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Editorial.

The reception which greeted our first number was most gratifying. We have received numerous letters from Old Boys expressing their delight at the realisation of a long desired object. We hope that they will do their best by contributing to the Columns and Exchequer of "The Erasmian" to rear this interesting infant. It has been clothed and christened. It has been blessed and bonneted. It will soon arrive at the teething period, and, we hope, will get over that dangerous time without convulsions. It is still too young to take a very serious interest in the *cause célèbre*, or the procrastination of Oom Paul, or the mutilation of the Mahdi. Eris has thrown out no golden apple to disturb its fortune, nor does its fate, Meleagerlike, depend upon a burning brand. The little creature is at present enjoying a vigorous infancy, and everything points to a still more vigorous boyhood. But we shall not embark on prophecy. We simply ask for copious nourishment, easily digested, and "not too good for human nature's daily food."

School News.

We were glad to see the Head Master back on the day of re-opening, and on the road to recovery from his long and painful illness.

The final Intermediate results appeared on September 2nd, and are very satisfactory as far as High School is concerned. The distinctions won include 6 Exhibitions, 9 Book Prizes, and 3 Retained Exhibitions. Elsewhere will be found a list of the boys who passed the examination generally.

Our most striking successes are in the Junior Grade, in which Exhibitions have been won by J. Purser (3971); J. C. Duncan (3659); C. Spiro (3514); G. C. Duggan (3486), and E. A. Mason (2878), and Book-Prizes by H. Teeger and M. Noyk. Purser's success is most creditable: he stands thirteenth in his Grade, and answered very finely in all his subjects, obtaining two full marks, as did Spiro. Both these boys are a year under the limit of age. Duncan's answering was also very good.

In the Preparatory M. A. Wilkins secures, without taking Latin and Greek (his best subjects), the twenty-third Exhibition, with the excellent score of 3538. In the same Grade P. Campling, F. Nairn, G. A. Mason, and Hill W. White each win a £1 Book-Prize, Campling being close to an Exhibition.

The remarkable scores made by some of our boys in Mathematics do much credit to the able and painstaking teaching of Mr. Lyster. No less than eight scores of full marks have been made — Purser, Spiro and Maurice Wilkins being credited with full marks in both Euclid and Algebra, Duncan with full in Arithmetic, and M'Connell full in Algebra. Purser is *second* for the Mathematical Medal in the Junior Grade, and in the Preparatory M. Wilkins ties with another boy for *third* place in the same subject.

We feel sure that many Old Boys will hear with regret of the death of Sergeant Brown, which occurred last May. He was Drill-Sergeant here for fifteen years, and resigned that post a few years ago, on which occasion a testimonial, largely subscribed to by old and present boys, gave an earnest of the respect and esteem in which he was held.

The distribution of prizes came off in the Clockroom on Friday, June 23rd,

before a large assembly of visitors and pupils. The Right Hon. the Vice-Chancellor presided, and was supported on the platform by several others of the Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools.

The Head Master referred to our last gathering of this kind three years ago, when we celebrated the erection of six new class-rooms. Since then our chief material gain has been the permanent acquisition of Belgrave Square, and the fitting up of a proper dressing-room there, with our worthy Sergeant in charge. He stated that since that gathering Mr Nairn had been elected to a fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge, at the early age of 22. At the Tripos three months previously he had obtained the proud position of Senior Classic, while, at the same time, Mr. Colthurst, also an old High School boy, won the Fifteenth Wranglership. In the same autumn the Classical Studentship in T. C. D. was carried off by Mr. Alton, and Mr. Kemp obtained Studentship of nearly equal value in the Cape of Good Hope University. The latter gentleman since obtained a high Eastern Cadetship.

Mr. Wilkins then dwelt on the distinctions won in the past three years by our boys in T. C. D. and the R. U. I., closing with success without precedent in the Junior Exhibition and Entrance Prize Examinations in T. C. D. In each of these years we headed the list.

of prizemen in Religious Knowledge at the "Synod" Examinations with the Medal for Greek Testament.

The Vice-Chancellor then distributed the prizes, and in a short speech expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the boys, and his gratification at the reception given to himself. After very enthusiastic applause for the Governors, the School and ourselves, the proceedings came to an end.

The approach of the Football Season ought to bring forth the School Poet from his recess to cheer the hearts of the Cup Team to victory. Many years back when our rivalry with Rathmines was at its height the School Poet, Orator, and for one week Magazine Editor, roused enthusiasm to a white heat by a poem fixed to the Z room door commencing—

"Ho! Sergeant, ring the auction bell,

"Ho! Lictors, clear the way....."

