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 Sampson, W., c/o Education Board
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 White, Rev. W., M.A., Waihi
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 Wild, Herbert, H.M. Customs, Wellington
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 Williams, F., c/o Guard Williams, N.Z.R.
 Wilson, E. R., Esk street
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 Watson, J. L., Forth street
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SCHOOL NEWS.

Prize night is invariably looked forward to both by students and by parents, and last year's was no exception. The Victoria Hall was filled to overflowing, while many enthusiastic friends had to content themselves with standing room in the lobbies. This has been the condition of affairs ever since the Victoria Hall was used, so "the powers that be" will have to seriously consider taking the theatre for the next distribution. Interesting and educative addresses were the order of the evening, but the part of the programme with which the scholars were most concerned was the distribution of the prizes. Every prize-winner on receiving the reward of his hard toil was duly applauded, but the excitement reached a climax when Millard, our popular captain, advanced to receive the dux medal. Miles, too, came in for a fair share of acclamation. Let us hope that December, 1909, will see as successful a gathering.

On resuming our accustomed places in the old school, we were struck by the number of empty seats formerly occupied by our classmates. Millard has gone to Otago University to study law, Miles and Simon accompanying him thither, the former to take an arts course, the latter to study medicine; "Snorge" has gone to Canterbury College to study engineering, where his well-combed locks will undoubtedly gain him the admiration of his fellow-students; while Alexander Minor has become a miner in earnest or rather in spectacles.

The end-term concerts are becoming an important factor in the social life of the school. Such an institution fosters a spirit of harmony between the different classes and between masters and pupils.

The programme offered by the juniors at the end of last term showed a variety of attainments in different stages of perfection. Mayer, who is by the way a senior, provided a brilliant opening in his pianoforte selection. Bennet and Bush failed to appear, probably out of regard for the feelings of the audience. N. Adamson appeared, but as he forgot what was required of him retired blushing and smiling. Bonthron came to light as a variety entertainer, but his light was rather dim and flickering. Christie closed the proceedings with a really excellent performance on the piano, which so delighted his hearers that he was accorded a well-deserved encore.

The school walls are gradually assuming a less forbidding appearance. Pictures are never out of place in any building, be it school or art gallery, so the Rector had caused to be placed on the school walls pictures bearing on various interesting subjects. The Victoria League has been kind enough to present to the school a fine collection of scenes drawn from Canadian History. These have embellished the walls of the lobby in the Northern wing. Twelve magnificent photographs of native flora have been added to the already beautiful adornment of the main lobby. Every one of these is furnished with a descriptive note regarding the occurrence and characteristics of the plants in question. In addition, the walls have been hung with numerous portraits of cricket and football teams, while the dressing-room of the gymnasium is ornamented with various gymnastic groups.

Shortly before the end of last year the Athenaeum Committee showed their interest in the study of English literature by the munificent offer of a free membership ticket for one year to the boy who showed the greatest literary bent. After deliberation, the Rector decided that it would be most fitting to award the ticket to a boy in the lower school. Accordingly L. Bennet was made the recipient, and he received his "prize" on the night of the break-up.

We have with us this year a namesake of the late Premier. This "young barbarian," in providing mirth for the two highest forms of the school, makes the astounding statement that ladies should sit on the floor at meals, but he has had no serious effects on the civilised world.

The following photographs, of large size, have come to hand, and will shortly adorn the school walls:—

Architecture.

"Houses of Parliament," "Colosseum," "Westminster Abbey," "The Ruins of Pompeii," "The Pyramids," "St. Mark's, Venice," "St. Peter's, Rome," "The Forum, Rome," "The Acropolis, Athens," "Stonehenge," "Arch of Constantine," "Temple of Janus."

Heroes.

Julius Caesar, Nelson, Cromwell, Erasmus, Charles V., Napoleon. Also, Queen Elizabeth, Scott, Burns, Washington, Lincoln.

Mythical.

The Dance of Apollo with The Muses, Flora, St George and The Dragon, The Head of Medusa, The Return of Ulysses to Penelope.

This term has been remarkable for the number of hours off. Scarcely a week has passed without some short respite from the daily routine of strenuous (?) study. The second day of school, the 1st XI. journeyed to Bluff and won the first match of the year. A fortnight later, we received part of the afternoon off, to show our interest in the regatta, which most of us did by carefully absenting ourselves from that important function. The success of the school in the public examinations gave us an outing at Greenhills the next day. Everyone spent a most enjoyable day by the seaside. The following week, the Interprovincial Cricket Match saw us as spectators. The school had the honour of providing the wickets for the first match Southland has won for a number of years. Still we were unsatisfied. So St. Patrick's Day and the accompanying sports gained for us a relaxation from labour.

After a long delay, the swimming certificates came to hand late last year, and were distributed at the term-end concert.

On the night of the break-up we received the gratifying intelligence that the Board of Governors had bought the sections between the school and Tay Street, and had decided to remove at some future date the buildings situated thereon. This will be a great boon to the boys who at present are somewhat hampered through lack of space.

In their beneficence, the Empire League offered a prize for the best essay written in school by members of the League on a subject of national interest. About twenty boys competed, and when the title was revealed, it was found to be these inspiring lines of Browning:

"Here and here did England help me,
How can I help England, say?"

The result will be awaited with keen interest.

Congratulations to Dobbie and Carmichael on their success in the Irish Athletic Sports! Dobbie, after winning four heats, secured third place in the big race of the day, the Sheffield, and second place in the 75 yards. Carmichael easily won the 100 yards under 16 years, and the half-mile under 16 years.

The proceeds of last year's Gymnastic Display were to provide new and up-to-date material for the gymnasium. Long and patiently have we waited, but they have not yet arrived. Nevertheless we are living in hopes of using this before long.

Our bicycle shed is much too small to meet the present requirements of cyclists. Consequently to avoid injury, the majority of bicycles have to be placed outside—a rather unpleasant state of affairs which could not possibly exist in wet weather.

The enthusiasm aroused over Millard's success last year found an outlet in a burst of entrancing melody (?) The Southland Times was unkind enough to remark that our rendering of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was not exactly in accordance with the printed music. We utterly refute such an unfounded statement.

Playing for the Warehousemen in Saturday cricket, Miles has been worthily upholding his reputation.

During last year, weddings were very popular with certain members of the staff. To keep up with the times, Mr Galloway was quietly married last December. Mr Stuckey, also, our late popular Science Master, was unable to resist the charms of the Invercargill ladies, so found his way over from Tasmania and was married in the middle of March. He, however, did not forget to pay a visit to the old school.

Great interest has been manifested in the inter-school junior cricket tournament. Some teams showed a fair amount of cricketing ability, while others, notably that of Form IV., proved that they could do with a little practice. The second form went through the season without a loss, and in the end won the championship. Congratulations.

Enthusiasts in football have commenced the season very early this year. All aspirants to Rugby fame are quickly getting into form for the coming season. D. MacGibbon, assisted by Bush, has been appointed general secretary; while Mackie once more retains the guardianship of the mid-day football.

Towards the end of last November, the school was assembled in the gymnasium for the distribution of prizes won at the annual sports meeting. Several gentlemen interested in the school were present, and after the valuable gifts had been allotted to the various winners, the senior gymnastic competition was proceeded with. After a very closely contested competition, Millard gained the coveted distinction from C. Macan by two points. About a week later, D. McGibbon was successful in carrying off the junior championship.

About the middle of last term, the Southland Branch of the Navy League, following their usual custom, announced an essay for competition in the school. The subject chosen was one of vital importance, "The Defence of the Empire." Three valuable prizes were donated by Mr W. D. Hunt, one for the upper, one for the middle, and one for the lower school. The Ven. Archdeacon Stocker kindly consented to act as judge, and awarded the prizes as follows:—

Forms IV., V. and VI.—1st, F. Simon; 2nd, N. Millard.

Forms III. A and III. B.—1st, Jas. Boyne; 2nd, Jas. Anderson.

Forms I. and II.—1st, L. Bennet; 2nd, L. Christie.

Simon's essay was especially commended, both for matter and style.

The success of the school in the recent public examinations is very gratifying indeed. In the Junior Civil Service we gained ten places in the first hundred, M. McCartney occupying fifth place in the colony—an excellent position. In the matriculation, too, the school has every reason to be proud of itself. Again, in the Senior Civil Service, the school did itself justice, Paton passing in five subjects, and Salmond in four. But it was in the Junior University Scholarship that the record number of scholarships was gained, five out of the six candidates obtaining the coveted honour. Miles displayed his scholastic ability by heading the Southland list and obtaining fifth place in the Dominion. Alexander, too, upheld the honour of the school by his splendid position, while in increasing the number, Millard and Macindoe proved themselves no dullards. F. Adamson wisely preferred to spend another year in the class-room. May their University career be no less successful than their school life thus terminated!

Leonard Hanan, running at the Riverton Sports on December 28th, won the 300yds under 16 years. At Winton on the 31st he came second in the half-mile, running from scratch, and won the 150yds under 17 years, from scratch.

Tommy Baird ran at the Southland Caledonian Society's gathering at New Year. He won the 100yds Boys' Race from scratch, came second in the Open 220yds, from the 12yds mark, and was third in the Long Jump.

December Examinations.

University Scholarships.—Fred Miles (5th), Will. Alexander (10th), (Junior University). Norman Millard, George McIndoe (Senior National.)

University Scholarship Examination—Credit List: F. Adamson, J. Hewat.

Matriculation, Solicitors' General, and Medical Preliminary—Geo. Cody, C. Hamon, Geo. McKenzie, C. E. Reid, J. A. Salmond.

Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge—A. Baxter, J. M. Boyne, J. G. Findlay, N. Gilchrist, F. Lopdell, C. Macan, M. McCartney, G. Richardson, J. L. Stead, G. Agnew.

Engineering Preliminary.—D. L. Cameron.

Southland Senior Scholarship—1. M. McCartney (200 marks above next competitor). 3. C. Reid.

F. Adamson declined the offer of a Senior National Scholarship.

M. McCartney resigned the Senior Southland Scholarship, having removed to Wellington.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Senior.—Pass in 5 subjects: Herbert S. Paton. Pass in 4 subjects: John Salmond. Pass in 3 subjects: Will Grieve.

Junior.—Pass with Credit (in order of merit)—M. McCartney (5), Geo. Cody (25), Chas. Reid, H. Fraser, J. A. Salmond, J. L. Stead, G. Richardson, R. Angus, J. Mayer.

Bare Pass (in order of merit)—T. Baird, N. Gilchrist, W. Grieve, D. Anderson, A. Petrie, C. Macan, W. Howie, R. Hall, C. Thompson, A. Robinson, S. Mackie.

Senior Free Place Examination.—G. Agnew, J. G. Anderson, J. C. Collins, W. J. Cramond, F. Lopdell, J. A. McQueen, E. Stout, M. Tarlton, W. Watson.

Senior Free Place (on Rector's recommendation, i.e., without Examination).—A. Ballantyne, A. Carmichael, Dalziel, Gray, Milne, Pay, Piper, Strang, Wilson, Young.

Junior Free Place Extension (3rd year)—The following, on the Rector's recommendation, were granted an extension of their Junior Free Place for one year: J. Anderson, T. Ferguson, H. Gimblett, E. Grant, J. Hinton, J. Imlay, J. Mahony, W. McCaw, G. Pope.

Junior Free Place Examination—G. Drury, N. Saunders, N. Stead.

PREFECTS—F. Adamson, D. Brown, J. Boyne, T. Hewat.

School Officers, 1909.

PREFECTS—F. Adamson, D. Brown, J. Boyne, J. Hewat.
CADETS—O.C., Major Pearce.

A. Co.—Capt. J. Pow.

Lieuts. D. Brown, J. Boyne.

Sergts. G. McKenzie, Mackie, Pope, Christie, C. Hamilton.

Buglers Bush and J. Ferguson.

B. Co.—Capt. J. S. McGrath.

Lieuts. J. Hewat, E. Dobbie.

Sergts. Carmichael, Collins, Baird, A. Hawke, Carter.

Bugler A. Macalister.

C. Co.—Capt. W. Munro.

Lieuts. F. Adamson, C. Reid, R. Hawke.

Sergts. N. Stead, Oughton, N. Adamson, Wilcox, G. Reed.

Buglers T. Findlay, Barlow.

CRICKET—Capt. Geo. McKenzie.

Sec., J. P. Hewat.

Juniors—Capt. J. Houston.

Class Teams—I, II., Capt. C. Dykes.

111A, Capt. A. Carmichael.

111B., Capt. J. Houston.

1V., Capt. F. Adamson.

FOOTBALL.—Sec., D. MacGibbon; Assist., L. J. Bush; Mid-day Sec., S. Mackie; Midgets Sec., N. Lamont.

FIVES—Secretary, A. Chrystal.

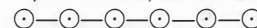
TENNIS—Committee: Angus, Seddon, Dobbie.

SWIMMING—Secretary, J. McQueen.

NAVY LEAGUE—Secretaries, C. Reid, G. Seddon.

LIBRARY—W. Cody.

MAGAZINE—F. Adamson, J. Hewat, G. Seddon, A. Chrystal.



Old Boys' Column.



(Items gladly received by the Editor for this column.)

WHERE ARE THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES?

Charlie Macan has entered the office of the Southland Times; his brother George has joined the office staff of the U.S.S. Co., Dunedin.

M. McCartney is to be found in the Advances to Settlers' Office, Wellington.

Hugh Fraser is in the Valuation Department, Invercargill.

Geo. McIndoe and D. L. Cameron have gone to the Engineering School, Christchurch.

W. Alexander, Millard, Simon, and Miles have gone to Otago University. Alexander is to study rocks; Millard is grinding law; Simon is gathering bones; and Miles is toying with the Differential Calculus. N. Cowie and T. Ritchie are also there.

Bat. Tangney, Martin Kean, "Osby" Reynolds, revisited the old familiar scenes during this term. We are always pleased to see the old faces.

Frank Brown is in the local office of the Bank of New South Wales.

Jack Marsh is back at Wyndham.

Will Grieve is a pupil-teacher at Riccarton.

George Cughton has joined the staff of the N.M. and A. Co.

R. Capper gained a Senior Free Place at Timaru.

Charlie Reid has accepted a Cadetship in Invercargill P.O.

A. P. de Largey was transferred last November from the branch of the Bank of New Zealand at Arrowtown to that at Milton.

We congratulate J. A. Hanan on his re-election to the House as Member for Invercargill.

Geo. Cuthbertson, who was at school from 1889 to 1891, has begun the practice of his profession, that of civil engineer and surveyor, in Esk Street.

F. Mussen, for twenty years on the staff of the Southland News, was appointed last November to the editorship of the Sports Column in the Southland Times. On the eve of his departure he was made a presentation by his confreres of the "News" Office.

Fred. R. Ball has joined R. P. Meek in the firm of McDonald and Meek, House and Land Agents, Public Accountants and Auditors, Invercargill.

Marquhar Matheson returned to Invercargill from his trip round the world last December.

We were in error in our last issue in stating that J. T. Mair had been a pupil of this school.

D. S. Smith, son of Rev. Gibson Smith, was one of the two successful representatives of Victoria College in the Inter-collegiate elocutionary contest decided at Easter.

W. J. Grigor, of the Timaru branch of the N.M. and A. Co., has been having a change in Invercargill during the autumn.

Hugh McChesney has been picked to represent Otago University at the Inter-University Sports Tournament to be held in Wellington at Easter.

Edwin Traill, of the South British Insurance Co., is joining J. Kempthorne in the land and estate agency business in Timaru.

A. Bonar Lindsay, according to the London correspondent of the Otago Daily Times, was expected to get his cap for Scotland against Ireland in International Rugby football. He has made a name for himself as half-back for the London Hospital team. Thus the Morn-

ing Post, London:—"The real turning-point of the match, Eastern Counties v. Kent, was at half-back, where A. B. Lindsay and A. S. Heale, of London Hospital, completely out-manoeuvred the Kent halves, both in skill and pace. Lindsay and Heale are no mere mechanical players, and their resource in opening the game before the delivery of the ball to the threequarter line utterly disorganised the defence."

J. M. Mehaffey is captain of the London Hospital team, and was presented to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the match against Guy's.

Ernest Lindsay will complete his medical degree in London this year, and his brother his engineering degree at McGill University, Montreal.

Guy E. Overton is now at Tararua, Palmerston North.

An old photograph of the school in 1881, masters and boys, along with some fifteen or sixteen "tinographs," has been presented to the school by "An Old Boy." These have been carefully mounted and framed, and the tinographs named. The masters and boys are drawn up at the corner of Conon and Forth streets, the masters present being Messrs Blanchflower, Maclean, and Stuart. Owing to the small size of the group, it is somewhat difficult to recognise the faces of the boys, but "An Old Boy" thus makes them out.—Back row, Conon street: Mr McLean, F. Collins, T. Moffett, T. McKellar, W. Moffett, G. Froggatt, Dickson (?). Next row, A. Matheson, R. Yule, F. Evans, H. Macdonald, R. Collie, G. Watson, T. Adamson, M. Aitken, J. Mail; six short boys next to Mr McLean are unrecognised. C. McKellar is the small boy in front of Macdonald and Collie. M. Aitken is the tall boy at the angle. Boys in Forth street—Only E. Collins, R. Wade, C. Rout are recognised.

The "tinographs" are of course separate and are easily recognisable as the countenances of those known to us a quarter of a century ago. We thank "Old Boy" for handing these over to the school.

Three duxes of the school are now basking in sunny Napier; Rev. J. A. Asher, J. A. Fraser, and F. O. B. Acheson.

Albert Acheson, of Syracuse University, New York, has promised us something "American" one of these days.

The Traills, of Ringa Ringa, are gradually leaving Southland. Fred is managing the South British Insurance branch at Gisborne; Edwin is at Timaru, just quitting insurance for estate agency; Charlie is surveying in Christchurch; Willie is in the Civil Service, Wellington.

Geo. Deschler, dentist, left Nelson three years ago to attend Dental College, Pennsylvania. He has been very successful in his classes and hopes to complete his D.D.S. this year. He then intends to proceed to London, England, and take the L.D.S., England.

Harold Strang, who was in school in 1905, has been doing very well on the track, confining himself to sprints. He began racing last

Christmas, being placed second in the Sheffield Handicap, 135yds, at Kaitangata. The next day he won the 75yds and 120yds at Matura. Two days later he won the Sheffield at Riverton, 120yds. Two days later, 30th December, he appeared at Winton, winning the Sheffield and the 100yds open, and Sir Joseph Ward's Cup for the most points in running events. On New Year's Day he journeyed to Clinton, carrying off the Sheffield. The next day we find him at Oamaru on the scratch mark, but not being placed in the final. And then on St. Patrick's Day he essayed the Sheffield, but was unplaced; he was content, however, to carry off the Seventy-five Yards Flying. This is a magnificent result in open handicaps for a youth just turned eighteen. He intends to take a year's spell—and in doing so, is well advised. He has a long life in front of him, we hope. His trainer is Mr Melrose. Well done, Harold!

TEACHERS' MOVEMENTS.

