



"*Non scholae sed vitae discimus.*"

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Editorial.

The year 1908 ushers in this issue of the Magazine minus one of its features in the past—its advertisements. We have always felt that advertisements in a school magazine

No were decidedly extraneous and uninteresting, de-

Advertisements. tracting from the merit of the publication in every possible way. Still, the little revenue they brought was welcome; the printer must be paid for his work, and his account is not small. We have misgivings as to paying our way without the advertisements, but at least our aesthetic sense has triumphed over our commercial sense and compelled us to try the experiment of leaving our pages unadorned by the notices of the attractive bargains to be had at So-and-So's warehouse. If our expenditure exceeds our revenue, we must either seek the protection of the Bankruptcy Court, or invoke the aid of our friends, the present boys' parents and the past boys of our school. If a financial crisis comes in our affairs, we feel sure there will be willing friends to rally round us and save us from the claws of the Official Assignee. Will our Old Boys take the hint and not forget the small matter of their subscriptions? We need every penny due and more. Bis dat qui cito dat.

When some three years ago, a silver badge was introduced into the school and the stripes dropped from the blue cap, it was hoped that a distinctive head-dress had been obtained.

Badges. But "imitation is the sincerest flattery." No sooner had our cap badges become established as distinctive marks than the nearest schools were found imitating them. Our disgust was great; but what was to be done? We had no patent rights. In course of time it was found that the silver badge had its drawbacks, viz., its hardness and its brittleness. So a silk badge in the school colours was proposed. What design exactly to adopt created a competition among the fourth, fifth and sixth forms, with the ultimate result that C. Webber, by popular vote, was acclaimed the maker of the most attractive design. The new badges are now in use, and have won general approbation. Of course there are a few malcontents. If they are true democrats they will wear their colours as others are doing. The monogram S.H.S. is artistically interwoven in white in the centre of a red shield, but in such a way that the composing letters are easily discernible. A white edging to the red shield, with an outer edging in royal blue, helps to set off the red, and at the same time to give the red, white and blue of the school colours.

A further endeavour towards distinction in dress is the adoption of dark blue stockings, with the school colours in a fancy border at the knee. The Invercargill Stocking Factory, **Stockings.** Esk street, has turned out a pretty design, which is gradually catching on in the school. It is hoped that here, too, when present supplies at home are exhausted (if not before), boys will be loyal to their school colours and wear the school stockings. These, by the way, are specially made for us of good wool, and cost no more than ordinary stockings.

Elsewhere are tabulated the examination results for the year 1907. They are very satisfactory, indeed, and, to say the least, compare favourably with those of any other school **Exam. Results.** of similar size. We congratulate K. G. Fraser and Mat. Alexander, our duxes of last year, on their success in the University Scholarship Examination. It is just as well that Millard was more intent on a good holiday than on the supplementary papers; for otherwise our captain might be "conspicuous by his absence" this year. We sympathise with Phil. Wild in his untimely illness last December, but heartily congratulate him on his Civil Service results—the more meritorious, as he was far from being in good health at the time of his exams.

School life comes to a close sooner or later for all of us. We miss many of last year's roll from the playground and the classroom. Our brilliant, all-round athlete, Mat, has

Departures. gone from us, leaving behind pleasant memories of a straight bat and a dodgy, smart run-in from the threequarter line. Gone, too, is K.G., popular with big and little. Long Jack S. will no more figure in the "line-out"; no more will Freddy amuse the small boy with his engineering knowledge. Burly Sid. will not have his weight felt in the scrum; Tom, K.'s bray and Bat's red face, Osy's mischief and Marcus' sobriety,—are but memories, long to be cherished, but gradually to fade, giving place to new faces, others' characteristics. To one and all we extend the best wishes for their success in the battle of life. They were good fellows, hearty and cheery, loyal to their School! May the new-comers live as full lives and show as good mettle, be as loyal and true, as those who have just left schooldays behind!

In a recent monthly report to the Board, the Rector is reported by the Southland Times to have said:—"I should like to have hung

Hall Decoration. on the school walls some good reproductions of famous pictures, some portraits of famous men, some photographs of famous buildings—pictures

both instructive and entertaining. I should like our boys to become familiar in youth with the portraits of the heroes of the past, with the forms of the world's architecture, with famous sites," etc. The School must one and all re-echo the Rector's wishes. We hope we may still be here when the School's walls are thus decorated. In the meantime, IV., V., VI. Classes have been privileged to enjoy "Italy Through the Stereoscope," through the kindness of the Rector.

The Board of Governors has adopted the Rector's suggestions for the establishment of a School Library, and has voted the sum of ten pounds for the purchase of books. They will be

Library. kept probably in No. 2 Room, to be distributed once a week to those desirous of availing themselves of cheap and interesting reading. Already a nucleus exists. We understand from the Rector that a gentleman resident in the town, who does not wish his name to be disclosed, has already made a donation to the library in the form of interesting biographies from Macmillan's famous "English Men of Action Series." Some twenty of these volumes have been promised; seven have arrived. They are the following:—"Warren Hastings," "Wellington," "Clive," "Monk," "Strafford," "Warwick," "Raleigh." On behalf of the School, we

heartily thank our unknown friend, and express the hope that others will readily follow in his footsteps. In some schools we believe it is the custom for every boy on leaving to present one volume or more to the library. We also notice in our exchanges that constant accretions to school libraries are being made by gifts of books from present boys, old boys, and friends of the school. We are sure our Rector would be only too pleased to have his efforts in the direction of the school library seconded by one and all interested in the S.B.H.S. We have just received from Messrs Lillicrap, McNaughton and Co. Esk street, four volumes of that delightful writer, the late R. L. Stevenson. Again we heartily thank donors. May their number increase!

School Notes.

What a splendid gathering we had on Prize Distribution Night! No more ceremonies in the Gym. after that! If we can fill to overflowing the pretty, well-ventilated Victoria Hall, we must always hire that for Xmas. Should we not take the theatre? Perhaps that would be over-shooting the mark. The speeches were short and to the point. The Hon. Mr McNab specially addressed himself to the boys, who, it is to be hoped, will not forget his encouraging address. We all joined with him when, in handing Millard and Miles their prizes, he declared that it was of such stuff that Rhodes Scholars were made. May the prophecy come true! We missed our worthy Chairman of the Board of Governors; but his place was ably filled by his Worship the Mayor.

What a comfort that strip of asphalt along the Gym. wall has been! I believe the Board intends to put down more asphalt, between the outsheds and the fence. Some idlers will miss the quartz pebbles; the absence of the latter will be preferred to their presence.

This leap year has proved dangerous already to one member of the staff. On the occasion of his marriage, Mr Dakin was presented by III. A. with a handsome present, and by the staff with a set of pipes.

We regret to hear that Mr McKinnon is far from being better. He maintains his cheerfulness despite his confinement to the house. We hope to see him with us again next term.

During his absence, Mr W. P. Anderson, M.A., of Dunedin, has been acting as relieving teacher. We congratulate him on his recently announced Honours in the M.A. Examination. We hope his stay with us will be as enjoyable to him as to us.

At the March meeting of the Board, the Rector obtained the assistance of the Board in the establishment of a school library. It will probably be housed in No. 2 Class-room. We look forward to enjoying the entertaining matter to be provided.

On behalf of the School, we desire to congratulate especially M. Alexander and K. G. Fraser on their University Scholarships. If these results are an index of their future success, theirs is in truth a happy lot. They both acted up to the motto of the School, and in consequence had a distinguished career through it, in the end tying for the coveted honour of dux.

To mark these successes, the School was granted a holiday during the term, the day of the School outing to the beach back of Greenhills. Elsewhere is an account of this enjoyable outing.

J. McQueen was placed first in the 50 yards race, junior division, of the Invercargill Swimming Club's Tournament.

S. Hanan was placed second in the 100 yards (under 16 years) at the Irish Athletic Sports.

C. Macan is said to have visited town on Sundays for purposes other than attending church. Now that he is a boarder, these long bike rides will no longer be such a necessity, eh! Charlie?

