

Old and other Books.

(By SENEX).

Old Books to Read !—
Ay, bring those nodes of wit
The brazen-clasped, the vellum writ,
Time-honoured tomes !

Just above my bed is a single-board book-shelf ; at one end a toothless skull, which once perhaps was lit with smiles, but now each day by the beams of an orient sun ; at the other my books. They are not a pretty sight save to my eye alone, battered and broken-backed volumes most of them, leaves projecting or inturned, pages thumb-stained and scored with pen and pencil. On the extreme left is a serrated row of lean editions of Latin classics, Horace, Tacitus, Propertius. What mean these hieroglyphics hard by the text save troubled half-hours with Virgil's moments of genius ? That cross recalls a period of detention, while close beside it is yet decipherable the subtle jest that lightened the sentence. I sometimes look into one of these old tomes for an odd five minutes and close it with well-remembered faces chasing before my eyes, some boyish witticism still ringing in my ears, and a queer feeling, the sweet regret of recollection, tugging at my heart.

That "Confessions of an Opium Eater" with its wrinkled cover, has seen hard times. Forgotten in the harvest field, trodden under hoof by horses, rescued from running waters, its nice and polished language and its logical sequence were surely deserving of a better care.

Next comes a Shelley with all its wealth of melodious imagery ; then "the Ingoldsby Legends," a motley mass of ghostly tales rioting with ingenious rhymes. But a little green bound volume of poems, "The Open Road," has displaced all others, as my pocket companion, containing as it does the sentiments of all seasons in styles ranging from the sweet-sounding verses of William Watson and Bliss Carman to the metreless poetic prose of Walt Whitman. The new nature cult is subscribed to in "the Kindred of the Wild," and now my list is complete save for that "heap of clotted nonsense," Sartor Resartus, two parts and more read, "The Professor at the Breakfast Table," a *causerie* of sense and science much inwoven, and an *Athenaeum* book out for this week, "Life's Lesser Moods," little beauty glimpses, symbolical silhouettes—a window-light across a moor, a strange stir in London streets, a typical Spanish Noble, the croupiers at play. This last I value much. Every day and all day I am on the alert for lesser moods, so that my diary bids fair to become congested with disconnected descriptions of sanguine sunsets and tall tree spectres, the tinkle of cow-bells, and the lather of kelp-bound breakers, all common things enough, for one wearies waiting for eye-searing sights.

"Non Scholæ sed vitæ discimus."

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Free Education.

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ALREADY, in a previous number, we have drawn attention to the instability caused by the short stay of the majority of newcomers to the High School. It is not our intention now to dwell upon the evils of this state of affairs, for they are patent. We would seek here to get at the cause of this yearly exodus of a large section of the school. During the last few years a great change has been, and still is, taking place in the educational realm. Even now there are pupils at the school, attending under the old regulations, paying directly or indirectly, their £10 per annum as fees. There are some with us who, but for the aid of a Board Scholarship, would have found the fees too high to allow them to enjoy the benefits of a secondary education. But their number is quickly diminishing, and in a year or two they will have disappeared. Nearly ninety per cent. of those now at the school entered as having qualified for free education by passing the sixth standard under the age of fourteen. Two important results springing from the new condition of affairs are a great increase in the attendance and a lowering of the status of the school. In explanation of the latter remark we would refer dissenters to the Rector's report for 1905, in which he points out that any secondary school failing to retain a fair percentage of its pupils in the higher classes, i.e., failing to retain pupils for a three or four years' course, ceases *ipso facto* to be a second-

dary school, although it may be a good continuation school. Now, we do not wish to appear antagonistic to the new scheme of education. Undoubtedly free secondary education is a great reform, a worthy beginning for the twentieth century, with all its possibilities ; it brings the University within the reach of any level-headed, industrious boy ; it gives all a fair chance. But we should like to draw attention to one or two aspects which, in our opinion, might be improved.

In the first place, the entrance examination to the High School is too easy. It will probably not be credited by many, but yet it is a fact, that many of the new-comers every year seem to know very little even of the rudiments. Some are quite ignorant of sentence structure, utterly unable to work a simple problem, and altogether incapable of taking up with profit a secondary course. Their examination papers make us blush for shame. The "First form" is a very euphemistic expression applied to a class which, under the regulations of five years ago, would have been classed as a very mediocre fifth standard. We are not at all exaggerating. Many of them are altogether insufficiently grounded, and must of necessity find great difficulty with the class work. How many of our first form will, at the end of two years, face the Junior Civil Service ? As for the majority of them—aye, and some of the Second Form also—they might, with as much chance of success, sit for their M.A. degree at once. The fact is they are simply wasting time and money. A boy under the old system could turn to work with at least some fundamental knowledge. We do not wish to be too exacting. We ourselves have always suffered from a none too plentiful supply of brains. But it seems to us (we may be *laudatores acti temporis*) the average entrant to-day is below the former standard because the entrance is too easy. And matriculation is also too easy. Both examinations (the proficiency and the matriculation) require to be made more difficult. If free education is worth having it ought to be worth the pains of getting. To cut a long story short, the boy who leaves the High School without his matriculation has simply been wasting his opportunity. It was, in our opinion, a great mistake to admit such insufficiently grounded pupils in the first place ; and it is with unfeigned pleasure that we find the Inspectors of public schools raising to something like its old standard the requirements for a Sixth Standard pass. It will tend to make the High School more what it ought to be, an "aristocracy of intellect."

But to criticise is easy, and therefore often useless. In Byron's words :

"A man must serve his time to every trade
Save censure—critics all are ready made."

We would here do more than merely put our fingers on obvious faults in the new system of education ; we would offer, in all humility, a few suggestions. First of all, the absolutely useless must be debarred from ever entering the school. A reasonably hard entrance examination would readily solve this difficulty. Then we would have the value of

Scholarships—at anyrate town ones—increased to a reasonable value. In spite of free education, even in the future the only possibles for Junior University Scholarships will be found in the ranks of Scholarship holders. Surely then, Scholarships should be encouraged, even if the encouragement of them necessitates a limitation to the number of free places given. Surely the High School should be a stepping stone from public school to university. Scholarship-holders alone treat it as such, and therefore deserve first consideration. But we know that those who can gain a University Scholarship are necessarily few in number. However, with extra Senior National Scholarships, and free education for "credit," there is no reason why all Board Scholars and Junior National Scholars should not face the examination. Raise the value of the scholarships they now hold, and then, in all fairness, it could be made a point of honour that every scholar should face the university examination. In like manner, on those who enter the school under the boon of free education, we would impose the obligation of passing the Matriculation before leaving school. If a boy, during his stay at the school, has not learned enough to carry him through this examination, he can hardly be said to have derived sufficient benefit from free secondary education to warrant its continuance. Let every free pupil stay with us one year after matriculating, and he will have learned something which will stand him in good stead in after life. We cannot all become university dons—perhaps none of us can—but we can do our best. Matriculation should be within the reach of every High School pupil without the necessity of cramming—the great evil of public examinations. When the High School can bring all its pupils up to this standard, give the majority an extra year's grounding, and carry some on to the Junior Scholarship (even if only to "credit") then, and then only, can we say that free education is being appreciated, and is proving to be in truth a reform worthy of the enlightened twentieth century.



School News.

We have been somewhat later than usual in going to press with this issue. The school year, and, for some, school life are now drawing very near a close. Some there are who will think of this with unbounded joy. They see before them holidays, and what they fondly imagine will be "freedom." They wait impatiently for the time when they may tear off the badge of school-days and assume the garb of man. They have been above "swatting" at school, and now welcome the end of days which have ever been distasteful to them. But, perhaps, some day they will look back upon the days they now would hurry past, and wish that they had made more use of the golden opportunities afforded them. Others, who have done their best, look anxiously forward. They recognise only too well the truth of the saying "Examinations,

are formidable even to the best prepared ; for the biggest fool may ask questions which the wisest man cannot answer." To such we say "Good luck go with you." We would cheer them with an old school motto—"The prize is for the deserving."

While speaking of examinations we would offer our heartiest congratulations to "Bob" Kennedy, who has been distinguishing himself at Victoria College. Bob was always a steady hard-working chap, and he is a splendid example for us at school now, as we have offered to us every chance which he had. We would also congratulate the two Macalisters and "Dave" Smith on their successes at the same college examinations. These three had all left the school some time before proceeding to college, so that only the upper boys will remember the time when they turned out regularly every Wednesday to represent the school at football. Particulars of the successes won by these Old Boys will be found elsewhere. What a miserable show certain other "Junior Old Boys" make when placed alongside this promising quartette ! We have in our mind's eye certain ones who were at school with these four, and were almost as regularly in detention as the "Four" (so for convenience and distinction we shall call them) kept regularly out of it. The former now strut about, pipe or cigar in mouth, pince-nez on nose, and brains (if ever they had any) at home ; in the latter brains, modesty, manliness and good-fellowship go hand in hand. Let the present schoolboy decide which class he will join, and decide at once.

Influenza was rife at school for a fortnight preceding the sports. Practically every boy in the school had at least a touch of the cold, and training suffered in consequence. We would sympathise with M. Macartney who, after being laid up with a bad attack, returned to school and caught another and even worse cold. One is bad enough, but two on end is a little too much.

Swimming has not been mentioned this term. Possibly there will be none this year, as it is now rather late.

The school received with sincere sorrow the news of the death of Mr R. J. Seddon. The flag was immediately hoisted half-mast as an outward acknowledgment of the inward feeling.

The attendance during the year has remained pretty steady. Our roll number has been practically 160 throughout.

A successful competitor at the recent sports attributes his splendid form in a large measure to his consistent training on "Olive" oil, specially prepared from "Bay Leaves." He states that a good dose of this oil nightly, at, say, 7 or 11 o'clock, and continued for an hour or

two at a time, has a wonderfully beneficial effect ; that, to prevent staleness, exercises of a different nature from the ordinary running should be indulged in. Particulars of these exercises may be obtained from the said runner at the moderate charge of one guinea. To prove the genuineness of his system, he here gives us three sample exercises, which may be tested by all :—1. Bike wheeling, which has three subdivisions (a) wheeling somebody else's bike, (b) carrying a jar of training oil in one arm, and wheeling the bike with the other, (c) catching the said jar of "olives" thrown from a bike seat. This last is a severe test of heroism ; and, in the case of advanced pupils, it may be worked in conjunction with the second exercise, which is one for the lips. Particulars of this exercise are withheld ; but in order to explain its purpose, we would point out that in desperate finishes the jaws are braced up unnaturally. This exercise accustoms the runner to holding his jaw in this manner, and so he is well prepared for desperate struggles. The third exercise is hockey, to be indulged in on Saturday. In case of accidents a jar of the "Olive bay leaves" must always be kept handy. It will be seen from these examples that the system is based on scientific principles, and, after the marvellous success of its founder on 1st November, there is no doubt but that it will be largely patronised next year.

