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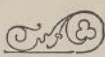
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School News.

The approach of Christmas warns us that the first year of the New Century is hastening to its close, bringing exams. and other evils upon us before it departs, but leaving us in the enjoyment of holidays all too short.

At this time of the year there is usually little school news to record. One event, however, will mark this term. Down like a wolf upon the unsuspecting fold swept the Intermediate Inspectors on the 1st of November, but the ordeal was short.

Swifter far than summer's flight
Are they come—and gone.

For a day—or was it a day-and-a-half? Let us be accurate—one inspector for a day and another for a day and a-half, upset all our work, came and saw, found out all about us, each class in half-an-hour or less, questioned us, amazed us, mystified us and departed. Did they leave aught behind them? Yes, a mystic injunction that a football voice should be heard in the class-room.

[N.B.—The Editor will be quite content in his class-room with something less—clear speech and distinct pronunciation. He has an impression that a football voice has too much of the wild Indian about it.]

We have heard of a pupil—not a High School boy—who wondered whether Irish boys have such funny voices and what the English boys speak like, and asked why the Intermediate Board sent such deaf inspectors?

Jesting apart, the inspection seemed to us much too hurried and superficial. However, we do not know what instructions the inspectors had received from the Intermediate Commissioners, and this short visit may have answered all the purposes required for the present, and as—so far as we know—they expressed themselves as very pleased with us all, what more is there to say?

While speaking of the Intermediate, our readers will be interested to hear that the article on the New Programme and Rules, which appeared in our last number, was, by request and with our permission, re-printed in the *Droghedean*.

The space at our disposal in our last number was too short to deal with all the points arising out of the New Programme, but one or two remarks may be added here. Although the limit of ages for the various Grades is made more elastic for boys who only wish to pass, it remains the same for boys who wish to obtain exhibitions and prizes. To obtain these a boy must, for the Junior Grade, be under sixteen on the 1st June next, for the Middle under seventeen, and for the Senior under eighteen. No boy can enter for the Preparatory Grade, if over the age of fifteen on the 1st June. Since the article was published it has been explained officially that in the Junior, Middle and Senior Grades, but not in the Preparatory, a boy may take Experimental Science and Drawing as one of the subjects, and Drawing again as a second subject, but the Drawing in the second case must differ from the Drawing taken with Experimental Science.

A good deal of dissatisfaction has been expressed with the English courses, and the Board have announced some alternative books which may be taken instead of the various portions of the Golden Treasury of Songs and Lyrics, prescribed for the three higher Grades. In our opinion, although boys may find the Golden Treasury somewhat difficult, they should stick to it; it contains gems and masterpieces of English Literature,

and a boy who once steeps himself in them will never regret it. It is worth while pointing out again that the ideas underlying the English courses are entirely new in the Intermediate system. The Board has two very excellent objects in view—firstly, by the reading of one or two books in school, to train boys to accurate observation and a careful mastery of a subject in detail, and secondly by home reading to encourage breadth of mind, general knowledge and interest in English Literature as a whole. Boys, therefore, should enter into the spirit of the Programme by reading the Golden Treasury and the prescribed novels in their spare hours and during their holidays.

We had four candidates up for Junior and School Exhibitions at Trinity. They all obtained good marks, but as the scoring all round was higher than in ordinary years, the results were not as good as we had anticipated. W. W. Powell made a good first in Classics, but was only third altogether with a total of 645 marks. He wins the School Exhibition. Our next candidate was H. Thrift, with a total of 493, winning the last Junior Exhibition. Then came C. C. W. Duggan, who had extremely hard luck. With the good total of 485 he was next to Thrift and the first out, always a very unenviable position, commanding everyone's sympathies, especially after so brave an effort. J. L. I. Stephenson had a total of 446½.

He had in the spring sacrificed his classics to obtain a Mathematical Sizarship. He succeeded in the latter, but as a result failed to win a Junior Exhibition.

W. W. Powell did excellently by winning four Entrance Prizes, the First Prize for Latin Prose, the First Prize for Greek Prose, the Second Prize for Greek Verse (the only one awarded), and the First Prize for English Literature and Composition.

Besides the above, C. H. L. Farran, T. P. Orr, R. Scholefield and H. V. Stanley have also entered Trinity, successfully combating their first difficulties with the examiners.

We publish elsewhere the accounts of the last Annual Athletic Sports, showing that we just covered our expenses.

The sports have called forth another letter from "an interested onlooker," with which we cordially agree. His propositions were supported in our June number by Mr. Cooney, but for some reason or another were not accepted by the Sports Committee. In our opinion if there is one thing more likely than another to kill the interest in the sports, it is for one or more boys to obtain an undue proportion of the prizes. It

would, however, be interesting if boys would themselves use the *Erasmian* for stating their views of this matter. Everybody has the right to air his opinions.

