

### Old Girls' Association.

In all the larger towns of New Zealand there are associations of old pupils of the High Schools, with the object of keeping up the interest of past pupils in the school, and of strengthening friendships made at school. It has long been felt that such an association might well be formed in Invercargill, and the idea was mooted more than a year ago, when a number of "old girls" met to say good-bye to their old teacher, Miss Billing. No definite steps, however, were taken for some months, but on July, 27th, the preliminary meeting of the association was held. The Provisional Committee appointed at this meeting sent out a circular to all "old girls" still in the neighbourhood, with such good results that, by the date fixed for the inaugural meeting, there were nearly 50 names on the roll of intending members. The inaugural meeting took place in the High School on Monday, September 8th, the attendance being good. The rules drawn up by the Provisional Committee were read and adopted with certain amendments. The following officers were then elected for the year:—President: Mrs Fowler; Vice-Presidents: Mrs Hendry, Miss Stevenson, Miss Perrin; Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Brown; Committee: Mrs J. Macalister, Mrs Ott, Misses Kilburn, Selby, and F. Carswell. The meetings of the Association will usually be of a social character, and the first of them will be held at an early date.



*Non scholae sed vitae discimus."*

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### Editorial.

WE have been encouraged to bring out a second number of our Magazine owing to the kind reception with which our first efforts were met. We tender our thanks to all who, by their subscriptions, have enabled us to make assets balance with liabilities—especially to those who used our columns as an advertising medium. If we may augur from our short experience, and may rely upon continued support from our friends outside of the school, our future success is assured, and we may confidently expect to enjoy immunity from financial worry.

Items of interest in the school life since our last issue may be briefly summarised. The gap between football and cricket was filled in by a Fives Tournament. Training for the sports and cricket kept us busy till the break-up. The presentation of prizes took place in the new Gymnasium, a special feature being the array of sports trophies. Mention might also be made of the special prizes for school work; the gold medal for dux (presented by the Old Boys' Association) and the prize for the best average in Mathematics and Science (presented



by the Chamber of Commerce). It was at this function, too, that we bade good-bye to the Rev. W. White, M.A., whose stay in the school, though short, was both agreeable and profitable to us. At the re-opening after the Christmas vacation it was with regret that we gradually found out that some of those who had been foremost in our sports and pastimes were to be with us no more. Owing to the new regulations the ordinary number of new boys was about doubled. This made it necessary to split up the lower form into two divisions. To take charge of the extra class Mr J. Mackinnon (late of the Central School, Invercargill), has been appointed as second assistant. Great enthusiasm has been displayed in connection with the swimming lessons which have been commenced this term, Mr Hilgendorf (our new Science Master) and Mr McKay being instructors. A new thing in the history of the school was the recent Swimming Tournament. At class-firing, held on Saturday mornings, some very good scores were made and, of course, some in which misses predominated. This year the Government made a grant through which some twenty boys received prizes for shooting. This kind of encouragement is much appreciated. The Gymnasium has been in constant use all through the term. Already muscles are hardening and chests expanding.

Our correspondence columns are not taken sufficient advantage of. We hope that this hint will be sufficient, and that for next Magazine we shall have to make a selection.

Those who have not procured a copy of our initial number should apply to the Editor, who has still a few copies on hand.

We again thank Old Boys and Girls and other friends for their liberal support, and venture to hope that they will peruse the columns of our present issue with interest.

### School News.

The usual holidays were granted on Good Friday and Easter Monday. We were also given Tuesday, the 14th April, in honour of the University Scholarship won by J. B. Baird.

On March 25th we were excused from the afternoon lessons to witness the Invercargill Amateur Swimming Society's Carnival. The swimming was the more interesting, as this year we have been taking lessons, an account of which will be found in another column.

Mr Hilgendorf, the new Science Master, has already made himself popular with the boys by his enthusiasm, and by the interest that he takes in practical chemistry.

Of the two boys who sat for the Junior University Scholarship, J. B. Baird obtained a scholarship, and A. B. Lindsay came fourth in the credit list, besides being fourth in Latin on the whole list.

As usual a large number of boys passed the Matriculation Examination. The names are as follows:—V. Christophers, W. Stewart, R. Kennedy, H. Delaurie, A. Delargey, W. McLaren, E. Martin, R. Taylor, F. Acheson, H. Rowley.

The following passed the Medical Preliminary:—N. Gilmour, J. Mehaffey.

E. Traill, S. George, W. Stewart and F. Acheson passed the Junior Civil Service Examination.

Extension Scholarships were gained by H. McKay and R. Kennedy.

Mr McKinnon has been appointed second assistant in the school. We wish him every success in his new position.

The Fives Tournament, which was mentioned in our last Magazine, was won by McKay and Taylor, who played very consistently throughout. Quite a number of teams entered and great enthusiasm was shown. Mr McKay kindly gave the prizes—two handsome medals.

In a short time the football field will be improved by the removal of the trees that encroach on the east end of the ground.

On the occasion of the visit of the English cricketers a half-holiday was granted. Full advantage was taken of the opportunity.

No less than eight of last year's pupils have obtained good positions in banks and offices since the beginning of the year.

### THE BREAK-UP.

The annual prize distribution and breaking-up ceremony in connection with the Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools took place in the new Gymnasium. There was a very large attendance of the public, every available seat in the gallery and the body of the hall being occupied. A platform had been erected for the speakers, and on it were Mr W. Macalister (Chairman of the High Schools Board), who presided, the Revs. Gibson Smith, Prior, and White, the Rector (Mr H. L. Fowler), Messrs A. F. Hawke, J. L. Watson, E. Russell, F. Matheson, J. H. Reed, (Mayor of Campbelltown), C. Rout (secretary H.S. Board), and Miss Stevenson (senior mistress). The Chairman announced that he had received an apology from His Worship the Mayor, and that several other gentlemen had verbally expressed their regret at not being able to be present.

Mr Macalister in his opening address traced at length the various stages in the school history, emphasizing the great advances made in the granting of free education and scholarships. He showed how the son or daughter of the poorest labourer could, with ability, attain to the highest rung of educational life by means of the grants of the Board. He then briefly referred to the success of the school in the University examinations, to the increase of numbers, to the establishment of the Gymnasium, and the addition of several extra subjects to the school curriculum. The sports had been revived after many years' lapse, and Mr A. F. Hawke deserved very hearty thanks for his efforts in this direction. (Loud applause.) After an appreciative reference to the staff, he suggested the idea of making such prizes as those given by the Agricultural and Pastoral Association, Chamber of Commerce, etc., a yearly fixture, and held that such a course would do



much to create general public interest in the school. He concluded, amid loud applause, by calling on the Rev. Mr. Prior to present the prizes.

The following is the prize-list:—

#### BOYS.

FORM II.—E. Huffadine, English; J. Craig, Latin and Shorthand; G. Mears, Book-keeping; B. Gilmour, Mathematics and Science; J. Murdoch and G. Overton, Progress.