A visit was paid to the school by Dr Anderson, Assistant Inspector of Schools. He caused some merriment among the Fourth Form by calling to mind before the whole class some of their teacher's college pranks.

We notice in the "Wellingtonian" a very eulogistic note on Mr Stuckey's career as a footballer at the college there. Mr Stuckey has coached the first XV during the recent season, and whatever success the team has had this year must be attributed to his patient and unselfish instruction. The Senior boys owe him a debt of gratitude.

The duty of writing these notes belongs by right to the members of Form V. These, however, have decided that they "haven't time" to help on the magazine ; so that what should have been the sole work of five clever boys has now fallen upon another who has already written more than the whole "School News" put together. Yet, this luckless one has the same exam. ahead of him as have Form V, with this extra disadvantage that it is his last chance. Surely it is time that Form V. did something to help. Will they lay upon Form VI. the duty of collecting "ads" also ? Let them remember that next year they will be Form VI., and it will only be serving them right if the new "Fifth" leaves to them the work of preparing the magazine matter.

The butts were the scene of a strange incident on a recent Saturday. The tide came in, shutting off the markers from the firers, who

found great difficulty in completing both ranges, 300 and 500, and still greater difficulty in relieving the markers, who were awaiting their turn to shoot. Grasmere Range is a good place to be away from when a strong gale blows and a high tide flows.

The Southland High School has a curiosity in the form of an unhurtable boy. This marvel is bruised and bumped, kicked and "tortured" all day long, but he never turns a hair. Five minutes after one punishment he has provoked another.

We heartily congratulate J. Moore on his splendid performance at the sports. He carried off the championship without even competing in the mile. His win in the 100 scratch was very popular, though rather lucky, as Guy made a very bad start, losing fully 6 yards, which he nearly overhauled. Moore's forte, however, is jumping, especially long jumping, where he holds the school record, 19ft. 9in.

We join in wishing Mr and Mrs A. F. Hawke a pleasant and profitable trip. Their tour embraces Japan, India, Egypt, Palestine and the Continent of Europe. Before sailing Mr. Hawke paid the school a visit to bid good-bye to the boys and the members of the staff.

The sympathy of the school is extended to Porter and Collins because of sad family bereavements. We also deeply sympathise with Mr J. T. Carswell, an old boy at the school, in the death of his infant son. Mr Carswell takes the premier place among the Old Boys who work for the success of our magazine.

We were sorry to learn at the beginning of the third term that Mr J. V. Hanna had severed his connection with the school. He was a skilled gymnast, and took great pains in teaching us the different practices in the gymnasium. His place will be difficult to fill. He has gone across the mill pond to Victoria to take up work there.

Since our last issue a number of boys have left us for appointments of various kinds. A. McDonald has secured a position in the Treasury Department of the Government and is located at Wellington. Oughton has entered the office of Messrs Watson and Haggitt. He is foolish not to have matriculated first. Spite has joined W.S and Co. Hawkins, J. E. W. and Co. Jack Macalister has joined the staff of his uncle at the engineering works. W. Findley has entered the office of Carswell and Co. Dewar has entered the employment of McCallum and Co. Carswell has joined the staff of the National Mortgage, Sawers the Bank of N.Z., and Bonthron the N.Z. Hardware Co. May good success go with each one of them.

Some considerable interest was roused by the presentation of the I.O.N. Trophy, a handsome timepiece won by the A cricket team in last season's competition. The trophy is a challenge one, and was held last year by the South School. The fact of the trophy adorning the School Common Room should inspire our junior players with a determination to keep it there. At the same time handsome velvet cricket caps with the school monogram were presented to the members of the team winning the trophy, viz.:—Wild, Kingsland, Stobo, Horan, Dewar, Leggat, W. Alexander, Morris, A. Mitchell, Cockcroft and Reid. The A team appreciate the kindness of the donor, Mr C. Wilson.

The Navy League.

The essay for which the Navy League prizes were offered this year was "The Relation of the Colonies to the Imperial Navy." In order to give the boys some facts on which they might concentrate their thoughts the Rector took an opportunity of assembling the school in the Gymnasium, and of addressing them on the lines of that topic. He dealt with the following:—(1) What the presence of the Navy in Australian waters means? (2) What the absence of the British fleet from the Australian station might mean? (3) Should Australasia have a self-owned Navy? (4) On what basis should the Colonies contribute towards the upkeep of the Imperial Navy?

Several essays of considerable merit were written, but up to the time of writing the names of the successful writers were not known. One boy, however, showed his depth of comprehension as follows:—

"The present of the navy is of very great importance, In each of the British colonies we have a navy, all of which have been sent from the mother-land. The British Isles have a very powerful navy, the powerfulest in the world. The navy is for protecting the coasts and defending her own country. The British have command over all of the seas because she has the strongest and best navy."

If the British Isle's had know navy she would not be half the size that she is, She would not be able to defend her-self and some other nation would be trying all her might to get the British Isle's, nor she would not be able to get all the small Islands as she has got, If we had know navy the French might come over any minute and try and take the British Isle's.

Australisa shouldn't have a navy of her own, because if she had, she would have nothing to do with the British navy and she would collect as many colonies as she could."

We were favoured also with a visit from the Rev. Mr Matthews, the agent of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The Rev. gentleman told us something of the Sailors' Society, and the work it was doing for our "sons of the sea" in a humorous and funny vein.

Mr Matthews exhibited the bust of Nelson, which is to be placed in our new Council Chambers. This is a very fine piece of workmanship, the material used being oak and copper from the great Admiral's historic vessel. He counselled us to purchase charms and various mementos made from the same materials, samples of which were displayed.

Intimation was made to the effect that a Challenge Shield constructed of Victory copper and oak would be presented to each school subscribing over five guineas towards the Sailors' Society. This shield was to be held in perpetuity by the school and was to be awarded annually for some competition to be arranged by the school authorities.

This shield has since come to hand and is a very fine piece of work indeed. It should be an incentive to one's best endeavour in order to have one's name inscribed thereon.

It is Mr Matthews' intention to have a stall at the Christchurch Exhibition in order to bring his wares, and thus the Mission in which he is interested, before the public. We wish him every success in his undertaking, for any venture which aims at assisting our sailors, both on our merchantmen and men-of-war, must appeal to every section of the British people.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr W. B. Scandrett, and Mr J. L. Watson accompanied Mr Matthews on his visit to the school, and on this occasion the staff and pupils of the Girls' School assembled with us.



The Bible Class.

The attendance at this weekly meeting has with one or two exceptions continued good. Forms VI, IIIA, II, IIIB, have been very well represented, although a number of members have been most irregular. We have continued our Study of the Life of Paul and some very interesting subjects were considered.

About the end of the second term Mr J. C. Mills, of the Dunedin Christian Union, addressed the class, and gave a most interesting character sketch on Gideon, who was shown to be a hero of the first water and one worthy of being taken as an example by boys of all ages.

Early in the third term Mr J. L. Watson gave his promised address on "Patriotism as a Christian duty." He referred to certain recent statements made by a Japanese lady writer. In these she attacked the Christian faith. Mr Watson refuted these statements, and showed us the superiority of Christianity. He impressed upon us that devotion to God, devotion to our country's welfare, and devotion to the betterment of the condition of every fellow creature was a Christian duty. We trust that next year the attendance at the class will continue to improve. This institution has come to stay, apparently, for year by year the number of boys interested has slowly increased.



Football.

The season for 1906 is now over, but on looking back the school can fairly congratulate itself on its football position both in regard to the Senior and Junior teams. After the loss of several of our best men from last year's team, the prospects of a good 1st fifteen appeared very remote; but as the season proceeded it was evident that the new team was improving fast, and this satisfactory improvement continued right up to the end of the season, resulting in a very substantial win against Otago High School 2nd by 60—3, and a very meritorious draw against a strong combination of Old Boys captained by the redoubtable W. Stead.

The Inter-School Tournament matches have been keenly contested, and resulted in a win for D team.

The 2nd Fifteen managed to obtain only one outside match, namely, against Gore, winning by 7 to 6. This team was coached by Mr Pow who accompanied it to Gore, and was no doubt gratified at coming out on top even with a narrow margin. The boys speak well of the treatment received at the hands of the Gore players.

The following criticism of the Senior team is appended:—

Reid—Right three-quarter: A greatly improved player; very slow at times, but when he wakes up has dash. Good place kick.

Moore—Centre three-quarter: Fast, backs up well, exceptionally good at handling the ball, and has got a natural swerve which has resulted in several good tries; has off days at times.

Guy—Left three-quarter: Fast, but needs more weight and initiative.

Murdoch—Five-eighths: The mainstay in back division, both in attack and defence; makes good openings and hard to stop; will be very hard to replace next year.

Cupples—Five-eighths: Very fair at times, but suffers from want of practice with team.

Timpany— Played as full-back at first, but showed so much promise that he was sent up to half, where he has shaped well. Is very quick and gets ball away quickly. With more practice and more weight has the makings of a really good full-back.

Cockroft—Full-back : Fair, will do much better next year.

Alexander—Plays well at either full-back or in three-quarter line. A sure kick for touch and always uses his head.

Gilmour (captain)—Front-ranker or lock : A good solid forward who combines both weight and speed ; knows the game, and played sterling games throughout the whole season. As captain he has looked after his team well.

Brown and Sawers—Both the same useful style of forward with plenty of dash, and who like a willing game. Brown especially good at following up.

Spiers—Played very consistent steady games and was of great use on the line-out and in the loose.

Carswell—Missed several games through absence from practice, but at end of season trained harder and played good games ; very useful on line-out and in loose work.

