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## Editorial.

BEFORE EASTER.

WE live in strenuous times. To-day is the 7th of April, and spring is on her very best behaviour. The hilltops are white with snow, but the sky is a perfect blue, and the sun is shining as if it were midsummer. Picture Strathearn at its best. Oh, ye Old Boys, who, in offices in town in more or less dingy streets, are busy pouring over cash-book or ledger, don't you wish you were

here? If you do, kindly look at the other side of the question. Next door the fifth and sixth are racking their brains over the Leaving Certificate papers in English. The Lower is a very "decent" paper as things go, but I am confident that one or two are sweating big drops of sweat as I write, and are wondering in whose reign George III. lived, or what colony Britain lost during the American War of Independence!

Old times are changed. The spring term is packed with work from holiday to holiday, and where once we were quietly looking forward to Easter, a rest, and then two months' labour, now-a-days we are up to the ears in examination papers all through the spring months. To-day it has all come to a head, and for the next fortnight the daily agony will continue. One consolation is left: by the time this is being read it will be all over, though for many of us the holidays will be partially spoiled by the memory of some blazing indiscretion, or something stupid beyond all words, perpetrated in one paper or another.

Can you wonder if at times one and all of us have but one wish—to slip off all our civilisation, withdraw ourselves into some secluded corner of the universe, and there, under our own vine and our own fig tree, forget that ever there were such things as examination papers? It seems so fine to think of a quiet glade in a forest, a river running past, a banana patch, all history, all geography, all events of any kind forgotten, the past obliterated, the future non-existent, and only the present before us moving to the sound of slumbering waters, with nothing to break the silence except a light footstep in the forest behind you, as your tribal enemy slips out and splits your skull with his stone axe. It looks pretty rough either way. Probably the exams. are the easier after all.

## House Notes.

WE are doubly indebted to Mr Turner for the excellent entertainments which he provided for us this term. No one, we are sure, could have been present without enjoying himself immensely, and we here express gratitude on behalf of all who were present at the entertainments.

In view of the coming sports, we have had several runs this term. The weather in 1906 at the time of the sports was most disappointing, so we ask all readers to implore the weather clerk for better weather.

The first XV. and camp followers had the good fortune to get to Edinburgh to see the Rugby International. It was a most enjoyable game, and a novel experience to most of us. The cable cars called for some adverse criticism from the Glaswegians.

The DISAPPEARING TRICK.—The "boss" of the "green doss" had occasion to threaten a rebellious subject the other morning for refusing to get up. The summons went unheeded, and the "boss" went round to the offender's bed preparatory to inflicting torture. The occupant of the bed had evidently drawn the clothes well over his head, but the "boss" soon uncovered—a pillow.

The ever-famous Mephistopheles seems to have lost interest in the story-telling art. I am sure he might give us a short story some night, as there is no excitement just now. His black-cat stories used to be greatly in vogue, and we are hoping for some "hair-raisers" next term.

They meant to have a grub feast, and prepared The eatables, and well they would have fared, Had not some hungry wolves with greedy eye Spread out the rolls, the sweetmeats, cake and pie, And fruit, and bacon, raw, the stuff to fry. Alas! it was too late to hide away The viards fine. A voice was heard to say, "What have we here, I wonder; let me see." And all the "grub" was up the apple tree. "Twas after midnight when the wailing ceased, Because the "wee doss" lost its mighty feast.

A football he had never seen, When first he left his island home, His home, which lies amidst the foam Of wide Atlantic, rough and green.

It did not take him many days To learn position, rules, and tricks, And soon he could return the kicks, And trip men up in artful ways.

A year of practice made his play Superb enough for M. A. O. He never was an absentee, This season on a Saturday.

And thus it chanced by lucky hap, That perseverance gained its end; And now we see our Islay friend, His head adorned with football cap.

We have received an alleged poem called a "Contrast." It is a house note. It concerns two boys, the one, "very prim and fast, the other has red hair."

"B" isn't well, but is an awful swell:
"M" is said to be crazy and very, very lazy. B's age is unknown; M. craws boats on every page of his books—surely a remarkable point of difference. Finally

In Prep. at night B——
Will sit and do his work,
But M——, he will cut away,
And make a model bulwark.

A very beautiful effort at rhyme.

Place-kicking has received more attention than usual this term. The front door has been a favourite place for practice. Unfortunately, the boisterous winds have played havoc with even the

most "perfectly straight" balls, and the glazier has had to be called on to repair the sanctum.

It is reported that the cutting implements of the local tonsorial artist have been ruined in the cutting of someone's hair. Dubbin and black soap (reported to be missing in enormous quantities) are blamed for the turned edges.

'Twas as bennie a roll in the morning
As ever schoolboy saw,
But it vanished without warning
When on it pounced "the law."

And the tricksy member of the Fourth looked sad as he saw it disappear.

He holds them with his eloquent tongue, "There was a ship," quoth he.
"Hold off! unhand me, Clydeside lcon!" Eftsoons his hand dropt he.

He holds him with his Greenock eye, That had seen the Tail of the Bank Curl gently lie a little pig's, And the heart of the listener sank.

"I had a ship," quoth he again,
"That ship was made by me,
Riveted, stanchioned keeled, and caulked,
To sail upon the sea.

Wild raged the storm, strange things took place,
Grim horrors thrilled the night,"
The listeners hid their heads beneath
The blankets in their fright.
(To be continued.)

The notorious Barrell and his band have been making the tribe of bathers run the gauntlet of late. Armed with various cold instruments they waylay the defenceless ones, who only find safety in the bath itself.

The namesake of a great poet has sent in a limerick. Unfortunately it is not good enough to praise or bad enough to laugh at.

### Form Notes.

PREPS AND FIRST FORM.

According to one prep. the feminine of dog is cat.

We are informed that a Boys' Brigade has been started within the last few weeks. It has held several meetings, but the last came to a sudden conclusion through somebody trying to play the anarchist. How? With bombshells? No; eggs of an advanced type.

#### FORM II.

The other day a big, braw Highland lad, from far west of Crieff, was looking at a picture. The lad was impressed. He pondered, he thought, and at last found utterance—"These two generals are fine horses."

WEATHER REPORT.—For the past week or two it has been very close and open, and in some places where there has been no rain it has been found to be dry. The weather, however, shows signs of improvement, for only last week we had a heavy rainfall and brilliant sun, while the glass has fallen so low that it cannot go further without breaking.

ADVT.—"Lost, Stolen, or Strayed, several Brain-Boxes, belonging to members of this Form. Finder please return them at once as it is raining minuses on the owners."

Master—What is the colour of your eyes?

Boy (in French)—They are not black at present.

One of us intends to become a professional singer if he can find a stage broad enough to accommodate him.