Unfortunately the Sergeant, perhaps indignant because of the slight put upon his 'insignia' of office, destroyed the lyric. The two next school poets thundered at each other over the Football and Hockey question. The former triumphed, but soon retired from poetic life with an ode to the Cup Team before a Cup Tie with Rathmines, in which each verse ended with the line—

"Led on by Muggy Moore."

The succeeding teams have had to be content with parodies, some of which, however, displayed remarkable originality, notably in the matter of rhyme and accent, 'Corrig,' for instance, being accented on the second syllable. Who will come next?

Following on the departure of the Rev. H. P. Morris, which we mentioned in our last number, we have to record that of Mr. Little early last May. He had been here for the same number of years, thirteen, as Mr. Morris. He was a member of the Magazine Committee, and, among other duties, presided over the first struggles of our "young barbarians" towards an appreciation of the beauties of the French language. We must also notice with deep and unfeigned regret that Mr. F. H. Wilkinson left at the beginning of this term.

Our Annual Sports will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at Ballsbridge. W. H. Carson and several other boys have been training at Belgrave Square. I. Gibson will give an exhibition of trick-riding.

We congratulate M. S. M'Donnell on his obtaining second high place at the Midsummer Entrance into T. C. D. He was very narrowly beaten for the first place.

Notes on Old Boys.

We omitted to notice in our last number that R. M. Exham has been appointed Assistant Professor of Classics and English at Stellenbosch College, connected with the Cape of Good Hope University.

Our congratulations to G. S. Appleyard, A. H. Shea and C. J. Stuart, who have passed for the Bank of Ireland, and to J. W. Rooney, who has obtained a clerkship in the High Court of Justice. We also notice that W. R. Armstrong and R. R. Smylie have passed in the Second Class at the King's Inn's Examination.

We are very glad to hear that J. F. Butler has won an Exhibition of £30, with free education for a year, at the Central Technical College, London.

The gratifying success of J. Calvely at the Civil Service (Second Division) Examination, recalls the palmy days of High School Second Football xv. in 1896-7, of which that gentleman was Secretary. It was one of the most successful Seconds we have had for some years.

W. G. Joynt has become a Resident Pupil at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

We offer our sincere congratulations

to E. W. Kenny on the occasion of his marriage.

T. E. Stephens, a former valued member of the Football Team, is at present in Moscow. He had hard lines in not winning the Tennis Championship at St. Petersburg last month. He got into the final, and had "set all," and 5-2, 40-15, but unfortunately did not succeed in pulling it off.

College Notes.

On Trinity Monday, in accordance with time-honoured custom the Provost announced the elections of the new Fellow and Scholars from the Examination Hall Steps, cleared with great difficulty of their occupants by the efforts of two of the Senior Fellows, aided by a porter. Mr Lucius Gwynn was the new Fellow, while H. W. Stephenson obtained Fifth Mathematical Scholarship with 309 marks. Mr. Stephenson was for many years at the High School, and he receives the warm congratulations of all who know him.

Rotten Row is now a thing of the past, and the Graduate's Memorial has risen to a considerable height upon its ruins. Many articles of all kinds were found in the old building, notably many old coins. The College Societies are on the alert to guard against any encroachment of their rights by the Board

or the Graduates' Committee, as it was rumoured that the former desired their amalgamation.

The congratulations of all past and present H. S. boys will be cordially given to E. V. Longworth upon his election to the honourable position of Auditor of the Historical Society. Our Old Boys have been much in evidence of late in this Society, one of the Secretaries being J. C. Forrester (Sch), B.A., and the Librarian Guillamore O'Grady. Four of the six seats on Committee are occupied by R. G. Leonard, R. Hodgins, H. S. Carter, and W. R. Armstrong, B.A., while J. Sealy (Sch.), B.A. represents us on the Library Committee.

The General Election in the University Philosophical Society resulted in the election of Messrs. W. R. Armstrong, R. Hodgins, and W. W. Dunlop to the Council. The former read a paper during the past session on 'International Arbitration' for which a vote of thanks was moved by Professor Brougham Leech.

The most brilliant academic function of the past term has been the Second Summer Commencements. Admission was by ticket, and, as there was a bright sun, the Front Square presented a gay appearance with dresses, gowns and hoods of all colours, while many cameras were kept busy. The Lord

Lieutenant received the Honorary Degree of LL.D.

The High School has again obtained Second High Place, and, had not two of our candidates been up for Sizarship, the first three places might have fallen to our share. The Junior Exhibition Examination, however, will show that the High School boys entering this year are well up to the mark of former years. N. B. White had very hard lines in not obtaining a Sizarship, as, while he got fourth place in Classics, only three were awarded, the smallest number for many years.

