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*"Non scholae sed vitae discimus."*

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**Our Frontispiece.**

WE present our readers with a photograph of last year's Dux Robert Kennedy, and in doing so add a few particulars of his career. "Bob" entered the school in 1901 with a Junior Southland Scholarship, coming from East Gore. Subsequently he gained a Senior Scholarship and enjoyed an extension of it for a year. He justified his election to the duxship by gaining his distinctions in the December examinations elsewhere mentioned. Always of a pleasant disposition, he entered with enthusiasm into all phases of the school life. He was as keen at sports as at his lessons; as determined a forward in the first XV., as bold a swimmer and competitor at our annual sports gathering, as he was determined in his application to his studies. Always modest, he has won his successes solely by consistent application and perseverance. He did not shine in cricket, but nevertheless joined in the game. He developed into a first-class officer of the Cadets; and we believe we are right in stating that he was Editor of this Magazine. We are confident that R. K. will maintain his reputation as a hard worker, and wish him all success in his University career.

## Some Needs of the School.

(By W. H. K.)

OUR school has energetically taken up the game of fives or, as we call it, hand-ball. Now this cannot fail to be of great benefit, for it is a game which requires both agility and quickness of the eye. It is a game which obviously is a healthy amusement. While it amuses it at the same time exercises the muscles both of the arms and of the legs, hardens the skin of the hands, and makes them less susceptible to blistering when required to do manual labour—even gymnastics. Since the influx of new-comers the old court is quite inadequate to supply our needs. We have to make use of any available space on the school walls, with the result that the balls are continually going on the roof and through the windows. When the girls move to their commodious new quarters could we not have courts each side of the middle door of the Gymnasium? By a continuation of the asphalt to the wall and the simple erection of wings we would be enabled to prosecute our game to a greater extent than at present. There would be magnificent room for this splendid game. Two fives courts would thus be provided at little expense. We hope the Governors will take our hints into consideration.

Winter is now upon us and with it comes the necessity for greater shelter. It would be impossible to throw open the school for this purpose, for boys will be boys and so mischievous. Our present shelter would have great difficulty in accommodating a fourth of the present number of pupils. There is not much space available for increased shelter at present, but a good deal more could be obtained by simply roofing the space between the fives wall and the division wall. This is one of the necessities of the school, for it is impossible to withstand Southland weather without good shelter. While on the subject of additions to the school, I would mention the fact that in wet weather the path along the eastern side of the Gymnasium gets into a bad state with mud and pools of water. If a thin covering of asphalt were laid down this discomfort would be removed.

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## A Call to Work.

MR J. L. WATSON in his remarks to us when presenting the cricket trophies recently, expressed the wish that the department of study would call forth as much energy and application as that of sport. As a rule, the same boys excel in both departments, and take a pride in doing so.

Unfortunately we have with us a coterie of fellows who are not enthusiastic over anything either inside or outside the school. These fellows are the bane of our school life. Surely there is something amid our multitudinous institutions to arouse and draw out the interests of such.

We have three classes of boys. First, those who come to us to work to get as much all-round improvement as possible, and thus they throw themselves whole heartedly into the school life. These are the fellows who uphold the honour of the school by integrity of character, by loyalty to our best traditions, and by their literary and athletic attainments. The influence of such provides a healthy environment for the fresh men arriving from year to year. It is an inspiration and a pleasure to be brought in contact with boys of that stamp. May their number increase amongst us!

Then we have the average boys, who are strong neither in mental power nor in personality, and who play a kind of "follow my leader" game during their sojourn with us. They are content with an average amount of effort and perfectly satisfied with fair attainment. Now they work and now they don't. You can't depend upon them. Would that some impulse after the fashion of an electric current might take hold of such and as if by magic transform them into an energetic persistent band eager to do their level best whenever occasion required.

Then come the "triflers," a set of fellows often possessing more than average ability, sometimes including in their number even a scholarship holder. These, besides wasting their time, hinder their associates from making the most of their opportunities. They are the proverbial bad apples which spoil the good. They patronise the detention room rather too well and merit a vigorous application of the rod of correction. We would suggest that, in the upper and middle school especially, these wasters might be taken in hand by their classmates and such treatment meted out to them as would tend to bring home to them a proper sense of their responsibility to themselves and to the school. A dull boy we can sympathise with, but the trifler we cannot abide. He must be taught that—"Life is real, life is earnest." Where does the reader stand?



## School News.

At the end of last term as usual we lost a number of our senior boys. Kennedy proceeds to Victoria College to prosecute his studies with a view to entering upon the profession of Law. He will be greatly missed this term. We are sure the school wish him good success. He may be our Chief Justice some day! M. and H. Macalister have also gone to Victoria College.

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A. R. Dawson, the school poet, has entered the service of the Southland Education Board as assistant in the Technical Department. He makes the third old boy in the Board's employ. We hope to hear from him for the poet's corner.

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Cowie and Watson have entered the teaching profession, the former securing an appointment as pupil teacher at Waihopai, the latter a similar position at Otautau. Success to them.

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Mitchell will be sorely missed by the First Fifteen this season. He was the strongest in the pack and the fleetest member of the team. He is turning his attention to commercial pursuits. Dick Hishon also will be missed in the front rank. He was always ready for a brush and reckoned it a soft thing if he emerged from a contest unscathed.

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We have lost also Rattray, Marsh, and Guy. These will be missed, Rattray in the back division of the First Fifteen, the others in the cricket eleven, of which they were the mainstay last season. May they worthily uphold the honour of John Bull. George, of whom we had great expectations, has gone to work. We wish he had continued.

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While most of us were enjoying ourselves during the Christmas vacation Bob Hawke was confined to his room. He was unfortunately the victim of an accident by which his foot was injured. This necessitated not only the loss of his holiday but an absence of two months from school. No one was more sorry than Bob himself to miss the school camp.

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Just before the Easter holidays advantage was taken of the presence of Messrs Watson and Hawke to present the cricket trophies

offered for competition at the beginning of the season. Mr Macalister's bat went to Dewar for highest batting average among the juniors ; Mr Manson's to Wild ; Mr Watson's to Cockcroft for best fielding in senior team, and the Rector's medal to Millard as second fielder. We heartily thank those gentlemen for seeking to encourage our players in this way. Mr Watson's remarks on this occasion gave rise to an article in another column.

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On March 3rd Mr Bligh, who is touring the colony in the interests of the White Cross League, addressed the school in the Gymnasium. He held our attention very closely while he advocated chivalrous conduct as well as purity of life in thought, word and action. He endeavoured to impress us with the value of religion as an incentive to playing the man in every walk of life.

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The school prefects for the current year are Gilmour, Murdoch, M. Alexander, and Millard. We ask for them the loyal support of every boy in the execution of their duty.

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The special holiday allowed according to the school custom in honour of Kennedy's success was granted after the break-up of camp. Boys were thus enabled to make up arrears of sleep and otherwise recover from the effects of the week under canvas.

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A half-holiday was given the school on the occasion of the visit of the Melbourne cricketers. Those of us who attended were given a fine lesson in the possibilities of the game.

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A new department has been added to the school work this term. Two divisions of boys attend the Technical School for instruction in woodwork. Each division works for two successive periods.

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Thanks are due to Speirs for supplying a suitable box for keeping the cricketing material used on No. 1 ground. This reminds us that those responsible for keeping the grass down on both grounds were not just as industrious during the season as they might have been.

The prospects for the football season are good. We have a fair fifteen to do battle for the school, and the worthy skipper of last year's team again holds the reins. There will be the Intra School Tournament, as during the two previous winters but this season we expect to have six teams competing. What about playing matches on Saturday afternoons ? How many favour this proposal ?

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We notice from the December issue of the Wanganui Collegian that the average age of the first XV. of the College there was almost eighteen. The year before it was 17 years 10 months. "We have," it says, "long had an understanding with Wellington and Christ's Colleges that no one should play in the school matches who has reached the age of twenty." The average age of our players last year was much below the average of Wanganui.

From the same source we learn that 70 boys belonging to the Wanganui College passed for the Swimming Association's certificates to those who can swim 440 yards, and seven passed for the 220 yards certificate. How would our record compare with that ?

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We have again to congratulate Mr J. A. Hanan, an old boy of the school, on his election for the third time to the House of Representatives as member for Invercargill.

