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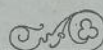
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In Memoriam.

W. E. PATERSON.

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Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit.

It is with the very greatest regret that we have to announce the death, at the early age of thirty-three, of Mr. W. E. Paterson, for so many years connected with the School, first as a pupil, and then as a master. He had been ill—seriously, and as it proved fatally—for a long time past, but as he treated the matter lightly, and his absence from work was never for more than a day or two at a time, the announcement of his death was totally unexpected, and came as a great shock to us all. He was with us on the last day of Term, before the Christmas holidays, and during the previous week had shown deep interest and much energy in the production of our December number. He was then, however, very unwell, but expected that the rest

during the holidays would set him right again. *Dis aliter visum.*

We give below a short appreciation of him by Mr. Wilkins. We add here a few words expressing our sense of his loss. The School will miss him very seriously. It is not merely that he filled a very useful place in the lower part of the School as a form master to whom boys were naturally attracted, and in whom more than in any one else in the School they found a sympathetic boyish spirit akin to their own. He did his work as a teacher conscientiously, and, therefore, it did not stop with the class-room. Everything connected with the School had his support and active help. He was librarian for several years. He was on all the athletic committees, and assisted in everything—sports, cricket, cycling, football, hockey, handball—and on holidays was generally energetic in organising cross country runs. His interest in these things was not academic. Our last number announced that he had obtained the medal of the cycling club for a run of over 100 miles in one day. In cricket he occasionally turned out with the

eleven. He was the mainstay of the hockey club while it flourished a few years back. Few know the work which he put into the annual sports as Hon. Secretary, in arousing enthusiasm, working up subscriptions, arranging the programme, marking handicaps and making the meeting a success. Lastly, he was the chairman of the Erasmian Committee from the starting of the Magazine; he took, therefore, a foremost part in everything pertaining to it, and materially assisted the Editor in the publication of every number. He did everything readily and unobtrusively, and with a quiet, patient, kindly and generous spirit. Out of School he worked hard with large numbers of private pupils. He was very popular with them, but really attempted more than he could rightly manage. But in spite of this he was able to find time for many things characteristic of his open and genial disposition. He took an abundant delight in nature. All scenery appealed to him, and he had a gardener's passion for flowers. Many will remember the pleasure he took in displaying the large dark pansies he had grown in his own garden, or a striking dahlia, or a choice chrysanthemum. Or again, there was his pleasure in singing; he had a fine voice, and was for many years a member of the College Choral.

It is not, therefore, surprising that the expressions of regret at his early death have been so universal and sincere, or

that so large a crowd of mourners and friends, masters and boys, past and present, was gathered round his grave—an old colleague, the Rev. W. J. Mayne, read the service—as on the mild sunny January morning he was laid to rest in sight of the Dublin hills.

Mr. Wilkins writes of him as follows:—

Gentle and sympathetic, intelligent, sincere, upright, manly—thus would I sum up the character of my late dear colleague and ex-pupil, Mr. William Edward Paterson. I think no other impression of him could be formed by anyone, his nature was so simple and straightforward.

I distinctly remember his coming as a new boy in January 1884, and saying that circumstances had so long prevented his father's coming with him, that at last he had thought it best to come alone. I was impressed by this self-reliant statement, but still more by the small active figure, the kind serious eyes, the high forehead, and distinct soft voice. The new boy looked less than his age, as he did to the end, but his merit was vouched by the Intermediate Pass List, which showed that he had almost won a Book Prize in the Junior Grade, as a private-student, and without Greek or Latin.

I put the new-comer, as he desired, into the Fifth Form, though he was but a beginner in Classics; he made

such progress that six months later he won a Middle Grade Book Prize.

In the Senior Grade he only passed, having been hindered by illness; but in 1886 he entered College with the Eighth High Place at Entrance and Ninth Junior Exhibition, a magnificent performance, considering his brief school days. He followed this up during the next two years by honors in English Literature and Metaphysics, a First Class at Littlego, and such high and repeated First Honors in Mathematics, that he seemed sure to take a Scholarship.

In August 1890 he rejoined the High School as a master, and seldom did a master become more endeared to his pupils and colleagues.

Abundance of physical exercise had always been to him a passion, chiefly in the form of hockey and cycling; and he was always eager to promote the sports of the boys. He never relinquished the idea of completing his College course, and from time to time kept a term by examination; but he took up, instead of mathematics, the moderatorship course in English and French Literature. His health was never very robust, and as the eldest son he was no doubt much affected by the troubles that befel his family. In rapid succession, within two or three years his father and two of his sisters passed away; and his mother's sight was seriously impaired by cataract. His own death, however, was totally

unexpected, and came with a great shock to all who knew him.