FORM III.—V. Christopers, English; H. DeLaurie, Latin; R. Kennedy, Mathematics and Science; R. Hay, Book-keeping and Shorthand (presented by Invercargill Chamber of Commerce); W. McLaren, Progress.

FORM IV.—H. McKay, English; J. Mehaffey, Mathematics and Science (presented by Invercargill Chamber of Commerce).

FORM VI.—B. Lindsay, French.

DUX—B. BAIRD, (gold medal, presented by S.H.S. Old Boys' Association; prize, by Rev. G. Lindsay).

#### GIRLS.

JUNIOR.—First: R. Daplyn (first in Latin, Mathematics, French, History, Physiology); second: E. Woollett (first in English, Geography, Botany, and second in Latin and Mathematics); third: M. Hawke (third in Mathematics, fourth in English, French, History, Geography); fourth: M. Carr (third in Latin, second in Botany); progress: A. Moore.

SENIOR.—First: M. Salmond (first in English, Mathematics, French, Physiology, Geography); second: F. August (first in Latin, History, Botany); third: O. Turner (first, equal, in English, third in Latin, Geography, Botany); fourth: M. Craig (third in English, French, Mathematics, 2nd in Physiology); fifth: E. Stewart (second in Mathematics, Geography, 3rd in History, Physiology).

Shorthand: N. Hay (with boys); Science: M. Palmer (form IV, boys' side); Cookery—theory and practise—J. Mackay (presented by Mr J. L. Watson); Neatness: M. Donovan (presented by Mrs Thomson), E. Woollett (presented by Mrs Turner); Notes and Recipes: E. Erskine (presented by Miss Stevenson); Dress-cutting: R. Lynn and M. Erskine (presented by Mrs W. Craig). Sewing: Senior, L. Brown; Junior, B. Pilcher. Drawing: Senior, O. Turner; Junior, M. Hawke. Drill: 1, M. Millar; 2, H. Jamieson.

DUX—H. JAMIESON.

EXTRA PRIZES—Miss M. Hawke, special prize by vote.

Marching and Drill: Mary Millar, Hannah Jamieson.

Wand Exercises: Bell Pilcher.

Dumbell: Molly Carr.

Tennis Handicap Tournament: Jessie McKay.

The Rector then read the report.

After the school prizes, the trophies won at the sports were distributed by Mr J. H. Reed, Mayor of the Bluff.

We should consider ourselves to blame if we let slip this opportunity of expressing, from our point of view, our appreciation of the service rendered the school by the Rev. Wm. White, M.A. Mr White was appointed, temporarily, to the position of Master in Science and Mathematics, left vacant by the resignation of Mr Vernon. We make bold to compliment the Board of Governors on their choice in this

matter, and, were we to add that a better man could scarcely have been engaged, we should not be guilty of indiscriminate eulogy. Mr White's career as a student stamped him as both a brilliant mathematician and a keen scientist, and he inspired us with some of that enthusiasm in these subjects, which causes him to while away an odd half hour by the study of conic sections, etc., instead of by reading the orthodox novel. The boys of the fifth form especially owe Mr White a great debt of gratitude for the extra trouble he used often, at no small personal inconvenience, to take with them. We do not forget, either, how he braved the elements on sports' day, and, though he often impressed upon us "that our brains had vanished into that imponderable substance, whose existence the scientist demands to explain the passage of light-waves through space," we still hold to our opinion that he is both a skilled teacher and "a jolly good fellow."

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Whence comes the dense gloom that encircles the minds of the habitués of the detention room? Is it that their immersion in the dark waters of Lethe has clothed their mental powers with a thick veil? In spite of this theory the ancient custom prevails, and all the new boys receive initiation in the sacred rites.

It is a scientific law that if a body of known mass be dropped into water a corresponding mass of water will be displaced. This law however has been proved faulty by the accomplishments of a modern Leander, who aspiring to become a neat diver, has succeeded in dislodging immense masses of water, and causing large tidal-like waves to sweep over the sides of the baths, accompanied by loud detonations.

It is well known that a beautiful amalgam is formed by mercury and silver. Some wag, however, spread the report that cobalt nitrate produced the same splendid polish, with the result that not a few spent weary hours in the vain attempt to induce the polish on their watch chains.

#### Old Boys' Column.

Mr J. H. Reed has, for the fifth year in succession, been returned as Mayor of Campbelltown.

University Honours List:—

C. P. Brown, M.A., 2nd section L.L.B.

V. White, B.A. degree.

T. S. Fleming, 1st section B.A., B.Sc.

H. R. McDonald, part of 1st section B.Sc.

A. Acheson, B.Sc. in Engineering.

R. McKay, part of 1st section B.Sc. in Engineering.

V. White has been appointed to a position in the Marlborough High School. He has our best wishes for his success.



E. J. Wiseman has settled down in Johannesburg and is doing well.

Bass Bastian, so well known in rowing circles, has gone to Taranaki, where he is now in charge of two surveying camps.

We take pleasure in announcing the marriage of Mr C. Whitaker to Miss L. Strachan.

Mr J. McKay, one of our masters, has been appointed a Lieutenant in the City Guards.

J. A. Christophers has been appointed Captain of the "Blues" this year.

J. Taylor succeeded in taking 5 wickets against Lord Hawke's team, his bowling evidently causing some difficulty.

Many of the ex-pupils of the Southland Boys' High School are now in parts of the world far distant from Southland, some engaged in professional work and others preparing to enter professions. As word concerning their welfare and success cannot fail to be of interest to the readers of this column, we especially request friends and relatives of such ex-pupils who are in touch with the distant ones to communicate to us such word as they may receive. These communications should be addressed to "The Editor, Old Boys' Col., S.H.S. Magazine, Southland Times, Invercargill." The strictest secrecy will be observed, if desired, as to the source of items of news so contributed.

#### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Following upon the publication of the first annual number of the Southland High Schools Magazine came the formation of the Southland High Schools Old Boys' Association, and it is to the birth of this Association that this column is indebted for its appearance in this, the second, number of our Magazine. It is intended that the prime feature of the Association shall be an annual re-union of the ex-pupils of the Southland Boys' High School. When the Association is on a strong footing it is expected that various means will be devised for benefiting the School and its pupils as opportunity offers, but the Society is as yet too young for any projects in this direction to have taken definite shape. The first annual dinner and re-union is, however, *un fait accompli*, and it proved an unqualified success. A report of the function is given below, and the depth of the ex-pupils' regard for the "good old school" may be gauged by the tenor of the remarks made over the walnuts and the wine.

#### OLD BOYS' DINNER.

(From the "Southland Times," 23rd February, 1903.)

