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It was with a feeling almost of sadness that we went back to school once again. The last term of the year had passed—a term full of work and expectation.

Retrospective and Prospective.

For some there were visions of holidays and a glorious time, and some of us were leaving school, glad to sever our connection, not thinking that the time might come when we would yearn for the days that we spent here, but being carried away with the joy that comes from change. The holidays have quickly passed, and Time finds us once again at the old school with another year before us. May it be a happier and a brighter one for all of us. May our visions of to-day become true, and may those resolutions which each and all of us make, see their fulfilment as the days go by, so that when another year shall have rolled round we all, those who are beginning and those for whom this year may be the last at school, may look back upon the year that will have passed with satisfaction and with pleasure.

SLIGHTLY more old boys have returned this year than is usually the case. It seems a pity that there must be a constant inrush of boys to stay

perhaps two years, and then leave just when **Longer Life.** they are beginning to be at home at school, and when another year or more might mean worlds to them. This constant flow has its effect upon the school. It gives everything instability ; it upsets the most carefully laid plans. One

year the school may have a splendid cricket eleven, and the next, with all the old players left, the game may be in a state of stagnation ; and, more than this, it tends to lessen that which all schools are striving to create—*esprit de corps*. Nothing is more injurious to this than a large proportion of new boys to old ones ; for boys come fresh from their old school, and no sooner are they imbued with the spirit of the school than they vanish from our midst. Our plea is for a longer High School life. It will be good for the school, and the boys themselves will not have to complain of the results.

One word to the newcomers amongst us. Do not think you have come to school only to learn lessons ; you have also come to train your body, and you do that by taking full part in the school games. What is the good of a head crammed full of knowledge poised on a sickly body ? The trite *mens sana in corpore sano* will bear repetition here. So enter into the school life out of doors with as much zest as indoors, and show you appreciate the privileges of citizenship in our community.

A FEATURE of this year's games has been the success of the school in every direction. The closing cricket season has been one of the most

School Sport. successful that the school has had for many a year, not a single match having been lost by the first eleven. This is certainly a result to be

proud of, and shows what can come of systematic practice when given a good pitch and proper material. Mr McGrath, especially, is to be congratulated. With nothing to work upon but raw material, he brought to light talent, and under his coaching the team has secured this praiseworthy success.

Junior cricket has been almost as fortunate. However, the number of matches won is no test of the capabilities of junior cricketers. Boys to be allowed to play for the school premiership must be under a certain age. Hence several good cricketers are debarred from playing who, but for this age restriction, would enable the High School teams to carry all before them. Others again had in the beginning of the season attended other schools, and had, consequently, then played against the High School. Such, also, were not allowed to play in the High School teams. Altogether a very good season has just been brought to a close.

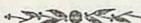
We begin the year 1905 with several innovations in our school life. The first to strike an outsider is the new cap. This was designed by a committee of the senior boys last November.

Innovations. The stripes have disappeared, leaving a dark blue 'Varsity cap, distinguished by the silver monogram of the school. That the innovation is a pronounced success

the almost universal adoption of it and the favourable comments upon the cap's appearance easily prove.

Another innovation is the abolition of subscriptions to particular games, and the introduction of a general levy, payable each term, to cover all school institutions. This assures a fixed source of revenue, and removes the odious dunning for subscriptions. It also ensures a full sale of the Magazine, although we have had nothing to complain of in this respect in the past.

A third innovation is the establishment of a Physical Register, in which to record the physical measurements of the pupils. It is the intention of the Headmaster to issue a physical report towards the close of the school year, showing the growth in chest, biceps, etc. It will be interesting to see what effect our systematic course of gymnastics will have upon our statures.



School News.

The year 1905 dates the introduction of prefects into the High School. Previously we got on very well without these officers, but now that the School is practically open to all it has been found necessary to appoint some guardians of the school honour. Three Prefects—Kennedy, Gilmour, and Murdoch—were therefore appointed early in the term, and already they have been forced to take strict measures against some offenders.