#### SECOND CLASS YARNS.

(1) While a crowd was gathered on the market place a man began crying—
"How much for a shilling?"

Immediately a great many people began bidding. A small boy said he would give 11d for it. "All right," said the man, "hand it over."

"Take it from the shilling," said the boy, "and hand me over the change."

(2) A man came home very excitedly and said to his wife—"A great strike is going to take place at midnight, in which thousands of hands all over the country will be engaged."

"Oh; a great strike! About what?"
"About midnight." (See the joke?)

Father—"Well, Tommy, have you got rid of the cat as I told you?"

Tommy—"Yes, father." Father—"Quite sure?" Tommy—"Oh, yes."

Father—" Well, here's the sixpence I promised you. What did you do with it?"

Tommy—"I gave it to Willie Brown, and he gave me two kittens for it!"

Master—" What is the plural of foot-man?"

Boy—" Feetmens." (General uproar.)

#### FORM III.

Do you remember O'Shlosherty? He turns up this week in a "poem."

Captain O'Shlosherty bold
Set sail for the regions of cold,
But when he got there,
He got stuck in the air,
But down from the summit he rolled.

The next verse is very irregular, but the author shows a true sense of swing, so we print it to encourage poetry.

He rode upon a mammoth for thirty miles or more, He woke it from its winter sleep and jumped upon

its head,

Hurrah for O'Shlosherty bold.
Persevere. The above is rubbish, but many a wiser man could not get that swing though he tried all his life.

T.—" I was at a fancy dress ball last night."

S.—"Oh! How were you dressed?"

T.—" As a clown."

S.—" How appropriate!"

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Is it to be wondered if Swan & Co. are soon on the bankruptcy list? Pity they had not added—"Intending suicides immediately attended to."

It is strange the fascination slang has for boys. Just as boys in certain classes of society always swear when they come together, so others invent their own slang and show how swagger they are by fearful threats. The following fragments of dialogue were overheard lately after school by a person standing near an open window.

"Here, are you looking for a thick

ear?"

"Shut up, or you'll get a dot on the boke."

"Don't you do it again, then, or you'll run up against trouble."

"Hand over my book, or I will confer

upon you the order of the boot."

"Do you want my private crest?"
"What's that?" "Two black eyes, sable, and a thick ear rampant."

Remember, this was not overheard outside a lunatic asylum. At the same time we give no guarantee for the sanity of those concerned.

"What is an idiom?"

"Oh, he's a friend of mine." (Evidently he confused the word with "idiot.")

"If a boy should pull your collar Or leave your hair unkempt, Don't hit him with your martial fist, But treat him with contempt.

If a boy should cave your head in, From ill feelings keep exempt, All thoughts of vengeance pray resist And treat him with contempt."

Third Form conundrum to the School
—"Where is the River Tip-toe"?

"The Father of the Form is bossing all the boys at football just now," writes a correspondent.

Who is Professor Billy?

What is a zebra? A donkey in a football sweater. (We have quite a menagerie at that rate.)

Golf is of all games the most annoying. At one time one may do 18 holes in 90, at another in 120. Some get more annoyed than others, lose control of their temper, and begin to run amuck with their tempers. It is proposed to affix red cards marked "dangerous" to all such. (Does this refer to Jock or Frankie?)

The civil engineer glanced along the gym. ladder and measured with his eagle eye the distance his brawny right arm would reach. "Six or seven"? he soliloquised. While still undecided he swung forth into the air and missed the first one. He looked pained as he sat on the floor.

The quarrel between the Peeweets and the Red Rovers has collapsed. Charges of cowardice are brought

against the Rovers by Moscordino, the celebrated Chief of the Knoll. He says that the R.R.'s are a "lot of beauties." The Peeweets are not that anyhow. A great gathering of the R.R.'s was recently held in Sarah's. All the members were present (as you might expect), and speeches and lemonade fired the souls of the gallant band. Nothing short of death was vowed against the P.W.'s, but so far no casualties are reported. Some of the R.R.'s are said to have suffered from the lemonade, but there is no confirmation of the rumour.

#### FORM IV .-

Brush work has lately taken the fancy of one of the artists of the Fourth, but the brush was a duster and the work was done up the "chimnie," as as our contributor spells it.

"Large crops of wool are grown in Yorkshire." There are crops as big in the Form of Forms, but the barber

cuts them.

"I saw five drops of water going over the dam down the Earn."

"How far are you from the river?"

"About a mile."

(From "Experiences in Natural History," by a Boy with a Telescopic Eye.)

The Window-Smasher broke his third this term the other day. We believe he is making a collection of the fragments. The W.S. has made quite a hit in this line. He is having quite a little game of Fives all to himself.

The "Real Article" has played havoc with the ranks of the Fourth this term. For weeks the class was only a skeleton, but how good it was. All the naughty boys were living far away in the woods, under the leadership of Robin of the Fifth.

#### Burns Concert.

WE had a very enjoyable Burns concert on Saturday evening, the 25th of January. There was a silver collection at the door in aid of Quarrier's Homes, and, considering the very small audience, a very fair sum was raised. There were a good many items on the programme, and a goodly number of artistes gave their services. Miss Scott sang "Afton Water" and "John Hielandman," and Miss Stewart sang "John Anderson, my Jo" and "The Birks of Aberfeldy"; while as a duet the two ladies rendered "O! wert thou in the cauld blast." Calderwood sang "There was a lad was born in Kyle," for which he was heartily recalled, and recited "A man's a man for a that." Galloway recited "To a field mouse," and Dow sang "Duncan Gray" and recited "Scots wha hae"; while Mr Turner's gramaphone rendered "Go fetch to me a pint of wine." The orchestra played several selections of Scotch music. At the end of the concert the Chairman, Mr Wright, asked for a hearty vote of thanks to be given to the artistes, which was readily complied with.

## Things Seen.

THE Fourth has this term been trying to use its eyes,—with varying success, for it is one of the penalties of civilisation and book knowledge that the most of us fail to distinguish between seeing an object and guessing what it is from its appearance. At

present we are all convinced we can see objects a couple of miles off while the most of us are absolutely blind to what is at our feet. It is the same with sounds. Very few men are sufficiently alert of ear to notice the oddities of speech of their own county. Glasgow smiles at the East Country lilt, and Edinburgh finds the Glasgow accent vulgar. Neither hears itself, so that each has apparently something to be thankful for. Meanwhile the more energetic of the Fourth are really beginning to see, and we fancy that the following extracts from some of their diaries will prove of general interest.

From Diary No. 1 we quote:—
March 1.—Learned how to knit.

., 5.—Found that I could not draw a cow's head.

6.—Found that Aberdeen was only
23 nautical miles further than
Leith from London.

,, 8.—Banana skins are good for shining boots.