To me he seemed always the same: at heart a boy; cheerful, modest, courageous, and of transparent honesty and kindness. As a pupil he appears twice in the photographs of our reception room, in the Senior Grade Class of 1885, standing at the back with arms folded; and in the Sixth Form of 1887, seated in front, and looking very boyish for an undergraduate. He appears many times in the groups of 1893 and 1896.

The photograph which we present of Mr. W. E. Paterson is a reproduction of an amateur photograph taken recently by J. R. Gore of the IV. Form. The extra cost of printing the photograph with this number has been defrayed by subscriptions of boys past and present; old boys have contributed £1, 10s. 6d., and present boys, £1, 17s. 6d.

School News.

Since our last number was published we have to regret not merely the death of Mr. W. E. Paterson; we extend our deep sympathies to the Rt. Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, the Chairman of our Board of Governors, upon the loss of his wife last December; and lament also the death of the Very Rev. H. Jellett, the Dean of St. Patrick's, one of the Governors of the School.

The New Year consequently did not open with brightness for the School, and it was under a dark cloud that we re-opened on Friday, January 10th.

On the same day the results of the Examinations in Religious Knowledge, held in December, were published. We print elsewhere the names of all the High School boys who passed, with their marks. Here we merely summarise and comment.

Taking the Greek Testament results first, we have to congratulate without reserve all who went in. Splendid as the results appear from the marks, they are really better than they look, and are a long way the best the School has ever obtained. In the first place, every boy that went in passed, and not one boy merely scraped through, the lowest mark being 44, well away from 30, the standard of passing. In the next place, the great proportion of those that passed were near the top of the list, no fewer than eleven being in the first-class, and four others heading the second-class, only one mark short of the first, while as if to compensate for the break which took place last year in our run of medals for absolute first place, we showed what we could do by taking the three first places, J. C. Duncan winning the silver medal and first place with 89 marks, and G. C. Duggan and E. A. Y. Mason being second and third respectively with 87 and 86. To all the twenty-

four who passed we offer our hearty congratulations, and to some especially who have done better than either we or themselves ever expected, the result should be most encouraging. The summary is—first-class, 11; second-class, 6; third-class, 4; pass, 3; total, 24.

We wish we could couch our remarks on the Scripture results in equally glowing terms. But *nescio qua de causa* we cannot. There were only six prizes in all, one first-class prize in the Senior Grade (H. W. White), one second-class prize in the Middle Grade, two first-class (A. R. M. Rose and T. W. Batey), and two second-class prizes in the Junior Grade. Besides these there were thirty-five pass certificates. The summary is—Senior Grade, first-class, 1; pass, 1; total, 2. Middle Grade, second-class, 1; pass, 12; total, 13. Junior Grade, first-class, 2; second-class, 2; pass, 22; total, 26; total in all Grades, 41.

The prizes in connexion with the above Examination were distributed on Friday, February 14th, by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, in the Synod Hall, after a shortened evening service in Christ Church Cathedral.

That day was in consequence a school holiday. Other holidays, this Term, have been given on Ash Wednesday, and on Thursday, February 20th (the monthly merit holiday).

Our readers will be interested in learning that the Intermediate reforms extend also to the Examinations, which are this year to be shortened. They will begin on June 17th, and end on June 28th, with no Examination on Thursday, June 26th. There will be morning and afternoon papers, but the afternoon papers (except Natural Philosophy) will none of them be longer than two hours, viz.:—from 3 to 5 o'clock, while in the morning the Preparatory Grade papers will also be only for two hours, viz.:—from 10 to 12 o'clock; those in the other Grades being for three hours, viz.:—from 10 to 1 o'clock.

We give the Time Table of the most important subjects as briefly as we can.

Preparatory Grade—June 17th, a.m., Greek; p.m., Drawing. 18th, a.m., Latin; p.m., Arithmetic. 19th, a.m., Geometry; p.m., English Composition. 20th, a.m., Algebra; p.m., Euclid. 23rd, a.m., French. 24th, a.m., German.

Junior, Middle and Senior Grades—June 17th, a.m., Greek; p.m., Theory of Music. 18th, a.m., Latin; p.m., Junior and Middle, Arithmetic; Senior, Trigonometry. 19th, a.m., Geometry; p.m., English Composition. 20th, a.m., Algebra; p.m., English. 23rd, a.m., French. 24th, a.m., German. 25th, a.m.,

Experimental Science and Drawing p.m., Book-keeping (Junior and Middle Grades only). 27th, a.m., Drawing; p.m., Shorthand (3 to 4.30, Junior and Middle Grades only). 28th, Middle and Senior Grades only; a.m., Drawing; p.m., Natural Philosophy.