C. Webber was the successful designer for the new badge. Well done, Cec.!

Examinations, 1907.

Statistics.

University Scholarships	..	2
Matriculation	..	16
Senior Civil	..	2
Junior Civil—		
A.—Pass with credit	..	23
B.—Pass	..	7
C.—Senior Free Places	..	16
(Exclusive of A. and B.)		
Senior Board Scholarships	..	3

NOTES.—(1) In the University Scholarship Examinations, Millard did not sit for the supplementary papers; had he done so, the probability is that, with such good marks in the other papers, he, too, would have won a scholarship. (2) Miles's Matriculation French paper mysteriously disappeared; whither, no one knows. (3) In the Senior Board Scholarships the first five places were filled by boys, the girls being outdistanced.

Results.

Junior University Scholarship.—K. G. Fraser.

Senior National Scholarship.—M. Alexander.

Matriculation.—Cameron, Chrystal, Forsyth, Macindoe, Miles, Millard, S. Millar, Mulholland, Paton, Poole, S. Reid, O. Reynolds, Simon, Spiers, J. Stobo, C. Webber.

Senior Civil Service.—Complete pass, P. Wild. Pass in five subjects, C. Salmon.

Junior Civil Service.—

Pass with Credit (order of merit): P. Wild, C. Salmon, A. Chrystal, H. Paton, D. Cameron, J. Salmond, S. Millar, P. Poole, N. Vallance, J. Mackay, O. Reynolds, C. Hamon, W. Mills, J. Boyne, L. Mitchell, H. Cowan, A. Hall, T. Kennedy, G. Findlay, R. King, L. Hay, R. Keast, M. Wyatt.

Pass: B. Tangney, C. Robertson, G. Fortune, S. Mackie, T. MacKenzie, C. Hamilton, A. Baxter.

Senior Free Place (only).—G. Agnew, D. Anderson, T. Baird, W. Cody, J. Collins, J. Galt, N. Gilchrist, J. Hewat, A. Jones, C. Macan, M. McCartney, J. Macdonald, G. Mackenzie, G. Richardson, C. Smith, J. Stead.

Senior Southland Scholarships (open to all Southland).—1, A. Chrystal; 2, J. Hewat; 3, W. Cody. (Fourth place, H. Paton; fifth place, M. McCartney.)

School Officers.

Captain of the School.—Norman Millard.

Prefects.—Millard, Webber, Miles, Forsyth, D. Brown, and George

Cadet Officers.—No. 1 Company. Lieutenants, Millard, Forsyth; sergeants, Poole, Mitchell, Webber, Hewat, Miles; corporals, G. McKenzie, Hamilton, M. McCartney, Simon; bugler, L. Bush. No. 2 Company; Lieutenant, D. Brown; sergeants, Adamson, Fraser, Richardson, Gilchrist and Reid; corporals, Collins, Stead, Davies, Lymburn; bugler, Thornhill.

Cricket.—Captain, Millard; secretary, Miles.

Football.—Captain, Millard; secretaries, Webber and C. Macan. Midday Club: Secretary, S. Mackie. Juniors: Secretary, J. Sawers.

Fives Committee.—Secretary, F. Simon.

Camera Club.—Secretary, C. Webber.

Swimming Club.—Secretary, C. Reid.

Magazine Committee.—Millard, Miles, Alexander, Simon, Webber, Adamson.

New Free Place Regulations.

New Free Place regulations have been gazetted, to come into force at once. The whole tendency has been to make the regulations more liberal by removing in a large measure the age limits, and by giving the principals of secondary schools powers of recommendation for the extension of a free place for another year. In the case of Junior Free Places, the upward limit of age for a holder of a certificate of proficiency is now fifteen years, instead of fourteen years. The ten per cent. clause by which High School Boards could admit those above the age limit has been cancelled. Insistence is made on the provision for suitable physical training. While the door of admission is thus widened, it is at the same time lessened by the raising of the standard of work for a certificate of proficiency. Everyone will admit that this is in the right direction. To gain a certificate of proficiency now a pupil must obtain 50 per cent. in English, 40 per cent. in Arithmetic, whereas 30 per cent. in each subject sufficed under the old regulations. Further, he must obtain 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks, instead of 50 per cent. The standard of difficulty is thus raised by 10 per cent.; in the case of English, by 20 per cent.

In regard to Senior Free Places, the age restriction is entirely removed. Any pupil (under 19 years of age, of course) may win a Senior Free Place by examination, Matriculation, Junior Civil Service, Senior Free Place, or Scholarship qualification. Therefore, one or

two who passed the Senior Free Place, but were over 16 years of age, can now on application enjoy a Senior Free Place. As with the Junior, so with the Senior Free Places, the principal of a secondary school has the power of recommendation of a continuance of a free place. Finally, any boy may demand a certificate at the close of his Junior or Senior Free Place, stating that he has enjoyed such a free place.

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Greenhills Picnic.

The life of a High School boy is not all "beer and skittles," as some people, at least judging from their talk, would seem to think. If we wish to do the school we left, our High School, and ourselves credit, we must make up our minds to spend by much the greater part of our time in good, solid "graft." Nothing that is worth having can be got without working hard for it, and if a good secondary education is worth having it consequently follows that it is worth working for. But, taking school life all through, I think that most of my fellow pupils will admit that they enjoy it. The acquisition of knowledge is in itself a pleasure, the monotony of hard study with the proverbial "wet towel" round your head being broken by cricketing, footballing, swimming, cadet drill, and, last but not least, by our annual picnic.

This year our picnic was held at Greenhills. The Clerk of the Weather acceded to our numerous wishes for a fine day. Most of us were astir betimes, myself included. After a pleasant night's repose, undisturbed by any hideous nightmare, I sprang from my bed, and, on drawing up my window blind, found my little room enveloped in a flood of sunlight. The birds were flying from tree to tree in the garden, while old Tom, our house cat, sat watching them with a most cunning look. On the top branch of an apple tree was perched an old cock-sparrow, with his head jauntily cocked to one side, hurling, in sparrow language, maledictions at Tom, who, on the other hand, would have been quite willing to give the said sparrow a short lease of his feline stomach. The grass was wet with the dew which had fallen the previous night, and which sparkled like iridescent gems in the rising sun.

While I thus stood gazing on the beauties of Nature, a sharp rap came to my door, and someone called out 'Breakfast!'-an ever-welcome call. To the boy made out of the ordinary dust the works of the pork butcher and poultry farmer appeal more than the works of Nature. I quickly performed my morning ablutions, was thankful that I had not yet arrived at the shaving age, threw on my clothes quickly, and went to the dining-room, where I fed sumptuously on porridge and bacon and eggs.

In less than ten minutes from the time I rose from the breakfast table, I was at the railway station, where I was met by a number of boys, their faces beaming at the thought of having a good time of it. Poole was in charge of a large hamper of apples, kindly provided by the Rector. The Scriptural injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens," seemed to come into the minds of all, for in a short time Poole's burden was materially lessened.

"All aboard!" shouted the guard, as we hurried to take our seats. In less than a minute the whistle blew, we moved slowly out of the station, and, at a rate considerably less than that attained by Stephenson's "Rocket" on its trial trip, we slowly proceeded down the Bluff line. At last we arrived at our destination. Our first thought was to set out for the beach and have a bathe. We were not long in divesting ourselves of our drapery, and in plunging our grimy carcasses beneath the pellucid waters of the Southern Ocean. While we were dressing, a wag told the following story: "In a certain mining town in Scotland the miners yearly organised a trip to the seaside, and one and all went in for a bathe. On one of these occasions a miner said to his mate, 'Man, Jock, ye'r awfu' dirty!' 'Yes,' said Jock, 'I wisna doon last year for a bathe.'