When the Southland High Schools Old Boys' Association was formed, it was recognised that its members were not sufficiently numerous, nor were they sufficiently concentrated, to at present form the athletic and social clubs which are connected with similar associations of other provinces. It was therefore decided that the objects of the Association would be best served by an

annual re-union, and that a dinner would best serve the purpose. After several weeks' preparation, then, the first dinner in this connection was held on the evening of Friday, 20th February, in the Southland Club Hotel, when about 50 old boys attended, and the success of the affair augurs well for the re-unions of the future. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Board of Governors and the masters who, for the evening, were the guests of the Association, and supported the chairman, Mr W. Macalister, B.A., LL.B. Assumptious repast was put on the board by Host Bastings, and it was heartily enjoyed "ab ovo usque ad mala." When the walnuts and the wine, not Falernian, but equally acceptable, though perhaps less classic, were reached, a commencement was made with the toast list, and when the loyal toast of "His Majesty the King" had been accorded musical honours, "The School" was briefly proposed by Mr Eustace Russell, who brought forth a chorus of applause by referring to the institution as "the good old school, mention of which raises a flood of recollections of happy days and events connected with it." He pointed out that the school had been happy in its selection of staff, particularly the present staff, which had given the school a good record. He referred to the fact that most of the boys who had passed through the school had entered various professions, in which they had for the most part proved successful. The erection of the gymnasium was instanced as a sign of the renewed interest taken in the school, as was also the presentation of prizes by the A. & P. Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr H. L. Fowler, in responding, remarked on the changed relations existing between master and pupil in the present day. The pupils were changed in many aspects from the pupils of former days, and an increased gentleness of manners in the pupils had necessitated a similar change in the schoolmasters, who had been described in the classics as "hated by the boys, and hated by the girls." He had had a good deal of experience in schools, and as a schoolmaster had seen a good many boys, but he thought he could say without any undue flattery that he had never come across a lot of boys more pleasant to deal with, more amenable to discipline, and, on the whole, more straightforward and eager to make the best of their time, than the boys at the Southland High School. They were boys with a good sturdy self-respect, and to that could be attributed the difference in the relations of masters and pupils—self-respect on both sides. One thing that was not so good respecting the pupils of the school was the lack of esprit-de-corps. Of course the school was only twenty years old or so, and there had not been much time for the growth of esprit-de-corps. It was not like an old school like Rugby, in which he had had the honour of being a scholar, yet there was a lack of tendency towards the formation of this feeling. Another tendency had existed among many of the boys to go home immediately after school and not join in the games, but this was now disappearing. He commented favourably on the formation of the Old Boys' Association, and mentioned that it could do much to assist the school; they had made a very favourable start when they had presented a medal for the lux. With regard to the esprit-de-corps of the school, the Association could foster it in many ways, and he hoped that it would in time reach the ideal. The speaker was attentively listened to, as many points of interest were touched on, and the Rector's was, as expected, the speech of the evening.

"Absent Old Boys" and "Ourselves" were proposed by Messrs J. H. Reed and J. McKay respectively, and responded to by Messrs J. T. Carswell and the Chairman. In each case mention was made of old boys who had distinguished themselves in various walks of life. Mr Macalister in his speech referred to the creditable positions to which some of the "old boys" had attained, and his remarks were extremely interesting, as most of those present had personal knowledge or recollections of the men referred to. The Chairman had only had time to glance through the names of the scholars who had passed through the school, and he was unacquainted with the subsequent career of many, so that his list was by no means complete. Several names, however, were familiar, and showed that



many of the schools' former students had risen to positions which were a credit to all concerned. In the church there were the Revs. J. A. Asher, W. Brown, J. Collie, L. Thompson, and A. T. Thompson; in medicine the school was represented by Drs McKellar, Borrie, Baird, Watson, McNab, Fullarton, and Rogers; in law were Messrs R. Collie, H. A. Macdonald, A. M. Macdonald, and Eustace Russell; Mr J. A. Erskine worthily upheld the name of the school in science; in mining there was Mr Fred Reid; Messrs J. A. Hanan, M.H.R., and J. H. Reed, Mayor of Bluff, had risen to positions of prominence in public affairs; and in the field of journalism they counted Messrs G. H. Kingswell and R. J. Gilmour.

"The Board of Governors" came next, and in the light of recent innovations in the regime of the school, the remarks made in connection with this toast were noted with interest. Mr R. J. Gilmour, the proposer, after having complimented the old boys on the successful inauguration of the Association, said they should make the Association in some sort a forcing ground for the plants of affection for the school and of loyalty to the principle the school sought to teach—for those plants that make an institution strong. He thought the Association had a long and useful career before it. As to the Board of Governors, it was their work to make the doors of the institution as wide as possible, and to make the training given in the institution the best possible training. The training the institution sought to give was not the mere knowledge of the books that were used in the school, but training for the world outside, where every man spent the greater portion of his life. He referred to a discussion at present agitating the Home papers regarding the course of instruction given in the public schools there, where it was alleged that the course there did nothing to turn out Kitcheners, Roberts, Chamberlains and Milners. The course of instruction provided by the Board of Governors who had charge of the administration of the affairs of the institution should be such that the pupils would be enabled to carry with them in after life not only some degree of education, but also some degree of the moral principle which was after all the schoolmaster's best certificate.

Messrs C. S. Longuet and J. C. Thomson, M.H.R., responded to the toast. The former referred to the recent changes in regard to admitting pupils who had passed the sixth standard to the schools free, and said he did not think that the alteration would in any way lower the status of the schools. He would say that in considering the matter the Board had left the political side of the question out of the matter altogether, and so far the innovation was turning out satisfactorily. Mr Thomson unreservedly commended their action in throwing open the High School doors to the brighter primary school pupils, and regretted that on account of distance the schools were not more accessible to the residents of the Wakatipu district. The railway tickets which pass scholars over the Government lines were available for a distance of sixty miles only and the Wakatipu children being considerably over that distance away had to pay full fare to the radius. Before the High Schools Board had taken this step there was practically free education in the Gore District High School and he was looking forward to the time when there would be a similar institution in the Lake district. The speaker made slight reference to the political side of the question, mentioning that though the people were all taxed to a small extent on account of the arrangement, those who received the benefits of secondary education got back their quota of the taxation. He also glanced at the question of physical training, which he highly commended as an accessory to intellectual training, at the same time giving credit to the Education Board for assisting the High School Board with their gymnasium. Mr Thomson in addition spoke of the important part sentiment played in life, of the bonds of union it formed. Sentiment was at the root of education and in a democracy education was necessary to the people. He should like to see free education from the primary school to the university, and he hoped the benefits of secondary education would be felt not only in Invercargill but in this their adopted land. The remaining toasts on the list were "The Old Girls" and "Athletics," both of which were ably championed. The inspiring bumper evidently brought a

flow of words and loftiness of thought for several toasts were added to the programme. They were "The office-bearers of the Association," "Past Masters," "The Press," and "The Chairman." When these had been duly honoured the gathering, which had been of a most pleasing character, terminated.

