

THE ERASMIAN.

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Editorial.



"THE old order changeth, yielding place to new." These words of Tennyson are applicable almost anywhere, for we must take for granted the fact that the world is never at a standstill, but they seemed especially appropriate when we returned after the Christmas vacation. Apart from the welcome arrival of new pupils, whose advent further increases the number on the school lists, an important innovation has been carried out. The Clock-room, which had been without any proper lighting arrangement, and often, we remember, on a winter's day, had been plunged into the darkness of the Styx by a sudden fog, has been fitted with electric light. From the beams, suspended by brass chains, hang twelve electric lamps, ten of 100 and two of 200 candle power, which, besides their proper utility, certainly give a brighter aspect to, and, in a way, beautify the erstwhile gloomy hall.

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This installation brings many advantages: the Clock-room will be available during the evenings for any private or public function connected with the school: and the Rifle Club, which hitherto was compelled to suspend its sessions, through lack of light, on the approach of winter, will now be able practise uninterruptedly throughout the year.

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On another page we print the account of the Annual Old Boys' Dinner, which was a great success. This function, which we hope will become an annual one, is worthy of the heartiest support, for there is nothing one desires more, when one has left one's school for many years, than to be able to meet one's old school chums at a convivial gathering. And this is the duty that the Old Boys' Dinner fulfils, to revive old friendships and preserve old ties, to keep the memory of the Alma Mater ever-green, and to maintain the interest of Old Boys in the welfare of the school.

For the first time in the history of the "Erasmian" we are publishing a photograph of the 1st XV. for the season 1910-1911, and we hope that an increased demand for the school Magazine will result, in order that the extra expenditure entailed in making the block may be defrayed.



School Notes.



THE School resumed after the Christmas holidays with an increased number of pupils in spite of several (some not unwelcome) departures. During the vacation various improvements were effected. The clock room, school hall, and the adjoining rooms were installed with electric light. Mr. Gibson's room had been redecorated, a new master's lavatory built, and the playground relaid with gravel.



New parallel bars have been put up in the playground. These are not intended for jumping exercises but for use with the hands.



The following took degrees at Trinity last December:—

B.A.—E. M. Norton (Sch. and Sen. Mod.) (1897-1906); G. R. Stanton (Jun. Mod.) (1904-5); P. Mandeville (1895-1902); A. C. Richardson (1896-1906).

B.A.I.—A. C. Richardson.

M.A.—G. Chester Duggan (Stip. cond.) (1896-1903); J. C. Duncan (1892-1903); P. Mandeville, Rev. A. W. M'Farlane (1890-1899); T. H. Richardson (1888-1893); J. L. Stephenson (1896-1901).

LL.B.—A. C. Ellis (1897-1901).

B.D.—Rev. C. C. W. Duggan (1896-1901).

J. H. Barbor (1895-1906) took his B.A. (Second Class) in February.



Pierce Mandeville has this year started a new Preparatory School called the "Braeside Preparatory School," West Kirby, near Liverpool. He has as a partner F. Cox, late of Trinity, Cambridge.



Chester Duggan has returned to Dublin, having been transferred from the Admiralty Office in London to the Chief Secretary's Office in the Castle.

T. H. Richardson, whom we were glad to see at our Old Boys' Dinner and also at Belgrave Square on several occasions, is home on furlough this winter from Calcutta, where he is Professor of Mathematics.

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G. A. Small (1902-1905) has been appointed Inspector of Education in the Bengal Presidency and has gone out to India this month.

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L. Willdridge (1903-1908) has passed for a clerkship in the National Bank, Broad Street, London.

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We are glad to see the names of H. M. Daniel (1901-1909), G. G. Duggan (1896-1904), and E. M. Norton among the cadets, who were successful in all subjects for certificate "A" of the Dublin University Officers' Training Corps.

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I. M. Craig (1910), and C. C. Oulton (1901-1905), have passed the Junior Freshman Term Exam. in College.

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W. S. Gray (1900-1909), has passed the Junior Sophister Term Exam.

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J. M. Barron (1900-1910), has obtained a First Honor in German and a Second Honor in History and Geography in the Junior Freshman Class.