The Pass and Honour Papers will be set simultaneously. In Experimental Science and Drawing there will be no Examination for pass candidates, the papers being only for Honours; and the Examinations on the 28th are only for those who obtained exhibitions in 1900 or 1901, and wish to retain them in 1902.

It will be interesting to see the new style of papers, but in our opinion the Honour Papers in Classics at least are hardly likely to prove generally satisfactory. Take for example Latin in the Junior Grade. The three hour paper includes passages from the set books, unprepared passages, composition, both prose and verse, and history. A truly congested paper!

Everyone will be glad to see that the Rev. J. D. Carleton, the School Catechist, has obtained his D.D. Degree. He is publishing through the Oxford University Press a work on the influence of the English College at Rheims, and its 1582 English version of the Bible on our authorised version of 1611.

Mr. W. R. Little has come back to us to take the place of Mr. W. E. Paterson, and is also looking after the interests of the Bicycle Club.

R. A. Oulton, of the Sixth, was awarded at Christmas the Coulson Academy Scholarship for the organ, and first prize for reading at sight at the Academy of Music.

The football team has been very unfortunate this year. The captain, L. M. Bayly, the finest player on the team, left at Christmas. F. M'Connell injured his leg before Christmas so badly as to be unable to play any more this season, and just before the Cup Match, F. Stevenson, the full back, hurt his ankle. J. Purser was elected captain in Bayly's place, and C. S. Burrows became vice-captain. We give elsewhere a summary of the matches and criticisms of the team. We have to congratulate the XV. on the result of the first round of the Cup ties. The second round will be played while we are at press. We will not prophesy.

Owing to the death of Mr. W. E. Paterson, the chairmanship of the Erasmian Committee became vacant; his place has been filled by G. A. Joynt, who has taken so great an interest in the School, having aided in the inception of the Magazine, and largely helped to contribute to its success.

Other vacancies on the Committee have been filled by the election of Mr. W. S. Cooney and H. V. White.

Notes on Old Boys.

Dr. Charles J. Patten has been appointed Professor of Anatomy at the University College, Sheffield.

The High School will be represented at the King's Coronation by Harry Blake, Athlone Pursuivant at Arms, whose claim to take part in the ceremony has been allowed.

W. F. Smeeth, son of Mr. Smeeth, our late drawing master, and geologist to the Sultan of Mysore in India, has taken his D. Sc. at Trinity.

There has been a continuation of the epidemic of marriage among old boys.

Rev. F. C. Day-Lewis, B.A., Senior Curate of Stradbally, Queen's County, was married on January 2nd, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, to Kathleen Blake, youngest daughter of W. A. Squires, Esq., of 61 Dartmouth Square.

James Sealy (so well-known as football international and classical scholar of Trinity), fourth son of John Sealy of Arbourfield, Dundrum, was married on January 4th at Holy Trinity Church, Killiney, to Stella Frances,

only daughter of Samuel Geoghegan, the Grove, Killiney. Sealy was called to the Bar only shortly before his marriage. We wish him prosperity on the double event.

We have also to congratulate R. W. Jeffares on his recent marriage with Miss Matthews. Jeffares was captain of the School XV. '88—'90, and of the Lansdowne XV. '97—'99, and is still secretary to the latter. As an international referee he has gained the approbation of the Welsh XV.

We also notice the announcement of a marriage to take place in April, between Captain B. L. D. G. Anley, D.S.O., 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment, and Gwendolyn, elder daughter of Major Gwatkin, Wingham, Kent.

We have received a copy of the Auditor's address, delivered by H. V. Drennan at the opening meeting of the Solicitor's Apprentices Society last term, on Land Transfer and Land Purchase in Ireland. It is published by Warren of Ormond Quay.

A. W. R. Cheales has scored over a hundred goals at hockey this season.

His younger brother, E. R. S. Cheales, sailed for Mandalay on the 13th February, to join his regiment, the Royal Fusiliers.

D. Dunlop, of Dublin University, was again chosen to represent Ireland as a forward in the International Hockey Team.

We met H. Cox in town early in January. He is enjoying life in Cork, and came up to Dublin to represent Munster in one of the inter-provincial Rugby Matches.

The Lansdowne XV. of this season has again a goodly proportion of old High School men. B. R. Doran (captain), G. P. Doran, W. B. Swan, A. W. Waters, R. S. Swan and J. Warren have played regularly during the season. The absence, however, of H. J. Knox from first-class football is to be regretted. The two Dorans and J. Warren all played for Leinster, the last-named at last gaining a well-earned recognition from the powers that be.

The evergreen J. de B. Saunderson has lately figured as three-quarter for the London Irish. We also notice the name of C. F. Jones as playing in one of their recent matches.

