

In 1877, towards the end of Cockburn's regime, W. S. Jackson came as junior in the classical department and in the House. From then on till his retirement in 1917, alike in classics and in athletics his influence increased till it became supreme. In classics and in literature his touch was unerring. In spite of an iron discipline in the class-room, and a manner which justified his nickname of "Stony," the boys soon found in him a burning love for the school. Outside the class-room, whether in boxing, swimming, fencing or football, Jackson was the comrade of all and supreme in all. On the move to the new site, he organized the boys into bands and with their aid laid out the quarter-mile running track around the oval, which ever since has been used on "Games Day."

Mathematics were long under the control of James Brown and G. B. Sparling, both of whom trained many winners of scholarships. Not even in Jackson's room could the hush of work be more quickly felt by the visitor than in Mr. Sparling's. "Every eye, boys, every eye," was his watchword, and the lucidity of his expositions made the duller and the brightest alike keen.

Three Head Boys who held in succession the Senior Modern Language Master-ship were A. H. Young (Head Boy 1882), now Professor at Trinity University; A. A. ("Prant") Macdonald (Head Boy 1886), who made hockey the chief winter game of the school; and S. B. Leacock (Head Boy 1887), who even as a boy began that career as a humorist which has somewhat obscured his lawful reputation as a Political Scientist.

The janitors, too, must not pass unmentioned; the two Alderdyces, "Sam" and "Davy," who played so large a part in the life of the school from 1829 to 1867, and George Frost, who from 1871 to 1909 held sway, to be succeeded by his assistant, the present occupant of the position, George Simmons.

#### DISCIPLINE

The discipline of the seventies and eighties was stern and even harsh, mitigated by a rough justice. The cane was much in evidence, and the hands of evil-doers were toughened in very Spartan fashion; yet so long as fairness was observed, the boys seem to have loved most those who were strictest. Even to-day, though time has softened certain ancient usages and the cane is less in evidence, its use is by no means extinct, and at times no whit less salutary.

In the conduct of the House there were ups and downs till Martland came; under him, and under his successors, Jackson, Peacock and Somerville, it was more or less stabilized. Boyish pranks were frequent. The "Minstrels" were a great institution, and so also was the supper at which they were regaled at Mr. Martland's expense before the performance. Of the many escapades recalled by "Old Boys," perhaps the most celebrated is that of the birth of the son of an early principal. For a boy a holiday had been promised, while the advent of a daughter was apparently less certain of recognition. On the arrival of the son, the boys of the Principal's House announced the glad news to the school by hanging a pair of trousers from the top-most window.