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# SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1918.

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*"Non scholae sed vitae discimus."*

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## EDITORIAL.

### THE ARMISTICE.

Tuesday, November 12th, 1918, brought us the news that the Germans had signed the conditions governing the armistice they had asked for. Later, on Thursday, came the terms of the armistice. For four years and three months the Great European War involving so many nations and so many millions of men has raged with all its fury. The German military machine, the modern Juggernaut, had broken down. Its victims had been so many that at last even the Germans were appalled at their military voracity. Peoples were almost annihilated, thrones shook, tottered and fell, but all was well until the dire results of war reached German homes. When the air raids into Germany did not cease, when the blockade of its ports did not cease, when one ally after another fell away from the mid-Europe alliance, when Bulgaria saw the game of lies and duplicity was over, when Turkey saw Syria, Arabia and Mesopotamia gone, when Austria and Hungary realised that the end was near, then, and not till then, did the German people, too, realise to what extent they had been duped by the concealment of the real situation. The result of the war constitutes the greatest piece of irony in history. "Welt-macht oder nieder gang," was the Pan-German cry—World Power or Downfall. The gamblers staked their all—and lost. The Kaiser aimed at placing each of his sons on an emperor's throne—he has lost his own; the Kaiser

and his megalomaniacal crew aimed at world power—they have lost every inch of their possessions in the Pacific; they aimed at an empire in Africa, stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean—they have lost their footholds both in the east and in the west. The gamblers' gains were piling up—but the game was not over. Now the game has been won, and the gamblers have made their nation bankrupt. It is the irony of o'erleaping ambition. "Ambition o'erleaps itself and falls on the other."

**The School Banner.**—Towards the close of the winter it was deemed advisable to procure a new School Banner in anticipation of the Football Tournament. The new banner is 2ft. 6 inches in width and 3 feet 6 inches in length. It is in the form of a shield, an enlargement of the School Badge. A red middle shield is edged with white with a border of royal blue. On the red shield are the letters in white, S.B.H.S. The back is lined with blue, and the whole edged with red cord, with red tassels. The Banner was certainly well christened on the occasion of its first appearance, as the rain fell steadily all the afternoon. The work was executed by the London Art Depot in Dee Street.

#### THE SCHOOL HAKA.

Kia whakangawari, e hoa ma !  
E tau e, e tau e !  
Ka mate, ka mate ! Ka ora, ka ora !  
Kia kaha, e Murihiku !  
Kia maia, kia toa, e Murihiku !

Move quickly O my friends !  
Attack, attack !  
It is death, it is death ! It is life, it is life !  
Be strong, O Southland !  
Be bold, be brave, O Southland !

#### NEW SCHOOL.

On Tuesday, 27th August, a deputation representing the Boards of Governors of the High and Technical Schools waited on the Minister of Education (Hon. J. A. Hanan) to urge upon him the need for further accommodation. Mr R. A. Anderson was the spokesman of the deputation. He urged the necessity of a boarding school to meet the re-

quirements of Southland. He pointed out that the site of 20 acres was already secured and a beginning had been made by the laying out of the playing fields. No grant had been made to the Boys' High School since its foundation in 1881. The Board had not incurred liabilities and had saved towards a new school; but looked to the Department to supply the growing needs of the district. The Minister gave an encouraging reply, recognising the needs of the district. He promised to give every consideration to the proposal.

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## SCHOOL NEWS.

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The third term has been one of more or less unending excitement. What with the surrender of Bulgaria, Turkey, Austria, and finally Germany, and the consequent holidays and rejoicings, together with the excitement of the camp, we have had a "high old time" of it.

But sorrow treads upon the heels of mirth. The school has already been dismissed a week owing to the prevalence of influenza in the city. There are a few thousand cases at present. Some have been fatal and many serious but the great majority, we believe, are more or less mild. About 40 per cent. of the school has been mildly attacked by it, together with several of the staff. Business in the city is at present practically paralysed. The tram system is also on the point of paralysis. The disease has doubtless been brought to Invercargill from the north.

Upon the withdrawal of Bulgaria from the war the Rector sent round the school the following notice:—"The Prefects suggest that we are not fittingly marking the occasion of our triumph over the Kaiser by merely flying the school flag: that our jubilation of spirits in the downfall of one of our foes and in the subsequent deterioration of their general morale and in the subsequent disintegration of the camp of the enemy can be marked fittingly only by closing the school at once. I therefore close the school to enable you to rejoice."

The 1st XV are to be congratulated on their success at the South Island Secondary Schools' Football Tournament, held here at the beginning of September.

Lieut.-Colonel Pow, D.S.O., visited the school on the 18th of October. He spoke to the school briefly of his war experiences. As a result of his request to the Rector we received a half day "off." The Colonel was a member of the school staff from 1905 to 1911.

Our camp, which was held on the Show Grounds, necessitated a week's leave from school. We went into camp on the Monday morning and were to have come out on the following Saturday, but owing to the "horrible" weather and the premature rejoicings consequent upon the false report of the cessation of hostilities, we struck camp on Friday. The weather was distinctly unpleasant all the time, but with the exception of that the camp was a success. About a dozen left camp owing to colds, etc., during the week. The annual athletic sports were held on the Wednesday of the same week. The Prefects and Sports' Committee proceeded to the grounds at Gladstone on the morning to help to prepare the ground. Mr McGrath is to be thanked for most of the preparations which had nearly all been completed by the time the helpers arrived. Fortunately the weather was quite fine. It was the only reasonable day during the week. The sports came off without a hitch. The afternoon tea, held in the pavilion, was greatly in demand. The eatables were purchased, contrary to custom, and consequently a charge of sixpence per head was made upon all desirous of partaking in the "good things."

At the close of the sports the school marched back, in military fashion, to the camp.

Morgan won the Senior Championship, and put up a fine performance. Greig and Harrington "tied" in winning the Junior Championship.

We understand that it was due to illness that J. Mackenzie was unable to compete for the championship on Sports' Day. His chances were the most promising, as he had already a lead of two points, due to winning the mile championship. Hard luck, Brainy!

We hark back to the camp again. It is understood that many grave crimes were perpetrated by many villains during the week. We won't publish any names, but all those who committed the Hunnish act of breaking bounds before and after lights out must not do so again. It was very, very wicked of them to do such things.

There were sergt.-majors of all sorts, sizes and shapes—and tempers. Who was always "roaring" at the top of his staccato voice and on parade continually saying, "Steady—steady everywhere—parade—parade—at-ten-at ten—shun! ?"

It is officially announced that owing to the influenza epidemic the Public Service Entrance Examination has been postponed indefinitely, and that the University Senate has decided to postpone the University Scholarship and Matriculation Examinations until the middle of January.

On November 13th the school Cadet companies took part in the great procession which was held in celebration of the victory so long striven for by the Allies. The procession was a great success and was witnessed by thousands. There was probably on that day more celebration in Invercargill proportionately than in any other place of size in the Dominion.

In the September recess a squad of non-coms. and temporarily created non-coms. went to a "non-coms." refresher camp," held in Dunedin. They had a good time and the camp did them good.

T. R. Pryde and H. O. Jefcoate acted as honorary secretaries of the Sports' Committees.

Three boys of the Sixth Form are sitting for a University Scholarship this year. A large percentage of VA are sitting for Matriculation.

The school at present is closed owing to the seriousness of the influenza epidemic. It may be indefinitely, as it is practically prohibited to have any large assemblies except in the open air.

It has been impossible so far, owing to the various disturbances, to hold the usual 3rd term examinations, much to our (?) regret. It is very doubtful whether it will be possible to hold them at all.

Misunderstood! Examiner—"Explain the airy hand write 'mene! mene!'" Examinee—"A free translation could be, "Tackle the parson."

On the last day of the second term the officials of the Rugby Union came up to the school. The President, Mr Geddes, presented the banner won by the First XV in the Junior grade and congratulated us on our success. Mr Hyndman, President of the Referees' Association, also spoke, and thanked these members of the team who had acted as referees in the Primary school matches on Saturday mornings. Mr R. M. Isaacs also congratulated the school.

Mr Jarvis conducted a Boxing Class during the winter months. The attendance was good and enthusiastic.

Brigadier Wouters, a Belgian officer, addressed the school on the 12th June on behalf of the Belgian Red Cross. His address was greatly enjoyed; a collection was made and sent to the Consul for Belgium.

## OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

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Rev. A. T. Thompson was farewelled by St. Andrew's Church, Christchurch, last July, and presented with a silver coffee service and a substantial cheque. He takes up the position of secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in New Zealand.

Capt. Charles Reid is now running the Post and Telegraph Engineers in Wellington.

Allan Ford was transferred to the P.O. Savings Bank, Invercargill, last July.

Douglas Watson, of Woodlands, is on the staff of the N.Z.R. at Milton.

J. M. Hazeldine is with the Lands and Survey Department, Invercargill, having received a transfer from Wanganui. Harold, his brother, is with the Edendale Cheese Factory.

Hugh McChesney and J. A. Henry are President and Secretary of the Southland Educational Institute for 1918.

W. Whyborn joined the Defence Department, Wellington, last July.

W. O. Neas has joined the Agricultural Department, Invercargill.

Bern. Scully, J. Sheehan, and J. Coakley represented Southland in Rugby this season.

Bert. Gilmour passed his first Pharmacy last June.

Lieut. Leon. J. Wild received his promotion to a captaincy in the North Canterbury Regiment, 28th June, 1918.

John H. Huffadine, down on final leave, was met by his colleagues in the Southland Frozen Meat Co. and presented with a wristlet watch.

John Collins, Bach. Engineering, is in the office of the Dunedin Tramways, and is teaching engineering at the Technical.

Wilfred Dawson was the recipient of a wristlet watch from his fellow employees in James Macalister's firm prior to his departure for camp.

D. M. Henderson, J. Miller, A. McNaughton passed Section B of the Pharmacy Examination last July.

J. A. Fraser, of the Deeds Office, received promotion last May from Gisborne to Christchurch.

Ced. Greig (Mr Alex. Greig's son) was on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales at Inglewood, Taranaki, when he enlisted.

Dr William Baird, who for some years practised at Otautau, but

until lately has been on active service, is settling down in Wanganui, where he will practise as an eye specialist.

Arch. P. Delargey is accountant in the Bank of N.Z., Lawrence.

Frank Rose is now teaching at Winton.

Archie. McDowall, formerly of Nightcaps, and W. Whyborn find themselves together in the Army Pay Office, Wellington. Archie matriculated last year.

Ern. Allan is in the Base Records Office, Wellington.

Harold Allan is a Cadet on N.Z.R. at Mataura.

Victor Raines has begun the practice of a solicitor in Esk street, Invercargill.

Les. McCartney was down from Auckland in September, and is now in good health.

V. Reichel has gone fruit farming with his father at Miller's Flat, Central Otago.

### DEATHS.

VERNON.—On 8th November, at Palmerston North, John E. Vernon, M.A., B.Sc., of pneumonia.

For the past sixteen years Mr Vernon had been headmaster of Palmerston North High School. From 1893—1902 he had been Science and Mathematical Master in this school.

DAWSON.—At Invercargill, August 24th, Arthur R. Dawson, architect; aged 29 years.

He succumbed to an acute attack of appendicitis. At School 1903—1905. He served his apprenticeship with Mr W. A. McCaw, architect to the Education Board. He then had a year with Messrs Ancombe and Coombs. Dunedin, before he began business on his own account in Invercargill. He had worked up, by his energy, a good connection. He had passed "medically fit" for camp, when he was suddenly called.

MORRIS.—At Raetihi, on November 22, Cecil Graham, elder son of the late Alex. Morris, Bank N.Z., aged 29 years.

COCHRANE.—At Christchurch, on November 23, George D. Cochrane, formerly of Earn Street; aged 29 years.

O'REILLY.—On November 19, at Wellington Hospital, of influenza and paralysis, Philip M. A. O'Reilly; aged 50 years. At School 1883.

CORKIN.—At Oamaru, on November 26, of pneumonia, David Corkin, formerly of Myross Bush; aged 17 years.

## TERMS EXAMINATIONS.

### OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

J. L. Cameron.—1st Class Junior French; 2nd Class Junior Mathematics.

C. L. Carter.—2nd Class Advanced Chemistry; German Science Reading.

H. E. Dyer.—2nd Class Mechanics; 2nd Class Advanced Physics (Theory and Practical); 2nd Class Advanced Chemistry; 2nd Class Pass Degree French; 3rd Class French Phonetics.

W. J. M. Henderson.—2nd Class Pass Degree Latin; 2nd Class Degree Mathematics; 3rd Class Mechanics.

J. M. Lang.—3rd Class Jurisprudence; 3rd Class Constitutional History and Law.

F. H. McDowall.—1st Class Degree Mathematics; 1st Class Mechanics; 1st Class Junior Physics (Theory and Practice); 1st Class Junior Chemistry (Theory and Practice).

E. O. Macpherson.—1st Class Senior Applied Mechanics; 2nd Class Senior Mining; 2nd Class Ore-dressing; 3rd Class General Geology; 3rd Class Petrology; 3rd Class Stratigraphical Geology; 3rd Class Field Astronomy; Certificates: First Aid in Medicine, Physiology of Respiration.