Mitchell—A heavy, willing forward, but with no great knowledge of the game. Next year should be the strongest forward in the team.

McCarthy—Light, but follows up well.

Smith—A strong forward, but needs far more dash and vim ; is apt to look on.

Lopdell.—Light, but knows the game, and next year should make a good forward.

Hawke—A good hooker ; good in the loose and in following up ; played an excellent game as full-back against the Old Boys.

Millard—Wing-forward ; fast, and has been of enormous service to the team in starting rushes—very quick with his feet, and follows up well. A good kick.

The following are the matches played :—

HIGH SCHOOL v. ATHLETICS (lost, 17 to 0).—The prospect for the opening game was very gloomy, as there were some big gaps in our last year's team, and of those that remained several were unable to play in the opening game. This meant the promotion of a large number of juniors whose previous experience had been confined to the intra-school matches. Fortunately the Athletics were not so strong as last year and did not inflict a very severe defeat. As soon as the game started it was noticed that the forwards could hold their own fairly well, but the backs were lamentably weak. Gilmour and Millard both played

well in the forwards, and were backed up by three very promising men in Brown, Sawers and Lopdell. The backs were weak all round with the exception of Timpany, who at full-back played an excellent game.

HIGH v. STAR (won, 9—3)—By the advent of Murdoch and Carswell the team was materially strengthened, and as the Star combination was not of the best, the High School were enabled to get their first taste of victory. Good forward work soon saw the Star in trouble.

HIGH SCHOOL v. WAIKIWI (lost 19 to 11).—In some ways a very disappointing game, lost solely by bad judgment in kicking. The play of the back division was weak in every department in first spell, and despite the good work of the forwards, the Waikiwi ran up a score of 13 to 5 ; our score being the result of a good piece of work by Murdoch. In the second half matters livened up considerably and there was a great improvement. Good forward rushes were not now rendered useless by inefficient backs, and good tries were scored by Moore and Millard. The lead of the Waikiwi was however too great and they won by 19—11. The most noticeable feature of the play was the fine display given by Millard, who as wing-forward broke away again and again.

HIGH SCHOOL v. BLUES (draw ; no score).—A satisfactory game as it was hard and fought right out to the finish. The forwards were again good, and the improvement in stopping rushes and handling the ball amongst the backs were very noticeable. Murdoch as five-eighths did excellent work, while amongst the forwards Brown, Sawers, Gilmour, Carswell and Lopdell all did well.

HIGH SCHOOL v. PIRATES (won, 12 to 0).—Shortly after the game started a good passing rush was started, the ball passing from Cockroft to Cupples, then out to Murdoch, who transferred it to Moore, who cut through and scored between the posts. More good rushes were started and tries were scored by Millard and Murdoch, chiefly due to good following up. In the second spell the Pirate forwards made desperate efforts to score, but were successfully kept out. The game was noticeable on account of good work by the backs. The weak feature was the bad place-kicking.

HIGH SCHOOL v. STAR (lost, 3 to nil).—The Star team was quite a different one from the team they put in in the first match played against them. Their forwards were especially heavy, and aided by the wretched state of the ground made the game entirely a forward one. From a good rush the Star scored in a good position, but did not add the major points. The School then proceeded to make things lively, and from a penalty had an easy attempt at goal. The kick, however, failed, and from then onward the game was very evenly divided.

Murdoch in tackling was especially good. Timpany in this game came up to half, while Cockcroft took his place, the change proving beneficial. Considering the strength of the opposing forwards, the game was by no means unsatisfactory from a School point of view.

H.S v. WINTON (won, 11 to 0.)—The best game played so far by the school this year. Certainly the Winton only turned out 13 men, but their forward division was very strong, their team being one of the leading ones in the third-class competition. At the beginning of the game the School was pressed, but loose-play following, the pressure was relieved. Soon, from a good pass by Murdoch, Moore got clear away and scored in good position. Reid converted. Loose play in the second spell again saw Winton in the disadvantage, and then Murdoch, securing possession of the ball at halfway, made one of his dashing runs and, after eluding several opponents, passed out to Moore, who crossed the line. The try was not converted. A few minutes afterwards Reid dashed across the line near the corner, but again the kick failed. Winton then attacked desperately, and only the whistle going for time saved a score.

H.S v. DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL.—The Southland Times reported this match thus: "The match Southland High School against a second fifteen of Dunedin High School, played on the Union Ground on Saturday morning, was won by the local boys by 60 points to 3. Although the winners had the advantage in weight and strength, their superiority in this respect was not so overwhelming as these figures would make it appear, and the large score was more a result of speed, dash and superior knowledge of the game than mere avoidance. From the kick-off the Southland boys went for a win in real "remember Fashoda" spirit, as they had the memory of a 42 point defeat by the Dunedin High first fifteen last year to wipe off. It was at once apparent that the visitors were out-classed, and the scoring commenced almost immediately, Moore touching down behind the posts as the result of a passing rush in which he outpaced all opposition. From this on the scoring was consistent, and the first spell closed with the Southlanders in the lead by the substantial majority of 21 points. The try-getting in the second spell was even more lively, the forwards initiating and joining in passing rushes, the result being the addition of a further 39 points. When the visitors had 51 points against them they made a break in the monotony by opening up an offensive movement, Robinson being tackled on the line. An infringement by the local team here gave the Dunedinites a chance, and Prain landed a fine goal, this constituting their only score. Tries were obtained by Moore (4), Millard (4), Hawke (2), Gilmour (2), Murdoch (2), Reid and Timpany. Reid converted six of the tries. In every case his attempt was good, his kicking being, in fact, far above the average. The passing of the winners was first-class, and Timpany, operating behind the scrum, always sent his men well away, while Murdoch,

with an unusual turn of speed and strong swerving ability, regularly made fine openings which allowed Moore, also a very fast lad to outstrip his opponents. Millard, too, has a nice turn of speed, and his fine physique generally enabled him to break through where his speed failed. The visitors played up pluckily against the odds, and the break away that just failed of a score showed that, given decent chances, they could be entrusted not to throw them away. Amongst the backs Prain, Robinson and Thomson showed good defence, and Ryan several times brought Moore and Millard to earth in surprisingly good style. Mr J. McGrath refereed efficiently."

HIGH SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.—The following report appeared in the Times in connection with this annual event:—"There was, of course, great disparity in the weight of the two teams, but what the boys lacked in weight they fully made up for in pluck and training. The Past started away at a strong pace, and from a passing rush Russell cut in well and scored, no goal being kicked. The Present kept the ball moving, and assumed the offensive as their opponents faded visibly, but T. Watson, at full back, was impassable, and as someone remarked that it was just on half-time the old 'ns' came away with strong, convulsive effort, as a result of which J. Martin swept gently over the line and scored. Again no goal. The second spell saw the Past reduced almost wholly to saving efforts, but the lads were not to be denied, and early in the spell, from a loose forward rush, B. Gilmour dived over the line and full-back. The kick at goal failed. Desperately the Past strove to hold their hard-won lead, but near the close of the game Stuckey broke away and kicked over the line, beating the full-back in a race for the ball and scoring near the posts. An easy kick was missed. The closing minutes of the game were occupied in a strong attack by the Past. They were, however, unable to penetrate the defence, and the game ended in a draw, 6 points each. Mr F. Mussen was referee."

INTRA-SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

This year a new scheme of dividing the school was tried, but was not so popular as last year's division, which was again resorted to. A captain and committee of two were appointed in each group to select the teams. The following captains were elected:—

A Team—C. M. Lindsay.

B Team—A. Kingsland.

C Team—W. Alexander.

D Team—I. Macrae.

Owing to the bad weather the matches had to be postponed on two or three occasions, and so only two rounds could be played before the end of the term. D team, however, proved the strongest, not having lost a single match.

During the season some remarks appeared in the papers to the effect that our football was not up to the standard it ought to have been. This, however, can easily be accounted for. Many of the boys in each team were train boys, and consequently the teams could not practise with half the members absent. But in these same remarks the school was complimented for the enthusiasm displayed by all during the season.

VICTORIOUS "D."

I've told thee that our rivals lost against our heavy score,
And how we beat the Kingsland band beside the Pun's shores
I've told thee that Victorious "D" tamed the Lindsay's pride,
But never have I told thee yet that vanquished too was Scally's side.



Cricket.

On the 24th October the First XI. played the Athletics. The weather was fine, and so the game was enjoyed by all. The Athletics won the toss, and went in to bat. They reached a total of 69 runs. The High then took their stand, and came out victors by 13 runs, 82 having been scored.

The High applied to be allowed to enter a team in the Saturday Competition, and were granted permission to do so. Hence, on Saturday, 27th October, they were engaged in playing the Warehouse. The High went in first to bat; they made a good stand, keeping their opponents at work till late on in the day. Guy here distinguished himself by making a total of 90 runs. The sum total for the whole side was about 170. The Warehousemen were speedily settled, only making some 50 runs. As it was a two days' match, the teams met again on

the following Saturday. The Warehouse followed on; but only having 8 men, all these were put out for 18. Thus their total for the two innings was 68; so the high won by an innings and 100 (?) runs.

A team to play in the School Competitions is about to be formed. Last season the other schools were dissatisfied with the High, because it had boys of more experience, and so generally won. So the age for us is lowered this season from 15 to 14½. "A" team was successful in all its matches last season, and we wish for them a continuance of good fortune for this year.



A Match of Cricket.

(TAKEN FROM "PUNCH" OF TEN YEARS AGO.)

Naturally I have often heard to speak of the cricket, but I have never studied the game. In effect I know not of him, even the origin. But seen that the Hindoo princes play him, I suppose that he comes from the Oriental Indias. I am sure of it when I perceive among the players at Brighton two men in long white robes. They have absolutely the air of to be Hindoos, a little pale at cause of the bad English climate, except that each one carries on the head a melon hat at place of a turban. Evidently also at cause of the bad climate, for to protect themselves from the rain. See there then the famous prince and one of his compatriots. I believe him all young, but I am deceived myself.