Glorious weather favoured the College Races and enticed a very large attendance. The Hurdle Race was won by R. D. Barbor who also obtained second place in the Hundred Yards. A week afterwards the Bicycle Club held their annual tournament in conjunction with the Harriers, the racing at which was decidedly superior to that at the larger event. L. R. Oswald, the Club Champion, created an Irish grass record in the mile race. A little later the Club defeated the London Hospitals, winning all three races, and later on beat Oxford University. They also defeated the Catford Polo Club by 34 goals to 3!

Cricket has been carried on very vigorously during the past season by the University Cricket Club and the Long Vacation Club. The former was

beaten this summer by Leinster, the first time for fourteen years. A match with Durham University, our only visitors from across the sea, resulted in a draw. J. Sealy has represented our Old Boys on the 'Varsity XI. this season, and has proved of good service as a bowler.

During the Long Vacation the College has presented a very deserted appearance, and has been handed over to the tender mercies of builders, window-cleaners (who do at least three windows a day), and Manx trippers. The latter swarm in their hundreds on three days a week and ply with questions the unfortunate native they may chance to meet. "Our Jib" once caught in this way (though by a Cockney) was questioned very vaguely as to the "College Green" and "Parliament House." The visitor when he was informed after a long series of questions that the place was Trinity College or "Dublin University" (this magnificently) was quite unimpressed and replied that "he 'ad never 'eard of that place, but he knew the building 'ad been the old Parliament 'Ouse" and added confidently, "you know I am a stranger to these parts and like to find out all I can." Then Our Jib with sad heart brought him to the Front Gate and showed him what he wanted.

OUR JIB.

Cycling Notes.

Since the last "Erasmian" appeared I have three Club Excursions to record. There should have been a fourth, but the members on that occasion numbered only two, who unanimously adjourned the meeting.

We had a very fine day for our Blessington trip, and the ride proved most enjoyable. We went in two detachments, the first, starting at 10 o'clock, went viâ Naas, the other setting out two hours later, made straight for Blessington. After lunch we visited the Rocky Pool Wood and subsequently Poulaphouca. Home was reached at 7 p.m.

The Club had a most successful Monthly Holiday outing at Lough Dan. The notable incidents included a Gaelic Football Match, Gibson's celebrated trick-riding, and a wonderful dinner at Murphy's.

The Enniskerry run took place on a Saturday. The members enjoyed a lounge on Bray Head, and had tea at Buckley's Hotel.

In the competition for attendance medals, Purser is, so far, first; Stanley comes second.

There will be a run on the next Monthly Holiday, September 21st., starting from Belgrave Square at 10.30 a.m. Old Boys should accept this notice.

On Wanting Things.

NOTES: WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Most of us, no matter how much or how little we have, ever want something else. One wants the moon, or any other thing equally accessible and useful; another says he will be content with a smaller and more sub-lunary advantage. As we grow older the nature of our wants changes, and that is the only difference. There was a boy I knew at school who for seven years had one great ambition. He wanted one of those half-yearly *impri-maturs* of meritorious behaviour—a good conduct certificate. That wish was gratified in the end; which sheweth, as Quintilian says, “*ambitio frequenter causa virtutum est.*” He has it hung up in a frame, and his friends come to look at it and admire. He wanted other things besides; he wished for ability to write one hundred and fifty lines in half-an-hour. That was his usual daily allowance (which he was quite certain, then, he had not deserved). That wish was also gratified. He never longed for ability to read the lines; for his desires were bounded, to some small extent, by the limits of possibility. He often wished to come to school some morning in time, or at least he used to say so. Above all he wanted holidays, and he was determined to run none of the awful risks which he

believed hard work entailed. While his school-days lasted he longed for the time when they would be finished; they are over now, and he says he would like to have them over again. A number of boys while I was at school wanted things called “exhibitions.” Some got them, and now, after a few years they themselves are almost the only people who remember that they obtained them.

In College a man's ambition tends to take, as a rule, either of two directions, the studious or the athletic. The athletic ambition is very common. When a man suffers from this complaint he wants to be chosen for “The First” at whichever game he has taken up. Why he should yearn for this distinction, I really cannot understand; for it seems to me he would have as much exercise and as much pleasure (though there might not be so many fair spectators of his prowess) in more lowly company. His ideas are opposed to Milton's, or at least to those of Milton's Satanic hero. I know some who have attained the consummation of these athletic wishes. They have succeeded by means of a more or less tacit assumption of their own worth, and by judiciously impressing their suitableness on those mighty ones with whom their selection lay. When by these arts they have succeeded, they straightway arrayed themselves in gaudy raiment, yclept blazers, and were quite happy for at least a week.

When College life is over, the story is just the same. In fact it is then that men really begin to want things. Some want patients; some want briefs; they all would like their College life over again. There are, besides, other things, more final, more important, more sacred, which most of us wish for sooner or later, though we may not always confess it, even to ourselves. Such themes are not, perhaps, suitable to my profane treatment. Even in this case I am not sure but that the wishes are of more importance than the end.