G. R. Shannon, who left us some time ago, and has since been living in Bath, was elected in December last to an open scholarship of £60 a year, for Classics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

J. A. O. Fitzpatrick has distinguished himself by winning for a second time the Vice-Chancellor's Prize for English Essay, with a brilliant composition on "Social Ideals of Men of Letters from Carlyle to Wm. Morris."

Newport B. White also gained a Vice-Chancellor's Medal for Latin.

E. E. S. Forrester has been awarded a Daunt Exhibition in Trinity College.

We omitted to notice in our last number that the Governors of the School have given a Statutory Erasmus Smith Exhibition to each of the following:—H. Thrift, C. C. W. Duggan, J. L. I. Stephenson, H. V. Stanley, R. Warren, G. W. White, R. Magill.

Wm. H. Croker, of the Bank of Ireland, has joined the Imperial Yeomanry.

W. H. Chambre, who went out in the Yeomanry to South Africa some time since, has been seriously ill with enteric, but is now convalescent.

H. W. Crosthwait has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Inchicore Works, G. S. & W. Railway.

R. B. Darley has joined Lord Longford's Irish Horse.

College Notes.

It is a difficult matter to write College Notes for the March number of the "Erasmian," because there is generally nothing to write about. The novelty of the eccentricities of the newly entered freshman has faded away, and he has either settled down to work or—he has not. Hilary is the worker's term, and even if a man never opens a book he will probably go to lectures. The Honour Examinations bring to the surface all latent Classical and Mathematical talent, as it is a point of honour with Junior Freshmen to make trial of their powers at this season.

In the College Historical Society H. St. M. Carter has been elected to the post of Librarian, and R. G. L. Leonard to a seat on the General Committee. W. D. S. Ogden has obtained a place on the Library Committee. All these are O. H. S. men, and we congratulate them heartily. We also note that C. H. Darley was a very close runner up for the post of Correspondence Secretary. We hope to see his undoubted merits rewarded with high office in the future.

The recent action of the Board in bringing meetings of College Societies to an end at 11 o'clock, has seriously interfered with the working of the Historical. It is hoped that our Auditor (Guillamore O'Grady), and those associated with him, will be able to soften

the hearts of the Seven Tyrants of T.C.D. Owing to the necessity of providing time for our important and exciting private business, there is a danger of younger men especially refraining from delivering speeches.

The "Phil." has been having a quiet time lately. The speaking has been rather above the average this term and the debates well-attended. The session has, indeed, lacked the excitement of a sister society where no less than 5 bye-elections have been held up to the present, but it has been absorbed in internal repairs, and its new carpet is the admiration of College. We believe its colour and design are to be attributed to the choice taste of the Treasurer, and certainly he was seen assisting to lay it. One also hears rumours of Shakespearian epithets applied to the same officer, but it seems undecided whether they were complimentary or not. Amongst the essayists of the term was G. A. Joynt (Hon. Treas.), whose paper on "The Policy of Sir Robert Walpole" was spoken to by Dr. L. C. Purser.

A list of officers and shareholders of "T.C.D." was published before Christmas. Of the 20 proprietors there were eight old High School boys, who include the Chairman, Editor, Secretary, Treasurer, and two of the three Directors. This is a record which it would be hard to beat. Needless to say that at the

Term Dinner, held in February, many were the stories of old school days, and a very enjoyable evening was spent recalling old times. We must congratulate C. H. Darley on the great success of the first number for the term, chiefly due to the "College Pantomime" contributed by him. Old readers of "Red and Black," however, will not be surprised at the remarkable success of the "Hockey Poet" of that famous paper.

The Neophytes continue their useful existence, but we have still to deplore the absence of O. H. S. boys from it. The value of the training it gives cannot be easily over estimated.

The fate of the D.U.F.C. in the Cup Ties will, in all probability, be decided by the time these lines see the light. Their victory over Old Wesley was certainly not the result of their superiority, as their most zealous friends could not assert that they had the better of the game. Indeed they only got one opportunity—but they took it, and Corley's goal was a lovely one. Otherwise their career up to the time of writing has been uneventful. They beat Lansdowne by some incommensurable score, but as the latter had 7 of their First XV. and were two short, but little importance attached to the match. Thrift, as three-quarter on the Second and Third, has had a career of glory, and it would be too tiresome to count up his scores.

Football.