There is another matter in connection with the sports, to which the Committee should devote some attention. It has become quite a fashion for prizewinners to change their prizes. In single cases where a boy has won a similar prize before, or the prize has turned out to be obviously unsuitable, there can be no objection to this being done. But some boys start with the idea that whatever prize they win they have a perfect right to change it. Such a supposition is perfectly erroneous. The prizes are very carefully chosen by the Committee, and a boy is entitled to the prize he wins and to no other. He has no right to change it without the consent of the Committee, and the Committee should insist on this consent being obtained.

Every boy who rides a bicycle should learn the sad lesson of the fatal accident which is recorded elsewhere. Boys should ride carefully after dark and never without a lighted lamp.

It is quite refreshing to observe the interest taken this year in football. The first xv. are very keen and should

improve greatly before the cup Matches; they should one and all remember to keep in good training as these draw near. Training has the greatest effect in the last half of a match, and an inferior team in good training will often beat a better one which is in an inferior condition. The Second xv. too has been very energetic, but what shall we say when we hear of a Third and even a Fourth xv.? These last should be encouraged as they are the recruiting grounds of future years.

A correspondent calls our attention to an American way of impressing the necessity of paying subscriptions. The "Erasmian" is suffering from defaulters to whom the following may perhaps appeal:—

Western Kansas editors have a unique way of prodding up delinquent subscribers, as this will indicate: "If you have frequent headaches, dizziness, fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy, and jaundice, it is a sign you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription a year in advance, and thus make yourself solid for a good obituary notice."

The following are now the officers of the "Erasmian." Chairman, Mr W. E. Paterson; Editor, Mr J. Thompson; Hon. Sec., H. G. Cooke; Hon. Treas.,

F. McConnell; Committee: Mr A. E. Lyster, Mr E. T. Burd, Mr A. Paterson, G. A. Joynt, H. V. Stanley, J. C. Duncan, J. Purser, G. C. Duggan, L. M. Bayly, and R. A. Oulton.

Notes on Old Boys.

At the recent Militia Examination for commissions in the Army, E. R. S. Cheales passed twenty-seventh out of 150 candidates.

His eldest brother, A. W. R. Cheales, took his B.A. Degree at Oxford on October 17th, and has now settled down to Army Coaching at Cheltenham. He has not forgotten his hockey, and has been selected to play in every match up till now for East Gloucestershire, including one against Oxford University on November 2nd.

E. A. E. Burrows, who obtained a Classical Scholarship last June at T. C. D., has been awarded the Traill Scholarship of £50 a year at Westminster College, Cambridge. Westminster College is a training college for students intended for the Presbyterian ministry. Burrows is now in his first year of residence there.

Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, B.A., who has for some time been curate of St. Mary's, Tuam, has left there to take over the curacy of Stradbally, Queen's County.

Rev. W. J. Mayne, who has been for some time curate of St. Mary's, on the north side of the city, has been elected Organising and Deputation Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of Christianity among the Jews.

J. R. Colthurst, late scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, is about to be ordained this Christmas by the Bishop of Cork to a curacy in Queenstown.

W. I. De C. Wheeler has at last succeeded in obtaining some compensation from the Board of Works for the sad accident, by which he lost the sight of one eye, on the evening of the Queen's arrival in Dublin last year. He has been awarded £2,000, and the railings about the trees outside Stephen's Green are now being turned upside down, and the offending spikes buried in the earth.

We ought to have mentioned in our last number that C. and J. Moore, of the Dublin Bay Sailing Club, had a great season in the summer with their racing wag "San Toy," and won several races.

Guillamore O'Grady had a great reception at the opening night of the Historical in Trinity. We hope to print his address as Auditor in our next issue.

The record of J. S. Sheill's achievements during the summer on his "Imperial Rover," reached us too late

for insertion in our last issue. Our space is not sufficient to chronicle all his successes. He won, however, first place in all the following, and seconds and thirds in numerous others.—Three firsts from scratch (1, 3 and 5 miles), at Coolgreany, Wicklow, (June 29th); first in 5 mile at Maryboro', winning Challenge Cup and Gold Medal (July 8th); first in Composite Race at Nenagh (July 9th); two firsts (3 and 5 miles), at Ahascragh, near Ballinasloe (July 10th); first in Composite Race at Longford (July 17th); two firsts (1 and 3 miles) at Ballygar (August 12th); first (2 miles) at Roscommon (August 14th); first (5 miles) at Ballyharenis (August 28th). Most of these were won from scratch.

W. G. Joynt is now attached as Medical Officer to Steinacker's Horse in South Africa, with the official rank of Lieutenant.

Walter Quin and Meyer Cohen have passed the Preliminary Examination of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in Ireland.

The course for these examinations is being considerably altered for the coming year, and will include Physics, English History and Geography, while the Authors are also being changed.

We visited C. Lewis the other night at the Rathmines Electric Lighting Works. He was quite at home among

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E. R. S.
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Challenge Cup and Gold Medal (July
8th); first in Composite Race at Nenagh
(July 10th). two firsts (2 and 4 miles)

2e.

