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Editorial.

NOTHING of a world-alarming nature has taken place this term. The weather has gone its regular round—frost, snow, rain, sun, happiness, wretchedness—without any of those wild “aqueous manifestations” (this should please the V.), which a year ago turned Strathearn into a duck pond. The Knoll has been a standing witness to the brotherhood of man, for on an average some thirty or forty football players have played a game resembling football and no one perished. Yet if there is anything in a name, one young gentleman, whose histrionic powers have been the subject of favourable comment in the past, should, for a considerable time, experience some little difficulty in adjusting his collar. Possibly these sentences, modelled in the style of a favourite historian, may furnish some compensation for his being temporarily deprived of personal adornment.

Cricket. Football is a fine game. A friend of mine, indeed, thinks it the best game in the world, and for my own part I am not inclined to differ with him. Yet it is worth while pointing out that it is sheer nonsense to play it all the year through. I admit I have played it in mid-July, under a broiling sun, and felt happy. But there was no other game to play, and even a boy who is fond of the sea cannot be bathing or boating all day long. But here, in Crieff, there is no excuse. Here there is no reason why every school boy should not be playing cricket. Indeed, judging from the number of small boys who

come round with collecting books, there must be over a score of clubs. But it is our own day-boys I have to do with. They play football with enthusiasm; why should not equal enthusiasm be devoted to cricket? I put the question specially to the third form, where much of the growing athletic talent of the school seems to be gathered. And anyone who has played football will be able to assure them that if they play cricket during the summer, they will come back to football in the autumn with fresher zest. Moreover, they will come back better players, for the four months' rest will have taught them much. It only needs two leading boys to make a start, and the rest will follow. Who leads?

The Old Boys are keeping well to the front. We can vouch from personal experience to the seriousness of their intentions. The report of the meeting on January 7th (*vide* the O.B. notes) speaks of a "lively and *sportive* treatment of the affairs of the club," and also of the delightful music and refreshments. As a matter of fact, there was nothing sportive about the meeting, and those present were more concerned about getting some definite business done than about music or cigarettes. If by "sportive" the writer means that they were disinclined to be ruled by academic precedents, which, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, had singularly little to do with the case; or, if he means that the twenty or so present were prepared to do some hacking and hewing at the rules and constitution, if by so doing they might produce order where there had been absolute chaos, then he is right. The main point is that the meeting did do something, and, as will be seen from the report, the rules have already been printed and circulated—none have come this way—while the smoking concert on March 11th, and the football match on April 4th, prove that the meeting of January meant business and business only.

To Mr. Muir's letter we will draw further attention next term. In the meantime, boys in their last year had best turn to it straight away and digest its contents.

School Notes.

Form I.

No wonder that these long March nights are cold
 For all who roam on bicycle,
 For in the sky the moon, though fair as gold,
 Is—so I'm told—an icicle.

Mount Vesuvius has broken out in a new place—in New Zealand.

The Preps. are topsy-turvy just now ; one of them thinks the plural of salmon is fish.

King Charles, we are told, was killed between two verses of a chapter. Awful to think of, isn't it?

The Archbishop of York is called a "minstrel," because he is one of the leading ministers of Great Britain. So we learn on unimpeachable authority.

Form II.

Wanted, Good digestible blotting paper for a boy in the second form.

We looked across the spring-lit world,
 O'er river, loch, and pool,
 And all our eyes could gaze upon
 Was fair and beautiful ;
 But fairest of all things that grew
 Was one large field of wool.

Such a nice field it was ! Big plants about five feet high !

I at last, thou at lastest, he at lasts, etc., will henceforth occupy an important place in every well-regulated grammar.

The dog, the goat, the e—p—t,
 Likewise the little robin,
 The nigger and the Chinaman
 Were asighin' and asobbin' ;
 And all because the others can't
 Subdue the mighty e—p—t.

No longer do we nearly starve
 Within the second form,
 For in the gym. we've hops and chops
 To keep us filled and warm.

We have discovered a new division of France—the juicy of
 Normandy. Near it is Burgundy—where the whisky comes
 from.

“ It was a bright *stary* night
 When the donkeys got a fright.”

So begins a poem sent in apparently by one of the long-eared
 gentlemen.

We are informed that a prominent member of this Form
 meditates an additional facial ornament.

We dare not prophesy, but it may be,
 Without advertising anything too rash,
 That on his upper lip we yet may see
 A glorious moust——.

FORM III.

Yes, we're the sometimes happy Third—the centre of all
 wit, stupidity, and talent.

Four boys of this ever memorable class have a lesson all
 to themselves at third hour. Greek, if you please. “ Let
 Greecians flourish ! ” (What spelling ! Ed.).