The principal features of our football since December have been, firstly the loss of our captain, L. M. Bayly, in whose place J. Purser has been elected captain, C. S. Burrows being chosen as vice-captain, and secondly the extraordinarily inconsistent form displayed by the cup team. In some matches they surpass themselves, while in others their form would not do credit to our third fifteen. Our second, third and fourth teams continue to flourish, especially the second. Up to the present, the Cup Team has played 21 matches, losing 11 and winning 10, and scoring 180 points to 159. Since the beginning of the season L. Bayly has scored 12 times, Purser 10, Thrift 7, M'Connell 5, G. Bayly 4, Ogden 2, Smartt 2, and T. Young and Fitzpatrick once each. Purser has been a source of continual annoyance to our opponents, as when he once gets started it is almost impossible to stop him. Since Christmas we have been reinforced by S. Bradford and T. Young, the latter of whom is an old friend. M'Connell has been unable to play on account of an injury received when playing against Diocesan on the 30th November. However, his loss is more than made up for by Young, whose form is quite brilliant.

H. S. v. Blackrock College.

We lost this match by 2 goals and 2

tries to 2 tries, scored by M'Connell and Purser, the latter scoring after one of his brilliant runs. M'Connell's try was the first registered by a Dublin School against Blackrock this season. L. Bayly, Duncan and Burrows showed up well for us.

H. S. v. Monkstown III.

We lost this match by the same score as in the last match, L. Bayly and Ogden scoring for us.

H. S. v. St. Laurence Rangers.

We were successful in this match by 2 goals to a penalty goal and 2 tries. Some of our team made the mistake of shouting back sarcasms at the remarks of our opponents, but they should remember that no one but the captain should talk during a match.

H. S. v. S. S. G. S.

In this match our team once again was suffering from abstraction, and were defeated by a try, after a wretched game.

H. S. v. St. Andrew's College.

We were defeated in this match by 2 goals and 3 tries to a goal. L. Bayly kicked the goal after one of Purser's characteristic tries, but another run of his, from his own 25, was quite the most brilliant piece of display seen at Belgrave Square this season, and he had very hard lines in being pulled down on the line. We had quite as much of the

game as our opponents, until the last quarter of an hour, when want of training became apparent. Purser's score was the first registered against St. Andrew's by a Dublin school this season.

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H. S. v. Wesley College.

Our team gave a lamentable exhibition in this match, and was defeated by 4 goals 2 tries to nil.

—
H. S. v. St. Columba's College.

At Rathfarnham we were victorious by a try (L. Bayly) to nil, though Ogden and G. Bayly threw away two scores through not passing to Purser. Our forwards were in fine form, except Fitzpatrick, and we must give special mention to Bradford, Leland and Alexander.

—
We defeated

Old St. Mary's II.

by a try (L. Bayly) to nil, after one of the usual sort of matches with them.

—
H. S. v. Corrig School.

We lost this match by 2 tries to a goal, kicked by Purser off G. Bayly's try.

—
Our Cup Tie v. Corrig School.

Once again we were drawn against Corrig, and thoughts of retribution for 4 years' defeats filled our minds until the 19th February, when they defeated us in an ordinary match. But they had

put on a much stronger team than their cup team, and the prospects of another defeat made our team play up. The following was our team:—

Full Back—W. Appleyard.

Three-quarters—J. Purser (Capt.), S. Bradford, G. Bayly, and R. Ogden.

Halves—F. Smartt and E. Barton.

Forwards—J. C. Duncan, C. H. Alexander, C. S. Burrows, T. W. Young, R. E. Freeth, R. E. Hall, J. H. Leland, and G. Fitzpatrick.

A very brief account of the match will suffice, as our opponents could not stand up before the brilliant rushes of our forwards. About 20 minutes after the start Young scored a brilliant try, while shortly afterwards G. Bayly got over again. So matters stood at half-time. In the second half Purser and Smartt scored twice each, while Ogden and Fitzpatrick also got over, and Purser and Barton kicked a goal each. When the result was settled, our fellows began to ease off, and Corrig looked dangerous in the last five minutes, but Bayly averted the danger by a grand tackle, and the final score stood:—

High School, 2 goals 6 tries (28 points)
Corrig, nil.

For H. S., Appleyard at full, was not severely tried, but came out well. Of the three-quarters, G. Bayly and Ogden, were excellent, especially Ogden in kicking. Bradford was sound (he has quite recovered from his injury), but Purser seemed to be out of sorts, and was not up to his best form, although

he scored. He obtained one of his usual tries. Smartt was brilliant at half, but Barton's passing was weak. Of the forwards, Young was the best on the field, and was well backed up by Alexander, Duncan, and Burrows. The other four also worked hard, Fitzpatrick going into every scrum.

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

F. Stevenson (full back) kicks and fields excellently, and tackles well, but has never been severely tried in the latter department.

J. Purser (three-quarter) is undoubtedly the most brilliant scoring three-quarter in Dublin, but his tackling is sometimes weak. He kicks well, but does not find touch well.