Mark the syllable on which the accent (or stress of the voice)
falls in each of the following words: - legatis, Samnitibus,
dederunt.

3.

Translate.

(Praise of Ceres)

(70 marks)

Prima Ceres unco glaucam dimovit aratro,
Prima dedit fruges alimentaque mitia terris,
Prima dedit leges; Cereris sunt omnia munus,
Illa canenda mihi est. Utinam modo dicere possem
Carmina digna dea; certo dea carmina digna est

in of 1881-82, with the 1881 rank

his engines and gave us a good look at everything. The engine room is very large, with a lofty roof, and the machinery is all of the newest description.

We saw W. Rossiter in town the other day. His adventures since he left 40 Harcourt have been numerous. He went first to Manitoba with the intention of farming, but the Canadian Mounted Police attracted him and he soon got his commission; after some experience of the North West Territory he was sent to keep order in Klondyke (no sinecure, I believe); he took part among the Colonials in the Diamond Jubilee Procession in London. When the war broke out in South Africa he again represented the Canadians, and was taken prisoner, but he made his escape after a time and reached his lines in safety. He is now in Canada on a pleasure trip and expects to spend Christmas this year in Dublin, "for a change."

T. H. Richardson is engineering with great success at Agra.

Heartiest congratulations to Dr. Falkiner on his admission to a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Drs. George B. Wilkinson and Marcus J. Johnstone have been appointed to Civil Surgeoncies in the Army. The former is on his way to the Transvaal, while the latter proceeds to the Curragh Camp.

Obituary.

It is with very great regret that we announce the death of D. Bonner, as the result of a bicycle accident on the evening of November 8th. He was only eighteen, and left from the fifth, just before the summer vacation. It appears that he was riding home from the city after dark, without a light, and the shaft of a coal cart coming round from Northbrook Road into Ranelagh road, struck him in the chest. He was taken to the hospital, but only survived a short time. Everyone feels very sorry for his father, Captain Bonner, and his family.

College Notes.

Another Collegiate year has commenced and the Michaelmas examinations and Opening Meetings are now things of the past. There has been an unusually large entrance this term and the freshly entered jibs are easily discerned as they walk the sacred precincts of T.C.D. in a spirit of reverence, casting looks of awe on all who wear a tassel to their caps or who look otherwise important. Yet after a few weeks the subdued feeling passes away and your jib becomes of noisy report and blissfully idle, and casts looks of amusement mingled with pity, on those who succeed him.

The chief event of this year's entrance was the examination for the Kidd Scholarship which we did not get. Two places at Junior Exhibition, obtained by Powell and Thrift were our allotted share, the former securing third place, and being first in classics by a wide margin. The former also covered himself, his Classical teaching and his School, with glory by his success in the Entrance Prizes. Amongst other academic successes may be noted the Stewart Literary Scholarship of C. C. M. Stronge, and the numerous prizes of N. B. White and H. G. Hillas. Being of opinion that the least we could do to celebrate these successes would be to end with a Classical quotation we looked one up, but at the earnest entreaty of some friends we decided to hold over such a display of erudition till some time when the readers of 'Erasmian' might have had sufficient warning.

At the College Historical Society C. H. Darley is approving himself one of our finest orators. His speech was one of the most eloquent at the recent debate on the subject; "That the conditions of Modern Life are unfavourable to the production of the best poetry," when an unusually large number of speeches were delivered, including maiden efforts by J. A. O. Fitzpatrick (Sch.) and N. B. White (Sch.) The negative side was opened by F. A. Longworth (Univ. Student), while E. S. Forrester also spoke.

We heartily congratulate R. G. Leonard on winning the Historical Society's Gold Medal for History. We also note with pleasure that the Rev. J. C. Forrester has been elected an Honorary Member. We also congratulate F. A. Longworth on winning a Gold Medal for Oratory. Certificates for Oratory were awarded to C. H. Darley (1st), who was very close to a Medal, and to Guillamore O'Grady (2nd) who came next on the list of honours. Among new members we notice G. W. White, H. V. Stanley, F. V. Gordon (Sch.) and A. W. Brew.

The Board has entered upon an era of revolution. Till recently it was beyond dispute a most Conservative body, while now the members seem to endeavour to outrival each other in fresh proposals. The encouragement and development of Science are their especial care at present and the old humdrum courses have been altered beyond recognition. Beholders stand with bated breath and ask what is to come next. The more gallant hope it may be the opening of the University to a new class of Student who has hitherto been forbidden to enter the portals, save once a year, and then only under strict control and in charge of the Provost (or his deputy), the Junior Dean, the Chief Steward, and such Junior Fellows as may be available.

There is one College Society which prospers whatever may happen to others. The 'Phil' is approaching its Jubilee and is renewing its youth. The present session shows signs of being the most successful hitherto held. Over 80 new members have been elected so far, amongst whom we notice the names of W. W. Powell, C. H. Darley, C. H. Farran, W. Magill and R. J. Scholefield. There has always been a peculiar attraction for Old Erasmians in the 'Phil' and they have played a very important part in its history. Amongst the speakers this session up to the time of writing are G. A. Joynt (Hon. Treas.), C. E. Riley (Hon. Reg.), and C. H. Darley, whose maiden speech was that of an expert speaker. Marked thanks for oratory were awarded for the past session to C. E. Riley and G. A. Joynt.