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Congratulations to all the prize winners in the Synod Examination. In Greek Testament our results were very satisfactory, yet we expected to see either L. J. Richardson or G. S. B. Mack head the list.

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R. T. Stoney (1906-1911) has passed the January Entrance Examination of Trinity College, where he enters the Medical School.

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The Sergeant's new dark-blue uniform, with shining brass buttons and glittering medals, is a great source of attraction to the smaller pupils and certainly invests the Waiting-Room with a military atmosphere, while it lends an air of stricter discipline to the drill ground.

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R. R. Wilson (1906-1910), passed the competitive examination held in November and December for admission to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

C. T. Parker (1906-1909) has been successful in obtaining a clerkship in the Royal Bank of Ireland, and F. A. Harrison (1905-1909) has obtained a similar appointment in the Provincial Bank, Enniskillen.

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R. L. Valentine (1899-1909) has passed the Matriculation of the London University, obtaining a First Class.

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G. W. Holmes (1907-1909) was selected to play as half-back for Leinster in the Inter-Provinceals v. Ulster and Connaught, and in the same position for the Irish Army, as a member of the D. U. O. T. C., v. the English Army. We tender him our heartiest congratulations, and hope he will obtain higher honours in the future.

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H. Barron (1899-1906) and H. Edelstein (1903-1908) have passed the Little-Go Examination, with third and second-class honours respectively. H. Edelstein obtained a First Prize for Classics last Term in the Senior Freshman Class.

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F. Soady (1904-1906) has passed the first professional examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

MARRIAGES.

LARGE (1893-1897) and O'BRENNAN—February 8th, 1911, at Rathfarnham Parish Church, Melville Howell, second son of T. D. Large, of Terenure Villa, Terenure, to Moville Helen, younger daughter of H. A. O'Brennan, 2 Waverley Terrace, Kenilworth Square.

SMALL (1902-1905) and OULTON—February 28th, 1911, at St. Ann's, Dawson Street, Gerald Agnew, eldest son of Colonel Wm. Small, C.B., late Army Pay Department, to Helen, daughter of Henry W. Oulton, M.D., F.R.C.S.



Examination Results.



SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS, CHRISTMAS, 1910.

PRIZE WINNERS.

FORM VI.—English, Latin, Greek, L. J. Richardson; French, Mathematics, Max Nurock; German, A. Briscoe; Science, P. C. Bell.

- FORM V.—English, Greek, W. H. B. Mack; Latin, W. H. B. Mack and A. S. Larkin; French, A. S. Larkin; German, I. A. Stein; History and Geography, J. R. Duggan and R. M. Reid; Mathematics and Science, W. H. C. Stone.
- FORM IV.—Latin, French, German, Maurice Nurock; English, Maurice Nurock, G. K. Carpenter and G. B. Holmes; Greek, H. S. Scales; History and Geography, G. B. Holmes; Mathematics, Science, W. F. Benson; Drawing, W. A. Cochrane.
- FORM IIIA.—Latin, French, History and Geography, G. S. B. Mack; English, C. A. Kinnear; Greek, J. Farrell; German, H. Shapiro; Mathematics, C. J. Tanner; Science, H. B. Alexander and H. Shapiro; Drawing, W. H. Thrift.
- FORM IIIB.—English, H. Coleman; Latin, H. C. Dodds; French, History and Geography, R. P. Worthington; Mathematics, W. V. Rumney; Science, W. V. Rumney and W. B. E. Powell; Drawing and Writing, H. C. Dodds and H. A. Young.
- FORM IIIC.—English, Drawing and Writing, History and Geography, W. Fitzsimmons; Latin, H. T. Bird; French, A. K. Ferguson; Mathematics, A. J. Benson.
- FORM II.—Scripture, History and Geography, G. Finney; English, G. Fitzsimmons; Latin, J. Mackay; French, H. A. Scott; Mathematics, J. D. Pedlow; Drawing and Writing, F. J. N. Moore.
- FORM IA.—Scripture, R. C. S. Adderley and W. H. Pollett; English, French, History and Geography, V. Robinson; Arithmetic, H. J. Armstrong; Drawing and Writing, R. T. Sheppard.
- FORM IB.—Scripture, Drawing and Writing, E. A. H. Heard; English, R. J. G. Hyde; French, Mathematics, M. Fisher; Geography, G. H. A. Timms.