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We note with pleasure that two of the school athletes, Gilmour and Moore, both Winton boys by the way, were successful at the annual sports meeting there. We congratulate S. Reid on the success of his team in winning the Schools Relay Race at the Hibernian Sports in February last.

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Several years ago Macdonald, or McDonald, was the prominent name on the school register when four or five of that clan were in attendance. Then later Mitchell aspired to the foremost position with five representatives. This year we have four Macdonalds and three Mitchells, so these former rivals are running very close.

A glance at the class lists reveals, if names reveal anything, how strong the Celtic element is among us, for we find such names as McCartney, Macdonald, Macindoe, Macalister, McCarthy, McKay, Macrae, Macan, McIntyre, McIntosh, McKenzie, McDougall, McPherson, McLeod, and McGruer.

Work in the Gynasium has gone steadily on. The senior competition last year was won by Mitchel, and Oughton gained premier place among the juniors. Now that the football season is on full advantage ought to be taken of practice.

One hundred and seventy boys have been enrolled this term. Unfortunately by removals, by entrance into business, and by illness we have lost ten already. 160 remain, of whom only nineteen are fee-paying pupils. So that practically the whole school now enjoys the benefits of free secondary education. It may be worth while to call the attention of the non-free pupils to the fact that they too can win a free place if they pass the Junior Civil Service with credit or the Matriculation. Once a senior free pass is obtained a boy may remain at school until his nineteenth birthday, and thus is made possible "la carriere aux talents," free education from the primary schools to the University. And even then free education is not to cease; for we note that arrangements will probably be made to grant tuition in the University colleges free of cost to all who obtain a credit place in the University scholarship examination.

The Head Master and staff have been congratulated by the Board on the school's success in the December examinations. Last year's Dux, R. Kennedy, covered himself with his successes. The only candidate in the colony to pass the Senior Civil Service with distinction; first place in the Junior Civil Service, and fourth Junior University Scholar—are certainly distinctions to be proud of.

The following are the other results:—

- Credit List, University Scholarship Exam.—Murdoch.
- Matriculation—Gilmour, B., Dawson, McCartney, Speirs, Alexander, W., Carswell, Cowie, George, Marsh, Millard, Reynolds.
- Medical Prelim.—Wyllie, T.
- Junior Civil Service with credit—Spite, George, Brebner, G. Cochrane.
- Junior Civil Service—Joyce, F., Fisher, King, W. W., Reynolds, E.
- Senior Free Place Exam.—Alexander, W., Cockcroft, Cupples, Findlay, O., Grieve, Macalister, E., Macrae, Matthews, Millard, Reid, S., Simon, Tangney, Webber, Welsh, Wild, P.
- Southland Senior Scholarship—Alexander, W., Millard, N.
- F. MacGibbon, one of last year's boys, passed the Matric, qualifying for Solicitor's General Knowledge, while R. Selby and L. Wild were successful at the Teachers' Examinations.

## Oddities.

The following, though not made in this school, are said to be genuine answers given in examinations:—

Q.—"An iceberg floats with 1,000,000 tons of ice above the water-line. About how many tons are below the water-line?"

A.—"The iceberg floats on the top because it is lighter, hence no tons are below the water-line. Another reason is that an iceberg cannot exceed 1,000,000 tons in weight; hence if this much is above water none is below. Ice is exceptional to all other bodies except bismuth. All other bodies have 1090 feet below the surface and 2 feet extra for every degree centigrade. If it were not for this all fish would die, and the earth be held in an iron grip. P.S.—When I say 1090 feet, I mean 1090 feet per second."

"The Equator is a menagerie lion running round the centre of the earth."

"A focus is a thing like a mushroom, but if you eat it you will feel different to a mushroom."

"The cause of the Peasants' Revolt was that a Shilling poultice was put on everybody over sixteen."

The following, however, is a genuine school item. One youth translated: "In omni Gallia genera sunt duo"—"In all Gaul there are two daughters-in-law."



## Arithmetic Up-to-date.

(FROM APRIL TRIAD, 1905.)

Also—

1 times 9 + 2 = 11	1 times 8 + 1 = 9
12 times 9 + 3 = 111	12 times 8 + 2 = 98
123 times 9 + 4 = 1111	123 times 8 + 3 = 987
1234 times 9 + 5 = 11111	1234 times 8 + 4 = 9876
12345 times 9 + 6 = 111111	12345 times 8 + 5 = 98765
123456 times 9 + 7 = 1111111	123456 times 8 + 6 = 987654
1234567 times 9 + 8 = 11111111	1234567 times 8 + 7 = 9876543
12345678 times 9 + 9 = 111111111	12345678 times 8 + 8 = 98765432
	123456789 times 8 + 9 = 987654321



## The Break-up.

The school broke up for the Christmas vacation on Dec. 14th. The "break-up" function was held in the Gymnasium, and there was a large attendance of parents and friends of the pupils. Mr W. Macalister, M.A., LL.B. (Chairman of the Board of Governors), presided, and was supported on the platform by other members of the Board, several old pupils, and the Principals of both schools. Apologies

were read from the Mayor (Mr W. B. Scandrett) and Sir J. G. Ward and R. McNab, M.S.H.R.

The Chairman referred to the death of the late Secretary, Mr Rout, who had been identified with the Board since its inception, and to the appointment of Mr J. Neill as his successor. This appointment was made with a view to bringing the administration of the primary and secondary schools into harmony. He also made reference to the death of Mr G. McLeod, M.A., of Waianiwia, who had taken a very great interest in education in Southland and who had at one time been a member of the Board of Governors.

The Rector, in his report, reviewed the work of the year, at the same time deplored the short length of time that so many of the pupils spent at the school.

The Rev. Dr. Dunlop in his address remarked that the holidays were an essential part of the school course and advocated spending the vacation in such a way as to receive both pleasure and profit. He recommended an acquirement of a taste for good reading, and an observation of both animate and inanimate nature.

Mr J. A. Hanan, M.H.R., presented the prizes to the boys and thereafter gave some good advice to the pupils, advising them to take full advantage of the opportunities which free education brought within the reach of all.

The gold medal presented by the Old Boys' Association as the Dux prize was handed over by Mr H. A. Macdonald to Kennedy, who received a great ovation on coming forward to receive it. The prize list has already been published in the school prospectus, therefore we refrain from inserting it here. Votes of thanks to the staffs of both schools, and to the Board of Governors concluded the ceremony.



### Bible Class.

(By J. M.)

We are pleased to be able to report favourably on the attendance. The roll number has risen to, roughly, 50, a considerable increase on last year's. Forms III. A and III. B in particular are well represented, some 27 members being on the roll; and Form VI., though it does not send in many members yet hold an excellent record, as every boy belonging to it attends. The rest of the school, however, has much room for improvement. Forms IV. and V., for example, supply only about half their number, and these attend somewhat irregularly; while forms I. and II. give us only a sprinkling of their boys—not more than a dozen or so. The lower forms, however, seldom furnish many members, so that we cannot exactly say that they have failed us, as we can and do of Forms IV. and V. We should like to call the attention of these boys to the fact that they are the senior boys in the

school, and as such, are looked to for an example by the new boys. So come on Forms IV. and V., roll up on Thursday afternoons!

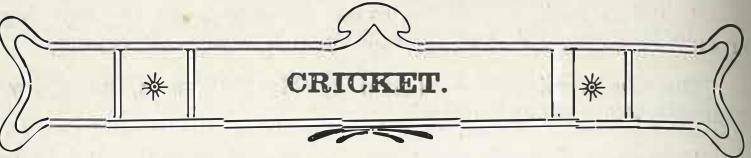
The class, which is conducted by Mr McKinnon, meets every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The course of lessons for this year is the "Life of Paul." A few copies of the text book, Sallmon's, still remain unsold. They may be obtained from the Secretary for 1s 3d. The following is the committee: — FORMS V. and VI.—B. Gilmour; FORM IV.—Wild; FORM III. A—E. Macalister; FORM III. B—Dewar; FORM II.—J. Macdonald; FORM I.—G. Mitchell. SECRETARY—J. Murdoch.

At the first meeting for the year the Rector gave an interesting and instructive address on "Reasons for Studying the Bible." The reasons dealt with were as follows:—(1) It is the Book of Divine Revelation. (2) It is the Book of Divine Inspiration. (3) It is the Book of Divine Righteousness. (4) Because of its influence on past and present history. (5) Because of its civilising, humanising influence on individuals, societies, and peoples. (6) Because of its influence on literature. (7) Because, as compared with other religions, it exercises the profoundest influence in the world.