J. C. Prain.—3rd Class Degree Latin; 3rd Class Psychology; 3rd Class Jurisprudence; 3rd Class Constitutional History and Law.

T. W. Preston.—1st Class Junior Surveying (Theory and Practical).

G. R. Kingston.—1st Class Inorganic Chemistry; 1st Class Organic Chemistry; 2nd Class Theory and Practice of Biology; 2nd Class Theory and Practice of Physics. Full Pass, Medical Intermediate.

A. A. Reid.—Full Pass 2nd Medical Professional Examination.

Kept One Year's Terms.—J. L. Cameron, J. M. Laing, T. H. McDowall, J. C. Prain, W. R. Ryburn

Kept Two Years' Terms.—H. E. Dyer, W. J. M. Henderson.

Kept Three Years' Terms.—C. L. Carter.

## "AN AVERAGE BIT OF A BRITON."

### A SONG FOR BOYS.

(From the B.O.P.).

When Tommy was at school with us we thought him rather slow,  
He got a prize for tidiness (which isn't much, you know),  
At Algebra or Science he was never quite a star,  
And he wasn't really happy on the horizontal bar.  
So masters called him 'an Average Youth' when Term reports  
were written;

A hazy, mazy,  
More or less lazy,  
Average bit of a Briton.

Chorus.

But England called for Tommy in a day of dread and pain,  
And put him in a wooden hut upon a sodden plain;  
She gave him jam for dinner, and some more of it for tea.  
And hung him round with heaps of things just like a Christmas  
tree.

But still he kept a cheerful face (with half a ton of kit on),  
This muddy, ruddy,  
No-good-at-study,  
Average bit of a Briton.

Chorus.

She formed him into fours, and then she marched him up and  
down,  
And left him in a Flanders ditch beside a broken town;  
He didn't like the antics of the merry Hun at play,  
But tried to keep on smiling in an ordinary way,  
With tons of high explosive and a heap of mud to sit on,  
This eerie, cheery,

More or less weary  
Average bit of a Briton.

Chorus.

He hasn't got a medal and he isn't in the Press,  
And only Huns (and Censors) are aware of his address;  
But still he keeps on fighting does this ordinary chap,  
The little man we used to know beneath the Old School cap,  
And Britain's foe is sore to know the kind of stuff he's lit on,  
The common or garden,  
Kindly but hard 'un,  
Average bit of a Briton.

Chorus.

## WAR NEWS.

<b>ENLISTED</b>	.....	504.
<b>DIED</b>	.....	110.

Lieut. Edgar R. McKillop (whose people are now resident in Akaroa) was first wounded in the neck in August, 1917. After the Messines battle he was recommended for a commission; went to the Artillery Training School in England for seven months; passed out second place, being beaten by one point by an Australian captain. He was only about ten days back in France last April when he was again wounded in the right hand and thigh.

Sergt. Eric Marshall (from Georgetown) is having a long stay in the camps; he is sergeant instructor in rifle and bayonet practice in Featherstone camp.

Rupert McIntyre, M.M (of Benio) and Lieut.-Col. Pow are both in attendance at Dunedin Hospital for medical treatment.

Melton Smith, of Waikiwi, was in the March offensive of the Germans, and had a narrow shave near the ear. He is now a qualified instructor in all that appertains to "gassing." His brother, Cedric, is suffering from his heart.

Lieutenant Ezra A. Dobbie, of the Black Watch, is at present in Dunedin on leave for six months to recuperate from wounds and general debility as the result of active service, says the Otago Daily Times. He went through the Southland High School, and there distinguished himself as an athlete. Four years ago this month he became a soldier, and he went away with the Main Body, afterwards proceeding to Egypt. He won his commission in the field, and was appointed to the famous 42nd. He has served with the British forces in Egypt, Macedonia, and France, and also in Ireland. He is the youngest of the three sons that Mr E. Dobbie (railway stationmaster at Dunedin) has given to the active service of the Empire.

Sergt. R. W. Hawke has been in charge of a machine gun since April.

Lieut. Archie Hawke has been in the firing line throughout 1918. He received promotion last June to 1st Lieutenant.

Jock Forrester (wounded) is Orderly room Clerk at Brockenhurst Camp (Rifle Brigade), England.

Sergt. David MacGibbon (M.M.), went into an officers' Training School in Exeter last July in preparation for a commission. Playing with a N.Z. Artillery Division XV, he helped to beat Cardiff by 14 points to nil.

Corpl. Jack D. Spiers, who lost a bit of his thigh, has returned and is fast recovering.

Sergt. Frank Lopdell just missed losing his left leg. The first doctor who examined it wished to amputate; he was given a chance and he did not lose his leg. Except for a decided bow in it, he is a very useful member.

Les. Greig (Waikiwi) is still nursing his leg in England. Masson Greig is with a Machine Gun Corps.

Ced. Greig (North Road) went into camp in October.

Roy Traill is feeling very well and cheerful now.

Lieut. Les. Ramsay came out top, 97 per cent., of 30 candidates last August when sitting for his examination for a lieutenancy in the Royal Navy. He was posted to the "Hermione".

Surg.-captain W. Brownlie was killed instantaneously on 25th March, near Ervillers, between Arras and Bapaume. Wounded the previous evening, his Colonel ordered him out of the line, but he absolutely refused to leave the wounded men he was looking after. He was much devoted to and beloved by his battalion.

Will. Grieve has now nearly recovered from his being gassed. He resumed work on the staff of the Southland Technical School in November.

Word has been received from Sergt. Eric Melvin, prisoner of war in Germany. He is working in a dairy factory; his wound is healed.

No direct word has been received from Oliver Smith; indirect word has been received.

Alex. B. Stewart, of Georgetown, carries a deep cleft in his chest. He returned in 1917; has been at work in Hawera; and now is coming south to Timaru.

Sergeant Charles H. Ive, will be in Wyndham at Christmas. Sergeant Ive, who was on the reading staff of the Southland Times, went away with the Main Body, and was wounded on Gallipoli, rendering him unfit for further active service. He has for some two years been associated with the production of the Chronicles of the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces.

John A. Withington who on 8th October was wounded in the left arm, is one of six brothers who volunteered for service at the front, and four of them are still on active service.

Errol Cupples is at present in the Field Artillery Training Camp at Exeter, Devon, training for his commission.

Will. Templeton is at present in Sling Camp.

James G. Templeton is accountant at Brockenhurst.

Bugler Hammom (Rewi) Kingsland had to lose his leg by amputation last September.

Private Chas. Lewis, 30ths, has been twice wounded, in the arm and in the wrist.

Private Jack Hamilton, 32nds, received slight wounds.

Sergt. John M. McDonough was wounded in September.

Corpl. S. C. Sutherland was also wounded in September.

Lieut. Jas. Stobo is posted to the 50th Reinforcements.

Lieut. L. J. B. Chapple has been promoted to a first lieutenancy.

Stanley C. Millar, formerly of Dilton, was sniped during the attack last December on the Polderhoek Chateau. Stan. had been to another shell-hole during the Huns' severe bombardment for the purpose of getting information and directions. He had got back in safety and was keeling, pointing out directions, when he was killed on the spot. He had been wounded in July, 1916, and after a long spell in England had returned to France the following April.

L/Corpl. Martin Kean, of Taringatura, captained the N.Z. Tug-of-War Team of eight that beat all its competitors (12) in the championship divisional sports in France on 2nd August last. He also won the hammer-throw, although just convalescent from trench fever. He also won the wheelbarrow race; he acted as Steward of the Course.

Hugh Graham, of Mataura Island, fell in the Jordan Valley on the 30th March of this year. He was hit in the breast by a Turkish bullet.

Lieut. Archibald C. Macdonald, Field Artillery, has been awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut. Fred Mulholland, N.Z.M.C., has been transferred to 1st Brigade, Canterbury Regiment.

Lieut. John Mayer, N.Z. Field Artillery, received promotion to be 1st Lieut., last July.

L/Corpl. Frank O. Stewart had his right arm amputated as the result of a wound in October.

Signaller Norman Gilchrist, returned, suffering from nervous shock, is looking very thin.

Douglas Hamilton is cheerful and well. Owing to the wound in his hand still troubling him, he was relieved from machine gun work and is now in charge of an ammunition dump. He recently met Geoff. Wild at the front.

Lieut. Ernest Stout received a gunshot wound in the thigh in October.

Lieut. Morell Macalister, R.F.A., was ordered to Bombay last July.

Captain Oswald Webber, medically unfit, came out on duty with returned soldiers. He received his discharge in October and resumes duties on 1st December at Drummond.

Sergt. Cecil Webber, after a year in England, in which he could not recover from rheumatic or typhoid fever, returned to New Zealand, re-entered camp, but was discharged in October as medically unfit. He resumed his work in a law office in Timaru.

Alan Fleming has resumed civilian life, being discharged from camp.

David and Escott Bonthon are both well; David in Palestine, Escott as armourer sergeant specialist in France.

Harry and Norman Adamson, from Orepuki, were according to advices received last May both sitting for their commissions.

Bernard Scully after two years at the front has returned home. He represented Southland in Rugby this year.

John Macalister and Alfred Rowe resumed civilian life last August.

Dr Bert. Gilmour returned in May, and relieving his brother John at Roxburgh, enabled him to go to the front.

Lieut. E. W. Newton was given a warm welcome home at Kapuka on his return after nearly four years' service.

2/549 L/Corpl. Norman S. Murrell, awarded Military Medal (Southland News, 27/11/18).

Corpl. Matt. A. Robertson, N.Z. Rifle Brig., was wounded and admitted to Hospital in November.

#### FURTHER ENLISTMENTS.

Driver Andrew White, Grasmere; now returned.

Second Lieut. Ernest W. Newton, Mokotua; now returned; enlisted 1914.

Geo. Wills, North Invercargill.

Hugh Anderson, Hokonui.

John Edward Fraser.

Lance W. Raymond.

James T. Ryan (Otautau).

Andrew S. Gillkison (Gladstone).

William Carswell (4, Herbert street, Gladstone).

W. H. D. Gazzard, Oreti Plains.

James B. Cowie.

John H. Thomson.

Surgeon-captain John Gilmour (Roxburgh).

W. Hawton Jackson (Otago Training College), 1917.

Norman Matheson (Otago Training College), 1918.

Neville Smith (son of Mr Smith, Bank N.Z., Wellington).

P. Winders.

Chas. Marshall (son of Rev. Mr Marshall, Port Chalmers).

Stanley Cole (Winton).

W. S. Trotter (Riverton).

John L. Oughton (wounded).

Dan. Holz.

Brian Mehaffey.

Will. Grant, teacher, Winton.  
 Jas. T. Gilmour, Ryal Bush.  
 Robert L. Ronaldson, Flying Corps (6/2/18).  
 Arch. McDowall, Corp. Army Pay Corps, Wellington (formerly of Nightcaps and Kaitangata).  
 Stewart Young (West Plains).  
 Graham Scandrett.  
 John A. Withington, wounded.  
 John Taylor (accountant National Bank); died of wounds.  
 Alex. W. Gardiner, Invercargill.  
 Malcolm G. Morrah.  
 Colin S. Vallance.  
 Geoffrey Braddon (New South Wales), 1916.  
 John M. McLeod (Wallacetown).  
 Wm. J. Cockburn (Mataura), wounded.  
 James R. Wood (Invercargill).  
 George C. Oughton (Invercargill).  
 Norman Matheson (Bluff), Sergt. 48ths.  
 Bern. Scully in 1915; since returned.  
 Claud Taylor (of Gore), with Australian Forces.  
 Lieut. Frank Williams, with Australian Forces.  
 Wm. Richardson (Wyndham).  
 John P. Donald, Medical Student.  
 Total, 45.  
 Grand total, 505.

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**CORRECTIONS.**

Delete James R. Pay (c/o McKay Bros.).  
 Delete James M. Marshall, Spar Bush.  
 Delete Har. E. Melhop.  
 S. J. Thompson, medical student, of Glenham, was not made a prisoner of war. He is still with the Medical Corps. It was his brother who was captured.  
 Delete Don, Nicholson, Winton.  
 Delete Stan Young, West Plains.

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**RETURNED.**

A. C. Rowe (17th June).  
 Trooper Richard W. Dixon.  
 L/Corp. Thos. B. Grant (M.M.).  
 Corp. John D. Spyers (19th September).

Captain J. O. Webber.  
 Sergeant Frank C. Lopdell.  
 Private Edwin Traill.  
 Driver Andrew White (Grasmere).  
 2nd Lieut. Ernest W. Newton (Mokotua).  
 Rifleman Walter G. Spite.  
 Lieutenant-colonel James Pow (D.S.O.).  
 Signaller Norman D. Gilchrist (Don street).  
 William S. King (Winton).  
 Ernest J. Dickson (Scott's Gap).  
 Sergt. C. Ive (Wyndham).  
 Surgeon-captain Bert H. Gilmour (May).  
 Surgeon-captain Wm. S. Baird.  
 W. Grieve (Waianiwia).  
 Sergt. Archie Hamilton, Hospital Ship "Marama."  
 Alan Brown (Otatau).  
 Dispenser Stan Hanan.