Prizes of £1 offered by the National Service League for Examination in the British Empire.

For Boys over 16 ... Max Nurock.

For Boys under 16 ... G. K. Carpenter.



Scripture Results.



CHURCH OF IRELAND EXAMINATIONS.

GREEK TESTAMENT.

FIRST CLASS (Prizes of 10s.)—G. S. B. Mack, L. J. Richardson, W. H. B. Mack, H. V. Thornton.

SECOND CLASS (Prizes of 7s. 6d.)—A. S. Larkin, E. S. O. Dunlop.

PASS CERTIFICATES—N. L. Hannon, J. R. Duggan, P. F. T. Burns.

SENIOR GRADE.

THIRD CLASS (Prize of 7s. 6d.)—A. I. Whitty.

PASS CERTIFICATES—T. F. H. Read, J. H. Hancock, J. D. Colquhoun, J. P. Warner, L. G. Worthington-Eyre, H. L. Sleith, W. H. C. Stone.

MIDDLE GRADE.

SECOND CLASS (Prize of 7s. 6d.)—G. K. Carpenter.

THIRD CLASS (Prizes of 5s.)—F. St. G. Sleith, A. S. E. Thornton, W. F. Benson, J. M. Mounsey.

PASS CERTIFICATES—H. H. Molloy, D. E. Allen, E. G. Dixon, G. B. Holmes, C. J. Dodds, C. G. White, H. S. Wisdom, J. H. Barrett, E. Molyneux, A. S. Brambell, J. D. M'Carthy, G. G. Higgins, H. S. Scales.

JUNIOR GRADE.

FIRST CLASS (Prize of 7s. 6d.)—C. J. Tanner.

SECOND CLASS (Prize of 5s.)—R. J. Charters, L. F. Keenan.

THIRD CLASS (Prizes of 3s. 6d.)—G. S. B. Mack, P. R. G. Fennell, F. E. Furney, H. S. Larkin, H. H. M'Intyre, W. J. Tarleton, H. G. G. Digges, W. J. E. Dawson, W. H. Thrift.

PASS CERTIFICATES—L. C. Le Bas, G. Finney, F. N. Boyers, A. J. Benson, E. C. Smith, R. H. Molloy, H. A. Wallen, A. D. H. Stewart, C. F. Ridgeway, G. E. Larkin, J. D. Taylor, S. B. Carpenter, G. Bateman, R. W. Shaw, R. L. G. Proctor, A. H. E. Johnson, H. B. Alexander, W. M. Fitzsimmons, H. F. Hancock, J. Hunt, C. H. Gilligan, W. M. Carte, R. P. Worthington, H. T. Westropp, H. S. Scott.



Presbyterian Examinations.



GREEK TESTAMENT.

SECOND CLASS (Prize of 10s.)—Jos. Bell.

MIDDLE GRADE.

FIRST CLASS (Prize of 12s. 6d.)—D. G. Lawson.

PASS CERTIFICATE—Jno. Bell.

JUNIOR GRADE.

SECOND CLASS (Prize of 5s.)—C. A. Kinnear.

A Mountain Climb in North Wales.



(Conclusion.)

BY H. B. GIBSON.

IT had not entered into our calculations when we started the climb, but when things were at the worst it was a great comfort to reflect that the moon was almost at the full. Had it not been so it is doubtful if we could have extricated ourselves from the gully that night. As it was, after reaching its darkest about 8 o'clock, the night got brighter from this time onwards, and gave us great help in finishing the climb.

Above the great chock-stone a snow slope ran for about 200 feet. The snow was frozen hard, and every step had to be carefully cut, so that upward progress was slow. With W. fixed firmly in the snow paying out my rope, I began to work slowly upwards, zig-zagging from side to side of the gully, and, when the full length of the rope had run out, W. followed in my footsteps.

Advancing thus by stages we reached in about an hour the next obstruction of the gully. This consisted of a steep rib of splintered rock which with its glaze of ice gave us some trouble. Higher up, a second stretch of snow led to a low-roofed cave.

