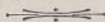


THE ERASMIAN.

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Editorial.



THE school re-opened after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, the 13th of January. We have one important innovation to record, which comes into force this term for the whole school, but which last year only concerned the new boys, namely, the abolition of games' subscriptions. A compulsory fee of half a crown a term is now charged to every boy over 12, and one and six to every boy under 12, and this gives him the privilege of membership of the Football and Rifle Clubs in winter, and of the Cricket and Swimming Clubs in the summer; it also entitles him to each number of the *Erasmian*. This arrangement should be welcomed by all. The trouble which was formerly caused by the necessity of collecting the subscriptions to the different clubs and to the magazine, from every individual boy, is now entirely obviated, greatly to the relief of the Treasurers, at all events.



We hope that the games, having now an assured income, will prosper still more than in the past, a hope that is encouraged by the fact that all the clubs have already reported a substantial increase in their membership.



The results of the Scripture Examinations were published on the 16th of January. We offer our warmest congratulations to G. S. B. Mack, who obtained the 2nd place in Greek Testament, only missing the medal by a single mark, and also to C. A. Kinnear, who obtained 2nd place both in the Senior Grade and also in Greek Testament at the Presbyterian Examinations. On the whole the school has done about as well as last year, except in the Junior Grade, where the results were somewhat disappointing.



One of the most important events of the winter term is the football match, in which we meet a rival aspirant to the Schools' Cup. This year we were drawn against Wesley College, who had already beaten us badly twice earlier in the season. Our hopes, therefore, for the result of the match at Lansdowne Road

were not very high, and our defeat only justified previous forebodings. We retired beaten by the large score of 24 points to nil, exactly twice the number of points which Wesley scored against us when we met them on a similar occasion three years ago.

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The Junior Cup team had had a fairly successful season, and when we learned that we were drawn against King's Hospital we expected at any rate to reach the semi-final in the cup ties.

The match was played on St. Patrick's Day, which accounts for the poor attendance on the part of the school. An exciting game resulted in a draw of one try each. A large number of boys attended at the replay, in which we were extremely unfortunate in being defeated by the very narrow margin of 8 points to 10.

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We must hope that next season the teams may be more successful in the cup matches, as everything seems to point to the probability of their being considerably stronger than this year.



School Notes.



THE Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction visited the School on Monday, the 23rd of March, and gave a practical examination to those boys who intend taking honours in Science in the Intermediate Examinations next June.

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We print elsewhere the names of the Prize Winners at the School Examinations last Christmas.

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We must congratulate J. Bell on obtaining his place in the football team which represented the Leinster against the Munster Schools. In the match, which was played on the 27th of February, he had the honour of scoring the only try for his side. We notice that he has also been selected for the match against the Ulster Schools, to take place at Belfast on the 28th of March.

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The results of the Scripture Examinations which were held last December are given on another page. They may be summarised thus:—

		First Class Prizes.	Second Class.	Third Class	Pass Certificates.
Greek Testament	..	3	2	2	6
Senior Grade	..	1	—	1	4
Middle Grade	..	1	1	2	9
Junior Grade	..	—	1	—	24
		—	—	—	—
Totals	..	5	4	5	43

A Meeting of the Athletic Committee was held on the 31st of March and the following officers were elected for the Cricket Club:—

Captain—JOHN BELL.

Vice-Captain—G. E. LARKIN.

Hon. Secretary—F. S. MARCHANT.

Selection Committee—The above with Messrs. TIMMS and ELLWOOD.



Notes on Old Boys.



IN Trinity College we notice the following doings of Old Boys:—

HILARY TERM EXAMINATIONS.

The following have passed—

Junior Freshman Class—T. F. H. Read (1910-1913); C. J. Shortt (1910-1913).

Little-Go Exam.—2nd Class, C. S. Carolin (1907-1910); 3rd Class, G. Worthington-Eyre (1909-1912); unclassified, A. I. Stein (1906-1911).

Junior Sophister Class—J. H. Hancock (1910-1911); Max Nurock, Sch. (1904-1911); C. H. York (1899-1908).

HILARY TERM HONOUR EXAMINATIONS.

SENIOR SOPHISTER CLASS.

Natural Science—Second of First Honours, J. M. Barron (1900-10).

JUNIOR SOPHISTER CLASS.

Classics—First of First Honours, Max Nurock.

Mental and Moral Philosophy—First of First Honours, Max Nurock.

SENIOR FRESHMAN CLASS.

Classics—First Honours, H. V. Thornton (1905-12).

JUNIOR FRESHMAN CLASS.