The Bible Class has commenced as usual under the supervision of Mr McKinnon. The subject for this year is "The Miracles of Christ." We had some difficulty in deciding upon a suitable day for the meeting, and for some weeks it was held irregularly. Now, however, Thursday afternoon has been chosen, and seems to suit the majority, though even that time is not quite satisfactory. The attendance this year is larger than last, the juniors being more strongly represented. Some of the seniors, however, do not seem to be very keen on the class. We bring this before their notice that they may bestir themselves, remembering that the new scholars naturally look to them as examples, and follow their lead.

In the third term of last year two prizes were offered, one to the seniors and one to the juniors for the best essays on "The Importance to the Empire of the Maintenance of the Navy in a state of Readiness and Efficiency." The junior prize was won by Simon, the senior by Murdoch. The prizes, two handsome books, were presented by W. D. Hunt, Esq. It is announced that two similar prizes will be again offered this year.

It has been suggested that it would be interesting to reproduce the photographs of Mr Blanchflower and Mr Highton, former Rectors. If anyone possesses a photograph of either of these gentlemen will

he please secure a loan of such for the Editor of the Magazine? The management have in view plans for the improvement of the School paper—some mention of which is made in another column—and solicit the cordial co-operation of every boy. In the meantime designs are invited for a new cover, and we wish this matter to be taken up in a loyal manner.

We received another visit from the Rev. Mr Spencer, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society towards the end of last year. He gave an interesting and instructive address on the progress of Christianity in Africa.

The School was somewhat excited one morning this year when it was announced to the boys that a photographer awaited them outside. No wonder the photos of the boys were good? They escaped half-an-hour's lessons! The boys were taken in two groups, the upper school and the lower school.

Just before dispersing for the Easter holidays the whole School assembled on the Fives Court for the distribution of the prizes won at the swimming tournament. The Rector before presenting the medals referred to the fact that the sports this year were a great improvement on those of last year, and expressed a hope that those of next year would be still better.

The School roll (134) is not very different from that of last year, and the same arrangement of classes remains in force. The School curriculum has been somewhat extended by the introduction of the subjects of magnetism and electricity.

We lost at end of the last term several fellows who will be greatly missed. MacGibbon, who was one of the most enthusiastic and hardworking sports in the School, has gone to Dunedin as apprentice to a well-known chemist. McChesney, the champion barracker for the School, a fine hearty fellow, has not gone far afield, having secured an appointment in the Education Office. Frank Miller and 'Slocum' Robertson have gone into commercial life, although Robertson ultimately intends to enter the Railway Department. L. Wild has been appointed pupil teacher in the South School. McLeod, who has settled down to farm life, and Morris will be missed in the football scrums. We are sorry that Christophers, another zealous sport and an all-round sterling fellow did not return. We wish one and all good success, and trust that they will cherish as friendly feelings toward the School as the School does in regard to them.

December Examinations.

N.Z. UNIVERSITY JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.—Passed with credit: A. M. Palmer, R. Kennedy. Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge: C. Taylor, K. Fraser, F. Miller, M. Alexander, L. Wild, T. Wylie, W. King, M. Mitchel, G. McChesney, A. Spite.

Matriculation: H. Christophers.

Junior Civil Service: A. M. Palmer, F. Miller, W. King, J. Speirs, A. Dawson, L. Robertson, M. Leith, J. Marshall. Continuation only: N. Cowie, G. Cochrane, A. Jones, H. Mair, G. Morris, L. McCartney.

Southland Senior Scholarship: K. Fraser, M. Alexander.

Teachers' Examinations—Partial D: H. Stewart.

We were pleased to notice that our late Science Master, F. W. Hilgendorf, M.A., B.Sc., was recommended for the degree of Doctor of Science, also that Mr J. G. McKay, who left the school last year to attend the University, was successful in obtaining the first section of the B.A. degree. We congratulate them most heartily.

On Dit.

That initiatory rites have again been started in a less offensive form.

That prefects ought to have a separate room for dealing with offenders.

That a prefect's cane would be a useful article.

That the "water" cure had to be administered to a refractory recruit.

That the same was found very effective.

That the sooner the girls get a school of their own the better.

That the sooner uniform parades are abolished the better.