During the evening the pleasure of the party was considerably enhanced by vocal items from Messrs E. R. Wilson, T. D. A. Moffett, J. L. McG. Watson, A. N. MacGibbon, J. H. Reed, A. F. Hawke, T. Watson, and J. T. Carswell, while Mr C. E. Borne contributed an enjoyable violin solo, and Mr J. C. Thomson a couple of stirring recitations.

The function was eminently encouraging and creditable to the association, and as an annual fixture it cannot fail to keep alive a healthy interest in the school and a feeling of "camaraderie" among the pupils which will doubtless eventuate in considerable benefit accruing to the school through the members of the Old Boys' Association.

A number of apologies for unavoidable absence were read to the assembly by the Chairman.

## Drill Notes.

With the influx of new boys there has been a corresponding increase of the number in the company and in the "awkward squad."

As the majority are not uniformed, no uniform parades have been held.

As usual a large number of the non-coms. left at the end of the year. The following is the new list of non-coms. :—

Sergeants: H. McKay, J. Mehaffey, N. Gilmour, R. Hay.

Corporals: A. B. Lindsay, D. Smith, B. H. Gilmour, R. Kennedy.

Lance-Corporals: C. Ive, M. Macalister, J. Murdoch, H. Mitchell.

It will be noticed that lance-corporals now appear for the first time, they, in conjunction with the corporals, taking charge of the squads.

The opportunity for shooting was much taken advantage of, and some very fair scores were put up. The following qualified for the Government prize money grant, their aggregate scores being appended :—

### CADETS.

Baird	...	120
Lindsay	...	119
McKay	...	104
Mehaffey	...	103
Mitchell	...	101
Hay	...	93
Henderson	...	80
Gilmour	...	75
Christophers V.	...	70

### RECRUITS.

Henaghan	...	134
Macalister	...	104
Mears	...	101
Spite	...	97
McChesney	...	93
Murdoch	...	92
Jennings	...	88
Lyttle	...	77
Huffadine	...	73
Ive	...	73
Earle	...	71

The marking at the butts was of an excellent character, considering the weight of the targets, paste as an article of active warfare,



and the strength of the target ropes. On several occasions these latter gave out, and it was noticeable on each occasion with what reckless bravery a certain marker exposed his body to the aim of the enemy in order to run up the red flag.

Arrangements have been made for rifle practice at short ranges in the Gymnasium during the winter months. By this means every one will have an opportunity of keeping his eye in for the summer competitions.

A great improvement will shortly be made in the appearance of the company by the introduction of leggings, the trousers supplied very often showing a fatal inability to grow with the growth of their owners.

### "Commentaria."

(Contributed).

The High Schools Magazine has been launched. The first number has appeared and been commented upon by critics and other wise persons. While these critics and fault finders have commented upon and pointed out the defect of the first issue, they do not offer any assistance, but follow the example of many, who—

"While they find fault, without any end,  
Never do anything at all to mend."

The object of these notes is not to point out the iniquities of the Magazine, but to assist, if possible, in giving a tinge of variety to the general tone of the matter contained therein. At present the Magazine is the production of an energetic few; not the production of a united whole. "Unity is strength." Once this fact is recognised by all interested in the schools' journalistic work, we may comfort ourselves with the fact that the Southland High Schools' Magazine will (as a means for keeping in touch with the school and its history those who, owing to the non-existence of such a periodical in the past, have hitherto been lost in oblivion) assume the position it ought. Correspondence on matters suitable for inclusion in the notes will be received and commented upon in future issues, and must be addressed to c/o Editor. Having made these preliminary remarks by way of introduction, we shall pass on to the "commentaria" proper.

In the correspondence column of the last Magazine we are confronted with the views of one "Vercingetorix." Amongst other things that writer is desirous to know why cricket is made compulsory and football optional. A glance at the history of football will relieve Vercingetorix of his trouble. According to students of classical antiquities, football was a game played by the Greeks and Romans, the former calling it "*espiskuros*," and the latter "*harpastum*." In 1365 an act was passed forbidding its being played in England. During the reign of Richard II (1388) a similar law was enacted, and again under the Scottish Kings, James I and II, it was "decreed and ordained

that the foote-ball be utterly cryed down and not used." James I and II passed similar statutes. James I. of England also opposed it in his "Basilikon Doron," writing thus:—"From this Court I debarr all rough and violent exercises, as the foote-ball; meeter for laming, than making able, the users thereof." Sir Thomas Eliot, who wrote in the time of Henry VIII., denounced the game as "nothing but beastly fury and extreme violence, whereof proceedeth hurte, and consequently rancour and malice do remain in them that be wounded, whereof it is to be put in perpetual sylence." Thus we see that football has from its inauguration been set down as a game of roughness, which carries along with it bad temper and bad language. The difference between cricket and football can be summed up in the words of an Eton poet:—

"There is a difference very great,  
Between football and cricket,  
In the one you hit the ball,  
In the other you kick it."

In other words, cricket is a game of science, football, though now also a game of science, is still called (by the prejudiced), and may degenerate into, a game of brute force. Therefore the reason is obvious why football should not be compulsory.

Latin is generally looked upon by one and all as anything but amusing. However, it has its amusing side, in what are known as "Macaronic" verses. Verses Macaronic consist chiefly of wit without wisdom, and humour without sense, and therein lies their amusement.

Here is one:—

Si quisquis furetur,  
This little libellum,  
Per Phoebum, per Jovem,  
I'll kill him! I'll fells him!  
In ventrum illius  
I'll stick my scalpellum  
And teach him to steal  
My little libellum.

Porson's lines on the threatened invasion of England by Napoleon begin:—

Ego nunquam audiui; such terrible news,  
As at this present tempus my sensus confuse,  
I'm drawn for a miles, I must go cum morte  
And concinnus esse, eugage Buonaparte.

Lastly, there is the more familiar schoolboy Macaronic:—

Patres conscripti, took a boat and went to Phillipi,  
Boatum overturnebat, et omnes drownerunt,  
Qui swimere, non poterunt.



## Gymnastics.

This branch of athletics now receives a large amount of attention in our school. The new gymnasium, which is large and well arranged, as our illustration shows, has been fitted out with the latest apparatus and is said to be second to none in the colonies.

Last year we learned some of the elementary exercises and movements in the Zealandia Hall, and this year we have continued the course, and have now had some good practice on the rings, the trapeze, the ropes, poles, backboards, ladders, horizontal bar, parallel bars and horse.

This year Mr Hanna is devoting special attention to the physical development of the footballers, by taking them for 25 minutes in the gymnasium at dinner-time on Tuesdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to about 12 o'clock. They, as well as the school in general, desire to thank Mr Hanna for the great trouble he has taken in their training.

When the gymnasium was completed an opening night was held. Parents and friends were invited and were treated to an exhibition of the various exercises we had learnt. The girls lent variety to the entertainment, their display of marching being very fine. Both Mr and Miss Hanna contributed to the programme and opened our eyes to the possibilities of our future development.