, 10.—Hard hair is the easiest cut.

" 11.—The Robin is one of the first birds to lay.

" 12.—Found some hard baked mud up on the Knock and underneath were columns of crystallike ice about an inch in length.

,, 13.—Soap won't dissolve in salt water. ,, 17.—Found how beautiful moss is,

and that it contains many colours.

April 4.—Saw 150,000 people at once.

No. 2's record reads thus. (Here there is not so much nature observation).

Feb. 24.—While at footer saw a bird struggling against the wind about the height of the flagstaff. Sun went down like a red-hot iron ball.

March 2.—The snow has been so blown about that it is only lying near hedges and walls.

4.—3.30 P.M. A cloud right along the horizon has cut off the

top of Turleum.

,, 10.—Saw a raindrop run down a slanting piece of wire

, 13.—The holes at the top of low walls to put iron fences in are afterwards filled with lead.

" 21.—A piece of paper rolled up and held to the ear makes the same noise of the sea as a shell.

" 23.—Learned that there is a blind spot in every eye.

April 6.—The compass needle does not point due north, but is deflected approximately 18 degrees.

No. 3 is very interesting, and we feel sure that if its writer keeps up the habit he will find in it an endless source of pleasure. From Feb. 20th onwards it contains many delightful observations of sky, but even the simplest records of outdoor life never fail to interest.

Feb. 24.—Extremely powerful S.W. wind blowing. Saw the smoke from a chimney blowing along parallel to the ground. This was at Duff's stables. At the same time I saw the smoke from a Hydro, chimney rising straight up.

" 28.—Saw curious shapes in the snow, made by the wind (apparently), shaped like huge V.'s.

March 2.—Looking from windows of the Winter Gardens of the Hydro.

I saw what looked liked the sea on a bad day.

" 3.—Saw a bat flying about in front of the School at dinner-time.

It disappeared against the

side of the building, up a rhone pipe, I think.

,, 6.-Saw the sun burst through a thick crowd at about 4.30.

It was extremely brilliant to look at.

" 9.—Saw a box-like kite soaring up, by bounds, into the sky.

" 11.—Burning whins give off a slateblue smoke.

" 14.—Saw a small girl counting "sun rain; sun rain" on a small

knotted twig.

" 17.—I flung a bit of paper behind me and thought nothing more about it. On looking a few minutes later, I found it stuck firmly by the corner in the wall border.

found the leaves all tightly pressed together and coming together at the top.

, 21.—Saw the first lambs of the year

from the train.

" 22.—Saw that a gas mantle was flexible. Always thought they were brittle. They are flexible only before being burnt.

", 23.—Found a bit of wood serrated as by teeth. The work of a

rabbit.

No. 4.

Feb. 21.—Saw a rainbow with double reflection. (?Double rainbow.)
,, 22.—Elephants' tusks are hollow.

" 23.—Saw two pennies, one with Queen's head facing the left, the other with the King's head facing the right.

" 29.—Left a piece of yellow soap in water all night and in the morning it was snow white.

March 4. -Buds are appearing on the trees and hedges.

" 4.—Found that an egg-shell can be used as a gas mantle.

5.—A hammer can balance on the fork end of the head.

" 6.—Saw a cloud exactly the shape of England, only Wales was too far north.

No. 5 has kept his eyes very wide awake for a month or more, and makes quite a big contribution to our stock of knowledge. It might almost be printed as it stands but for the demand on space.

Feb. 29.—A hare cannot see straight in front. If turned it runs into the dog.

March 2.—A pheasant roused from roosting whirls round for about a quarter of a minute as if to gather its wits.

3.—A young pigeon's beak is quite

soft.

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, 4.—Saw a blackbird at Bennybeg with a white head and white tail.

5.—There are three barks on the sycamore tree.

" 12.—Saw a cloud similar in shape to Great Britain.

" 13.—Two birds flew against me from behind a shrubbery.

14.—Inside of a walnut branch is like a honeycomb (i.e., in cells).

" 15.—There is a horse's hoof printed on the scar left by an old leaf on a horse-chestnut tree.

on all [? other] trees.

" 21.—Companies of six birds fly over Bennybeg Smiddy every evening about 6,

,, 23.—A deer's nose is black. 26.

—You must stroke a deer's face up.

" 27.—Noticed that some hen's eggs with a black spot on the top of each, which we set under a hen on Monday, had all the black spots under next day, which proves that the hen must have turned them.

April 2.—A grazing sheep often goes down on its fore knees.

" 3.—Saw 3 lambs running abreast down a slope to their mothers. It resembled a whippet race.

, 6.—To-night a lamb walked straight up to me and allowed me to

stroke it.

Many of the longer or purely descriptive entries we have been obliged to omit, as also the illustrations which occasionally supply the lack of vocabulary. But such as it is, it is very promising, and we should like all to take part in the "game."

## Football.

## MORRISON'S ACADEMY IST XV. V. STANLEY HOUSE IST XV.

WE commenced our matches of 1908 by going to Bridge of Allan to play the return fixture with Stanley House. There were very heavy rain and gales during the week, but on Saturday the weather befriended us, for it turned out a beautiful day, though, perhaps, just rather hot for playing rugger. Losing the toss, we started with the sun in our faces, and soon found that the Stanley backs were too good for us, for before twenty minutes had passed they had scored 4 tries, and although we bucked up after, we were 12 points down until near the interval, when Galloway got across after some passing among our threes. The kick at goal failed, and we crossed over with the score 12 points

to 3, and the sun at our backs. Stanley House re-started, but our forwards were going "great guns" now, and we pressed from the beginning. From a scrum in Stanley's 25 we shoved their forwards over and secured the touch-down. With a good kick Galloway converted this try. The centre-kick did not bring much relief, because we were soon forcing our way back to their 25, where we kept play for a long time, until after some loose play Menzies got the ball and crossed the line for our third try, which was unconverted. The score was now 12-11 points, and it became a strenuous game after this, Stanley House trying to increase their lead and Morrison's trying to add to their score. When near centre Stanley House were awarded a free-kick, which was kicked across their three-quarter line, and after some passing they crossed our line for their fifth unconverted try. There was no more scoring, and a good game ended—Stanley House, 5 tries (15 points); Morrison's Academy, 1 goal 2 tries (11 points).

Team:—W. D. Thom; W. Harvey, J. A. Galloway, J. D. Hossack, W. M. Biggart; T. C. Caldwell, G. F. Twelves; R. Menzies, D. A. D. Kennedy, J. Craig, A. S. Biggart, P. Watson, A. Murrie, N. B. Laughton, and

J. Hart.

# MORRISON'S ACADEMY 1ST XV, V. DANIEL STEWART'S COLLEGE 1ST XV.

We travelled to Inverleith, Edinburgh, on March 2)st, with a very scratch team to play this match, having only ten of our regular team available. We lost the toss, and started with the sun in our faces. We could hold our opponents pretty well forward, but behind the scrum they held a great advantage, and were not long in showing this. Their threes were speedy, and combined and passed well, and at half-time

the score was I goal, I penalty goal, 3 tries

(16 points) to nil.

