Greek Testament.—1. E. Jones, 95, First Place and Silver Medal. First Class: C. G. Proctor, 83; C. E. G. Digges, 75; T. G. Squires, 75; W. S. Cunningham, 74. Third Class: E. J. Montgomery, 57; E. M. Wright, 52. Pass: L. J. Archer, 45; R. E. Murray, 40; F. E. Reynolds, 30.

Senior Grade.—Pass: J. C. Moody, 54½; E. N. Bardon, 47½; W. D. Smith, 39½.

Middle Grade.—First Class: D. B. W. Good, 85. Second Class: A. L. Riley, 75½. Third Class: D. F. Eyles, 71½; G. S. Sloan, 70; A. W. Taylor, 69. Pass: M. F. E. Dobbin, 63; W. H. Squires, 60; G. J. Boucher, 58½; G. A. Mackay, 57½; E. Taylor, 54; G. Clarendon, 51; H. E. P. Anderson, 49; E. T. Tuckey, 48½; H. D. Gorman, 46; E. E. C. Reeves, 46; E. A. Connolly, 43½; J. R. W. Fleming, 38½.

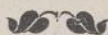
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Greek Testament.—Third Class: M. Bell, 51.

Middle Grade.—First Class: W. S. Glover, 88. Third Class: A. W. Robertson, 66. Pass: V. S. Ballagh, 43; H. McHoul, 42; V. E. Maxwell, 41; V. J. Fielding, 37.

Junior Grade.—Third Class: D. Mitchell, 65. Pass: G. R. Hope, 50; E. D. McGregor, 43; W. F. Taylor, 37.



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The following officers were elected for the H.S.D. Cricket Club, 1921:—

Captain—G. E. Dodds.

Vice-Captain—M. Bell.

Hon. Secretary—R. P. McGarrigle.

The following officers were elected for the H.S.D. Swimming Club, 1921:—

Captain—E. J. Weinberger.

Hon. Secretary—W. C. G. Proctor.

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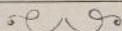


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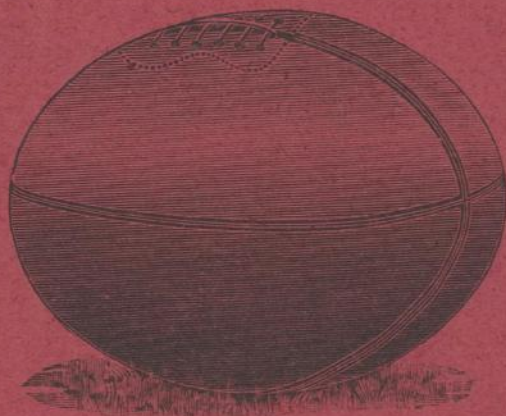
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