That rifles for the second company will be a good thing.

That uniforms would be a better thing.

That it needs a Hercules to carry up the cricket mat.

Examination Curiosities.

"The Roman army was divided in legions, cohorts, *mandibles*, and centurys."

"Mohammed during his stay in Mecca received many *convicts*."

"The man who wrote this was mixed up."

"Thou was dropped by the Quakers because people began always to know a Quaker by his speech, and they could get an idea of the number of Quakers there lived in the world."

"*Quas tamen difficultates patienter et aequo animo ferebant*—At last these difficulties were borne patiently by the living horses."

"*Cæsar Treviris in Gallia vicit* . . . —(1) Cæsar after he had conquered the three men in Gaul; (2) Cæsar having conquered the Triumvirs."

"*Lex lata est*—The law was joyful."

"*Nullo que hoste ibi invento*—And there having been beaten by no found enemy."

J'entendais comme un bruit de canon qui tonne—I heard the roar of a canon.

L'autre faisait les honneurs du logis—The other gained the honours of logic.

The masculine correlative of "jennyass" is "genias" (genius?)

Lustrum—a period of putrefaction (purification) lasting five years.

Q. Why did Brutus bootless kneel? A. Because he had no boots on.

"Howlers" from U.C.C.

"*Missus Hannibal in Hispaniam omnem enercitum in se convertit*"—Hannibal's wife in Spain turned all the army into itself.

"*Omnis Gallia in tres partes divisa est*"—the whole is Gaul is quartered into three halves.

"*Leges Romanorum severae erant*"—the legs of Romans were severed.

"*Mulieres aliae alia clamant*"—women cry out for birds' wings.

Calcutta was noted for coal because of the black hole.

Gender is the destruction of sex.

Femine of hero is shero, of beau, finance (fiancee).

The Pope executed King John for governing England badly, but when John promised to give up England, he let him off with a fine

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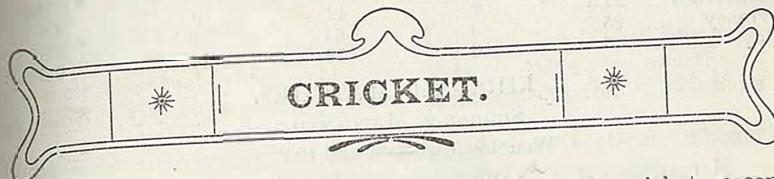
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The prospects did not appear bright when the cricket season opened. In the matches before the fixtures the batting of the school players was very poor. Slogging and blind hitting were the only means used in getting runs, but one could hardly blame the boys, as the bumpy pitch made careful batting dangerous.

Then those in authority decided to have asphalt pitches laid, hoping by the help of truer wickets to benefit the players. The successes gained by all the teams and especially the improvement in every player's batting are the results of this progressive act, and the fact that the players have practised very keenly and perseveringly deserves to be specially mentioned.

To show the degree of improvement in the school cricket, it may be mentioned that a team from the whole junior school was defeated by a public school by 90 runs in one innings. Later on in the season two teams were chosen from the same class, and such was the progress made in play that one of the teams defeated the school by 20 runs.

Among the seniors some fine batting was shown. Guy, Weeney, Marsh, Alexander, Millard, and Miller being the outstanding players.

We were unfortunate in losing during the middle of the season an exceptionally fine bowler in MacGibbon. Otherwise the team was unaffected throughout the season.

Every match played was won, yet during the Christmas holidays, matches which could not be played were fixed. It was impossible to play these later, and the premiership goes to Waikiwi, a club which the school has beaten. It will be seen that, although the school has not been awarded the premiership, it was in a fair way to gain it but for the defaulting of matches during the holidays.