In the second half we did better. Our forwards tried hard to force their forwards back, but theirs were backed up by a good defence, so we made very little impression, but did our best to work our way along the touch line. Running was very difficult, as the pitch was extremely wet and muddy. They scored three unconverted tries this half, the score at full time standing at 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, and 6 tries (26 points) to nothing. We were very unlucky in having so many of our regular team off, and with the absentees would have made a good game of it.

Team—W. D. Thom; A. G. Galloway, L. R. Bull, J. D. Hossack, T. C. Caldwell; W. M. Biggart, D. Forbes; R. Menzies, J. Craig, A. S. Biggart, W. B. Laughton, P. Watson, J. Hart, F. Burns, and C. R. J.

Kirsop.

Little need be said of our other matches, which, on account of bad weather, inability to raise teams, or some other cause, have all been put off.

The following boys obtained their caps this season:—Galloway, Caldwell, Thom,

and Laughton.

The following is our record:

Played Won Lost Drawn
8 2 5 1

Points for. Points against.

Goals. Tries. Points. Goals. Tries. Points.
5 14 67 5 28 106

## Character of the XV., 1908.

THOM (Back)—Has the making of a class

back, tackles very safely, but rather weak in finding touch. Must practise sprinting.

GALLOWAY (Three-Quarter)—A player of moods. Occasionally quite brilliant, runs and kicks well, but on the whole has a poor idea of the back game.

CALDWELL I. (Three-Quarter)—Has greatly improved in all departments of the game. Rather a poor kick, and is still inclined to

go high for his man.

HOSSACK (Three-Quarter)—Will make a very sound player by continual practice. Tackles weakly, and too high. A nice kick, but rather slow.

HARVEY (Three-Quarter)—A very steady three. An excellent punt, and has improved

immensely in tackling; fairly fast.

BIGGART I. (Half)—Has made a very good captain of rather a scratchy team. Can play in any position, but best forward. Very keen, and should certainly stick to the forwards when he leaves school. Expect to hear more of him.

Twelves (Half)—Rather small, but very plucky. Tackles well, but should use his feet more. Must practise punting.

MENZIES—An excellent forward. Pretty fast, and a very good tackler, but rather weak in dribbling; excellent in the line out.

BIGGART II.—Has made a marked improvement in last year's play. Dribbles in good style, and tackles very firmly, but is a very poor punt and drop. Should be able to lead the School XV, in a short time.

Kennedy—Another excellent forward. A good tackler and dribbler, but cannot punt or drop. A good scrum worker, and

does not shirk in the least.

CRAIG—A good old-fashioned mauler; rather slow, but certain tackler. Poor kick, should practise more.

MURRIE—On the light side, but works very hard, and tackles in good style. Another poor kick, but is fairly fast and will certainly improve.

LAUGHTON-Rather slow, works very

hard in the maul, but has a poor idea of dribbling; must practise.

HART—Fairly good on the line out, but is very slow. Tackles fairly, but must im-

prove in kicking.

WATSON-Not very sound in tackling, but knows how to use his feet, slow; should practise sprinting.

## Morrison's Academy Athletic Sports.

SATURDAY, 9TH MAY, 1908.

I. High Jump-Junior (under 5 feet).

2. High Jump-Intermediate (under 5 feet 4 inches).

3. Throwing the Cricket Ball.

4. High Jump-Senior.

5. 200 Yards Handicap (under 15).

6. Hurdle Race.

7. Sack Race over Hurdles.

8. Preparatory Race—100 Yds. Handicap.

9. Old Boys' Race—Mile Handicap.

10. Long Jump (Open). 11. Egg-and-Spoon Race.

12. 100 Yards Scratch. 13. Three-Legged Race.

14. 1 Mile Handicap. 15. Sack Race (Open).

16. Quarter-Mile Handicap (under 15).

17. 100 Yards (Senior Handicap).

18. Half-Mile Handicap.

19. Long Jump (under 5 feet 1 in.).

20. Old Boys' Race—10c Yards Handicap.

21. Obstacle Race.

22 Junior Steeplechase—Handicap (under

23. Senior Steeplechase—Scratch.

24. 100 Yards Handicap (under 15).

## Cricket Fixtures, 1908.

IST ELEVEN. CAPTAIN, W. SCOTT.

VICE-CAPTAIN, D. A. D. KENNEDY. PROFESSIONAL, RUSHWORTH (Lancashire).

	FIXTURE.	
May 9	Athletic Sports,	.Academy Park.
16	Glenalmond 2nd,	Glenalmond.
,, 23]	Kelvinside Academy,	.Academy Park.
30	Stanley House,	Academy Park.
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## Gibraltar.

DEAR MR EDITOR,

It has been my fortune to spend a day at Gibraltar, and this has made me resolve to discharge a debt of long standing to the Morrisonian. What the train of association is that has led to this resolve I cannot tell, unless that the passage through "The Pillars of Hercules" awakened old memories of Fabulae Faciles (do they still use Fab. Fac. at the Academy, Mr

Editor?), and so penetrated even to the hardened conscience of an O.B.

It is a memorable experience to enter the Mediterranean for the first time by this classic gateway. One leaves the modern world behind, while in front lies the whole scroll of ancient history for him who has eyes to read it. I found myself thinking of those bold Egyptian sailors who set out from the Red Sea, and for two years sailed round Africa, landing in autumn to sow and reap a hastily ripened harvest. They said—though this Herodotus, who tells the story, cannot believe—that for a time the sun was on their right hand (the north) as they sailed. One can imagine their joy when in the third year they came to the "Pillars of Hercules," and so returned home, and though their names were forgotten two thousand years ago, yet their fame deserves to live with that of Columbus and Cabot.

But as we left Cape Trafalgar in the evening sunlight, rounded the Red light on the southernmost point of Europe, at Tarifa, and swept slowly into the harbour of Gibraltar to the left, thoughts of a more modern time came into our minds, and we remembered Browning's lines written here, and their final question:—

"Here and here hath England helped me, How can I help England, say?"

When we entered it was too dark to see the great form of the Rock itself, but many lights told us of the presence of the long narrow town clinging to its base, and nearer to where we anchored we caught sight of the brighter lights of the Atlantic Squadron.