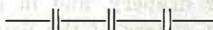
Scarcely had we dressed when we noticed smoke arising from the sheltered side of a neighbouring rock. Off we set for the spot, for it was there that we had arranged to have lunch. How to set about making a billy of tea some boys knew less than an Esquimaux from the Arctic regions. Some declared that the right way to make tea was to put the tea, sugar and milk in the billy of cold water and make a sort of stew of these ingredients. Various other guesses were made, until a boy who evidently understood the art of tea-making, came to the rescue and made a very good brew. We were all thirsty with taking mouthfuls of sea-water, which was not as pleasant to the taste as it was to the sight, with cricketing, and with racing in the hot sun on the sands. So, in spite of a slight taste of smoke and a small dose of sand, we sat down and drank with great relish a cup of the beverage that "cheers but not inebrates."

After lunch we betook ourselves in many directions—some played cricket on the beach; others, intent on getting themselves thoroughly clean, returned to Mother Ocean; while others scoured the rocks for any specimens of seaweed, shellfish or crabs which they could find. Presently a small crowd of boys was seen returning from the beach, driving in front of them a strange bird, which stood on its two short, comical-looking legs, and flapped its small flipper-like wings against the ground. Immediately, everybody left the beach and hurried to examine this specimen of bird-life. "I wonder if the brute bites," said one boy to his mate. "Try him," was the reply. The former, on

taking a step too close to him, received a sharp nip on the bare legs, which was sufficient to convince him of the fact that penguins are quite capable of defending themselves.

It would be impossible for me to describe fully how we enjoyed ourselves that day. Suffice to say that on the way home everyone seemed happy and contented, with no complaints of any kind to make. Our noses, however, had received a good deal of attention from "Old Sol." They were of a deep red hue, and I am sure a week or more must have elapsed before any intelligent fly dared to alight on them. Next morning we appeared at school with our nasal organs well anointed with vaseline, and our legs smarting from the assiduous attention of the midges of the back beach at Greenhills.

H. GRAY.



Schoolroom Humour.

"Whalers and sealers, after they had finished their trawl, would put into the harbour." Fancy trawling for whales! Very like a whale, eh?

"Coup de grace" was translated by J.C. as "cutty-grass."

In an essay on "The South Pole," a member of III. B. hit it very well when he stated "Lieutenant Shackleton, of the ship 'Nimrod,' has with him a number of Shanks's ponies." Another remarked that "The nature of the soil is supposed to be one huge mass of ice."

Master : Give an example of a "stop" or "mute."

Boy : "D," sir.

Master : Why?

Boy : Because you stop before you say it.

Tennyson's "Princess" was being read in class.

"Dismissed in shame to live

No wiser than their mothers, household stuff,

Live chattels, mincers of each other's fame,

Full of weak poison."

The "weak poison," according to the IV. Form, was "tea." Was this wrong?

Old Boys' Column.

Explanatory Note.—Our endeavour is to chronicle in this column stray bits of news about the lives of our Old Boys. The fuller the column, the more interesting it becomes. For some years now, Mr J. T. Carswell has assiduously conducted this column, and to him the Old Boys of the School are indebted for his excellent editorship. Unfortunately, the claims of a growing business not allowing a continuance of this work, we must do our best within the school. All information or contributions addressed to "The Manager, S.B.H.S. Magazine, Invercargill," will be thankfully received. We ask your assistance in making this column of "personals" as full and therefore as interesting as possible. Post us marked copies of papers containing any references to our Old Boys.]

W. Brownlie, M.A., is now on the staff of the High street Public School, Dunedin.

G. F. Griffiths is head teacher at South Forest Hill; Jas. Henry at Hokonui.

E. C. Lindsay, B.Sc., passed last year the Intermediate Medical, London Hospital, taking honours in Pharmacology and a bursary in surgery.

Alex. Lindsay is still studying engineering at McGill University, Canada.

Mr A. J. Scandrett has been transferred from the branch managership of the N.Z. Insurance Co. at Durban, S.A., to Singapore. The Natal Advertiser of the 28th October last reports a valedictory function tendered to him by the representatives of the various fire insurance offices of the town. At the same time he was presented with an illuminated address and a gold watch.

Mr Gordon Macdonald, one of the sons of Mr T. M. Macdonald, has been appointed lecturer in the Westport School of Mines during the absence of the principal on holiday. Mr Macdonald is only 23 years of age, but was recommended by Prof. Park, of Otago University.

Jack Mehaffey, a former captain of the School Fifteen, is captain of the Eastern Counties Rugby Football team in England. Bonar Lindsay is a member of the same team. Both are pursuing their medical studies at the London Hospital.

Mr A. M. Burns, sub-editor of the Christchurch Press, was in town recently visiting friends and renewing old acquaintances.

Mr J. H. Murdoch intends going in for the Church. During the vacation he has been taking services at Dipton.

Seventeen candidates sat for the Intermediate Medical Examination in connection with Otago University. Of these five passed, one of whom was Mr Bert. H. Gilmour.

Bob Kennedy and Horace Macalister have been spending their vacation profitably in view of their chosen profession, the former in the office of Mr E. R. Bowler, Gore, and the latter in the office of Messrs Macalister Bros.

Sam Jackson is now located at Round Hill. He is learning the storekeeping business. He is still doing a little in the way of private study.

Mr R. H. Turton, recently appointed magistrate at Oamaru, has been transferred to Greymouth, West Coast.

Mr A. H. Aitken, who has for some time been on the staff of the Gore District High School, has received a more lucrative position under the Hawkes Bay Education Board.

Mr H. O. Stuckey, our late popular Science Master, has settled down to the fruit industry near Hobart. He speaks well of his prospects, and enjoys the free open life immensely. He was rather unfortunate in being laid up for some time with a serious illness. He is still his jovial self. His address is, "Kangaroo Valley, Hobart, Tasmania."

The Rev. W. White, late of Wallacetown, who has on several occasions acted as locum tenens in the School, has been called to the pastorate of the Waihi Presbyterian Church.

The team of the Invercargill Rowing Club, with Mr B. C. Basstian as stroke, were successful in carrying off first honours at the recent regatta at Port Chalmers.

Mr Harry McKay, who for several years has been in the local office of the A.M.P. Society, has been transferred to the Wellington office. Harry was an enthusiastic footballer, and will be greatly missed by his team. He was presented by his clubmates with a handsome walking-stick. He, Mehaffey and Lindsay were the grafters of the School team of five years ago.

Mr Robert Fraser, who has been in the employ of the Southland Education Board for a number of years, has retired from the teaching profession to join the firm of Wilson, Fraser and Co., cycle agents. He still retains the captaincy of the Gore Rifles.

Mr J. Marsh, erstwhile "John Bull," has been transferred from Wyndham to the Bank of New Zealand at Winton.

Mr A. F. Jones has resigned his position in the office of the Building Society to enter the employ of Mr R. J. Cumming.

We congratulate Dr J. A. Cowie, of Masterton, on his marriage to Dr Helen Baird, of Invercargill. We wish them a long life of unalloyed happiness.

Mr Delargey, accountant in the Bank of New Zealand at Arrowtown, has been granted three months' leave of absence on account of ill-health.

Prior to his departure from Arrowtown, Mr M. G. Mehaffey, for the last 16 months teacher of secondary subjects in the Arrow District High School, was entertained by his pupils and ex-pupils. A number of friends were also present. The function took the form of a social evening. At an interval Miss Lucy Youngman, an ex-pupil, presented Mr Mehaffey with a handsome travelling bag on behalf of the pupils and ex-pupils. Mr Mehaffey said he much regretted leaving Arrowtown, but it was necessary, as he had decided to follow another profession.

Mr A. Bain has been appointed first assistant of the South School.

Mr J. W. H. Bannerman has joined the staff of the Southland News.

Old Boys will regret to hear of the untimely death, at the age of 33 years, of Dr William A. Logan, of Wellington, the fifth son of Mr J. K. Logan, Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs. The late Dr Logan obtained his M.B. and Ch.B. at the Otago Medical School in 1898, his M.R.C.S., London, in the following year, and his F.R.C.S., Eng., in 1900. Not enjoying the best of health, on his return to New Zealand he acted as locum tenens in Woodville, Hastings, and Timaru, finally settling in Wellington in 1902. His health still continuing unsatisfactory, he again left for England in October, 1906, accompanied by his wife and children. To the great regret of the profession, he died in London last December. He was an exceptionally able surgeon and physician.