Results of Cup matches :—

| Matches Played. | Won. | Lost. | Drawn. |
|-----------------|------|-------|--------|
| 7. | 7. | 0. | 0. |

We give the best averages of the first XI in the five matches :—

BATTING.

| Name. | No. of innings. | No. of runs. | Times not out. | Highest score. | Average |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Marsh | 5 | 63 | 1 | 23 | 15.75 |
| Alexander | 5 | 44 | 1 | 25* | 11 |
| Guy | 7 | 60 | 1 | 17 | 10 |
| Millard | 4 | 33 | 0 | 30 | 8.25 |

*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

| Name. | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Average. |
|---------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| MacGibbon ... | 24.5 | 8 | 42 | 9 | 4.6 |
| Wesney ... | 25 | 3 | 54 | 9 | 6 |
| Guy ... | 45 | 6 | 89 | 14 | 6.3 |

FIRST XI. MATCHES.

SCHOOL v. MERCANTILE.

Won by 5 wickets and 10 runs.

Mercantile made 43 runs against the bowling of MacGibbon, who took 6 wickets for 21. The school responded with 53 for 5 wickets, thus winning by 5 wickets and 10 runs. For the school Wesney made 15 and Guy 12 not out.

SCHOOL v. UNION C.C.

Won by 24 runs.

Union made 52 runs and the School 76. For the School Marsh 18, Millar 15, Alexander 10, were the best scorers. MacGibbon 3 for 21 made the best bowling average.

SCHOOL v. STAR JUNIORS.

Won by 59 runs.

The School batting first made 87 runs for 8 wickets. Marsh 23, and Wesney 15 made the highest scores. Star could make only 28. Five players of the Star team were run out, the School fielding being very good.

SCHOOL v. UNION C.C.

Won by 65 runs.

Union batting first made 27 against the bowling of Guy (6 wickets for 13). The school responded with 92, McChesney 15, Christophers 10.

SCHOOL v. STAR JUNIORS.

Won by 61 runs.

Star made 31 runs. Wesney took 4 wickets for 10 runs, Guy 5 for 12. School make 91 runs of which Millard made 30, Alexander 25 (not out), Strang 12.

SCHOOL v. NORTHEND.

This match was not played out. Northend going in first made 108 runs. The School had made 80 runs when time was up, having six wickets to fall. Accordingly Northend had to play out the match afterwards, but they decided to forfeit it to the School.

SCHOOL v. WAIKIWI.

School batting first made 81 runs. Waikiwi on going to the wickets made 64 for 9 wickets when stumps were drawn. This match was not played out, the Waikiwi intimating that they gave the victory to us.

SENIORS.

1. Guy. A fine aggressive bat, slow bowler, breaks from both sides, good in the in-field.
2. Wesney. A punishing bat, strong on the off, bowls with fair pace, a clever wicket-keeper—gets the ball to the bails very smartly.
3. Marsh. Plays a good straight bat. Has come up from the juniors this season. Good field and fair bowler.
4. Millard. Left hander. Promoted from juniors this term. Should make a trundler for next season and extra wicket-keeper.
5. MacGibbon. Very fast bowler—in the first round took nearly all the wickets for the school.
6. Alexander. Careful bat and straight. Clever on the off and has a leg style of his own. Fine long field—has made some sensational catches. Bowls a jerky lob.
7. Wild. The stonewaller of the team, did very good work in taking the sting out of the bowling.
8. McChesney "Bonnor." Lost ball, or made 21 from two overs in a close match. The best field in the team.
9. Millar. An attractive batsman on the off, and a fine catch.
10. Dawson. An improving bat. Has had hard work at long stop.
11. Christophers. A very patient bat and good long field. Does his best in everything at the game.

JUNIOR CRICKET.

Captain—E. GEORGE. Secretary—P. Wild.

Committee—Alexander, Low, and McCartney.

This year the juniors had the exclusive use of the pitch on No. 2 ground for practice. The Juniors were divided into two teams, High A and High B, to compete for the schools' premiership. High A has been very successful, winning all matches but one, thus tying with the South School. The two teams have therefore to play off to decide the winner. High B has not been so successful; they have not won many matches, still these matches have proved excellent practice.

HIGH A.

- High A v. High B : High A won by 5 wickets and 12 runs.
 High A v. Central : Won by 10 wickets and six runs.
 High A v. Park : Won by an innings and 33 runs.
 High A v. Marist : Won by an innings and 30 runs.
 High A v. South : Won by 20 runs.
 High A v. High B : High A won by 10 wickets and 3 runs.
 High A v. Central : Won by 31 runs.
 High A v. Marist : Won by an innings and 9 runs.
 High A v. South : Lost.