Next morning we lost no time in going ashore and making our way to

the office of the Military Secretary to the Governor, where we produced our passports to show that we were British subjects, and received a pass to visit the Upper and Lower Galleries. These galleries are cut out of the solid limestone rock, with openings at intervals for cannon. Those we visited were on the north side, where the rock is most precipitous, and were a third or halfway up. (Its total height is almost 1400 feet). But the soldier (an artilleryman) who acted as our guide told us that the whole Rock is honeycombed with 90 miles of tunnel and gallery. The newest and, from the military point of view, most important of these are of course closed to civilians; and the position of the guns in some is known only to officers of high rank, so much wealth and labour has Britain spent in rendering Gibraltar, which stood the long siege of 1779-1783, impregnable against any future attack.

We realized also something of the patience and endurance that the maintenance of Gibraltar demands from those who are stationed to guard this outpost of the British Empire. Even in the end of March the heat was considerable, and during the following four months we knew it would increase until the whole length of the Rock, with its hare grey limestone visible in many places through the scanty herbage, became a veritable furnace, as the hot wind from Africa swept over it. Our guide had already served four and a half years there, and was looking forward eagerly to a few months in England next autumn.

As we passed along the galleries we saw cannon of many dates and sizes—now a veteran of perhaps 100 years ago,

now a modern machine gun, and in one case a long 4.7 newly arrived, and not yet mounted. As we passed the openings in the rock we saw one vista after another of blue sea and sky, and grey or faint purple mountains. Below us lay the town and the harbour with its swarm of small boats. The dull grey giants of the Atlantic Squadron rode at anchor inside the breakwater. A great German liner moved slowly away on her voyage to New York, and a few hours later the P. & O. liner "Arabia" left for England with the Princess Royal on board. A cruiser coming in from the Mediterranean rounded Europa Point. And all the time the Bay and the little white town of Algerias six miles away across it, lay steeping in the sunlight, while the mountains of Africa loomed dimly through the haze to the South.

Turning to the North, where the rock is most precipitous, we saw the crowded military burial-place close to its base; then the neutral ground, bare, level, sandy, and perhaps a quarter of a mile wide; and then the first houses of the

straggling Spanish town.

Early next morning we started once more on our eastward voyage. An hour later the sun rose, and as one looked back to the dim forms of the lillars of Hercules, lit up by its first level rays, it was easy to understand the beautiful fancy of the Greeks that beyond them, in the stillness of the unknown ocean, lay Atlantis and the Islands of the Blest.

G. T. B.

### En Passant.

WE are glad to note the continuing success of the C.A.C. Our membership this year exceeds that obtained at this time last year. There are still those we would be pleased to have amongst us.

In football circles the Old Boys have done better than ever. This year we have played two matches, and scored 73 points against nil. Only once had our full back to touch-down behind his own line. We are pleased to note the pleasant relationship kept up with Clydesdale F.C., which has found a large recruiting ground in M.A.C. On the last Saturday of the season we found two members of C.A.C. in the first, no fewer than five in the second, while the third contributed its unit. Those playing in the second met an old friend of whom too little has been heard lately—Pat Stewart, later of Stanley House fame.

The last social gathering, too, turned out a great success, and we should like to see many more of such during the season.

As regards the ingoings and outgoings of members, little seems to have taken place during the past quarter. Aitken, of course, we have amongst us again, and naturally he was a popular figure at the "smoker." Bobbie Strang, we are glad to hear, is now making full use of his great musical talents in Canada, with immense success.

We publish in this number a short article on Hockey, by H. T. Weir, who, though he has not yet gained international honours, has been reserve for the last two years. May we take occasion to congratulate Miss E. Strathairn on her success in this department of sport?

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES.—The prizelists of the winter session at Edinburgh University in the Faculties of Divinity and Medicine have been issued this month, and we are glad to notice the names of several who have been educated at Morrison's Academy. Amongst these are the names of Robert S. Lawson, Blackford; William M'Naughtan, Comrie; and W. C. Paton, Edinburgh, who were class-fellows at Morrison's Academy, and are now class-fellows in Edinburgh University. In Senior Practical Anatomy, M'Naughtan and Paton are equal, fifth, both gaining medals and first-class honours, and Lawson occupies the 17th place with honours. In the Senior Division of Physiology, Lawson has second place and first-class honours, and M'Naughtan has 11th with second-class honours. perimental Physiology, Lawson and M Naughtan have gained second-class In Practical Chemical honours. Physiology, Lawson occupies 5th place in class, and has gained first-class honours and a medal and M'Naughtan has gained second-class honours. In Materia Medica, M'Naughtan has gained 7th place and first-class honours. In Pathology, Lawson is 10th with secondclass honours. In Practical Pathology, Lawson has gained 1st place and the medal and first-class honours.

H. Borrowman—4th Medal, Latin; 5th Medal, History and Literature; 10th Medal, Prose Composition; 12th Medal, Greek. J. L. Hill—Second Class Honours in Intermediate Honours of Logic; Certificate Psychology; 2nd in Moral Philosophy. Antrobus T. Harris—2nd in Advanced Harmony: 2nd in Senior Counterpoint and Composition; 2nd in Senior Musical Form; 3rd in Musical Analysis: 4th in History of Music. A. F. Maclean—5th in Advanced Botany; 6th in Plant Physiology. Lachlan M'Lean—M.A., Edinburgh. Stalker—M.A., St Andrews. Napier— 3 Medals in Divinity, Church History, and Bible Criticism.

The question of the Jubilee of the School in 1909 has been the subject of much discussion in Committee. Various proposals have been made, and the most popular idea has been to raise a subscription among the members and general public for some institution which might be of value to the school, and at the same time commemorate the interesting event. Such things as a miniature rifle range and a swimming pond have been suggested. former has the advantage of costing little, but is not in favour with the authorities at the school; the latter seems more suitable, if the cost were not so prohibitive. The Committee, however, desire to keep the matter open until the autumn, but in the meantime would like to know the opinion of members on the matter, and will be pleased to receive any suggestion. Any correspondence on the matter (and such is invited) will be published in the July number of the

Magazine, and should be directed to the Honorary Secretary, who will be pleased to acknowledge same.

## The City by the Sea.

I DOUBT not that countless Morrisonians have at some time or other visited the famous academic town of St Andrews. And yet I am sure that few have spent a winter there, when the glory of summer has departed, when the last enthusiastic visitor has reluctantly packed up his traps and departed to warmer regions, and the town is left to the wearers of the scarlet gown. me tell the impressionable tourist that he need not expatiate on the glories of St Andrews unless he has seen it under every aspect. He may have golfed under a broiling August sun, but has he wandered over the links when the frosty east wind cuts through one like a knife and it is impossible even to hold a club?