Mr Pearce also showed how we got the Bible and how it came to be divided into chapters and verses. The address was much appreciated and the attendance was a record one. Mr J. L. McG. Watson has promised to give an address during next term. Since going to press we have had a visit from Mr D. Lyall, B.A., who advocated our joining the Student's Christian Union.




**CRICKET.**
**SENIORS**

Of the six matches played the school won three and lost three, being beaten twice by a team which, last season, was in a higher grade. The other match lost was played on one of the Matriculation examination days, and five of the team were thus not able to help. On the whole, then, the result is good, and the Seniors have to thank Mr N. J. Keane for the care and the perseverance with which he coached them. The masters, too, as usual, helped both in practice and in test.

After the Christmas vacation the team was much weakened by the loss of Guy, Marsh, Brebner, Dawson, and Low. The Juniors taking their places were too weak with the bat to be of much assistance, though they did their best to make themselves efficient. Had a batch of probable players for the First Eleven been under Mr Keane, the school might have gone through the season without a loss.

There follows a criticism of the team :—

**GUY** (Captain).—Forceful bat. Slow break-bowler. Represented Southland in a Junior Rep. to the Lakes District and did very well with the bat. A watchful skipper.

**MILLARD** (Vice-Captain).—Careful bat. Took Guy's place at the end of the season and kept his men at practice. Second fielder of the team.

**MARSH**.—Good bowler, fielder, and batsman. Capital run-getter between wickets. Saved the side more than once by a score.

**COCKROFT**.—Very promising bat. Bowling in latter part of the season was deadly ; got 3 for 7 in our hardest match. Awarded the bat for best fielder.

**ALEXANDER**.—Fine off-play, but not so consistent as last year. Fell away from practice. Long-field catching particularly good.

**BREBNER**.—Improved very much in batting and promised well. Keen field.

**WILD**.—Kept wickets for the team. Will do well next season.

**LOW**.—Sure catch. Left at half season.

**DAWSON**.—Long stop and run saver. Latterly showed hitting power.

**HORAN**.—Very sure and careful fielder.

**SPEIRS**.—Kept wickets at times and stood up well to the bowling.

Kerr, Miles, Leggat, Dewar, Price, and Fraser also played for the team.

**SENIOR TEAM MATCHES.**

The first match of the season was against the Bluff, and was won by the school by 11 runs. Guy, for the school, made 24 out of a total of 67. Marsh took 4 wickets for 4 runs.

The match against Northend followed, and this we won by 4 wickets and 50 runs on the first innings. Cockcroft with 16 was the highest scorer.

In the following match we beat Union B by 142 runs. Out of a total 166 Guy compiled 89. Guy also took 4 wickets for 9 runs.

We suffered the first defeat from Union A, who made 87 to our 62. Guy was again top scorer with 20. Cockcroft took 3 wickets for 7. The next round we were beaten by Union B, our score being 39 to their 57.

In the last match Union A defeated us by 7 wickets. Our total score was 71, of which Cockcroft made 18.

**BATTING.**

Guy—24, 5. 89, 20. Total—138	Average—34.5.
Cockcroft—3, 16. 8*, 11, 4, 18. Total—60.	Average 12
Alexander—0, 12, 7, 3, 13. Total—35.	Average—7.

\* Not out

**BOWLING.**

Marsh—17 overs, 9 maidens, 9 wickets, 24 runs. Average—2.6.
Alexander—13.5 overs, 1 maiden, 8 wickets, 55 runs. Average—6.9.
Guy—40 overs, 8 maidens, 14 wickets, 99 runs. Average—7.09.

**JUNIORS.**

This year the Juniors had the use of No. 2 grounds for practice. They were divided into two teams, High A and High B. High A won the I.O.N. trophy, having lost only one match. High B won only two matches.

**HIGH A v. SOUTH.**

(Won by 20 runs)

We went in first in the second innings and two wickets fell for 51. The match was given to us at the fall of the second wicket. Webber 39 for both innings. Mitchell took 4 wickets for 1 run.

**HIGH A v. MARIST.**

(Won by an innings and 16 runs).

The ground was in a bad condition after a heavy fall of rain. Leggat 58 not out. Wild took 8 wickets for 17 runs.

**HIGH A v. BLUFF.**

(Won by 50 runs).

Wild made 18 runs and Kingsland took 3 wickets for 8 runs.

## HIGH A v. HIGH B.

(Won by an innings and 41 runs).

Leggat made 17 for High A. Mitchell took 5 wickets for 4 runs.

## HIGH A v CENTRAL.

(Won by 7 wickets and 74 runs).

Only five Central players rolled up. Wild made 36 not out. Mitchell took 4 wickets for 6 runs.

## HIGH A v SOUTH.

(Won by 4 wickets and 36 runs).

Dewar made 34 runs not out. Mitchell took 6 for 8.

## HIGH A v. BLUFF.

(Lost by 8 runs).

Several players could not go down to Bluff, inferior players taking their places. Horan made 9 runs. Wild took 8 for 29.

## HIGH A v. HIGH B.

(Won by default)

As camp was on then, High B's captain decided to forfeit the match.

## HIGH A v. MARIST.

(Won by default).

Few Marist players turned up and their captain forfeited.

## HIGH A v. CENTRAL.

(Won by default).

None of our opponents turned up.

The season ended—High A 18, Bluff 16 points.

Dewar, from High A, won Mr Watson's bat with an average of 15.8. This bat was given for the best batsman among juniors. Wild, from High A, won Mr Macalister's bat with an average of 2.2. This bat was given for the best bowlers among juniors.

## BOWLING.

Bowler's name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Dewar	7	1	16	2	8
Horan	12	2	19	2	9.5
Kingsland	51	12	89	21	4.2
Leggat	12	1	21	6	3.5
Mitchell	37	17	46	21	2.19
Webber	7	4	3	2	1.5
Wild	53	17	60	27	2.2

## BATTING AVERAGES.—A TEAM.

Batsman's Name.	No. of Innings.	Times not Out.	Total.	Highest Score.	Averages
Dewar	6	1	79	34*	15.8
Alexander	4	2	14	6	7
Horan	8	0	30	9	3.77
Jones	2	0	9	9	4.5
Kingsland	8	1	39	12*	5.57
Leggat	6	2	115	58*	28.75
Macdonald	1	0	6	6	6
Millar	2	1	1	1*	1
Miles	2	0	7	4	3.5
Mitchell	8	2	41	10	6.83
Morris	8	1	37	9*	5.29
Stobo	7	2	4	2	8
Webber	5	1	48	22*	12
Wild	8	1	64	36*	9.14
Vallance	2	0	2	2	1

## B TEAM.

High B v. Marist.—High B lost by 10 wickets.

High B v. Central.—This match was of two innings, High B finally winning by five wickets.

High B v. High A.—High B lost by an innings and 40 runs. The biggest defeat.

High B v. South (of one innings).—Lost by High B by 2 wickets and 16 runs.

High B v. Central.—Lost by High B by 23 runs.

High B v. South.—High B lost by 9 runs. The closest match.

High B v. Bluff—High B lost by 44 runs.

High B v. Marist.—High B won by 34 runs.

Two matches, one against High A and the other against Bluff, were forfeited by High B.

## BATTING —A. TEAM.

Batsman.	No. of Innings.	Times not Out.	Highest Score.	Total runs Scored.	Average.
Macan, C.	5	0	11	34	6.8
Reid, S.	12	0	16	56	4.6
Sawers	11	2	19*	37	4.1
Martin	9	0	12	35	3.8
Agnew	8	2	8	22	3.6
Reid, C.	3	1	6	7	3.5
Falconer	10	1	9	28	3.1
Joyce	10	0	11	26	2.6
Matthews	3	0	5	7	2.3
Scouler	7	0	4	12	1.7
Spencer	5	1	2	2	1.2

BOWLING.—B TEAM.					
Bowler.	No. of Overs.	No. of Maidens.	No. of Wickets.	Runs scored off bowling.	Average.
Spencer	14	6	11	21	1·9
Sawers	50	17	20	74	3·7
Scoular	13	2	6	23	3·8
Reid	71	14	31	132	4·2
Macan	16	1	5	33	6·6



## Swimming.



The season for this year was brought to a close on Thursday, April 5th, when the Annual Swimming Sports were held. These passed off very successfully, for, despite the coldness of the weather, entries were numerous for the various events and some good races resulted. The results will be given later.