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**THE FALLEN.**

**Private Ernest H. Barber**, of Waikiwi, died at Awapuni Camp on November 8th, as the result of a severe attack of influenza. He attended school during the years 1912-1915. On leaving he became pupil teacher at Nightcaps. Age, 20 years.

**Private John Catto**, of Heddon Bush, was killed in action on July 20th. At school from 1909 to 1911. A fine athlete and footballer. After leaving school he was farming. Left with the 10ths, wounded Age, 23 years.

**Lieut. Reginald G. Christophers**, eldest of the family of five brothers who attended this school; died of wounds received in action in October, at the age of 36 years. He is the fourth brother to fall for the cause of freedom. Victor fell in 1915 at Gallipoli, then Herbert in France in 1916, Julian in 1917, and now Reginald in 1918. This is a sad, if noble record. To the surviving brother, Quintin, and to the bereaved parents the sympathies of all must be given. At school, 1897-1899. Prominent in rowing and football circles. Became a civil engineer; practised in Hawera; then became county engineer to the Wairoa County Council, north of Auckland.

**Hay.—Lieut. John Reginald B. Hay**, died of wounds received in action on September 29. At school, 1901-1903. His age was 31 years. Like Reg. Christophers, Hay was prominent in rowing and football circles in Invercargill. On leaving school he entered Henderson and Co.'s Office, afterwards transferring to Dalgety's in 1910, where he

afterwards became auctioneer to the firm. Left with the 16ths in 1915.

**Hewat.**—Captain John P. Hewat, of Riverton, was killed in action on 8th October; aged 26 years. Attended school, 1905 to 1910; dux in 1909. Played cricket and football; lieutenant in School Cadets; won a University Entrance Scholarship, and attended Otago University. Gained his M.A. with honours in Latin and English, and the Tinline Scholarship in English. Became editor of the University Review, and intended following law. On the outbreak of war he enlisted, became lieutenant, 1st lieutenant, then captain. His brother fell last year.

**Manson.**—Private David S. Manson, of Orawia, was killed in action on October 8th. Aged, 21 years. At school, 1914 to 1916; became a teacher in the Winton School. He was a fine manly youth; a good sergeant of cadets; member of the school fifteen. Left New Zealand with the 34ths.

**McCaw.**—Trooper Douglas Victor McCaw, died of wounds received in action in Palestine on October 18; aged, 21 years. At school, 1914-1915. Brother of William A., killed at Passchendaele a year ago.

**Stobo.**—Corporal Andrew H. Stobo, younger brother of Lieut. James Stobo, died of sickness at Brockenhurst Hospital, England, on July 16th; aged 24 years. At the time of enlistment he was on the staff of the National Bank. On his first enlistment he had a very severe illness in camp and received his discharge; but recovering, he re-enlisted and saw some fighting on the Western front.

**Taylor.**—Private John Taylor died of wounds received in action on August 24th; aged 41 years. He attended school from Waikaiā from 1891 to 1894; his father was a bank manager there and afterwards at Gore. At the time of enlisting with the 27ths, he was accountant in the National Bank, Invercargill. He was a fine footballer, a hard-working forward; he represented Southland both in football and in cricket.

**Williams.**—Lieut. Frank H. Williams, died of wounds in France on July 10, 1918; aged 29 years. He attended school from Waimahaka in 1903. He was a member of the Australian Forces.

**Critchfield.**—Private Henry Cecil Critchfield, aged 21 years, 42nd. died at Cannock Chase Military Hospital, England, of pneumonia on November 19, 1918. At school, 1912.

**Lindsay.**—At Invercargill, December 2, Private Arthur D. Lindsay, of Otautau, aged 24 years; wounded October, 1917. At school, 1908.

Total, 112.

## LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

### IN PALESTINE.

(From Trooper D. Bonthron).

Ayan Kara, 27/2/18.

The second night out we camped at Zacharia, which is a small village in a valley in the hills. The next day we continued our way up the valley in which runs the road, which is a very ancient path. In some of the steepest places part of the ancient road may still be seen in the form of steps cut in the solid rock. That night we camped at Khudar, which is near Bethlehem. Here we used to water at King Solomon's pools, which are three enormous reservoirs in terrace formation. When we moved from there we passed through Bethlehem, which is now a large place of churches and sanctuaries.

The streets were very narrow and the path we took down the hill was only wide enough for one horse at a time. We had a good climb up what we would call a bridle track. When we reached the top of this hill we watered our horses at a cistern near which stood a monastery marking the site of the spot where the Wise Men of the East camped first on their return journey after visiting the Christ child. We made a steep descent along a very narrow track into a very narrow, deep valley. Here we fed up and lunched and then continued our way up the wadi. In the evening we stopped again and drew our last issue of rations which made it up to three days' rations that we were carrying, as transport was impossible, beyond this point, in the dark.

We crawled along this narrow gorge in single file and then began the ascent. It was extremely steep and rough in places and very slippery where the bedrock was exposed. When my mare was scrambling up one of these rocky places, one of the girth straps broke, so the saddle slipped back. Feeling the thing break I grabbed her by the mane and reached the top. The saddle slipped round, however, and I came off in a heap; but in falling I grabbed a spare horse, which I was leading, by the neck and so landed light. I rolled down the hill a bit out of the road of the mare who was doing a circus act on the steep slope. No harm was done, however, and the range finder was undamaged. After making temporary repairs I went on and was amongst the Ossies by this time, my own crowd being far ahead. A few minutes later an Ossie in front of me had a nasty spill and was not so lucky as myself.

I found the section halted on a plateau with the Brig., where we waited for a few hours. From here we advanced on foot with a regi-

ment, leading our packs only, and no one would credit the fact that these horses carried full packs along goat tracks only a few inches wide where one false step meant no stopping till they reached the bottom a few hundred feet below. After climbing up and down on this narrow track daylight found us in a wadi waiting for instructions. The position which was our objective was a rotten one to attempt to take, but "Jacko" was forced to "imshu" by circumstances, so our losses were practically nil. We camped at the foot of the position that night. We went on again in the morning, the horses having been brought down to us the day before. We made more steep descents along narrow paths and came out on the plain of Jericho in the morning about nine o'clock.

We had our first sight of the Dead Sea from up in the hills, and on coming down on to the plain could see the head and shores of it. Jacko had "imsheed" for all he was worth during the night, leaving the town. He had a big gun distributing shells, but it did no damage that I am aware of. It rained from early morning and then cleared up about mid-day. The plain is practically barren and has a tremendous range of high hills on the further side of it. While there we used to water our horses in a running stream which flows through the ruins of ancient Jericho. The modern town was a little lower down this stream over which is a fine bridge with three arches in it. The Jericho of to-day is only a small village. Just behind the town is an abrupt high peak, on the top of which appears to be a wall or building. Half-way down is a monastery built into a precipice. This is the Mount of Temptation, where the Devil tempted Christ to throw himself over, and the monastery marks the spot. There was another monastery down towards the sea which we could see, but I cannot say what it marks. There are very beautiful paintings in it, so I heard.

We returned from Jericho to Khurd by the main road, as the hills it passed through were cleared of the enemy by the infantry. It is a splendid wide road of even grade. It was a ride of eleven hours and bitterly cold and muddy once we got up into the high country. We passed through Bethany, Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the moonlight, arriving at our camp at daybreak.

The Dead Sea lies 1285 feet below sea level, and some of the hills we went over were 3000 feet above sea level, so you can understand it was an up and down trip there when we had to descend 4000 feet. It was warm in the Jordan valley but very cold and wet near Jerusalem. We had it fine yesterday coming back, but to-day is windy and wet. We have just been innoculated for cholera. These innoculations are periodical affairs.

This last stunt has been a great sight-seeing experience—something to be remembered and quite an accomplishment for mounted troops as far as crossing the hills goes.

### IN THE NEW FOREST.

(Private Clive Hamon).

I am barely a mile from the hospital, but there is not a house in sight; it is a spot to which I often come on a sunny afternoon and which I have come to know well. It is in the woods, of course, and on the banks of a little stream. Every tree that I can see as I lie here I feel that I have known a long while, I should not fail to notice any change in their appearance—yet every time I come I find them changed a little—Autumn is already tinting some of them. From the hospital the way lies across part of the Manor Estate and along a fine avenue of limes—what fine soft walking the springy turf gives. Then we turn down a path that wanders between some thickets of blackberries and enters the woods—the blackberries are yet barely ripe, but the position of the best bushes is worth noting for a future raid—probably next week, if the warm days continue. Hovering over the bushes are several kinds of bees and butterflies, for the blossoms are not yet all spent. England possesses many varieties of beautiful butterflies, and Hampshire, and especially the New Forest, claim more than their geographical share. One large pale yellow chap is particularly handsome. I do not know their scientific names, nor have I any particular desire to do so—it is sufficient for me that they are very beautiful and dainty creatures. I do not know of anything that in its movements seems to give expression to such absolute "joie de vivre" as does the butterfly—it is a real sun-worshipper. On the left of the path is a clump of hazels—the nuts are just beginning to change colour. A squirrel swings overhead; chattering shrilly as if scolding one who has an eye on something to which, I suppose, he considers to be his by prior right. A few yards ahead a small brown snake crosses the path, but is safely in the long grass again before I can pick up a stick. The amount of small wild life here is quite surprising—on every side rabbits scurry into the bracken. Further on there is a commotion in the long grass beside the path accompanied by much squeaking—then there appear two tiny, brown mice-like bodies in great commotion, biting and struggling; they are field voles, and so intent are they on their own little fight that they do not notice the onlooker at all.

Arrived at this little spot I rest on the grassy bank and look upward through the branches of a fine beech—the leaves are almost transparently bright as the sun shines down through them. Here is perfect peace and quiet; but after a few moments one becomes aware that the apparent silence is made up of a number of tiny sounds that at first pass unnoticed. There is just the faintest rustle where the light breeze stirs the topmost leaves; the little stream gurgles where it swirls by an old gnarled root projecting from the bank. A grasshopper chirps merrily not far away, but exactly in what direc-

tion it is hard to say—his chirp is misleading—the usual few flies buzz round—by no means welcome companions. One of the wonders of flight is illustrated by a hovering insect, that remains stationary in the air with wings shimmering with their speed of motion. If our planes could only do the same how deadly bomb-dropping would become. The harsh quick call of a pheasant resounds through the wood, followed by a whirr of wings as he catches sight of me lying here. Above all there is the ceaseless drone of the planes overhead and across the little bit of sky, visible between my beech and an old oak, there passes slowly a large Handley-Page; the sun glints on the twin screws and the double beat of its engines is readily distinguished from that of the smaller machines; it is the tramp among planes.

It is many weeks too late for most of the flowers of the wood, but there is an occasional bluebell, nodding on its slender stem, and within reach of my hand is a neat little star-shaped flower with white-tipped petals—its name I do not know. Across the stream a patch of ragwort is ablaze with its yellow bloom. A pair of swallows skim the water, and a tiny brown bird looks down inquiringly from a lower twig. Mechanically I look at my watch—yes, it is time to be strolling back, so I leave my little spot to the stream and the trees and its hundred and one natural dwellers till a similar sunny afternoon finds me at leisure.

(From Sergt. Andrew Chrystal.)

France, 2/5/18.

Dear Mr Pearce,—It is many moons since last I wrote you, but you can well understand that having turned the peaceful pen into a machine gun, one is very loth to take up the pencil and write unless driven to it conscience-stricken. In this instance please pardon any trifling inaccuracies in spelling, etc., and the use of the common garden variety pencil, as I am writing this in the line, and am consequently labouring under difficulties.

I did not receive a copy of the November issue of the "Southlandian," but was fortunate enough to happen across one. Escott Bonthonn lent me his, and I can assure you I was delighted to get same, as it is practically my only means of keeping in touch with the old members of the school. The reading of it, however, was not an unmixed blessing as it makes one very sad when one thinks of all those care-free school boys who now lie in the mud of Flanders, sacrifices to the God Mars.

Of late the Old School seems to have been very hard hit. It makes very sad reading when I see the names of Eric Ryburn, Jock McQueen, Sid Reid, Frank Simon, and a whole host of others who were practically

class-mates of my own, all among the list of "Killed in Action." I had a long talk over old Southlandian days with McQueen just about two hours before he was killed. I met Frank Simon whilst training for the Paschendaele stunt, and found him much as we used to know him. I had not seen Sid Reid for a long time, but when last I saw him I could easily conjure up visions of the old crowd of us who used to swarm over the tennis courts in the intervals. Unfortunately there would be many, many gaps were we ever to have a re-union of the old boys of my time. I hear Colonel Pow has also been wounded again. I trust this time he will be invalided back to New Zealand—he has had a fairly long run. I occasionally see and pass the time o'day with Eric Cockcroft—he being a first lieutenant in one of the companies of our Battalion. Every day I run across someone of the old school, and that always leads to long talks over old times and old companions.