HIGH B.

High B v. High A : Lost by High B.
 High B v. Park : Lost by 4 runs.
 High B v. Marist : Lost by 10 wickets and 2 runs.
 High B v. Central : Won by 42 runs.
 High B v. South : Lost by 48 runs.
 High B v. Central : Won by 7 runs.
 High B v. South : Lost by 76 runs.
 High B v. Marist : Lost..

BOWLING AVERAGES OF HIGH SCHOOL A.
JUNIOR TEAM, 1905.

| Bowler's Name. | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Average. |
|----------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| N. Millard | 16 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 85 |
| J. Marsh | 32 | 8 | 47 | 22 | 2.1 |
| R. McCarthy | 10 | 4 | 16 | 7 | 2.2 |
| J. Henderson | 36 | 12 | 63 | 15 | 4.2 |
| E. Cockroft | 66 | 7 | 139 | 23 | 6 |
| A. McGrath | 43 | 9 | 99 | 12 | 8.25 |

BATTING AVERAGES OF HIGH SCHOOL A.
JUNIOR TEAM, 1905.

| Batsman's Name. | No. of In'gs. | Times not out. | Total runs. | Hig'st score. | Average. |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| N. Millard | 6 | 2 | 99 | 49* | 24.75 |
| J. Marsh | 5 | 1 | 66 | 28 | 13.2 |
| A. McGrath | 7 | 1 | 79 | 24 | 13.1 |
| E. Cockroft | 12 | 3 | 100 | 32 | 11.1 |
| E. Matthews | 5 | 3 | 20 | 12 | 10 |
| D. Leggat | 7 | 1 | 69 | 17* | 10.9 |
| J. Henderson | 11 | 0 | 70 | 33 | 6.4 |
| A. Morris | 7 | 2 | 26 | 6* | 5.2 |
| E. George | 4 | 0 | 19 | 12 | 4.75 |
| P. Wild | 11 | 0 | 50 | 12 | 4.5 |
| W. King | 11 | 1 | 34 | 10 | 3.4 |
| W. Sampson | 11 | 0 | 22 | 5 | 2 |

*Signifies not out.

The teams have to thank the masters and Mr Hanna for the help, advice and encouragement which they have given to the players.

BATTING NOTES (By W. G. GRACE).

1. Stand well up to the wicket.
2. Right hand half way up the handle, and left close above it.
3. Left shoulder well forward.
4. Right foot just inside the crease, with toes clear of wicket.
5. Left foot clear of wicket, and able to move backwards or forwards.
6. Block to be a little more than bat's length from wicket.
7. Put weight on right leg.

8. Right leg to be immovable.
9. Bat to be a few inches from ground.
10. Before everything, keep up your wicket, it tires the bowler.
11. To play forward, slant back and advance left foot.
12. Learn to place the balls.

Calls at Batting.

(From St. Andrews' College Magazine)

"One word more and that to the batsmen. Why not CALL occasionally and observe the rules as to whose call it is. (The batsman calls for all the strokes before the wicket, his partner for the strokes and byes behind the wicket.) 'Can you' and 'will you' are not recognised as they should be. Prompt decision is half the battle."



Swimming Tournament.

Swimming.



This year we obtained permission to use the baths on Mondays and Fridays from 12.30 to 1.30. However, only those boys who could not swim were allowed to use the baths then. This was rather a pity, because there is still plenty of room for improvement in the aquatic art.

At the beginning of the year about 100 boys were unable to swim. These were divided into two sections, the one going down to the baths on Fridays, the other on Mondays. Mr Stuckey has acted as instructor, and it is very creditable indeed to that gentleman that so many of his pupils can find themselves at home in a foreign element.

The sports programme for this year was changed considerably. Owing to the shortness of the old one, a 100 yards' open handicap and a 20 yards' beginners handicap were added, and the 20 yards under 14 handicap was increased to 40 yards. This was a great improvement, and next year we hope to see all the races not less than 50 yards.