Paradoxical as it may seem, it is in winter, and then only, that the University town is at its best. What Andrew Lang calls the "grey old city by the sea" may look bleak and uninviting seen in the distance from the windows of a luxurious corridor train, but among those whose lot is cast there, whether from necessity or from choice, there are but few who sigh for the "dog days" of summer when the streets are thronged with visitors, mostly American, intent on "doing" the historical features in the most approved style.

St Andrews makes no claim to be a desirable residence for the luxurious and the enervated. It stands grim and

grey, on bleak, precipitous cliffs, and is possessed of a respectable gale of its Indeed, I think a very fair description of St Andrews weather

would be-" Wind, with gales."

What, then, is the charm of St Andrews? Does it consist in historical associations? In a way it does. have landmarks of all sorts, ranging from the Castle to the stationmaster's garden, from the Cathedral to the equally famous "hell" bunker. putting all these features aside, what really "makes" St Andrews is the University. Here, and here only (I am speaking of Scotland), do we have the true academic atmosphere. We are far removed from the fashionable life of the capital; Sauchiehall Street knows us not. We dwell under the wing of our Alma Mater. We don the scarlet gown, which would be incongruous elsewhere, and in general live a bohemian life. During the session, town is subordinate to gown. We might be in Oxford, the only difference being that here the students do not live in the colleges. An air of antiquity is everywhere prevalent, especially as regards our colleges. The United College is approached through an archway below the chapel tower. On entering we find ourselves in a spacious turfed quadrangle, surrounded on three sides by the University buildings and the chapel, and flanked on the fourth by the Students' Union. This part of the University embraces the two old colleges of St Leonard and St Salvator. St Mary's, the divinity hall, is a place ever rich in historical associations. Here we have the same sort of arched entrance, with class-rooms above. The quadrangle is much smaller, and is planted with very

old trees, among which we have an unfailing object of interest in the shape of a venerable yew, planted by Queen Mary. On three sides of the quadrangle we have respectively the library, the Principal's residence, and the classrooms. St Mary's is the most picturesque part of our University. When we think of the great names associated with this seat of learning-names like that of George Buchanan—we have due reason to be proud of our Alma Mater.

The University, then, is the soul of St Andrews, and we join in echoing the heartfelt wish of the long line of cives who have preceded us-"Vivat J.P.T. Academia"!

## Hockey.

THIS is a game that is becoming very popular in Scotland; in fact, it is rapidly taking its place along with Rugby and Association Football, and there are now about 50 Clubs playing the game. Of course, Hockey here is only in its infancy, whereas both in England and Ireland it has been played for a considerable number of years. The game there is taken up in Schools, and played with great enthusiasm and vigour, and it is no doubt on account of this School training that England and Ireland now produce such good International teams.

I am very sorry to note how few Scottish Schools seem to be playing Hockey, as it is only by learning the game while still at School and in thorough training that perfection can be reached, and I think if our Schools took a greater interest in Hockey, there

would be a brighter prospect for Scotland's future Internationals.

The plan of the game is exactly the same as that of Association Football, and it is played with an ordinary cricket ball painted white, and Hockey club or stick. The rules are much the same as in Soccer, with, of course, some additional rules applicable to the use of the stick, perhaps the most stringent of which is, that the stick may not be lifted above the shoulder. The object of this

is to prevent accidents.

I would strongly recommend Hockey to youths who have left School and have started in business. It has a few advantages over Rugby, especially to those who are sitting at their desks most of the week, as there is not the same overstraining or risk. It is, of course, an exceedingly fast game, and on this account keeps one in good condition, and also calls forth dexterity of both hand and eye.

HERBERT I. WEIR.

## Football-C.A.C.

#### V. THE SCHOOL. C.A.C.

THIS match took place at Crieff on 7th March. It was down for discussion in the winter term, but, owing to the ground being frost-bound, was carried over till March. We had whipped up a strong team despite the abstention of the Institution pair, Strathairn and Tait, and were certainly much stronger than we would have been in December, which may or may not be due to a change of Sports Secretary in the interval. On arrival we discovered that the weather was perfect, and also discovered we were one man short. However, we guessed we would hold our own without any outside assistance, and, as events proved, we did. Having lost the toss, Pattison kicked off against a blinding sun. After some level play a free kick was awarded against the School. Pattison took it, and Douglas Lang following up hard secured the ball and ran over for our first try. The kick failed, but we were soon back again, and Russell smartly dropped a goal. After that tries were put on with monotonous regularity until half time arrived, which found us leading by 29 points to nil.

In the second half the School fairly bucked up, and, by playing the touch-line game for all they were worth, succeeded in giving us something to think about, Kennedy having hard lines in not scoring. He barged his way over the line, only to have the mortification of seeing "M'Donald" touch-down first. Only three tries were scored this half, and when "No side" was called, we were left victorious by 38 points, or 2 placed goals, 1 dropped goal, and 8 tries to nil.

On the Accies' side "M'Donald" did all he had to do well, some of his kicks being first-class. The three-quarters, our strongest department, did splendidly, Lang and Small surprising the Crieffites by their great turn of speed. Our Inter-City man, Russell, had a regular field day, while Macrae took jolly good care that the School three-quarters didn't get going, Of the halfs, M'Naughtan was slightly the better; while of the forwards, Jamieson and Johnston were most conspicuous.

Regarding the School team, Thom at back was undoubtedly the most prominent. He had a hard time of it, but saved brilliantly time and again. He is rather to the small side at present, but that defect can be remedied, and if he sticks in he shouldn't be far from turning out one of the best backs the School ever had. The three-quarters were pretty middling, their tackling being generally far too high. The halfs did well, but were overweighted, It was the forwards on whom the School relied, and

they were worth relying on. It is, I fancy, the best line the School has had for some years. They carried almost every scrum, and if they had had more support from behind the score would undoubtedly have been much smaller. In the second half they kept the game forward, with the result that only nine points were scored against them. Of a fine pack the best were Menzies, Kennedy, and the two Biggarts. The scorers of one of the most enjoyable games we have had at Crieff were—Douglas Lang, 3 tries; Russell, 3 tries and a dropped goal; Small, N. Macrae, Balderston, and Pattison, one each. Our old friend, "Bunny," kicked the goals.

Team:—C.A.C.—Back, "H. M'Donald"; threes—C. Small, N. Macrae, J. Russell, and D. Lang; halfs—W. M'Naughtan, and R. Balderston; forwards—N. Jamieson, R. Pattison, M. Muir, F. Macrae, W. Johnston, J. C. Smith, H. H. Muir.

## CRIEFF ACADEMICALS V. CLYDESDALE.

In the Glasgow Herald of Saturday, 21st March, after a somewhat lengthy discussion of the chances of Scotland's chosen ones in the Rugby arena that day, there appeared this paragraph, short and to the point:— "Crieff Academicals v. Clydesdale.—A strong team of Crieff Academicals at Titwood last night easily defeated a scratch combination of Clydesdale by thirty-five points to nil." And this, in fact, just fits up the position.