S. Bradford is a good tackler, and runs and kicks well, but stops sometimes to be tackled.

G. Bayly is weak in passing, but in tackling surpasses even his brother. He also kicks well, but has a tendency to run back.

R. Ogden is the best kick on the team, but seldom finds touch; he fields and takes his passes well, but goes for his man too high.

F. Smartt (half back) is for his size a splendid half, his kicking and tackling being excellent, while he is very plucky in stopping rushes, and can make glorious openings for the three-quarters.

E. F. Barton is also a good half, when he does not humbug, but is very weak in his passing.

J. C. Duncan is a hard-working forward, but is inclined to "buck" instead of kicking gently when dribbling. Some of the forwards might take a lesson from his pushing.

C. H. Alexander pushes well, but is rather slow in running.

C. S. Burrows is inclined to take things too easily, but frequently shows to advantage.

T. W. Young is a forward of exceptional merit, shoving hard, and dribbling and tackling in good fashion. He is a worthy successor to M'Connell in the loose.

R. E. Freeth works hard all through, though never appearing very conspicuously.

R. E. Hall, when he likes, can play well, but is inclined to leave things to the other forwards.

J. H. F. Leland is another hard worker, but is greatly handicapped by his sight.

G. Fitzpatrick has an aversion to getting into the scrums, and not infrequently gets in the way of the halves but sometimes is clever in the loose.

Cycling.

THE HIGH SCHOOL BICYCLE CLUB.

President—W. WILKINS, M.A.

Vice-President—A. E. LYSTER, M.A.

The Opening Meeting of the above was held on the 26th February, when

the following officers were unanimously elected :—

Captain—J. C. Duncan.

Vice-Captain—J. Purser.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—W. R. Little, B.A.

At a subsequent meeting held on the 3rd March, Mr. Cooney being in the chair, Messrs. A. Paterson and R. E. Freeth were elected on the Committee.

A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. W. E. Paterson, for many years Secretary of the Club, was proposed by Mr. Little and seconded by Mr. Cooney, and adopted.

The opening run was arranged to take place on Monday, 17th March, when it is hoped that as many members as possible will turn up.

Army Coaching.

In some ways this branch of education is preferable to ordinary school routine, but the life of a "crammer" is not altogether a bed of roses.

I might mention, by-the-bye, that many "coaches" repudiate the name of "crammer" as falsely designating the systematic teaching which they enforce upon the would-be officers under their care ; but it is difficult to get away from the fact that these latter are undoubtedly loaded with certain facts, which an omniscient government thinks they ought to know, only to forget them the moment their examination is com-

pleted. The pupil's wish is perfectly plain—to secure a commission—in order to do this they must learn certain things in a limited space of time ; obviously, then, they must be "crammed" in some small degree. Such a state of affairs is doubtless deplorable, but inevitable under existing circumstances.

It is the material which is at fault, rather than the system. Any boy who has received a thorough school education ought to be capable of passing into Sandhurst without further aid. It is the large class who have passed through our public schools with the determination to do a minimum amount of work that provides the *raison d'être* of the "crammer." A few months of this sort of work tends to open one's eyes considerably as to the lamentable and surprising amount of ignorance which an English school boy of sixteen or seventeen can exhibit: he will look askance if one chances to use a word of more than two syllables. "Where did you get that word?" he will say in a pathetically surprised tone. Should the offence be repeated he will begin to feel injured: "look here, you'll go off 'pop' some day," is a remark which has been heard on more than one occasion by the writer. Taking it as a whole, their Geographical knowledge is "nil," their History fragmentary and almost hopelessly confused, while some of their Essays would disgrace a "Fifth Standard" Board School boy.

With no sense of due proportions,

tautological to a degree, interspersed with choice pieces of slang, one sentence running into another without any attempt at connexion, their effusions but too often amount to what can only be termed an incoherent mass of ill-spelt inanities.

This judgment may seem too harsh, but I would ask my critics to reserve their opinion until they have had an opportunity of perusing the compositions of some of the emancipated school boys of sixteen or seventeen years of age, who find their way to Army Coaching Establishments with the laudable object of securing a commission in His Majesty's Army. Is it to be wondered at that such well meaning, but incapable individuals should commit hopeless blunders on the field of battle, when they have at last succeeded in gaining entrance into the Army, perhaps through the Militia? Who is to blame for this?

Surely the Public Schools rather than the "crammer," whose endeavour it is to remedy the defects due to their system.

The Public School sacrifices all to the few, and suffers the majority to pass out of their hands in a blissful state of ignorance. It is not at all uncommon for one of these latter to make twenty or thirty mistakes in a short piece of dictation, many of them having a positive mania for spelling phonetically. Some of their answers to questions on English History are ridiculously confused, while others are unconsciously

humorous. I will conclude with three instances of answers which have actually been handed into me by youths of seventeen.