On looking back through the past season, while much good was done, yet in one respect there is room for a great deal of improvement. A large number of boys, including both beginners and old swimmers, have, despite the worst of seasons, shown the greatest enthusiasm and have turned up at the Baths on practice nights, wet or fine. In their case the results are very noticeable. Lindsay, Macalister, Reid, and Murray have developed into swimmers of whom any school might be proud, while the great majority of beginners who have attended regularly can now swim across the Baths. But there is another section who might be classed as "starters only;" a section whose enthusiasm absolutely failed them on the first touch of cold water. After a first appearance they decided to wait for warmer weather, and, for that matter, are still waiting. A few even never got as far as the Baths, and to them the fact of the season being wintry has proved a veritable blessing in disguise—a special dispensation from Heaven to protect their cat like aversion to water of any sort, either warm or cold. The average boy would feel an instinctive shame at the thought of not being able to swim, but no such thought ever seems to occur to these youths in question. They also overlook the fact that once they leave the school it is extremely improbable that they will ever learn, for who in his advanced old age cares to learn what the ordinary urchin picks up at the mature age of seven or eight?

To be unable to swim—a non-swimmer—is practically equivalent to being a bit of an old woman—a species of animal unfortunately always to be found in any school, but of which the S.B.H.S. does not wish to obtain the monopoly. Unless therefore these shirkers (fortu-

nately limited in numbers) improve next season in their attendance on swimming nights, urgent representations will be made to the Rector to make it compulsory for all boys to attend, wet or fine, until they have acquired that slight skill which the average boy would be ashamed to be without.

THE SPORTS

On April 4th a tournament was held at the Baths, and as the water was especially warmed for the occasion, the school decided to have their sports on the following day. For most of the events the competition was keen, and several close finishes were recorded. In the School Championship Lindsay completely out-paced the rest and won in fine style. Spencer, Macalister, and Millard, however, all swam well, and showed the right kind of school spirit in making a hard fight in a race which was a foregone conclusion. Should Lindsay continue to improve at his present rate the school will expect great things of him in the future as a swimmer. In the Relay Race a great struggle took place; and the team from III. B., with the aid of a liberal handicap, just managed to get home before the strong quartette, Lindsay, Cockroft, Reid, Macalister, from III. A.

## Events

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP (100 yards).—Lindsay 1, Spencer 2.

100 YARDS (Open Handicap).—Macalister 1, Lindsay 2. Winner swam well and just managed to beat Lindsay.

PLUNGE.—Lindsay 1, S. Reid 2. Lindsay's distance, 28ft. 9in. Murray also competed.

NEAT HEADER.—C. Reid, Lindsay (equal). Both dived neatly. Three others competed. Spencer caused some amusement in this event.

20 YARDS (Back Swimming).—Murray 1, Macalister 2. Four starters. Very close race.

RELAY RACE.—Form 3 B, 1 (Paull, Reid, Murray, Kingsland). Form 3 A, 2. III. A was too heavily handicapped. Very exciting race. Four teams entered.

BEGINNERS' RACE (10 yards).—Kerr J. Macdonald 2

BEGINNERS' RACE (20 yards).—Matthews 1, Kerr 2.

Before concluding, a word of thanks must be given to Millard, Secretary of the Swimming Club, for the energetic way in which he carried out his duties, and to Mr Stuckey for his management and guidance in all matters natatorial.



## Cadet Corps.



(By B. H. G.)

Soon after resuming our work this year we were delighted by the announcement that our long wished-for camp would likely take place in March. Needless to say the news imparted new vigour to every boy in the two corps, probably on account of the prospect of being able to put in a good week's graft at drill, or perhaps for the more remote reason that there would be very little "swat" during camp week. However, no matter what was the reason, things went on smouldering until the 7th of March. On the afternoon of that Wednesday, we fell in at the school and then marched up to the Queen's Park. Being inexperienced in camp life, we had to receive our first lesson in tent pitching. This was given by Sergeant-Majors Grant and Thompson. In less than half an hour after that lesson the wilderness was converted into a small village of beehives, numbers of black clothed creatures keeping up an incessant journey between the hives and the outside world. That night there were 120 of us under canvas. Reveille at 6.30; drill at 7; home to breakfast at 8; school as usual during the day; drill at the camp at 4 p.m.; home for tea at 5.30; preparation at home till 9; and then back to camp for a night's sleep—such was the day's work. Some thought that 6.30 a.m. would never see them up, but events proved that 3.30 was not in the least too early for some of them, at least for the first night. Towards the end of the week things were not so early as second cock crow.

At first it looked as if there was going to be some difficulty about train boys, as we did not want to have any unnecessary expense in the matter of meals at camp, but by billeting these boys out among the others for the week that difficulty was overcome. There were no meals in camp at all. All we got there was a couple of biscuits at reveille to keep us from fainting (?) till we could get home to breakfast.

On Saturday a squad from each Company visited the butts and succeeded in doing two ranges satisfactorily.

On Sunday morning we attended church parade, led by the Garrison Band, to St. Paul's, doing the march there and back in an Invercargill "small-stones' hurricane," one of the most disagreeable kinds of weather to be out in when you are trying to look well-groomed and comfortable.

Sunday afternoon was show day. The boys entertained sisters and mothers, and perhaps a few fathers and brothers at the camp. The chief item was "sisters," presumably their own.

The sports were held on Saturday afternoon. Of course there were only the boys there, and the prizes were purely laurel leaves. The following was the programme :—

1. 100 yards (with carbine and uniform, A Company)—Millard 1, Lawes 2.
2. 100 yards (carbine, F Company)—Kerr 1, Wylie 2.
3. Tug of War (sections of No. A)—1st Section 1, 2nd Section 3.
4. Tug of War (F Company)—1st Section 1, 2nd Section 2.
5. Sack Race (Seniors) - Lopdell 1, S. Reid 2.
6. Sack Race (Juniors)—Bonthron 1, Reynolds 2.
7. Rescue Race—Murdoch and Reynolds 1.
8. Cock-fighting—Moore and Kerr 1.
9. Spar Boxing Finals—Simon drew with Anderson, Mitchell drew with Smith ; Kerr beat Macdonald.
10. Wrestling (Cumberland)—Seniors, Murdoch ; Juniors, Ford.

The events drew forth plenty of competitors, and every event was carried out with enthusiasm. We retired to tea thoroughly well pleased with a very enjoyable afternoon's sport.

On Tuesday we met in the Marquee to hold a concert, entirely got up by the boys. The services of a few local singers were sought but not obtained owing to engagements. However, in spite of some trepidation on the part of one or two of the more pessimistic, the concert proved a most enjoyable affair, revealing unsuspected musical ability of all sorts. The following are the items :—

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| 1. Pianoforte solo, Arch. Macdonald. | 10. Recitation, Mr J. S. McGrath.      |
| 2. Vocal duet, Kerr and E. Reynolds. | 11. Song, Kerr.                        |
| 3. Mouth Organ solo, Wyylie.         | 12. Pianoforte solo, Robertson.        |
| 4. Recitation, Arch. Macdonald.      | 13. Bugle comp, Pilcher, Rowe, Webber. |
| 5. Violin solo, W. H. J. King.       | 14. Song, B. Gilmour.                  |
| 6. Pianoforte solo, McCarthy.        | 15. Violin solo, Poole.                |
| 7. Cornet solo, Wildermoth.          | 16. Banjo solo, Small.                 |
| 8. Reading, The Captain.             | 17. Mouth Organ solo, Spencer.         |
| 9. Pipe selection, Cameron.          |  |

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

Everything went swimmingly for the first seven or eight events; then things began to hitch a little through certain boys thinking it a fine joke to appear enthusiastic about their item and then disappear suddenly when their names were called. These fellows ought to be ducked.

When it was all over, however, some of us felt relieved, others perhaps a little bit sorry they had sat only to criticise, but all surprised at the talent that lay hidden in the school.