To begin with, we were strong—strong enough behind, in fact, to have taken on almost any first-class side. Lang, Small, Macrae, and Russell had all played at one time or another for the first XV. of the most improved team in Glasgow—Clydesdale F.C. Paul would have played for them, too, had the Club had the final say in the matter. Donnie Strathairn, of course, has been one of the mainstays of that crack team, the 'Stution, all season, and Balderston has been a most

efficient captain of the Craigielea. Unfortunately, three of our forwards called off practically at the last moment, and substitutes had to be found anywhere. As will be seen, we played six forwards all through; but Tait, of course, was equal to three in himself. Our opponents, unfortunately, had out a rather "scratch combination," one not nearly as strong as represented them the previous season when C.A.C. only won by six points to three. Whatever may have been the cause this season, we are assured that in future occasions they will turn out at their strongest available, so that coming Academical teams will have to fight hard for the laurels.

Coming to the match itself, Tait kicked off in fine weather, before a good crowd, no doubt attracted by the paragraph in the previous evening's Citizen. His kick, however, was too powerful, landing in touch, and perforce the ceremony had to take place again. Again the kick found touch, but this time our opponents allowed it, and the struggle began. For a few minutes play was very level, but soon Tait's experience told, and he ran over for an unconverted try, repeating the performance a few minutes later. The next player to distinguish himself was Harry Paul, who dashed in for a clever score, and his example was followed by Russell shortly after. From one of these scores a goal was kicked, and we led at halftime by one goal three tries (or 14 points)

The second half was very much a repeat of the first. Our left wing was in deadly form, Paul being almost irresistible, scoring three brilliant tries in quick succession. To show that all the scoring was not to be done by the men behind the scrum, Walker obligingly chipped in with a score, then Russell from full back ran right through to plant the ball behind the posts. Our opponents never managed to obtain even a minor, and ultimately we ran out winners by 4 goals 5 tries, or 35 points to nil.

Where all played so well, it would be invidious to make comparisons. Paul, however, must be mentioned on account of his brilliant solo runs, and there is no doubt that if he were to take up the Rugger code he would go very far. Balderston, too, worked the scrum in excellent fashion, and gave his three-quarters every chance. The forwards, though outnumbered, more than held their own, and contributed in no small measure to the success of the team. Of our opponents the full back played a good game, Penny was ever conspicuous at the threequarter, and Leggat, Doran, and Tawse showed well up at the forward. We refrain from merciful reasons from publishing the names of our opponents, but our own team read as follows:--Lang; Small, N. Macrae, Russell, and Paul; D. Strathairn and Balderston: Tait, M. Muir, Walker, Thomson, Turner, and Paterson.

## Smoking Concert.

IN consequence of the large gathering of Crieff Old Boys taking part in or watching the game v. Clydesdale, the Committee thought this would be a most suitable opportunity for holding the annual "smoker." And so there met in the Windsor Hotel that evening a company of over fifty. Mr Clark, the Vice-President of the Club, was in the chair, supported by a fairly large turnout of the members. We were also pleased to see amongst us several of our adversaries earlier in the evening, together with a good turn-out of outsiders, attracted no doubt by the splendid programme promised. And in this we think Caldwell excelled himself. Certainly in no previous "smoker" has the evening gone in so much merriment. Although the meeting was billed to start at eight o'clock, it was fully half-an-hour later before those who had been playing were able to turn up after a wash and a tea. But from that point the evening's entertainment ran blithely on. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, mentioned that this was probably the last time many of those present would meet with the late Secretary, Norman Macrae, who would be leaving these hospitable shores during the summer, but that the Club would in all probability take some means of recognising his worth before then. Thereafter he called on Mr Gellatly to open the vocal part of the evening's entertainment. Following on this we had a whistling solo from Mr Burns, after which the proceedings were kept up without a break till eleven o'clock. Besides the two artistes mentioned, those who contributed to the programme were-Messrs Mathieson, Urquhart, Hayman, H. J. Weir, F. Tait, G. A. Clarke, James H. Young, and Caldwell himself. While all were good, special mention must be made of Mr Gellatly's fine tenor singing, and also Mr Mathieson's efforts, which could not have been excelled by the great "Harry" himself.

As eleven o'clock drew near the meeting began slowly to break up, those who had trains to catch naturally dropping off early. At the close, Messrs Macrae and and Weir expressed the thanks of these present for the excellent way in which Mr Clarke had presided, and for the very enjoyable entertainment provided for us by Mr Caldwell and his fellow-workers. Thereafter some one called for three cheers for Harry Paul, the hero of the evening's match, which, however, he was too

modest to respond to, and Macrae, in whom the spirit of patriotism ran high, asked for some encouragement to Scotland in their coming match, and we have no doubt the cheers which followed contributed in no small respect to their glorious victory the succeeding afternoon.

## Crieff Academical Club— List of Office-Bearers.

Honorary President, George Strathairn, Esq., M.A.; President, Swanston Drysdale, Esq.; Vice-Presidents—G. A. Clark, Esq., N. Macrae, Esq.; Hon. Secretary, R. M. Pattison, Drimnamona, Kilmacolm; Junior Secretary, W. S. Kennedy, 31 Princes Square, Strathbungo, Glasgow; Honorary Treasurer, G. Wallace, 22 Maxwell Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow; Committee—F. Tait, J. K. M'Donald, F. Macrae, M. M. Muir, W. Snodgrass, H. M. Caldwell, H. H. Muir, O. M. Parker, J. Russell, and M. Thomson.

### CONSTITUTION.

- 1. That the Club shall be called "The Crieff Academical Club."
- 2. That the Club shall consist of Honorary and Ordinary Members; that the Rector and Masters of Morrison's Academy shall be Honorary Members; and the Ordinary Membership shall be open to all former pupils of Morrison's Academy (subject to the approval of the General Committee of the Club).
- 3. That there be a Life Subscription of One Guinea; that otherwise the Annual Subscription be Half-a-Crown, payable on or before the 31st March of each year.