The cave was almost completely filled with snow. An entrance could just be effected by lying flat on the back or face and wriggling up the slope of snow; it was then possible to wedge with great security between the snow and the roof. I remember well lying in such a position and taking in the rope as W. advanced rapidly in my tracks.

The caves which one meets with frequently in rock gullies are formed by one or more boulders jamming between the walls of the gully, thus making a natural roof. These roofs are not always rain proof, and a hole can often be found in them large enough to allow the passage of the human body. In the present case if such a through route existed it was blocked with snow, so that the ascent had to be continued out of doors. I soon decided that the wall on the right would "go." It was not more than ten feet to the ledge formed by the roof of the cave, but the rock was thickly incrustated with ice, and it was necessary to cut holds both for hands and feet. Standing on a broad step which I had hacked in the ice I was able to reach the corner of the ledge above, and was just preparing for the pull-up when, without the slightest warning, my foot slipped, and I found myself on the snow rolling down the gully. Before I had gone many feet the rope pulled me up. From the depths of the cave I heard a voice enquiring anxiously as to the safety of the ice-axe, and I was able to give a

reassuring answer, though it was a piece of great luck that it did not fall down the gully. I had stuck it in the ice so as to free my arms for pulling up, and in falling had knocked it off; it was behind me, however, and I was able to prevent it slipping past me when the rope stopped my descent. The pitch went easily at the second attempt, the ice-axe being this time slung on my arm—its proper place.

By this time the moon was high; in its light reinforced by reflection from the snow the surrounding objects stood out in wonderful detail, and the great black walls of the gully towering up above us on either side formed a very impressive sight.

Above the cave the ground was more broken. There was need of much step-cutting on the slopes of snow, and thinking I had monopolised the axe work long enough I relinquished the leadership to W. The cold was now intense, the handle of the ice-axe looked like a pole of solid ice five or six inches in diameter, and our clothes, which had been wet through in the lower part of the gully, were frozen stiff and hard as a board. We were, of course, wearing woollen gloves, which being also incrustated with ice made it extremely difficult to grip the handle of the axe or get any satisfaction from a hand-hold. In a high wind such a degree of cold can hardly be endured, but in the calm state of the air which prevailed we felt but little discomfort.

The end of the climb was now in sight. There was no more severe rock work, but the snow slope steepened considerably, and the last hundred feet required great care. At last, having hewn a passage through the thick cornice of hard snow which overhung the edge of the gully, we emerged upon the summit ridge of Carnedd Dafydd.

It was midnight. Overhead the moon shone clear in a cloudless sky, casting a dazzling light on the snow-covered plateau on which we stood. All around the mighty giants of North Wales stood forth in clearest detail, reflecting the moonlight from their snowy crests, and beyond them, in the west, the lower slopes of Anglesey appeared in sombre contrasts to the sparkling ripples of the Irish sea. Such a scene is rare even in the experience of the mountaineer, and we lingered long absorbed by its beauty and grandeur.

Down in the valley of Llafar a small spot of white showed in the position of our tent, 1,500 feet below. By the light of the moon it was easy to descend along the slopes to the west of the valley, and in less than three hours we were back in camp, much battered, but well content with our night's work. Our clothes being hung out to thaw, and a long overdue supper dispatched, we slipped into our sleeping-bags, and were soon fast asleep.



More Howlers.

III. A. "Arbitration means planting trees in a place." (A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. We fear that this student was slightly too eager to display his skill in derivation.)

III. A. "In war the British Army would be enlarged by Territorials, Scouts, and the Boys' Brigade. . . ." (The truth of the latter part of this statement is officially denied at the War Office).

IV. "The Triple Alliance is between England, Scotland, and Ireland. . . ." (We are unacquainted with this branch of contemporary history, but perhaps the writer was privately informed.)

IV. "Arbitration means a strike, like men who go round the factories telling the men that they are being cheated in their wages. . . ." (More newspaper knowledge. This seems to us like putting the cart before the horse).

VI. "And then they sacrificed a female ram. . . ." (And shortly afterwards, we presume, a male ewe.)

The Old Boys' Annual Dinner.