Our school was represented by a strong squad of budding gymnasts at the Grand Display in the Zealandia Hall, where all the primary schools had teams performing.

At the Technical Schools' display in Ashley's Hall we also had a squad, whose performance was much appreciated by those present.

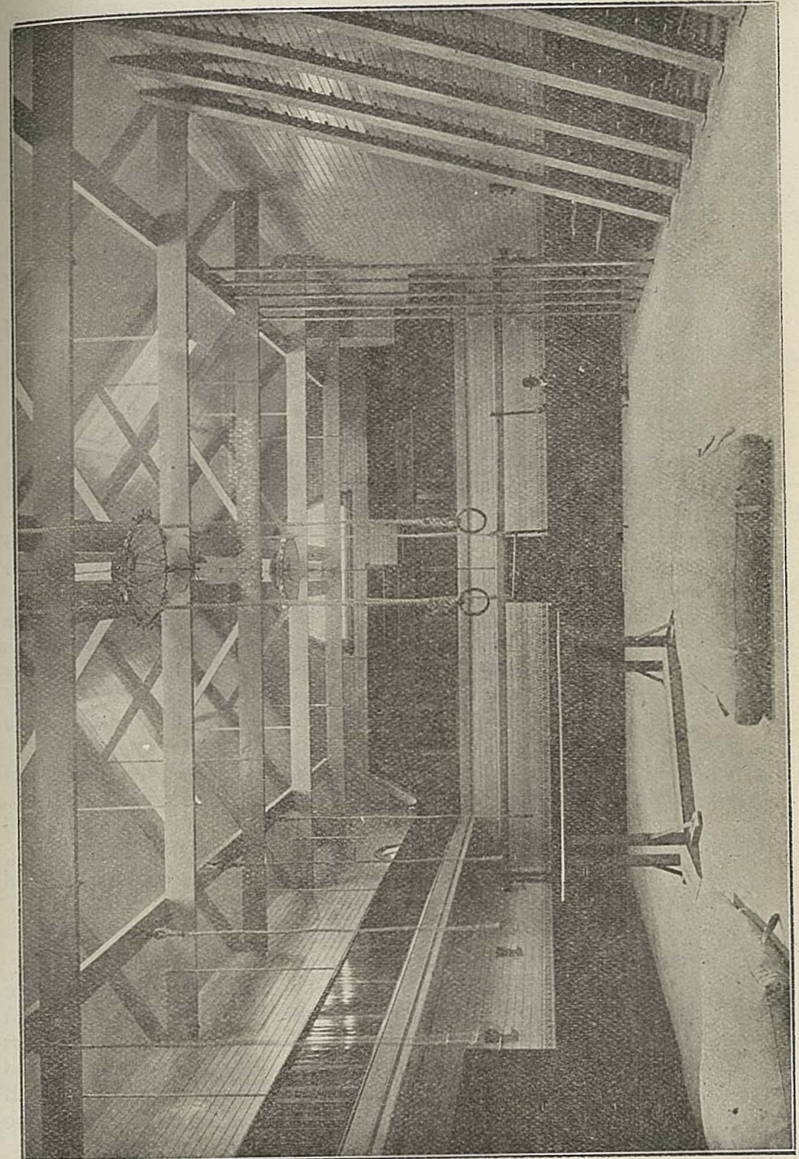
## Athletics.

### CRICKET.

This season's cricket cannot be marked in the records of the school with a "*cressa nota*." The reason for our non-success is not at first apparent, because it is not so much due to one outstanding fault as to a concatenation of smaller ones. Cricket in Southland has never been in a prosperous condition, partly because we have had no ideal set before us, and partly because there are no good pitches. Our cricket ground constitutes also our football field, and where that state of affairs exists one can never attain to any high standard of excellence. We have also been at a disadvantage in having to play on asphalt pitches after our turf practices.

Owing to the wet weather subsequent to the football season, the opening was delayed till late in the term.

At the usual meeting in the Long Room the following committee was elected:—J. Mehaffey (captain), A. Delargey, H. McKay, V. Christophers, A. B. Lindsay (hon. sec.).



Southland High Schools' Gymnasium.



Only two teams besides our own having entered for the Junior competition, two days' matches were arranged; three matches have been played, in all of which the school team has been defeated.

The first match was against the Appleby, and resulted in a win for them by 23 runs. Batting first, they compiled 96, the school replying with 105; in their second attempt the Appleby closed with 65 for 6 wickets, the school managing to get only 33 in their second innings. For the school Mr McKay scored 46 and 12, Taylor 11. Baird took 3 for 29, Lindsay 3 for 29, Delargey 2 for 26.

This was the only match played before the end of the term, and the scoring book having been lost in some unaccountable way, we are unable to give the full scores.

The second match played was against the Waikiwi and was lost by an innings and 79 runs. The school scored 21 and 31, no player reaching double figures. Waikiwi 131. Mr McKay bowled well taking 7 for 47.

The third match was against the Appleby and resulted in a win for them on the 1st innings by 7 runs. The school batting first compiled 67, Lindsay 30 not out, Mehaffey 12. Appleby replied with 74. Rowley and Lindsay bowled well for the school.

The small scores in the second match may be attributed to the fact that at least half of last year's team had left, amongst them being the best bowlers—Baird and Delargey.

It is to be hoped that the visit of the English cricketers has awakened the dormant talent in the school as well as elsewhere. There are some of the chaps who take no part in practices at school, but at their own homes take great delight in "slogging" their younger brother's bowling to the boundaries. We should like to see them pay their subs. and roll up to practices.

With the influx to the school, there is no corresponding rise in the number of subs. This shows either a lack of spirit or a lack of cash in the new boys, most likely the former since the amount asked is very small.

C. Ives, one of our most promising bats, while playing for Wyndham school against the Central was top scorer with 17.

#### SPORTS.

In the last number of our magazine one of our contributors remarked that the school was "livening up," and gave several reasons for that statement. We find a further indication of this fact in the renewal of the annual sports, which some years ago were held regularly, but fell through owing to lack of enthusiasm. But now that we have brought these sports into existence again we depend on the boys, and on our friends outside the school to support them.

After some preliminary talk the following committee was elected to carry the sports through:—Mehaffey, Lindsay, Taylor, Delargey



(treasurer), V. Christophers and McKay (joint secs.) for the school events, and B. Bastian, D. Cuthbertson, R. G. Christophers, C. Whitaker for outside races. It was then determined to hold the sports on Tuesday, 25th of November.