W. H. C. Sinclair is teaching at South Wyndham.

H. D. Prichard is teaching at Waikouro, near Otautau.

Hugh McChesney is returning from Middle School to Otago University; he represents Otago University at the Easter University Sports Tournament.

Leonard Wild has left Flint's Bush, to relieve Mr Brownlie, M.A., in the High Street School, Dunedin. The latter wishes to be free for University work during the session.

Cyril Wild, B.A., is now at the Leithfield School, near Christchurch.

Harry Clark is studying at Otago University.

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS, 1908.

Passed for Class C—Hugh McChesney, Leonard Wild.

Passed for Class D—Sydney Reid, Alfred Rowe, William H. C. Sinclair.

Obtained Partial Pass for Class D—H. W. D. Gazzard, Maitland Leith, Herbert D. Prichard.

Passed in two subjects for Class C—W. H. C. Sinclair.

Special Mention in Class D, Physical Measurements—M. Leith.

Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge—Lion. A. McKenzie (Bluff), John Watson (Winton).

Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge and Medical Preliminary—P. Wild.

Senior Civil Service—Pass in 5 Subjects. A. Ernest Reynolds (Dunedin). Pass in 3 Subjects, Will. Traill. Pass in 2 Subjects, N. Forsyth, S. Millar, W. Welsh.

Junior Civil Service—Cedric Smith, T. Timpany, B. Scully.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY RESULTS.

SUCCESS OF EX-PUPILS OF SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL:

Robert Kennedy—B.A.; Senior Scholarship in Economics; Section LL.B., passing in International Law, Conflict of Laws, Contracts, I Property.

Frank Acheson—Section LL.B., in Roman Law, International Law, Conflict of Laws, Torts.

Horace Macalister—Section LL.B., in Roman Law, International Law, Conflict of Laws, Contracts, I. Property.

Morrell Macalister—Section LL.B., Roman Law, International Law, Conflict of Laws.

Mervyn Mitchell—Section LL.B. and B.A., Latin, Mental Science, Jurisprudence, Constitutional History.

Herbert Wild—Section LL.B. and B.A., Latin, English, Jurisprudence, Constitutional History.

Maurice Mehaffey—Degree of Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical).

John Murdoch—Section B.A.

Leonard Wild—Section B. A.

DENTAL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

A. B. Spite—3rd class, Materia Medica; 2nd class, Dental Mechanics.

H. Rattray—2nd class, Dental Mechanics.

MR W. MACALISTER'S APPOINTMENT.

On the occasion of the appointment of Mr W. Macalister as Crown Prosecutor for Southland, the Rector tendered him on behalf of the school, past and present, the school's hearty congratulations. Mr W. Macalister has been so closely associated with this school that a word on his career will be in place. He was a pupil of this school in its opening year, 1881. After obtaining his B.A. at the Otago University he entered the service of the Southland Education Board, re-appearing in this school in 1889 as an assistant master, and remaining so till 1896. During that time he had obtained his LL.B. with a view to entering the legal profession. Joining his brother John, he rapidly acquired an extensive practice and rose into the front ranks of Southland barristers. And now he has been, on the demise of the doyen of the local bar, the late Mr T. M. Macdonald, entrusted with the responsible work of the Crown. We extend to him our heartiest felicitations on his rapid rise in his profession.

While Mr Macalister abandoned teaching, he did not abandon his interest in education. He soon became a member of the Southland Board and of the High Schools Board, filling on one occasion the chairmanship of both boards. He has been for some six years or more chairman of the Board of Governors of this school, and from his

intimate acquaintance with the inner workings of this school, has been a tower of strength to education in Southland. We earnestly hope that he may long continue his interest in his 'alma mater' and guide its destinies along the road of success.

We commend his success to younger Old Boys as an incentive to assiduous work.

We believe that Mr Macalister was the first Old Boy parent to send his children to the school where he himself was educated. May many more do the same!

Mr Fowler still continues his interest in this school, as the following telegram testifies:—"Congratulations on success in Scholarship Examinations; very pleased to see the old school doing so well.—H. L. FOWLER."

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have left Nelson on a six months' trip to Europe.

Tom Wylie left for Scotland in January last to enter the medical school of Glasgow University.

Claud Taylor is reading law in Dunedin.

Arthur Spite and Herbert Rattray are at the Dunedin Dental College.

Andrew Thompson, formerly of Biggar Street, intends to proceed to the University of Pennsylvania to study dentistry.

Rev. W. W. Brown, of Stirling has accepted a unanimous call to Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Timaru.

Rev. J. Collie, M.A., of Crookston, has agreed to accept the responsibility of guidance of part of the work of the Theological School during the present year.

BIRTH.—On 25th January, 1909, at Reno, Nevada, U.S.A., to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Christophers—a son.

At Wellington, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Julian Christophers—a daughter.

MARRIAGE.—On 20th March, at Invercargill, H. O. Stuckey, M.A., B.Sc., of Kangaroo Valley, Hobart, Tasmania, to Fanny Carswell.

At Easter, Oswald Webber to Ethel Prichard.

DEATH.—At Roxburgh, on 24th November, 1908, Douglas Gordon Gilmour; aged 27 years. It is with deep regret that we record the untimely death of Douglas Gilmour, one of the partners in the firm of Robert Gilmour and Sons. His health, it was generally known, had not been satisfactory for the two years preceding his death; but he had rallied so well that hopes were being entertained of his final recovery. But it was not to be. It is satisfactory to know that he had the unremitting attention of his cousin, Dr. John R. Gilmour. We sympathise deeply with his relatives in their loss.

HOWELLS.—Suddenly, on Sunday, 11th April, as the result of a buggy accident, Charles Howells; aged 40 years. The late Mr Howells was a pupil of this school for one year, May, 1887, to May, 1888. As auctioneer for the firm of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., for the past fourteen years, he was very well known throughout Southland as a shrewd business man. He manifested a warm interest in this school. He leaves three little boys behind him to mourn with their mother over their sudden bereavement. We express on behalf of the school, past and present, our sympathy with them in their hour of grief.

Our School's Humour.

"The child is father of the man," was thus explained by M.T. of III. B.: "The father is the son of the boy."

SOME NEW DEFINITIONS IN CHEMISTRY.

A sublimation is a liquid which will neither boil off as a gas or freeze into a solid.

When a substance passes from a solid into a gas without coming to a liquid stage it is said to be sublime.

A liquid which can remain a liquid at any ordinary temperature is sublime.

A molecule is a part of an element made up of atoms.

A sublimation is that which will neither boil nor turn into a solid.

French Lesson—La basse—cour: the foul yard.

A' L'abri: at the tree.

English Lesson—

First hymn they the Father

Of all things; and then,

The rest of immortals,

The action of men.

The day in his hotness,

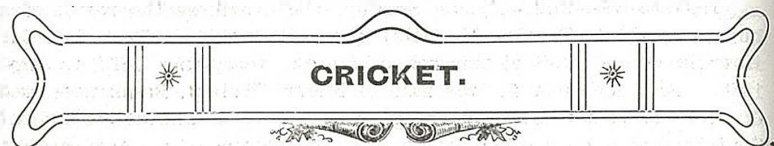
The strife with the palm;

The night in her silence,

The stars in their calm.

L.B. gave as an explanation of "the strife with the palm," "contests with the hand, as boxing and wrestling."





SENIORS.

Captain : G. McKenzie ; Committee : G. McKenzie, J. Hewat, T. Baird ;
Secretaries : J. Hewat, J. Collins.

The cricket season just closed has undoubtedly been very successful! — perhaps not from the point of view of matches won, but from that of form displayed it has, especially in bowling and fielding, equalled, if not surpassed, the standard of cricket of former years. For this gratifying state of affairs, the team is under great obligations to Mr McGrath and Mr Galloway, whose time spent among us has evidently not been wasted.

With the commencement of the third term of 1908, we began the cricket season with good prospects and high hopes of success. Of the team of the previous season, more than half were again in their places, so there seemed nothing to prevent our going through the season victoriously. But bad luck seemed to follow in our footsteps. The first match we were unlucky enough to lose by one run only; in the second we were fairly outclassed; while the last match of the year was played while the public examinations were in progress, a state of affairs which deprived the team of the services of such players as Miles and Millard.

At the beginning of 1909, however, we were not so sanguine, for the team had been weakened by the departure of several of its foremost players, notably Millard, McCartney, and C. Macan. Millard had proved himself a tower of strength to the team. He was a splendid bowler, always keeping a perfect length, and having sufficient rise to make a batsman liable to touch his balls into the slips. His fielding, also, was above the average, his long reach being of great advantage to him. As a batsman, he could always be relied upon to make runs, his forceful style being somewhat disconcerting to bowlers.

McCartney was the only left-hand bowler in the team. He very seldom had "off days," and his length, combined with a natural leg break, made him at times almost unplayable.

The departure of C. Macan, too, made a gap in the team. He was a forceful bat — particularly on the off — and in addition a good change bowler.

Yet we had some good material left. Miles, though no longer at school, still rendered yeoman service to his old team, while the advent

of Ryburn, and the promotion of several players from the ranks of the juniors, raised the strength of the eleven to normal.

The bowling has been much stronger than that of previous years. McKenzie, besides proving himself a capable captain, bore, along with Miles, the brunt of the attack. Associated with these two till the end of last year were Millard and McCartney; since then Ryburn.

The fielding, too, has been exceptionally good. Catches missed and runs stolen through faulty ground fielding were rarities. The throwing-in could certainly be improved, and the only method of improvement is consistent practice. An exception to this laxity was Collins, whose throwing-in, as well as fielding generally, has always been excellent.