At the Neophyte Debating Society we notice among O. H. S. Debaters Carew O'Grady, N. B. White (Sch.), and A. W. Brew. This Society is doing a most useful work, and we are sorry that more old Erasmians do not take part in it. They would find it an admirable training ground for the sterner conflicts of the Regent House.

Great enthusiasm was aroused by the drawn match with Oxford, and the decisive victory over Cambridge, amid all sections of College life, and the

results were celebrated by an elaborate system of bonfires kindled at different points, which for four hours taxed to the full the endeavours of the Junior Dean. Large reinforcements arrived at midnight, and for three hours afterwards the College was brilliantly illuminated by other means than those provided by the authorities. It is stated that the doormat and other property of a well-known Senior Fellow helped to swell the blaze. An unpleasant side issue, however, was a practical demonstration of some would-be physicists who endeavoured to show a Mathematical J.D. some experiments in the range and velocity of projectiles, the elasticity of glass, the rigidity of lamp-posts, and the stresses in window-sashes due to impact, which led to the employment for three whole days of the College carpenters and glaziers.

Trinity's success in the football field has been of a fluctuating nature, so far, this season. The First XV. were beaten by North of Ireland, and beat Old Wesley by a try after a very hard game. Their brilliant achievements at Oxford and Cambridge roused expectations which were dashed to pieces the same week by defeat at the hands of Lansdowne. A valuable acquisition to the Club has been H. Thrift, Ex-Captain, H.S.F.C., who seems to have scored tries innumerable for the Third and Second Fifteens.

An Elk Hunt in Russia.

Russia is one of the very few European countries in which real big game hunting can be indulged in at the present time, and the fact that bears, elk and wolves are to be found within 25 miles of such large towns as Moscow and St. Petersburg, goes to prove in what a primeval state the country still is.

The wolf, however, which we often heard of at home in connection with Russia, is gradually being driven away from the centres of civilization, so that now it is only a very cold winter which will bring him anywhere near the populous parts of the country, and then his most heinous crime will be the devouring of a few dogs in the villages.

Writing about wolves reminds me of the following incident which a peasant, living at a village a few miles from Moscow, related to me, and which shews that although the wolf may not be the dreadful animal we were led to believe from the "story books" of our youth, he may still be a tough enough customer to warrant attention:—

My friend, the peasant, on leaving his hut one morning last winter, noticed that the watch-dog, which had been left loose in the yard, had disappeared.

On looking round the yard he noticed the tracks of two animals, one evidently his dog and the other a wolf, passing through the gate and leading in the direction of a shed, which stood in a

field some few hundred yards from the house.

Following up the tracks he found near the shed the marks of four animals and some blood and fur, which was evidently the last remnants of his dog.

From the marks in the snow it was evident that one wolf entered the yard and enticed the dog out to where his two confederates waited in ambush, and then the whole three made short work of their victim.

I must not forget, however, that I am supposed to be writing about the elk.

The elk, which answers to the moose of Canada, and which must be very like what the Irish elk was, exists in sufficiently large quantities nearly all over Russia; perhaps he is found in the greatest numbers on the Finnish frontier and on the borders of the great Ladoga and Onega Lakes.

The actual shoot, which I intend to describe in this article, took place on the last day of December, 1900, which is also the last day for elk shooting, as the close season begins on January the 1st.

Our party consisted of five, Rigby, a mighty slayer of elk and bears, the two brothers Ball, a Russian, whom we shall call Petroff, and myself.

We left Moscow on Saturday evening and finished our fifty versts by rail at about 10 o'clock, and a short sleigh drive brought us to our "hunting lodge," which consists of a peasant's hut, washed and disinfected.

We disposed of a very substantial supper and then settled down to pipes, cigarettes and travellers' tales.

Baskakin, the head huntsman, is a personalty, a regular "character," as we would say in Ireland, and although over 70 years of age takes a good deal of beating in the way of activity, and also I should add, in "vodka" drinking.

One of his tales is worth repeating. Of course it is impossible to give an adequate representation of his picturesque "brogue," so it is best to put it down in plain English. When Baskakin had filled his English pipe with English tobacco, the possession of which are a source of great pride to him, he started off in this manner—

"It's many years now since we've had a bear in our woods round here, but about ten, or it may be fifteen years ago, we had a bear hunt, which I shan't soon forget. Thinking of it now it seems very funny to me, but at the time it happened it didn't strike me as so amusing.

It came about in this way. As soon as I heard there was a bear wintering in our woods I sent word to a certain Dr. Smernoff, who, as I knew, was always ready for a shot at bruin.

I sent off word on a Friday and on Saturday he turned up, bringing with him a friend, a well known Moscow merchant.