THE Old Boys' Annual Dinner was held on Thursday, December 1st, at 7.30 p.m., in the Aberdeen Hall of the Gresham Hotel, the Head Master presiding. There was a large number of old boys present, and it is clear that this fixture, now an annual event, is becoming yearly a more attractive reunion. Owing to the approaching General Election several old boys who would otherwise have been present were campaigning in England, but, in spite of that, the dinner was a great success, and reflects great credit on the Hon. Secs., Messrs. R. R. Smylie, D. M. Frazer and H. M. Daniel.

Among those present were, in addition to the Head Master :— Prof. W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.; Rev. Canon Carleton, D.D.; A. J. Callaghan, LL.D.; E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D.; H. Thrift, F.T.C.D.; Rev. Wm. Anderson, Dr. W. C. Stevenson, A. L. B. Moore, Jas. Sealy, W. R. Little, J. H. F. Leland, G. Chester Duggan, G. A. Small, N. E. M. Stratford Tuite, W. G. Tomlinson, H. B. Goulding, F. W. H. Leland, H. M. Tomlinson, H. M. Daniel, R. L. Valentine, L. Barron, M. Noyk, E. M. Norton, H. Stoddart, Rev. R. A. Oulton, A. E. Lyster, Rev. S. Hutchinson, E. T. Burd, H. R. Norton, J. H. Cousins, N. B. Alton, T. H. Richardson, Rev. J. R. Colthurst, Calverley E. Riley, T. P. Stuart, R. B. Falkiner, M. F. Thomson, J. W. Fox, J. T. Drennan, C. F. Gifford, V. V. Drennan, J. J. Warren, H. W.

Crosthwaite, D. M. Frazer, W. H. Carson, A. W. Waters, Sealy Jeffares, J. Brown, F. C. D. Joynt, W. R. M'Caw, R. S. Swan, E. H. Seale, E. H. M'Crea, S. Jones, M.A.; Rev. H. B. Dodds, Prof. Cooke, Dr. Wayland, T. W. Lyster, S. Hayes.

Letters of apology were sent by:—W. B. Yeats, Rev. W. J. Mayne, Prof. Jeffcott, Rev. E. J. Young, J. O'Hara, F. G. Sharpe, H. V. White, W. S. Cooney, Melfort D'Alton, Rev. C. C. W. Duggan, C. F. Draper, W. F. Beckett, R. R. Smylie, Guillamore O'Grady, A. C. Ellis, S. J. Ellis, S. Rice, Dr. W. I. de C. Wheeler, C. H. Darley, Dr. Warren, R. G. L. Leonard, E. V. Longworth, H. S. Doherty, &c.

The dinner was excellently served.

MENU.

POTAGES.

Tortue Claire.

Queue de Boeuf Liée.

POISSONS.

Turbot Bouilli. Sauce Hollandaise.

ENTREES.

Ris de Veau aux Champignons.

RELEVES.

Aloyau de Boeuf. Sauce Raifort.
Pommes Rissolées.

ROTI.

Canetons aux petits pois.

Salade.

ENTREMETS.

Poires à la Marquise.

Gelée au Marasquin.

Glace Napolitaine.

DESSERT.

Café Noir.

The following were the toasts:—

“The King.”

“The High School.”

Proposed by Mr. A. J. Callaghan, LL.D.

Reply by the Head Master.

“The Guests.”

Proposed by Prof. W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.

Reply by Mr. T. W. Lyster, M.A., National Librarian.

“The Chairman.”

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Drennan.

Reply by the Chairman.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. Waters, Sealy Jeffares and D. M. Frazer. The accompaniments were played by Rev. R. Arthur Oulton, who also gave a pianoforte solo.

Cricket Prospects.