Teachers' Examinations.—Passed for Class "D": James A. Henry, Leonard J. Wild. Partial Pass for "D": Norman Cowie, F. Griffiths, A. C. Rowe. Passed in four subjects for Class "C": H. McChesney. Passed in two subjects for Class "C": L. J. Wild. Special mention in Class "D": Geo. F. Griffiths (Book-keeping).

Mr Eric Russell has passed his final Solicitors' Examination.

Messrs M. Leith and F. H. Joyce have Matriculated; H. Ratray has passed the Medical Preliminary, and entrance examination to the Dental College, Dunedin.

Mr T. C. Wild is head teacher at Tokonui.

Messrs S. Reid and J. Watson are pupil-teachers at Waihopai and Middle Schools respectively.

Senior Civil Service Examination.—T. M. Ball and Bert. Christophers passed; C. Salmond in five, E. Reynolds in four subjects.

Junior Civil Service Examination.—L. McKenzie and W. Sampson have passed.

O. Reynolds has entered the Mechanical Engineering Department (Wellington) as a cadet.

S. Millar has gone to the Magistrate's Court, Cromwell.

B. Tangney has entered the Railway Traffic Manager's Office, Wellington.

Cedric Salmon, who entered the Railway Engineer's Office at Wellington, and passed the Senior Civil Service, is now engaged in field work between Waihi and Tauranga.

T. Kennedy and Lambeth are in the Railway Department at Dunedin.

J. Mackay, after a short stay at Mackerras and Hazlett's, is entering the local Traffic Office.

C. Webber has joined the staff of the local branch of the National Bank.

J. Stobo has entered the office of Mr W. B. Scandrett.



Dux Medal Fund.

The following Old Boys contributed to this Fund:—Dr J. H. Haird (Wyndham), E. L. Blaikie (Ryal Bush), R. Brownlie, C. J. Brodrick, T. J. Carswell, O. Ekensteen, D. Gilmour, R. Gilmour, J. W. H. King, E. C. Lindsay, C. H. McKay, H. A. Macdonald, P. B. Macdonald, Eus. Russell, Eric Russell, Dr J. E. Rogers (Gore), W. Scott (Ryal Bush), C. T. Wild.

Thanks to the generosity of the above, the Rector was able to obtain two gold medals for the duxes of 1907, and thus continue the practice of the past in associating the Old Boys' Association with the award of these medals. The Rector desires to thank heartily the above for their continued interest in the S.B.H.S.



The cricket season has been a very successful one, almost as successful as last season. We have won every finished Wednesday match, and in the unfinished one (that against Bluff) we were in a favourable position.

At the beginning of the season we had a very fair team, although we felt the absence of Guy and Cockcroft—the former a fine bat and leg-break bowler; the latter a pretty bat and good bowler. Their places, and those of others who had left, were taken by the juniors. The team practised well, and it is to that that the greater part of its success has been due. Even the best of players can do nothing without practice, and if we want the School to be as successful in the future as it has been in the past, we must have practice and plenty of it. Our fielding has not been of the brilliant order, but still, in most cases, it has been passable. In the last match of the season (against Invercargill) we made the biggest score the School has seen for some time—223. This was very pleasing, showing, as it did, the great advances the team has made. In conclusion, we must thank Messrs McGrath and Galloway for the great help they have given us.

No. of Inn. Not Out. Runs. Average.

Miles	5	0	150	30
Millard	5	2	74	24.6
Poole	3	0	36	12
Hamilton	..	4	0	36	9	
Mackenzie	..	4	1	33	11	
Anderson	..	4	1	24	8	

BOWLING.

Wickets. Runs. Average.

Millard	3	6	2
Hamilton	7	21	3
Macartney	5	33	6.6

This year's bowling has been more satisfactory than that of former years. Our best bowlers have been McCartney, Hamilton, Mackenzie, and, up to the holidays, Fraser. Hamilton and Fraser were fast bowlers, somewhat erratic at times ; McCartney a good medium-pace, leg-break bowler ; and Mackenzie a medium-pace bowler with a disconcerting swerve. Strange to say, our batting this year has not been all that it should have been. We have made very fair totals, but the majority of the runs have been compiled by one or two batsmen. A batsman is not expected to make a big score every time, but he should be able to make one now and then.

The good work of the season may be put down to earnestness. The juniors coming up from No. 2 ground were keen and eager to learn ; the "straight bat" was soon a habit with them ; and their fielding was plucky and neat. Without the practice that the Schools' matches gave last year, there would have been a poor First Eleven this year. So, to the new boys it must be said : Go in for the School games heartily. As in former years, we are very grateful to Mr McGrath for the time and pains he spends in coaching us in our cricket. There follows a criticism of the members of the First Team : Millard.—The best bowler the School has had for some seasons ; length, pace, and flight very good. Active in field ; sure catch ; has a scoring leg-swing.

McCartney.—Left-handed bowler ; breaks well.

Anderson.—Second wicket-keeper ; change bowler ; clean off-play with bat.

Hamilton.—Bowls a good lob-ball ; a good scorer on the off.

Poole.—Most forceful bat in the team. Sure field. Very good knowledge of the game.

Miles.—"Bannerman." Has won many a match in the last two seasons by breaking down the bowling. Scores freely when going ; sure field ; bowls round-armers with a come-back ; captained the team.

Macan, G.—Good medium-paced bowler ; improving bat ; quick field. Mackenzie, G.—Fine bat ; has a very deceiving flight in his ball ; smart field.

Alexander, M.—The only leg-hitter in the team. Fine out-field ; sure catch ; good off-break.

Fraser, K. G.—Fair bat ; fast bowler ; excellent in returns from the field.

Hewat.—Best field in the team ; forceful bat, with improvement showing at every game.

Collins.—Played some games for the first. Very good catch, and plucky field.

Baird.—Improving bat. Smart field, and very sure catch,

List of Senior Matches.

School v. Appleby.

Millard, 27 (not out), top-scorer ; total, 115 for 8 wickets ; won by 2 wickets and 43 runs.

School v. Union B.

Miles, 28 ; total, 86 ; won by 13 runs.

School v. Bluff.

Miles, 45 ; total, 133 ; unfinished.

School v. Union B.

Millard, 22 ; total, 145 ; won by 96 runs.

School v. Invercargill.

Miles, 43 ; total, 223 ; won by 170 runs.

F. MILES.



FOOTBALL.



Last year the First Fifteen had a very successful season. Against the thirds of the outside teams they won most of their matches, especially towards the end of the season, while, in the match against the Dunedin High School, they won by a narrow margin. This success of last year's was mainly owing to the efficient coaching of Mr Stuckey. Mr McGrath has now taken the team in hand, with the material to work on not nearly so good as last year's. Last year the backs were all fast and steady players, and the forwards were big and strong and good at following up the ball. This year we have left to us four of last year's backs and three of the forwards, so that the greater part of the team will be new to the First Fifteen. Again, the forwards this year, although fast and hard-working, are small and light, while the backs are not so fast as those that have left us.

The team started to practice about a month ago, with a good muster. The training since then has been fairly hard, and the whole team seems to be willing to practise, and it needs all the practice it can get. Taking everything into account, it seems that the team of this year will be greatly inferior to that of last year, and that it will

have difficulty in getting through the opening matches. It must make an effort to keep up the reputation of last year's team.

While the Seniors have been practising in No. 1 grounds, the Juniors have been turning out well to the practices in No. 2 grounds. Some of the new players among the Juniors have been giving promise of good football, to come later in the season. It has been decided to divide the School again into teams, the one playing against the other. It would be a good plan, instead of having too many small teams, to have, perhaps, four large teams, so that each team can have a full fifteen. In this way, the competition among the Juniors would be much keener. From present prospects, it seems that the Juniors will have a very successful year. The players in all grades seem keen. Let us hope they will remain so. In the Seniors the forwards are an even lot. In the final selections, preference must be given to those who show fast following-up. Among the backs there is too great a readiness to do all the work by oneself. Remember that others besides yourself wish to handle the ball in a pass back from the scrum. Again, the side-lines are not the "winning-posts" for the five-eighths. The lessons, then, are to cultivate unselfishness; to keep one's position; to run straight; not to be taken with the ball. (Collaring is not in favour yet with the forwards, so they must see how the backs approach their men to grass them.) The training rules posted up by the captain should be honourably observed.