Classics—First of First Honours, W. H. B. Mack (1910-13); Second Honours, N. L. Hannon (1910-1913).

Term Prize in Classical Composition—Senior Freshman Class, L. J. D. Richardson (1903-12); Junior Freshman Class, W. H. B. Mack.

Tyrrell Memorial Gold Medal for Classical Composition—L. J. D. Richardson.

Catechetical Premiums—Senior Freshman Class, L. J. D. Richardson (1st); H. V. Thornton. Junior Freshman Class, N. L. Hannon (1st).

W. H. B. Mack has been elected a member of the Council of the College Classical Society.

HILARY TERM EXAMINATIONS

The following have passed:—

Intermediate Medical, Part I., R. T. Stoney (1906-1911); E. Lipman (1898-1903).

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION.

Chemistry and Physics, A. I. Steyn (1906-1911).

Botany and Zoology, G. W. Holmes (1907-09).

PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

Prize in Class Examination, H. Daniel (1901-1909).

Professor H. H. Jeffcott (1892-1895) has been appointed to the Chair of Engineering in the University of London.

Fred Weir (1900-1902), who held the position of House Surgeon at the Royal Veterinary College, has obtained his commission in the Army Veterinary Corps.

J. Ellison (1901-1906) who qualified at the Royal Veterinary College at Christmas, has also obtained a commission in the A. V. C.

Joe Bell (1906-11), during the session 1912-13, obtained the Bronze Medal for Biology.

R. R. Smylie (1886-1893) and R. J. Ogden (1899-1903) have been elected as Joint Honorary Secretaries of the Junior Branch of the Dublin Unionist Association. We also notice the name of Gwynn S. B. Mack 1909-1911 on the committee.

C. G. Riley (1884-1890) has been appointed Chief Accountant of the Great Southern and Western Railway.

J. Hunt (1910-1912) has been successful in passing the examination for the Royal Bank,

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MARRIAGE.

DORAN (1888-1891) AND MITCHELL—February 24, 1914, at St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Dublin, Bertie Ribton White, son of the late Joseph Carncross Doran, Solicitor, and Mrs. Doran, of 120 Pembroke Road, Dublin, to Agnes Violet, daughter of Robert Mitchell, J.P., and Mrs. Mitchell, of Theberton, Merrion, Co. Dublin.

Christmas Examinations.

PRIZE WINNERS.

- FORM VI.—English, G. K. Carpenter; Greek, G. K. Carpenter; Latin, M. Nurock; French, M. Nurock; German, Jno. Bell; Mathematics, G. K. Carpenter; Experimental Science, H. H. Molloy; History and Geography, G. S. B. Mack.
- FORM V.—English, F. N. Boyers; Greek, J. Levy; Latin, J. Levy; French, J. Levy; German, R. H. Molloy; Mathematics, F. N. Boyers and R. J. Charters, Experimental Science, F. N. Boyers and R. H. Molloy; Drawing, W. B. E. Powell; History and Geography, F. N. Boyers; Commercial Subjects, R. J. Charters.
- FORM IV.—English, T. E. Flewett; Greek, W. H. Thrift; Latin, W. H. Thrift; French, A. R. Ellis; German, M. Coleman; Mathematics, H. Mushatt; Experimental Science, W. H. Thrift; Drawing, W. H. Thrift; History and Geography, W. H. Thrift; Commercial Subjects, T. J. Lewis.
- FORM IIIA.—English, E. W. Scales and H. W. Clarendon; Greek, E. W. Scales; Latin, E. W. Scales; French, E. W. Scales; German, H. Bell; Mathematics, E. G. Pemberton, H. G. Goodwillie and R. E. Johnston, Experimental Science, C. H. Hillyard; Drawing, C. H. Hillyard; History and Geography, M. Elyan; Commercial Subjects, R. E. Johnston.
- FORM IIIB.—English, W. H. Pollett; Latin, W. H. Pollett and M. Levy; French, W. Samuels; Mathematics, G. H. Noblett and W. Samuels; Experimental Science, M. Coleman and G. H. Noblett; Drawing, G. H. Noblett; History and Geography, D. A. Saville; Commercial Subjects, G. D. Williams.
- FORM IIIC.—English, M. Hayman; Latin, M. Hayman; French, M. Hayman and P. B. Foster; Mathematics, G. H. A. Timms; Writing and Drawing, M. Hayman; History and Geography, C. T. A. Harper and G. H. Timms.
- FORM II.—Scripture, R. D. Stephens; English, I. E. Jones; Latin, I. E. Jones; French, I. E. Jones; Mathematics, I. E. Jones; Writing and Drawing, G. W. H. Townsend; History and Geography, L. C. Quinlan and I. E. Jones.
- FORM IA.—Scripture, R. G. Freeman; English, R. G. Freeman; French, R. P. M'Garrigle and J. Hempenstall; Arithmetic, T. B. G. Crawford and G. C. Owgan; Writing and Drawing, R. G. Freeman; History and Geography, R. G. Freeman.