Master, at exam., notices initials on book A.B.F. "A big fool." Which? Now don't be huffy.

The exams. are now all the go in the Third, and a fairly deadly programme is always set to try to puzzle the patient and hard-working community. Some of the more beautiful specimens are nicely bottled up, and give really splendid answers. For example—

Question: "Describe fully what a spring is, and state how it is formed."

Answer: "A spring is water coming out of the ground."

This learned youth is noted for his brevity, and evidently expects to get full marks.

The war causes such great interest that a special map has been put up in the French Room. The thoughts in every boy's heart must be, "I hope Japan'll win."

(Laugh, Boarders! Thank you.)

"I wonder," remarked the asterisk, "if cricket on the hearth was anything like ping pong?"

The smallest boy of the Boarders shot a splendid goal against the Day-boys at the last match. Dear little chap! It is strange that although he is the smallest he is in this renowned form.

You see, we have the two extremes, or, as you might say, the long and the short of it.

A record minus. O.S. All caused by a little red book of German rhymes. Daily in small quantities. Very short, but sweet, as the grocer said when he tied up 12 oz. of sugar and marked it one pound.

Required to prove a piece of foolscap is a lazy dog.

PROOF—A piece of foolscap is an ink-lined plain,
 An inclined plane is a slope-up,
 A slow pup is a lazy dog;
 By logic foolscap is a lazy dog, as required.

A three-quarter line is giving an example of its work every day at lunch hour. They say a young elephant is seen madly careering about in company with the old elephant and some of the regular team.

We are informed by a specimen of the Third that "dost" is the past tense of "do."

"What are angles called whose sum equals two right angles?"
 "Supplementary."

"What are angles called whose sum equals one right angle?"
 "Parliamentary."

Naturally the subsequent remarks were not complimentary.

This has been a very dull term for the Third. We seem to fluctuate with the weather; at least the rain seems to have quenched all the bright sparks. However, they may bud forth with renewed vigour *into* the summer months; at least we hope so.

Master: "Where is the centre of the woollen industry in England?"

Pupil: "A sheep, sir."

A new grammarist has just come to light. He may easily be recognised by the idiotic expression which he wears, along with other clothes. Will we say more? No, we will spare the learned one's feelings. One more hint: owing to his general lankiness he strikingly resembles something that is very welcome on a hot day.

The latest version of a Latin rhyme—

Males in N a ken and splen,

Lieu pictu I'll get it aggean.

The headaches which one or two of our number were so badly afflicted with last term on Monday mornings, have, we are glad to say, almost entirely disappeared.

There was a proposal to put a bust of our own special in the French Room, but it proved to be miles beyond our resources. See?

According to M. the Glasgow and South-Western Railway passes through Wick and Thurso. No wonder the passengers need a big drink before going to Paisley and the S.W.

Form IV.

We have been assured by a young gentleman of the greatest of all the forms that Jerusalem was a field labourer.

The Interrogative Bunny is going in for the sports.

High jump's my jump

Shouted _____

Swaggered, staggered,

Landed headwards.

Maybe aye and maybe no.

Brown Willy said to Truthful James:—

“ These crimes of history make me cry,

And in my sleep I wake and weep,”

Said Truthful, “ So do I,”

But when we come to study James

There'll be an end of such wild games.

New Latin Grammar. By the IV. Form at Morrison's. Sample page 49. Companion of Adjectives.

Longe magnopere maxime.

When you are raised to the dignity of being a member of the fourth, you inherit along with your dignity one objectionable thing—Test Exams.

We are never thoroughly at home except on Tuesday after-
noons, when we enter the sacred realms of Smells.

O the dear Lab. with its smells !
How it wells, how it swells
In my bosom when the bell's
Roaring clangour loudly tells
That its Lab—,
Day for each dab
Of the Fourth.

One of ours was greatly impressed by great recitation, "Love in a Ballroom." He stared as one in a dream, and in imagination he saw it rise higher and higher, becomes a mere speck, and finally vanish, "enveloped in atmosphere." Happy boy, who does not yet realize that he himself, weak "inheritor of unfulfilled renown" though he be, is likewise so enveloped.

We are strong, however, in balloons. Ararat, in one magnificent penny—dreadful of an essay, described his hero in a burst balloon dropping down into the jaws of a host of sharks, or something of that sort. These bloodthirsty boys are dreadful ; they look so nice and quiet too, just like——Well, I had better not mention any names.

Form V.

Logic according to the Fifth,—or wisdom from the East—

Axiom 1. Princes Street being in Edinburgh, is the most beautiful street in the world.

We have been informed by a leading geographical authority that the south-west of Scotland included Fife. The S.W. is progressing evidently. (See 3 Form Notes).