As soon as the date was fixed, the committee began collecting prizes and subscriptions from the numerous friends of the school. Amongst these friends we have to thank the following for prizes:—The President of the Old Boys' Association (Mr W. Macalister), the Rector, Rev. W. White, and Messrs L. Broad, E. Russell, F. W. Matheson, R. B. McKay, N. Rein; for subscriptions: 'The Invercargill Football Club, Invercargill Rowing Club (collected by B. Bastian), Messrs A. Christophers, J. Hay, Wesley Bros., R. J. Gilmour, W. Lewis, J. T. Carswell, A. H. Macdonald, A. M. Macdonald, T. D. Moffett, Broad, Small and Co., F. Hull, Chas. Todd, D. Cuthbertson, J. L. McG. Watson, A. F. Hawke, Sir Joseph Ward, R. A. Anderson, W. Henderson, Jno. Batger, F. D. Morrah, W. E. Tait, H. Carswell, W. D. Hunt, W. H. Hazlett, Jno. Feldwick, J. B. Watson, L. G. Roope, McGruer, Taylor and Co., C. R. Edmunds, P. L. Gilkison, G. G. Burnes, J. Stronach, M. Carr, Dr Young, and the High School Board. The last twenty-one subscriptions were collected by Mr A. F. Hawke, to whom the school tender their heartiest thanks.

About six weeks before the sports were to come off nearly all the school began to prepare, and on several evenings in the week regular training was done in the Park.

When the 25th arrived our hopes for a fine day were sorely disappointed, for a drizzling rain set in early in the morning, and increased to a steady downpour later on. It was useless to think of holding sports on such a day, and so, though very unwillingly, we postponed them till next day. Wednesday's weather did not turn out much better, but as we could not put off any longer, we decided to brave the storm and carry out the programme. We were afterwards very glad that we had come to this decision, for the weather cleared somewhat, and in the afternoon the only things we could complain of were the rather strong wind that was blowing, and the general muddiness of the grounds. But in spite of these disadvantages a very fair number of spectators came to see our sports and, no doubt, went away quite satisfied with the way in which they had spent their half-holiday. Afternoon tea was provided for friends, and, to judge from the amount of cake and other good things that disappeared, was much appreciated. We take this opportunity of thanking the following ladies for supplying us with cakes, etc., viz: Mesdames Fowler, Mehaffey, Lindsay, McKay, Collins, Rowley, Henderson, Gilmour, Christophers, Wyinks, Wallis, Carswell, Greenwood, Galt, Mitchell, and Hay. We also desire to thank Mr Stewart for looking after the boiler and fire, and Mrs Stewart for attending to the tea; also those High School girls who so kindly consented to wait at the tables, and who, no doubt, formed quite as great attraction as the good things they were handing round.

We must also thank those gentlemen who came out on that cold wet day to act in various capacities of judges, timekeeper, starter, etc.; and those who gave their spare time before the races to handicapping the outside events. Others whom we must thank are the Caledonian Sports Committee for lending us their hurdles, etc., the Corporation and Central School for the use of flags, and the Military Sports Committee for barrels for the obstacle race.

The programme was commenced at 2 p.m. and was over by 5.30 p.m. The several events were:—

1½ MILE (over 15).—After a hot race Mehaffey came in first; McKay obtained second place, and Baird third. Time—2 mins. 16½ secs.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15).

1st round: McChesney, H. Christophers, Murdoch (1st).

B. H. Gilmour, H. Macalister, A. Gilmour (2nd).

Semi-final: McChesney, Murdoch (1st).

H. Christophers, Macalister (2nd).

Final: McChesney, 1; Murdoch, 2. A well contested race.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Henaghan, 1; Lindsay, 2. Distance, 88 yards. This was rather a surprise, for Henaghan, who threw furthest, had the biggest handicap.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (over 15).

1st round: L. Mitchell, Traill, Rowley, Acheson, Hay (1st).

Martin, H. Mitchell, Henaghan (2).

Final: Acheson, 1; H. Mitchell, 2. A close finish resulted from a good race.

THREE-LEGGED RACE (handicap).

Stewart and Lewis, 1; Craig and Spite, 2. After an exciting race, the little fellows came in a good first.

100 YARDS SCRATCH.

1st round: Hay, Christophers, 1st.

McKay, B. H. Gilmour, 2nd.

Final: Hay 1, Christophers 2, B. Gilmour 3.

Hay came down the track at a very hot pace an easy first, Christophers and Gilmour having a hard tussle for second place. Time, 11 seconds.

HIGH JUMP.

The state of the ground militated against good jumping. Several tied for first place, and it was decided to jump over again in suitable weather. Rowley 1, Christophers 2.

RELAY RACE.

Form IV: (Mehaffey, Gilmour, Henaghan, McKay), 1.

Form III (B): (Traill, Taylor, Rowley, Delargey) 2. A good race.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (Old Boys).

1st heat: F. Ball 1, J. Christophers 2.

2nd heat: C. R. Howorth 1, R. J. McKay 2.

Final: Howorth 1, Ball 2, McKay 3. Time, 11 seconds.

220 YARDS HANDICAP.

1st heat: H. Mitchel 1, Mears 2, Mehaffey 3.

2nd heat: Hay 1, Brewster 2, Baird 3.

Final: Mehaffey 1, Acheson 2. Time, 26 seconds. A well-contested race.

ONE MILE BICYCLE RACE: Old Boys.

F. Ball 1, D. Cuthbertson 2, C. St. Paul 3.



## 120 YARDS HURDLES HANDICAP.

1st heat: Christophers 1, McKay 2.

2nd heat: Hay 1, L. Mitchel 2.

3rd heat: G. Mitchell 1, Delargey 2. In the second heat Henaghan fell at the second hurdle.

Final: McKay 1, Delargey 2, Hay 3.

Christophers fell at the second hurdle. Won easily.

## OBSTACLE RACE.

Lewis 1, A. Gilmour 2, Smith 3. A. Gilmour passed the obstacles first, but owing to a misunderstanding came in only second.

## LONG JUMP.

H. Mitchel 1, L. Mitchell 2. Distance 16½ft.

## HALF MILE HANDICAP (Old Boys).

J. A. Christophers 1, R. G. Christophers 2. Time, 2 min. 21 sec. A very good race and close finish.

## 220 YARDS HANDICAP, BANKS' RACE.

L. Broad 1, C. R. Howorth 2.

## 440 YARDS SCRATCH.

Baird 1, V. Christophers 2. Time, 64 secs. A splendid race, resulting in a win for Baird by a foot.

## HALF MILE HANDICAP (under 15).

Murdoch 1, M. Macalister 2.

## ONE MILE SCRATCH.

G. Mitchell 1, Mehaffey 2. Won easily.

## SWIMMING.

The sports in connection with the swimming lessons we have been given this year by Messrs Hilgendorf and McKay, were held in the Baths on Wednesday, 22nd April. A large number attended in response to our invitation to all friends; and, judging by appearances, were not disappointed. It was favourably commented on that our instructors had been making the lessons practical by teaching resuscitation and rescue work, thus preparing us at any time to render assistance to a drowning person.