OUR outlook for the coming cricket season is, if not in the highest degree satisfactory, at least a hopeful one. Of last year's team the majority are no longer with us; in particular, we have suffered by the departure of W. H. Crotty, G. R. Thomson, I. M. Craig, C. S. Campbell, and G. L. Moss. To counterbalance these losses we have Leslie Hannon, who comes to us with the reputation of a good bowler, C. S. Marchant, and W. H. B. Mack, who we hope will prove useful additions to our ranks. The "veterans" still remaining include G. S. B. Mack, useful with bat and ball, Joe Bell, a good all-round player, W. B. Gilligan, C. S. Thomson, J. D. Colquhoun, H. J. McCormick, T. M. McConkey, G. B. Holmes, and P. C. Bell. We expect to see G. L. W. Eyre, J. R. Brennan, J. P. Warner, and others of the 1st XV. vindicate their prowess at the wicket this season. Valuable aid will also be rendered by Messrs. Timms, Wyon, Telfer, and Annis in senior matches and in practices. As regards the juniors, we anticipate having a strong eleven, as most of last year's team will be available, especially John Bell, G. E. Larkin, H. V. Thornton, A. E. Brambell, and others. The under 16 team should be fairly safe, although we shall miss the services of G. L. Moss and W. A. Cochrane. Practice at the nets, we hope, will begin early in April, by which time the pitch ought to be rolled and in good condition, so that if all members practise consistently, and the clerk of the weather proves propitious we may confidently look forward to a successful season.



Football Notes.



1ST XV.

HIGH SCHOOL v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

THIS was our first match after the Christmas vacation, and was played at Belgrave Square on Wednesday, 18th January. We tried a new full-back in the person of C. S. Marchant, who gave a satisfactory display. The result, mainly on account of a weak forward line, went against us, and we were defeated by six points to three. Neither side scored during the first half, but in the second period Wesley crossed our line after about twenty minutes' play for an unconverted try, which they followed up by another a few minutes later. The High School now pressed, and a free being accorded to us, G. Eyre landed a capital goal. Result:—High School, penalty goal (3 pts.); Wesley College, 2 tries.

HIGH SCHOOL v. LEESON PARK.

Played on Saturday, January 21st, in good football weather. Soon after the start we scored a try per A. J. Beatty, G. Eyre converting, and shortly after Eyre himself scored far out from a clever pass by Hannon, but failed at the kick. Before half-time, Joe Bell getting the ball at half way, went right through our opponents' team, and scored a beautiful try under the posts, Eyre easily converting. In the second moiety High School did all the pressing, our line never once being threatened, and G. Eyre scored a second try, which Beatty converted. Result:—High School, 3 goals 1 try (18 pts.); Leeson Park, nil. Joe Bell, Eyre, and Hannon were the best of a good set of backs, while of a hard-working pack, J. Brennan and P. Bell were most conspicuous.

HIGH SCHOOL v. LANSDOWNE III.

Played at Lansdowne Road in dull and threatening weather. Despite the aid of G. Holmes, an Old Boy "Inter-Provincial," whose services we enlisted, fortune did not smile on us, and we retired vanquished by our far heavier opponents. Mr. Gibson scored our only try, which G. Holmes converted.

Result:—High School, 1 goal (5 pts.); Lansdowne III., 3 goals (15 pts.)

HIGH SCHOOL v. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

Played at the Square on Saturday, 28th January, under ideal weather conditions. This was one of the most exciting matches of the season, and, at the same time, a very rough one, as our opponents did not err on the side of gentleness. From the start the High School pressed, and John Bell, after some loose play, ran right through for an unconverted try. Elated by this early success we were soon attacking vigorously, and Brennan scored from a scrummage near St. Mary's line. Thus, on crossing over, we were six points ahead, and in the second half we kept St. Mary's within their own 25. From a tricky run by Joe Bell, Brennan was almost over, but a free against us changed the tone of operations to our end, where a penalty kick was awarded to St. Mary's, which they converted. A few minutes before full time our opponents scored a drop goal, and thus won the match, in which our team was decidedly superior, by one point.

Result:—High School, 2 tries (6 pts); St. Mary's, 2 goals (1 drop, 1 penalty).

Our forwards all distinguished themselves, as did the backs, but Jock Bell and J. Brennan must be singled out for special mention.

HIGH SCHOOL v. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Played at Donnybrook on Wednesday, 1st February. This

match calls for no comment or criticism, as the final score, with sufficient accuracy, represents the play,

Result :—High School, nil ; St. Andrew's, 53 pts.

HIGH SCHOOL v. BELVEDERE COLLEGE.

Played at the Square in fine weather on Saturday, February 5th. With a view to the coming Cup-ties, we tried some new blood, and Dodds played half, while Molyneux was given a trial at forward. In the first period we were by far superior, and except for some few spasmodic bursts, Belvedere were kept in their own "25," and we scored an unconverted try per Beatty. The second half was a repetition of the first, and we added two penalty goals to our total, by G. Eyre and Joe Bell respectively.