This is all the Fifth can say,—worth printing, of course. As for the poor Sixth, it is wordless, silent, and nothing is apparently left but to put up a stone with *hic jacet* on it, and shed a farewell tear.

House Notes.

Our Zoo continues to be in a flourishing condition, and although no new specimens have been introduced, those which are already there fully make up for any want in numbers by their attractiveness. One or two of the animals showed signs of desiring to return to their native wilds, and were at times a little obstreperous, but after a few gentle reminders, they at once returned to their normal state of tameness. But we tremble when we think of its prospects next term, as its chief mainstay is leaving at the end of this term. Though his species is common enough, it is not often that one meets with as fine a specimen as this, and such was his vivacity that though in confinement here for the past four years, he was never quite tamed. Several of the animals appear to be getting acclimatized, too, especially our pet hyena, who was not at all well last term, especially on the Monday mornings, but has now quite recovered his health.

Quite a remarkable interest is being taken in the cultivation of bees this term. And although the hives are a little inconvenient to get at, those who are interested manage to be there on all possible occasions. One, indeed, had the boldness to try the keeping of wasps and bees together, and we are glad to be able to state that the experiment has been quite successful, the bees and wasps living in the utmost harmony with each other and—with their keepers.

The billiard table, kindly introduced by the Rector some time ago continues to be an object of strife, especially on the Saturday mornings. Such is the demand for a game that to ensure getting one, many engage the table at least a week before (at any rate they always say they have done so). Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered that from time to time disputes arise as to who engaged it first. During the heated discussion which follows between the disputing parties, some third lot steps in and has a game, much to the disgust of the others, but as neither of these shows any disposition to give way, they are powerless to interfere. We have some

budding players coming, and if they only keep on improving at their present rate they will some day grace the championship ranks.

Old Boys will be pleased to learn that our sports will be held on May 7th. There is no lack of events, and provided the entries are as large as usual, a very enjoyable day ought to be spent, and the sport afforded ought to be of a high order, as there are several very promising sprinters in the school at present. We are pleased also to be able to state that there will be an Old Boys' Race. This is a new departure, and promises to be a great success, several having already stated their willingness to compete, and it should also have the very desirable effect of keeping in touch with one another the pupils who in years gone by helped to uphold the honour of this Academy both in the world of sport and of letters, in which they have always occupied a prominent position.

Tableaux-vivants were all the rage at the beginning of the term, and being well shown up by lime-light, they were certainly very interesting. But several unlooked-for interruptions by the powers that be soon damped the enthusiasts, and these very instructive entertainments have been gradually dropped. Some of the scenes represented were really good, and were quite novel; but it appears that even novelty, such a rare thing now-a-days, could not keep them going, which is all the more to be regretted, as several of the artistes showed decided abilities, and, with some training, would certainly have made their mark.

During the last term we have become "fair bunnies," to use a familiar phrase, at association. We played several matches with several strong combinations, and always managed to come through the ordeal successfully, generally with a fairly respectable margin to the good, too. Combination is the strong point, and some of the manoeuvres executed beat description—on paper, at anyrate. Strange to relate, some of our players found their native element on the field of play, and perhaps this may, in some manner, account

for some of our victories, for, in the water which covered several parts of the field, our own special simply walked round the opposing players, who were powerless to act under such novel circumstances—yet another example of the old proverb that “Its an ill wind that blows nobody good.”

It is with feelings of regret, nay, even with consternation, that we learn of the impending departure of one of our foremost athletes from our midst. For all round excellence he had few equals in the school, and his loss as a centre of attraction at the forthcoming sports will be severely felt. As an instance of his world-wide fame, we may state that he is the hero of one of the most interesting serials which are now appearing in the monthly magazines. From his modesty and unassuming personality one would never dream of the great character and perseverance which lie concealed within; but we are sure his numerous talents will find full scope for employment in whatever path of life he has chosen, and we all unite in hoping that he has a brilliant future before him.

This term the elements have been more propitious than is generally the case at this time of year. Though far from perfect from our point of view, all things considered, they might have been worse. Some of our matches at the beginning of the term had to be postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather, but all those which came off we managed to bring to a successful issue. The weather showed a remarkable power of always showing its worst qualities on the Saturdays, and although we may have had a comparatively fine week, the Saturday rarely failed to keep up its evil reputation. It goes without saying that the tempers, etc., of all are not improved by having to remain indoors on our much-needed holiday.

We are glad to learn that the Old Boys' Club, inaugurated about a year ago, continues to prosper. They held several very successful concerts and played some football matches; given a little time, they ought to be very successful in their games, as, if they pick the best talent available, they could form a first-rate team. By the time these notes appear in print, our match at Association with them will have taken place, and although, of course, we would like to win ourselves, still we wish them success.

