

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL NOTES.

The circulation of the *College Times* is daily increasing. Already the paper finds its way to the most out of the way places. This is where one subscriber has his abode:— 1/2 Man's-hof 24 Rivers.

In the *Worcester Advertiser* of the 15th inst. appeared a letter from Professor Fischer, which conveyed to the public of Worcester the thanks of the Senate for the kindness shown to the Cadets during their Camp-out there.

It is shocking to see how persistently some young men, who pride themselves with being students of the College act in direct opposition to the wishes of the Senate. A notice, requesting the students not to enter the quadrangle by getting through the wire fence, posted up some time ago; but, in spite of this, some make a habit of gaining the class-rooms by that means of ingress. Though, by skilful contractions of their bodies, these offenders escape being caught by the barbed wire, they may one day find themselves firm in the hands of the *Senatus Academicus*. The uttermost farthing only will redeem the offence.

A 'Bloemhof girl' writes:— Dear Mr. Editor, Some very naughty boys have lately taken into their heads to annoy the girls of the Bloemhof Seminary of an evening by running up and down the front steps, ringing the door-bells and making noises of all kinds. I shall feel very much obliged if you will make this public, for I know that if the parents of these boys hear of it they will put a stop to their going out of an evening. —[We advise the young ladies to petition the authorities to construct

a gate at the bottom of their front steps, so that they can lock themselves in, and so effectually prevent boys of all ages from disturbing them of an evening when busy with their lessons.]

An accident, which might have been attended with more serious consequences, occurred at the Cadet Corps butts on Saturday morning. It appears that young Gird was about to fire at one of the targets, but while taking aim was told that the sight-protector had not been removed. In attempting to remove this with his left hand he discharged the rifle with the right, which he had stupidly retained on the trigger. The ball carried away two fingers of the left hand. The lad was at once marched to the town and placed in charge of Drs. Neethling and Versfeld who treated the injured hand so skilfully that the patient is now doing well and will soon, we hope, be among his companions again—minus some fingers, but a wiser boy.

DEBATING SOCIETIES.

NOTICE!

There will be no meetings this week.

By order,
The Secretaries.

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THE 'LITTLE GO' EXAM.

IT is clear to every one that the standard of the *Little Go*—the name applied to the examination for entrance into College, has of late been lowered. The fact that it has been called the *Little Go* does not necessarily make it an examination of little importance, seeing that it is the grating which is to purify the stream continually flowing from the School to the College.

Professor Marais, in an address to the boys of the Public School the other day, said that he thought that the institution had the pick of the Colonial youth to coach up for the Public Exams. Taking for granted that we have the pick of the Colonial youth, does it follow that they are all fit to enter College?

Black sheep dwell in every fold, and the grating which has such wide apertures in it allows almost anyone to wriggle into College; and when once in the candidate may comfort himself with the assurance that he will never have to wriggle out again.

Though I'm anything but clever, When once I'm in, I'm there for ever Professor Marais also expressed the hope that the standard of the school would be raised; that it should be made compulsory for boys in the First and Second Classes to enter for the *School Higher and Elementary Examinations* respectively. This would be a very satisfactory arrangement, and we cannot see why it has not as yet been adopted. What is the use of having a private examination when there is a public one which would answer the purpose quite

as well, and even better? How can the teachers of the school be expected to raise the standard, if the College stands ready to receive just anybody. It was absurd to see how last year the candidates were literally pushed through. This 'passing provisionally' or 'take 'em on trial' system is only a way of hustling candidates through an examination, and is a principle which can never work. Perhaps the many failures of late years at *Matriculation* must be attributed to this cause. At all events, it would be a matter of surprise if the Professors have not already found out that they were wrong to suppose '*alles zou recht komen*' once they had the lads in hand; or perhaps more wholesale slaughter at future University Examinations will serve still further to prove to the Senate the desirability of thoroughly purging the stream annually flowing from School to College.

Correspondence.

(Addressed to the Editor.)

Sir,
'A Boarder' has certainly given the start to what should lead to more favourable circumstances for the students here. Everything is cheap, but money is scarce. For years we have lived on cheese and jam, but the

The School Elementary Exam.

emaciated figures of students begin to prove that this cannot continue. Formerly we had pocket money to procure extra eatables, which by the way, I regret to say have proved unchangeable at Stellenbosch. But I forget the fish-carts which come in as regularly as the sun.