"The Constitutionals of Clarendon were that all the Clergy should be executed."

"Flambard was a Clarck of the Ex-checker."

"Henry conquered some land round Dublin, and called it the English Pail. But he did not gain very much."

De libris et pueris.

I.

Quisquis hunc librum rapiat scelestus
Atque furtivis manibus prehendat
Pergat ad tetras Acherontis undas
Non rediturus.

II.

Quisquis et librum neglegens omisit
Nec suas aedes memoratue nomen
Lineas tali dederit magister
Fine carentes.

III.

Quisquis oblitus decies papyri
Orat et supplex "liceat mihi cras
Ferre?" quas dignas poterit nefandus
Soluere pœnas?

Some Impressions of America.

Most of us are apt to think that Americans, being for the most part of a common origin with ourselves, and

speaking the same tongue, differ little from us in any respect. But this is not so. A very brief residence in that country will be sufficient to undeceive us, and convince us that, except for the common language, an old countryman is almost as much a foreigner in the States as if he were living in France or Germany. Even in the matter of speech he will find himself somewhat of an Outlander. If he is an educated man, speaking pure English, free alike from slang and pedantry, his speech seems to the average commercial or middle-class American finical and affected. The reason of this seems to be, that slang which with us is only used at special times and under special circumstances, forms a principal or at least an important factor in the speech of the native American. We hear a good deal of the literary refinement among the cultured classes of New York and Boston, the "hub of the Universe" as Oliver Wendell Holmes called it. I do not speak of them, but rather of the people most commonly met with in large commercial communities, who, I may say in passing, regard that highly cultured denizen of New York or Boston rather as a product of the so-called effete civilization of Europe, than as truly representative of American life. I shall content myself in this paper with touching lightly on some of the more striking characteristics of American men and women which differentiate them from the average citizen of the British Isles.

What struck me most forcibly on my introduction to the States was the extraordinary selfishness of its inhabitants. A new-comer being quite unacquainted with their methods naturally looks to his fellow clerks or associates to extend to him a helping hand. But he will, I fear, be sadly disappointed. He will more likely be suffered to work out his own salvation without let or guidance. At first, as I have said, I regarded this as sheer selfishness, but I am inclined now to modify my opinion, for I afterwards observed that the person who turned a deaf ear to another's woes was consistent enough to refrain from asking another to extricate himself when he was in difficulties. The American believes only in self-help, and it is probably this spirit which has helped to give America such great prominence in the commercial world to-day.

Another striking characteristic of the American (and by America throughout, I mean the United States), is his imperturbable good-humour and placidity. He can write up a set of accounts with wonderful rapidity and accuracy, and at the same time keep up a continual flow of banter and small talk, while an Englishman or Irishman, more especially the latter, can hardly restrain himself from hurling an inkstand at the offender when tortured in such a fashion, and will certainly make the air blue with vituperative language. But even this will not ruffle the placidity of Cousin Jonathan. Nor can the wit of a man

devise any means of "flustering him." He prides himself, and with justice, on not easily being "rattled," and has the utmost contempt for the man who cannot keep a level head under any and all circumstances. The unfortunate greenhorn, as the new immigrant is styled, whose cheeks glow at the rebuke of his employer, or who blushes beneath the too searching gaze of some fair one, is regarded as a poor creature. I have often been taken to task at home for asserting that the Americans were a good-humoured race, and Mark Twain's stories of blood and murder in the Western Mining Camps have been used as a counter argument. But this, if it does anything, rather confirms my assertions, for Nevada Dick does not lose his temper when he detects Nebraska Bill cheating at cards, but reaches to his hip-pocket, draws his "gun" and gets the "drop" on Bill, and after the removal of the body, the game is continued in perfect peace and amity, while Dick most likely forms one of the chief mourners at the funeral a day or two afterwards. But seriously no one who has seen, as I have, a presidential election, such as that between Blaine and Cleveland, when the passions of the people are roused to an unusually high pitch, could fail to be struck by the remarkable good-humour of the Americans. For at least a month before the election, each day and night beholds the serried masses of the cities many thousands in num-

ber, marching in torchlight procession through the streets or holding meetings in the public parks. The air is rent with the voices of tens of thousands chanting in perfect unison and with untiring iteration, some graceful rhyming couplet descriptive of some prominent ethical characteristic of the respective candidates, such as—

"James, James, James G. Blaine,
Continental liar from the State of Maine."