So far the war has passed me over lightly, as I have never had a day away from the line (except, of course, my Blighty leave) since I came to France. I managed to get safely through both our Ypres stunts, with nothing worse than a bad cold as a souvenir, and since then our work has been prosaic enough—plenty of pack mule work and absolutely no romance of war, as we used to read of it. Modern war suffers greatly when compared with the good old days when armoured knights tilted at each other for the honour of their "ladies fayre." Sludging through sticky mud thigh-deep in a trench and stepping into an ice-cold shell hole, where a duck-board ought to be, but is not, does not tend to call up any roseate visions of the time when knights were bold. Eating and sleeping in or on the aforesaid mud also does not tend to call up the said visions either, but; well—c'est la Guerre !!!! There is nemo to saye.

The Boche is apparently having quite a decent triumphal march on his own at present; but everyone seems confident that before many moons have come and gone there will be a different tale to tell. Our chaps met him in his first advance practically in the open, and proved rather too good for him, and after he had a couple of "goes" at our line he has since left us severely alone, and of late we have had a nice quiet time.—Yours sincerely,

25400 ANDREW CHRYSSTAL,

A Coy. N.Z.M.G. Batt.

#### WITH THE SIGNALLERS.

(N. Gilchrist.)

On the Somme, 1918.

When I wrote you last we were on the eve of going into action in the fiercest battle in history on the Somme. I spent the first few days at the wagon lines resting. I was called up to the firing battery

on the eve of the great attack of the 15th September. I was not required for signal duties immediately so I helped to lighten the work on the gun, for our gunners had been firing continuously for a whole week. On the cold bright morning of the 15th I was told to get my flags ready, and while the dawn was still breaking our small party led by the major and Mr W—— (our senior observing officer) was making its way towards the front trench. Just as we were arriving there the scream of our shells, and the roar of our guns redoubled as the gunners worked like demons for a mad ten minutes. Just as we arrived at the trench the roar died off as the range was lifted, and there was a suppressed remark of "They're away!" as the infantry surged over the parapet. In two or three minutes we had our wire connected up and prepared to follow in their wake. With the last instructions from the Major we faced the barrage which the Huns placed on "No Man's Land" too late to catch the infantry. Over we go—Mr W——, Jack, and I, our two linesmen following with the precious wire on which may hang the fate of the Division. We ran out of our heavy wire just in front of the Hun's old trench, and on our side of the slope and out of his sight. The others are left here to get communicated with the battery both by wire and by flag, and to bring on light wire later. Mr W—— and I dash off again to overtake our still advancing infantry. At last we come to the shelter of the trench where they are digging in. We have passed trenches full of enemy dead on the way, and many of our own boys have not been so fortunate as we.

One has no time to rest, however. Immediately, I am out on the parapet again flagging back to headquarters the positions of our men and the enemy. A German machine gunner tries to take a hand in the game, but his head and hand are not so steady as before, and my flag flutters and bobs uninterruptedly, and I soon drive back to cover. Another message is sped across space, and then I go back to guide the others back with wires. The three of us start off with a reel apiece, myself in the centre and a little ahead. We all arrive safely and for a few short minutes we are in touch with our station. Of a sudden there is a rending roar, and we are knocked breathless as the trench comes in on top of us. We pull ourselves together just in time to be half buried again with a greater shock than the last. So it goes on all day—we lay sixteen wires in all and carry messages as well. Our trench is blown in repeatedly, and one of the boys has to leave—his nerve has gone. Two of us carry on for the rest of the ten long hours, during which we maintained the only communication in the division. At dark we are relieved, and get to one of the home stations but there is no rest for us, we are short-handed, and for succeeding nights and days we are without a wink of sleep. To make matters worse rain sets in and we are wet to the skin for a couple of days, while the shell-swept ground is simply a quagmire. Fortunately the

wet spell is a short one, and we are soon able to enjoy the sunshine again. In a day or two we are ordered further forward under special orders for the next advance. We live without discovery for a couple of days, lying almost beside the front line and breaking down the enemy's barbed wire. The next day, Monday, the day of the attack, is a beautiful sunny day. The artillery duel starts early. Evidently we have been well marked as the Hun batteries are searching for us with salvo after salvo. The gunners stripped to the waist, unconcernedly feed the guns as fast as they will work. The Hun is getting closer with the high explosive shells with which he hopes to destroy the guns. Our orders were to be carried out "at all costs." The price is about to be paid. Just at eight o'clock as I walk from the gun to the telephones there is a resounding crash—they've got us. I am hurled violently to the floor and rise half stunned and feeling numb all oved. Lieut. L—— is with me in a moment dragging me to cover where for the first time I notice that there is blood all down my tunic. He dresses me and then hands me over to a Red Cross man who is passing. I can walk all right although I am quite dazed still. Meanwhile, our little patch of ground has become an inferno and shells are bursting thick and fast as I am hurried away. Just as I leave I hear that Osie Reynolds (from Riverton) has been killed. Whatever hit me just touched me in passing. This is the last I have heard of the battery, save that we had had a number of casualties, with at least four killed. The hole on my shoulder is quite a small one, and when healed will hardly leave a mark. The other is a long gash under the chin, but fortunately not deep enough to damage anything. A small piece of metal evidently penetrated to the jaw-bone, but since that has worked out the wound is healing quickly and is quite painless. I shall be back to the battery within six weeks, probably before you get this.

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(From the late Private D. S. Manson.)

Dear Mr Pearce,—

I do not remember ever seeing a reinforcement ship's magazine in the school so I thought that perhaps you might care to have one. I am forwarding to you the magazine of our reinforcement, the 34th, and I hope that it won't prove altogether uninteresting.

It seems to me ages since I left the good old High, I have seen so much and expect to see a great deal more before I see The School again; at least I hope so. Of course you will have learned long ere this reaches you that we came through Panama, called at Newport News, New York, and finally landed at Liverpool.

From N.Z. to Panama the weather was ideal and the sea, for the

greater part of the time, calm as a mill pond. The first few days out were anything but pleasant for many of us, we had contracted such a habit of rushing to the side of the ship and gazing into its depths. However, about the third day I was beginning to find my sea legs and could walk the decks with a little confidence. Day by day the weather grew warmer, compelling us to put aside the greater part of our attire. By the time we reached the Equator we had put off everything but shoes, shorts, shirts and hats. Although the heat made us feel uncomfortable at mid-day, the sunrises and sunsets easily compensated that.

On the 1st March we hove in sight of Panama. It was with wonder that we approached that wonderful canal, and after passing through, it left us amazed and mystified. It was all so wonderful, all so mighty, and all so grand. It is impossible for me to try and describe Panama. One must see it for one's self to appreciate the wonderful feats of engineering done there.

From Friday until Sunday we lay in the shark infested harbour of Colon before steaming out to Newport News. The morning we reached there it was foggy and cold, a keen wind chilled us to the marrow and everything had the appearance of having just come through a severe winter.

While there we were allowed ashore for 1½ days. The first time we had put our feet on land since leaving New Zealand. There are three big American concentration camps there besides an aeroplane school. The "Sammies" were very kind to us and gave me the impression of being frank, straight-forward men. I left Newport News fully convinced that the Americans are heart and soul with us in this war, and will back us up to a finish. The greater part of the population is black and practically all the armament work is done by the nigger.

Leaving Newport News a day later we steamed into New York harbour, there, alas! to lie at anchor for three days in sight of New York and not get ashore. It was really hard luck.

We put out from New York in a convoy of 14 ships, and 10 days later landed at Liverpool. While passing up to our anchorage we saw in dock the German liner Fatherland, 52,000 tons. My word she is "some" liner. Next morning we lay into the wharf and were soon on our way in very comfortable carriages to Brocton, where we were isolated for three weeks before passing on to Sling. There we first came in contact with some of our war-bitten boys, boys of the Rifle Brigade, who were going through a refresher course before returning to France.

One of the first things which we thought strange was the ration-

ing. Dinner looks so small when you look at it and think that there is no possible of a return. Also on visiting the canteen you find that you cannot buy just as much as you like. However, I don't wish you to think we are underfed because such is not the case. We get enough, but none to spare. The food is beautifully cooked and nothing is wasted here, even the scraps are carefully collected and utilised. Really, I believe that the food wasted in New Zealand camps would feed all the soldiers here. By the way, we get no white-bread, but a brown bread made from whole wheat, and very good it is too. Butter is put down only at one meal each day, at the remaining two meals we get lard, hardly so good, but all the same, when one gets used to it, it is not a bad substitute.

We had heard such terrible tales of Sling that we dreaded coming here, but when we arrived here and were settled down we found that it had all been a nightmare. Sling is not half bad.

Since coming here I have been transferred to the Signallers and I find the work very interesting. Before proceeding to France we have to put in 14 weeks training. I don't know if it will be interesting in France or not but I am sure it will at least be exciting.

There are great numbers of aeroplanes here and it is very interesting to watch them skimming overhead, climbing steeply, looping the loop, etc. Many of the pilots seem to be able to do just what they like with their machines. On "Anzac Day" at our sports a number of airmen gave us an exhibition of some hair-raising stunts.

England at present looks lovely in her fresh summer garb; everything looks so fresh and green. The weather also is really ideal, a thing much appreciated by the soldier.

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## FOOTBALL.

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In the 1918 season we placed two teams in the Second or Junior Grade, i.e., for players under 19 years of age on the 1st of May. We placed three teams in the Third Grade, i.e., for players under 16 years of age. When it became obvious that we were playing too many teams in the Third Grade, C team was withdrawn, and a Fourth Grade instituted, with an age limit of under 16 years on the 1st May. School put in two teams again, while the Tech. found one. The Fourth Grade opened on July 10. Unfortunately few matches were played; and in these few we were defeated. Next year we must see to it that we do

not undertake too much. Too many teams mean weak teams. The Tec. must put in as many teams as we do.

### 1st XV.

Full-back, J. G. Mackay; three-quarters: H. Morgan, R. G. Stevens (captain), C. Diack; five-eighths: G. Cleland, H. Jefcoate; half-back, R. Johnstone; front row, T. Pryde, A. Macgregor, T. Fouhy (wing); lock, G. Arnott; supports: F. Holz, R. McDowall; back row: D. Coakley, A. Kingsland; emergencies—forward: H. Hartley; backs, J. M. Mackenzie.

### SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE.

Won, 14—9.

Diack and Coakley scored two tries each while Mackenzie converted one of them.

### SCHOOL v. SOUTHRN.

Won, 22 to nil.

School won this match by 22 to nil. Cleland alone gained four tries.

### SCHOOL v. ATHLETIC.

Won—23 to 5.

Athletic scored one try and converted, while School acquired seven tries and kicked one goal. School thus won by 23 to 5. Some of the scores were the result of good passing rushes. For School, Stevens secured 3 of the tries.

### SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE.

Won, 39 to nil.

School defeated Collegiate by 39 to nil. Though the ground was slippery School played with a great deal more dash than usual. Tries were secured by most of the team; only three or four were converted. As half-back, Dick Johnstone was highly successful; for School, he undoubtedly played the best game. McKay's saving kick from a decidedly awkward position, also deserves notice.

### SCHOOL v. BLUES.

Lost, 6 to nil.

Blues defeated School by 6 points to nil. In the first half School managed to hold off their heavier opponents, and no tries were secured by either side. Towards the end of the game Stout secured the first try for Blues from a serum near the line. They soon added another try to this, which was again unconverted.

### 1st XV v. 2nd XV.

Won, 35 to nil.

The 1st XV won this match by 35 to nil on the first spell. In the

second half the teams changed forwards, and so all players were afforded a good practice.

### 1st XV v. SOUTHERN.

Won, Southern defaulted.

### SCHOOL v. BLUES.

Won, 11 to nil.

After a good fight, in which some members figured more than others, the 1st XV defeated Blues by 11 points to nil. The scores were due to Diack, Stevens and Fouhy; Jefcoate converted one of the tries. The play does not call for many remarks. The players appeared particularly fit. The result of this match practically secured the Second Grade Banner to School.

### SCHOOL v. GORE.

Won, 55 to 3.

This match was played at Gore on the 15th August. There was a high wind blowing, but both ball and ground were dry. Gore stripped bigger in the forwards, but smaller in the backs. They made no attempt at back-play, but confined their efforts to spoiling. Shortly after the kick off School scored from a passing rush from half-way, Diack outpacing the opposing backs. Scores came frequently, for the forwards smashed the opposition and heeled out. Among a good set of forwards, McDowall showed out in breaking away and passing to the wings. School's passing at times was brilliant. Towards the end of the game the Gore wing intercepted a pass and scored. The following scored for School: — Diack (3), Stevens (3), Jefcoate (2), Cleland (2), Morgan, Holz, McDowall, Johnstone, one each; 5 tries were converted and 1 penalty goal was kicked, the final score being School 55, Gore 3.

School were greatly benefited by Mr Page's morning training; everyone stood the knocks and the fast game well.

### CRITICISM OF FIRST XV.

Mackay.—Full-back; sure take and tackle; good right-foot; cool.

Stevens.—Centre three; fast and straight runner; clean take and tackle; unselfish pass. As captain kept his team well in hand on and off the field.