Old Boys.

That the O.B.'s intend keeping themselves in evidence, will be seen from the following reports and correspondence :—

CRIEFF ACADEMICAL CLUB.

On Thursday, 7th January, a Club meeting was held in the Cabin Tea Rooms, Glasgow, Mr. Bain being in the chair. The meeting had been convened partly as a reunion, partly for improving the constitution, and it is pretty well agreed by all who were present that it very well fulfilled both objects. There were cigarettes, there were refreshments, there was music—all delightful, but the essence of that night's proceedings consisted in the lively and sportive treatment of the affairs of the Club. Of the motions passed as items of the constitution, all of which have been printed and circulated among the members by Mr. N. Macrae, the chief dealt with the arrangements for general meetings, sub-committees, and finance. Henceforth the annual business meeting will be held in Glasgow during January, when office-bearers will be elected, reports handed in, and a cash statement rendered by the Treasurer. This led to a resolution that subscriptions be every year paid before 31st December. *Cavete omnes!* A supper is to be held in July, the cricket match is to be for two days, while next season a dance is in prospect. Messrs Muir and A. Russell were appointed Honorary Auditors. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, and a little of what might be called "social," the meeting departed to its own vines and fig-trees.

The following letter from Mr. Muir appeals more particularly to O.B.'s :—

Glasgow, March 1904.

The Editor, "Morrisonian."

DEAR SIR,

I would like to put before the notice of the O.B.'s the claims of the section of the Club's work in which I am specially interested. As far as possible I have endeavoured to get hold of all those who took up athletics seriously in my time, but there must be many O.B.'s of an earlier and even later date whose claims I have unwittingly ignored. If any of these would care for an occasional game at football or cricket, by sending word to Macrae or myself, their names would be brought before the committee when the teams were picked. Of course it would only be an occasional game, as

a great many of our members play for other clubs, and cannot ignore their claims. Just now, at least, the idea of playing matches every Saturday seems out of the question.

The football season is too far through to enable us to play many more matches, but next season I hope to have a good few fixtures.

As regards cricket, there are two matches fixed at present, Crookston on 11th June, and Bute County on the 23rd July, and, of course, the annual O.B.'s match at Crieff. If there is a desire to get on more matches, other fixtures may be taken on. In conclusion, I should like to draw the attention of those leaving school to the claims of the Club, and its success will depend very much on the enthusiasm with which it is taken up by them, and the athletic section in particular will require the assistance of the younger and more energetic members of the Club.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

MORTON M. MUIR,

Convener of the Sports Sub-Committee.

OLD BOYS v. CLYDESDALE (SCRATCH).

(As it is the inaugurating game of a new regime, we give it fuller notice than will be hereafter possible.—ED.).

This match, the first one in Glasgow of the reconstituted Club, was played on Thursday, 10th April, in magnificent weather and before a good gate, in which the weaker sex predominated, induced no doubt by the report that Carl Small would turn out for the Academicals.

The Clydesdale team was a fairly strong one, comprising three of the 1st XV., the rest coming from the second and third. The Crieff Accies. team, however, being weakened by several withdrawals, had to start with twelve men and a sub. from the Clydesdale.

The ball was kicked off at 5.30 p.m. prompt by Ferguson, who, following up his kick, put the Accies. up before the match was half a minute old. The try was a lucky one, but credit must be given to Ferguson for the way in which it was gained. Croll scored easily. Elated at this early success, the Accies. pressed for a time, but could not score. In one of their breaks away, Gibson of the Clydesdale, after a fine run, ran in behind the posts. The kick was successful, and the points were now equal. At this stage Caldwell, who had been hunting the whole city for a missing bag, turned up and increased the Accies. to

fourteen. Half-time was called shortly after. The second half was fiercely contested for the first fifteen minutes, in which Russell and Croll both had hard lines in not scoring. After this, training and force of numbers told, and the "Dale" took the game in hand. They only managed to score once, the try appearing to be very doubtful, but the referee had no hesitation in granting it. An exceedingly fast and interesting game ended in a narrow win for the Clydesdale, 8 points to 5. The Accies. seemed out of practice, and failed to combine properly. At back Small played well, but seemed rather awed by the size of his opponents. The three-quarters individually played well, but failed to combine. Croll played perhaps the finest game of his life, and was undoubtedly the out-standing figure on the field. The halves were very good, Birrell playing an extremely fine game, while Weir was always in the midst of the fray. The forwards were fair, Ferguson being certainly the best, although Macrae, Napier, and Todd (the sub.) were also prominent. The referee gave every satisfaction, and came in for a great reception in the pavillion at the close.