Finally, to sum up this moral dissertation, the conclusion of the whole matter is that it does not much matter whether we get what we want, or have to do without it; but the good and pleasure lie in the wishing and trying to obtain the things rather than in the things themselves. In short, the man who, no matter how much he has got, does not continually want something else is not a man at all, but only a species of vegetable.

Which conclusion, now that it has been evolved, seems (like many another conclusion arrived at with equal labour) to lack somewhat in originality, and to point to the further aphorism which has at least all the merits that an age of twenty centuries can give,

Nullum est iam dictum, quod non dictum sit prius.

R. G. L.

A Poet's License.

A CANTER IN ONE FYTTE.

The Poet walked adowne the streete,
His steps were briske and faste;
He helde in his hande a papyr scrolle,
And gaylie hurried me paste.

I twitched him by the sleeve and saide,
"What hurry, O noble barde?"
"Oh, I must awaye to mine own faire
cotte,
"Lette be, nor presse me harde."

"I will not lette thee goe, Sir Poet,
"Till thou dost answer me;
"What scrolle is this thou hast in
thine hande,
"What pearle of minstrelsie?"
"Adzooks, no pearle of minstrelsie,
"But a license given to me,
"A Poet's License goode and true
"To deale in Poesie.

"A License to deale in ail and whine
"And spirits, goode and badde."
"O jesting barde surcease thy chaffe,
"Or thou 'lt drive me raving madde."

On this the Poet hied him home,
With a merry smile in his eye.
A wannion on all who jest likewise
With such painful pleasauntrie.

C. T. S.

Results of Examinations. Midsummer Examinations.

TRINITY TERM.

SCHOLARSHIP.

Mathematics.—H. W. Stephenson (Fifth Place).

B.A. DEGREE.

First Class.—C. F. Draper.

HONOUR EXAMINATIONS.

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS.

Mathematical Physics.—First Class. H. W. Stephenson (1).

SENIOR FRESHMEN.

Classics.—Second Class. F. E. A. Campbell; T. L. Healy.

JUNIOR FRESHMEN.

Mathematics.—First Class. G. A. Joynt (3); B. D. Darley (5).

Classics.—First Class. F. V. Gordon (1); C. C. M. Stronge (2); H. W. Exham (4).

Catechetical Prizes.—Junior Freshmen. G. A. Joynt; F. V. Gordon.

High Place at Entrance.—M. S. M'Donnell (2).

Feudal and English Law.—R. G. Leonard (2). £7 Prize.

The following are the prizes won at the Examinations held last June:—

HOLY SCRIPTURE.

Form IV. Mason, E. A. Y. IV. Lr. Moriarty, O. N. III. White, H. W. III. Lr. Bayly, L. M. II. Powell, C. G. II. Lr. Humphreys, J. R. I. Richardson, A. C. I. Lr. Walsh, C. V. *Presbyterian Class*, M'Connell, F.

CLASSICS.

Form III. Lr. Lipman, E. II. Powell, C. G. II. Lr. Butler, J. B. I. Richardson, A. C. I. Lr. Bryan, R. H.

MATHEMATICS.

Form III. Lr. Wilkins, E. H. II. Bayly, E. C., and Ellis, A. C., equal. II. Lr. Humphreys, J. R. I. Richardson, A. C. I. Lr. Walsh, C. V.

ENGLISH.

Form III. Lr. Clouston, N. S. II. Girvin, W. H. II. Lr. Freeman, W. T. I. Fleming, R. H. I. Lr. Walsh, C. V.

FRENCH.

Form I. *French*.—Freeman, W. T. The awards of prizes and honors for the higher classes are determined by the result of the Intermediate Examinations.

Intermediate Examinations

The following boys, 53 in number, have passed the Intermediate. For fuller account of distinctions see School Notes.

SENIOR GRADE.

Book Prize and Retained Exhibition.
—H. G. Hillas.

Passed.—J. P. Hunter, R. N. Montgomery, G. W. White, and C. H. M'Comas.

MIDDLE GRADE.

Book Prizes and Retained Exhibitions.
—H. A. Sloan, and J. L. I. Stephen-son.

Passed.—C. C. W. Duggan, C. H. Farran, W. R. M'Caw, and H. Thrift.

JUNIOR GRADE.

Exhibitions.—J. Purser, J. C. Duncan, C. Spiro, G. C. Duggan, and E. A. Mason.

Book Prizes.—H. Teeger, and M. Noyk.

Passed.—W. D'A. Appleyard, F. L. Boeddicker, T. M. Boyle, R. S. Broad-bent, C. S. Burrows, J. R. Cusack, H. J. Johnston, J. J. King, F. M'Connell, M. R. Richardson, A. G. Scott, H. V. Stanley, F. Stevenson, J. F. Warren, H. V. White, J. D. Sands, A. J. R. Stritch, C. W. Walsh.