FORM IB.—Scripture, W. R. M. Hewitt; English, W. R. M. Hewitt; French, W. R. M. Hewitt and J. Gill; Arithmetic, W. R. M. Hewitt; Writing and Drawing, W. R. M. Hewitt and C. Paton; History and Geography, E. N. Bardon.



Scripture Examinations.



CHURCH OF IRELAND.

GREEK TESTAMENT.

FIRST CLASS PRIZES.—G. S. B. Mack; G. K. Carpenter.

SECOND CLASS PRIZES.—J. M. Mounsey; H. S. Scales.

THIRD CLASS PRIZES.—J. V. Bateman; F. N. Boyers.

PASS CERTIFICATES.—H. G. Digges; C. G. Conerny; A. D. H. Stewart; H. H. Molloy; F. S. Marchant.

SENIOR GRADE.

THIRD CLASS PRIZE.—R. J. Charters.

PASS CERTIFICATES.—G. E. Larkin; P. R. G. Fennell; W. J. E. Dawson; R. H. Molloy.

MIDDLE GRADE.

FIRST CLASS PRIZE.—R. A. Heatley.

THIRD CLASS PRIZES.—H. J. L. Armstrong; W. H. Thrift.

PASS CERTIFICATES.—H. S. Larkin; E. C. Smith; W. E. Abbott; R. E. Johnston; W. O'Farrell; H. T. G. Westropp; H. T. Bird; J. Mackay.

JUNIOR GRADE.

PASS CERTIFICATES.—S. C. Taylor; D. A. Saville; G. H. A. Timms; C. S. Roberts; E. W. Scales; R. C. Hewitt; D. C. Towers; C. H. Farmer; E. Agnew; F. C. B. Crawford; W. C. G. Proctor; F. D. Matthews; H. Worthington-Eyre; A. R. Johnson; C. H. Anderson; R. H. Short; R. H. Wright; D. W. Pedlow; C. C. E. Woodger; A. J. E. McClean.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

GREEK TESTAMENT.

FIRST CLASS PRIZE.—C. A. Kinnear.

PASS CERTIFICATE.—A. J. Smyth.

SENIOR GRADE.

FIRST CLASS PRIZE.—C. A. Kinnear.

MIDDLE GRADE.

SECOND CLASS PRIZE.—A. K. Ferguson.

PASS CERTIFICATES.—R. W. Mather.

JUNIOR GRADE.

SECOND CLASS PRIZE.—S. McL. Lawson.

PASS CERTIFICATES.—S. Smith ; N. S. Allen ; H. Bell : D. Gilbert.



Old Boys' Dinner.



THE Annual Dinner of the Old Boys was held on the evening of December 11th in the Dolphin Hotel. Mr. James Sealy, Barrister-at-Law, presided.

Amongst those present were:—J. Thompson, M.A., M.R.I.A. (Head Master); Sir Gabriel Stokes, K.C.S.I.; J. Andrew, I.C.S.; Rev. Canon Carleton, D.D.; Rev. G. T. C. Clements, B.A.; Professor H. H. Jeffcott, M.A.; Rev. A. W. B. Mack, M.A.; Prof. W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.; E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D.; E. V. Longworth, S. Jones, M.A.; S. W. Maddock, Melfort Dalton, T. W. Flewett, J. W. Fox, R. R. Smylie, R. G. L. Leonard, J. J. Warren, A. W. Spence, R. B. Falkiner, T. P. Stuart, J. M'Crea, E. H. M'Crea, F. C. D. Joynt, W. R. Little, J. O'Hara, D. M. Frazer, W. S. Drury, W. H. Carson, S. Hayes, Rev. Wm. Anderson, M.A.; E. T. Burd, B.A.; J. Bennett, M.A.; C. E. Walker, M.A., B.Sc.; M. W. T. Wyon, B.A.; J. Robinson, W. H. T. Walker, B.A.; V. Sanderson, T. J. Smyth, Dr. C. G. Marchant, E. M. Richardson, Rev. G. A. Joynt, M.A.; Guillemore O'Grady, S. Crosthwaite, J. Duncan, G. R. Haynes, H. G. Alexander, H. B. Goulding, T. S. Tomlinson, R. L. Valentine, W. G. Tomlinson, F. W. Leland, J. R. Duggan, W. C. Stevenson, M.D.; A. L. B. Moore, Rev. W. J. Mayne, M.A.; A. H. Seale, J. Woods, A. S. Larkin, M. Nurock, J. M. Barron, W. D. Appleyard, H. L. Barnardo, H. G. Cross, C. T. Parker, R. J. Ogden, G. W. Holmes, E. R. Gray, T. W. Young, C. J. Bruton and L. J. Richardson.