Team—Back, C. Small (Partickhill); three-quarters, J. Russell (Clydesdale), J. M'Haffie (Craigielea), J. Croll, and H. M'Haffie (Clydesdale); halves, H. Birrell (Glasgow Accies.), and J. C. Weir; forwards, D. Ferguson (Partickhill), N. Macrae, and M. Muir (Clydesdale), R. Napier (Glasgow 'Varsity), H. Heys, H. Caldwell, and Todd (Clydesdale). Referee—O. M. Parker.

CONVENER.

The first annual Smoking Concert of the Crieff Academical Club was held on Friday, the 11th March, in the Corn Exchange Restaurant, Gordon Street, Glasgow.

In the absence of John J. Bell, Frank Heys took the chair. After intimating the regret of the former at his inability to be present, the chairman reminded us of the honour it was to count "J. J. B." amongst our number, and referred shortly to Bell's literary achievements.

The chairman expressed regret that neither of the guests of the evening—Messrs White and Bain—were able to attend, and intimated their apologies. He then recalled old school institutions and customs, and with many a touch of humour brought his remarks to a close.

The "business" of the evening was then proceeded with. There were between 40 and 50 present, and of these the following assisted us with songs, recitations, and music, to spend a very pleasant evening:—J. Russell, H. Caldwell, H. Heys, J. Weir, F. Heys, Penman, M'Intyre, and Holmes. And thus, with songs and tobacco, our first annual smoker was brought successfully to a close.

N. M.

Crawford and Sellars, who are on a sugar estate in the Straits Settlements, wrote a few weeks ago to the O.B. Club. £1 sterling accompanied their correspondence. No doubt the recipient considered their style a model of what O.B.'s letters should be.

The following explains itself, and shows that there is still dissatisfaction. Now there is no reason why there should be, and the only way to get rid of it is to have every grievance thoroughly discussed. The O.B.'s Club is a sentimental concern worked on business methods. Apparently all are not convinced on the last point:—

"The Back of Beyond."

To the Editor of "The Morrisonian."

DEAR SIR,

As a subscriber of several year's standing, I should like to accept your recent invitation to intrude somewhat on your space.

The small but enthusiastic colony of Morrisonian's out here were much interested in the news of the great revival meeting held at the beginning of the year in Glasgow, and were glad to know that their school fellows in the old country were at last waking up to the possibilities unlimited of the Crieff Academical Club.

There is one inveterate croaker amongst us who cast a wet blanket by insisting that such a meeting was not only irregular, but absolutely unconstitutional. Still it seems to me that its great success must be attributed to this very unconventionality and bold disregard of laws. How about Nelson?—

"He clapped his glass to his sightless eye,
And 'I'm damned if I see it,' he said."

Anyway we hear that this meeting has produced a Rugby match, an Association match, a smoker, and two cricket fixtures, not to speak of prospects of dances, dinners, etc., in the near future. Not too dusty for a meeting carried on under conditions which would have raised the hair on the bald pates of the dignified debaters of Gilmorehill!

In the midst of all these celebrations, we cannot but think that one thought at least has passed across the seas to the other and less fortunate O.B.'s in distant lands ; still we have not as yet received any recognition from our score of "dolts that can't or won't determine" how best to forge and maintain the link between Colonial Morrisonians and their old school.

They are only vague rumours which reach us in these parts of the Academy's doings, and it is the necessity of establishing a regular supply of school news which has decided us to demand the issue of "The Morrisonian" to all Colonial O.B.'s, or no subscription.

Many of us have paid our subscriptions so far, and I know that all the return I have had was a rather neat but entirely inadequate circular—price $\frac{1}{2}$ d, postage $\frac{1}{2}$ d ; total cost of supplying me with circular 1d, which leaves, as a little calculation will show, a net profit of $\frac{2}{5}$ in the Treasurer's pocket. Then allowing 1/- at the very outside as my share of the cost of the O.B. medal, there is a matter of $\frac{1}{5}$ left unaccounted for. Now, though I quite think that our officials should get a little in the way of "perks" for their arduous duties, still I draw the line at $\frac{1}{5}$ per member.

If it is the case that the balance is expended in the payment of extra expenses in connection with local "smokers," suppers, matches, etc., what we want to know is, where do we come in ?

You have kindly met us half way by offering to supply "The Morrisonian" at $\frac{1}{6}$ per annum post free, and we think that our request might readily be granted, if only our Secretary would draw on that immense calculating energy which years of cubes must have stored in his brain—possibly, by the way, he was one of those glass case individuals who never came in for cubes.

In conclusion, let me say, that there is no old boy more willing to further the Club's interests in this part of the world or less inclined to pay half-a-crown for a half-penny pamphlet than

Yours truly,

STONEY BROKE.