Then I commence to study the game. What is that which they do? I perceive that the two Hindoos rest planted there, while that one of the players in European costume throws a ball, which another hits of a species of little oar, or of long trowel in wood. Evidently the ball should to hit a Hindoo. That comprehends himself. But the player with the little oar not succeeds never. Every time that the ball goes herself away that one there runs violently towards one of the Hindoos, brandishing his oar, but another player encounters him, and he retires himself. In same time other players run very quick; they entrap the ball, and they throw her against a Hindoo. But he holds himself there, unmovable, tranquil, calm—the unperturbable Oriental. Then all the players change of position, and they attack the other Hindoo. But they do not hit him never. Then I comprehend that they do this express. They wish not to hit him. It is the English generosity towards a conquered nation. This is admirable.

Still one thing which I have remarked. The player who carries the oar puts himself before three little sticks, upright on the turf. One or two times he who throws the ball is suchly maladroit that he makes to fall two of the sticks. All the world cries, and the oarsman is suchly angry that he plays not more, but retires himself. It is droll that the players have not something of more solid for to mark the position of the oarsman. But these sticks are evidently of Oriental origin, for it is one of the Hindoos who gathers them—ah no, picks them up. Probably

since the epoch of the Aryans the Hindoos have picked up some similar sticks. Ah, the eternal patience of the imperturbable Oriental!

I am very content of to have seen a game so interesting, of which I have could to seize the most remarkable features. I go to see again one game some part, and then I shall write a study on "The Cricket" for a French review.

H. DEVEY BROWN.



Gymnastic Display.

The boys gave a display of physical exercise in the Gymnasium, Tay street, on Thursday evening, Aug. 23rd, with the double object of showing the work of the school in this department and of raising funds for uniforms to equip the cadet corps. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the Board, Mr. W. Macalister, the Rector introduced the performance to a packed audience.

Then were gone through in rapid succession the various items of a very judiciously selected programme. Head, trunk, and leg movements, club swinging and deep breathing, trapeze and bar work were exhibited, and those parents present must have been pleased to get some idea of the solid work done to build up their sons physically and to make them bright-eyed and clean of limb. A very large squad of boys went through the combined exercises, and to see those agile, well-developed youngsters swarming up ropes and ladders, somersaulting over the horse, or shooting the bar was something to remember. The element of comicality was supplied by L. Mitchell and Kerr, whose get-up and oddities delighted their fellows, and relieved the entertainment from sameness. Masters Mair and Poole gave violin solos of some merit. The accompaniments were played by the Misses McKibbin and King, who in no small measure helped the boys by their knowledge of the vim necessary to performers, especially in concerted movements such as gymnastic displays.

Mr. A. F. Hawke, of the Board of Governors, thanked the audience for their attendance, complimenting the boys on the work done, and the evidence afforded of their physical fitness. In calling for an expression of thanks to Mr. J. Hanna, junr., their skilled instructor, he emphasised the merit of the entertainment, pointing out that practically the whole of the boys of the school had taken part in it, and that it was not done by a few picked pupils.

The performance, which had continued without a break from 8 p.m., closed at 10 by the pupils singing "God Save the King."

Annual Sports Meeting.

OFFICE-BEARERS—Referee: W. Macalister, Esq. Judges: R. Gilmour, Esq., H. A. Macdonald, Esq., E. Russell, Esq. Ground Stewards: J. McKinnon, Esq., J. S. McGrath, Esq. Press Steward: K. G. Fraser. Starter: H. O. Stackey, Esq. Assistant Starter: B. H. Gilmour. Timekeepers: D. Morton, Esq., J. Pow, Esq. Handicappers: J. S. McGrath, Esq., B. H. Gilmour, J. D. Speirs, J. N. Millard, J. Murdoch, J. Scouller; Old Boys' Events: D. Morton, Esq. Committee: The Head-Master, H. O. Stackey, Esq., J. McKinnon, Esq., J. S. McGrath, Esq., J. Pow, Esq., J. D. Speirs, B. Gilmour, J. Murdoch, J. Moore, J. N. Millard, F. Carswell, J. Scouller. Hon. Sec. (Old Boys' Assn.), N. Churton, Esq. Hon. Secretaries: J. D. Speirs, F. Carswell.

The annual sports in connection with the Boys' High School were held in the Queen's Park on 31st October. The ground was in good order, and the weather clear with a cold wind blowing. Big fields and close finishes prevailed throughout the day. As usual, the novelty races attracted most entries, although the sprints drew large numbers out. The jumping was excellent. New records were set up for the high jump by Millard and for the 120 hurdles by J. Moore. Long distance events did not appear from the number of starters to be as popular as the short distance events, but the boys were very keen in all their races. Afternoon tea was provided for visitors and competitors by the pupils in a large pavilion under the charge of Mrs. Pearce and a capable staff of lady helpers, and was fully appreciated. Considering that the sports had been postponed, there was a very satisfactory attendance of parents and friends, and, later, of old boys. Donations to the prize fund were received from the Board of Governors, the chairman of the Board (Mr. W. Macalister), Mr. J. L. Watson, and Mr. C. H. Roberts. To these and to the Caledonian Society for the use of material the committee desire to express their warmest thanks. Speirs is deserving of special mention for the energetic way he worked to bring the meeting to a successful issue.

Following are the results of the events:—

Long Jump (school record, 19ft. 9in)—Moore 18ft. 8in., Millard 18ft. 3in.
100 Yards Championship (school record 11secs)—Moore 1, Guy 2; time, 11 1-5th secs.

100 Yards Handicap (under 15); 36 starters—First heat: Reid 1, Paton 2; 11 3-7th secs. Second heat: Webber 1, Timpany 2; 11 3-5th secs. Third: Templeton 1, Joyce 2; 11 4-5th secs. Fourth: Anderson 1, Fortune 2; 11 3-5 secs. Fifth: Jones 1, Hay 2; 12 secs. Sixth: Baird and Alex. Macdonald; 11 4-5th secs. Final: Reid 1, Webber 2; 11secs. The first and second made a dead heat and ran it off later, with the above result.

100 Yards Combination Race (50 yds 3-legged, 50yds wheelbarrow); 14 pairs—Final: 1, Kingsland and Cockcroft; 2, Hawke and Lewis.

100 Yards Handicap (open); 16 starters—First heat: Murdoch and Dalzell (dead heat); 11 1-5th secs. Second: Scouller 1, Guy 2; 11 secs. Third: Webber 1, Cupples 2; 11 1-5th secs. Fourth: M. Alexander 1, Lopdell 2; 11 1-5th secs. Final: Scouller 1, Guy 2; 11 secs.

220 Yards Handicap (under 15); 25 starters—First heat: Webber 1, Young 2. Second: Miles 1, Anderson 2. Third: Paton 1, Timpany 2. Fourth: Alex.

Macdonald 1, G. Fortune 2. Final: A. Macdonald 1, Webber 2; 25 3-5th secs.
 High Jump, handicap; 9 starters—1 Dalzell (6in.), 2 Millard (3in.). Millard
 and Moore both cleared 5 feet, Millard establishing a new record of 5ft. 1in.
 440 Yards (open)—1 Millard, 2 Murdoch; 58 4-5th secs.
 100 Yards Handicap (Old Boys); 10 starters—First heat: McChesney 1, A.
 Thompson 2. Second: M. Mitchell 1, Willcox 2. Final: A. Thompson 1,
 Broad 2; 11 secs.
 440 Yards Championship—Guy 1, Moore 2; 61 1-5 secs.
 Potato Race; 24 starters—Final: Lewis 1, Simon 2.
 440 Yards Handicap (under 15)—A. Macdonald (12yds) 1, Scully (15yds) 2;
 68 4-5th secs.
 220 Yards Handicap (open); 7 starters—Millard (2yds) 1, Guy (scr.) 2.
 Sack Race; 16 starters—Final: Lopdell 1, Hall 2.
 440 Yards Handicap (Old Boys); 4 starters—A. Thompson 1, Christophers 2.
 880 Yards Handicap—M. Alexander 1, Kerr 2; 2min. 36secs.
 Obstacle Race; 20 starters—Final: Simon 1, Sherriffs 2.
 120 Yards Hurdles: 5 starters (new record, 18 secs)—Moore 1, Millard 2.
 Mile Handicap (Old Boys); 7 starters—N. Churton 1, F. Miller 2.
 Relay Race Handicap (880 yards); 6 teams—Form I V: Millard, Gilmour, Mur-
 doch, Alexander (scr), 1; Form II—No. 1 team: Scullar, Lopdell, Mitchell G.,
 Anderson (50yds), 2; Form III: Moore, Guy, Webb, Kerr (14 yds) 3.
 Mile Championship—Guy 1, Murdoch 2; 5min. 39secs.
 School Championship: 5 points for a first place, 3 for a second, 1 for a third—
 Moore 16 points, Guy 14, Millard 9, Murdoch 4. School champion for 1906,
 James Moore.



Cadet Corps.

Drill Notes

Since our last number nothing particularly startling has happened in connection with the Cadets. Our companies have been twice inspected by Captain Trask, the Adjutant of the Otago Military District. The first took place about the end of the second term on the Eastern Reserve. Both companies were exercised in various movements by their officers and non-coms., and the inspecting officer questioned each cadet upon the theory of musketry. No. 2 company in its brand new uniform acquitted itself very well indeed, and thoroughly deserved the commendations received from Capt. Trask. The credit for the efficient state of this company is entirely due to its commander, Captain Pow. This officer always aims at thoroughness and no work of an unsatisfactory nature is allowed to pass muster. The result is that there is a splendid tone among the members of the corps, each one of whom seems to catch something of the captain's spirit. We notice that outsiders have observed this state of things for we find the writer of Volunteer Notes to the Otago Witness speaking in praiseworthy terms of the skipper of No. 2 company.

The next inspection took place on the 16th of October on our own grounds. On this occasion Captain Trask put the companies through some battalion drill. This was rather enjoyed by the boys, as it was a complete change from the ordinary company evolutions. No. 1 did much better work than at the previous inspection, but No. 2 could still give them several points in regularity of step, in evenness of line and in general alacrity.

No. 1 Company as the senior corps in the Cadet Battalion must really try to improve. Much could be done by a little effort.

We are pleased to be able to state that the new uniforms of No. 2 Co. have been paid for.

The same company have secured a Hallenstein cup for a shooting competition. The ten highest in the class firing will fire off for the cup as follows:—7 shots at 200, 7 at 300, and 7 at 500 yards.