The Hon. Secs. were—W. H. Carson, R. L. Valentine and T. S. Tomlinson.

The Toasts of the evening were as follows:—

"The King" was proposed by the Chairman and received with musical honours, Mr. Melfort Dalton singing the National Anthem.

"The School" was proposed by the Chairman and responded to by the Head Master and Mr. T. P. Stuart, who gave some interesting reminiscences of W. B. Yeats and other Old Boys.

"The Guests" were proposed by Mr. S. W. Maddock and replied to by Sir Gabriel Stokes, K.C.S.I.

"The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. R. R. Smylie; and the "Secretaries" were proposed by Mr. E. V. Longworth.

Songs were contributed by Mr. Melfort Dalton, Mr. Vine Sanderson, Mr. Malcolm Frazer, Mr. J. S. Robinson and Mr. Chris. Bruton. The accompanists were Dr. C. S. Marchant and Mr. M. T. Wyon.



Football Notes.



SINCE our Notes appeared in the last number of the *Erasmian* our 1st XV. has not done so well as expected. This failure is mainly due to the slackness in training, and no school team can expect to succeed against well trained teams unless by good hard and systematic training. We have had the misfortune to lose J. M. Mounsey, who has not been able to play since the holidays. The team has relied too much on individual play, and it is depressing to the school supporters—as many as are present to urge us on—to see the forwards allow the man with the ball make his way for the line as best he can without giving him any assistance. This, unfortunately, has occurred too often this season. Although the 1st XV. has not been very successful it has been dogged by persistent bad luck in many matches. Throughout the season our Captain has been the mainstay of the three-quarter line, and his staying power is extraordinary. He gets most assistance from Larkin, who often makes good use of his great turn of speed. Westropp, at full, is for the most part reliable, especially in fielding and kicking, but he should pay more attention to tackling. The forwards, of whom Smyth is the best, are a level lot, but it is noticeable that they do not exert themselves to the best of their ability.

Our 2nd XV. and J. C. T. are of the one strength, and it is pleasing to notice some players who promise great things in the future. The J. C. T. has been able to hold its own with the other schools, and the outstanding players on the side are S. Smyth, D. Pedlow, T. V. Harris (backs) and J. Mackay and H. Bell (forwards).

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

JAN. 17TH—V. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

We opened the second moiety of the season with our return match against our old opponents, St. Mary's College. For the second time this season they defeated us. The School, though opposed by a much bigger and heavier lot, played up pluckily, and kept their line intact during the first twenty minutes, when a wild pass by one of the backs let the opposing right wing in for

the opening score, which was converted. Later our opponents dropped a goal and we crossed over with a deficit of 9 points. In the second half our opponents could only cross our line twice, which brought the final score to 17 points. This was a very creditable performance for the School, all of whom played strenuously.

Result—St. Mary's College, 3 goals (1 dropped), 1 try (17 points).
High School, nil.

JAN. 24TH—V. COLL. OF SCIENCE, AT WESTFIELD PARK.

The School were unable to turn out a representative side, Jack Bell being the most notable absentee. High School were continually on the defensive.

Result—Coll. of Science, 5 goals, 4 tries (37 points).
High School, nil.

FEB. 4TH—V. KING'S HOSPITAL, AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

Our opponents were strong in the back division, and although the school forwards continually gained possession in the scrum, the backs were unable to make any impression on the visitors' defence. Early in the second half Larkin working the "blind" side to advantage sent in Bell at the corner for the opening score, which the same player just failed to convert. About five minutes from time O'Sullivan receiving the ball from a "buck" dropped a good goal for the Hospital and gave them the winning point. In this match High School were very unlucky not to score more than once. Westropp, Bell, Larkin, Fennell (backs), and Smyth (forward), were the best of an even lot.

Result—King's Hospital, 1 dropped goal (4 points).
High School, 1 try (3 points).