As might be expected, there was little sleep the first night. Some of the fellows seemed to think that the tents were supper-dens, instead of sleeping apartments. The tents farthest away from the officers' quarters were naturally the most hilarious. Soon after lights-out were sounded there were discernible small twinkling stars in certain tents from which proceeded noises of revelry and merry-making. As these affairs gather strength in voice as they go on, the sounds at last reached the Captain's tent. He, of course, paid a visit to the

unruly tents and showed them that "lights out" meant lights out. After that the suppers had to be eaten in the dark.

On Wednesday afternoon we had a sham fight, A Company attacking, and F Company acting on the defence. On Thursday morning, before breakfast, tents were struck. This was not a lengthy proceeding, and in a short time the lately busy scene gave place once more to the usual solitude of the Park. Just before we dispersed, however, Sergeants-Majors Grant and Thompson, both "white" men, were presented with a small token of the valuable services they had rendered to the boys in coming up twice every day to help in the drill. After that short ceremony, we dismissed for breakfast.

We received the next day, Friday, as a holiday to get a little sleep and resume our normal composure. So enjoyable was our first camp that we hope it will become an annual fixture. A considerable amount of drill and camp routine was achieved. Mounting guard seemed particularly to please F. Company. We shall long look back with pleasure to the first experience of the S.H.S. under canvas.

On Tuesday, the 27th of March, the Cadets were inspected by Captain Hughes, D.S.O. The Companies were inspected separately. After each Captain put his command through some manœuvres, the Sergeants took over their sections for a short time, giving them the manual and firing exercises chiefly. At the end of the inspection Captain Hughes expressed his satisfaction with the drill, stating that he made every allowance for this being the first term and the presence of many recruits. He complimented No. 2 Company on its drill, and told them never to be ashamed of their uniforms when they got them, but to be proud to wear the King's uniform and be one of his soldiers.

No. 1 Company needs rousing. No. 2 is beating it in marching. No. 1 lacks keenness and alacrity in obeying command. The Sergeants want to exert themselves more. They should not be afraid in giving their commands to insist on instant obedience.

Several changes have been made among the officers this year. Gilmour takes the place of Kennedy as second lieutenant of No. 1 Company, of which the non-commissioned officers are:—

**SERGEANTS**—No. 1 Section, Millard; No. 2 do, M. Alexander; No. 3 do, Hawke; No. 4 do, King.

**CORPORALS**—No. 1 Section, Cupples; No. 2 do, Spite; No. 3 do, Carswell; No. 4 do, Moore.

**BUGLER**—A. Rowe.

In No. 2 Company Murdoch replaces Mitchel as second lieutenant, while the non-coms. are as follows:—

**SERGEANTS**—No. 1 Section, N. Joyce; No. 2 do, Cochrane; No. 3 do, Adamson; No. 4, Wild.

**CORPORALS**—No. 1, Section, Mair; No. 2, L. McCartney; No. 3 do, C. Reid; No. 4 do, K. G. Fraser.

**BUGLER**—F. Pilcher.

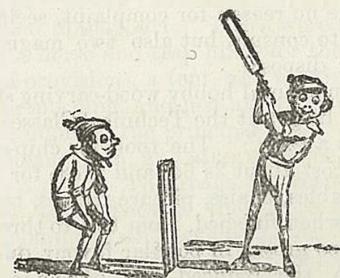
During the camp there was a competition for the best kept tent. Sergeant Cochrane succeeded in gaining first place with Sergeant Joyce second. The winning squad were: Sergeant Cochrane, Bugler Pilcher, and Cadets Stead, Dewar, Findlay, Falconer, O. Reynolds, Grant, Gilchrist, and Robertson. Prize £1, presented by staff.

The following are the complete results:—

Tent Number.	Officer in charge.	Mar. 10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	Total.
No. I. Coy.—1.	Cadet Macrae ...	5	5½	6½	4	6	27
"	2. Corp. Spite ...	7	7½	8½	6	8	37
"	3. Corp. Cupples ...	6	7	7½	7	6	33½
"	4. Sergt. Alexander	4	—	6½	—	3	13½
"	5. Cadet McIntyre	7	8½	—	3	5	23½
"	6. Cadet Mitchell ...	5	7	3	5	6	26
"	7. Corp. Moore ...	4	3	4	3	3	17
"	8. Lieut. Gilmour...	7	7	5	7	6	32
No. II. Coy	1. Sergt. Joyce ...	7½	9	9½	9½	9	44½
"	2. Sergt. Cochrane	8½	9	10	9	10	46½
"	3. Sergt. Adamson	7	7½	7	6	5	32½
"	4. Corp. Reid ...	9½	9½	7½	8	9	43½
"	5. Corp. Fraser ...	9	7	7½	4	5½	33
"	6. Sergt. Wild ...	7	5½	7½	7	6½	33½

From these figures it will be seen that the tents of No. 2 Company were more neatly kept than those of the senior company.

Since the beginning of the term the class-firing of both companies has been carried on, a squad from each company attending at the Grasmere range every Saturday morning, when the weather permitted. Several of the new boys have shown considerable skill as marksmen. The use of the rest has been of great assistance to beginners. Both companies have almost completed the first four practices. Our thanks are due to those masters who attend at the butts so regularly.



## Hobbies for Boys.

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(By F.S.)

Most boys, especially town boys, have some spare time, be it ever so little, and such lads could not do better than devote this time to some hobby. Lord Brougham has said, "Blessed is the man that hath a hobby," and his remark applies equally well to boys, for, besides unconsciously imparting wholesome knowledge, a desirable hobby often assists materially in forming character, and helps to bring out all that is best in a boy's nature.

Hobbies may be divided into two classes, indoor and outdoor. To the first variety belong Philately, the collecting of insects, butterflies and moths, coins, and natural objects, and such hobbies as wood-carving. Photography, though partly an indoor employment, is generally reckoned as belonging to the second variety, but the main hobby in this class, and certainly the most popular among boys, is pet-keeping in its various branches, most important among which are pigeon and poultry-keeping. The majority of boys have an instinctive leaning towards animal life in some form, and this craving is usually satisfied when the boy becomes the proud possessor of a dog. But where lads have the facilities, and are not afraid of the work entailed, no more pleasurable hobby can be found than the keeping of pigeons or poultry.

For the long winter evenings, postage stamp collecting forms an ideal hobby. Its educational value cannot be over-estimated, as the collector gains knowledge not given in the Geography books—knowledge which is easily and pleasurable assimilated. He takes a pride in his collection, and makes it a model of neatness. It may not be large or valuable, but he perseveres, and finally can show a collection which is a credit to his industry.

The collecting of natural objects, insects, butterflies and moths, is not so popular as stamp collecting, but lacks nothing in point of interest. Many boys are at a disadvantage in having no one to advise them, but those at this school have no reason for complaint, seeing that not only have they Mr Stuckey to consult, but also two magnificent works on the subject are at their disposal.

As a useful and ornamental hobby wood-carving stands in the first rank. Instruction can be got at the Technical Classes, which start this month, for 7s 6d or 10s a term. The tools for chip-carving, the commoner sort of carving, cost about 2s 6d, and those for relief work from £1 upwards. Useful tables, chairs, picture frames, trays, etc., can be carved, and are worth, when finished, from two to three times the cost.

Photography has so grown in popular favour during the last few years, chiefly owing to the reduced cost of the apparatus, that a

description is not necessary. It has been an invaluable aid to Nature study, and many pleasant rambles may be had with a camera.

I now come to outdoor hobbies, but can only touch on two, pigeon-keeping and poultry-keeping. To beginners let me say, "When the first excitement has passed, and your ardour has somewhat cooled, do not neglect your pets. It is cruelty of the worst kind, and only unceasing care and attention will make your hobby a success." Give your birds a warm house, free from draughts. Feed them regularly, and, above all, pay attention to water. Many boys think that food is all their pets require, forgetting that domesticated animals have often lost the foraging instincts which they had in the wild state, and will rarely stir themselves to obtain necessities such as water, green food and grit, unless these are placed before them.

A common mistake among boys is the purchasing of good birds before they have gained any experience. In pigeon-keeping a few losses usually occur at first, and if the birds are valuable their loss often discourages the young fancier from further attempts, whereas the loss of commoner birds would not be felt so much. Concerning the best breed for a beginner opinions differ, but no one will go far wrong if he starts with working Homers, a very hardy and extremely popular variety.