Both companies are well forward with their class firing. There is now, however, some difficulty in country pupils getting in for shooting on Saturday morning as the Railway Department refuses to allow boys to travel for class-firing unless under the regulations of the Defence Department.

A number of our boys entered for the Cadet Match under the auspices of the Southland Rifle Association, with the following result :—

CADET MATCH.

200 Yards. 7 Shots.

		£ s. d.
Col-Sergt. Robert King, Winton D.H.S.	...	23 0 12 6
Cadet Webber, H.S.C.	...	23 0 10 0
Col-Sergt. Millard, H.S.C.	...	22 0 7 6
Sergt. Wohlers, I.D.C.	...	22 0 5 0
Sergt. Hawke, H.S.C.	...	21 0 5 0
Cadet Kingsland do	...	21 0 4 0
" Waymouth do	...	21 0 4 0
" Salmon, Bluff C.	...	20 0 4 0
" Macalister, H.S.C.	...	20 0 4 0
Sergt. King do	...	20 0 4 0
Cadet Horan do	...	19 0 2 0
Corp. Speirs do	...	17 0 2 0
Cadet McRobie, Central S.C.	...	16 0 2 0
" Mitchell, S.S.C.	...	16 0 2 0
" Ferguson, C.S.C.	...	15 0 2 0

SCHOOLS OF EMPIRE "CADET" SHOOTING MATCH.

October 6, 1906.

	200yds.	500yds.	Total.	Order.
H.P.S.	35	35	70	
Sergt. Millard	31	16	47	— 1
Pte. Kerr	22	2	24	— 8
Sergt. Hawke	20	15	35	— 6
Pte. Kingsland	23	19	42	— 3
" Webber	23	22	45	— 2
" Macalister	19	12	31	— 7
" Poole	23	14	37	— 5
" Horan	24	15	39	— 4
Grand total	185	115	300	

Average age of team—15 years 10 months.

Average at 200 yards—23·1.

 " 500 yards—14·4.

General average 37·5.

Weather—Fine, light, bright. Wind—Cross gale from right; 30 miles an hour.

T. D. PEARCE, Capt.

Superintending Officers—CAPT. A. GREIG.

LIEUT. W. ARMOUR.

Markers—Ptes. Macrae, Miles, Sawers.

ORDER OF MERIT.

SCHOOLS OF THE EMPIRE SHOOTING MATCH—N.Z. RESULTS.

No.	School.	Reptr.	200yds.	500yds.	Tl.
1	Wanganui Collegiate	L.E.	219	223	442
2	Wellington College	"	212	226	438
3	Auckland Grammar	"	201	205	406
4	Christ's College	"	202	201	403
5	Christchurch Boys' High	M.S.E.	191	180	371
6	Otago Boys' High	Lee-Metford	185	177	362
7	St. Patrick's College	Lee-Enfield	169	174	343
8	Rangiora High	M.E. Carbine	168	172	340
9	St. John's Collegiate	L.E.	185	130	315
10	Southland High	"	185	115	300
11	Ashburton	"	164	118	282
12	Waitaki	"	158	123	281
13	Napier	M.L.E.	157	121	278

Cadet Match at Gore.

On the 9th of November a team from the school visited Gore to try conclusions with the Dunedin Engineers and the Gore Defence Cadets. On the arrival of the 8 a.m. express at Gore the team were conducted to the butts, where they found the other teams engaged in the match. There is little to say about the match, except that the Engineers came out on top with a big lead. Our team would have reduced this majority considerably under different conditions, as they fired first at 400 yards, and then at 200 yards, while the other teams fired at the lower range first. The scores were :—

Dunedin Engineers	452
High School	361
Gore Defence Cadets	340

How we spent our time from 12 to 9.30 p.m. As we finished firing we were despatched to the Criterion Private Hotel, where the local Cadets had very kindly provided our dinner. We acknowledged this kindness by stowing away as much as we could comfortably hold. During the afternoon we played a cricket match with the Gore Cadets. This match was noted for its tricky bowling. What breaks and hops! A ball would break four feet and hop as high. It was owing to this and our superior play (?) that we managed to pass their grand total (26) with the loss of four wickets before the ball took its revenge and broke.

We next visited the nursery of Captain Burrows to whom special thanks are due for his kindness during the day. He gave us a peep into the mysteries of budding and grafting, and I think we gave him a poor return for it. The boys took it into their heads to strip a Chatham Island forget-me-not of its blooms to take to pretty friends in town.

After tea we had a little quiet enjoyment first by trying to arouse two boys by giving a Maori war cry of excellent tone in front of

their house. Next we adjourned to the Athenaeum, where we read all kinds of papers till we were weary for something fresh. A good evening was spent with piano, violin and song at the hotel. How many can guess when the violin was played last and how long did it take W.H.G.K. to tune it? Our little party was broken up at 9.30 when we had to depart for the train. On the station we gave three hearty cheers for Captain Burrows, who had looked after us so well, and we left Gore wondering and stupefied by a Maori haka.

A little incident of the day might well be mentioned. There was a boy in the team, an excellent runner, who is a marvel. What think you of a boy who spends an hour and a half over his dinner, the same over his tea, for which he was charged 6d extra, who visits two refreshment rooms in the afternoon and two in the evening, at one of which he consumes three pies; on top of this he eats a shilling's worth of fruit, and ends up the day with some light refreshment at home. This is true of one our number, and he tells us that he was just comfortable, and that it was owing to that he shot so well next day in the Cadet Match at Grasmere. You can guess his name.

ENGINEER CADETS.

	200yds.	400yds.	Tl.
Lance-Corp. West	19	20	39
Cadet Millow	17	17	34
, Smith	23	28	51
, Dines	19	26	45
Corp. Bennett	25	22	47
Cadet Broad	13	20	33
Corp. Begbie	22	28	50
Sergt. Simpson	21	25	46
S.-Major Findon	28	30	58
Cadet Dean	28	21	49
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	452		

Counted out—Q.M.-Sergt. Cheyne and Cadet Knight.

INVERCARGILL H.S. CADETS.

	200yds.	400yds.	Tl.
Sergt. Hawke	23	19	42
Pte. Kingsland	20	21	41
, Webber	13	15	28
, Horan	23	19	42
, Waymouth	17	6	23
, Kerr	21	24	45
C.-Sergt. Joyce	15	10	25
C.-Sergt. Millard	18	27	45
Corp. Spiers	18	19	37
Corp. Macartney	18	15	33
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	361		

Counted out—Sergt. King and Pte. Tangney.

GORE DEFENCE CADETS.

	200yds.	400yds.	Tl.
Corp. Martin	23	21	44
Col. Sergt. Tretheway	19	20	39
Corp. Scott	24	14	38
Lieut. Christie	12	22	34
Cadet Inder	20	14	34
” Smith	19	14	33
Lieut. Wallis	17	15	32
Sergt. Inder	14	16	30
Cadet Anderson	18	11	29
Capt. Burrows	14	13	27
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	180	160	340



The Traveller.



Auckland.

(By J.P.G.)

A few weeks can be very pleasantly spent in and around Auckland. The beautiful surroundings of that city conduce to the spending of a very enjoyable holiday.

Those having a liking for the seaside have only to take the ferry at the Auckland wharf and make the journey across the beautiful Waitemata Harbour to North Shore, an ideal place to spend a day. This little township is celebrated for its large graving docks, and its splendid rifle ranges, and it would be quite an easy matter to spend two or three days in this suburb.

In Auckland itself there are many places of interest to the visitor. One of the most beautiful of these is Albert Park. From here one may get a splendid view of the harbour, and it is a pretty sight to see the ferry boats plying from one place to another. The beautifully laid out walks form a very pleasing sight. The park is also noted for its rather unique collection of cannon; some of these were used in the Battle of Waterloo, at Sebastopol, at Balaclava, and in the Maori War.

Another place of great interest is the Museum, where many old Maori implements of war can be seen; also a Maori store-house and a Maori pah. The latter contains a large war canoe.

Other places of attraction are the Auckland Domain, which is one of the largest sports grounds in New Zealand, the Art Gallery, and the Library, which is the most up-to-date in the colony.

In Auckland the means of locomotion in and around the city are of a very modern type. The comfortable, fast and ornamented electric cars are of great convenience to the general public. A very notable feature about Auckland is the number of ferries, launches and yachts that are seen in the harbour. This small fleet is almost entirely used to convey tourists and visitors to and from the different islands, which are very numerous in the Waitemata Harbour.

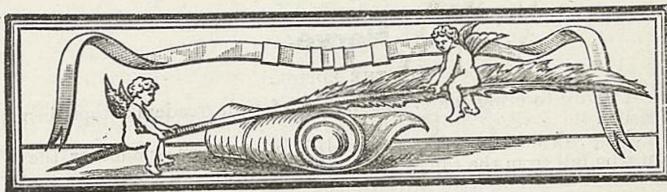
At night there are various places of amusement for those so inclined. A walk through Auckland, with its splendid and well-lit streets, will be far from disagreeable at any time.

Mount Wendon.

(By C.W.)