Diack.—Wing three; finest take in team; kick and tackle sure; judgment in anticipating excellent.

Morgan.—Wing three; very fast, jink good, fine scoring back.

Cleland.—Second five; kick, take, and tackle very good, sure in pass, in combined play very dependable.

Jefcoate.—First five; kick, take, and tackle excellent, strong runner; sound general for backs, defence excellent.

Johnstone.—Half; a heady pivot for the backs, in defence and in attack a strong player, cool and resourceful.

Fouhy.—Wing forward; clean player in a difficult position, excellent in dribble and in charge of play, pass clean and unselfish.

Coakley: Forward; line play excellent, dribble and bustle clean and heady, rallying point of the forwards.

McDowall: Forward; in line, pack, and loose a tower of strength; tackle very good.

Arnott: Forward; always on the ball, good break-away and dribble, sound tackle.

Holz: Lock; much improved forward, sure take and long kick.

Kingsland: Forward; fast and dashy, dribble and tackle very sound.

Pryde: Front row; fair hooker, dribble, line, and pack very good, tackle sound and reliable.

Hartley: Front row; good hooker, fast and dashy in loose, good spoiler of backs.

Macgregor: Front row and extra half; very reliable player, kick, take, and tackle very sound, always to be depended on for special work.

Joyce, also played as half and as five for the team, and should make a sound back.

Mackenzie was extra full-back, and only MacKay's very sound play kept the former among the emergencies in the tests.

## 2ND XV.

Full-back: J. M. MacKenzie; three-quarters: Dickens, Cowie, Macpherson; five-eighths: (1) Joyce, (2) Sligo; half: Macgregor; front row. Buckingham, Mills; lock: Robinson; supports: Royds, Tuson; back row: Smith, Trotter; winger: J. Ewart. Emergencies: (Back), W. Johnson; (forward), McCallum.

## II XV v. BLUES 3rd XV.

Lost 34 to nil.

## SCHOOL II v. COLLEGIATE.

Lost—6 to nil.

In this match school were defeated by 6 to nil. School won the toss, and after the kick-off, play remained at half-way until Tec. pressed hard and compelled their opponents to force down. Again play remained at half-way until school was forced back and Tec. scored. The kick failed. From the kick-off, Tec. pressed hard and again scored. The kick was unsuccessful. Half-time was then called with the score 6 to nil.

The second spell was a series of forward rushes, first one side, and then the other side having the advantage. Thus time was called with the scores unaltered.

School played a very good game against their much heavier opponents. Ewart and Hor. Smith were very conspicuous in the forwards, while good work was done by Johnson and Cheyne in the backs.

## SCHOOL II v BLUES II.

Lost—6 to nil.

In this match School was defeated by 6 points to nil. After the kick-off, School pressed Blues hard, and compelled them to force down. For a time play remained at half-way, until, by fine forward play, Ewart and Smith took the ball up into Blues' 25 where play remained till half-time was sounded.

In the second half, School were on the defensive, and Blues scored twice in quick succession. Both kicks failed. After this School resumed the defensive until the end of the game.

In the forwards Smith and Ewart played well, while in the backs Johnson and Johnstone did good work. School played very well in the first half, but in the second went to pieces.

## SCHOOL II v. SCHOOL III.

Won—24 to nil.

In this match the thirds were defeated by 24 points to nil. In the first half Smith, Joyce and Robertson secured a try each, and when half time was called, the score was 9 to nil.

In the second half Trotter scored three times, and Smith and Robertson once. No goals were kicked. Thus the game ended 24 to nil in favour of the seconds.

For the thirds, McCallum played a splendid game, Sligo and Noble-Campbell also playing well. The pick of the seconds were Hor. Smith, Joyce and W. Johnson.

## SCHOOL II v. SOUTHERN.

Lost—20 to nil.

In this match School was defeated by 20 points to nil. For most of the first half play remained in School's 25, until Southern scored three times in quick succession. Only one try was converted. Thus the first half ended 11 to nil, against School.

In the second half, Southern scored three times and all the kicks failed. Smith and Ewart, by fine forward play, took the ball to Southern's 25, but a force down resulted. Thus the game ended Southern 20, School nil.

Hor. Smith played an excellent game, being conspicuous by his sound tackling and good dribbling. No doubt the score would have been less had the School had its best team, but owing to four absentees four emergencies had to be substituted.

#### SCHOOL II v. BLUES II.

Lost—3 to nil.

This match resulted in a win for the Blues by three points to nil. After the kick-off, School took play into their opponents' twenty-five, where play remained for some time. Near the end of the spell, however, Blues scored, but the kick failed.

In the second half, School kept play in Blues' twenty-five almost all the time, and had the best of the game all through. Several times Ewart and Dickens almost got through, but their efforts were not crowned with success. Thus the game ended 3 to nil in favour of Blues.

Undoubtedly in this match School played a splendid game—their best this season. Ewart, McPherson, and Smith were conspicuous all through the game, while Sligo and Joyce also played well.

#### SCHOOL II v. COLLEGIATE.

Won—8 to 3.

This game was played at Gladstone and resulted in a win for the School by 8 points to 3. From the kick-off, the School forwards took play into Collegiate's quarter where play remained for some time. Play was then carried into School's twenty-five and from a scrum the Collegiate wing scored near the corner. No goal resulted. Half-time was called soon afterwards with the score 3—0 in favour of Collegiate.

In the second half School took the play immediately to the Collegiate line, where three force downs took place in quick succession. From a mark outside quarter way, Mackenzie made a good attempt to goal, the ball just passing outside the posts. Shortly afterwards Collegiate were penalised under their own posts, and Mackenzie made no mistake with the kick. About five minutes before time, after play had been in Collegiate's twenty-five for some time, the ball was carried to within a few yards of the line. A succession of scrums followed, which ended in Mills scoring, Mackenzie converting with a fine kick. This reverse caused Collegiate to attack strongly, but good line-kicking by the backs saved matters. Time was then called with the score: School 8, Collegiate 3.

#### SCHOOL II. v. TECHNICAL I.

WON—9 to nil.

This match resulted in a win for School by 9 points to nil. From

the start School carried play into Technical's quarter, where hard kicking spoilt several chances of scoring. Before time was called, Mills and Ewart scored a try each. The kicks failed.

In the second half, only one score was made, it resulting from a forward break-away by Ewart. Soon after time was called. Thus the score was 9 to nil in favour of School. For School, Joyce, Macgregor, Ewart, and McKenzie played well.

#### SCHOOL II. v. GORE I.

WON—10 to 8.

This match was played at Gladstone on August 21st.

School won the toss and decided to play against the sun, but soon after the kick-off were compelled to force down twice. However, by good line-kicking, Macgregor relieved, and play was taken up to Gore's 25. Here School were awarded a penalty kick, but the kick failed, and Gore forced down. By a brilliant run, Sligo took play to Gore's line, and passed to Mills, who scored between the posts. Mackenzie converted. Soon afterwards, by good play, Macgregor scored, and Mackenzie again converted. Soon afterwards Gore scored, and the kick was successful. Soon after time was called with the score: School, 10; Gore, 5.

Throughout the first part of the second half, play remained at half-way, until Gore pressed into School's 25, when Mackenzie relieved by good kicking, but by a long run, a Gore back scored. The kick failed. Soon after, time was called, with the score 10 to 8 in favour of School.

School played a very good game against their much heavier opponents. Their tackling, on the whole, was good, except for the few who still persist in collaring a man round the neck. In the scrums, also, School were superior. Throughout the whole game, Sligo, Mills, Joyce, Macgregor, Mackenzie, Ewart, and Trotter were conspicuous.

#### THIRD XV.

A. Campbell, Isaacs, Kitto, Greig, Gellatly, J. Gilkison, Crosbie, Macfarlane, Raines, Howie, Meffin, Bews, George, Noble-Campbell, Cheyne. Emergencies, Dyer, Lee.

#### THIRD GRADE.

HIGH A versus BLUES A.

Won—20 to nil.

High won the toss and Blues kicked off. Play was fairly even for a while, until after a rush from the School, Blues had to force down. Soon afterwards Gilkison secured the ball and scored the first try. Play was fairly fierce for a while, High having a slight advantage until Stokes got the ball, and after a long run scored. Soon afterwards

Blues again had to force down, and shortly after that the whistle sounded for half-time, with School leading by six to nil.

In the second half School again had the advantage, and after a short time Gilkison again scored. Soon afterwards Smith scored and Cowie converted. After that Blues had to force down twice in succession. After some rough play Cowie scored, and shortly after Blues had to force down again. Two more tries were added to the list by Stokes and Cowie. The game thus ended, School winning by twenty to nil.

Eunson, an old boy of the School who was playing for Blues, showed his power of kicking, first by almost laying Campbell out with the ball, and second by knocking the top rail off the goal-post.

#### HIGH A v. HIGH B.

Won—28 to nil.

The A's won the toss, and chose to play up the field.

Play started vigorously, and both teams were on the alert.

After about five minutes' play, Howie placed the ball behind B's line, and then sent the ball between the posts.

The chief scorers were: Howie, 2 scores, 1 goal; Noble-Campbell, 2 scores; Gilkison: 1 score, 1 goal; Isaacs, 1 score.

The pick of the B team was Sligo, who saved try after try for the B's, and Dyer.

Meffin played a good game for the A's, but the pick were Noble-Campbell, Howie, and Isaacs.

The game ended with the A team winning by 28 points to nil.

#### SCHOOL A v. TECH. B.

Won—32 to nil.

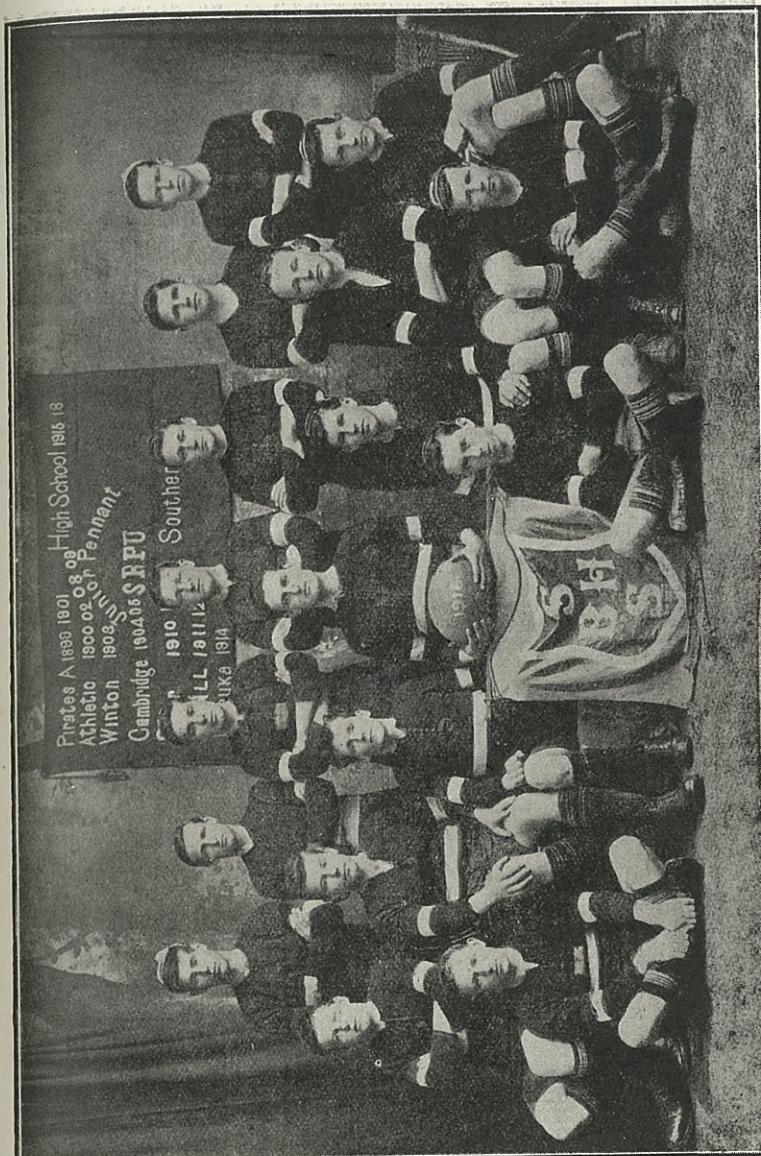
This match resulted in a win for the School by 32 points to nil. The Tech. were outclassed both in forward and back play. The state of the ground greatly hindered the back play, but all the same good passing rushes were seen. The following were the scorers: Howie 3, Noble-Campbell, Bews and McCallum two tries each. The goals were kicked by Howie, Gilkison, and George.

Campbell, George, and McCallum played a good forward game, while Bews, Howie, Raines, Sligo, and Noble-Campbell, played a good back game.

#### A v. TECH. A.

Lost—6—3.