For some inexplicable reason, we have not been remarkably successful with the bat. In practice, the eleven usually showed good form, yet in a match some of these batsmen were oftentimes absolute failures.

The averages appended below bring into prominence the contrast between the indifferent batting and the splendid bowling.

BOWLING AVERAGES (1909.)

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average no. of runs per wicket.
Miles	15	68	4.6
McKenzie	9	50	5.5

BATTING AVERAGES (1909.)

	No. of inn.	No. of runs.	Highest score.	Average.
Miles	4	63	29 (not out)	15.75
Ryburn	1	10	10	10

From this list it will be seen that Miles heads both the batting and the bowling averages. He has all this year been the mainstay of the team. He took the majority of the wickets, invariably made a score, and always proved himself a smart field.

It has been mentioned by some — and it seems a proposal worthy of consideration — that we should play an annual cricket match with Otago High School. Others, however, say that we would be hopelessly beaten. Be that as it may, such a foreboding should not prevent our endeavour to improve. Let us take football as a parallel example. Twice in succession our team was badly beaten by the Otago Boys' High School; now, that very match is the most even and most interesting match of the season. If the footballers can take a beating so can the cricketers. Moreover, we cannot expect to become acquainted with the finer points of the grand old game unless we pit

ourselves against outside teams, and a team like the Otago Boys' High School team would be just the one to gain some knowledge from.

Here follows a criticism of the first eleven :—

McKenzie (captain) : Good high-flight swerve bowler, forcing bat, fair field. As a captain, had the interests of his team always at heart.

Miles : Best all-round man in the team. Sure field, heady bowler, fine batsman. Should be heard of in the cricket world.

Anderson, D. : Change wicket-keeper ; clean bat on the off.

Ryburn : Bowls a fair off-theory ; bats prettily ; fields with much judgment.

Collins : The bye-saver. Good in stops and returns. Sure catch. As a long-stop comes up to Wild's level.

Hewat : Sure catch, about the best field, slow-lob bowler. "Mid-off" and "Hewat" are synonymous on the Boys' H.S. ground. Has lately developed some clean leg hits.

Baird : Careful bat, with some fair off strokes. Should be a good player next year.

Stead, N : Very neat, sharp fielder ; correct bat with scoring strokes to leg. Stands better at the wickets than most of his teammates.

Bush : Did very well with bat and ball in the intra-school games. Plays a straight bat, and has a free action in bowling. Will make a fine player.

Hamilton, C. : Change bowler ; bats freely when going ; generally fields well out.

Mackie : The smiter. Very quick scorer when the bowling is to his taste. Sure catch, and good return.

Consequent on the abolition of the "B" grade, we have had to play men with much more experience than we ; therefore, the results of the season are more creditable.

FIRST XI v. Y.M.C.A. Lost by one run.

This, the first match of the season, was rather unexpected. The fixtures, as arranged in the time-table, gave us a bye for that day, but on the Tuesday we received notice to play the Y.M.C.A. Consequently we were unprepared. Y.M.C.A. batted first, and made 51. The school bowling was very good considering the lack of practice. Miles got 3 wickets for 20, Millard 2 for 15, C. Hamilton 2 for 4. The school batting was disappointing, and we were all disposed of for 50, of which Hamilton made 7, Anderson D. 6. Y.M.C.A. thus won by 1 run.

FIRST XI v. I.C.C. Lost by — runs.

This match was played on the turf wicket of the I.C.C. The school was unaccustomed to the wiles of such a wicket, which in a

measure can be taken as a reason for their wretched batting. In contrast, however, was the bowling of Miles and Millard, who, bowling unchanged, dismissed the I.C.C. for — runs.

The exhibition of the school, however, was a degree worse, and totalled only 34 runs, Millard (11) being the only batsman to play the bowling with any confidence.

FIRST XI v. BLUFF, at Bluff. Won by 19 runs.

The first XI journeyed to Bluff on the second day of school, and gained their first win of the season, which was more creditable on account of lack of consistent practice during the holidays. Bluff went to the wickets first, but could do nothing against the excellent bowling of McKenzie and Miles. McKenzie finished up with the splendid average of 5 wickets for 6 runs, while Miles was a good second with 4 for 18. Bluff made 30 runs. The school, thanks to a patient innings of 15 from Miles, reached 49.

In the second innings Bluff did much better, and closed their innings with 6 wickets for 88, leaving the school 70 runs to make in less than an hour. This time the school did infinitely worse, and when stumps were drawn had made 35 for 8 wickets, Miles again heading the list with 29 (not out.)

School, therefore, won on the first innings by 19 runs.

FIRST XI v. Y.M.C.A. Lost by 5 runs.

Here again the school was unlucky enough to lose by a narrow margin. As in all their matches, the school disposed of their opponents for the comparatively small score of 44, Miles taking 5 wickets for 19. But the weakness in batting was once more exemplified by their small score of 39, no one reaching double figures. McKenzie 7, and Collins 5, were the only players who made any attempt at decent batting.

FIRST XI v. I.C.C. Won by 3 wickets and 24 runs.

In this match the school gave a glimpse of the form which had been wanting throughout the season. The two bowlers, as usual, kept up to their accustomed form, while the standard of batting showed an appreciable improvement. I.C.C. made 65 against the bowling of Miles, 6 for 31, and McKenzie, 4 for 27. The school replied with 89 for 7 wickets, of which Miles made 13, Ryburn 10. School thus won by 3 wickets and 24 runs.

FIRST XI v. BLUFF (at Invercargill.)

Won by default.

Besides the matches against the junior teams of outside clubs, matches were played between teams picked from Seniors and Juniors, as a change from the accustomed net practice.

The first of these matches was between the first XI and a team picked from the Rest of the school, who, however, had the services of Miles. The Rest made 45, Carmichael 17, while the first XI made a miserable stand, and totalled only 46, of which Baird made 17, Mackie 11. Boyne and Houston were the most successful bowlers of the Rest of the school.

The next match was between Seniors and Colts, who had the services of Miles. The Seniors, batting first, made the respectable total of 110 runs, Mackie (not out) 22, Baird 16, Hewat 14, Collins 10, McKenzie 10. The Colts made a splendid stand, and before the last wicket had fallen had made 108 runs. Miles contributed 62 (not out) in splendid style.

Seniors thus won by 2 runs.

The last of these matches was played between Forms IV, V, and VI, and Rest of school. This proved the most interesting game, and lasted four days. Miles again played for Rest of school. The Rest of school won the toss, and were at the wickets all afternoon for 96 runs; Miles 12, N. Stead 10, Dykes 10. The next afternoon saw the upper school make a very poor stand, scoring only 64 runs; McKenzie 21, Baird 13, Hewat (not out) 12. Bush took 6 for 18, Miles 4 for 24. The second innings of the Rest of the school proved less successful than their first. Of the total of 80, Brooke made 20, Miles 15, Bush 14. Hewat took 4 for 9, Ryburn 1 for 13. Forms IV, V, and VI. on the other hand, made a much better stand, and reached 147; Baird 27, Hewat (not out) 26, D. Anderson 21, Ryburn 15, Collins 11, McKenzie 10. Bush took 4 for 33, Miles 3 for 74, Dykes 1 for 4.

Rest of School: 96 and 80—176.

Forms IV, V, and VI: 64 and 147—211.

Upper school, therefore, won by 35 runs.

JUNIOR CRICKET.

This season matches between the different classes were inaugurated, and proved an immense incentive to the betterment of junior cricket.

Below the captains and committees of the various teams are given:—

FORM IV: Captain, F. Adamson; Committee: F. Adamson, J. Boyne, G. Gody.

FORM III A: Captain, A. Carmichael; Committee, A. Carmichael, N. Stead, L. Christie.

FORM III B: Captain, J. Houston; Committee, J. Houston, D. MacGibbon, A. Hawke.

FORMS I and II: Captain, C. Dykes; Committee: C. Dykes, R. McKenzie, L. Hanan.

Junior Secretary: J. Houston.

SCHOOL CRICKET.

(To the Editor.)

Sir, — I have taken an opportunity of writing to the Magazine on a matter which has been in my mind for some time past. It is fully agreed by the senior cricketers that our cricket needs livening up. We have a good wicket, good material, and plenty of time for practice. We play town teams, but, owing to the fact that we lose several matches during the Christmas holidays, we never have a chance for the premiership. This naturally brings about a lack of interest. Now, could we not do as the footballers do, have an annual fixture against the Otago High School? For the first match let us play the Second XI, as we are probably not strong enough to play the First XI. The result of this match would show us how high we could rate ourselves. If we are beaten, that is no disgrace; if we win, all the better. There are some to whom the matter has been mentioned, and they promptly threw cold water on the proposal, but they are those who are all for football, and can't play cricket. All we need for such a match is batting practice. We have a fair bowling and fielding team, and we have some promising bats. Practice together, on a turf wicket if possible, should put us in form. I hope this proposal will receive early consideration.

SWERVE.

Note by the Editor. — Only practice, which makes perfect, can justify "Swerve's" hopes. When the team can show a fair record, then his proposal would be certain to receive favour. Otago never succeeds against Christ's College; Southland would never succeed in cricket against Otago. The colder the climate, the less favour does cricket find. We are afraid that "Swerve" is unduly elated at Southland's success in interprovincial cricket — a rare occurrence.

INTRA-SCHOOL MATCHES.

FORM II v. III B.

Form II won by an innings and 4 runs.

FORM II made 41 in 1st innings (Crozier 15.)

Form III B made 25 in 1st innings, and 12 in 2nd innings.

Dykes was the best bowler. Crozier contributed a hard hit 15.

III A v. FORMS IV, V, AND VI.