Dramatic Entertainment, 18th December, 1903.

ON the Saturday before the Christmas holidays a most enjoyable entertainment was given in the hall in aid of Quarrier's Homes. Under the able supervision of Mr. White and Mr. Turner, a Nigger Minstrel Troupe had been organised, which provided a varied and amusing programme of songs, choruses, gags, and the popular cake-walk, finishing up with a clever negro comedy, entitled "Revenge is Sweet." The curtain rose on a brilliant scene, the brilliant costumes of the corner-men showing up against the evening dress of

the other members of the company. The first item was a chorus, "Let the hills resound with song," in which the whole of the troupe took part. Several comic gags followed, which were greatly appreciated by the audience. A solo, "Come back to me," was excellently rendered by T. Caldwell, and the next chorus was warmly received by an audience which filled the hall. A solo, entitled "The Dandy Coloured Coon," by D. Robinson, brought the house down, the part of the over-dressed and stuck-up fop being too laughable for words. A couple of laughable gags were followed by a beautifully rendered solo by J. C. Smith, called the "Dear Little Shamrock," which was cheered to the echo. A comic interlude about a wheel-barrow was followed by a solo by F. Tait, entitled "Conundrums." This was an unqualified success, the audience being highly delighted with the fare provided for them. Another solo by A. B. Forbes, entitled "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," and a tastefully rendered finale, entitled "Good Night," ended the first half of a most enjoyable entertainment, and left the audience in the best of humours for the second half, in which the histrionic abilities of the actors were seen to great effect.

After the singing there was an interval, during which the preparations for a short sketch, entitled "Revenge is Sweet," were made. The following well-known figures made their appearance:—Paul i, Grey, Phelan (the fine), Johnstone, Graham ii, Kennedy, Tait i, and Robinson. Such a galaxy of artistes was sure to make the latter part of the programme a great success. This it certainly was. The opening scene represents two nigger boys heaving coal. They, after quarrelling about payment, start out for some mischief. Owing to their instability and fickleness of mind they make it their business to have their joke out of everybody. As it was a doctor's house where they were working, they have plenty of opportunity. First a poor old man troubled with gout is knocked down on pretence of help, and robbed. He is left kicking and squealing to the tender mercies of the aged doctor. The latter rushes out and belabours him with his club, under the impression that the patient is one of the impudent boys. All the patients are treated in the same way, and after various misunderstanding, the two boys conclude

the act with a very ingenuous plan. They capture the doctor's messenger boy and smear the pavement with butter and lard, call out fire, and wait results. Every one rushes out of the house and in a general scramble the curtain falls.

Tait i. and Robinson performed with great execution the parts of Joe and Jim, the two boys.

The doctor's part was rendered to perfection by James Grey, Esq.

Paul i. gives *very* naturally the impersonation of a drunk plumber. We hope he will never be in the condition he was that night.

Dinah—poor girl! In this part D. Graham excels himself. We are tempted to think it is a pity he was not a girl by nature. What a splendid one he would have made.

Phelan, in the nature of "Gouty," performs with great method the part that is by no means the easiest.

Johnstone very cleverly gives us the idea of an over-dressed dude. Poor chap! he appears to have a broken arm, heart, or something similar; we hope he won't long be afflicted.

PROGRAMME.

CHORUS—"Let the hills resound,"	...	...	...	...	.....
SONG—"Come back to me,"	..	..	..	..	T. C. CALDWELL
SONG—"The Dandy Coloured Coon,"	...	...	...	...	D. ROBINSON
SONG—"Massa's in de cold, cold ground,"	...	...	...	...	A. B. FORBES
SONG—"The dear little Shamrock,"	...	...	...	...	J. C. SMITH
SONG—"Conundrums,"	...	...	...	...	F. TAIT
CHORUS—"Good-Night,"	..	..	..	..	.....

"REVENGE IS SWEET."

Sambo,	...	...	...	...	...	D. ROBINSON
Bimbo,	...	...	...	...	...	F. TAIT
Dr. Doseum,	...	...	...	...	...	J. GRAY
Old Gouty,	...	...	...	...	...	F. PHELAN
Dinah,	..	..	..	..	..	D. GRAHAM
The Plumber,	...	...	...	...	...	H. PAUL
Dr. Doseum's Son,	...	...	...	...	...	D. KENNEDY
Algernon,	..	..	..	..	..	W. JOHNSTON

"God Save the King."

A short speech was given by our very able interlocutor, Mr. F. Phelan, and a collection was taken by two of the performers at the door on retiring. The contributions given were highly gratifying to the performers, nine pounds being received.

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Football Among the Day Boys.