The Life Saving Competition for the Humane Society's medal was held on March 31st in the Corporation Swimming Baths. Mr J. Crosby Smith, Invercargill, and Vice-President of the Invercargill Swimming Club, acted as judge, and Mr Hanna as time keeper and starter. The competition consisted of three parts.

- (1) Rescuing a floating dummy, 12 competitors.
- (2) Rescuing a sunken dummy, the position being known.
(Four competitors.)
- (3) Rescuing a sunken dummy, the position unknown. Again
(Four competitors)

After the competition an exhibition was given by Cochrane, Carswell, and Rattray, the winner of last year's life-saving competition, the first-mentioned being rescued and resuscitated by the other two.

Mr Smith then announced the result of the competition, which resulted in an easy win for Kennedy. The details are here given:—

Compet.—(1) 1st, Kennedy (full marks); 2nd, Millard; 3rd, Carswell.
" (2) 1st, Rose; 2nd, Kennedy; 3rd, Lindsay.
" (3) 1st, Kennedy; 2nd, Reid; 3rd, Rose.

Mr Smith then gave a few hints to the boys for next year, and said that this year's performance was an improvement on last year's.

We entered two teams for the 160 yards Relay Race under 16, held at the town sports on the 5th of April. Although neither team won the South School beat our No 1 Team only by a few inches; No. 2 Team was about two yards away at the finish. This race caused the most excitement during the day.

This year the sports, which mark the end of the season, were held on the afternoon of the 6th of April. Some of the events were very well contested, but both the diving events called forth few competitors, in fact the plate diving was not held owing to all, with the exception of one, withdrawing from the competition at the last moment. The entries were very good in the lower school but more should have come from the upper forms.

On the whole a very creditable exhibition was given, and our instructor is to be congratulated on the precision with which the programme was carried through. The relay race between the School forms was as usual the most interesting. Each team had its crowd of barrackers, and for a few minutes the din was terrific. "Ben's" face as he touched terra firma, winning the laurels for III A, was a sight worth seeing and he was greeted with a hearty cheer. The following are the results:—

400 YARDS HANDICAP (under 14)—C. Lindsay 1, J. Marsh 2. A very close race.

40 YARDS HANDICAP (under 14)—S. Reid 1, H. Strang 2.

40 YARDS HANDICAP (open)—R. Kennedy 1, C. Lindsay 2. An exciting race, Kennedy and Lindsay both swam well.

20 YARDS HANDICAP BEGINNERS' RACE—E. Low 1, L. Paull 2.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (Open)—N. Millard 1, C. Lindsay 2.

10 YARDS HANDICAP BEGINNERS' RACE—R. Compton 1, E. Low 2.

20 YARDS HANDICAP BACK RACE—R. Kennedy 1, H. Rattray 2.

40 YARDS HANDICAP BREAST STROKE—R. Kennedy 1, E. Macalister 2.

LONG PLUNGE HANDICAP—J. Macrae 1, R. Foster 2. The winner's was a very good plunge.

100 YARDS SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP—H. Rattray 1, C. Lindsay 2. Time—106 secs. There were only two entries for this event. The time was not so good as last year's. Lindsay swam very well and came a good second.

NEAT HEADERS—C. E. Reid 1, R. Compton 2. There were two dives. One off the side of the baths and the other off the high board.

80 YARDS HANDICAP FORM RELAY RACE—III A, N. Millard 1, E. Macalister, G. Cochrane, F. Carswell. III B 2. An easy win for III A.



Sports.