FEB. 7TH—V. ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE, AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

The ground was in a heavy state after the heavy rain on the preceding night, and this gave a slight advantage to our opponents. The score rather flatters the winners, as the home team were continually on the aggressive in the first half and for part of the second.

Our backs were not as good as usual, the best of them being Bell and Dodds.

Result—St. Andrew's Coll., 2 goals, 2 tries (16 points).
High School, 1 try (3 points).

FEB. 11TH—V. ST. COLUMBA'S COLL., AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

At home we reversed the result of the previous match at Rathfarnham, running out deserving winners by 1 point. From the beginning the home forwards pressed, giving the backs plenty of

opportunities. From a scrimmage on the visitors' line Bell, receiving, dropped a goal. This infused more life into both sides, but the visitors could not score. Caldbeck had decidedly hard luck in a couple of penalty kicks, but some minutes later he kicked a splendid goal from half way. Smyth later had hard luck, being held up on the line. The outstanding man on the field was Bell, who got through a marvellous amount of work. Larkin and Dodds were not far behind. All the forwards worked hard.

Result—High School, 1 dropped goal (4 points).

St. Columba's Coll., 1 penalty goal (3 points).

FEB. 14TH—V. BLACKROCK COLL., AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

This match was a very tame affair, and none of the School team seemed to put any life into their work. Bell, Westropp and Larkin were quite off colour, and this was the main cause of such a heavy defeat.

Result—Blackrock Coll., 1 goal, 7 tries (26 points).

High School, nil.

FEB. 18TH—V. SKERRY'S COLL., AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

Bell, Smyth and Larkin were absent. The match was most uninteresting to watch, as the play was very "scrappy." Skerry's scored an unconverted try towards the end of the first half. On changing ends the school forwards pressed, and, receiving the ball from a scrum, Scales dropped a splendid goal. Westropp, Scales, Dodds (backs), Messrs. Wyon, Walker and Digges (forwards), played best.

Result—High School, 1 dropped goal (4 points).

Skerry's Coll. 1 try (3 points).

FEB. 26TH—V. MONKSTOWN 3RD, AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

This match was of a very scrappy nature, and our opponents had the best of the play.

Result—Monkstown 3rd, 1 goal, 4 tries (17 points).

High School, 2 tries (6 points).

FEB. 28TH—V. BISHOP FOY HIGH SCHOOL (WATERFORD), AT BELGRAVE SQUARE.

The ground was in a very heavy condition, which left the play with the forwards for the most part. Our visitors fielded a very strong team, which included some Dublin "boys." Our Captain was unable to play owing to an injury received in the Inter-provincial on the previous day. His place was taken by his brother "Joe," whilst C. S. Marchant was on the left wing. The home side pressed from the start, and after fifteen minutes play Jackson went over, far out, for the opening score. Waterford broke away from the drop out and scored an unconverted try.

In the second half Bolster, for the visitors, dropped a good goal, and not long afterwards Gibson, their full-back, receiving the ball in mid-field dropped a good goal. The visitors later increased their score by an unconverted try, running out winners as stated below.

For the winners Gibson, Bolster, Simpson and Rose were best, whilst the home team were best represented by Westropp, Marchant (C. S.), Joe Bell, Messrs. Wyon, Walker, J. Smyth and Fletcher.

Result—Bishop Foy's School, 2 dropped goals, 2 tries (14 points).

High School, 1 try (3 points).

MARCH 14TH—V. BELFAST ACADEMICAL INST., AT BELFAST.

On the day of the Welsh International we travelled to Belfast to find the Northern Metropolis suffering from the effects of a rain storm which had raged during the preceding day and all Saturday. The ground was like a marsh, and neither side could get a footing on it. The game is hardly worthy of mention.

Result—Belfast Acad. Inst., 2 tries (6 points).

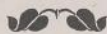
High School, 1 try (3 points).

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

The football of the Lower School has not been neglected, and practices have been systematically held under the care and guidance of Mr. Slade, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for the trouble he has taken with the Juniors. Amongst these may be mentioned Freeman, Johnson, Manning, Bardon, Clarendon, Mansfield, Buchanan, Tickell, Mills, Scales (E.), Farmer and Stephens.

We take this opportunity of thanking F. S. Marchant for his kindness in officiating as referee at the Square. We should also thank Messrs. Wyon, Ellwood, Walker and Briggs for their assistance in Club 3rd XV. matches.



Schools' Cup Tie.



THE HIGH SCHOOL v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

THE all-important Cup match was played at Lansdowne Road on Thursday, 12th March, in perfect weather. We were rather unlucky in being drawn against so heavy a team as Wesley, but, though beaten, we were not disgraced.