III A won by 13 runs. Carmichael was the chief bowler.

FORM II v. III A.

Form II won by an innings and 25 runs.

Carter and Dykes were the pick of the bowlers.

Dobbie made 10, Hanan made 17.

III B v. FORM IV.

III B made 35 in first innings (Bush 10.)

III B made 39 in second innings (Hawke 12.)

B. Grant was the best bowler.

Bush and Hawke batted well.

III B v. III A.

III B won by an innings.

III B made 46 in 1st innings (Brooke 9, Houston 6.)

III A made 27 in first innings.

III A made 19 in 2nd innings.

Grant, Houston, and Brooke obtained the best averages.

I AND II v. III B.

I and II won by 25 runs.

For I and II highest scorers were Crozier 14, S. Hanan 8, Carter 7.

For III B, Ferguson J. 7, Brooke 6, Bush 6.

JUNIORS.

2nd DEC., 1908.—HIGH SCHOOL V. SOUTH.

High School won by an innings and 28 runs.

First innings High School made 85 (Bush 26, Macgregor 20.)

First innings South made 24.

Second innings South made 33.

The first three wickets fell for very few runs, and things looked very bad for High School until Macgregor and Bush got together and made a useful partnership of 46 runs. The fielding in this match was good. Houston was the best bowler, and in the first innings obtained 5 wickets for 9 runs.

DEC. 5, 1908.—HIGH SCHOOL v. MIDDLE SCHOOL.

High School won by 42 runs.

Middle first innings made 20.

Middle second innings made 36.

Total, 56 runs.

High School made 98 (Houston 19, J. Ferguson 8, L. Bush 8 runs.)

Houston and J. Ferguson obtained the best averages.

This match was played on High School Ground.

Houston and Bush played carefully for their 19 and 8 respectively, while Ferguson contributed a forcible 8.

3th MARCH, 1909.—HIGH SCHOOL v. SOUTH.

South won by an innings and 12 runs.

First innings, South made 80.

First innings, High made 32 (Bush 11, Carter 8.)

Second innings, High made 36 (Houston 17.)

This match was just the opposite to the match on the 2nd of December. The fielding of our team was poor, many chances being dropped. The wicket was very bad, many of the balls bouncing over the batter's head.

Ferguson and Carter obtained the best average for the bowling.

JUNIORS v. SOUTH.

In order to decide the schools' premiership, this match was begun on the Appleby Ground on Saturday, 27th inst., but, owing to wet weather, the match was postponed till Wednesday, 31st inst. The South had a lead of 15 runs on the first innings, but good batting on the part of Houston, Bush, Lamont, and Crozier, saw 100 on the board for the second innings. The South were unable to make a stand against the bowling of Houston, Crozier, and Carter, and were all dismissed for 17. The following are the main details in connection with the match :

SCHOOL.—First innings, 61—Crozier 17, Bush 7, McKenzie 7 (not out.)

Second innings, 100—Houston 35, Bush 12, Lamont 12, Crozier 11.

SOUTH.—First innings, 76.

Second innings, 17.

School won by 68 runs.

Juniors Eleven — Houston (capt.), Carter, McGregor, J. Ferguson, Crozier, Sawers, Lamont, Bush, A. Hawke, Christophers, B. Grant.

IN A NUTSHELL.

The junior team must be congratulated on winning the schools' premiership.

They owe their position to those fiery veterans — Skipper Houston and Crozier. More power and ginger to their strokes next year.

Houston's batting was much admired by spectators in the "Final Test."

The running between the wickets was very poor — two good wickets were thrown away in the same match. Hesitation is always fatal.

McGregor brought off two good catches in the long-field, thus helping to make amends for the loss of his wicket earlier in the day.

The whole of the junior team must be congratulated on the enthusiasm they showed in practice; some of the team never missed a practice. It is this regularity of practice that encourages a coach. Junior cricket owes much to Mr Pow's fostering care.

Intra-Form matches were a great success — more so than last year's "group" matches. Let us stick to them.

The winners of this competition were Forms I and II. Who were the guns? Crozier, the "Bonnor" of the team, and Dykes, the "Spofforth," who in one match did the "hat trick."

The runners-up were III B. Houston was their mainstay. This player obtained 6 wickets in 6 successive balls in one match. This is easily the school record.

A cheering word to Forms IV, V, and VI. Although beaten in every match, they "toed the mark" every time like good sports. What about III A?

In conclusion, the outgoing cricket season is voted by all to have been the most exciting of late years.



Tennis Notes.

A Tennis Club has been started this term. The court is in a most satisfactory condition, and there is a good membership. The following committee was elected:—Angus, Dobbie, Seddon.

A match was proposed with the Girls' High School, and was keenly looked forward to. It was to have been played on Thursday, 11th March, but had to be postponed on account of wet weather till the following Monday. The team, namely Seddon, Young, Dobbie, Angus, McDonald, Ferguson, Brooke, and Reid, got off the last period. The day was fine, with a light southerly wind, which proved a little troublesome. The Girls' team was Misses R. Neill, C. Steele, D. McHutchison, T. Marsh, D. Stevenson, and A. Craig.

The scores were as follows:—

SINGLES.

Girls.		Boys.	
Miss R. Neill	3	Seddon	6
Miss C. Steele	3	Young	6
Miss D. McHutchison	3	Dobbie	4
Miss T. Marsh	6	Angus	2
Miss D. Stevenson	2	McDonald	6
Miss A. Craig	3	Ferguson	6
Total	23	Total	30

DOUBLES.

Miss Neill and Miss Steele	0	Seddon and Young	7
Miss McHutchison and Miss Marsh	7	Dobbie and Angus	6
Miss Stevenson and Miss Craig	0	McDonald and Ferguson	7
Total	7	Total	20
Grand Total	30	Grand Total	50

The best and most even game was that between Misses McHutchison, Marsh, and Dobbie, Angus. The girls outgeneralled, and so beat them.

The umpires had a fine time, being each surrounded by about 50 girls. At about two minutes after four o'clock some boys were seen looking with considerable interest through the gateway. On being admitted, these boys, namely Possum, Simple, Jack, Piebald, and Tuni, seated themselves on a bank, and I am told that somebody took them for wallflowers. Both teams and spectators enjoyed the afternoon, and I know the boys are looking forward to the return match.

FIVES.

The Final Fives Tournament of 1908 was finished on the 10th of December. Throughout the tournament the competition had been keen, though the entries were not what the interest denoted. The winner of the junior handicap turned up in B. Grant, a junior who showed great promise; in the senior handicap A. Carmichael, the popular secretary, scored. The senior doubles handicap fell to F. Miles and A. Carmichael — a strong pair. The junior championship singles fell to N. Stead, who shows great skill, not only at Fives, but all other games; the senior championship doubles was won by N. Millard and T. Baird. Fred Miles won the senior championship singles. This player seemed to be everywhere just at the right moment, and had perfect command of the ball. It was popularly agreed that he thoroughly deserved his win.

During this tournament the school received a challenge from the "Old Boys" for a six aside fives match. The school won easily, Carmichael defeating the ex-champion of the Dunedin High, Bannerman, who was obviously not at home with Carmichael's hard dashing style of play. In the tournament only two games were lost. Christophers defeated D. Anderson by a narrow margin, and Bannerman and Christophers took pride of position against Hewat and Alexander.

During 1909 fives, aided by fine weather, has held an important position in the games. Every day, from 8.30 a.m. till 6.30 p.m., outside of school hours, the courts are crowded; if enthusiasm of players now practising counts for anything, the next tournament ought to have record entries.

Gymnastics.

Two periods were given us off on the 27th November so that the whole school might see the display of the juniors in the gymnasium. Some 20 of the pick of the first and second forms lined up for the first exercise. On the whole, the display was extremely good, and a close competition resulted. The winner turned out to be the popular athlete, Dave MacGibbon, who scored 98 out of a possible of 150. Next on the list, very close up, was B. Grant, who scored 94; Garmson was next with 92; L. Christie next with 91; and Hawke fifth with 90. Mr F. C. Liggins acted as judge, and pleased everyone — competitors and spectators.

On the Friday of the preceding week 20 of the flower of the upper school and III A and B gave their display. An excellent programme was submitted and carried out in a quick characteristic style, which did Mr Galloway credit. Much interest was evinced by the spectators, as the result was anything but a foregone conclusion. The competition was spirited, and a high percentage of points was scored. The captain of the school, J. N. Millard, won by the narrow margin of two points, scoring 123 out of 180. Closely following him was Charles Macan, 121. Gilbert Findlay secured third position with 109. The fourth position was occupied by George Macan, 102, and fifth by F. Simon, 101. Mr F. Liggins acted as judge to the manifest approbation of everyone.

Appended are programmes :—

JUNIOR GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

LADDERS (1) Along the rungs hand under hand.

(2) Single march backward.

ROPES (1) Climb, hand and feet on.

BACKBOARDS (1) To climb.

POLES (1) Climb.

HORIZONTAL (1) Pull to chest six times.

(2) Circle to rest and shoot to front.

PARALLELS (1) Straddle forward and handspring.

(2) Single march forward.

(3) Back roll off.

(4) Press up and down six times.

HORSE (1) Step on top.

(2) Between hands.

(3) Handspring.

SIDE RINGS.

SENIOR GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

HORIZONTAL (1) Right leg outside and clear.

(2) Left leg between hands, shoot on top to seat, and seat swing and off.

(3) Circle to rest, lower, circle under to back hang, return to front, hang and pull to chest.

(4) Voluntary.

PARALLELS (1) Back straddle and back cut off.

(2) Forward pump four times and side vault.

(3) Straddle in and show three short arm balances and handspring off the end.