- 4. That the Office-Bearers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Junior Secretary; that the Committee consist of these officials, with the addition of ten other members—five to form a quorum.
- 5. The Office-Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, except the Junior Secretary, who shall be elected every year by the boys leaving school from amongst their number. The ordinary members of Committee shall be elected for a term of two years, but five shall retire by rotation each year, all of whom shall be eligible for re-election. Of the five ordinary members to be elected each year, one shall be chosen from amongst the boys who left school at the end of or during the preceding session.
- 6. Vacancies in Committee occurring during the year may be filled up by the Committee themselves.
- 7. That the Committee be left to deal with Re-unions, and also to appoint someone to present the Old Boys' Medal each year.
- 8. That the Annual General Meeting be held in Glasgow some time in January of each year for the purpose of electing Office-Bearers and Committee, and transacting other competent business. This meeting shall be deemed the beginning of a new year, and the Treasurer shall submit his Financial Statement for the past year, duly audited by two members chosen for this purpose at the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 9. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be fifteen.
- To. That any alteration of the Constitution of the Club can only be effected at a General Meeting of the Club, and notice of any proposed alteration must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

- an Extraordinary General Meeting on receiving a requisition, signed by at least twelve members, or by order of the General Committee. At such meetings there shall be at least twelve members present.
- or more of their number to superintend the arrangements of Athletic and Social Gatherings, and shall appoint a Sub-Committee of at least three members to attend to the interests of the Club Section of the Magazine. This Sub-Committee is not necessarily to be comprised of members of the General Committee, but shall be answerable to the General Committee for all its actings.
- 13. That at all meetings, whether Club or Committee, the Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

# Crieff Academical Annual General Meeting.

THIS important gathering took place in the Alexander Hotel, Glasgow, on Thursday, 30th January, 1908. usual the members were dilatory in turning up, and at the appointed hour a quorum was not obtainable. ever, on the arrival of Fred. John L. Macrae the business was able to be proceeded with. Only for a few minutes. though, for with their usual rush the representatives from Uddingston hustled in, and the proceedings had to be stopped till they had settled down. This done, R.W.B. gave the signal for resumption, and we were a happy family again.

The first business, of course, was the reading of "the apologies for absence," the list of delinquents including, alas!

such well-known names as H. M. Caldwell, J. Russell, and R. M. Pattison. Next came the report of the last meeting, which Macrae supplied with his usual gusto. At this early part of the evening the members were in good humour, and the report was carried nem con. Then followed the reports of the various workers. The Treasurer's statement (a copy of which will be found later on) certainly made good reading, though our own Scott Gibson was inclined even at this early stage to be a little obstreperous. G.A.W., however, showed up the futility of further argument, and "the obstreperous one" subsided. The statement of the Sports Secretary, which came next in order, was perhaps one of the best examples of Laziness (with a capital L, please) we have ever met with, this important subject being dismissed in a few words, and the members ordered to turn up their Magazines for further details. The members showed their contempt for such procedure by passing a vote of censure (in silence). The report, on the other hand, of the Magazine Convener, which followed, was a masterly oration, and showed plainly that in this respect at least the Club is in good hands.

Then followed a lengthy argument on the constitution. The Treasurer, with his usual business acumen, wished the last date for "pulling in the shekels" to be altered to 31st March, and this was carried with acclamation by the life members—the ordinary members were so taken by surprise that they allowed the motion to pass in gloomy silence. Parker then expressed the opinion that though the Academy must have a refining influence on most characters, there were some who were

too bad for reformation; these undesirables he wished kept out of the Club's membership. The proposal seconded by N. Macrae in a brilliant speech, rather spoiled, however, by the remark that even his conduct at school had been worthy of expulsion. Who, then, could survive? M. M. Muir evidently was of this opinion, as he inquired of the proposer if the motion had any personal signification, but was reassured when told he would be allowed to stay on on suffrance. Despite the heroic efforts of H. Heys and M. Thomson, who were in favour of "no restrictions," the motion became the finding of the meeting. Aspiring members had now better have a care if they want to pass the eagle eye of his stand. as becoming an M.A., against all ambiguity in speech, but found that Science was opposed to Arts when N. Macrae informed him his proposed amendment was "utter nonsense." Ultimately, a media via was found, and the antagonists were instructed to fight the matter out themselves, with Jack Croll as referee. We will be pleased to hear the result of this historic contest.

We then came to the most exciting part of the programme to the ordinary man—the election of office-bearers. The old and trusted firm at the top of the tree were of course re-elected—namely, Honorary President, the Rector; President, Swanston Drysdale, Esq.; and Vice-President, George A. Clarke, Esq. For the other Vice-Presidentship, N. Macrae was elected in place of M. M. Muir, who was undesirous of further honours. For the Treasurership, after the reception of the report earlier in the evening, there was, of course, no opposition to George A. Wallace. For the

post of Secretary, R. M. Pattison and M. M. Muir were nominated, and the vote showed that the meeting felt things were slacker in the accountant than in the legal line, and that, therefore, the former would be better able to attend to the interests of the Club. The selection of the Committee, which followed, was, of course, the event of the Under the new rule, N. evening. Macrae, who in the absence of Pattison retained his old post, intimated that Caldwell, H. Muir, Parker, J. Russell, and M. Thomson would not be invited to hand in an account of their stewardship until next year, but that the meeting could consider the relative merits of the remaining members of the old Committee and of any new member who might be nominated. For the position as representative, along with the Junior Secretary, of the members of the Club, W. Snodgrass was unanimously selected. For the remaining four positions almost everyone present was put up, but the meeting in their wisdom elected as their representatives I. K. M'Donald, F. Tait, F. Macrae, and M. M. Muir.

The meeting then decided to leave the selection of the Magazine Sub-Committee to the General Committee, and selected as the Treasurer's two assistants Jack Croll and H. H. Muir.

Thereafter some interesting discussion took place on general subjects. It was determined to hold the annual "smoker" after the game with Clydesdale on a date to be yet fixed. The question of celebrating the Jubilee of the Academy in 1909 was delegated to the Committee to think over and report. M. M. Muir, who was determined, apparently, to have the last word at the

meeting, brought to light the position of the cricket section, quoting a long list of names and figures to show the degeneracy of that department of the Club's activity. Ultimately, however, after a prolonged discussion, it was agreed to allow the members another season in which to prove their loyalty and ability in this particular line. The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Clark, who had conducted the proceedings throughout in his usual thorough and business like fashion.

### Crieff Academical Club.

Abstract of Accounts for year ending 31st December, 1907.

#### Income.

Cash Balances, 1st January, 1907— In Savings Bank, £13 0 In hand, 7	5			
£13 7	6			
Less Account due to Robert Anderson for Stationery, 0 17	6	£12 :	10	0
Subscriptions— 8 Life Members at £1 1s, £8 8 63 Ordinary Members, at 2s	0			
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Expenditure.			
Magazines (including postages),			
Old Boys' Medal, Sundry Expenses—	3	3	0
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Rooms for Meetings, 1 5 6	4	9	11
Cash Balances, 31st December, 1907— In Commercial Bank on De-			
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£31 1 5			
Deduct Balance due Treasurer, 0 16 1	30	5	А
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GEORGE WALLACE, Hon. Tressurer. Glasgow, 14th January, 1908.—Examined, compared with vouchers, and found correct.—H. Heys Muir, R. M. Pattison, Auditors.

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