The team was:—H. T. G. Westropp; H. S. Scales, J. Bell, P. Fennell, E. E. C. Head; G. E. Larkin, H. G. Dodds; A. J.

Smyth, C. G. White, D. L. Fletcher, H. V. Jackson, C. B. D. Parker, R. H. Shortt, R. H. Molloy, and J. Mackay.

The High School won the toss, and after the start play settled at our "25." Wesley then pressed, but Westropp saved splendidly, while good work by Shortt brought play to half-way.

Again Wesley attacked with good forward play, and with Westropp letting a kick between his legs, Wesley's Inter-provincial forward dribbled over for a score just outside the posts. The major points were added. On re-starting High School were penalised, but Wesley missed an easy goal. The School team were then sorely pressed, but managed to touch down four times before Wesley scored.

The kick at goal was unsuccessful, and the half-time whistle left us only eight points to the bad. Soon after the start Bell dashed away to half-way, with the ball at his feet, but a Wesley centre picking up the ball, and giving "the dummy" twice, ran straight through for a score, which remained unconverted. Almost immediately Wesley scored another try. This time the necessary points were added. High School now played better, Scales and Bell bringing play to half-way, but again the Wesley forwards came away in a rush, and another score resulted, which was improved upon by a good kick from the touch line. Before the end Wesley scored another unconverted try, and the "long" whistle left us vanquished by 24 points to nil.

Unfortunately the team did not play as well as usual, but on the whole defended very well, and though beaten by 24 points to nil—a big score on paper—we did well to be only eight points down at half-time, for Wesley averaged two to three stone heavier all round.

Westropp did not reproduce his form of other matches, but was good at times and had little luck. The wings got no chances, and though badly outpaced were very fair.

Fennell has played better, and even if the same remark applies to Bell, we prefer not to think what the consequences would have been were we without him. He was the mainstay of the team, kicking and tackling splendidly.

Next to Bell, Larkin was easily the best of the backs: he has seldom tackled better, while he kicked with good effect. Dodds had an unenviable position behind a pack so badly beaten, but went down to the rushes pluckily. The forwards were very small in comparison to their opponents, and on the whole played very well, while it says a lot for their tackling that Wesley made no ground from the line out, and if Smyth was the best, none of the others were far behind.

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JUNIOR SCHOOLS' CUP.

Our Junior Cup Team was drawn against King's Hospital in the Cup ties. The match was arranged for Wednesday, 11th March.

Owing, however, to some oversight, the official referee failed to put in an appearance, and accordingly it was decided to play a friendly game in which the teams might test each other's metal.

A good match resulted in a defeat for High School by two tries to one, which was gained by Smyth.

The fixture was then postponed till the morning of St. Patrick's day. A strong south wind was blowing which gave King's Hospital, who won the toss, a decided advantage. High School was kept on the defensive for the first half as a result, and had to touch down several times. Before the whistle blew for the interval King's Hospital scored a try, which, however, they failed to convert. On re-starting, we had the benefit of the wind, and pressed strongly. Our opponents, however, defended well, and it was not until within about ten minutes of full time that we succeeded in equalising the score. Smyth scored a try about half way between the goal posts and the corner flag, but the kick at goal failed.

Shortly afterwards the whistle blew for full time, leaving the game drawn.

Result—King's Hospital, 1 try (3 points).

High School, 1 try (3 points).

As the match had been played at Blackhall Place, the re-play was arranged to take place on Friday, the 20th, at Belgrave Square. It was very unfortunate that Digges, who had captained the team on the previous occasion, was unable to play on account of an injury received in training.

King's Hospital won the toss, but there was little wind, and so neither side had much advantage. From the start High School pressed strongly, and Pedlow, receiving the ball from a scrum that was formed almost on our opponents' line, scored a try. Fletcher succeeded in kicking the goal from a not very easy position. High School obtained another score before half-time, by Fletcher, who, unfortunately, this time missed his kick. We resumed play after the interval with high hopes, as we were eight points to the good. King's Hospital pressed strongly, and after about a quarter of an hour succeeded in crossing our line for a try, which was converted, and within five minutes of full time they repeated their performance in spite of the most strenuous efforts on the part of our backs. After the kick-off High School pressed again, being two points behind our opponents, and for a minute it looked as if we would score.

The play was, however, soon brought back to our twenty-five, and almost at once the whistle blew, leaving us in the hard position of being defeated by only two points.

Result—King's Hospital, 2 goals (10 points).

High School, 1 goal 1 try (8 points).