During the last term holidays I paid a visit to a small place called Wendon Valley, situated about twenty miles north of Gore. On the Saturday following the break-up I went to Gore, remaining there until late in the afternoon when we drove to Wendon Valley, reaching there about six o'clock. On the way we passed through the townships of Maitland Village and Waikaka. As the road for the most part follows the Waikaka Stream up the Valley we were almost constantly in sight of dredges, and on convenient spots the sod wharves and miniature dwellings of the workmen were to be seen. This industry has completely altered the appearance of the Valley in certain places. On the Monday following, my brother and I set out to reach the top of Mount Wendon, five miles distant and about three thousand feet above sea level. In order to do this we had to gain the summit of a low ridge of hills on one of the spurs of the mountain, and when we reached the top of this ridge, by means of a very zigzag sheep track, we rode along it for about 4 miles until we came to the saddle, from which there is a rise of over 1000 feet to the top. Here we sat down to give the horses a rest and to enable ourselves to have some lunch. When we had rested for about half an hour we moved on again, but as it was now very steep we had to lead the horses, and found it rather hard work climbing the dry and slippery slope. However, after an hour's hard work we reached the summit, and we were well rewarded for our labour. Away to the north we could see the snow-clad Takitimos, Remarkable and Umbrella mountains; to the east the Rock and Pillar Range, the Lamurlaws and the Tapanuis clad in their forest garb, while in the gorge below between the mountain and the end of the Umbrella Range flows the river Leitham. Away in the distance to the west we could just make out Riversdale, with the stretch of straight white road leading to it and the Homestead, a well-known land-mark on the Waimea Plains. As we were looking about us we noticed in the valley below four white specks which we took to be

miners' tents, but to make sure we determined to pay them a visit, and started on a steep descent into the Valley, which we found to be even more difficult than the ascent. When we reached the bottom we were told by one of the miners that they were making a reservoir to store up water to work for the summer a sluicing claim, three miles higher up the Valley. He kindly asked us to come and have a cup of tea with him at his hut, which invitation we gladly accepted, as we were now very thirsty. He then took us to his hut, one of the usual sod ones with a kerosene tin on the chimney as a cowl, and placed in the centre of a clump of silver birch trees. After we had spent a short time with him we moved on again, as it was now getting late. We followed the river down the Valley for about three miles until we reached the main road to Gore, and you can be sure that after we got on the formed road we did the remaining six miles in quick time. We reached home at about eight o'clock, after having had a good outing and having made a circuit of over thirty miles in the course of the day.



Correspondence.



Football versus Cricket.

(TO THE EDITOR.)

SIR,—In my opinion "Half-Back," who had an article on this subject in your last issue, is a complete fathead. From what he says in that article it is evident that there must be something seriously wrong with his mental department. Either he has lived all his life in the backblocks and has never seen a game of cricket played, or else he has tried the game and found himself absolutely incapable of understanding the play. From the very fact of his not being able to understand the game, if that has been his reason, he might have known that there was something in it.

He starts off by saying that he has played very little cricket, but is pretty good at football. Well, if he has never played cricket why does he try to judge its merits? He is absolutely incompetent to say anything at all on the matter. Then he brings out a whole list of reasons why football is the better game. It develops better qualities in the players, it can be played by 30 men at a time, all going at it, while at cricket four are doing all the work and having all the fun, a football team requires better training than a cricket team, etc., and he clinches the whole by saying that girls play cricket, and that is enough to smash any game. As regards the first reason, there are no grounds for the statement. A cricketer develops just as good qualities as a result of his playing as a footballer does.

Judgment, endurance, quickness of eye, unselfishness, all these are required by a good cricketer just as much as by a good footballer. As regards the next reason, he seems to think that there are never any loafers in average football teams. In cricket, it is true, the fielders sometimes look as if they were loafing, but still they must be on the alert and ready to spring into exertion at a moment's notice, and to do this properly requires just as good condition as that of any footballer. Cricketers in general are just as fine physically as footballers, and perhaps in brains are a little finer.

Then as regards the girl argument, Half-back must be blind. He evidently does not care for girls. If a game is unmanly because girls play it then there is not a game on earth that can be worthy of the name manly. Girls play football just as much as they do cricket. They play tennis, golf, handball. They have their sports, their swimming tournaments, gymnastic displays, shooting matches, etc., and according to Half-back a boy who does any of these is unfit to be called a man. Surely he has come across some pretty queer specimens of the fair sex if he holds such opinions. If he holds them still I think I am justified in calling him a complete fathead.

SQUARE LEG.

Nerve.

(TO THE EDITOR.)

Sir,—I desire to bring under the notice of your readers a topic in which I am interested.

Everybody, I suppose, has admired in some form or another the hardy American who fell from the top of a sixteen-story building and made no remark whatever as he whizzed past fifteen floors, and even at the last storey in his descent only murmured resignedly, "Now for the bump."

This is what we call a story of "Nerve," and it was some such spirit as this which Hamlet acknowledged when each petty artery in his blood became "as hardy as the Nemean lion's nerve." Nerve is not the singular of nerves, but its antithesis. More than the lack of a little "s" separates it from that other word. It is divided from it by the impassable gulf which divides temperament from temperament, personality from personality. "Nerve" signifies in its highest interpretation an enduring quality of the soul against which all the winds and the waves beat only to find it still standing steadfast—not defiantly, not contemptuously, not vaingloriously, not splendidly, not tauntingly—but just standing.

It is worth while, I think, to lay stress upon the need in these modern times for instilling the spirit of endurance in our boys. It is not so well recognised to-day as it was in the past that fearlessness is one of the first attributes of a fine nature. According to a modern poet, one of the marks of a gentleman is "a soul incapable of fear." According to all historians, courage is the glory of the race.

These are, sir, some thoughts drawn by me from various springs whence I have drunk in the course of my reading, and I pass them on to the other fellows. Somebody may read and learn.

CAIUS TREBONIUS.

Oddities.

A reader of the Triad hands us the following :—

YOUR WORST FIGURE.—The following little amusement with figures may be a "chestnut" to some of my readers; be that as it may, I met with it for the first time during the early part of last month, and was highly interested.

I was asked which of the nine digits (the 8 excepted) I considered I fashioned the worst when writing them down, in progressive rotation, somewhat quickly. I did not know, of course, and was thereupon requested to write them down, which I did like this :—

1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 9

It was decided that I had written the 5 the worst, and that I should multiply the row of eight figures by 45, thus :—

$$\begin{array}{r} 1234(5)679 \\ \times 45 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 61728395 \\ 49382716 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 555555555 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

When I had finished, my opponent looked at me, smiled (you know, with the kind of smile that wouldn't come off), and suggested that I ought to be able to make "fives" better in future.

I have since learned that by striking out the 4 and multiplying by 36, the product (instead of fives) will contain fours—and similarly with any figure struck out, multiplying such figure by 9 to obtain the multiplier.

The following is the work of a youth somewhat deficient in expression on the subject: The Light of the World.

"A few weeks ago a great picture came to Invercargill namely The Light of the World. The picture was painted by Holmer and Hunter and took them six years to complete it. It was shown in the Garrison Hall, where a great many admirers assembled to see the picture. Standing a short distance away it looked as if human, and was finished off in oil and water painting. The picture was painted on a slab, and at the back seemed to be a desert and many stars. It was about 7' by 4' and finished off in great style having a large golden coloured frame and at the bottom was a small inscription. The picture came to the colony for the purpose of being shown in the International Exhibition to be held in Christchurch starting in November."

"Noah's wife," wrote a small boy in an examination, "was called Joan of Arc."

"Water," wrote another, "is composed of two gases, oxygen and cambrigen."

"Lava is what the barber puts on your face." "A blizzard," declared another child, "is the inside of a fowl."

During a Scripture lesson which was being taken by a clergyman, some boys were asked each to give a text from the Bible. One lad said: "And Judas went and hanged himself."

"Well said the reverend gentleman, "that is hardly a good text," and pointing to another lad asked him to give a text, and the lad said: "Go thou and do likewise,"

Q.—"What is a widow?"

A.—"A woman who marries the lodger."

Johnny (reading his composition): "Every rabbit has four legs and an anecdote."

Teacher: "What do yo mean by 'an anecdote'?"

Johnny: "A short, funny tail."

Q.—"What is an opossum?"

A.—"A small animal with a pouch."

Q.—"What does he do with it?"

A.—"When he is hunted he gets inside,"

A monastery is the place of monsters.

After telling little Harry about the cuckoo, the teacher said: "Now tell me, Harry, what you know about the cuckoo."

"I know nuffin' 'cept he don't lay his eggs himself," he replied.



Old Boys' Column.

Fred Ball, Wellington, has left the A.M.P., and is now in a commercial office to gain greater experience of accountant work.

H. Wild was transferred from Wellington Customs Department to New Plymouth.

A. Macdonald, of 1906, is in the Treasury Department, Wellington; not liking too much Civil Service.

F. O. V. Acheson is in the Stamp Department, Wanganui, and kept first years' terms at Victoria College. He does not intend to stay in Civil Service for long.

Albert Acheson, B.E., B.Sc., finished his practical work in the Manawatu Workshops, and left in company with the Rhodes scholar for England, to gain wider knowledge in England and possibly America. He does not expect to find a suitable opening in the colony.

THEY SAY—

That Bob Kennedy and the two Macalisters are home from Wellington, all looking fit and well. Evidently Wellington's climate must agree with all three.

That "Sandy" Macalister has taken on the roll of school teacher in order to fill in the "vac." He has been appointed to the Pine Bush school.

That Frank MacGibbon was home from Dunedin about the beginning of July, laid up with a poisoned knee. "Oreti" received a nasty kick on the knee while playing football which laid him up for about two months.

"That history repeats itself" The old boy onlookers at the recent Town v. Country football match had a breath of old times in M'Leod's barrack for the country team. Well played "Greece."

That H. Adamson, who left the school in December, 1904, is now stationed at Hastings as telegraph operator.

That Reynolds did *not* like school teaching. He has since left the service and gone into the office of the Clerk of the Court in his native town, Riverton.

"Bruno" White, who left school about three years ago and is now in the Bank of Australasia, was in Wellington for a time, and is now in, or near, Waverley. He is just the same as ever, and the nickname he got at school still fits him.

Dave Smith is going up for his first section of his LL.B. this year. He is just as energetic as ever, and is doing very well at Victoria College. Last session he won the prize for the most improvement in debating.

That G. Martin, one time of Lumsden, is now engaged in the surveying line in and around Gore.

That S. Gardiner is almost recovered from his long illness and is now about again. "Stan" was down here recently with the Gore Draught's Club team and renewed his acquaintance with many.

That Ralph Selby has been laid up for a considerable time in the Southland Hospital, suffering from hip trouble. All wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

That rowing has been taken up most enthusiastically by last year's old boys, a great many of whom have joined the I.R.C. Wake up School and have a shot, too.

That it was indeed a glorious spectacle for those of us who visited Dunedin last year, to see this year's team give the Otago Second's a gruelling.

That a fair percentage of old boys are now found playing for the Warehouse Cricket Club.

The following old boys took good places at the annual exams. of the Otago University :—

Wm. Brownlie : Clerk prize in Mental Science ; 1st class Mechanics ; 1st class Junior Physics ; 1st class Practical Physics ; 1st class Junior Mental Science.