PREPARATORY GRADE.

Exhibition.—M. A. C. Wilkins.

Book Prizes.—P. Campling, F. Nairn, G. A. Mason, and Hill W. White.

Passed.—R. F. Burton, R. H. M. Bury, H. G. Cooke, G. G. Duggan, R. E. M'Coy, H. Newman, A. W. Norton, A. T. Outon, W. M. Porter, M. Weiner.

Civilization.

Even a boy in the Lower First would not be so rash as to deny that the multifarious changes wrought by civilization offer much food for reflection; enough food indeed to cause indigestion, a disease unknown ere civilization crept in. He remembers with a sigh, as he solemnly puffs the first half of a cigarette, that in olden times there were no copies to be written and no spelling to be learned, for the simple reason that there was no school to which he could have been sent. By the time he reaches the second half of his weed his view of civilization is no better; in fact, child though he be, he begins to recognise the worthlessness of a life which knows, and a civilization which produces, cigarettes. Should his father catch him at this stage of reflection, the seraphic youth would probably be driven to characterise his father's subsequent actions as nothing else than the recrudescence of primeval barbarities breaking through the thin crust of civilization. Unfortunately however, his peculiar position for the

time being is not conducive to articulation.

But seriously, the great thing about civilization is that it is always extending, not only over fresh tracts of country, but also in its effects amongst such nations as our own. Almost before my daily food was changed from milk to solids I was told the story of how a Roman Admiral was addicted to the habit of winning naval victories by placing bridges on his ships, one end of which could be let down on his enemies' decks. *Mais nous avons changé tout cela*, as one Frenchman and all the English Journalists of note have remarked. Nowadays we open fire at seven miles, and it is hoped that, in order that no inconvenience may be caused to the contestants, machinery will shortly be perfected by which the Captain of each vessel may be able to fire his guns and eject his torpedoes by merely pressing labelled buttons on his breakfast table. The wretched old fashioned way was to kill one man at a time, but civilization knows how to do away with ship loads of gallant marines at one blow.

But let us think of the blessings of civilization nearer home, such as barrel organs, and your Aunt's tea parties, Sunday Schools and boot races, cod liver oil and drill sergeants, detention cards and perambulators, and few Schoolboys will refuse to admit the extraordinary advantage of living in the age we do.

Nearly two thousand years ago an island we do not live in was called Britain, and the people who lived in it were called Britons. They could not write any books, but tradition confidently asserts that a father used not to have to order his son to take off any of his clothes when he was about to thrash him. In some English schools it is the custom to *sometimes* wear a towel or two between the shirt and the skin. The advantage which the modern English Schoolboy has over his uncivilized ancestor, if not exactly apparent, is at least explainable.

Finally, ye who sit on the seats whereon I have sat, who scamp the same lessons that I have scamped, who spill the same quantities of ink and are masters of the same science of silly class tricks as I, and your father, and grandfathers, and Schoolmasters mastered before you, remember that of all things under the sun—leaving out of consideration such things as rats and jackdaws—that which shews least sign of the chastening hand of civilization is the Schoolboy. When I was at School myself I formed the opinion, and I hold it still, that the Schoolboy that is all that civilization requires is a prig. Ascanius should have been kept in a glass case. Be true to yourselves, that is be Schoolboys to your heart's core and believe me you will be no more civilized than the sons of the heroes of Troy.

C. H. D.

Kruger.

Huge, crude, belated hero ! Cromwell's days
Survive in thee, rocks 'mid our harvest soil.
The bigotry, the fortitude, the toil
That made him, these have hewn thee kindred ways
We love thee not, we English ; yet our praise
Must crown the faith that led thee on to spoil
Our armies, till the modern world's turmoil
Whelm thee and thine away before our gaze.
Innumerable hurrying heats succeed
The large still lives ; creation wears away
From suns and moons to fine atomic spray.
What end, ye wise ? 'To lie a corpse and feed
A myriad worms is not our being's meed.
Some end ! Or else give back the Judgment day.

R. ASHE.

The Russian Schoolboy.

I suppose we must call him a school-boy because he goes to school and is not old enough to be called a man. To our ideas he is a mixture between a baby and a depraved youth. He goes to school because he is sent ; he very seldom likes it ; he has no playground to amuse himself in, and if he had he would not know how to use it. There is one thing he can do, however, which we cannot ; if he is on the modern side, he can, as a rule, speak two languages, and sometimes three, fluently, as well as his own, by the time he has finished his course.

A Russian boy generally begins his school career at about the age of ten, and after passing through an endless number of classes generally finishes at the mature age of twenty or so. It is

not by any means an unknown occurrence for him to have a wife and children while still at school, and luxuriant black beards frequently adorn the school benches, while their wearers are in the throes of Euclid and Greek verse.

