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The dreary lethargy which has been hanging over the village for the past few weeks is now suddenly dispelled by the return of the scholars and teachers of the various educational establishments from their holiday rambles.

The College boys are back; some to score at cricket, others at exams.

The lads of the Gymnasium have already renewed acquaintance with their comfortable couches and beautiful desks. The Hof on the corner welcomes back to-day the Bloemen that have been absent for awhile; and the Institute (we beg pardon College) on the Break too is once more alive with young ladies who doubtless will cheerfully renew associations, and with pleasure again seat themselves on their varnished (alas too well varnished) benches; and lastly the "mystic we" of the College is in office again.

With this number we begin a new term a New Year and another volume of our little journal.

We will not trouble our readers with a host of promises for the New Year it will suffice if we assure them of our continued interest in our work. Every

effort will be directed to make the paper serve the purpose for which it was intended.

But we must again urge upon the lads the necessity of cooperation

They can do much to assist us by contributing such literary productions as may afford amusement and instruction to their fellow-students. In these columns too, opportunity is afforded for the discussion of such questions as affect the advancement and improvement of the College and other educational establishments in our village.

We will also with pleasure receive discussions and suggestions on subjects other than those directly affecting the above, provided always such communications are free from those base references to persons or bodies, commonly designated personalities.

Since the College Times finds its way to many places outside this village, and many outsiders among them not a few past students of the College are readers, we trust that our call for assistance will be responded to so that this journal may give a fair record of what we are up to.

The following gentlemen have been elected office-bearers of the S.C.D. Society for the half-year beginning January 29th:

President, D. Marchand B.A. (re-elected);
Vice-President, J. Helm (re-elected);
Secretary, P. le Roux; Vice-Secretary,
J. Botha; Journalists; E. Hofmeyer,
G. Hugo, C. Murray, P. Pinaur; Treasurer
Duminy; Chronicler, F. Sie (re-elected)

S.S.D. Society. The following are the office-bearers for the half-year beginning January 30th: President, P. Roux; Vice-President, S. P. Malherbe; Secretary, A. Schuman; Vice-Secretary, M. J. Botha; Treasurer, J. Marais; Journalists, Botes, Meiring and A. Maritz. A Committee of management consists of the above-named gentlemen (except the journalists) together with Messrs. Boshof and W. de Wet.

Cricket. - The following are the fixtures for the remainder of the season.

January 30th, Athletic Club plays two elevens of Woodstock.

February 13th, Athletic Club vs. Claremont

The Seniors play Claremont and the Middles and Juniors the Seniors and Middles of the Diocesan College School (late St. Saviour's).

February 20th, Athletic Club (1) plays Mowbray.

February 27th Athletic Club (1, 2, 3) plays S. A. College (1, 2, 3).

March 16th Athletic C plays Leeuwenhof. All the above matches are to be played at Stellenbosch.

In our report of Thursday's Show we have done some of the exhibitors an injustice by stating that the arrangement was so much like that of previous years. Some variety was attempted by the arrangers of the exhibits. The Avenue, used as a promenade upon all such occasions, was of all places thought the place for the pig-styes and sheep-pens.

As far as we have been able to ascertain there are no less than five Lawn Tennis Clubs in existence in our village. Cannot something be done by energetic Secretaries' to get up a tournament this quarter.

A Lecture and Entertainment in store.

The quarterly lecture in aid of the funds of the Cadet Corps will be delivered on Friday, February 5th by Professor Marais in the College Hall. It is rumoured that the College Debating Society will give an Entertainment soon, probably the second or third Friday in February.

Lost. - Some months ago at the last College Deb. Society Soiree, a Flower Vase. Description; Pictures of a stag, bird, and tree in gilt and brown on white ground. Finder please bring to this Office.

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The Stellenbosch Volunteers. This force has been accepted by Government from November 1st as a company of the 1st Corps of the Administrative Battalion. Under the careful training of Sergeant Bailey (at present in command) the men have made fair progress in drill. At present the company can boast of but 24 non-commissioned officers and men, but should one more man join commissioned officers will be elected and if able men be selected there can be no doubt that many recruits will be enrolled.

The men have already been provided with rifles (Martini-Henry) and expect their uniforms soon.

Some excitement among the Volunteers was caused on Saturday last by the receipt of a telegram from headquarters to the effect that since the 1st Corps of the Administrative Battalion was in for active service in Cape Town and could not muster the full complement assistance from Stellenbosch was immediately required. The men were to proceed to Town on Sunday morning. A reply that there was no train from here at the time stated, brought another telegram counter-manding the original order. Of course this final order blasted the hopes of those Volunteers in whose minds had already risen visions of night surprises, gallant charges and terrible havoc among the enemy.

The takings in the gates of the Show on Thursday amounted to £150 odd. This is a great fall off from last year when no less than £230 was collected. The decrease must be attributed to the fact that so few Malays visited us this year, and also to the small number of young people in the village at the time, the College and two ladies' Seminaries having not yet reopened.

The ladies at the refreshment stalls cleared about £75. This sum is to be added to the funds of the College.

Cricket. On Monday last a Stellenbosch team played against the Cape Town 'Wanderers'. The Town players put together in their first innings 134 runs, Andrews (48), Bech and W. Richards were the chief contributors. The batting of the whole team of a high class. Our local eleven, which played without H. Tindall, W. Neethling and N. Theunissen, scored 79, a very fair score against good bowling. The innings was played very carefully and several batsmen who failed to score high showed great steadiness. W. Rowan, E. Badenhorst, C. Jones and W. Tindall scored best.

The Wanderers then began their second innings, but after the fall of three or four wickets time was called at five, leaving them conquerors on the first innings by 56 runs.

On Friday last the Wanderers beat Claremont, and on Saturday Western P.

When we last quarter in these columns undertook the teaching of a dead language we did not expect that our sanctum would be regarded as a place of instruction. As such however it has been looked upon by some. Two young hopefuls the other day presented themselves to us with the question, "Is di Gymnasium school hier?" It took much eloquence on our part to convince the innocents of their error.

It is rumoured that a change is again to be made in the uniform worn by our cadets. The old full-dress is once more to become the uniform, and take the place of the very unsuitable and unsoldier-like looking one now worn. An old adage says the dress does not make the man, but in this case — if the words of a competent military man are to be credited — the men are worthy of a better uniform.

A curiosity in cricket occurred at Port Elizabeth the other day. In a match between Graham's Town and the Union C.C. of P. Elizabeth. E. Wallace of the former team took the whole of the ten wickets of the Union C.C. for 78 runs in the first innings.

Died — At the end of last quarter the Rhenish College Weekly, at the youthful age of one school term. Deeply regretted.

The Agricultural Show held here on Thursday last has been pronounced a success by all. Some of the exhibits were slightly inferior and some slightly superior to those of previous years, but on the whole the show was much the same as usual. Indeed it is becoming a lamentable fact that the annual shows are so much alike. Every year the same men choose the same tables, put them in the same positions, and exhibit the same kinds of products, and so of course take the same prizes as in former years.

Our Cape Town cousins however do not seem to mind the similarity of the shows for as usual they flocked hither in hundreds had a pleasant day's outing, and went home with a goodly cargo of fruit.

Of course a great attraction to the grounds was the splendid band of the Royal Scots. For people who had seen the show in former years it was the only attraction. Stellenbosch is so seldom visited by military bands that lovers of music look forward to show-day with pleasure.

The ladies of our village always to the fore where they can in any way lend a helping hand to increase the funds of the "money-swallowing" College had refreshment stalls in several places, and carried on a brisk trade all day long.

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