Effusions of this kind are freely hurled, but nothing else, not even a brickbat. We who remember the good old days in this country, before the Ballot Act was passed, must indeed exclaim, "What a degenerate race these Americans are."

Well do I remember when a very small boy, how it rejoiced my heart to see two huge election mobs meeting together in savage conflict, and to hear the blackthorns rattle on the broken pates of the peasants, while the street channels were flushed with the blood of the victims.

But revenons à nos moutons.

I have often been asked, do Americans work harder than we? My answer to this is invariably yes. Their business hours are longer, and the pressure is greater while at work. The American is a real "hustler." On the street or in the office he is rapid in his movements. He never takes life easily. Even when he has made his "pile," he moves from place to place in his travels with the rapidity of a "Will o'

the Wisp." This tendency to rush things makes a great deal of their work superficial, lacking the thoroughness which only calm and steady labour can produce. It may be that to this cause also is due the dyspepsia which is said to be the bane of American life, though personally, Americans seemed to me to be quite as healthy and robust as our own people, and all who study sporting matters know that they can at least hold their own in athletics. I shall now say a few words about the social side of American life. This is a delicate subject to handle, and I do not pretend to be able to give an *ex-officio* judgment on the matter. The American girl or young woman of good education and breeding, is, I think, more attractive and charming in manner than her European sister, though I doubt very much if she possesses as much sterling worth. She dresses beautifully, if my opinion is worth anything on such a matter, is genuinely friendly, is altogether free from the *mauvaise honte*, not uncommon at home, and has not a trace of the stiffness which, I fear, is more to be met with in the British Isles than in any other country in the world. Some strange privileges are, however, permitted to her which I can hardly recommend. She may invite a gentleman to call on her, and it is quite possible that neither her mother nor her father, who by-the-bye is often a nonentity in the household, will be present at the interview. But it would

not be correct to infer from this that she disregards the conveniences of polite society. It is simply the custom, whether it be a bad or good one, and it is well also to remember that she is fully capable of taking care of herself without any extraneous help. I should advise anyone when intending to call on his friends in America to fortify himself with a substantial meal beforehand, for it is very likely that the only feast he will be invited to partake of will be "the feast of music and the flow of soul." This does not proceed from niggardliness, however, but from the feeling that it is unreasonable to expect them to upset their household arrangements in order to provide for their visitor what he can get equally well at home.

Before concluding my remarks on the social features of American life, I shall give a brief account of that fearful and wonderful affair, an American Surprise Party. As the word denotes, it is really a surprise in every sense of the word. When any persons, more commonly husband and wife, have shown kindly attentions to their friends, or in any way made themselves *personae gratae*, it is usual for the friends, on some night arranged by them, to provide themselves with an abundant supply of food and refreshments, and wend their way to the residence of those whom they purpose to honour. The only notice of their coming is likely to be some violent whoopings

indulged in by the more youthful spirits as they approach the domicile. They precipitate themselves with merry shouts upon their hosts, who positively appear to relish the fun themselves, and having consumed the viands and generally made things pretty lively for a few hours, they depart. Who will say after this that Americans are not good humoured? Imagine our hearths and altars assailed by such an unruly crowd, just as we were about to enjoy our after dinner nap. I shudder at the consequences likely to ensue.

There are some unpleasant features of American life to which I shall merely make passing reference. Prudishness is a general characteristic of the inferior classes at least, for I do not think it is so noticeable among the educated. They have an air of gentility much above our lower middle class, but as far as I could see, the gentility is merely an outer coating of varnish, often concealing a great deal of rottenness within. American girls of this type will shrink with horror from speaking of our nether extremities as legs. They are to her "the limbs" as though we possessed no other, and many terms which we use without a thought of equivocation, are utterly tabooed by them, and if used by a guileless foreigner, cause feebly suppressed giggling and laughter. My own brother who is a clergyman in New York State, was injudicious enough to make some reference to "weaning" in a sermon, which

produced quite a commotion among some of his most respectable female parishioners, who severely rated him for such an improper suggestion. This kind of mind must surely be essentially vulgar. Physiology is now, I believe, generally taught in American schools, so that it is to be hoped they will learn in time to call a spade a spade.

In international matters, the Americans are certainly not distinguished by courtesy. No one who is *au courant* with the doings of their Congress and Senate for the last twenty years can fail to see that they have a great deal yet to learn from Europe in common politeness. But in spite of these drawbacks, the Americans are a very gifted people, possessing many fine qualities, and England need never feel ashamed of being the mother of such a nation.

E. T. BURD.

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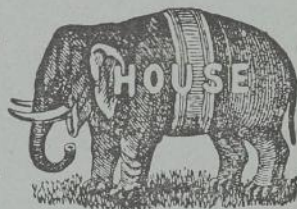
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