W. ALEXANDER.

Secretaries :

SENIORS.—C. Macan.

MIDDAY CLUB.—S. Mackie.

JUNIORS.—J. Sawers.



A CHARACTER-BUILDING GAME.

(By E. H. D. Sewell, in the Daily Mail.)

"Catch your boy fairly young, and, if possible, one with a bit of temper," is the burden of the song of the famous old Oxonian, C. J. N. Fleming, when writing of the teaching of the Rugby game to boys and the best way to get the best results.

And I think he is quite right. Rugby football is no place for the meek and mild, and, while it will make a man out of a puny boy, it is the best physical training imaginable for the bad-tempered boy. In the end he makes the best player, for he learns to keep in hand the temper which during a match raises the battle-devil in him, sends his

blood flying through every limb, and makes him play the game right out to the bitter finish. It incites him to do things which are utterly impossible to the lad who is timid or temperless.

From the day our council schools cease playing Association football and take up the Rugby game—which is really the less dangerous of the two—the physique of the masses will improve.

There is no form of sport within the reach of all that is so good for the body as that in which a Rugby forward participates. The lung, chest and shoulder muscle exercise when pushing in the "scrum," to say nothing of the good done to the thigh and leg muscles, and the education to the youngster how and where to put his feet, are simply unrivalled. They beat gymnastics hollow, for they are all done in God's fresh air, not in the hideous apology for the same to be found in gymnasias, however well ventilated.

Healthy Mind and Healthy Body.

Then the repeated sprints and bursts through by the backs, the superb exercise for the muscles in feinting and dodging, in charge of foot, in kicking and tackling, following one another in rapid sequence, form an ideal physical curriculum no "exercises" or "system" can possibly hope to equal. From them emerges a happy, healthy being, full to the brim of clean, bright blood in every vein, all the organs in the pink of condition, ready for the fight for life before each one of us. The mind follows the body. If the latter is fit, so will the mind be, and while the body is being hammered into pinkness the mind has no chance of unnecessary rest. The character of the subject is being brought up on lines as clear and as clean as the blood upon which the body is feeding.

In Rugby football there is no place for anything that is evil. The best players prove this. One has only to recall the three names—Gwyn Nicholls, Basil Maclear, the late Lewis McLeod—to point the moral. They stood for all that was golden and good in this game, and they had in their respective football lives no superiors. The hardest task was Gwyn Nicholl's. He never had the advantage shared by the other two of a big public school education. His football lines were cast in an atmosphere redolent of professionalism, where trickery was cheered as loudly as clean ability, and where men sought to evade the laws and the officials present to see that they were carried out, by every possible subterfuge. Gwyn Nicholls, of Cardiff, rose superior to all this, and proved how character beats all opposition in the end. No "trickster" ever got much change out of Maclear or MacLeod. It was straightforwardness versus trickiness, and the former won by many goals and tries to nil every time.

A School for Unselfishness.

As a school for the teaching of unselfishness all football stands practically unrivalled, but Rugby football is the best. So very many instances occur in which a player may gain the applause of the uninitiated by playing what has a semblance of being the correct game, whereas had he played the best game for his side his effort would have passed unnoticed by the multitude in their appreciation of the other fellow. Take as an example the necessity for combination in a team.

A, in possession of the ball, is running very strongly towards and near the opponents' goal line. The situation is that a try will tie and a goal win the game. A feels certain as he nears the line that he can get over and that he will score the try all right, but very far out from the goal-posts. A fellow is at hand to get his pass, which, if taken, will produce a try near, or under the posts, from which a goal is more certain to be kicked than from the point far out, where alone A can score the try. Experience in the game teaches A that unselfishness is here absolutely demanded of him. If he is selfish he will score the try and gain the plaudits, but his side will not win the match. If he is unselfish B will score the try and gain the plaudits and his side the match, while A will pass unnoticed. The game teaches A to choose the latter course, and he passes the ball at what he thinks is the best moment, and for the time recedes entirely from the public ken. A secures the approbation of all his fellows, and knows it inwardly, for having "played the game," and that is the just and highest reward for his success in a lesson which is of the utmost value in after-life.

Alike for Coward and Coeur-de-lion.

Then there is the question of pluck and the stiff lip. The Rugby game, as I have said, is no game for the meek and mild, but at the same time, it will bring to the surface the courage, the pluck, that lies dormant in every mother's son. Things occur in nearly every game which would rouse a piece of wet flannel to life and energy. And before long the boy who first took the hurt wincing, will begin to try in a small way, to get something back for his pains in his own way. So it will go on all fair and above-board hand-to-hand struggling and wrestling and tackling and being tackled, until he who was once inclined to show the white feather finds that a danger met by a pursed mouth, a bracing of the lips, and a determination not to mind is the easiest overcome. While the born coward will never be as good a player as the born coeur-de-lion, still he will have the pluck that is in him, such as it is, improved to a great extent by participating in a game where the funk always comes off worst.

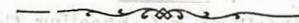
As a way of learning quick avoidance of a real and imminent personal danger the game has no equal. Three or four forwards come pounding down with the ball at their feet and the line at their mercy.

The full-back has but one course open to him. Go down at the ball, if not on the ball, he must. A kick on the jaw or in the neck is the most probable happening. Yet how many times do full-backs do this and go right through the season with barely a scratch.

The threequarter going at top speed has to learn all manner of wiles for evading obstacles and overcoming difficulties besetting him on every side. Every "run" of his is an education. The half-back, again, has to ignore self almost entirely while defending and attacking simultaneously, for it is he who forms the connecting link in both departments. If he makes a slip in defence the attack is "let in" like the first rush of a river in flood. If he evades the first of the defence, his own side has simultaneously gained a footing in attack. "Get a footing and hang on like grim death" is a grand motto in after-life, and in the Rugby half-back we have a good illustration of the truth.



Cadet Notes.



The Cadets have been favoured with splendid weather for outdoor work, and they have taken full advantage of this opportunity. Both companies, now with full complements of men, have been putting in steady practice, and already the recruits are beginning to brighten up. No. 1 Company has the advantage in material, as the bulk of its recruits belonged to No. 2 Company of last year, while the recruits of No. 2 Company came wholly from the new boys. These raw men, however, are doing good work, and soon will acquire the general efficiency of their predecessors of last year.

Neither company has so far made much use of the fine weather for class-firing. All the class-firing will have to be over by the end of December, as the cadet year now closes with the school year. Last year's shooting was hampered greatly by the strong winds which prevailed during the whole of the time devoted to practice for the match against the Secondary Schools of the Dominion. The team's position on the list was therefore not very high. This, however, ought to be an incentive to improvement this year, as we have in the No. 1 Corps the majority of last year's team.

Owing to the number of senior boys that left at the end of the year, many promotions have been necessary. In the 1st Company N. Forsyth has been promoted to be Acting-Second Lieutenant ; Poole to be Colour-Sergeant ; L. Mitchell, Webber, Miles and Hewat to be Sergeants ; Hamilton, McCartney, Simon and Mackenzie to be Corporals. In the 2nd Company D. Brown has taken the position of Second Lieutenant ; Adamson has been promoted to be Colour-Sergeant ; H. Fraser and G. Richardson to be Sergeants ; J. Stead, Lyburn, Collins and Davies to be Corporals. The Buglers are both beginners—L. Bush in No. 1, Thornhill in No. 2.

New regulations have been issued in respect of Cadets under the Defence Department. The minimum strength has now been fixed at 35, the maximum at 63, as before. Cadet companies in connection with High Schools may be formed into battalions, provided there are at least three companies. The staff of such school battalions shall be provided by the schools concerned.

Under such regulations we could easily, so far as numbers go, form a battalion ; the difficulty is the supply of officers. In all probability, in the near future we shall fall into line with other schools.