Poultry-keeping has now reached the stage of an industry, rather than of a hobby. As a hobby it is extremely interesting, and grows more so the longer you keep fowls. Not only is it interesting, but it is profitable, an argument which will appeal strongly to the business-like boy. I strongly advise boys in search of a hobby to take up poultry-keeping, especially if they have spare ground. If, at the end of six months, the hobby turns out a failure (assuming that only pure-bred stock has been kept), you will, I am sure, have only yourself to blame.



## A Trip to the Cold Lakes.

(By C. M.)

The greater part of my Christmas holidays was spent on a visit to Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri. There were four of us, and we made the journey with a horse and trap hired for the purpose. We did not forget a supply of provisions, a tent, and cooking utensils. We started fairly early in the morning, and just at sunset drove into Dipton where we put up for the night at the principal hotel. The next morning we left Dipton in pouring rain, and after a rather unpleasant day reached Mossburn about 3 p.m. The roads between Dipton and Mossburn were very heavy, partly because they were not gravelled and partly because of the amount of rain that had fallen. After we left Mossburn the roads got very bad and the country more and more hilly. We

reached Lynwood Station, the owner of which one of our party knew, about 8 p.m. that night. A short distance before we reached the homestead, when we were all getting somewhat tired, the horse especially so, we had to ford the Mararoa, a rather swift river, which flows into the Waiau. This river is very swift, and as the bottom was of loose gravel it was very hard on the horse. We stayed several days at Lynwood, and as we had heard of probable good fishing up that way our expectations were high. One of our party was a very enthusiastic fisherman, so much so that on one occasion, while trying to make too big a cast, he hooked another of the party, standing some distance off, by the coat collar. I may as well say here that that was the only thing any of us hooked. This same fisherman about half an hour later broke his rod in making a cast.

As Lynwood is only about six miles from Lake Te Anau we drove over one day to see the lake. The surface looked calm and smooth, and the mountains seemed to rise forest-clad straight from the water. As the steamer did not run to the head of the lake that day we were unable to see much of it. After a few days two of our party, taking the horse and trap, drove over to another station some distance off, while the other two with the greater part of the baggage, were conveyed by wool waggon to an hotel called the Key of the Lakes. There we caught the coach to Lumsden, whence we journeyed homeward by train after a very pleasant trip.



## A Trip to the Top of the Longwood.

(By F. A.)

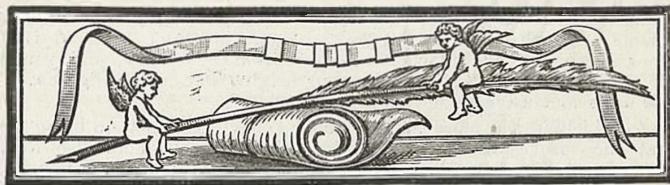
Hearing that Mr Young, schoolmaster at Orepuki, was going up the Longwood with some boys, I thought it a good opportunity of making the trip, and determined to join them.

On the morning of the day appointed we all assembled at eight o'clock. The day was very clear and not too hot. We followed a sawmill tramway for about three and a half miles into the bush until we came to a place where logs had been hauled down. There were several of these tracks at this place all crossing each other and thus forming a network, so that we had to hunt about to find the proper track. After a short rest we started on the remaining part of the climb, some four or five miles. The track which we followed was originally cut for sheep which used to be driven to the top to feed. The further up we got, the smaller the trees became until at last we came to the open country, but we were not yet at the top; another small belt of trees had still to be crossed.

Near the point where the track comes out of the bush is an old camp. There we lit our fire and boiled the billy. As we were more or less tired we enjoyed our lunch and cup of tea exceedingly.

After dinner we spent some time in viewing the sights around. Fortunately we had two field-glasses with us and were able to see the surrounding country more clearly. We could see Invercargill in the distance; we were looking down upon Riverton and were able to trace the Aparima and Pourakino rivers far up towards their sources. We could see the plain between Riverton and Invercargill divided up into small farms as they seemed. We could trace the coast round from Bluff Heads to the Waiau River, and as we went about a mile and a half further along to the north we came to a spot from which we could look down upon Orepuki. Several specimen of plants were found, among them one of a new plant lately observed there by Dr Cockayne. We noticed also some good specimens of the cotton plant and came across some snow berries.

About four o'clock we returned to the camp, and after having some refreshment we started the downward journey, doing it in much less time than we did the upward one.



## Correspondence Column.



### Cricket v. Football.

WHICH IS THE BETTER GAME?

(TO THE EDITOR.)

SIR.—Before advancing any opinion on this matter, I think it only fair to admit that I am biased in my estimation of the merits of the two games. Cricket I have practically never played, all my knowledge of the game being the result of playing the spectator; the other I have always tried to play. I hope to make here a fair and square comparison, and, if I make any mistakes in my estimate of cricket, I ask the reader to put it down to my ignorance of the technicalities of the summer game: as to my remarks on football, I will stand by them.

Now, my idea of a perfect game is this: a game played for its own sake, healthy, manly, invigorating, and character-forming. It is in this light that I wish to judge the two games; and I shall take our own school cricket and football as representatives of each.

The first point we may pass over, bracketing the two as equal—both are undoubtedly played for their own sakes.

But now, are cricket and football equally health-giving games? Undoubtedly not. But which is the more so? If I were to say bump-giving I

doubt not scores of my cricketing friends would immediately award the prize to the winter sport. But "health-giving" calls for more deliberation. When we come to think of it, we must admit the strong claims football has upon us. It gives more exercise in shorter time, yet does not overdo, while its bumps are seldom serious, or so many as some would have us believe. I can prove it. No one can deny that the roughest games a boy plays at school are the Wednesday matches with outside teams. And what is their death roll? Nothing so appalling surely, when a stiff leg for a week or so, and sundry other little lumps and bruises (which disappear conveniently in time for the next match), which bring upon the luckless player the unhappy reputation of being "inclined to go looking for unnecessary bumps." Moreover, the luckless player contends that it was sheer carelessness which brought these kicks—and he should know! Can you say as much for cricket? Even the most careful is liable to get a crack on the head with a ball and suffer seriously through it. No, football is not too rough. Of course it can be, but so can cricket. If a boy plays with others his own size, I am certain he will not find the winter game rougher than its summer rival. Perhaps, being a trifle effeminate, you still point to the "roughness" shown in our matches. But which was the rough side? I venture to state that in every case where there was any rough play at all, the offenders were the outside team. The reason is simple. The High School boys were pitted against players who knew nothing of the game. It was as though our cricketers stood up to a team whose bowlers, not knowing how to bowl, simply threw the ball. But enough of this. It is difficult to argue out a matter like this. Let us look at the facts. Which were the bigger, stronger, healthier team in 1905, the cricket or the football? Remove the masters from the former, and you have a team of boys feet below the footballers in height, and stones lighter. What could be more conclusive?

As to which is the more manly game, I have one fact to bring forward which at once proves beyond the shadow of doubt that here also football is superior. It is this. A girl can play cricket as well as a boy. Fancy the H.S. girls beating our rep. cricket team! Just think of it, and ask yourself whether our cricketers mightn't take to skipping or hopscotch and have their revenge on the girls there.

I should like just to mention in passing some of the various good qualities developed by both games. They are: decision, courage, moderation in habits, smartness, and the qualities of a true sportsman. Both games give boys command over their lower feelings—temper, jealousy, pride, etc. I should like very much to prove these statements (I am sure I could prove them all), but space does not permit. Rather I must pass on, and suggest a few general thoughts:

1. In a cricket match only two players on one side are doing anything at a time. You do not see that in football.
2. Cricket is rather apt to stir up jealousy, rivalry, and selfishness. The player is inclined to try to head the batting or bowling, and to play for himself, not for his side. In football each plays for the side, and unselfishness is one of the great necessities to success at football.
3. There is as much science in football as in cricket. I think the N.Z. reps. have proved this sufficiently.
4. It is said that a loafer can hide in the forwards at football, but is found out at cricket. Query. How long does it take a team to find out who is not working?
5. Football takes at the most 90 minutes; cricket anything between two hours and a week.
6. Football can be, and is, played in all weathers. Cricket cannot be, or at any rate is not.
7. Take any ordinary cricket game after school. How many bowlers are there, and how many fielders?

Such, briefly, are some of the most salient points to be noticed in a comparison of our two national games. Both have many good points, few (if any) bad ones. Yet cricket has one stain on its character which, in my humble opinion, places it at once outside the list of "manly games"—it can be played just as well by girls as by boys. Surely this is enough to condemn forever any game presuming to call itself "manly." After this, dare you mention again in the same breath effeminate cricket and manly football? Would you compare cricket with football, the manliest of all games—King of Games?