I had everything arranged by Sunday morning and we set off early, with

the beaters, to the wood where the bear was lying up.

I placed the guns, got the beaters together and started the drive.

The bear was drawn successfully and headed off by the beaters towards the guns. All went well and I knew we were getting near the sportsmen, when I heard a shot, and then a shout for help.

I was on snow shoes and put on all speed to reach the firing line and see what had happened. When I reached it things looked nasty; Dr. Smernoff was lying face downwards in the snow, with the bear on top of him, trying to get its "arms" round him to give him the necessary hug. Fortunately the snow was hard and prevented this.

I had no gun with me, and I noticed that the doctor's spare gun was under the bear's hind legs. What was to be done? I couldn't attack him with my bare hands. Suddenly an idea struck me, and breaking off the end of one of my long snow-shoes, so as to obtain a sharp point, I charged the bear with my improvised lance. I caught him full in the chest, and partly bowled him over (he fortunately had'n't noticed me coming), enough at anyrate to release the gun, which I grabbed, and using it as a pistol fired slap into his chest and finished him.

I helped the doctor to regain his feet and found him little the worse for his mauling, and then it struck us to ask each other what had become of the

doctor's friend, and why had'nt he come to the rescue? So having shaken ourselves together we started to walk the few hundred yards to where he had been placed to see if we could discover what had happened to him. Surely another bear had'nt turned up and carried him off bodily?

Well, we arrived at the spot where I had placed him, but he was nowhere to be seen; so having looked about a bit we decided to go back to where we had left the horses, to see if the drivers could throw any light on the mystery.

When we reached the edge of the woods we found only one of the two sleighs which we had brought with us, and the man we had left in charge volunteered the information that while waiting he had heard a shot, and a few minutes afterwards a man rushed out of the woods, jumped into the other sleigh and before he had time to stop him, had driven off, full gallop, in the direction of the village.

I was fairly certain that it was the Doctor's friend who had left so hurriedly, so putting the dead bear on the remaining sleigh, we also set out for the village.

When we arrived at the "hunting lodge" we were rather surprised to be told that the fugitive had'nt been there. Where were we to look for him now? that was the question. Someone suggested making enquiries at the railway station, so I accordingly set off to do so. When I reached the station I

found our second sleigh standing outside, the horses looking very hot and lonely. I knew I was on the trail now, and when the station-master told me that a gentleman dressed as a sportsman had driven up full speed some half-hour ago, and leaving his horse to take care of itself, had jumped into a train just starting for Moscow, I pretty well could guess the rest."

Old Baskakin knocked the ashes out of his pipe with the laconic remark, "That's where the funny part comes in, but the Doctor's friend never came shooting with us again."

I should also add that Baskakin remarked that "it was wonderful how much more "vodka" a man could drink in the winter than in the summer," and he was still giving us a practical demonstration in support of his theory, when we turned in well on in the wee sma' hours for a short snooze to get us ready for the morrow's battle.

After a sound, if short, sleep we turned out at about 7 o'clock in the morning, had our morning "chai" tea, and were informed by Baskakin that the trackers had been out at dawn and had located five head of elk in a wood about nine versts from the village.

Baskakin had already collected the beaters, thirty or forty of the most perfect looking savages one could wish to see. The head beater is a man with a wooden leg, who goes on horseback and gets about through the deep snow in wonderful fashion.

Well, in due course we got under weigh for the scene of operations ; we, the guns in country sleighs and the beaters in a picturesque mob, on foot.

After about an hour's drive we came to the point where we must enter the woods, so leaving the horses we followed Baskakin in single file through the deep snow to our allotted places, the beaters meanwhile going off in the opposite direction, so as to encircle the piece of forest where the elk were known to be.

Having reached our destination we drew lots for position, Rigby getting No 1, Ball Sen. No 2, Petroff No 3, myself No 4, and Ball Jun, No 5, the last in the line.

Having taken up our places about 200 yds. apart the horn went and the drive began.

It was a lovely morning with just a few degrees of frost and therefore not too cold to be pleasant. The night had been foggy so the trees were covered with hoar frost which greatly enhanced the beauty of the landscape.

Perfect silence reigned in the great woods, and we on our part, of course kept rigidly mute.

We could tell that a large piece of forest had been encircled as we could not yet distinguish the shouts of the beaters.

However, after a few minutes an odd yell from an extra strong pair of lungs became audible, and before long the

uproar became general all along the line, although of course the beaters were still out of sight and some little way off.

Now was the supreme moment, and each sportsman stood with every faculty strained to the utmost and gun ready cocked.

A fox stole out of the wood in front of me and passed within a few feet of where I was standing. He of course was let go by, as one does'nt lose the chance of a shot at an elk for the chance of hitting a fox with an express bullet.

Then four or five blackcock flew over with a whirr of wings and then two elk, one a bull with fine horns, the other a cow, trotted out into the open right at the end of the line in front of Ball. The cow, just as if she knew that the law protected her from bullets, ran quietly past and disappeared in the woods behind the line. The Bull, however, stopped, put up his head and tried the wind, thus giving Ball a beautiful shot.