Of course we are now only taking into consideration the upper and middle class boys ; the boy from the poorer classes has a very good time indeed, from the schoolboy's point of view, as he is never troubled with lessons at all. All Russian schools are government establishments, and are worked on identically the same lines. This takes away much of the healthy competition which is so good for schools, and also robs the boys of all pride in their particular school ; which fact perhaps accounts for much of the apathy which is displayed by the Russian boy in his work and play.

Another noticeable characteristic is the uniform which is worn by all school-boys. This consists of a plain suit of grey military cloth, a leather belt, a peaked cap, and a heavy overcoat reaching to his heels. The uniform is practically the same for all schools, the only distinguishing mark being a number or badge on the cap. High School boys have grumbled before now at their school cap. What would they say if they were turned out like the little Russians ? Russian schoolboys have also a great love for long hair, on their own heads we mean, of course. They grow it down over their shoulders,

sometimes straight, sometimes curly, but invariably untidy. We wonder do Russian schoolmasters pull their pupils hair as we have had our ears pulled before now?

It was stated at the beginning of this article that Russian boys could not play. Let us not libel them. They have one game, a special and fearsome game of their own. They play it with the knuckle bones of sheep, and it has some resemblance to a depraved form of marbles. They do not, however, have inter-school fixtures.

They have snow on the ground for five months in the year, but they have never been known to throw a snowball. The policemen in Harcourt Street would have a happy time if all the High School boys came from Moscow.

It is a well known fact that a Russian cannot exist for two consecutive hours without tea; pale yellow tea with lemon and no milk in it, but Oh! so good. This maxim, peculiarly enough, is found to apply equally to schoolmasters as to ordinary mortals. Boys are supposed not to count, but still they like their tea all the same. A schoolboy friend of ours made himself violently ill not long ago through indulging this craving for hourly tea. It was in the laboratory during the chemistry lesson. The master had betaken himself to his private room for tea, leaving the boys to their own devices. Now it is a mistake to leave boys alone in a laboratory, even Russian boys. This

time there was no explosion, no! something worse. The neglected youths having obtained a supply of tea from one of the porters proceeded to imbibe it from test tubes, and other dangerous weapons, for want of something better. Our friend's test tube had unfortunately contained Prussic acid some few minutes before it was called on to play the part of a tea cup. However he is much better now, and his friends have hope of his ultimate recovery.

We fear we have been giving the schoolboys of our adopted country rather a bad character in this short article, but really, to use the language we love, he is "soft," "beastly soft." Perhaps it is not altogether his fault. He goes to school raw material, a boy that can be made anything of, and he leaves it spoiled material, a boy that can be made nothing of. Of course there have been many and brilliant exceptions to this, but we fear they only go to prove the rule. The boy is father to the man, and that is why Russian manhood is what it is to-day, and that is why England is what she is to-day. A British schoolboy has a grand heritage in the wholesome manly life which his forefathers have made the watchword of his school; he has the record of former scholars to act as a pacemaker, so to speak, so that if he loses in the race of life he has only himself to blame.

T. E. STEPHENS,
Moscow.

The High School Cricket Club.

The season of 1899 has passed off more successfully than for the last two or three years, partly because there was more interest taken in Cricket, and because there were more matches arranged. But the chief things against it were the bad condition of the Cricket creases, and the unsystematic nature of the practices.

There is no doubt that a professional would be a great advantage, not only to get the fellows to play more carefully and improve their styles, but also to prepare the crease.

Out of 10 matches played 4 were won, 3 were lost, and 3 drawn, and two of the draws were certain wins.

Another important matter is that not a quarter of the boys who play cricket at Belgrave square pay their subscription; and I think something ought to be done to remedy this matter.

Owing to the funds being in such low water, no bat was given for the best batting average, which is a great encouragement to the team.

The batting honours were carried off by Mr Morris, Scaife and Thrift, and the bowling by Scaife, Mr Morris and Thrift.

We have to thank the Masters who kindly assisted us on so many occasions.

HIGH SCHOOL. *v.* M.O.B.S.

This match was played at Richview

and resulted in a win for Masonic. For the losers. Scaife (8), Mr. Lyster (5) were the best scorers. Thrift, Scaife, and Johnston shared the wickets.

SANDYMOUNT A.I. *v.* H.S.C.C.

Played at Belgrave Square and resulted in an easy win for High School by 65 runs. Mr. Morris (25), Thrift (16), Mr. Paterson (8), were the best Scorers. In the bowling Mr Morris (4 wickets for 8 runs) and Scaife (5 wickets for 9), divided the honours.

HIGH SCHOOL. *v.* TRINITY BARBARIANS.