No. 2 Company has been using the miniature rifle range this term, with some fair results. So far the highest scorers have been :—

Wallis, 50 out of a possible 56. Out of a possible 28, Hamon 26, Watson, Davies, McNaughton, 24 each ; N. Stead, Collins, C. Macan, 23 each.

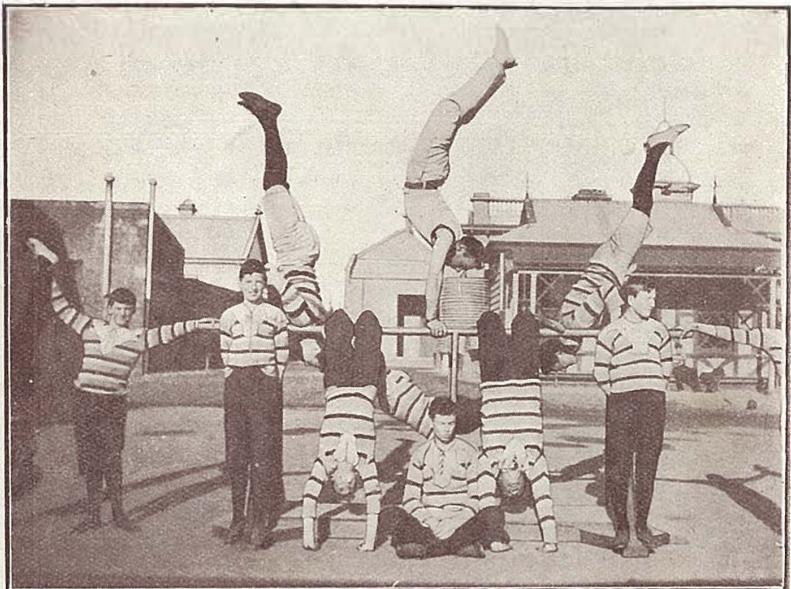
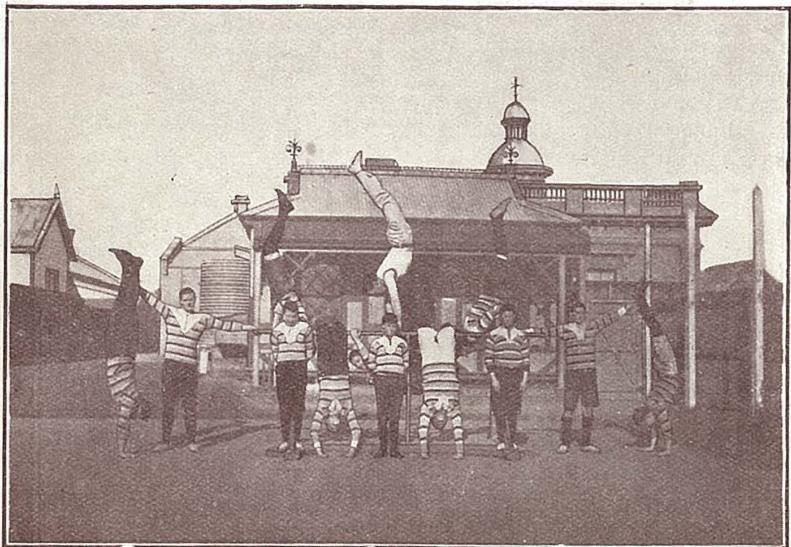
Secondary Schools of N.Z. Shooting Competition.

The following is the result of the competition for 1907 :—

200yds. 500yds. Total.

Wellington College	..	273	239	—	512
Nelson	..	258	227	—	485
Otago B.H.S.	..	239	237	—	476
Auckland G.S.	..	246	188	—	434
Christ's College	..	244	181	—	425
Marlborough	..	220	202	—	422
Wanganui	..	211	203	—	414
Waitaki	..	213	192	—	405
Timaru	..	212	191	—	403
Southland	..	243	142	—	385
Ashburton	..	218	165	—	383
Palmerston North	..	209	149	—	358

Wellington wins for the third year in succession. Twelve teams competed, as against eleven last year. Nelson, Marlborough and Waitaki competed for the first time. Rangiora and Christchurch B.H.S. did not take part. The highest score in the North Island and



also in the competition was by Priv. H. E. Focke, of Wellington (59); in the South Island by Priv. Ballinger, of Nelson (58).

The details of the winning score are:—

Range, Polhill Gully.

Date, 23rd November, 1907.

Weather fine, light changeable, wind slight rear breeze.

Average age, 17 years 3½ months.

Age.	Rank.	Name.	200yds.	500yds	Total
18.1	Priv. H. E. Focke ..	26	33	—	59
16.4	Priv. W. Fitchett ..	28	29	—	57
16.9	Corp. E. M. McKersey ..	31	25	—	56
17.4	Priv. K. E. Blundell ..	28	24	—	52
18.10	Priv. G. L. Gothard ..	31	20	—	51
17.10	Priv. W. Gazley ..	23	27	—	50
17.3	Priv. C. P. Hunter ..	28	22	—	50
15.10	Priv. J. J. Williamson ..	28	21	—	49
16.5	Priv. D. Dinnie ..	23	21	—	44
18.1	Lieut. A. V. Short ..	27	17	—	44
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Total					
			273	239	512

On the whole, the scores this year are much better than before. Last year's average (200 and 500) was 383 per team. This year the average is 425.

N. MILLARD.

Gymnastic Championships.

The annual competitions were held at the close of the year, and were adjudged by Mr R. J. Gilmour. We give the leading scores below:—

Seniors.

Maximum, 120 points.

Millard ..	103
Macan, C. ..	98
Findlay, G. ..	91
Reid, S. ..	91
Smith, C. ..	91
Grieve ..	82
Gilchrist ..	81
Macan, G. ..	76

Maximum, 100 points.

Bastings ..	87
Lambeth ..	85
Carmichael ..	82
Price ..	81
Mahony ..	77
Grant ..	76
Fraser ..	75
McIntyre ..	75

Champion Gymnasts for 1907.

Seniors—N. Millard

Juniors—E. Bastings

SWIMMING.

Practice for beginners (and others) has been regularly held at the baths during the term at midday every Thursday. The attendances have been good throughout. It is a pity that everybody unable to swim does not avail himself of these opportunities to acquire a pleasurable as well as a useful art. C. Reid has proved an enthusiastic secretary.

The season was brought to a close on Thursday afternoon, 2nd April, with a tournament at the baths. The tournament was a great success, all the events being keenly contested. Under the able tuition of Mr Gallaway several boys have acquired the art of "paddling their own canoe." The following events constituted the programme.—

100yds Handicap—McQueen 1, Mayer 2. Won by two yards.

Plate Diving—Simon 1, McCaw 2. A very spirited competition.

Beginners' Race (20yds)—Three heats. Final: Robinson 1, D. MacGibbon 2.

40yds Handicap—Four heats. Final: C. Reid 1, H. Fraser 2.

Beginners' Race (10yds)—Three heats. Final: Howie 1, Wilson 2. Five starters. The second man proved himself an adept at "dog-paddling," and succeeded in beating others who used the orthodox style.

Breast Stroke (40yds)—Pay 1, McQueen 2.

Neat Header (three heights)—Pay 1, McCaw 2. Eight started, and there was keen competition.

Submarine Swimming (20yds)—Gray 1, McCaw 2.

40yds, under 14½—Fraser 1, McCaw 2. Five started.

Long Plunge—Fraser (36ft 6in) 1, F. Adamson (35ft 2in) 2. Another good contest. Five starters.

Inter-Form Relay Race (handicap)—Form II. (D. MacGibbon, L. Bush, A. Hawke and G. Skerrett), 2. Form IV. and Form III. B. (equal). Five teams started.

Championship for 1908—J. McQueen.

Certificates of proficiency in swimming, as issued by the N.Z. Swimming Association, have been gained by the following :—220yds Certificate : Saunders, Frew, Bush, Forsyth, Howie.