He fired and apparently missed, as the bull set off at a great pace and crossing the line at full gallop crashed into the wood. I let him have both barrels as he made off, without of course having much hope of hitting him, nor was I disappointed, as we saw no more of him.

Ball and I thought we had lost the only chance of the day and were sadly waiting for the horn to go, so that we

could leave our numbers; when far up the line, we heard two shots in quick succession and then a third shot after an interval of about half a minute.

The horn went immediately afterwards and we hurried up to see if our friends at the other end had done anything, and it can be imagined how pleased we were to find that Rigby had shot a fine bull weighing about 16 poods.

Unfortunately this bull had already shed its horns, as happens at this time of the year.

It was now two o'clock, so hoisting our elk on to one of the sleighs, we made for the "hunting lodge" where we had tea and caught the four o'clock train back to Moscow, leaving the rest of the elk to their long holiday which does not expire till next September.

Talking over the day's sport in the train and asking Ball why he had not given his bull the benefit of his second barrel, he confessed that in the excitement of the moment he had pulled the second trigger first and then had tried to fire again by tugging at the trigger guard which of course did not work.

We reached Moscow at 7 o'clock on New Year's Eve in good time for those who had engagements to meet the New Year and New Century as they should be met.

T. E. STEPHENS.

Very Youthful Essays.

I.—ROBINSON CRUSO.

Robinson Cruso was a very clever man, and a brave, a good swimmer. He youst to fight against blacks which youst to yell and dance when fighting. He had a little lamb which youst to follow him like a little dog and its master. He was ship recked once and all him companions were drowned, but he managed to get to lang but with great difficulty, he was bashed against rocks, and by the time he got to land he was nearly ded.

II.—JOAN DARCE.

Joan was a peasant girl she had to go to the King of France and not to stop even if she were to were my limbs to my knees and she thought that she herd the English horsemen cumming over the fields and a angel's foice telling her to leave tative land and the French left her in the midst of the fight and she was taken prisnor and treated her shamefully if the French believed her to be a saint the English believed her to be a wich and the last words she spoke was Jesus and the English soldiers who were looking on said we are lost we have burnt a saint and they burnt her as a lunitic.

III.—ON FADISH PEOPLE.

Some people, are very fadish woulde n't touch a slug, thinking that it would soil her or his pretty little fingures. They

aught to be taken and put in a garden of letis as snailes like letis they will go to it, and then they wolden't like that. They aught not to be so grand and fadish, they get very percitular. A spoon that has a drop of gravy on for to eat their pudding, they do not like.

NOTE.—The above are genuine essays of young boys, which have been written in the course of school work during the past year.

The Schoolboy's Ode to the Chocolate Cream.

(Interrupted Edition).

Oh—thou cause of many a watering
mouth,
To taste thee once more I would fain,
To feel the feel, which ev'ryone tasting
thee has felt,
And feeling which would gladly feel
again!
Oh—delicious morsel 'tis true, 'tis most
true,
Thou'rt the subject of my enchanting
dreams—
Dreams of thee, my sweetest sweet: I
sweetly sleep—
And see—see thee with thy fellow
creams,
Piled in countless thousands and no-
body near thee:
Oh—that I could but relieve thee of thy
lonely solitude,
And *alone* watch (and eat) by thy dear
side;

'Tis but a dream—but stay—can this
be a penny I feel,

Which caught in the corner of my
pocket dost unseen hide?

Yes—no—yes,
Joy! 'tis no dream—good-bye—I'm off
to the tuck shop.

J.C.F.

Athletic Sports.

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Football.

The following are the Officers elected for this Season:—

President—Mr. Wilkins.

Captain, First XV.—L. M. Bayly.

Vice-Captain—J. Purser.

Hon. Secretary—F. Stevenson.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Cooney.

Committee—Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lyster,
Mr. W. E. Paterson, F. M'Connell,
C. S. Burrows.

Captain, Second XV.—G. C. Duggan.

The membership roll is fairly satisfactory, but there are still many boys frequenting the square who never pay their subscriptions. It seems a

pity that some of these boys—who, we feel sure, have never asked at home for the subscription—are put on the second or third team, in preference to the fellows who have paid.

So far, the first XV. has played 11 matches, winning 6, and losing 5. It has scored 114 points against 66. L. Bayly and Thrift have each scored 7 tries, Purser 6, M'Connell 4, G. Bayly 2, and Ogden 1.

H. S. v. Rutland.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, on 28th September; we won it by 6 goals and 3 tries (39 points) to nil. Thrift kicked the 6 goals, in addition to scoring one try, while L. Bayly scored 5 tries, M'Connell 2, and Purser 1.

H. S. v. Old St. Mary's 2nd.

This match was played at Belgrave Square, on 5th October; although we had all the best of the game, we were beaten by a try to nil. Our opponents had a very strong team, but we had quite three-fourths of the play. L. Bayly, Thrift, and M'Connell were the best of us.