Played at Belgrave Square and resulted in a draw slightly in favour of "Barbarians."

For "Barbarians" M'Kew was most successful with both bat and ball.

For High School Scaife (20) was the only one to make anything like a score.

In the Bowling Thrift (6 wickets) and Scaife (4 wks.) were the best.

HIGH SCHOOL. *v.* WESLEY.

This match was played at Donnybrook and resulted in a win for Wesley by 6 wickets, Mr Paterson (16), and Mr Ward (15), were best for High School, and S. H. Crawford and G. A. Crawford for Wesley.

H.S.C.C. *v.* RATHMINES.

This match was played at Belgrave Square and resulted in a win for High

School by 16 runs, Mr Morris (12) and C. Walsh (10), with the bat and Mr Morris (4) and Scaife (4), wickets were best with the ball.

H.S.C.C. v. TRINITY BARBARIANS.

Played at Belgrave Sq. and resulted in a draw greatly in favour of High School. Scaife (25 not out), Mr Ward (9), Thrift (7 not out), were best for the High School with the bat. Scaife (6 wickets), and Mr Morris (4 wkts) were most successful with the ball.

H.S.C.C. v. MARLBOROUGH.

Played at Belgrave Sq. and resulted in a win for The High School. Thrift (14), Pilkington (8) were best with the bat; and Mr Morris (7 wkts.), and Scaife (3 wkts.) with the ball.

HIGH SCHOOL. v. ARAVON.

Played at Belgrave Sq. and resulted in a draw. Scaife (30), Mr Morris (25), were best with the bat, and Scaife and Mr Morris divided the bowling honours for High School.

HIGH SCHOOL. v. MR STRANGWAYS.

Played at Merton and resulted in a win for the latter by 3 wkts., chiefly owing to bad fielding by High School, Mr Morris (47) was the only one to show good form with the bat, and Scaife with the ball.

HIGH SCHOOL. v. MANNING'S XI.

Played at Belgrave and resulted in a win for High School. Rev. W. B. Morris (55), Scaife (15), were best with the bat, and V. Drennan, Scaife, and Mr Morris with the ball.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings.	Times Not out	Most in Innings	Runs.	Average
Rev. W. B. Morris	10	1	55	219	24.33
C. Scaife ..	14	1	30	135	10.37
H. Thrift ..	14	1	23	104	8.00
Mr C. H. Ward	4	0	15	31	7.75
C. Drennan ..	5	2	*8	10	5.33
Mr W. Paterson	8	0	16	37	4.62
G. Pilkington	13	2	11	52	4.61
C. W. Walsh ..	9	0	10	29	3.22
H. A. Sloan ..	6	0	8	19	3.16
Mr A. Paterson	5	0	8	15	3.00
A. M. Johnson	9	0	11	27	3.00
Mr A. E. Lyster	4	0	4	10	2.50
S. Meyer ..	10	1	9	21	2.30

* Signifies not out.

Matches played 10; won 4, lost 3, drawn 3.

Bowling—Wickets were taken by C. Scaife, 40;
Rev. W. B. Morris, 25; H. Thrift, 13;
A. M. Johnson, 3.

News from Dublin Schools.

ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN SCHOOL.

Our Annual Sports took place on May 3rd. In the second race of the day Atkinson hurt himself rather badly, and was unable to run in any other races. With this exception the races went off very well, a very enjoyable

day being brought to a close by Mr. Strangways giving the following Tuesday, as well as Monday, a holiday, in honour of our Old Boys who had just obtained scholarships.

The School Magazine appeared towards the close of the term. A photograph of our Cup Team was included with this number. This was the first issue which our new Editor (N. Goddard) brought out, and it was also the beginning of a new volume.

The Cricket has now virtually closed, as no matches have been arranged for next term.

The School Swimming Club was regularly started this year. The races were held at Blackrock. The chief event was the race for the School Championship, which was won by Millar, Greene being second, and A. Moore third.

WESLEY COLLEGE.

We have often observed that the later a school opens the greater is the number that attends on the first day. The advantage of commencing late in August or early in September was demonstrated on the 29th of last month by the large attendance at Wesley. In all probability there was a greater number of boys present than on the opening day of any other year.

If Wesley College has not succeeded in the Intermediate Examinations quite so well as in former years, nevertheless the results are very satisfactory under

the circumstances. Though the derangement occasioned by the death of our Principal stopped all progress temporarily, yet the recovery from it was quick and lasting, and, besides, a very foolish scarlatina "scare" worked devastation in the school just before the June examinations. The opportunity afforded by this was so unexpected that few could resist its temptations.