(4) Voluntary.

LADDER (1) Single march forward.

(2) Double march forward.

ROPES (1) Climb hand over hand.

(2) Climb pair ropes.

HORSE (1) Straddle over.

(2) Left vault.

(3) Handspring.

LONG HORSE (1) Between hands.

(2) Handspring.

(3) Clear.



"HOWLERS" BY SCHOOLBOYS.

NEW ATTRIBUTES OF FAMOUS MEN.

A most amusing collection of schoolboy "howlers" is published in the University Correspondent. Some of the best are the following :

Switzerland is a very wonderful place; you can often see the mountains touring among the clouds.

Habeas Corpus is what the people used to say to the undertakers at the time of the Great Plague of London in 1606. It means, "You may have the body."

No one knows whether, where, how, when, or why Homer was born.

The chief clause in Magna Charta was that one which said that no one was to be punished without his own consent.

The Crusades were on account of the Turks. They had taken Constantinople and were so cruel they would not let traders use the Suez Canal.

Clive conducted the Indian Mutiny and brought it to a successful conclusion.

Oliver Cromwell's home policy was that of being a good husband and a kind father; his foreign policy was to walk abroad in a big slouch hat and a very red nose.

William the Conqueror was one of our best authors; he wrote the Doomsday Book.

John Bright is famous for an incurable disease.

A hexameter has six feet, a taximeter has five.

An Alexandrine is a form of verse so called because it was employed by Tennyson in his poem to Queen Alexandra.

Hexham is famous for the making of hexameters.

An abstract noun is the name of something which does not exist, such as goodness.

Kingsley was a great agriculturist and wrote a book on yeast.

Oliver Cromwell was the captain of an ironclad.

Queen Elizabeth's face was thin and pale, but she was a stout Protestant.

Communicant dolorem.—They share a dollar.

Things which are equal to other things are equal to one another.

Q. What do you know if three sides of a triangle are equal? A. The other side must be equal also.

A thermometer is a short glass tube that regulates the weather.

An axiom is a thing that is so visible that it is not necessary to see it.

The Gordian Knot was united by Lord Kitchener when he took Khartoum and cleared the tangle into which we had got over General Gordon.

The Zenith is a quadruped living in the interior of Africa.

Chivalry is when you feel cold.

Lumbago is a mineral for making lead pencils.

If care is not taken with dusty corners microscopes will breed there.

Chaplets are small places of worship.

The suffrage is a place where people suffer for their political views.

From an essay: Sailors meet with many hardships, men-of-war, and other ships.



Cadet Notes.



The Inspector-General of Defence inspected the School Battalion on 1st December last, the inspection lasting more than an hour. All officers, from the O.C. to the section commander, were exercised in their commands. At the conclusion of the inspection, Colonel Davies expressed himself as highly pleased with his visit, all the work being neatly and smartly done. This was the more gratifying when he remembered that the companies were mixed and that many officers and non-commissioned officers were absent at examinations, the usual formations being departed from. He particularly complimented Sergeant A. Hawke on his intelligent handling of his section.

On the resumption of school after the summer vacation a total re-arrangement of the battalion was of course necessary; but now each Company has its full complement and work is progressing satisfactorily. There are only three non-cadets this year, two physically unable. A Company, since it is composed for the most part of "trained men," necessarily has a great advantage over the other two companies, especially C, which is almost entirely composed of new boys; but already, however, the work done by these gives promise of the general efficiency of last year. So far the drill has consisted chiefly in company movements and manual training for the benefit of recruits; but, as soon as the various companies are proficient in this branch, battalion drill will become the rule.

The departure of many of our senior boys has necessitated the following re-arrangement of officers:

MAJOR PEARCE, O.C.

A Company—Captain Pow, Lieutenants Brown and Boyne, Col.-Sergt. McKenzie, Sergeants Mackie, Pope, Christie and Hamilton.

B. Company—Captain McGrath, Lieutenants Hewat and Dobbie, Col.—Sergt. Carmichael, Sergeants Collins, Baird, Hawke and Carter.

C. Company—Captain Munro, Lieutenants F. Adamson and C. Reid, Col.-Sergt. N. Stead, Sergeants Oughton, N. Adamson, Wilcox and G. Reid.

Buglers—Bush, J. Ferguson, Macalister, I. Findlay, Barlow.

Despite the splendid weather conditions prevailing, very little interest has been shown this term in class-firing, but if the school is to quit its somewhat humble position near the bottom of the list in the secondary schools' match, steady and consistent practice must be put in throughout the whole year. The departure of our two best shots, Millard and Robinson, of course will be a serious loss to this year's team; but, nevertheless, as there is still in the school

some very fair material, which, with considerable practice and good weather to practice in, ought to make a very efficient team, we feel justified in thinking that Southland will occupy a more exalted position in the 1909 list than she now does. An annual match with Otago Boys' High School such as that held last year would greatly increase the interest in shooting and thus help to raise the standard of efficiency. We sincerely hope that those in authority will consider the matter.

C. Company has been greatly handicapped this term on account of a shortage in arms which has arisen from slightly increasing the strengths of the various companies. But the arms are now to hand, converted Martini-Enfield carbines to which bayonets cannot be fixed. This is very awkward, for it means that C. Company must all be without bayonets.

Towards the end of last year several trophies were shot for: a beautiful rug presented by the New Zealand Clothing Factory for the best shot in No. 1 Company, a case of spoons presented by Mr Gordon Brown for the best shot in No. 2 Company, and a silver medal presented by Mr Ferguson for the best shot in No. 3.

The respective winners turned up in L. Smith, Robinson and N. Adamson. Millard was for the third time school champion.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOOTING COMPETITION.

The following is the result of the competition for 1908:—

	200yds	500yds	Total.
Nelson College	303	282	585
Auckland Grammar	287	289	576
Rangiora H.S.	294	278	572
Wanganui College	294	267	561
Wellington College	276	277	553
Waitaki B.H.S.	280	271	551
Marlborough H.S.	261	262	523
Ashburton H.S.	259	254	513
Otago B.H.S.	263	245	508
Christ's College	284	222	506
Palmerston North H.S.	256	237	493
Timaru B.H.S.	265	226	491
Southland B.H.S.	239	240	479
St. John's (Auckland)	235	208	443
St. Patrick's (Wellington)	238	182	420
Whangarei H.S.	207	149	356

The highest individual scorers were Sergt. Cowens (Rangiora) and Private Devore (Auckland Grammar), each with 66 out of a possible 70. The average of shooting was very good, 23 boys putting on over 60. Whangarei is a new corps, and allowance should be

made for it, as it shot without practice and under adverse conditions. Each school fired at its own range between September 1st and December 1st.

The details of the Southland score are:—

Range, Grasmere. Date, 24th November, 1908.

Weather bright; light variable breeze.

	200yds	500yds	Total.
Captain Millard	32	31	63
Corp. Robinson	27	27	54
Private Ferguson	25	28	53
Private Smith	23	27	50
Lieut. Adamson	23	24	47
Private Paton	29	17	46
Sergt. Bastings	17	28	45
Private Grieve	23	22	45
Lieut. Miles	19	21	40
Sergt. Carmichael	21	15	36
Total	239	240	479

This score shows some improvement on last year's; indeed, there has been a wonderful improvement throughout the whole Dominion. Last year's average was 425 per team, whereas this year it has risen to 508.



SWIMMING.

Committee : J. McQueen, W. McCaw, Pay, Dobbie, C. Reid ; Secretary : J. McQueen.

In accordance with our usual custom, swimming practices have been held twice a week — at mid-day on Thursday, and after school on Friday. These practices have always been well attended, and many boys under Mr Galloway's instruction have not only learnt to keep themselves up in the water, but have become quite proficient in the art. Mr Galloway deserves our best thanks for the time and trouble he has spent in teaching us to acquire an interest in such a pleasure-giving and profitable pastime. Apart from the exercise and pleasure swimming gives, it is extremely useful from the point of view of self-preservation and life-saving. So all boys who cannot swim should, as quickly as possible, avail themselves of the opportunities given them from year to year.

A very successful tournament, held on Wednesday, 7th April, brought the 1909 season to a close. The entries were numerous, but in a few instances more competitors could, with advantage, have faced

the starter. However, the competition was keen and finishes close and exciting. The championship again fell to J. McQueen, after even races in two of the championship events. The Long Plunge improves every year, F. Adamson and J. McQueen making a new record with 39ft, beating last year's record by 2ft 6in. The Neat Dive also produced a very exciting competition, four boys equal after the four rounds having to go through another to classify the winner.

The following list shows the result of the races :—

40 Yards Handicap and Championship — 1 D. MacGibbon, 2 W. McCaw, 3 J. McQueen. A good race and a close finish.

10 Yards, Beginners — First heat : 1 Cy. Smith, 2 B. Baxter. Second heat : 1 Gibb, 2 Seddon. Final : 1 Cy. Smith, 2 Mahoney.

25 Yards Handicap — First heat : 1 Dobbie, 2 Brooke ; won easily. Second heat : 1 McQueen, 2 D. MacGibbon ; close finish. Third heat : 1 W. McCaw, 2 Cy. Smith. Final : 1 D. MacGibbon, 2 W. McCaw ; MacGibbon won fairly easily, but a good race ensued for second place.

100 Yards Handicap and Championship — 1 McQueen.

20 Yards, Beginners — First heat : 1 Cavell, 2 Seddon. Second heat : 1 Carter, 2 Bush and Drury (dead heat.) Final : 1 Carter, 2 Bush.