440yds Certificate : D. McGibbon, G. Skerrett, A. Hawke, F. Adamson, J. Hewat, W. Alexander, H. Fraser, Mayer, E. Stout, G. Macan, A. Robinson, C. Strang.

C. REID.

Press Clipping.—All German soldiers must learn to swim. Some of them are so expert that, with their clothing on their heads, and carrying guns and ammunition, they can swim streams several hundred yards wide.

Camera Club.

As there seemed to be a number of boys in the School interested in photography, a meeting of all those interested was called on March 16th, to consider the proposal for forming a Camera Club. At this meeting there were 13 present, and it was decided to form a Club, with Mr Williams as President. The following Committee was also elected :—C. Webber, Secretary, and N. Forsyth and W. Young as a Committee of two, along with the President and Secretary, to form a Selection Committee. Monday at 4 o'clock was fixed as the most suitable time for meetings. It was also arranged that excursions should be made into the country on alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays, for the purpose of obtaining views. The first run was made to the Waihopai river on Saturday morning, the 21st March. There were some half-dozen members present, and several good views were snapped. On April 4th a like excursion was made to the Riverton Beach.

It is to be hoped that this new departure on the part of our School will meet with every encouragement, and that the Saturday photographic excursions will become as popular as they deserve to be.

C. WEBBER.



Tennis.

There is very little to note on this excellent game at present, because as yet there are very few enthusiastic tennis players in the School. Tennis is recognised as one of the best of outdoor games, and in the estimation of many is far ahead of cricket. It is a game which allows of great scope for skill, training and improvement. There is no doubt that if a number of players were to take it up systematically they would soon become enthusiastic. It seems a great pity that with such an excellent court at hand there should not be more devotees of the game. There are some half-dozen who now and then indulge in a game on Saturdays, and at odd times, but there is no reason why there should not be enough players to form a club and make tennis a recognised game of the School. Attention might be drawn to the fact that tennis does not necessarily stop with the summer months, especially when there is a fine asphalt court at hand, as is the case with us. It can therefore only be hoped that the court will not lie idle during this winter, but that it will be taken full advantage of by some, in preparation for the coming season. Any intending players can gain more information on the subject by enquiring from the Rector.

C. WEBBER.

FIVES.

Committee : Millard, Miles, Hewat, D. Anderson, Simon (Secretary).

Since the beginning of the year so increased has been the interest in Fives that the courts have rarely been idle. As a result of assiduous practice, we now have several first-class players, and, all round, the present School standard shows a vast improvement on that of last year. In default of more regulation courts, the Gymnasium wall has been utilised, and the juniors gladly avail themselves of the increased facilities for practice thus afforded. Such is the interest taken in the game that a handicap tournament has been held, for which the gratifying total of 68 entries was received. From 8.30 a.m. till dark the courts are engaged—an evidence of the popularity of the game.

In the first round of the Senior Singles, Miles, last year's champion, narrowly defeated Millard, one of last year's champion pair, by one point. Baird, last year's junior champion, easily defeated Simon. In the second round, Miles defeated Baird in one of the best games ever played on the courts, but Miles was in turn unexpectedly beaten by Collins, who had the advantage of a large handicap. It is but fair to add that Collins excelled himself.

In the Senior Doubles, Baird and Millard narrowly won their first round from Simon and Miles, and, winning their second and third rounds with less trouble, were declared the winners.

In the Junior Singles, several good players qualified for the second round, and M. Stead, Carmichael, Macgregor and Thornhill were left in for the third. Carmichael and Macgregor met, and the former won. Thornhill defeated N. Stead. In the final Thornhill defeated Carmichael.

The Junior Doubles ended in a popular win for Fraser and Gilchrist over Carmichael and Saunders, who did not play up to their usual form.

If indications warrant it, another handicap tournament will be held at the end of the second term. A Championship Tournament will be held in the last term.

Old Boys' Fives.—It is gratifying to note that after office hours many "Old Boys" find their way up to the courts, there to chase away the clouds that have darkened their brows during the day. To these we suggest a match against the present School, Past v. Present.

F. SIMON.

Fives Handicap Tournament.

RESULTS :—

Junior Singles : Thornhill.

Runner-up : Carmichael.

Junior Doubles : Fraser and Gilchrist.

Runners-up : Carmichael and Saunders.

Senior Singles : Collins.

Runner-up : Miles.

Senior Doubles : Millard and Baird.

Runners-up : Hewat and Adamson.



Fives Court Fund.

Omission in List of Subscribers.—In the list of subscribers to this Fund, the name of Mr Piper was inadvertently omitted. We take this opportunity of rectifying that omission.



Ye Duckers' Battle Lay.

Tune.—"Riding Down from Bangor."

Oh ! Ye heroes of ye Fourth Form,
And ye heroes of Form Four,
Together go to duck ye foe,
As in ye days of yore ;
When many in ye forum,
And a few more in ye street,
Gave inoffensive innocents
An unaccustomed treat.

Then 'twas in Father Tiber ;
Now it is there no more ;
And after 'twas in Puni,
Where we waged ye Punic War.
Now duck we them in basins,
With taps of hardest sort.
Accommodation's limited,
But still there's plenty sport.

Now soaps 'em does ye scaper,
And turns ye tap full on ;
And e'en, 'tis said, oft bumps a head
To raise a lump thereon.
And oft they fight right savage,
And oft-times damage do,
Which means pleasure for ye many,
But bruises for ye few.

But now there's call for valour,
And also call for pluck;
For we've got the one essential—
To wit, ye blokes to duck.
We are not very vicious;
Our tempers are restrained;
Ye last one who resisted—
'Twas his own fault he was brained.

And accidents aren't frequent—
Just three times out of four—
And if we weren't so careful,
Without doubt they'd be more.
But prepare ye soapy water;
Spectators, seated be;
But beware ye dint of armed heels,
Or many stars ye'll see.

We lift him up so gently,
And then we souse his head.
But while he's in convulsions,
'Tisn't safe to take a leg.
And while ye one is drying,
We look for any more.
He's last.— Again we duck him,
As in ye days of yore.

F. SIMON.

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“A little fun now and then
Is relished by the wisest men.”

Two friends, after partaking of a convivial glass or two, started homeward. The moon, being at its full, said Sandy to Wullie : “Eh, mon, yon's a gran' mun !”. “Mun, ye fule !” said Wully ; “yon's na the mun, it's the sun.” “I tell ye it's the mun !” “It's na the mun, it's the sun,” said the other. After arguing for some time, they met a man coming towards them. “Excuse me,” said Sandy ; “me and me frien' here are having a wee bit of argement. He says yon's the sun, I say it's the mun. Will ye give us your opinion ?” “Ah, weel,” said the stranger, after a lengthy pause. “I kenna jist say the noo ; ye ken I hae na bin in these pairts vera long !”

James : “Is Miss Snowball a graduate of Girton ?” William : “She is.” “I thought she was. I heard her ask if the muzzle of a gun was to prevent its going off.”

“I second the motion,” said the man in the rear of a tandem bicycle.

Visitor : “Well, Johnny, how do you like your new teacher ?”
Johnny : “Not much. She doesn't know anything. To-day she asked me who discovered America !”

“His 'cause' died with him,” said the hunter when he shot the black crow.

“Learning to ride the bike, eh ? How are you getting on ?” “Oh, I haven't got that far.”

He (telling a hair-breadth adventure) : “And in the moonlight we could see the dark muzzles of the wolves.” She (breathlessly) : “Oh, how glad you must have been that they had their muzzles on.”

Father : “Well, Tommy, how do you think you will like this little fellow for a brother ?” Tommy (inspecting the new infant somewhat dubiously) . “Have we got to keep him, papa, or is he only a sample.”

C.W.

A Trip to the Seaside.

There seems to be some subtle influence at the seaside—an indefinable “something” in the eyes of the city-dweller, lending a charm to the shore which is not attributable to the unaccustomed surroundings of sandy beach and overhanging crag alone. Perhaps it is the purer air, the ozone wafted in from the ocean, but it is more likely the natural longing—nay, instinct, rather—which irresistibly draws the Britisher towards the sea, to which he, of all nationalities, is peculiarly indebted. It may have been this fact, combined with recollections of a former outing, that prompted us to choose the seaside for what I sincerely hope will be an annual event, viz., our School Picnic.