The team was—(Full-back) Hillyard; (three-quarters) Saville, S. Smyth, Harris, Wayland; (half-backs) Pedlow, Hopking;

(forwards) Fletcher, Mackay, Wright, H. Bell, Mather, M'Kee, Ellis, Glover.

Hillyard, although new to the position, was splendid in defence, and none of the scores against him were his fault. His fielding and kicking was very sure, and he quite outshone his *vis-a-vis*. Smyth was the best of the three-quarters, tackling, running, and kicking in grand style. Saville was the better wing, stopping rushes in plucky fashion. Hopking's handling was very sure. The outstanding backs on either side were Harris and Pedlow, the latter especially working splendidly behind the scrum. Harris made many openings for his backs. The forwards seemed to slack off in the second half, and appeared to be content when they were eight points up. The hooking was very good. Fletcher worked well in the loose, and Mackay, Bell, and Mather were not far behind.



Marconi's Miracle.



A VISIT TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST WIRELESS TELEGRAPH STATION.

DISCHARGE an electric spark in the air, and so set up an oscillation in the ether. Arrange for someone to catch the oscillations in a suitable utensil. Draw up a code of oscillations, three shorts and a long for V, and so on. There you have a wireless installation by which you may send messages across the rim of the world! Very simple! And yet, as I lay under the thatch of a cosy cottage, seven miles west of the Twelve Pins, and heard through the silence of the night the sonorous *ta ta ta—taah* of the Marconic station at Clifden give out the day's news to a fleet of vessels scattered over the Atlantic, or instantly convey a message from friend to friend across two thousand miles of ocean, I felt that the most scientifically simple explanation of the miracle could not make it less a miracle, and that the romance of it would long outlive familiarity. Accordingly I applied for, and duly received from, Signor Marconi permission to visit the largest high-power wireless station in the world.

The station is situated on a slight rising, about three miles outside Clifden, and in sight of Slyne Head. To gain admittance you present your permit at the terminus of a narrow-gauge railway line that runs across a mile of bog from the bottom of the hill to the station. The visitor is conveyed on an "accommodation" hitched behind a snorting little engine. The trip only lasts a few minutes, and you dismount at the door of the power-house, and realise at a glance that, while "distance lends enchantment to the view," it also borrows very liberally from the dimensions of the place. From the country road the whole concern looks like a cluster of

moderately-sized houses with an engine-room and a barn thrown in. On closer acquaintance, however, the engine-room becomes a commodious power-house, elaborately fitted with the most perfect machinery, and the barn becomes a "condenser house," which among "tin tabernacles" would be a Westminster Abbey.

In the engine-house there are two beautiful engines, each capable of developing five hundred horse-power. During the night one of these runs the dynamo which charges the condenser house. The other is in readiness in case of a breakdown. In fact, everything in the station is duplicated, and in some cases triplicated, so that the service may be uninterrupted. The electricity for ordinary purposes is generated by engines of one hundred horse-power. The boiler-house contains six boilers.

The condenser-house is a huge leyden-jar for the storage and intensifying of the electrical power, generated by the five hundred horse-power dynamos. A glance through a slightly opened door shows row after row of gigantic metallic sheets hanging like fitches of bacon from the roof. In the centre of the condenser-house is the sparking-chamber, where a disc of metal is revolving at such a speed that you cannot see it moving. The air is booming about your ears. The universe seems to be vibrating at an unthinkable rate. You speak to your guide, but he smiles, for your lips convey no sound to him. You shout, but you do not hear even a hint of your own voice. Then suddenly in rapid succession barks out a sound like the sudden clashing of all the cymbals that were ever used in all the orchestras of the world, or like the ripping of the tent of the heavens from zenith to nadir. Each rip is accompanied by a great blue spark, and both rip and spark are caused by the tapping of a key by an operator in a small room several hundred yards away.

The disturbance in the atmosphere thus set up is conveyed by a cable out through the wall of the house and spread on the "aerial." This consists of fourteen masts, each seventy-two feet high, carrying a network of wires, from which the oscillations produced by the spark are directed westwards towards Glace Bay in Newfoundland.

The oscillations are themselves silent. The sound is, as it were, an unavoidable accident, and steps are being taken to deaden it, though at present it can be heard at a couple of miles distant.

The work of the station is carried on by ten electrical engineers, eleven telegraph operators, and one hundred labourers. Welsh coal is used for getting up steam, but a chamber is being built for drying the local turf. The ground belonging to the station is calculated to yield a ten years' supply.