Result :—High School, 2 penalty goals, 1 try (9 pts.); Belvedere College, nil.

The whole team played well, and only one fault on the part of the forwards calls for criticism, namely, their inability to get the ball out of the scrum.

HIGH SCHOOL v KING'S HOSPITAL.

We played our return match with King's Hospital on February 8th, and suffered defeat by 2 tries to a dropped goal. Our team started vehemently and kept their opponents inside their "25" for almost all the first half. Our forwards were all over their opponents, but the halves were not up to the mark, and hence the "threes" got few chances of scoring. Half-time arrived with no score on either side. Following the kick-off King's Hospital got up to our goal and from a scrum the backs got going and an unconverted try was scored. Shortly afterwards King's Hospital scored another try, also unconverted. Then High School worked up to the opponents goal and Joe Bell dropped a splendid goal. From this till no-side our men attacked strongly, but no score was registered. Result :—King's Hospital, 2 tries (6) points; High School, 1 dropped goal (4) points. On our side Joe Bell was the outstanding man among the threes, with John Bell next. Hannon was much the better half, and in the forward line J. Brennan, P. Bell, and C. S. Thomson were conspicuous.

HIGH SCHOOL v BELFAST ACADEMICAL INSTITUTE.

On Saturday, 11th February, we played a visiting team of the Belfast Academical Institute, at Belgrave Square. In order to allow the players to see the International Match at Lansdowne Road, an early start was made at 11.30 p.m. As J. Brennan and M. T. Craig were unable to play through illness, we enlisted the services of G. Holmes, N. E. Tuite, and G. R. Thomson, all Old Boys. Our visitors started strongly, and, very soon scored an unconverted try. This was followed shortly afterwards by another and before half-time a third was scored against us, leaving us nine

points behind at the half-time. In the second period play was even on both sides for some time, but High School improved wonderfully and in quick succession, Tuite, G. Eyre, and G. Holmes scored, the latter converting two of the tries. Result:—High School, 2 goals 1 try (13 pts.); Belfast Academical Institute, 3 tries (9 pts.)

The visiting team were afterwards hospitably entertained at the Empire Restaurant, Nassau Street.

HIGH SCHOOL v PALMERSTON II.

Played at Belgrave Square on Wednesday, 15th February. High School, who were without the services of J. Brennan and M. T. Craig, did not play up to their usual form, and although they had matters much their own way, they were a goal down at half-time. In the middle of the second half we met with another reverse, Palmerston scoring an unconverted try. From the drop-off we did all the attacking, and Le Bas slipping over for a try, G. Eyre kicked a goal. A few minutes later Joe Bell was all over a scorer, but instead of running on he made an unsuccessful attempt to drop a goal. Although we had many more opportunities we failed to improve on our score.

Result:—High School, 1 goal (5 pts.); Palmerston, 1 goal, 1 try (8 pts.)

HIGH SCHOOL v BECTIVE RANGERS III.

The above match was played at Sydney Parade on Wednesday, 22nd February. High School, winning the toss, played with the wind and the game was not many minutes old when Joe Bell dropped a splendid goal from far out. Mr. Gibson soon after got over for a try, but the score was disallowed as the ball struck a spectator. After the team had crossed over rain began to fall heavily, and with the wind and rain full in their faces, our men were helpless, Bective scoring four unconverted tries in quick succession. When the downpour ceased we had another "innings," and G. Eyre was tackled just on the line. Mr. Gibson scored again, but once more the try was disallowed. We were still pressing when the final whistle sounded.

Result:—High School, 1 dropped goal (4 pts.); Bective Rangers III., 4 tries (12 points).

For us S. T. Gibson at full was sound, and W. H. Stone was the best of the three-quarters, his fine tackling being a feature of the game. Mr. Gibson was the best of the forwards.

SCHOOLS' CUP TIE.

HIGH SCHOOL v WESLEY COLLEGE.

Played at Lansdowne Road on Monday, 6th March, on a greasy ground, but under otherwise favourable conditions. We

were unfortunately deprived, through their illness, of the services of A. J. Beatty, M. T. Craig, and L. N. Hannon, and were thus greatly handicapped.