Messrs A. F. Hawke and J. L. Watson (members of the Board of Governors) were judges, assisted by Mr Crosby-Smith; and the Rector, with Messrs Hilgendorf and McKay, got the events off promptly.

Following were the results:—

PLATE DIVING: Shallow water—McChesney (4), White (3); deep water—Henderson and Morris (6 each), Mehaffey (3). The first two dived again, but both secured the same result.

40 YARDS (under 16)—Earle (8 secs), 1; Kennedy (scr.), 2; Overton (6 secs), 3. Won on the touch.

NEAT DIVE—McKay, 1; Hay, 2; Mehaffey, 3. A good competition and some graceful headers.

LONG PLUNGE—Morris (8ft. 6in.) 42ft. 6in., 1; McKay (scr.) 42ft. A good plunge by McKay, though Morris's was much neater.

40 YARDS RACE—Mehaffey (8 secs), 1; Mears (15 secs), 2; McKay (scr.), 3. Another good performance by McKay, Mehaffey also swimming well.

EGG AND SPOON RACE—MacGibbon (10 secs), 1; McKay (scr.), 2; Smith (10 secs), 3. An amusing event; won in good style.

BEGINNERS' RACE (once across the baths)—Lewis, 1; Gardiner, 2; McChesney, 3. A good row of lads started, and all got across in fair time.

RELAY RACE—North (5 secs) v. South, was a capital item, the last men, Hay and McKay, making a dead heat of it in a splendid finish.

20 YARDS BACK RACE—Kennedy, 1; Lindsay, 2. A fair race, won by a yard.

SCHOOL CHAMPION—H. McKay, who takes Mr W. Macalister's medal.

An exhibition of life-saving followed, in which eight took part. In the first scene four of the boys represented drowning people, who had enough sense left to assist the rescuer, and there was no difficulty in being supported to shore. In the second the drowning ones struggled, and endeavoured to impede the rescue. For the final there were four unconscious boys to be pulled out and resuscitated, and this was accomplished safely. A game of water polo closed the programme, and Mr Hawke thanked the company for their attendance and the appreciation they had shown.

## Latin Poetry.

(BY MUGGINS MINOR.)

Poetry, I reckon, is useless; Latin poetry especially is dangerous, and ought to be abolished.

There ain't really any Latin poets. I'm no class at the classics, and can't make head or tail of Virgil, or Ovid, or any of those chaps, but Muggins-major—he's an orful clever chap, and can recite the whole of the Eneid backwards (at least he says it's backwards, but for all I can tell it might as well be forwards). Jones primus used to read miles and miles of the stuff they call poetry to me, and it ain't a bit like proper poetry. Instead of making the lines rhyme, as they ought to, they have some arrangement about "quantity" and "feet," whatever they may be, so that the lines don't run smooth, and you can't tell whether its prose or verse till you see that the one edge of the print is straight and the other jagged like the coast of Norway. Besides that, they don't put a capital letter at the beginning of every line, as all real poets do, but just start off with an ordinary letter. Jones primus says they have heaps and heaps of rules to follow, and that there's a tremendous lot of science in writing Latin verses, but I can't see where it all comes in. I know he has heaps of books about pentameters, and dactills, and apposighopieces, leastways, those are the words as near as I can remember them—and hundreds of other jawbreakers that I won't have to learn till I get into Form IV, which you may be sure I'm in no hurry to do, but I'm wandering off the track, and Jones primus says I'm making an Anna Colluthon. I wonder if she's any relation of the Polly Sindetons he's always finding in these precious books of his. Well, Jones primus says that these things all come in



Latin poetry, but I don't see how they can. I told him straight that I'd far sooner hear half a dozen lines of "The boy stood on the burning deck," or "Under a spreading chestnut tree," or stuff like that, than a whole book of his "Arma virumque cano," and so forth, and that I reckoned Kipling could give Horace a start of three laps in the mile and beat him by a good hundred yards. "Man alive," says Jones primus, and I could see his mane bristling like a dog when he smells a cat. "Man alive," he says, "how dare you question the right of such transcendent geniuses as the great Latin poets to occupy the position that literary criticism has unanimously conferred on them—the highest slopes of Parnassus? "That's just what I said," says I, "they're all asses, every man Jack of them." "Bah!" says he, nearly bursting with disgust, "you are utterly destitute of the faculty of literary appreciation—incapable of perceiving the beauties of the classical cadence—in short, an unsophisticated barbarian and an unmitigated fillistine." "Would you say that again, please," says I, and then he came to himself again, and laughed, and then I got him to write it down and learnt it off by heart—the last part at any rate—and fired it off at young Wiggins when he got detention yesterday for his Latin exercise. I suppose it means something dreadful, but I haven't got a dictionary handy, so I can't be quite certain. That's all I know of Latin poetry.

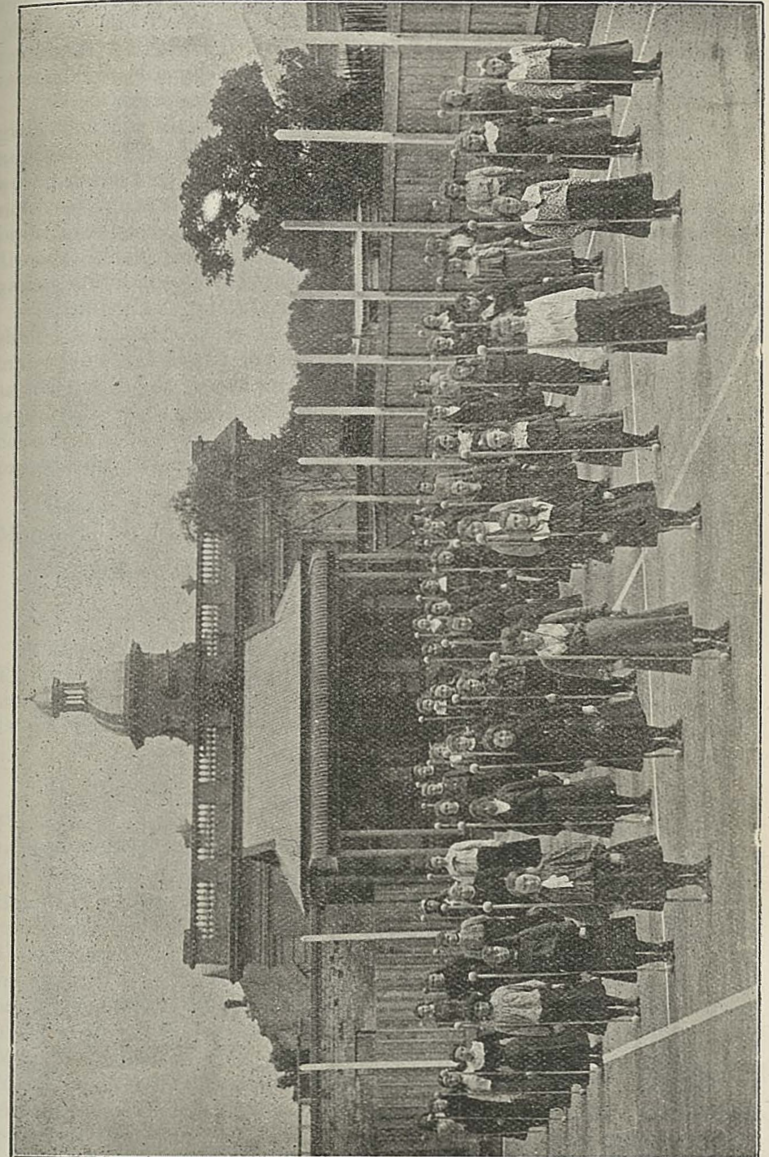
P.S.—Alone I done it.—Q.E.F.