On the 26th October, 1904, the School sports were held for a third time, and they were most successful. We were favoured with perfect weather, and a large number of spectators, chiefly friends and relatives of the boys assembled to view the games. The boys showed good form all through, and some of the times recorded show that a thorough course of training had not been neglected. The entries were numerous

and the fields good, the "Old Boys" especially turning out in force, thus doing a great deal towards making the gathering a success. The following are the results of the events :—

1. LONG JUMP OPEN (handicap)—MacGibbon, ser., 1; Morris, 3in., 2; Mitchell, scr., 3. MacGibbon won easily with a jump of 17ft. 1in.
 2. 100 YARDS (scratch).—Mitchel 1, Christopher 2, Murdoch 3. Time—11 1-5th secs.
 3. 100 Yards (under 15)—McLeod (3yds.), 1; Millard (5yds.), 2; Thompson (scr.), 3. A good race; 31 entering for it.
 4. 100 YARDS COMBINATION RACE—MacGibbon and Lewis 1, Wesney and Reid 2.
 5. 100 YARDS (handicap) OPEN—Christophers, McChesney, dead heat, 1; Morris (2yds.), 2.
 6. 220 YARDS (handicap, under 15)—Millard (15yds.), 1; Hishon (10yds.), 2; Webber (20yds.), 3.
 7. 100 YARDS, OLD BOYS—H. Mitchell (2yds.), 1; C. P. Brown (11yds.), 2; T. Brown (12yds.), 3.
 8. HIGH JUMP (Open)—Moore (6in), 1; Kennedy (4in), 2; Christophers (scr.), 3.
 9. Height, 4ft. Sin.
 3. HALF MILE HANDICAP (under 15)—Marsh (40yds.), 1; Samson (40yds.) 2. Time—2 min. 32 secs.
 10. ATLANTA RACE—Kenedy 1, Robertson 2.
 11. 200 YARDS HANDICAP (Open)—Dawson (11yds.), 1; Morris, 2; Scott (20yds.), 3.
 12. 440 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 15)—Alexander (20yds.), 1 ; Wildermoth (55yds.), 2. Time—6 1-5th secs.
 13. SACK RACE—MacGibbon 1, Low 2.
 14. 440 YARDS SCRATCH—McChesney 1, Christophers 2.
 15. HALF-MILE (Old Boys)—Churton (65yds.), 1; Rowlands (45yds.), 2. Time—2 min. 11 3-5th secs.
 16. HALF-MILE (Open)—Alexander (40yds.), 1; Mair (80yds.), 2.
 17. OBSTACLE RACE—Weir 1, McArthur 2, Gillies 3.
 18. 880 YARDS RELAY RACE (Handicap)—Form II, 1. Time—1 min. 47 secs.
 19. 120 YARDS HURDLES (Handicap)—Moore (scr.), 1; MacGibbon (scr.), 2; McArthur (5yds.), 3. Time—19 3-5th secs.
 20. ONE MILE SCRATCH—Mitchel 1, Christophers 2. Time—5 min. 45 secs.

The School Championship was decided on the most points gained in the five scratch events. M. Mitchell easily first, was adjudged champion, Christophers being next.

Gymnastics.

Last year this branch of athletics received a great deal of attention in our School. The third term especially saw a great flame of enthusiasm, due principally to the energy exerted by Mr Hanna in preparing us for the "Assault at Arms". Many, taking advantage of such an opportunity of showing their skill, entered on a vigorous course of training; the result reflecting great credit on the instructor.

Our enthusiasm was again fanned into a blaze by the competition which came off in December. It consisted of 10 exercises, selected in such a way as to show the symmetrical development and general proficiency of the competitors.

Mr A. F. Hawke kindly acted as judge, for which we owe him our thanks.

The following are the results of the competition :—

Senior Division :—1st, B. H. Gilmour, 67 points; 2nd, M. H. Mitchel, 65 points.

Junior Division :—1st, Wesney, 69 points; 2nd, J. Moore, 68 pts.

This year nothing much has yet been accomplished, but with the opening of the football season the patronage of the gym. will increase considerably.

Below are the detailed marks in the competition. Maximum points—10 for each event :—

Athletics.

The School entered a team for a Relay Race at the St. Patrick's Sports Meeting. The School won easily by about two hundred yards. This race was won a previous year by the High School but the School was disqualified through some small irregularity. A flag comes to the School, and each boy receives a gold medal for winning the race. At the same gathering Thompson won the 100 yards in great style.

At the forthcoming Axemen's Carnival, team partly of old boys and partly of the present boys, will run in the Relay Race. We wish them luck.