A. L. Dolamore : 2nd class Senior English ; 2nd class Senior Latin ; 2nd Constitutional History.

A. B. Lindsay : 2nd class Junior Math. ; 1st class Junior Mental Science ; 2nd class Anatomy.

J. Bruce Baird : 2nd class Junior Math.

F. O. MacGibbon : 2nd class Practical Chemistry.

H. R. Macdonald : 2nd class Senior Mining ; 1st class Senior Surveying ; 2nd class Metallurgy.

A. G. Macdonald : 2nd class Senior Surveying ; 2nd class Metallurgy ; 1st class Assaying.

Scanning the lists of the annual examinations of Victoria College, Wellington, we see the names of some Southland students, who have done well, even remarkably well. As all are ex-pupils of the South-

land Boys' High School, such results speak well for the general foundation laid in that institution. To take three classes as first year students and secure three first-class certificates is an achievement to be proud of, and that is what happened to Messrs R. Kennedy, H. Macalister and M. Macalister. The following are the results :—R. Kennedy, first-class certificates in Degree Mental Science, Degree Economics, Pure Mathematics ; H. Macalister and M. Macalister, first-class certificates in Junior Latin, Preliminary Mental Science, Junior Constitutional History and Jurisprudence ; A. M. Palmer, second-class certificates in Junior Latin and Pure Mathematics ; D. S. Smith (son of Rev. Gibson Smith), second-class certificate in Senior Latin, and first-class in Degree Mental Science, and Senior Constitutional History and Jurisprudence.

On 25th inst, the Rector of the Winton District High School, Mr J. B. Hutchison, on behalf of the teachers and scholars, presented Mr James G. McKay, who for the past year has had special charge of the High School class, with a travelling bag and rug on the occasion of severing his connection with the school in order to join the staff of the Nelson College. During his stay in Winton Mr McKay was generally popular both with the children and with the grown up people with whom he came in contact.

Writing from Oakland, California, under date September 2nd, Mr R. G. Christophers states that he has been appointed "transit man" on the Valley division of the Santa Fe railway—a division which is as long as the railway from Invercargill to Christchurch. The line runs up the celebrated San Joaquin Valley, which is very fertile and thickly populated with fruit growers and farmers. The climate is very hot, but fortunately it is a dry heat, and if the railway workers get at all thirsty grapes, almonds, apricots, etc., grow in abundance in the neighbouring fields at their disposal. "Reg." says that the billet suits him splendidly. He found the climate of California a great change from that of Southland ; up to time of writing there had not been a drop of rain, and very little wind to speak of. In the mornings there is always a heavy fog. Mr Christophers notes that the N.Z. climate seems to be better for producing complexions, and, although California is possibly as famous for its women as for anything else, it is interesting to hear a young New Zealander's opinion that more pretty girls can be seen in one hour in Dunedin than in a whole month in California. Going to California from quiet New Zealand Mr Christophers was naturally somewhat appalled by the American disregard of Sunday. Many people work the whole day. Most of the shops and all the saloons are open, and people who are not employed make a holiday of the day at picnics or at the theatre. The general effect of his experiences in California has been to give Mr Christophers a higher opinion than ever of New Zealand as a country to live in.

Dr W. S. Baird, of Otautau, who left early in the year for a trip to England, has completed several months of study in the London hospitals and a most enjoyable motor tour of England and Scotland. The doctor and Mrs Baird sailed for New Zealand last month, and will be in Otautau again before Christmas.

Mr W. J. Stead, of whose record as a footballer the school is justly proud, has added to his fame by the book just issued from the press, "The Complete Rugby Footballer." This book, published by Messrs Methuen & Co., is written by Captain Gallaher and Vice-captain Stead of the "All Black" team. It is splendidly got up, and illustrated with fine photographs and diagrams, explaining Rugby tactics. It has been reviewed in the English newspapers in terms of highest eulogy, and is likely to stand as the Rugby classic. Mr Stead is probably the most widely known of all the High School's old boys.

Old boys were glad to see Mr L. Waddell at the School sports. Mr Waddell, who has been engaged in business in Wellington for many years past, was at the school early in the eighties. He was making a holiday visit to Invercargill when the sports were held, and showed his interest in the school by putting in an appearance.

Congratulations to a well-known old boy on his appointment to an important position. From among twelve candidates Bas. Basstian was appointed Engineer to the Southland County Council in September. The applicants (said the Southland Times next morning) included men of high professional attainments and wide experience, which makes the young Invercargill surveyor's success the more notable. Mr Basstian's career is an example of the successful working of our education system when aided by the necessary working spirit on the part of the pupil. In 1893 he gained an Education Board scholarship, taking a course at the Southland Boys' High School, where he matriculated. Thereafter he articled himself with Mr T. S. Miller, C.E., surveyor, and after qualifying as a surveyor was attached to the temporary staff of N.Z. Lands and Survey Department. In the Government service he saw rough work on the trans-Waiau fringe of the National Park (West Coast) and in the Taranaki district. In the latter place, in addition to the surveying of very rough open and bush country, he was employed in the subdividing and roading of settlement blocks. When, a little later, he entered upon the practice of his profession on his own account, he availed himself of facilities provided by the Scranton Correspondence Schools to gain a more intimate knowledge of civil engineering, and by consistent study, qualified for the position to which he was yesterday evening appointed. Although not possessed of the same wide experience as other applicants, Mr Basstian was favoured by reason of having just exactly these civil engineering qualifications with which his unaided exertions had equipped him, while his intimate acquaintance

with the country and his reliable character proved further deciding factors in his appointment to a position that often entails arduous work under adverse conditions. Mr Basstian is widely known in the colony as an oarsman.

The engagement is announced of one of our old boys, Mr J. D. Shand, of Centre Bush, to Miss Ethel Churton, second daughter of the late W. R. R. Churton, of Invercargill.

Congratulations to Mr Julian Christophers on his promotion as traveller for W. S. and Co.

Old Boys' Football Team.

The following amusing criticism appeared in the "Times" in connection with the match against the School :—

On Wednesday afternoon next at 3.30 p.m. on the Union Ground the Senior Old Boys play the High School first fifteen. In view of the school's recent victory of 60 points to 3 against the Otago High School (2nd fifteen) the "Past Forgottenites" may be assured of a busy afternoon's "leather hunting." The following criticism of the Old Boys has been furnished by a special scribe :

T. H. Atson (full-back) : A keen "blade," and the sprinter of the team. Kicks well with either "tow," but rather light for the position. "Strips" well and tips the beam at 14.6.

C. Whittaker (3) : A solid player, but his recent performances have been achieved in the grandstand. A cool player, especially on a wet day. Trains consistently on midnight oil.

Eustace Russell (3) : Has been retained for the defence, and will probably refuse to score without costs. Should be "in evidence" during the game, especially when taking the ball "on the fly." Makes a practice of landing his opponents with the gaff.

J. D. Shand (3) : Expected to "plough" his way through his opponents, but may provide a "harrowing" spectacle to the grandstand. Will probably require a reminder from the referee to keep his "wool" on.

J. W. Stead (3) : Will captain the team. One of the heavy-weights who is afraid of his wind. Lacks a knowledge of the fine points of the game, but will probably improve. Should cultivate defence, and put more dash into his game.

A. Rowlands (5) : A relic of the past, but is lasting well. Kicks well, over the fence for preference, and is given to lying on the ball and elsewhere.

Jas. Hanson (1) : A clever little half. Very "fiery" on attack, and a good kick with either foot, and is developing a tendency to "pot." Plays bowls regularly to keep himself fit. Is expected to show up prominently during the first five minutes.

G. C. A. Todd : A dashy little forward, and a wonder for his size. Pluck of the lion, but weedy of stature. Rather given to disputing the referee, and liable to "knock him down."

J. R. Martin : An easy-going forward of the "laissez faire" type, but occasionally travels up and down "the line" at a great rate. Does most of his training in the train, and eats freely at every meal.

F. J. Matheson : The best forward in the team. Is in splendid nick, and "stores" up his best efforts for the gallery. Hopes to be relieving full back in second spell.

C. J. Martin : Commonly known as the manager, and the dandy of the team. When in form a likely scorer, and anything but "soft goods," but is generally a total abstainer in that respect (only).

R. J. Gilmour : The Jumbo of the team. Excels in line out and scrum work, but a terror "to go out on the loose." A deadly tackler, but is expected to tire. Inclined to point, especially for the ladies.

D. Morton : A "left winger" of repute, with a strong tendency to fly at times. Trains on oats and wool, and a regular attender at "Kirk."

Fred Traill : The "burning" light of the team. Fast and weighty, but lacks dash, except for the pavilion. Apt to take "risks" and puts a "premium" on his services.

Tabby Birch : Sometimes called "Slabby" Birch. A sapling, in fact a chip of the old block, and a frontranker. When he gets going, watch the splinters fly.

N.B.—It is much to be regretted that Mr J. A. Hanan, M.H.R., could not skipper the team owing to his unavoidable absence in the North with the other "Reps."



Impressions of College Life.

All that we had heard of college life was such as to make us wish for the time when we should ourselves experience the peculiar pleasures it alone offered. It proved to be quite different from what we had believed it to be, and it is strange that with all we had anticipated, though our ideas had many times to be reconstructed, we were not disappointed, but felt we had entered for a time on an experience we would feel pleasure in remembering.

In a college it is the students who are in evidence, rather than the professors. The professors, at least that is the first impression, seem to be there only in name, and all that a student learns is through his own work ; for a professor even if he wished, cannot do much in his hour a day. However that is but a first impression coming from expecting too much, and thinking it would be as good as school. But all seem equally to think the same and feel like exclaiming against professors and universities in general. However this is but a necessary, passing belief into which all fall. However it soon passes, when it is seen that in making us work for ourselves they are doing more for us than we imagined.

It is a recognised thing at all colleges that the first term is to be a term of enjoyment, and little work--at least amongst the majority ; while in the second term, the real work begins. The first half of the session is given over partly to social intercourse and friendship, the second half wholly to hard work.

So the first term sees all the dances, socials and tournaments. The year opens, perhaps, with a social to new students, and this is but a prelude to many more. Soon college institutions and clubs are started, having lapsed for the summer, and hockey, football and all the other games claim their own. Then that which seems to be the peculiar possession of universities is started—a real live debating club, a club where there is heard proper debating, and as good speaking as one can hear anywhere, even in Parliament—at anyrate, better matter. These, of all meetings, are crowded, and it is there that honest amusement is

always to be got, not so much from the speakers, as from the humorous interjections from the back, though the speakers do furnish their share.