In their match against the Technical A, the A team was defeated by 6 to 3. School kicked off, and brought the play into the Tech.'s 25. It was brought back into our half, where it remained during the first half. Tech. broke away and scored twice. As no goals were con-



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BACK ROW—Arnott, Hartley, Pryde, Coulkey, Mackenzie, Morgan, Foulhy

SECOND ROW—Cleland, Jeacock, Joyce, Stevens (captain), Mackay, McDowell, Macgregor

FRONT ROW—Kingsland, Johnston, Diack

verted, the spell ended 6 to nil in favour of Tech. In the second half School had decidedly the better of the game. The play mostly hovered about halfway until, in the last quarter of an hour School fairly ran over the Tech., and from a scramble near the line McCallum scored. The goal was not converted. The game ended with the School pressing hard. All the team played well. In the forwards Mills, Stokes, and J. Gilkison played well, while Meffin, Cheyne and Noble-Campbell, distinguished themselves in the backs. If the School had followed the example of Noble-Campbell and collared low they would have won this match.

SOUTHLAND 3rd XV. v. GORE 2nd XV.

Lost—12—nil.

This match was played at Gore on the 15th of August. The play remained at about halfway for a while after kick-off, but the passing rushes of the Gore backs brought the ball into Southland's twenty-five where it remained. Before half-time Gore had scored three times. At the beginning of the second spell Gore were compelled to force down, but afterwards play was taken near Southland's twenty-five. Gore attacked hard, but Southland's defence stopped them from breaking through. However, Gore managed to score once, and that was the last time for Southland still played up well. The game ended in a win for Gore. Southland all played well, but the most noticeable were J. Gilkison, A. Greig, Isaacs, and Campbell in the forwards, and Cheyne and Raines in the backs.

4th XV.

HIGH B v. TECH. B.

Won, 12—nil.

Tech. won the toss and decided to play with the wind. After the kick-off the play was confined to the centre of the field, neither side having an advantage. A rush by the School forwards brought the game near the Tech. line. The play was again pushed back, but a rush by Greig again brought the ball near Tech. line, but it was forced down by Tech. The High again brought the play into Tech. territory, but a scrum near the line stopped the advance. From a scrum Isaacs scored. A few minutes later Noble-Campbell scored with a fine rush. The kick was unconverted. The High kept the play near Tech. line. Greig rushed, but did not score. Lambeth also made a good attempt but didn't add to the total. While the play was near the line Isaacs again scored. At half-time the score was 9 to nil, in the favour of the School. The Tech. took the play very near the High line, but the ball was forced down by Noble-Campbell. The pressure was relieved by the High forwards and the game was taken into the centre of the field till the School made a furious charge which

carried all before them and our noble friend again scored. The whistle blew shortly after. Five of the team did not turn up. Isaacs, Greig, Noble-Campbell, and Lambeth played well.

HIGH B v. TECH. 3rd.

LOST—22 to nil.

By half-time Tech. had scored 5 tries. In the second spell play was more even. The School were compelled to force down several times, and Raines' speed gave him the honour of doing this each time. About half-way through the spell Technical scored and the try was converted. The Technical were the heavier team and the School played one man short. All the team played well, but there was no combination. The pick of the forwards were J. Gilkison, Greig, and Isaacs; while in the backs Raines, Stokes and Meffin played well.

HIGH B v. BLUES.

LOST, 18—3.

This match resulted in a win for Blues by 18—3. No tries were converted by either side. Crosbie played a good game and made a good forward for High. Mackay and Romans played a good forward game and D. Leckie did some good tackling. The forwards were brilliant in some forward rushes. The backs, being chiefly composed of emergencies, were not very good and allowed the Blue scorers through several times. As the Blues were heavier than the School team, it was but natural that they should win.

HIGH B v. TECHNICAL A.

LOST—53 to nil.

In this match School were defeated by 53 to nil. The Technical were much too heavy for the School team and from the beginning of the match it was evident that they had the advantage.

The School team was forced to play a good many substitutes as some of its members seemed to have cold feet.

**5th XV.**

HIGH C v. TECH. B.

LOST—6 to nil.

Shortly after the commencement of the game it became apparent that the Tech. had the advantage in the heavier weight of their forwards.

The School were compelled to force down twice, and when the whistle went for half-time the score stood at 3 to nil in favour of the Tech.

Play was much the same in the second half. The School soon had to force down. A few minutes later Canavan saved his side much loss of ground by receiving the full force of the ball's onslaught.

After some fairly even play the Tech. again scored. The kick went only a few yards. A little later the School were again compelled to force down. They then recovered somewhat, carrying play into the Tech. territory, where they compelled the latter to force down.

The game ended with the score 6 to nil, in favour of the Tech.

HIGH C v. BLUES.

LOST—49 to nil.

This match resulted in a win for Invercargill by 49 points to nil. Immediately after the kick-off Invercargill forced play into High's twenty-five and scored a try, which was converted. When half-time sounded, Invercargill were exulting in a score of 27 to nil.

School played in the first half of the game with only 12 men, 2 out of 3 emergencies failed to make an appearance. During the half-time interval a Bluff giant was persuaded to play, but Invercargill were undaunted and succeeded in making an additional 22 points. In the forwards Mackay played well and in the backs Gardiner was conspicuous for his good tackling.

HIGH C v. TECH. A.

LOST—72 to nil.

HIGH C v. TECH. B.

WON, 14—3.

In this match School won by 14 to 3. The School forwards were weak, but the backs played well and made some good passing rushes, though there was a lack of combination.

In the first half School had the best of the game, and the first score was made by School in the first few minutes. The first half ended: School 8, Technical 0.

In the second half School made two more tries and the College managed to get one. The game ended: School 14, Technical 3.

For School: Lambeth, Powell, Hanna, Kelly made one score each, while Forde converted one. In the forwards Lambeth played well, while Powell, Forde and Jaggers did good work in the backs. Stevens played very well for a little fellow.

HIGH C v. HIGH D.

LOST—21 to 3.

In this match the D's had a win by 21 points to 3.

For the D's, D. Leckie, Fitzgerald, Mahony and Officer played well,

while for the C's, Jaggers, Powell and Broad played well.

By a good rush from half-way Leckie succeeded in making a try. It was not converted. Shortly after that Broad scored a try for the C's, but was not converted. When the half-time whistle sounded each side had 3 points. During the second half the D's gained four more tries, two of which were converted. Leckie and Fitzgerald scored two tries each.

### THE TOURNAMENT.

The annual Tournament among teams representative of the Christchurch, Timaru, Otago and Southland High Schools was held this year in Invercargill. The northern teams arrived on Friday afternoon, August 30th, and were billeted out among the friends of the School. In the evening the teams attended the entertainment at the Theatre given by the Girls' High School. On Saturday at Rugby Park, the first round was played. On Saturday evening the teams were entertained at the Federal Tea Rooms by the Old Boys' Association. On Sunday the boys repaired to their various churches. On Monday afternoon there was a motor run to Riverton, and in the evening a social and dance in the Girls' High School Hall. On Tuesday afternoon the teams journeyed to the Bluff, and spent the evening at the Pictures. On Wednesday came the final games. In the evening the four teams dined together at the Federal. The northern visitors left for the north the following day.

We desire to thank our friends for their help in the entertainment of the visitors, by the loan of motor cars, by their services in billeting and in entertaining. We particularly desire to thank the Rugby Union, the Old Boys and the Orphans' Club.

The teams were as follows:—

**SOUTHLAND H.S.**—J. G. Mackay (9.12); C. Diack (9.2), R. G. Stevens (10.6), H. O. Morgan (11.5); H. O. Jefcoate (11.4), and G. Cleland (10.0); half: R. S. Johnstone (10.2); forwards: G. A. McGregor (11.0) and T. R. Pryde, 11.5 (front row), D. J. Coakley (12.3), A. J. Kingsland (10.10), R. McDowall (10.9), F. A. Holz (11.4), G. D. Arnott (10.9), T. H. Fouhy 10.4 (winger).

**OTAGO H.S.**—Townsend (10.2); Keiha (12.6), Dickinson (9.4), Taylor (9.12); Burton (8.9), and McKay (11.0); half: Shand (8.9); forwards: Begg (11.2), Dunne, 12.0 (lock), Marslin (11.9), Calder (11.4), Bell (11.10), Smith (12.0), Allan 10.11 (winger).

**CHRISTCHURCH H.S.**—T. I. Lascelles (9.10); J. M. Willoughby (9.2), E. J. Bowes (11.5), A. C. Allen (11.6); W. Graham (10.6) and S. R. Carleton (8.8); half: W. Dalley (8.6); forwards: J. L. White 9.0 (winger), front row: T. B. Donnelly (9.10) and J. C. Forsyth (10.7), D. S. Gunn (9.10), D. M. Dickson (12.3), L. D. Page 10.7), D. W. Reese (10.7), J. A. Fraser (11.9).

**TIMARU H.S.**—R. Boys (9.13); H. Morrison (8.3), M. Fahey (9.12), G. Glenn (10.0); J. Earl (9.1), B. Mee (9.0); half: A. Buxton (10.0); forwards: J. Dugdale (10.10), F. Meehan (11.6); lock: D. Stewart (13.0); J. Buxton (10.3), F. Withell (11.4), A. Acheson (11.4), R. Stewart (11.5); winger, S. Cabot (11.3).

**AVERAGE WEIGHTS:** Southland, 10st 9lbs; Otago, 10st 10lbs; Christchurch, 10st 3lbs; Timaru, 10st 7lbs.

The following accounts and criticism of the games are all taken from the columns of "The Southland Times," whom we thank on behalf of all the schools, for the fulness of the reports.

### SOUTHLAND (6) v. OTAGO (5).

(Reds). (Blue and white).

Unfortunately, at the exact hour, 1.30 p.m., of the opening of the tourney with the above game, a thick, drizzling rain commenced to fall after a spell of good weather, and the ground speedily became greasy.

Referee—Mr J. T. Lilburne.

Otago kicked off with the wind and a fine drizzle in their backs and play soon moved into Southland's twenty-five, a good kick by Keiha (Otago) finding the line. From the line-out offside play by a Southland forward gave Otago an attempt at a penalty goal which was unsuccessful and the Reds pressed up a line kick, taking play to the half-way mark. From a scrum in midfield Keiha sent the sphere to Southland's full-back (Mackay) who essayed a fine run upfield, but was checked by effectual Otago tackling. Reds then began a series of rushes taking them up towards their opponents' twenty-five. A scrum here resulted in a smart Otago back obtaining possession of a misdirected pass to the Southland five-eighth and a splendid passing run right down the field resulted in Blues scoring a try in the S.W. corner. A good kick resulted in conversion—score 5—0. After the kick-off play remained for a time in midfield until a kick by Otago was ably returned and followed up by Mackay (full), resulting in a line-out at half-way once more. The south-east wind noticeably upset the calculations of the players when kicking. A free kick moved matters from the halfway mark to Blues' twenty-five where, an Otago back being offside, Southland's free kick found the line well inside Otago territory. The opposing backs with a passing run attacked and from a scrum in midfield Jefcoate (Reds) obtained possession, cross-kicked giving Morgan the ball, but the latter was unfortunate in narrowly failing to score. Morgan transferring a couple of long passes gave Diack his chance and he ducked across under Otago's posts scoring a good try which went unconverted—score, Otago 5; Southland 3. Otago's kick-off saw Southland pressing up with a series of rushes, but long kicks by Otago quelled the immediate danger. A clearing kick by Blues in midfield

landed in Jefcoate's hands but the sound defence of Otago's backs prevented any advance. Otago got the ball out of a scrum near their twenty-five and a strong Southland forward attack resulted in a free kick for Blues and a line-out at halfway. From here Otago's Allan found touch near Reds' goal line where a free kick saved Southland and the scene of operations was, by a forward rush, removed to halfway. A good passing rush by the visitors took them well downfield, but the Reds managed to check the move and return play to a line-out opposite the stand. Southland forwards were making themselves very inconvenient to the defenders though the latter had the advantage of wind. A good passing rush by Otago backs took play right down to Southland's goal line, where the Blues maintained the attack and compelled the home lads to force down. Blues attacked again at the kick-off and soon invaded the Reds' territory, looking dangerous. With the continued rain both turf and leather were becoming greasy and the latter fact accounted for a long pass to a visiting back being mulled and Reds found the line at the twenty-five. From here just on the call of time the home forwards speculated freely and started a rush eastwards, being checked in admirable style by Keiha. The spell then ended with the ball in touch at the home twenty-five, the score reading 5-3 in the visitors' favour.