A MEETING having been held at the beginning of last session, the Club was re-organised, and another subscription improved financial matters considerably. The team has improved to a certain extent these last few months, and a few matches were played. Most of these were against the Guild, their old opponents, who on each occasion proved more than the day boys' match. The score had usually a balance of 4 or 5 goals on the Guild's side, but as they had a team much superior in weight, nothing different could be expected. The school team gave them a good game each time, and played hard against the expected defeat.

This year the day boys and boarders have played together on the knoll behind the school, and so a match was got up and played there, resulting in a victory for the boarders of 2-1, Robertson (centre) shooting the goal for the day boys. In the return match, also played on the school ground, the difference was more greatly marked, the score being 4-0, the day boys failing to score this time. Paul played very effectively for the boarders, and gave the other team little chance of victory. A second XI. was chosen to oppose a 2nd XI. of the boarders. Through the smartness of Jamieson 1 and 2, the boarders

won with 3 goals to 2. Baker and Stalker showed their method of play to good advantage. In the return game with Sinclair (centre), Baker (centre half), and some small changes in the positions of the players, the day boys proved victors by 6 goals to 3. The boarders played well, and though their rushes at the day boys' goal were futile, still it showed they did not lose pluck in the face of defeat.

Looked at all round, the present position of the day boys in football shows a return to former traditions. It would be well if we could look for a return to a true spirit of sport. Soccer is cursed by the inability of backers of one team to see any merit in another, and if the day boys can with the improvements in their play help towards the improvement of the sense of fairness among country spectators, then they will leave school with something to show in the way of real education.

Soccer.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY *v.* DUNNING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Played at Crieff in terrible weather. The ground was almost unplayable, having nearly three inches of mud on it. The Academy had the best of the game all through. They played as good a game as could be expected on such a day. Paul played a very good game, scoring 6 goals.

Result—8-1 for the Academy.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY *v.* CRIEFF S. U. F. CHURCH GUILD.

Played at Crieff on the Guild ground. It was also a very bad day, the second half of the game being played in a semi-snowstorm. It wasn't much of a game, but both sides played pretty hard. Paul, as usual, played well, scoring 2 goals; Hepburn scored 1.

Result—3-0 for the Academy.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY *v.* DUNNING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Played at Dunning on rather rough ground. The play was in the Academy's hands nearly all the game. Though Dunning had a much better team than they had at Crieff, they only managed to get 1 goal against us. Paul didn't seem to be himself, only scoring 1 goal. Graham ii., after a smart little spurt, put in a good goal. Bell also had a good goal from far out.

Result—3-1 for the Academy.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY—BOARDERS *v.* DAY BOYS.

Played at Crieff amid great enthusiasm. Both sides played very well, though the Boarders had, if anything, the advantage. Paul got 2 goals this time. Robertson, for the Day Boys, got 1.

Result—3-2 for the Boarders.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY *v.* CRIEFF S. U. F. CHURCH GUILD.

Played on our own ground on a very fine afternoon. This was a very hard game, for the Academy at least. Though the Guild had some good players, they couldn't get through Strathairn's strong defence. Our forwards played a rare combination game, Durkey helping Paul this time by 1 goal.

Result—2-0 for the Academy.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY—BOARDERS *v.* DAY BOYS.

Played on our own ground with all expectations of a keen tussle. The Day Boys had two or three changes, two of Comrie's 1st XI. in it. Though Sidey, for the Day Boys, was expected to do great things, they never came. He couldn't afford much against Paul. This was the best game of the season.

Result—4-2 for the Boarders.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY P.P.'s *v.* OLD BOYS.

APRIL 4th, 1904.

Played at Crieff on rather a windy afternoon. Although there were all expectations of a very bad ground, owing to three days'

dreadful rain, the ground was very good. The P.P.'s came away with a grand start, the result at half-time being 2-1 for P.P.'s; but their defence was too weak against the splendid combination of the Old Boys. Though two of the Old Boys' goals were decidedly doubtful, they had a fair win. Sidey at back played a grand game for the P.P.'s. The P.P.'s all fell off a lot in the second half, their defence being left standing by the tricky play of an exceedingly clever line—Smith, Caldwell, Russell, H. Strathairn, and Bell—of forwards, each of them an artist in his way. Latterly they simply romped through the opposition. For the P.P.'s all the honours fall to Paul and Sidey, though M'Rorie, M'Naughton, Graham, and Tait all worked like hatters.. Paul scored 2 of the P.P.'s goals, while Sidey had 1. Russell for the Old Boys scored 3 goals.

Result—6-3 for the Old Boys.

The Boarders' 2nd XI. played a dashing game against the Day Boys' 2nd., though they were beaten by 6-3 for the Day Boys.