Signor Marconi was at the station during my holiday at Clifden, but I had not the good fortune to see him. I gathered, however, from my courteous guide that the wizard, whose invention has already saved hundreds of lives in disasters on the sea, is, as all

great men are, a man of simple habit, unaffected manner, considerate to his staff, and devoted to the work to which Providence has called him.

JAMES H. COUSINS.



The Landlady's Euclid.



DEFINITIONS:—

1. All boarding-houses are the *same* boarding-house.
2. Boarders in the same boarding-house, and on the same flat, are equal to one another.
3. The *landlady* of a boarding-house is a parallelogram, an oblong angular figure which cannot be described, and which is equal to anything.
4. A *wrangle* is the disinclination of two boarders to each other, which meet together, but are not on the same floor.
5. A *single room* is that which has no parts and which has no magnitude.
6. All the other rooms being taken, a single room is said to be a double room.

POSTULATES:—

1. A *pie* may be produced any number of times.
2. The landlady may be reduced to her lowest terms by a series of propositions.
3. On the same bill and on the same side of it, there shall not be two charges for the same thing.

AXIOMS:—

1. Any two boarding-house meals are equal to one square meal.
2. The clothes of a boarding-house bed, though produced ever so far both ways will not meet.

PROPOSITION:—

If there be two borders on the same floor, and if the amount of side of one be equal to the amount of side of the other, each to each; and if the wrangle between one boarder and the landlady be equal to the wrangle between the landlady and the other boarder, then shall the bills of the two boarders be equal.

PROOF:—

For, if not, if possible, let one bill be the greater.

Then the other is less than it might have been, which is absurd.

Therefore, the two bills are equal.

Q. E. D.

A Cambridge Undergraduate.

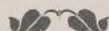


The Rifle Club.



THE Club, owing to the new rule for the payment of the games' fees, has almost trebled its numbers, making it necessary to have three practices a week, at which Mr. Bennett, Mr. Briggs, and the Sergeant respectively very kindly preside.

As a result of this greatly increased membership, ammunition this term soon ran short, and the practice had to be discontinued for some weeks till a fresh supply of cartridges could be procured from England, for which special permission had to be obtained from the Customs' authorities owing to the proclamation prohibiting the importation of anything in the nature of firearms or ammunition into this country. This, of course, took some time, but we have at last been able to resume practice after a delay of several weeks.



Our Swimming Club.



As in the case of the Rifle Club, the new method of the compulsory "Games' Subscription" has drawn to the Swimming Club a large number of boys who were not previously connected with the club. As a result the membership is very much greater than on any previous occasion. The Iveagh Baths do not re-open till March 26, and yet up to date over seventy boys have given in their names as intending members, and more are expected to join as the weather grows warmer.

On account of the increase in membership a special day, Tuesday, has been engaged for junior members, who certainly seem delighted at the idea of having the Baths to themselves undisturbed in their efforts at natation by the bigger boys who will meet, as before, every Thursday.

We hope to have the instructor as before to instruct us in the art of graceful diving and water polo playing, and to teach the novices to swim.

We are also arranging to have a club badge made, which can be affixed to our costumes.

Among our new members we are glad to welcome J. Bell, A. J. Smyth, and G. E. Larkin, famed for their feats on the football and cricket field.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. Bennett heartily for kindly promising to come down to the Baths with us to superintend matters.



Cricket Prospects.



IT is rather difficult at the time of writing to form any definite idea of the strength of the XI. which will represent the school during the coming season. Of the team which did so well last year, being beaten only by St. Columba's College in the final for the Senior Cup, five have left us—N. L. Hannon, C. S. Marchant, W. H. C. Stone, P. F. T. Burns and J. S. Lewis. N. L. Hannon, it will be remembered, was the able captain who led us on to victory so many times last year. He was a good bat and a fair bowler, and will be a considerable loss to the XI. C. S. Marchant will also be greatly missed; he was the best bat in the team, and won the silver medal presented by Mr. Cousins for the best average.

Notwithstanding the loss of these five we have the nucleus of a fair team in J. Bell, an exceptionally good all-round player, who won the medal for the best bowling average last year; G. E. Larkin, a splendid bat and also a very good bowler, and a member of last year's Schools' Interprovincial XI.; F. S. Marchant, N. F. Boyers, H. S. Scales and J. S. Phillips.

We hope to have as in former years the assistance of Messrs. Timms, Ellwood and Slade, both in practices and also in matches against senior teams.

Practice at the nets will begin towards the end of April, by which time the pitch ought to be rolled and in good condition, so that if all members—and we hope to see many new ones—practise regularly we may look forward to a successful season.



Our Contemporaries.



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