With slightly less wind and rain falling steadily Southland kicked off and at once attacked strongly, taking play up near the Blues' goal, where a series of scrums—in which the visitors were mostly successful in gaining possession—and short line kicks resulted in Otago forcing down. The kick-off was at once returned to touch near Otago's line, but a saver to the line by a Blue forward stopped a good effort to score and play travelled to halfway. A forward push by Reds was broken up by Otago's determined rally, but was renewed and persevered with and the Southland vanguard pressed down irresistibly to the Blues' line, where Fouhy dived across and scored, the try being unconverted—Southland 6, Otago 5. Tackling on both sides was very sure and from a scrum in mid-field Otago got the ball, but the home forwards obtaining the sphere pressed down into the Blues' territory, where a good saver by the visiting full-back (Townsend) found the line at halfway. From a scrum here Morgan (Red) was prominent in clearing to the line with a well-timed kick. Otago attacked in likely-looking manner and began to look dangerous when Mackay, Southland's full-back, got possession and saved in fine style. Jefcoate considerably helped matters with a line kick to the opponents' twenty-five, where a free-kick for the home team caused a further advance into the Blues' preserves. Otago rallied, attacking, and Stevens (captain) cleared neatly to the line. Play remained in the visitors' half for a time and a strong series of attacks by the Reds appeared to result in a score, but was productive of a five yards'

scrum from which Blues obtained possession finding the line at half-way. Mackay kept clearing to the line in fine style and his defence was admirable as was Jefcoate's kicking. Marslin, Calder and Dunn were prominent in a forward attack pushing operations into the Reds' danger zone and bringing forth a line kick to halfway by Morgan (Southland). A passing attack by Southland's backs was keenly countered by the visiting forwards who troubled Mackay (full-back), but he was always safe. In a ticklish corner Morgan (Red) cleared to the line after which a fine rush led by Pryde, Fouhy and Macgregor brought the home forwards near to a try. Otago rallied with five minutes to go and, though Dickinson, Burton and Keiha led a fine back offensive up to mid-field, Mackay, who never made a slip from beginning to end of the match, cleared nicely to the line and brilliant charges by the visiting rearguards were unable to penetrate the Reds' defence. Southland charged down on the Blues' line, but a series of kicks only resulted in the home full-back again showing his mettle. Ably assisted by Diack he stopped a determined rush just on the call of time, and the game concluded—Southland 6, Otago 5.

The local High School team adopted a very systematic style of play both in the backs and forwards, the forwards in particular showing signs of very careful coaching. Their combination was very fine and their close dribbling was conducted on the bunching principle, while their tackling in conjunction with that of the backs was deadly. They stripped in fine condition and played the game from end to end in a style which discomfited their opponents. Their consistent following up was a strong factor of the play and caused very serious trouble in the ranks of the opposing rearguard. The work of the pack throughout was characteristic of Southland's standard forward play, and the hand of their coach was writ large in their efforts. The backs showed weakness in attack, when holding the upper hand in their opponents' quarters by standing too deep and failing to open out on the run, but their kicking was always sure and gained ground against the wind, generally finding the line when required. They handled the ball surely, tackled decisively and were never afraid to go down to rushes—a very important matter with a wet ball and greasy ground in evidence. The work of the full-back was a feature of the match with his deliberately sure fielding and prompt and far-reaching kicking.

The Otago forwards held their own on the line-out and packed fairly well, but failed to bunch with the smartness and consistency exhibited by their rivals. They showed pace and dash in the loose rushes, but their dribbling was of a somewhat haphazard character. They tackled rather highly at times but their work in the scrum was good, as they secured the ball more often than their opponents. The visiting backs were a very fast combination, speed being very much

apparent in a series of attacks which would have been very difficult to stop on a dry day. They appeared to have made a study of attacking by transfer, but the deadly collaring of the Southlanders and the weather were against them. Their fielding was fair, but their kicking at times was wanting in accuracy, although it generally had far-reaching effect. They were up against a strong team in defence otherwise it is quite possible they would have given an attractive display of the open game, as at times they afforded glimpses of close acquaintance with the art of running and passing in conjunction. If they should meet Christchurch under favourable weather conditions the game should be well worth witnessing, as both sides evidently believe that attack is the best defence and in following this out throw the ball about in a manner beloved by the general public.

**TIMARU (6) v. CHRISTCHURCH (3).**

(White).

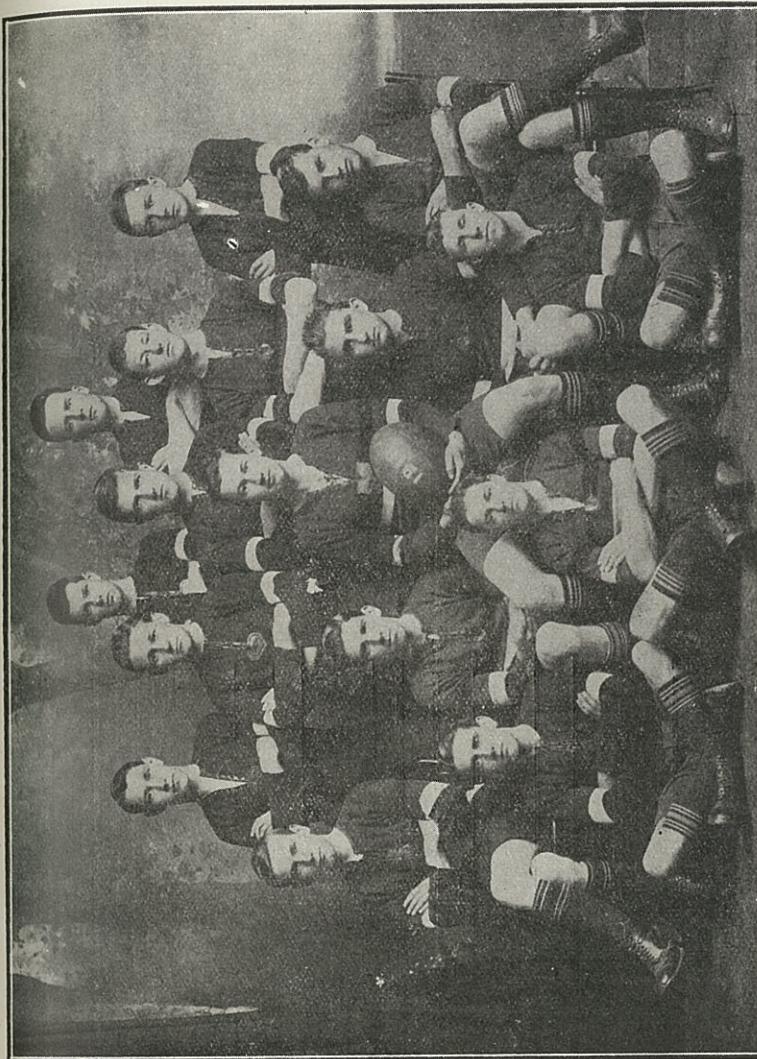
(Blue and Black).

When the above teams took the field the rain was still falling steadily, accompanied by a strong south-east wind which swept the playing area from end to end. Prior to the commencement of play it was decided to equalise the weather conditions as far as possible by conducting the match in four quarter spells. Referee: Dr Brown.

The first spell ended with no score.

On the resumption of play, the game swayed to and fro. An attack from a scrum inaugurated by Blues' backs promised well, but Fahey came to the rescue of his side, staying the rush and kicking safe to touch. Brilliant following up, and the hesitation of two Christchurch backs, enabled Whites to close down on the line, Withell scoring by diving over from a strenuous crush; A. Buxton was unsuccessful with the kick.—Timaru 3 points, Christchurch 0. Returning to the attack, Timaru forwards more than held their own and Blues' rearguard were sorely pressed. In the stress of an anxious time Blues infringed and Timaru secured a free-kick in a good position, A. Buxton goaling with a neat kick.—Timaru 6 points, Christchurch 0.

When the last quarter opened Timaru assumed the offensive and rushed their opponents' 25, pressing strongly in the north-east corner. Blues were in desperate straits when Dalley cleared with a hook from the scrum and Allen carried on in a sensational manner. Dribbling the ball in brilliant style, the speedy three-quarter guided the leather from his own 25 line up-field and then across the Timaru goal-line near the north corner. There was a great race for possession, but a Timaru back, who had very much less ground to cover and was unencumbered with the ball, got there first. It was a great effort, and the fact that it was worthy of a better fate was duly recognised by friend



**SECOND FIFTEEN, 1918**

BACK ROW—Macpherson, Dickens

SECOND ROW—Tuson, MacKenzie, Robinson, McCallum, Roysd

THIRD ROW—Smith, Cowie, Ewart (captain), Trotter, Buckingham.

FRONT Johnson, Sligo, Mills

and foe alike from behind the barriers in thunders of applause. Christchurch forwards at this stage appeared to solve the problem of slippery ground play and for some time continued to more than hold their heavier rivals. They eventually assaulted vigorously at the northern corner, where Willoughby kicked across close to the flag and scored, but Reece failed with a difficult kick.—Timaru 6, Christchurch 3.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Great enthusiasm characterised proceedings at Rugby Park when the final matches of the inter-pro. secondary schools' tournament were played in perfect spring weather with the ground in splendid order. The grandstand was comfortably filled at 1.30 when the Christchurch-Otago match was due to commence, and steadily the crowd was augmented as the time approached for the match to begin in which the local High School Fifteen engaged the visitors from Timaru. In the first match, while there was an almost entire absence of wind, bright sunshine constituted a slight disadvantage in the first spell when Otago faced the west, but as the sun sunk in the heavens and Christchurch's turn came to play in that direction a haze came over and the sun was obscured.

#### CHRISTCHURCH (20) v. OTAGO (3).

(Blue and Black).

(Blue and White.)

There was very little wind when the teams filed out to play on a dry, even ground, with Dunedin facing the sun. Referee: Mr M. Hyndman.

When half time was called, the score stood,—Christchurch 3, Otago 0. The final score was—Christchurch 20, Otago 3.

Both teams essayed to play the open game and thus afforded the spectators a delightful exhibition of fast and clever work, in which the Christchurch boys invariably appeared to advantage by reason of their backs acting more systematically and handling the ball surely. The Otago rearguard had obvious pace, but, time after time, the ball was knocked on or dropped in transferring runs, while the players failed to swing out accurately in attacking formation. Their passing varied by reason of over-anxiousness and a want of accurate double-handed work in preference to over-hand transfers, which proved too slow at times and were often misdirected. The Christchurch forwards put up a great fight in opposition to a pack with longer reach on the line and more weight in the scrums and in this connection are deserving of every credit. They worked ungrudgingly to get the ball to their rearguards and were successful to a degree hardly expected by their rivals or onlookers. The attack of the backs from Canterbury was the feature of the tournament from a spectacular point of view and as such was duly recognised by the public. They worked to-

gether in a manner which was a distinct credit to their instructor, and the half-back (Dalley) was the keynote to nearly every well-executed movement. The Christchurch High School has produced some famous halves and it may be said that the youth with the shock of snow-white hair is not the worst of them by a very long way.

### SOUTHLAND 13, TIMARU 3.

(Reds)

(Blue and White)

Led out on to the field with their respective standard-bearers, last Saturday's two winning teams, Southland and Timaru, faced each other and performed their stirring hakas of greeting—or was it of defiance. The condition of the ground left nothing to be desired, and the erstwhile brilliant sunshine was pleasantly shaded by a canopy of cloud; in short everything conducive to a first-class display of football was there and the applause emanating from the grandstand and fences of the inner enclosure indicated that the large crowd was well pleased with the exhibition given.

Referee: Mr A. Derbie

Southland kicked off, playing from west to east. Right from the jump play was fast and furious and the Reds charged down to the Whites' twenty-five, where Cabot secured the sphere and brought it to midfield again. A passing rush by the Whites finished in the home twenty-five, where Stewart broke away, but the effort to score was unsuccessful.

Southland forwards were prominent in attack and pressed, following up a free kick down to the Whites' line, where the latter forced down, only narrowly averting a try by the Red half. From a scrum at the twenty-five, Reds' forwards again charged down and Stewart (Timaru) cleared to the line. From here a scrum not far from the visitors' line gave Cleland (Southland) his chance, and with a clever feint he dashed across, scoring a fine try amid great applause. Johnstone very neatly converted.—Reds 5, Whites 0. The visiting forwards pressed up at the kick-off, but were soon defending a heavy Red forward charge ending in a free kick for Whites at half-way. A good kick caused Reds to force down. Reds' half of the field saw play for a time, though their forwards kept making things hot for the visitors. From both teams some very good line kicks were witnessed, Timaru's full-back (Boys), putting in three or four splendid line-finders in succession. Pressure following one of these caused the ball to be hustled over the line and Southland forced. The ball was evidently blown very tight as the bounce sorely deceived in many instances. A break-away from the twenty-five scrum by Southland forwards backed up by Morgan (three-quarters) resulted in a dribbling rush down to the visitors' quarter,

and Reds for a time looked like scoring. An exchange of kicks, however, transferred matters again to half-way. Boys took a good mark here and set the Whites attacking. The home backs showed sound defence and Jefcoate, with a good line kick, saved impending trouble. An exchange of line kicks saw Timaru attacking with passing rushes near the Reds' line, but the home forwards opened up the game slightly and for a time the visiting rearguard was nonplussed, only a mistake on the part of the home forwards averting another score. A fast charge by Burton took the leather across the home line with a Red and a White man hot upon it. Southland forced down. A line-out in mid-field saw the spell end—Southland 5, Timaru 0.