Our team was as follows :—

Full-back :

S. T. GIBSON.

Three-quarters :

G. L. EYRE, JOHN BELL, W. H. STONE, C. S. MARCHANT.

Half-backs :

L. C. LE BAS, W. H. B. MACK.

Forwards :

P. C. BELL (Capt.), J. R. BRENNAN, W. B. GILLIGAN, J. P. WARNER, T. M. MCCONKEY, C. J. DODDS, E. MOLYNEUX, C. S. THOMSON.

High School won the toss, and played with the wind. A free to us was the first item of interest, but off-side spoiled. However, we pressed strongly, and Wesley touched down. Another free to us followed, and G. L. Eyre missed a good opportunity, a performance which he repeated a few minutes later. Wesley worked up the field, but a good kick by Thomson relieved. Again Wesley pressed, and a bad mistake by Gibson let them in for a score, which was not converted, just on half-time. From the restart High School attacked, and Wesley were again forced to touch down. A fine burst by our forwards almost ended in a score, but the play was quickly brought back to our end, and John Bell touched down. But Wesley maintained the pressure, and in quick succession scored two unconverted tries. High School now seemed to lose heart, and put little energy into their play, so that our opponents had no difficulty in registering another try, also unconverted. Our forwards again rushed away, and P. C. Bell was nearly over, but Wesley dribbled back, and Gibson had just time to touch down when the final whistle went.

Result :—High School, nil ; Wesley College, 4 tries (12 pts.)

During the first half we were by no means the weaker team, and should have scored at least once, but in the second half our men were altogether off "form." S. T. Gibson played a fair game at full, though his kicking was rather weak ; none of the "threes" were brilliant, while G. Eyre did not play at all up to his usual standard. L. C. Le Bas was the better half, and of the forwards J. R. Brennan, C. S. Thomson, and P. C. Bell were the most conspicuous, in fact the latter was the best man on the side.



Junior Football.



JUNIOR CUP TEAM.

HIGH SCHOOL v ST. JOSEPH'S, CLONDALKIN. (JUNIOR CUP TIE.)

This match, our first in the Junior Schools' Cup, was played at the Square on Saturday, 18th February, in a continuous drizzle, which rapidly turned the field into a mud-bath.

The following lined out for High School:—

Full-back:

A. GIBSON.

Three-quarters:

J. M. MOUNSEY, JOHN BELL, F. E. FURNEY, G. E. LARKIN.

Half-backs:

W. V. RUMNEY, H. C. DODDS.

Forwards:

C. J. DODDS, H. B. ALEXANDER (Capt.), D. LAWSON, A. H. E. JOHNSON, H. S. SCALES, A. J. SMYTH, H. A. YOUNG, W. J. TARLETON.

From the whistle St. Joseph's pressed, and by a series of scrums worked down into our "25," but a good kick by Gibson relieved pressure. Our forwards were playing well, and constantly made strong rushes into the enemy's territory, but the ball was too greasy for good passing, and half-time arrived with the score nil all. From the kick-off, High School broke away with a burst, and for some time were in close proximity to St. Joseph's line, but were forced back. However, the respite was only a short one, for in another forward attack, C. J. Dodds pushed his way over for a try, Gibson failing with the kick. St. Joseph's now made a desperate attack, and for some minutes it was touch-and-go at our line, but good defensive work relieved, and the whistle went as we were again pressing.

Result:—High School J.C.T., 1 try (3 pts.); St. Joseph's, J.C.T., nil.

Gibson played well at full, getting in some smart kicks to touch, while "Jock" Bell was the best of the "three's." H. C. Dodds and Rumney made a good pair of half-backs, and C. J. Dodds and H. C. Alexander are worthy of special mention among a hard-working set of forwards.

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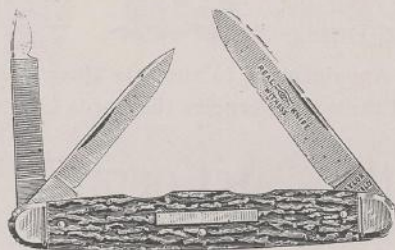
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