HALF-BACK,



## Since the Camp.

(TO THE EDITOR.)

SIR,—Ours is a Boys' school. Some of its scholars seem to think not. If two or three boys were watched any afternoon at 4 o'clock, they would be observed walking dejectedly along the pavement, apparently enthralled by the conversation of one of the fair sex. Some misdirected darts of Cupid or his impostor seem to have hit one or two boys pretty hard. Now the only qualities to be admired about these fellows are their punctuality, regularity and faithfulness. They never fail in their monotonous round of duty. As regular as clock-work, every interval they rush to the rails in front of the school, thrust their heads through, and watch for signs of life from beyond the stone wall; and it seems most marvellous, if not a trifle ludicrous, to a great many who have escaped the misdirected darts, to see how the wounded ones will pine for 24 hours unless they have their daily constitutional along Conon street and their long and presumably interesting conversation at the end of it. They seem to be under a sort of hypnotic influence which compels them to be at their post at a fixed time. We are sorry for them, but we cannot help it. Expostulation goes for nothing. Argument has absolutely no effect. The malady, or whatever it may be, is utterly beyond the bounds of reason or common-sense. The school is in need of keener footballers to replace the shirkers, but needless to say these models of punctuality are total strangers to the football field. They regard everything which tends to keep them back from their constitutional an enemy planning their ruin. They even show fight on being asked their reasons for their actions.

Similar symptoms to those noticed in these fellows have before been prevalent in the school, as some of the older students can remember, but they did not take the victims so far. Before, the ailment was kept within bounds. Now it is given full rein. In fact, remarks are being made outside the school about it, remarks which are anything but a credit to us. If these fellows must persist in their habits let them take off their school caps at least. They have come to the school for the express purpose of studying probably for some exam., and they are taking the quickest road in the opposite direction. To some this kind of thing might act as an incentive to better work, but to most it is anything but that. Those who know say that if any work is to be done at all, everything having these symptoms should be dropped, or at least kept within bounds. Otherwise the year's work is worse than wasted.

Now, we want those whom this may concern, and they will know when they read, to stop their antics, or at least not to act so publicly, for the honour of the school both within and without.

WATCHDOG.

## School Barrack.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—Last season at several of the matches in which our senior fifteen took part the barrack on our side was somewhat poor. At several contests again it was particularly good. We might catch some of the enthusiasm that prevails among the spectators when an important match is on: for example, Star v Pirates, and let all the encouragement in our power be given to our team right throughout the season. I noticed during a certain match last winter at least one Old Boy seemingly disgusted with the small amount of enthusiasm among the High barrackers, lustily cheering on our representatives.

We all know how a little encouragement, even when we may be losing ground, has a tendency to make us brace up and strain every nerve to recover what has been lost.

I consider that at the forthcoming matches every boy should turn up and barrack for the school, and I will guarantee that such encouragement will enable our team to make a better stand against their opponents than if our support in this way were withheld from them.

BARRACKER.



## The School Games Fund 1905.

Last year an innovation was made by the levy of 2s 6d per term for each pupil in attendance. The following statement shows how the money received in this way has been spent. The somewhat heavy outlay under the head of Cricket is accounted for by a large purchase of new material.

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Treasurer Games Fund,



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## Some Past Masters.



### Mr Chas. McLean.

Mr Chas. McLean filled the position of First Assistant from about 1883 to 1888. He had passed through Melbourne University and had considerable teaching experience.

In a school where many pupils had the Highland prefix to their names it might have been expected that the nickname of "Mac" would be applied, with equal facility, to a dozen different persons.

But in our school this was not so. One was Jumbo, another Goose, another Lord Muck, and so on.

If the word "Mac" was mentioned, there was no doubt that the speaker intended to refer to our revered Second Master.

Mr McLean was a tall, well set up, athletic man, and, like others of the clan, was of a perfervid disposition, ready to flare up upon provocation, and occasionally the air was "brushed with the hiss of rustling" (not wings), books.

It must be confessed, however, that our poor teacher was frequently goaded to desperation by a small section of the boys, chiefly inveterate dunces, who took the keenest delight in annoying him.

The only lessons that the writer had from Mr McLean were in English, the text book being Morris's Historical English Grammar. Doubtless our master flattered himself that we knew the declension of the old Anglo-Saxon nouns, or the interchange of consonants under Grimm's Law, fairly well, but if only he could have, unawares, got behind the desks for an instant, the rows of open books, cunningly

concealed, would have caused him to alter his opinion. Whilst we freely admit that Mr McLean was a hardworking, and conscientious teacher, he was nevertheless not very popular amongst his scholars because he was too imperious, and rather fond of inflicting detention as a punishment.

Boys like a teacher who is manly and who will stand no nonsense, and these two qualities Mr McLean had, but they also like a man full of patience and tact who can woo them into taking a real interest in their school work.

Our teacher encouraged as much as possible the school sports, and also outdoor games such as football, fives and cricket.

On the historic occasion when the school was besieged by an army of hostile snowballers, the situation became so desperate that the boys had to retire inside the school. At this stage, Mr McLean came to the rescue, and seizing his stout walking stick, he boldly faced the invaders and brought the police to the relief of our beleaguered garrison.

Mr McLean took a keen interest in preparing pupils for Matriculation and other examinations. We have kindly recollections of the classes which he voluntarily held on Saturday mornings at his private residence, and which proved of very great assistance to us.

Our master was a beautiful penman, and his copperplate writing upon the blackboard was indeed a source of wonderment and envy to his scholars.

Mr McLean kept the boarding establishment in connection with the school, and was well liked by those who lived with him, which is saying a lot.

This short sketch would be incomplete if we failed to narrate an amusing incident which occurred during one of our English lessons.

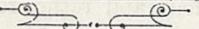
Mr McLean, like some other masters, seemed (especially on cold days) to forget his vocation of teacher, and acted as if Nature had intended him for a fire screen. On the morning in question, however, he stood rather near the fire with the result that his gown was soon ablaze. Our faces wore a pained expression, as of condolence for the lost garment, but inwardly, it must be confessed, our hearts were full of glee.

Whilst teaching here Mr McLean married Miss Ada Brodrick, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Brodrick, a lady who was universally esteemed by all whose good fortune it was to know her.

About 1888 the whole school was turned upside down, and with the exception of the Rector, Mr Highton, the teachers were changed, Mr Austin taking Mr McLean's place. The latter has for some years past now been the principal of a large and flourishing school at Malvern, a suburb of Melbourne. Many of his old scholars would be glad to see him once more, and should he again visit Invercargill (especially at Dinner time) he can rest assured of a very hearty welcome.

## Old Boys' Column.

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**DEATH.**—We regret to report the death of Stanley Arthur George at Arrowtown on March 30th, at the age of 19 years. He entered the school in 1900 with a Junior Provincial Scholarship, gaining a senior the following year and matriculating. He left in October, 1902. Though never enjoying good health, he took part in the usual school games, particularly football. We extend our sympathy to his sorrowing parents.

Mr A. M. Burns, so long connected with the United Press Association, has entered another phase of journalism, having accepted the position of Sub-Editor on "The Press," Christchurch. Mr Burns is known throughout colonial press circles as a conscientious and exceedingly able journalist. He is tireless and absolutely reliable, qualities which will stand him in good stead in the important sub-editorial chair he now fills.

Dave Reid, who was among the boarding contingent in Mr Fowler's time, was married in Dunedin last month. Mr Reid is now well up in the Bank of New Zealand service, and we wish him every happiness.

This is what a South African newspaper has to say of one of our Old Boys:—"We publish this week a photo of Mr Alfred J. Scandrett, a most able and painstaking Umpire of whom Durban may justly be proud, his keenness and impartiality being well known to all cricket lovers. He was born in the most southern part of New Zealand on 13th June, 1876, and is the son of W. B. Scandrett, Mayor of Invercargill. He is well known in New Zealand in cricket and football circles, having always taken a lively interest in sports, besides having been hon. sec. of a leading cricket club there. Although Mr Scandrett has only been resident in Durban a few years he is equally well known here as a keen sportsman. He played for the Zingari C.C. for a season or two, but it is more as one of the leading umpires in the town that he is known, having for the last few seasons umpired in League matches, and it is well remembered how successfully he performed his arduous duties in the matches against the Transvaal and Marylebone Cricket Club teams. On the last occasion the Durban Cricket Union presented him with a case of pipes suitably inscribed. Always willing to give his services, he thoroughly under-

stands the game and has the Rules at his finger ends; he gives his decisions promptly without fear or favour, and is generally liked by all cricketers. Mr Scandrett is the manager for this colony of the New Zealand Insurance Company."