The price of board and lodging is from £44 to £48. Hard times force us to calculate. Theological students are here only eight months out of twelve so pay at the rate of from £5 10s to £6 per month. Most expensive boarding I address all students. Let us have our mass meeting on Friday the 30th inst. and decide to request our host to lessen their price; and in case they prove unwilling refuse to pay more than a reasonable sum. I ask, what do we get for this £5 10s per month? Ah! we all know too well by painful experience. However, I hope the day may soon come when we shall no longer have to live on cheese and jam.

I am &c., Boarder No. 2.

WATERLOO.

"It is said that Wellington wept as he rode over the plain by moonlight." Collier.

The day had come and gone with carnage and dread,

The Iron Duke his greatest fight had fought.

The groaning dying and the ghastly dead
Soul's rest and Europe's rest had bought.
The hollow cursedness of life that day was taught,

The gnawing cankerworm his revel kept.
But yet the pain of one with joy was fraught.

The Conqueror's heart with joy ecstatic leapt —

In joy he gazed upon the scene, through
joy he wept.

The results of this examination, published last week show an increase in the number of successful candidates. There is a decrease, however, in the 1st Class, although the registered number was considerably above that of last year. 1010 were registered; 132 passed in the First and 470 in the Second Class. Out of 36 Stellenbosch candidates 7 passed in the First Class, 24 in the Second and 8 failed. Of those who passed in the First Class 5 are from the B.P. School and one each from Bloemhof and the Rhenish Institute.

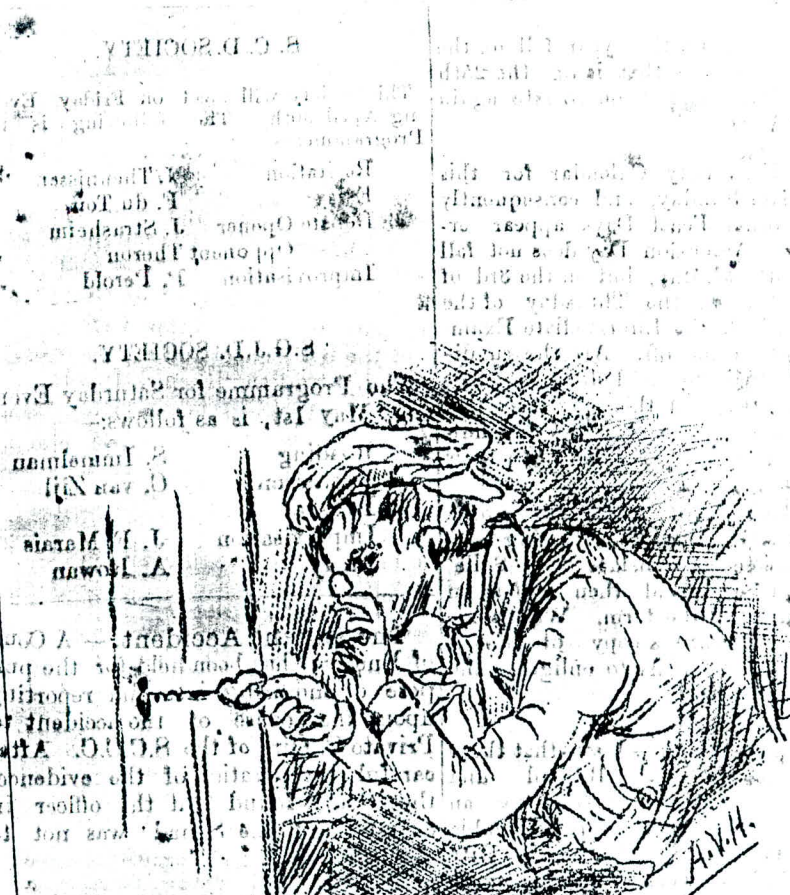
The following table shows the respective merits of our three schools:—

School	Rgd No	1st Cl	2nd Cl	Fail
Boys' P.S.	11	5	3	3
Rh. Inst	15	1	11	3
Bloemhof	10	1	7	2

Arbor Day. — Dr. Dale has issued a notice instructing teachers of schools throughout the Colony to set apart a day for the purpose of tree-planting. The 25th of June has been recommended where arrangements permit. The day will be observed as a whole holiday. All arrangements such as procuring seeds &c., have to be made by the Principals of Schools. In the larger towns Committees of Management are to be formed to make preliminary arrangements and direct the ceremonies of the day.

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— Ik ben zoo koud.