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

In this match, on the 12th October, we were victorious, by 2 tries (Thrift and M'Connell) to one try. Both our scores were the outcome of good passing, and our backs were much superior to their opponents, though the forwards were frequently outclassed.

H. S. v. King's Hospital.

We lost this match by 3 goals and 1 try to 1 goal and 1 try. All our scoring was done by Thrift, who, together with L. Bayly, played well for us.

H. S. v. Wesley.

In this match we were defeated by 2 goals and 1 try to nil. L. Bayly, although suffering from an injured leg, played very well for us, as also did Purser and M'Connell.

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

Without L. Bayly and Ogden, we were defeated in this match by 2 goals and 3 tries to nil, Purser being the only one to show his usual form.

H. S. v. Riverside.

We won this match by 2 goals and 2 tries to nil. Purser kicked the goals, and also scored once, as also did Ogden, G. Bayly, and M'Connell. We were without L. Bayly for this match as well as in the last.

H. S. v. Palmerston II.

In this match we gained another victory, this time by a goal and 2 tries to nil. Our captain made a welcome re-appearance, and played a brilliant game, scoring once, and also leading up to both the other scores, which were obtained by G. Bayly and Purser, M'Connell kicking the goal off Purser's try.

H. S. v. St. Stephen's Green School.

We lost this match by a drop goal to nil, the whole team giving a lamentable exhibition.

H. S. v. Monkstown III.

Reinforced by 4 pupils, who left recently, we gained a most unexpected victory in this match by 4 goals (Thrift off tries by himself 2; Purser and L. Bayly 1 each) to 2 tries. Our forwards were outplayed by their heavier opponents, but the backs gave quite a brilliant display, the tackling being better than has been shown by any H. S. team for many years.

H. S. v. City of Dublin Hospital.

With 3 of the same reinforcements, we won this match by a goal and a try to nil. Thrift and Purser scored, and Thrift kicked his 12th goal in 4 matches.

H. S. v. Diocesan.

In this match, chiefly noticeable for the enormous amount of talking and shouting indulged in by our opponents, we were victorious by a penalty goal (a splendid effort by L. Bayly) and a try (scored by Purser, after a brilliant run) to nil. F. Smartt played excellently in this as well as in the previous match.

The Second Fifteen, under the captaincy of G. C. Duggan, began the season badly, but are now making rapid improvement, and their latest score of 53 points is a record for the team.

We hear frequent allusions to the Third, and there are rumours of a Fourth XV., so that there seems to be no lack of football devotees in the School. But still there is no reason why some more of the bigger fellows should not play, instead of ridiculing the teams. We finish with the question—"Is not a 'soccer' team in the School high treason?"

Cycling Notes.

The Committee have presented bronze medals, for attendance at the Club runs, to Purser, Stanley, and Duncan; and for a day's run of a hundred miles, to G. A. Joynt and Mr. W. E. Paterson.

There is talk of a run or two in the Christmas Holidays. We hope this will be arranged, for given fine weather and an early start, a splendid day's cycling can be had at this time of the year. We were up in the mountains the other afternoon, and found the roads better than we have ever seen them, while the air was bracing and exhilarating, and the views were very fine.

Bright rims can be had for one and sixpence a pair, who would not have them?

Results of Examinations.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1901.

PRIZE EXAMINATIONS.

Junior Sophisters.

Classics—First Honours, A Spiro

(1st). Second Honours—F. V. Gordon, J. A. O. Fitzpatrick.

Modern History—First Honours, G. A. Joynt (6th).

Modern Literature—First Honours, C. C. M. Stronge (1st).

Senior Freshmen.

Classics—First Honours, N. B. White (2nd); A. W. MacFarlane (10th).

Logics—First Honours, N. B. White (2nd).

English Literature—First Honours, A. W. MacFarlane (6th). Second Honours, E. R. Day.

German—Second Honours, M. S. M'Donnell.

Junior Freshmen.

Classics—First Honours, H. G. Hillas (5th).

English Literature—Second Honours, H. G. Hillas.

French—Second Honours, H. G. Hillas.

Catechetical Premiums—(J. S.) E. A. M'Comas, (S. F.), N. B. White.

Stewart Literary Scholarship—C. C. M. Stronge.

Entrance Prizes.

Greek Prose—W. W. Powell (1st).

Greek Verse—W. W. Powell (2nd), only one prize given.

Latin Prose—W. W. Powell (1st).

English Literature—W. W. Powell (1st).

Junior and School Exhibitions.

W. W. Powell (3rd), High School Exhibition; H. Thrift (14th), Junior Exhibition.

Final Freshman Examination (Little Go).

First Class—A. W. MacFarlane (5th); N. B. White (12th); A. W. Brew (18th); M. S. M'Donnell (23rd).

Second Class—C. H. M'Comas (18th).