We are pleased to state that Mr J. H. Baird passed the final exam. for M.B. Ch. B. (Glasgow University) in July, 1905, obtaining an Honours Degree and also the highest marks gained by any candidate. During his course he won the Davidson Bursary, was medalist or prizeman nine times, and in the professional examinations was five times given a pass "with distinction." Dr Baird has recently returned to the colony, and no doubt will acquit himself as well in the active practice of his profession as in his academic career. He is at present acting as *locum tenens* for his brother, Dr W. S. Baird, at Otautau.

Mr E. C. Lindsay was successful in gaining a £60 Entrance Scholarship in connection with the London College Hospital, and his brother, Mr A. B. Lindsay, has passed his Intermediate Examination. Both have worked hard and merit advancement.

We congratulate Mr C. P. Brown on passing the final section of the LL.B. examination. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand the other day at Wellington.

Mr Charles E. Borne, accompanied by Mrs Borne, left recently on a tour to England which will probably extend over 12 months.

We congratulate Mr Basil C. Basstian upon his marriage to Miss Mona Berndtson, which took place at Riverton on the 25th inst. Mr and Mrs Basstian have our best wishes for future happiness.

Mr B. A. Ekensteen was elected unopposed to the position of Mayor of North Invercargill. Mr Ekensteen has been taking a keen interest in municipal affairs, both in North Invercargill and the chief borough.

The Rowing Championship of Otago and Southland was again annexed by the Southland crew this season. Old Boys were worthily represented in the "stroke."—(Mr B. C. Basstian)—Mr Basstian's Club Crew (the I.R.C. Senior Fours) has also a number of wins to its credit for 1905-1906.

Mr J. A. Cowie after completing his medical course in Glasgow has returned to New Zealand and intends settling down to the practice of his profession in the North Island.

Mr W. J. Stead has been appointed sole selector of the Southland Representative Football Team by the Rugby Union, showing his popularity and the confidence reposed in him by players.

Mr Stead received a very enthusiastic welcome on his return with the New Zealand Representative Team from Great Britain. It is freely thought by many of his admirers that, had Mr Stead been playing against Wales, New Zealand's record of wins might not have been broken.

Dr William Stephen Baird of Otautau is at present absent on a trip to the United Kingdom.

The fell reaper has been busy amongst our ranks, and another "Old Boy" has joined the great majority. We refer to Daniel Aspinall, who died on the 17th April at his mother's residence in Dunedin, aged 31 years. All his contemporaries will remember Dan's quiet, gentle, cheerful disposition whilst a pupil at the school. For several years past he had been an invalid, and eventually was carried off by the dread malady consumption. We extend to the sorrowing relatives our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

The writer met Miles Aspinall at Skippers (where he is interested in a mining claim) on Christmas Day. He is still the same as ever, quiet, courteous, and reserved. Long residence in that lonely, mountainous district has evidently made him deeply contemplative, and when he warmed up to his subject he talked well and soundly on many of the leading social and political questions of the day. His great hobby is photography, and he has a "dark room" fitted up in his home at Skippers. When the keen frost and snow of winter prevent work on the claim Miles spends his time in Dunedin, where his mother resides.

Crossing Lake Wakatipu it was the writer's good fortune to meet another "Old Boy," Lovell Davis. Mr Davis was for a time Mine Manager for the Morning Star Gold Mining Company at Preservation Inlet, and is still interested in mining pursuits.

Some of our Old Boys have been honoured with responsible positions in some of our local institutions. Mr Eustace Russell is Vice-President of the Southland Rugby Union, whilst Mr R. J. Gilmour is President of the Invercargill Orphans Club. Mr Gerald A. Hall is Secretary of the Invercargill Law Students Debating Society.

## School of 1881.

(Corrections invited.)

- Asher, J. A. (B.A.), Presbyterian Clergyman, Napier.
- Adamson, T., drowned in Waihopai, Gladstone.
- Bews, J. E., Secretary Flourmillers' Association, Invercargill.
- Bews, T., died in Western Australia.
- Bellamy, Chas., England, died.
- Brodrick, C. J., Architect, Inver'gill.
- Brodrick, F., Merchant, Wellington.
- Christie, Jas., dead.
- Collins, W. F., Mining Engineer, Canada.
- Cuthbertson, Allan, Nelson.
- Ekensteen, C., Invercargill.
- Ekensteen, T., "
- Ekensteen, V., "
- Froggett, Geo., Doctor, England.
- Grigor, Wm., Auctioneer, Timaru.
- Hume, C.
- Harvey, Arthur, Australia.
- Harvey, Jas., Journalist, Australia.
- Harvey, Gordon, N.Z. Railway, Southland.
- Mail, Jas., Teacher, Midhurst, Taranaki.
- Macdonald, H. A., Solicitor, Inver'gill.
- McKellar, J. D., Sheep Farmer, Glenure.
- McKellar, T., Doctor, Dunedin.
- McIvor, Kenneth, dead.
- ~~McIvor, Hector, Bank Clerk, North Island, dead.~~
- Matheson, Alex., Bank N.Z., Kimbolton, North Island.
- Moffett, T. D. A., Merchant and Estate Agent, Invercargill.
- Powell, James, Farmer, Wallacetown.
- Powell, John, Civil Service, Auckland.
- Ramsay, Arch., Builder, Southland.
- Stock, Ernest, dead.
- Tapper, A., Farmer, Wallacetown.
- Tapper, Jules, Farmer, Clifden.
- Watson, G., Estate Agent, Inver'gill.
- Watson, T., Produce Broker, In'gill.
- Wade, F., West Australia.
- Wade, R.,
- Bright, Wm., Traveller, Dunedin.
- Yule, R. J. B., Dentist, Melbourne.
- Sproule, H., Agent, Melbourne.
- Moffett, W. A., dead.
- Moffett, F. H., Traveller, Inver'gill.
- Macalister, W. (B.A., LL.B.), Solicitor, Invercargill.
- Dickson, Jno., Clerk, Melbourne.
- Collie, R. S. (LL.B.), Teacher, North Island.
- Martin, J., Traveller, Invercargill.
- Evans, F., dead.
- Roche, D., dead.
- Hare, W., Agent, Sydney.
- Aitken, M., dead.
- Aitken, F., Farming pursuits, North Island.
- McCulloch, G., Magistrate, South Africa.
- Rout, C. B., Deputy-Official Assignee, Invercargill.
- Stuart, R. D., Solicitor, New Plymouth.
- Jaggers, H. Artist, Melbourne.
- Mitchell, Jas., Grader, North Island.
- Rowley, F., Bank Clerk, Nelson.
- Thompson, L. Presbyterian Minister, North Taieri.
- Hughes, W. S.
- Kingswell, G. H., Journalist, London.
- Morgan, P., Clerk, Invercargill.
- Russell, W. M., Mining Engineer, Waihi.
- Jenkins, John *Invercargill, Percy n. a'ld'd*

## 1882.

- Canning, W<sup>m</sup>
- McNamara, Wm., Wellington (Civil Service).
- Bews, L., dead. Drowned in Invercargill Estuary.
- McNab, Alex., Runholder, Clachbrae, Southland.
- McNab, Duncan, Wigtonshire, Scotland.
- Hay, H., Farmer, Southland.
- Reid, J. H., Manager, N.Z. Loan Co., Gore.
- Collins, E. E., Engineer, Freezing Works, Mataura.
- Rogers, J., Farmer, Athol.
- Rogers, E., Doctor, Wyndham.
- Dartnall, A., Land Transfer Office, Perth, W.A.
- Dartnall, W., " " " "
- McKellar, C., Engineer, Dunedin.
- McLosky, G., dead.
- Waddel, W., Civil Service, Wellington.
- Russell, E., Solicitor, Invercargill.
- Sproull, W., Farmer, North Island.

## 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 sentencee. 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 Athenæum 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 secon-