40 Yards Breast Handicap and Championship — 1 McQueen, 2 Drury, 3 Hawke ; a splendid race ; won by inches.

20 Yards Submarine — 1 McQueen, 2 Gray ; the only starters. The fact of Gray steering an erratic course made McQueen's win all the easier.

Neat Dive — 1 W. McCaw, 2 J. McQueen. A very close and exciting competition.

40 Yards (under 14½) — 1 Bush, 2 Drury, 3 Hawke. A good fight for second place.

Long Plunge — 1 McQueen (6in.), 2 F. Adamson (scr.) Both did 39ft—a record—McQueen's handicap giving him the race.

Forms' Relay Race — 1 Form III B (D. MacGibbon, Hawke, Bush, Drury), 2 III A. Four teams started, and a keen race ensued, III B winning by about a yard.

School Champion : J. McQueen.

The following will gain this year the certificates of proficiency in Swimming, issued by the New Zealand Swimming Association :—

440 yards distance — Bush, Carter, Seddon, Smith, Drury, Howie, Hall, Sinclair, Saunders, L. McCaw, D. Brown, Dobbie, Welsh, Gray.

220 yards distance — McClure.

LIBRARY.

Although the library was established only last year, it has already become an important factor of the school life. At the close of last year there were 278 volumes on the shelves, and there were 64 members. Walter Cody is the hon. secretary and treasurer ; Mr Williams the superintendent. The hours of exchange are : Thursday 4 p.m., and Friday 12.30 p.m. There are now only 29 members, but the second term should see a great number more. Membership fee is sixpence per term.

Mr Williams will be glad to receive any suggestions as to suitable books.

Donations have been received from some old boys, who left the school last year. These boys are acting in the right spirit in keeping up the school tradition, which requests that every boy, on leaving, should present a book to the library. We express our gratitude to these old boys for their kindness in presenting the following books :— "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Tom Sawyer," and "Huckleberry Finn," from F. Lopdell ; "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," from C. Macan ; "The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes," from G. Macan ; "Pudd'nhead Wilson," from M. McCartney ; "Minute Travels of Nature," from G. Macindoe ; "Rome and Pompeii," from N. Millard ; "Life of Edison," from Geo. Agnew.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the presentation of "The Master of the Strong Hearts," from E. Fisher ; "Hurricane Hurry," from J. Jameson ; two volumes, "Animals of New Zealand" and "New Zealand Entomology," and twelve plates of New Zealand flora, from the Education Department.

Donation from the Rector : "The Book of Games for School and Home."

Through these kind contributions we have now close on 300 books, and, as the Board of Governors is now granting £5 annually towards the library, we shall be able to add considerably to our increasing number. Good books are invaluable helpers to thought, and supply one with knowledge as well as with pleasure. Therefore, the larger the library is, the more useful will it be in adding to one's store of knowledge.

Books added in 1909, in addition to the above :—"Tommy Cornstalk," "English Seamen in the Sixteenth Century," "Hugh Rendall," "The Experience of an Irish P.M.," "Shakespeare Commentaries."



The Greenhills Picnic.

Nearly a century and a half has elapsed since the Scottish bard, the Ayrshire ploughman, the immortal Burns, whose statue occupies a prominent position in the Edinburgh of the South, gave vent to his feelings on the occasion of uprooting with his plough the winter habitation of a mouse.

"The best laid plans of men and mice
Gang aft a'glee."

Yes, quite true, say I. We plan much but how often are our plans abortive? Twice were dates fixed for our annual picnic, and on each occasion the "Windows of Heaven were opened and the rain descended." Well, fortune favoured me; for, had the excursion taken place on either of these occasions, my presence would not have graced the assembly, for my medical adviser had told me to take great care of myself for a week or two as I was suffering from catarrh of the nose. As a cure he prescribed a liquid snuff. When a fellow has to take medicine through his nose—well, to say the least of it, it is tough.

However, by Thursday, 23rd of February, the date on which the excursion took place, I was back to my normal, and quite fit for the harmless fun characteristic of such gatherings.

About 140 left Invercargill by the 9 o'clock train, and in due time reached Greenhills, our destination. In the shortest possible time we had all disembarked, and off we started for the beach, carrying our impedimenta which consisted of lunch baskets and billies. Our track lay through dense manuka scrub, the lower vegetation consisting almost entirely of biddy-bids, which grew in rank profusion. Of the botanical specimens collected along the way, biddy-bids by far and away took the first place, for they are specimens you do not easily lose. The biddy-bid is an educative plant from a language point of view—it teaches boys, and for that matter girls too, to be expressive.

After a trudge of two miles or so we reached the beach, divested ourselves of our clothes, and flew to embrace the broad Pacific with a fondness similar to that described by Byron in his "Childe Harold."

"And I have loved thee, ocean! and my joy
Of youthful sports was on thy breast to be
Borne, like thy bubbles, onward: from a boy
I wantoned with thy breakers—they to me
Were a delight; and if the freshening sea
Made them a terror—'twas a pleasing fear,
For I was as it were a child of thee,
And trusted to thy billows far and near."

Most people reverence the ocean: I have seen some people on board a steamer go down on their knees and pay tribute to old Neptune in the form of various undigested meals—in fact, I have done so myself.

And yet some people say there is a lack of reverence among us colonial boys. Scarcely had we got into the water when some one called out, "Throw in the football," which request was complied with at once. Then followed a game of water-polo, or water-football, about which the greater number of knew as much as a pig knows about a musket. The game, so far as some of the players were concerned, seemed to create an insatiable desire for liquids, for every now and again a player would take a large gulp of salt water.

All at once there was a rush for the shore. An onlooker might have thought a dozen sharks or more were after us, but such was not the case. "Billy" smoke was visible in the distance; and for the hungry school boy it has an attraction similar to that which a honey pot has for blow-flies. Lunch was quickly disposed of, and the solid matter washed down with pannikinfuls of tea of various shades and qualities. The five minutes rest after lunch, strongly recommended by the medical profession, was dispensed with; for scarcely had we masticated the last mouthful when we left for the sands for all sorts of games such as cricket, football, races, and so forth. And a jolly time we had! In the afternoon a host of sandflies gave us their undivided attention. One or two of the smaller boys were nearly eaten up. I am of opinion, although I do not claim to be an entomologist, that the sandflies at Greenhills are of the same species as those in the Milford Sound district. Mr Frank Bullen describes the latter as able to stand up on their hind legs and drink out of a bucket. He also says, "A team of bullocks that went up to the Lakes before me, were completely eaten up; all that remained of the team was a pair of horns; and on a fence near by I saw an old sandfly perched engaged in picking his teeth with these." Yes, another hour or two at the beach, and all that would have been left of us would have been a suit of old clothes and a bone or two.

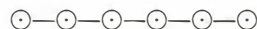
Shortly after five o'clock we left for the station. By the time we arrived there our tongues were cleaving to the roofs of our mouths. A general rush was made for the small building which does duty as a store and a post office. We emptied their whole stock of ginger ale, raspberry, etc., into our stomachs, and then, like *Oliver Twist*, wanted more. One boy sampled a bottle of table ale; but one and all pronounced it beastly stuff and unworthy of the alimentary canal of any High School boy. About six o'clock the train pulled up at the station; we boarded it as quickly as possible, and, by 7 o'clock, we were wending our way from the Invercargill station. In justice to ourselves and the staff, more particularly to ourselves, I conscientiously say that a more orderly lot of boys never travelled over any section of the New Zealand railways.

H. GRAY.

A sunburnt boy had the following in his description of the "Outing at Greenhills".—

"Our party consisted of six boys, including one large billy that would have done for a dozen."—W. McC.

Editor's Note—We understand the inclusion. But what would it have done for them? Or is "done for" colonial for "put out of action?" Was the billy a quadruped, or was it a biped?



Lime Kilns.

Large deposits of limestone occur at Limehills, near Centre Bush. Three kilns, situated on a little hill quite close to the railway siding, are at work in the conversion of this into agricultural lime. Perhaps an account of these will be acceptable to the readers of this Magazine.

The earth has been skimmed off the rock and tipped over the edge of the hill. The limestone face, which is being quarried, is fifteen to twenty feet in height. When a blast takes place, the great big lumps of yellow rock fall down in a confused heap. The largest of these is then "popped" or blasted again, until sufficiently small to be broken up with sledge hammers. Then the rocks, which are comparatively soft, are broken to half the size of a football, loaded on a small iron trolley, and drawn up to the various kilns by a horse. They are then tipped into the kiln, while the screenings, which consist for the most part of shells, are tipped over the face of the hill, and make a pretty fan down the hillside. When the snow comes, boys have great fun tobogganing down this slope on boards and sledges.

As the lime burns, it emits a dazzling white light. It is at this heat that limestone or calcium carbonate is converted into calcium oxide or quicklime and carbon dioxide, which passes off into the air. When the lime is drawn or let into a trolley at the bottom, everything in the kiln sinks. More trolley-loads of limestone are put in at the top, covered with coal screenings, and the process is repeated many times each day. The trolley-load of quicklime is then run out on to the loft, as it were, of a large shed. The trolley is tipped and the lime falls into the railway truck below, whence to be despatched to the farmer.

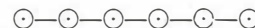
The kilns are situated about a chain and a half above the face of rock. Two of these, known as draw kilns, have been lately constructed to meet the great demand for lime. Hollowed out of the solid rock, these barrel-shaped kilns are sixty feet deep, ten feet wide at the top and bottom, and fifteen feet wide at the middle. Because the burning is done at the top, the kiln is there lined with firebricks, while ordinary bricks are used below that, because there only the cooling is done. From the outside of the hill to the bottom of each kiln there is a tunnel

eighty feet in length. The top of each kiln is open and level with the rock; while the bottom has four iron gratings which may be opened and closed at will. The air passes through the gratings, cooling the burnt lime at the bottom, and keeping the screenings burning at the top.