### Girls' School.

The large number of new pupils this year has quite changed the character of the school. Instead of all the girls being quite intimate with each other and being almost like a large family, as in former years, they find that it has taken the whole of this term to become acquainted with only the appearance of many of their new companions. The increased number has not made their High School life less enjoyable, however, for among so many there is always a larger proportion of cheerful girls, of funny girls, of good girls and of mischievous girls to make the spare time bright and entertaining for their companions. The older girls also feel that they have a greater responsibility in setting an example to so many, and they take a pride in initiating them into High School ways and manners, the practice of which, the old girls are sure, will be greatly to their benefit.

### TENNIS.

Last term it was impossible, owing to the inclement weather, for the girls to have their ordinary amount of practice in tennis, but a tournament was played off at the end of the year, in which a considerable amount of skill was shown, and the exhibition would have been better had not some of the best players been absent at examinations. D. Royds distinguished herself in beating H. Jamieson, last year's



Girls at Drill.



champion, a favourite player, and the final game between J. Mackay and D. Royds showed these two players to be very evenly matched. J. Mackay finally proved her superiority, and thus became the school's champion for 1902.

This year a great deal of time has been spent in teaching the new girls, but one court is hardly sufficient to keep so many of them amused. The Committee have been doing their best to persuade the new girls to play, persuasion being sometimes necessary since tennis is not very interesting or enjoyable until one can manage to put a few balls into the right courts. Those new girls who have persevered are already being rewarded for their pains with enjoyable and exciting games, and many of them show signs of becoming splendid players.

Tennis is as yet the only game taken up by the girls, but this should not be so. A large number spend the lunch hour at school, and many have to wait there after hours for their trains. For these some additional games would be a great advantage, and are going to be introduced. Girls are not too old to play when they come to the High School, and a lively game would be much more to their benefit than promenading the school grounds arm-in-arm.

GAMES COMMITTEE.—A. McGruer, J. Mackay, V. Mitchell, M. Meredith, M. Palmer, B. Pilcher, H. Stewart.

SECRETARY—M. Hawke. TREASURER—H. Jamieson.

#### LIBRARY.

A number of new books have been added to the library this year. The new girls do not seem to have yet realised the value of this institution, from which they could obtain much benefit. The subscription is 1s per annum. Librarians—V. Mitchell, V. Jamieson.

#### DRILL.

The girls' drill was inspected at the end of last year by Major Hawkins. We were fortunate in having a beautiful bright day to tempt our elders to come out. The girls performed very satisfactorily, and from the fact that they were kept marching for rather a long time the judges seemed to have a hard task in electing the girl who carried herself most gracefully. Dumbell and barbell exercises were also executed, the inferior performers being gradually removed from the ranks until only half a dozen were left. There was much excitement among the others as to who would win the prizes, each girl having decided upon her favourites. The following were chosen by the judges: Miss M. Millar first for all round work, Miss H. Jamieson second. Miss B. Pilcher first for barbells, Miss M. Carr first for dumbbells. Afternoon tea was afterwards handed round to the parents and friends who had witnessed the performance, and was also thoroughly enjoyed by the girls after their exertions. In announcing the result Major Hawkins complimented the girls on the display of physical drill which



he had witnessed that day, and expressed a hope that all would take advantage of the opportunities that were afforded them of acquiring physical strength and gracefulness. The Chairman and Board of Governors then proposed a vote of thanks to the judges for the pains they had so kindly taken, which was carried by acclamation on the part of the girls.

At the opening of the gymnasium the girls contributed three drill items, one of marching, another barbells, and a third dumbbells. They are now eagerly looking forward to their gymnastic lessons, after their training in which they hope to be able to entertain their friends with exhibitions much superior to those they have made before.

**LAST YEAR'S EXAMINATIONS.**—The following are the names of those who matriculated in 1902 :—R. Lynn, H. Stewart, F. August, M. Salmond, D. Hamilton, M. Craig, O. Turner, M. Donnan.

**JUNIOR CIVIL SERVICE.**—N. Hay, D. Hamilton, F. August.

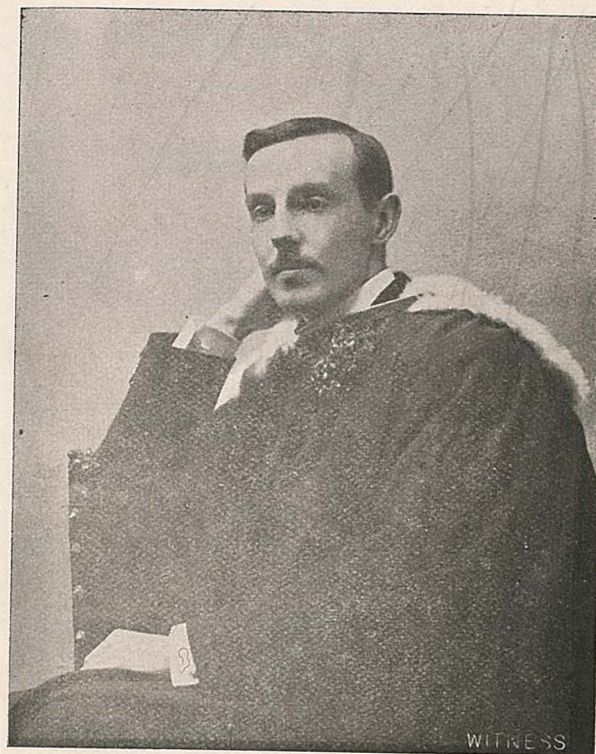
It is worthy of note that six of the girls who matriculated had been at the school not more than two years.

### Old Girls' Association.

On 11th March several of the members of the High School Old Girls' Association went for a Cycling Picnic to the New River.

The day was fine but rather windy, so on arriving at their destination all felt ready for refreshments, and one and all set to work to light a fire and boil the billy, etc., and had an enjoyable picnic tea.

After this some strolled along the River and watched the sun setting behind the hills, while the others busied themselves repacking their baskets and, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed the little outing, all started for home again and had a pleasant ride in the gloaming.



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