Third Class—R. N. Montgomery (20th); C. Scaife (32nd). Unclassed, but allowed the Examination; E. R. Day, H. M. McCormick, R. N. Roper.

Correspondence.

OLD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB.

DEAR SIR

"An Old Fellow" has revived the question previously discussed in the 'Erasmian' of an Old H.S.F.C. He puts forward three reasons in support of such a Club, the first being that of keeping Old Boys in touch with the School. This, I quite agree, is desirable, but I am doubtful as to the success of an O.H.S.F.C. in this direction. I think if "Old Fellow" wishes to help Old Boys to keep in touch with their School he will find the 'Erasmian' and the School Sports better material to work with, and by inducing Old Boys to take a greater interest in both he will earn the gratitude of all who have an interest in the School.

Again, he says that other Schools have their Old Boys' teams, and

so the friendly rivalry of school days could be continued. Only two schools have 'Old Boys' Teams; one of these schools has about six times as many boys as the High School, while I doubt if 60 per-cent of the Cup Team of the other Club have been at the School as boys.

The third reason is that, judging by the success of O.H.S. boys in other clubs, if they all joined the new club they would make one of the best clubs in Dublin. Possibly, but how many would leave assured positions in well established clubs for the shadowy future of an O.H.S.F.C.? Such a Club would have to rely on such Old Boys as are unattached and those at present, or in the future, at School, and I fear the outflow of good footballers from the School has diminished considerably in the last few years and shows no signs of an immediate increase.

In addition I should like to point out that the School will always be held responsible for the acts of any club that bears its name, even though qualified by the prefix 'Old,' while it will be unable to impose control or restraint upon it. The good name of the School will gain or lose according as the reputation of the Club rises or falls. I do not think it would be possible to confine the membership to past boys. No other club in Dublin or Belfast does so, and outsiders would not be tied by the considerations for the

welfare of the School that Old Boys would. Besides Dublin Football is flooded with clubs, and there is no room for more, at least for Senior ones, and I think most Old Boys would prefer the Second and Third XV'S of a Senior Club to the Cup Team of a Junior one.

Yours truly
Ex-Secretary H.S.F.C.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ERASMIAN"
SIR,

You were kind enough about this time last year to publish a letter of mine on the Athletic Sports. In that letter I advocated placing some limit on the number of prizes which a competitor should be allowed to take. Mr. Cooney, to whom I believe the Sports owe more than to anyone else, in the June number practically accepted my suggestions, and therefore I was greatly surprised that they were not also accepted by the committee. The committee instead passed, I am informed, the following resolution: "No boy who wins a First or Second Prize in any event which counts for the Cup shall receive a prize in any event which does not count for the cup." This is a good resolution so far as it goes, but it hardly goes any way. It draws a distinction, it is true, which ought to be drawn

between the events which depend upon true Athletic skill and those which may be won by a kind of knack or cleverness, apart from the possession of any Athletic ability, and the committee have always rightly refused to allow the latter to be taken into consideration for the Cup. But the point I had in view was the encouragement of Athletics proper, and I thought when I wrote last year, and still think, that one way of doing this is to open the prizes to as many boys as possible. It would have been best if there had always been a tacit understanding among the boys themselves not to take more than a certain number (I know this is so in some English Schools and this is one way in which what is called Public School feeling is shown) but if there is no possibility of this, then the committee should pass some such rule as I suggested and Mr. Cooney accepted. The Sports are for the benefit of Athletics in the school generally; the school should think of every boy, not of one or two boys. Schools should do all they can to develop the amateur spirit which thinks more of the race and the competition than of the prizes. Although the Prizes are of course a *sine qua non*, boys should be encouraged to think first of the races, of making records, of physical development and so to become true sportsmen. The spirit of the latter is generally healthy and has nothing of the contamination of the pothunter. At least "them's my sentiments."

"AN INTERESTED ONLOOKER."

P. S. The only objection made by Mr Cooney to my proposal was the trifling one that it would necessitate keeping an account of the order not merely of the first two or three but of the first five or six boys in a race. Is this so very difficult; I don't think so. It is not so difficult as keeping the times of the various races, and this was done the present year I believe with marked and conspicuous success.

Notices.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the *Wesley College Quarterly* and the *Droghedeau*.

The Annual Subscription to *The Erasmian* is 1s.; post free, 1s. 3d.

There are several subscriptions unpaid for the present volume, of which this is the third number, and some still due for the second volume, the closing number of which was issued last March. These subscriptions should be paid at once to the Hon. Treasurer, F. M'Connell, at the School. The Treasurer would also be pleased to receive donations in support of the Magazine. In sending their subscriptions, old boys should enclose notes about themselves or other old boys about whom they know, or should send articles for publication in our columns.

The next number will be published about the end of March, and all contributions should reach the Editor not later than March 10th.



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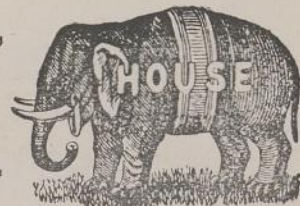
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