The particular spot chosen, the back beach at Greenhills, was peculiarly adapted to our desires. It was located far from any habitation, and was as private as could be wished. A tramp of two or three miles, mostly through a tangle of bush, but ending with half-a-mile of sandhills, is, if not exactly fatiguing, at least rather heating. At any rate, so one would have judged by the appearance of the beach about two minutes after our arrival. Warnings about sharks and cuttlefish were alike disregarded in the supreme satisfaction of a dip in the briny. Well was it that the picnic was strictly limited to males. The unlucky few who bathed not have my sincere sympathy.

But surf-bathing was by no means the only recreation indulged

in, as many a fire with its "billy" and encircling company (the attentions of whose individual constituents were usually divided between earnestly gazing at the aforesaid "billy" and trying to collar the "other fellow's" mug) testified. The School miniature rifles had been brought along, and some useful practice took place, while cricket engrossed the attention of not a few. Throughout the day bathing was in high favour, and at all times a number were in the water. A cricket match between Masters and School, which eventuated after the last meal, practically closed the day's amusement on the beach.

The walk to Greenhills Station was enlivened by several parties getting lost and finding themselves, after much waste of language that isn't in the dictionary. Nevertheless, all arrived in plenty of time for the train. In default of a bathe for the outside, the local store was well patronised in the soft drinks' line, until the arrival of the train. Our subsequent safe arrival in Invercargill closed a most enjoyable day's outing.

F. SIMON.



Lake Hauroto.

For some considerable time the Lillburn settlers have been anxious to explore the country about Lake Hauroto, the leading spirit in the project being Mr Rooney, who, during the Christmas holidays, makes an annual trip to Lillburn from Roxburgh. On his arrival this year, assisted by Mr Mathers, he commenced building such a boat as he thought would be safe and suitable to search every corner and inlet of the lake. In the meantime, while the boat (afterwards appropriately called "The Swan") was being built, a party went out to discover the best possible track through the bush surrounding the lake. This determined on, a start was made, chopping, clearing and making culverts, most of the settlers lending a hand. After about ten days of this sort of work, all hands concluded that the "Swan" might now pass through. But, alas! never was the distance between hope and realisation more clearly illustrated than when the boat, which is 18½ feet in length, was brought forward. First one difficulty, then another, the spade and axe going always with the hope of overcoming our last barrier to a triumphant introduction of the "Swan" to the waters of Lake Hauroto. But there was no such luck, for, instead of being able to arrive at the lake in two days as was expected, by the exertions of a team of horses and ourselves, it took us eight days' hard plugging. Being equipped with all camp requisites, we pitched our tents here and there along the route, almost daily sending back a foraging party for horse-feed, as well as for men-feed, making a raid upon the pantries in the valley, not parti-

cular which pantry suffered as long as it was in a full and desirable condition to be plundered. About 11.30 a.m. on the eighth day of our tour, the "Swan" was gracefully launched on the lake. What a shout was raised! How it reverberated among the mountains! The day being like all others just then, exceedingly warm, everything was dry and parched; throats the driest of all. Charlie Mathers (a Clifden school-fellow) and myself, who were privileged to be of the party, made a rush for the waters of the lake. The rest of the party declared that, with such intense heat and on such a great occasion, it was absolutely dangerous to quench thirst with anything but what they called "water from Scotland," which they had treasured up for the occasion. After a long interval, when one would have thought they should be perfectly cool, with one accord they declared that they would sooner "shout" again, parched as they were, than risk lake-water, so dangerous did they consider it for inflammation. And they led us to understand that they did shout, but I think it must have been a feeble one as far as sound was concerned, for Charlie and I, who were not far distant, did not hear as much as a murmur. Immediately after the billy had been boiled, we were in the boat and away, ready to explore the beach and inlets with which the lake abounds.

Not knowing much about scenery, I shall not attempt to describe it any further than by stating that it seemed to me certainly grand to look at the rocky, snow-capped peaks of the Princess Mountains, towering some thousands of feet straight above us, with bush and scrub extending from snow-level to the lake, the foliage here and there hanging in great festoons over and in the water. Next day we set out for the northern end of the lake, passing several magnificent waterfalls. How far we sailed up I don't exactly know, probably some 16 or 17 miles. The wind having got up fair against our home-coming, it took us about five hours' rowing to get back to our camp, which we reached at 10 o'clock at night. On the following day we made the "Swan" secure in the bush, struck camp, and set off for home. So far as the others of the party were concerned, everything was all right, but, unfortunately for me, I was some eight days late for the opening of the School. I am, however, pleased to say that I got over this difficulty without much trouble. I am now looking forward to exploring, next year, every corner of Lake Hauroto, and perhaps of Lake Poteriteri, which is said to be near the far end of Hauroto. By that time it is possible that there may be some accommodation at the lake—a state of affairs which would tend to attract tourists in some number to such a beautiful spot.

On the whole, I enjoyed the trip very much, although two nights' camping en route to the lake were not very pleasant, with the rain dripping through and wetting our blankets. On the lake, the bird

which is found in greatest abundance is the duck ; in parts there are a few swans and grebe, while the blue mountain-duck is to be seen, but not in any number. On our road to the lake, both Charlie Mathers and myself noticed a peculiar fact—that the kakas near the edge of the bush (that is to say, on the side of the bush furthest from the lake) were differently coloured from those near the lake ; those near the lake being grey on top of the head, while those near the edge of the bush had the usual reddish-coloured feathers of their bodies. At a distance of about half-a-mile from our camp at the lake, the "Quicksand" (a creek which receives its name from the fact that about its mouth there is a stretch of quicksand) runs into the lake. Up this creek there is a number of clearings, on which there are always wild cattle, affording good sport, and also coming in handy for any party that may be short of provisions. Altogether, Lake Hauroto is not a place where one would starve, with plenty of ammunition and birds and fish so plentiful.

A. CARMICHAEL.

Correspondence.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have taken the liberty of writing to your columns on the subject of the Sports, since they will have been held by the time the next issue is published. Last year we included two events for outside amateurs, hoping a better attendance of the public would be the result. Apart from the fact that the weather was somewhat unfavourable, we were disappointed. Is it worth while holding these events again, or had we not better place two new events on the programme for ourselves ? I should suggest placing a Half-mile Championship on the list. It is agreed that the break between quarter-mile and one mile is too long, and such a race as I suggest could be run off before the day of the sports, as the mile is. Less importance would then be given to the jumps, which now count 40 per cent. for the Championship. This practically debars all but jumpers from competing. If a Half-mile were introduced, 33 1-3rd per cent. would count for jumps, which is surely sufficient. Then we might try a one-mile walk as an experiment. It ought to take on, since it calls for less effort than a running race over an equal distance. Trusting the authorities will give the matter their consideration,—I am, etc.,

SPORT,

[Of course "Sport" is aware of the existence of the Half-mile Handicap. His suggestion is that the Half-mile should be included among the events counting for the Championship. It is worth consideration by the incoming Sports Committee. At the same time, it may be pointed out that such an inclusion would make four sprinting events, and only two jumps. In that case, the jumpers would not consider it worth while entering for the Championship. The present arrangement, the outcome of several years' experience, has given general satisfaction to the sprinter and the jumper. The competitor who trains for the shorter distances does not usually train for the longer distances. The present arrangement seems to us satisfactory. "Sport" has two other points in his letter. He suggests a Mile Walk. "Walks" are poor from the spectator's point of view, and are not popular with competitors. They have been tried, but have gradually been dropped here and elsewhere. As to the other point, the inclusion in 1907 of two events for local amateurs, we are inclined to agree with "Sport's" suggestion—viz., to drop them. Why? Because last year these amateurs absorbed too much of our valuable time by their fussiness in starting. Besides, they failed in their object, the drawing of the general public to our sports. The Sports Committee for 1908 will no doubt give the matter its fullest consideration.—Editors.]

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