This has been a very successful football season as regards matches, but the weather has been very wretched. The week-days, funnily enough, have been fairly good, but, with a very few exceptions, the Saturdays have been wretched.

It is rather a good idea, having rugby the first term and football the second, but we hope next session to have more rugby matches than we have had this. If we could have all the rugby matches in the first term, and then the football ones in the second, it would be a great improvement. This cuts both ways; it leaves the pitch in good order for cricket, and it is a pleasant variety, for we know we can't get many rugby matches on. We can, besides, have an Old Boys' match both in rugby and in football, besides cricket.

This is no complaint about the games, but merely a suggestion. I think we have had a very good season indeed, and I am sure everyone is of the same opinion as myself.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Morrison's Academy may indeed be proud of having such a chap as J. Russell as an Old Boy. If all the boys who leave

school would show such a good example as Johnnie has, as regards rugby, the school would have something to say for the Old Boys besides mere intellectual talent. N. Macrae, also, has stood out well in Clydesdale.

This is the first time any of our Old Boys have come before our eyes in the sporting world; may it not be the last. Many boys have played splendidly for the school, but when they leave us they are lost to us altogether. We know many haven't the same opportunities, but there is no reason why others haven't. Our Old Boys' Club, I hope, is the commencement of a Morrisonian Football and Cricket Club. Other schools have an Old Boys' Sports Club; why not ours? Russell and Macrae have made a good start for this, and I hope that in years to come the increasing number of Old Boys will only serve to strengthen and promote this idea.

Athletic Sports.

At a general meeting held in the Hall on March 28th—the Rector presiding—it was decided that the Sports should be held on Saturday, May 7th.

The Secretaries were requested to write to friends of the School inviting them to subscribe to Prize Fund, and it was also decided that the entry fee shall be 2/6 for the whole of events.

The following were elected Committee, with power to handicap:—Paul ma., Graham ma., Tait ma., Forbes, Murray, Baker, and Hector. After a discussion as to the number of events and the handicaps in the same, it was settled that these points should be left open until entries were closed.

It is earnestly hoped that ALL will do their best to make Sports' Day a success, such as it has been in the past. This can be done in various ways, but perhaps the most important are—courtesy to friends and strangers who patronise our sports, and good honest competition in the different events, no walk-overs, but plenty of competitors and close finishes.

An Old Boys' Mile Race will be included in the programme. The Secretaries for this year are E. J. White and F. Phelan.

Cricket.

A MEETING of the Cricket Club was held in the Hall on April 5th. The Secretary gave a short account of last year's successes and failures, and mentioned that Gouldin, our prof. for the last two years, had been again engaged.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his generosity in providing an expensive professional for us. We should like to impress upon boys the necessity of following the prof.'s advice, if any improvement is to be made in our cricket, and there is ample room for improvement, as we are all aware. Last season our fielding was decidedly weak. This will never do. If we cannot make runs very freely, everybody can become a decent field by practice. Most of the teams we met last year are again fixed for home and home matches. We go to Edinburgh this season to meet the Royal High School, but next year they come to us.

The officials of this coming cricket season are :—

President—The Rector.
 Captain—H. M'D. Paul.
 Hon. Secretary—Mr. E. J. White.
 Committee—Graham i., Phelan, Tait, Forbes, Watt.
 Prof.—Gouldin (Notts.).
 2nd XI. Captain—W. M'Donald.

With great expense we have been able to get a 4th XI. professional. The Rector has very willingly filled this post.

Date.	Club.	1st XI.	Ground.
May 7	Sports, ...	...	Crieff.
" 14	Captain v. Secretary, ...	...	do.
" 21	Glenalmond, ...	...	do.
" 28	Stanley House, ...	...	do.
June 4	Nondescripts, ...	...	do.
" 11	Dunblane, ...	...	do.
" 18	Cambuslang, ...	...	do.
" 25	Glenalmond, ...	...	Glenalmond.
July 2	Stanley House, ...	...	Bridge of Allan.
" 6	Mr. M'Glynn's XI., ...	...	Crieff.
" 9	Royal High School, ...	...	Edinburgh.
" 16	Dunblane, ...	...	Dunblane.
" 23	Mr. E. J. White's XI., ...	...	Crieff.
" 27-28	Old Boys, ...	...	do.
2nd XI.			
May 21	Kelvingrove House, ...	...	Bridge of Allan.
" 28	Stanley House, ...	...	do.
June 4	Kelvingrove House, ...	...	Crieff.
July 2	Stanley House, ...	...	do.
" 16	2nd XI. v. XVI. of 3rd, ...	...	do.
3rd XI.			
May 28	Stanley House,	Bridge of Allan.
July 9	Do.	Crieff.
" 16	XVI. of 3rd. v. 2nd XI.,	do.

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