The first term, however, soon drifts quickly by, with its minimum of work and maximum of pleasure. Dances, sports, socials claim attention, till the time of preparation for the capping ceremony comes round—the time that is pre-eminently the students' own. This the student has long felt to be a time when he would make all the uncouth sounds and noises, and do all the strange things that give him such infinite pleasure, and others such infinite annoyance. For weeks before songs are written by the students and these are practised by all. The songs are of a kind to be appreciated and have the merit of exactly suiting the time.

"Tyrannous Chancellors" and "dreaded profs" and even stray students get their share. It is an unalloyed pleasure at a capping carnival to be singing out to the world with a prof. or a chancellor just beside, giving words perhaps to his silent thoughts :

"The students they are a troublesome lot,
Who'll end in jug as like as not,
And when I speak they're not polite,
Hurling great lumps of dolomite.
They drink all day and they hunt all night,
Do all that's wrong, and not that's right,
Sing rowdy song with all their might,
And in strange noise, take delight,
Which is exasperating for
An antediluvian Chancellor."

One characteristic of college songs is the absence of what is regarded as proper. They hit off whatever is troubling the student mind in their own way, and the writer does not trouble nor care whether the diction is poetical, so long as it is forceful. The songs serve on all occasions till the next year. At football matches, college meetings they are sung with delight till a fresh batch arrives with the coming year. All are filled with a patriotic praise of college life, and when sung with proper spirit and with conviction as they are, give the impression that college is indeed worth going to for this if nothing else

" Do you want to know, the finest life that's ever to be had,
Go to Coll, my lads, go to Coll.
Do you want to live the life of a jolly undergrad,
Go to Coll, my lads, go to Coll.

Then yo-ho, away to Coll we'll go,
And we'll make of you a jolly undergrad,
It's a life one ought to lead,
And improve by act and deed,
It's the best that's to be had.

The capping ceremony is held invariably in the afternoon. Students give the speaker a certain maximum of time. If he keeps within it all is well, but if he exceeds the limit he has to listen to mock speeches,

and most strange inhuman noises from the students. However on one occasion a Chancellor determined to repress the students sternly.

"The Chancellor said with a nod of his head,
At a solemn Senate meeting,
That for ruffianly noise, these 'Varsity boys,
Would take a lot of beating;
So he thought it was plain, if it happened again,
That the speakers weren't respected,
There was only one way, that on each 'capping day'
These ruffians should be ejected."

However the "ruffianly" students had their revenge in their own peculiar way. A huge poster, in front of the dreaded Chancellor frightened the audience into fearful silence. Students never moved. Even a blind gently flapping in the wind was hushed into silence. Everything was as gloomy and still as midnight, with only the voice of the speaker to break it, and when he had finished not a note of applause, but the same dead silence. It was more effective than noise; for the absence of applause in the word of a college song,

"Was exasperating for
An antediluvian Chancellor."

Then comes, perhaps, an evening carnival, with such extravagant whimsicalities as students devise, telling

"Of the deeds men did, who never wrote;
Of the deals they dealt and the smites they smote,
And the way the world went then."

Or how,

"We've discarded ancient tables of stone,
We've discarded muscle and thew and bone,
And football and hockey are barbarous grown,
Though the games went very well once.
And all we ask is the sacred pill,
The sovereign cure for every ill,
The only way up knowledge hill,
Though the Profs. worked very well once."

Then afterwards comes a students' supper for graduates, and then, this over, the term of hard work, and less merriment is at hand. Yet this term we enjoy too. Here we met "all sorts and conditions of men." Men from the town, men from the far away back country; men from the far end of one island, men from the extremity of the other, men who go to college simply to taste of the social pleasures it offers; others with a grim purpose to burn the midnight oil.

There is a something which cannot be named which makes all that is done at College different from elsewhere, and seems to make a student different from other people. It may be a scorn of what is common, a playful disrespect of authority, or new-felt freedom, but whatever it is, a student's college days are always happy ones, to which all those that pass through college, look back and pronounce the happiest in their lives.

Entrance

Harvey, James	O'
Harvey, Arthur, Melbourne	O'R
Cross, Alex., London	Law
Fullarton, J. A., M.B., Ch. B., Edin.	Johns
medical practitioner, Invercargill	Bain, J.
Stevens, E., Winton	Thompson
Rodgers, Her., Invercargill	Howell, J.

1884.

Sangster, L. (dead).	Erskine, John, Metallurgical Chemist, Broken Hill.
Borne, C. E., Invercargill.	McCallum, Peter, Oamaru.
Moffett, F., Invercargill.	Roche, David (dead).
Matheson, Farq., Merchant, Dee street, Invercargill.	Hanan, J. A., M.H.R., Invercargill.
Guthrie, W., Invercargill.	Quinn, T. (dead).
Fullarton, J. G., B.A., Teacher Boys' High School, Dunedin.	Watson, Geo., Commission Agent, Invercargill.
Buckley, Frank, Wellington.	Burns, Alex. M., Wellington.
	McInerney, Thos., Winton.

1885.

Collins, Herbert.	Scrutton, H. Campbell, London.
Hast, Otto A., Invercargill.	Quinn, William, Invercargill.
Scandrett, R., Durban, S.A.	Powell, Percy.
Aspinall, M., Perth, W.A.	Young, William, Canterbury.
Aspinall, J.	Thompson, C. F., Stewart Island.
Urquhart, H., Zeehan.	McCulloch, G., South Africa.

1886 (A. H. Highton).

Spence, J. W., Greymouth.	Hast, G.
Spence, S. H. P.	Logan, W. A., Doctor, Wellington.
Stevens, J.	McNab, Angus, Doctor.
Borrie, W., Doctor, Port Chalmers.	Rogers, H.
Borrie, F., Dunedin.	Martin, C. J., Invercargill (Sargood & Co.)
McCallum, P. (Oamaru).	Watson, R. N., Doctor, Harrowgate, England.
Preshaw, W. B., Nelson.	Hatch, F. J., Invercargill.
Wilson, E. R., Architect, Invercargill.	Macdonald, P. B., Gore.
Baird, W. S., Doctor, Outatau.	Morisin, G. F., Waimea.
Brown, W. W. Rev., Stirling.	Morisin, C. D. F.
Collie, Rev. J., M.A., Dunrobin.	Tucker, G., Napier.
Henderson, A. S., Bank N.Z.	Davis, M., Queenstown.
Hinton, J. H.	Mussen, G., Christchurch.
Macdonald, F. B., Foxton.	Irvine, W., Lumsden.
Macdonald, A. M., Invercargill.	Reade, E.
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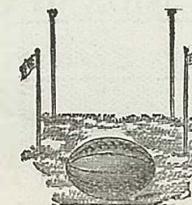
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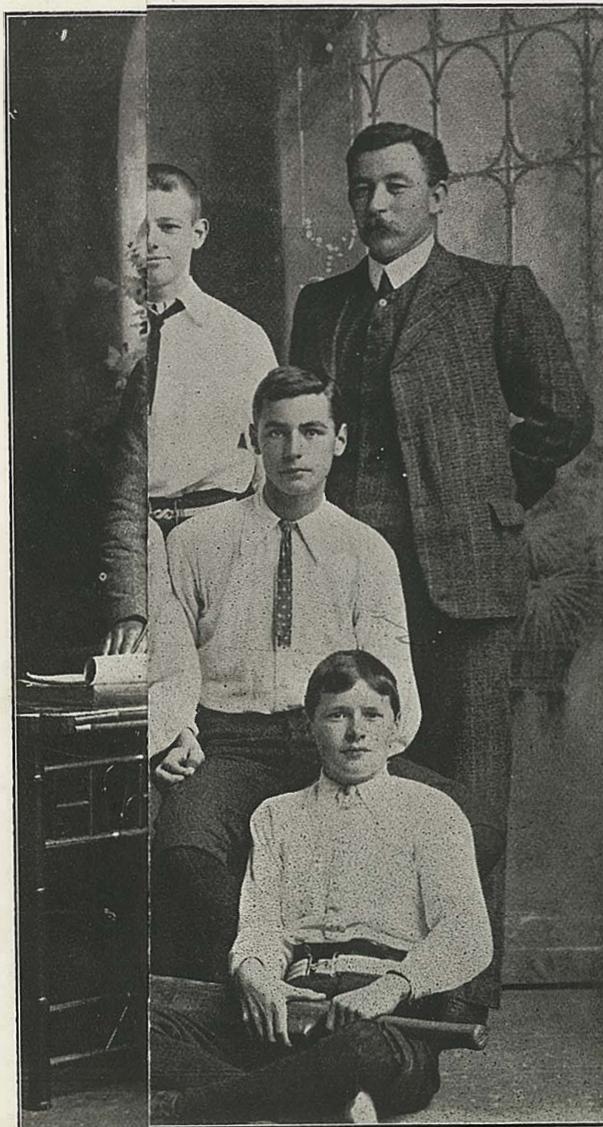
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The Improvements to the School.

(N. Millard).

A FEW years ago the present Boys' High School gave ample room for both boys and girls. But with the large influx of new pupils after the institution of free education, it was soon found necessary to build a new school altogether for the girls and utilise the whole of the old school for the accommodation of the boys. Owing to the size of our forms, the rooms were much too small to give each pupil sufficient floor space, and so before we could take over the whole building, most of the rooms had to be greatly enlarged. At the same time many other improvements were effected. The contractors took possession of the building before we left for our Christmas holidays, and as they were still busy at it when we came back, ten weeks after, we looked forward to seeing fairly extensive improvements.

The first thing we noticed was the absence of the much abused wall, which had done its work so well by keeping the boys from intermingling with the girls, a work not appreciated by some on our side of the school. Then, on passing to the back of the school, we perceived that the site of the old fives court had been used up to enlarge both the science room and the back room. The little dressing shed at the back of these had been extended to more than twice its original length. Next this was a welcome lavatory and an armoury, which does away with a great inconvenience to the Rector of having to keep in his office the rifles of both companies of cadets. Here, next the armoury, is the