Southland kicked off upon resumption, the visitors playing east. A free kick in mid-field set Timaru attacking and a mark at the home 25, kicked by Buxton, went over the crossbar nicely, making the score—Reds 5, Whites 3. A free kick in the centre gave Reds their chance, and after a determined scramble on the line they attempted to cross by a passing rush, which was blocked by a saver from a Timaru back. The Timaru boys kicked well but the home forwards were too good in the loose, and maintained good, steady plodding while the visiting pack were inclined to be spasmodic. The Reds kept threatening till a smart passing rush by Jefcoate, Cleland and Diack brought forth a try by the latter in a good position. This was converted by Johnstone amid tumultuous applause, and the score read: 10—3. Timaru then turned on another charge and pressed up to the home twenty-five. Their forwards looked businesslike but a kick to the line brought relief to the Reds and a line-out at mid-field. Southland's backs exhibited ample speed and sallies were often made into the Whites' territory. Jefcoate's line kicks were admirable. An exchange of line kicks at mid-field resulted in only slight advantage for the home team. Offside play by Southland gave the Whites a free kick in their twenty-five, and after a few loose forward rushes Stevens (Red) cleared to the line with a good kick. A good mark in his twenty-five by Cabot (Timaru) gave Jefcoate creditable possession and returned play to within the Whites' danger zone. From here a good passing run ended with a line-out on Southland's twenty-five, a bad forward pass by Morrison going unnoticed. Line kicks took play back to half-way, where a Timaru passing rush was stopped at his twenty-five by Mackay, who maintained his sure game of Saturday last, though not called upon so often. Timaru forwards evinced a great affinity towards offside play and waiting on the weather side of the scrum. Play remained in the home half for some time and a charge by the White backs was stopped by some very effective home tackling. A good line kick by Southland's five-eighths (Jefcoate) gained quarter of the field, and with five minutes to go a mark by Timaru was returned with a line kick from the Red three-quarter to the twenty-five. Charging up from the line-out at the

visitors' twenty-five Morgan got across in the north-west corner, the attempt to convert from a difficult angle being unsuccessful. Timaru forwards had fallen away visibly and looked relieved when time was called with the scoring board indicating—Southland 13, Timaru 3.

Timaru, as usual, made the pace a cracker, but the Southlanders were not to be hustled and kept on playing a very solid, safe game, correct in every particular. Presently, the visitors, after opening up in a very promising manner, began to slow down, and at this stage the Southland forwards demonstrated that they could hold their own in scrum and line-out play, while, in conjunction with their rearguard, they tackled in a deadly fashion which brought serious discomfiture to the Timaru backs. Time after time, securing the ball from the pack, the backs from South Canterbury massed and opened out on the attack, but just as surely were tackled down, man after man, by their grim rivals. To the experienced onlooker it was a very fine exhibition of collaring, and as such was applauded to the echo, while it also brought comfort to the hearts of those who supported the local fifteen. The line-kicking of the Southlanders was very effective and safe, but several of the Timaru backs were not a whit less skilled and one boy in particular recorded some of the finest punting of the tournament, the ball pitching at very long distances in efforts that would put to shame the best that the great majority of local senior performers could command. The tackling of the winners was one of the outstanding features of the tournament and in this respect surprised and pleased the many experienced eyes from the home and northern provinces which closely followed the course of events. The play of the Southland forwards was a distinct tribute to their enthusiastic coach, Mr J. S. McGrath, and he had reason to be proud of the manner in which his pupils dribbled, tackled and bunched to the ball when their opponents over-reached them on the line-out or threatened to over-run their rearguard in loose rushes.

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## "BARRACKS."

1918.

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The School spent the week beginning November 4th under canvas in the Show-ground. We thus fell into line with the Northern secondary schools who have for two or three years held an annual camp. There is no doubt that some such form of continuous training was needed, since, for various reasons, chiefly the shortened drill period and the lack of qualified instructors, the corps was in a state of backwardness.

During the week preceding the opening day, there was some little excitement, modified perhaps by the thought that examinations were due immediately on re-entering school. The tents were pitched on Saturday, November 2nd, by a squad of town boys, so that there would be no waste of time on the Monday.

9.30 a.m., November 4th, saw parties of Cadets staggering towards the Show-ground under piles of blankets and necessities, which latter word, by the way, soon became the magic key to coax leave from the autocrats of the camp. About dinner-time everyone was settled in his tent, and mattresses, waterproof sheets, etc., had been served out. Mess orderlies and officers' orderlies had been appointed and initiated into the mysteries of their positions. Major Shand and the instructors from Dunedin arrived by the express and began to make matters lively. But the afternoon would have passed fairly quietly had it not been for the welcome news of Austria's surrender. An urgent plea from Mayor Stead called the boys to parade and they made a good appearance as they marched through the town. The rest of the day passed uneventfully and the events of the night began. "Lights out" at the regulation hour of 10 p.m. left most of the tents in that state of excited confusion which usually pervades the first night of a school camp. Talking and singing was the order of the night in spite of the urgent expostulations and drastic measures of the hardened veterans of the Tahuna refresher course during the term holidays. A great number were up to see the sunrise in the morning, with the natural result that very few had any desire whatever to see the sun set in the evening. The school first woke up to the fact that it was in a military camp when the instructors took over their squads for physical drill at 6.30 a.m. The snap and dash seemed to daze the majority, especially the early risers. Breakfast was well attended to at 7.15. 9 o'clock parade and inspection was another spur to action. Major Shand, in a neat, concise address informed the Cadets exactly what he thought of their discipline, their steadiness and their appearance. He was not complimentary. The instructors then took charge. Their duty was to work through the Manual of Infantry Training, and give instruction in Elementary Musketry. Officers, non.-coms., privates, all were treated as raw recruits, and as they soon saw, deservedly. Even at the end of the first day there was a perceptible difference in the bearing and marching of everyone. That there should be a difference was inevitable, so efficient and so pointed were the instructors in picking out a man's faults. The camp was peaceful and quiet from an early hour on Tuesday night and "Reveille" was needed next morning. On Wednesday there was a small sick parade, mostly cases of minor ailments. One offender, charged with lack of respect to official dignity in that he did not salute his officer, answered to "Defaulters." The culprit, a diminutive specimen, looked quite awed as he was marched into the

Orderly Room between two big seniors with sloped rifles. The impressive reprimand and salutary punishment—one day's C.B.—noticeably affected the prisoner.

On Wednesday afternoon the camp was dismissed to the school grounds, where the sports were held. Monday night's lack of sleep and the following day's unaccustomed toil evidently affected the stamina of some competitors. At the termination of the programme the grounds were cleared in unusually short time by detailed squads. The boys were then marched back to camp and a belated tea. The day throughout had been threatening and early in the evening rain began to fall heavily. Afterwards and till the break-up of camp the weather never even seemed to promise well, and all squads had to exercise in the dust and dimness of the drill hall. Thursday was uneventful except that there was an increased sick parade, most of the cases having slight colds. Heavy rain fell in the evening and by "Lights Out" a number of the tents were so damp that the occupants had to move into the mess-rooms for the night. There was no sign of improvement in the weather next morning, so by the agreement of the Camp Commandant, Major Shand, and Dr Garfield Crawford, it was decided to break camp at dinner-time. The premature news of the armistice with Germany gave the boys two hours' freedom in the morning. They returned for dinner, cleared up the grounds, returned stores and were then dismissed.

Though the camp cannot be called an unqualified success on account of the rough weather and broken training, yet the results are good. Major Shand states that the Cadets now compare very favourably with those of the other secondary schools,—this indicates that a very considerable improvement was effected in a few days. The instructors assert that they have never worked with more willing boys and that a little more training would result in the school corps taking a high position in the Cadet world. And the Cadets know too well that their instructors were not given to over-praising. Camp life had also a number of redeeming features which will probably make the boys keen on their annual camp. Most Cadets usually associate camp life with the idea of rough and perhaps scanty fare. The 1918 S.B.H.S. camp should certainly dispel any such notions. When it is said that at the final meal in camp, the boys spontaneously cheered the cook and accorded him a haka and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," one may well understand that there was little to complain about as regards the food.

Entertainment was also well provided. The Y.M.C.A. supplied a piano, games and magazines. A canteen was on the spot. Chaplain-Captain Burridge was enthusiastic in arranging concerts. On the Wednesday night he brought along a concert party and a very pleasant

evening was the result. On the Thursday evening the Regimental Band gave a fine set of selections and later the Chaplain delivered an interesting lecture on his experiences abroad, illustrated by good lantern slides.

Altogether it is safe to say that the boys enjoyed themselves. The camp was a novel experience for most and a pleasant one for all. A precedent has been set which should be followed annually. It is certain that the 1919 camp will be eagerly anticipated by the School.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports were held on the School ground on Wednesday, 6th November. The week was a week of squally, cold, showery weather; fortunately, the Wednesday cleared up sufficiently to allow the sports to be got off. As "barracks" was on at the Show grounds, the training did not seem as good as usual. Afternoon tea was provided, as usual, in the pavilion under the superintendence of the wives of the staff and some High School girls. Several competitors were down with influenza and unable to be present. Mr Page was also a victim. Along with the staff were associated Mr T. Wallace as starter, and Messrs Edie, Isaacs, Hyndman, G. Stevens, and E. R. Stephens as judges.

Messrs C. Marshall and J. Bell were efficient Press Stewards; while much of the success of the gathering is due to the energetic secretaries, H. O. Jefcoate and T. R. Pryde.

The various events resulted as follows:—

Wrestling—Jefcoate 1, Tuson 2.

Wrestling, under 9 stone.—A. Nisbet, 1; W. Johnson, 2.

Wrestling, under 7 stone.—J. Campbell, 1; R. Dunnage, 2.

100yds Championship—Morgan 1, Kingsland 2, Johnstone 3. Time. 10 3-5 (record, 10 2-5).

Long Jump Junior Handicap and Championship—Jaggers 1, Greig 2; distance 15ft 3½in.

440yds (Open)—Arnott 1, Diack 2. Time, 62secs.

Putting the Shot—McDowall 1, Stevens 2. Distance, 33ft 7¾in.

100yds Junior Championship—Greig 1, Harrington 2. Time, 12 1-5secs. (Record, 11secs).

100yds Junior Handicap—Henderson 1, Fitzgerald 2. Time, 12 4-5 secs.

Long Jump Senior Handicap—Johnstone 1, Mackay 2. Distance, 19ft 0½in.

Long Jump Senior Championship—Johnstone 1, Morgan 2.

220yds Junior Championship—Harrington 1, Greig 2. Time, 28 2-5secs.

High Jump Junior Handicap—Ayton 1, Cheyne 2; 4ft 6in.

High Jump Junior Championship—Harrington 1, Greig 2, Isaacs and Murray 3 (equal). 4ft 1½in (record, 4ft 8in).

High Jump Senior Handicap—Holz and Robinson 1 (equal), Stevens and Smith 2 (equal). 5ft 0½in.

High Jump Senior Championship—Johnstone 1, Morgan 2, Kingsland 3. 5ft 0½in.

100yds (Open)—Diack 1, Noble-Campbell 2. 11 2-5secs.

100yds (Junior)—Henderson 1, Fitzgerald 2. Time, 12 4-5secs.

220yds Senior Championship—Morgan 1, Kingsland 2. Time, 25 2-5secs. (Record, 23secs).

120yds Hurdles—Jefcoate 1, McGregor 2. 21 4-5secs.

Sack Race—Wakeling 1, Foley 2.

220yds Handicap (under 14)—Harrington 1, Kerr 2. Time, 30secs.

Relay Race (220yds)—Form VB 1, Form VA 2, Form IVA 3.

Potato Race—McDowall 1.

220yds (Open)—Lambeth 1, James 2. Time, 27 2-5secs.

440yds Junior Handicap and Championship—Isaacs 1, Harrington 2. Greig 3. Time, 67 2-5secs.

Obstacle Race—Cheyne 1, Rout 2.

Half-mile (Open)—Bews 1, McGregor 2. Time, 2min 28 1-5secs.

Half-mile Junior Championship—Isaacs 1, Greig 2, Harrington 3. Time, 2min 57secs.

Primary Schools' Relay Race—South 1, Waihopai 2, North 3.

Half-mile Walk.—J. M. Alexander 1, H. O. Jefcoate 2, S. Hall 3. Time, 4mins 9secs.

One-mile Handicap (34 starters).—A. Buckingham (10yds), 1; W. Bews (scr), 2; E. Diack (scr), 3; J. M. Mackenzie (scr), 4. Time, 5mins 25secs. Time of scr man (Bews), 5.26 4-5.

One-mile Championship—J. M. Mackenzie (5), 1; H. Morgan (3), 2; R. Johnstone (1), 3.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—A MacGregor (5yds hep.), 90yds 1ft 9in; E. Diack (scr), 86yds 1ft 9in; H. O. Jefcoate (scr), 79yds 0ft 3in; J. G. McKay (scr), 78yds 0ft 5in; R. MacDowall (scr), 77yds 2ft 0in; W. McKenzie (10yds).

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Senior.—Morgan, H. (19), 1; Johnstone, R. (12), 2; Kingsland, A. (8), McKenzie, J. M. (5), 4.

Junior (under 15 years)—Greig and Harrington (20), 1; Isaacs, 2. Todd Medal.—Diack, 9 pts; Bews, 8pts; Buckingham, 5pts.

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