Wesley has joyous expectations for the football season. Amongst our newcomers are such "men of muscle" that the members of the Football Club are continually going about with brilliant smiles on their expressive countenances. Somehow we begin every year with better prospects than we ever had before. Being only an outsider at the noble game I cannot explain the reason of this. Possibly others who are better acquainted with the mysteries of football "form" can offer reasons more excellent than

YOUR CORRESPONDENT.

Correspondence.

THE "CAPTAIN'S" CRITICISMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERASMIAN.

SIR,

I am sure that several of your readers study with interest the pages of that excellent magazine for boys and "old

boys", the *Captain*. Reviews of School Magazines form one its special features, and the "Old Fag's" judicious comments on the many and various periodicals submitted to his notice are very interesting reading. But there are some principles held up by this gentleman for our admiration which may not gain universal acquiescence. He says there should be no advertisements in School Magazines. But this is surely going too far, for advertisements are often necessary, especially in day-Schools, to keep a Magazine on a sound financial basis, and I fail to see how they seriously affect that "privacy" which the O.F. considers so desirable. Secondly, he is very keen on excluding articles not directly concerned with the School, but do not such often improve a paper in interest and vivacity, without prejudicing more personal matters?

Yours &c.

A FRIENDLY CRITIC.

QUERY.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ERASMIAN").

SIR,

I beg to ask you if it is true that Erasmus Smith was a member of the Dublin Pawnbrokers' Association, as his coat of arms would seem to suggest?

Yours &c.,

WOULD-BE-HERALD.

OLD HIGH SCHOOL F.C.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ERASMIAN").

DEAR SIR,

Very possibly it has often occurred to Old High School Boys that it is a pity that there is no Old Boys' Football Club. It can not be for lack of suitable members that there is none, as the O.H.S. Boys were last year foremost in all the Dublin Clubs. If some Old Boy would take the matter up I am sure there would be no difficulty in forming a Club, which would be a credit to the School and win renown for itself by winning both the Senior and Junior Cups. The Club ought to be started now, just before the season commences, and if the Governors permit, it could start at Belgrave Square. It could be modelled on lines somewhat similar to other Old Boys' Football Clubs. There is no reason why it should not be a complete success.

Yours &c.,

AN EX-SECRETARY H.S.F.C.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ERASMIAN").

DEAR SIR,

I beg to state that it would be a great boon to the boys if they were allowed to use the athletic requisites such as bats, balls, etc., during the holidays.

It is quite unfair that boys who have paid their subscription to the club should be allowed to use these articles during that period only when they have to attend school.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. McD.

A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ERASMIAN."

DEAR SIR,

It would be of great interest and service to the School if some permanent record were kept of the careers of our old boys, subsequent to their leaving the school. At present the only record is the official list of successes, which contains the names of those who have succeeded in impressing various examiners with their capacity for answering questions. But there must be a large number of old boys who neither had the ability to do this, *culpa Naturae*, or who, while they were at school, did not see the necessity of cultivating this art: excellent boys in all other respects and boys who have since made their mark. We should like to know about boys who have *not* succeeded at the Universities, but who are winning

laurels for work well done in the Professions, the Army, the Navy, in Commerce, or in the Industrial Arts. Such a record could be easily kept, especially in a School such as ours. Private Schools come and go, but Public Schools continue to keep up their vitality in a greater or lesser degree, according to the personality of the staff.

And, may I remark parenthetically, why should we not have a High School Dinner *regularly every year*? The last function, three years back, was in every way a success. It is at such celebrations that mutual discoveries are made, and matter could there be collected in an informal way for the suggested record, as well as in the more systematic manner of sending post cards with such queries as "Where are you?" "What are you?" "How are you?"

An Album, too, might be provided for photographs.

Though the main duty of a School is to attend to the wants of its present pupils, it owes something to its old boys, just as they owe much to it for their present position in life.

I should be glad to hear of the matter being taken up, and trust the importance of the subject is good enough cause for my occupying so much space.

Yours faithfully,

AMICUS.

Announcements.

The annual subscription to "The Erasmian" is 1/-, post free 1/2. We hope all present and many old boys will become annual subscribers, as the continuance of the Magazine depends upon the support given to it by those who take an interest in the School, and we request donations in addition to the annual subscriptions. All moneys should be sent to the Treasurer, W. H. W. Carson.

Correspondents and Contributors are requested to write on one side only of the paper, to leave a margin, and to make their writing as clear as possible. Manuscripts should be accompanied by the names of the contributors, and

should be sent in at least a fortnight before the date of publication. A *nom de plume* may be used. Rejected contributions cannot be returned. We hope old boys will not be restrained by feelings of modesty from sending in information about themselves for the Magazine.

The next number will appear in December, before the end of term. Matter intended for insertion should be sent to the Editor, and other communications addressed to the Secretary, W. W. Powell.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Corrig*, *Alexandra College Magazine*, *The Clongownian*, *The Armachian*.

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