The other kiln, which is known as the furnace kiln, was built many years ago, and used to burn wood instead of coal. Halfway up the chimney (for the lower part of the chimney is used instead of the barrel-shaped hollow in the rocks), the limestone is put through an oblong opening provided with an iron door. The kiln is fed at the bottom with ordinary coal. Lower down the hot quicklime is taken out, and transferred to a reservoir to cool. When cold it is let out into a trolley, run out on to the loft, and tipped as in the case of the draw kilns. Thus it can be seen that the limestone and lime are moved from place to place with comparative ease.

Now that the lime-burning is in full swing, the total output is twenty tons a day. The industry is becoming an important one: there are nineteen men employed. So great is the demand at present that it is reported that the proprietors, Messrs J. G. Ward and Co., intend putting in another draw kiln.

GEORGE CODY.



A Stormy Trip.

In the summer holidays, 1907-8, I spent a couple of weeks at Stewart Island, and long as the recollections of the boating, the fishing, and the delightful bathing, to say nothing of the long moonlight walks over the bush tracks, in silence unbroken save by the harsh voice of a solitary mopoke, or the plaintive cry of a foraging weka, will live in my memory, there is one incident that I shall never forget. It is an incident which calls for no draft on the imagination in the narration, nor could such imagination as is vouchsafed to me conceive anything more sublime than the rage of the elements, or grander than the courage the hour called forth.

A morning giving more promise of a perfect day never dawned than the 20th of January, and, as a result, a party of some thirty persons determined to make the most of the occasion by a trip to Port Adventure. Owing to the short notice, a start was not made until about nine o'clock, when Bragg's cutter, "Kekeno," left the wharf at Half Moon Bay. Hardly had we left the bay than the wind dropped, and the vessel had to rely on a rather small auxiliary engine. Although Port Adventure was not reached till about one o'clock, so calm had been the sea, and so pleasant the sunshine, that hardly any-

one was sick. After boiling the "billy" and lunching, all were in fine trim for making the most of the hour or so of our stay.

It is needless to state how that hour was spent — besides, it takes too long. Suffice it to say that we re-embarked about two, and set out for Half Moon. No sooner had the cutter left the sheltered cove in which we had "hove to," however, than she received the full force of a wind, such as I have seen neither before nor since, full on the port side. The skipper, thinking it was a momentary squall, made the most of a bad job, and in ten minutes or so it seemed the worst was over. But the sun, which had again appeared, was speedily blotted out by dark masses of clouds, and the sea began to get exceedingly rough. It came over the sides and drenched everyone through and through, but yet we kept on, for three long hours.

By this time the sea was as rough as I had ever pictured it in my highest flights of imagination. The wind lashed the surface into a foam, which obscured the view on all sides, and the waves towered high above the summits of the masts, and seemed as if they would overwhelm the little vessel any moment. To our great delight, we were nearing Half Moon Bay, and, as the wind could not reach the harbour waters, the absence of spray enabled us to see the crowd on the jetty about a mile off, watching us out in the battle of the elements, powerless to aid us, and holding their breaths every time we sank in the trough of the waves. We soon realised that any attempt to make the port would be suicide.

To save going into the open straits Captain Bragg decided to turn about and make for Glory Harbour. The women, some twenty in number, were assured they were destined for that port, though they prayed, presumably against such a mishap, in a most heartrending manner. I never thought much of women's courage, and I thought less of it that day. There was only one girl aboard with the least semblance of pluck. We males lent what assistance we could, which, luckily for us, was rather harmless. In turning about the cutter was necessarily for a moment broadside on to the weather. Two immense seas swept over the vessel, and relieved her of two cases of kerosene, while the women shrieked out prayers which seemed in many cases imperfectly known. Both jibs were blown to shreds, and the mainsail came down owing to the strain having broken the gaskets. The vessel was at the mercy of the waves, and all within sight of the anxious watchers on shore. Eventually the wreckage was cleared, and the women sent below, much against their wills, moaning and groaning. Few were sick — perhaps the terror of their position drove out all lesser emotions. Some of the "men" behaved almost as badly, one great hulking fellow bawling to be thrown overboard: he

secured the safest place in the fore'sle first. Most of the men lent a willing hand to re-fix the mainsail, and, under this scant canvas, we at last reached Glory Harbour.

So alarmed were those on shore at our predicament that they despatched a small steamer, the Nile, to our assistance. The Nile encountered weather too much for even her engines, and endeavoured to put back. The vessel had gone too far, and, like us, judged it best to run for Glory. Here it met us just as night was falling, but could not anchor. Later on it gained Half Moon Bay, and relieved the fears of our friends.

The weather was still too violent to allow us to return, so we were forced to spend a wretched night, in soaking clothes, with no fire, and less food. The engines were got into working order, early in the morning we set out, and arrived at about 10 o'clock, in time for dinner, to which, you may be sure, we did ample justice.

On the Island it was the general opinion that, in less capable hands than those of the Bragg brothers, we would have been lost. So great was our appreciation of their seamanship that we all gladly contributed to present the crew with a really good pair of binoculars.

F. SIMON.



The Ascent of Crown Peak.

One fine summer morning my elder brother and I decided to climb the Crown Peak, a high mountain behind Arrowtown, deriving its name from the formation of rocks on its summit, which resembles a crown. The first part of our walk was through a shady avenue of trees in which the birds were twittering gaily. Then we crossed the muddy river by a small bridge, and began to climb the Crown Terrace. Before long we were perspiring freely and had to take off our coats; for this seemed the hardest part of the climb, there being no cool breeze such as there is higher up. On reaching the top of the Terrace we sat down to rest, and to flash with small mirrors to a boy in the town. He had been watching for this, and was soon flashing back to us. From our stand there was a fair view, though by no means so extensive as that from higher up.

In a few minutes we were off again along the Terrace, where we met some shepherds whose dogs were lustily urging on the sheep. Then we turned up Bracken's Gully, and at last came to some miners' huts. The ground around looked as if some huge giant had been scooping out handfuls, the sites of old claims. We soon came to the present claims, where we found men sluicing away sand and gravel and washing this over boxes which caught all the fine sand and gold. In others they were separating the sand and gold by the use of water and a tin dish.

After a spell we started the real climb. First we followed the course of a stream, at which we refreshed ourselves, then we ascended a ridge leading to the top, following it right up. The Crown seemed quite near, but there was a good steep climb yet before us over slippery tussocks. When about half way up we sat on a ledge of rock and had our lunch. As we got near the top some sea-gulls circled round our heads and screamed so much that we thought we must be near their nests. All we came across, however, was a young sea-gull, which hid itself securely as soon as we gave chase.

We reached the Crown three hours after leaving the claims and five hours from home. Our elevated position seemed to make our spirits rise higher than they were before, while we both agreed that the splendid view we obtained was well worth a long climb in the hot sun. There, away to the west was Lake Wakatipu, the blue and rugged Remarkables, Mt. Earnslaw, and numerous other hills and mountains. Queenstown was hidden by a brown manuka-covered hill. The Kawarau river appeared like a silver thread, gradually getting larger, while we could see the whole course of the Arrow river. Arrowtown, surrounded by its hills, was a mere white patch below us. The flat outside these was dotted all over with farms and their variously coloured fields. To the south was Gibbston, with its coal-pit on the side of a hill. Northward the little village of Macetown, on the Arrow river, nestled under Advance Peak, which we had climbed a week before. Beyond that was quite a sea of mountains, some with thick patches of bush in the gullies, others bare, rugged, and snow-capped. Among the latter was Mount Aspiring, a giant compared with those near it, while Mount Cook looked like a tiny white pyramid on the horizon. On looking eastward we saw before us, stretching for miles, the Wanaka Valley with its farms. At the extreme end was part of Lake Hawea, looking like a small pool. Lake Wanaka, though nearer to us than Hawea, was hidden by a hill. A delicious cool breeze was gently fanning us, while there was neither cloud nor haze in the sky to disturb our vision.

After writing our names on paper which we left in a corked bottle, we had a last look round, and then began the descent. This was so much easier than the ascent, that we went straight down to the Crown Terrace, instead of retiring by Bracken's. As we got further and further down the size of the fields and houses gradually increased, though the extent of our view was just as gradually decreasing. We reached home three hours after leaving the Crown, rather tired perhaps, but both well satisfied that we had profitably spent the day, and both agreeing that this was an ideal trip to take in clear weather.

H. S. PATON.

Essay Competition.

Mr H. F. S. King, who has just left the staff of the Southland Times to join that of the New Zealand Times, Wellington, has generously offered a gold medal for competition in this school. The medal is to be awarded to the best essayist in an open competition. Mr King himself will act as judge. Conditions:—

- 1.—Subject of essay not to be known until moment of competition; subject to be enclosed in a sealed envelope by the donor.
- 2.—Essays to be written in school, about the middle of the second term.
- 3.—Code-words, or numbers to be used, as in public examinations.
- 4.—Length of essay, roughly, about 500 words.

The theme will deal with some matter of public interest. The best preparation will, therefore, be an intelligent grasp of the matters engaging the public interest during 1909.

On behalf of the School we tender our sincere thanks to Mr King for his generous interest in us.



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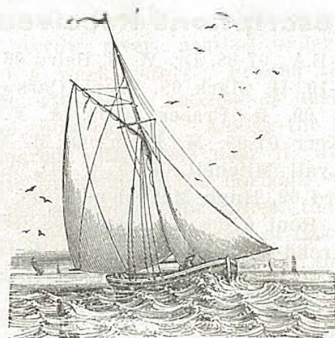
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