McQuarrie won a swimming race at Invercargill Regatta. He learned to swim only the preceding year while tuition was given to the School.



Cadets.

Early in March Colonel Robin made a very thorough inspection of the corps, emphasising in his remarks at the end of the inspection the importance of having a thorough practical knowledge of the rules of aiming. He said that the recruits had acquitted themselves very creditably considering the short time they had been in the company.

Owing to the number of boys in the school now, a second corps, No. 2 Company, has been formed, having for its captain Mr Pow, formerly second lieutenant of No. 1 corps, and for its first and second lieutenants Mr McGrath and M. Mitchel (formerly a sergeant in No 1 Corps). We expect that this corps will receive an issue of arms shortly, but the question of uniforms has not yet been considered.

With such an able officer as Mr Pow has proved himself to be, No. 2 Company ought soon to run No. 1 pretty close in matters of drill and marksmanship.

The changes already mentioned and removals necessitated several promotions in No. 1 Company to give the full complement of officers and non-coms. Sergeant Kennedy has been promoted to lieutenant, sergeant Gilmour to col. sergeant, privates Dawson and Rattray to sergeants ; privates Millard, Hawke, King, and Alexander to corporals.

We are confident that a successful year is before our two companies, and no doubt one will seek to outdo the other in the various branches of the work.

There was some talk of our senior company going into camp early in the year, but the Government regulations require a recruit to have six months service before drawing an allowance. Consequently there can be no camp this term, as a large proportion of the corps is a raw levy. Our officers were in camp with the Southland Battalion during the month of February.

The Schools of Empire Competition was fired on 29th October, with the following result :—

| 300 YARDS. | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|---------|------|
| Priv. Anderson | ... | ... | 4223222 | — 17 |
| „ Robertson | ... | ... | 3232342 | — 19 |
| „ Wild | ... | ... | 4553554 | — 31 |
| „ Lewis | ... | ... | 2222224 | — 16 |
| Sergt. Christophers | ... | ... | 3252332 | — 20 |
| Priv. Hawke | ... | ... | 2222245 | — 19 |
| „ McChesney | ... | ... | 3322245 | — 21 |
| Corp. Mitchel | ... | ... | 2332222 | — 16 |

500 YARDS.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|---------|---|----|
| Corp. Mitchel | ... | ... | 4000000 | — | 4 |
| Priv. Lewis | ... | ... | 2222022 | — | 12 |
| “ Robertson | ... | ... | 203004 | — | 9 |
| “ McChesney | ... | ... | 2302022 | — | 11 |
| “ Anderson | ... | ... | 0022532 | — | 13 |
| Sergt. Christophers | ... | ... | 0003320 | — | 8 |
| Priv. Hawke | ... | ... | 5030342 | — | 17 |
| “ Wild | ... | ... | 0000232 | — | 9 |
| | | | | — | |
| | | | 73 | | |
| Total | ... | ... | 232 | | |

During the term two matches have been fired with the Gore District High School. The first match was won by 16 points; the second was lost by 167 points, owing partly to the bad weather, and partly to the fact that several of the best shots were unable to attend. The following were the scores:—

FOR THE FIRST MATCH.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

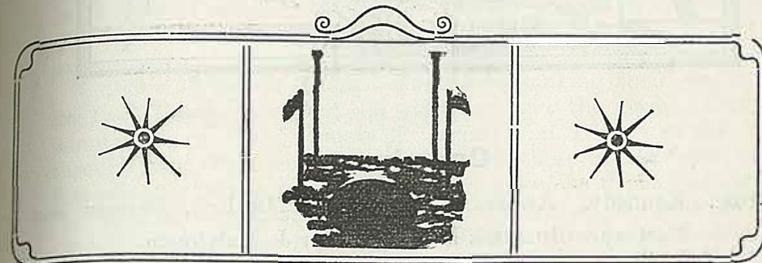
| | | | Totals for 3 ranges. | |
|----------------|-----|-----|----------------------|--|
| Priv. Millard | ... | ... | 43 | |
| “ Reid | ... | ... | 30 | |
| Corp. Rattray | ... | ... | 29 | |
| Fisher | ... | ... | 29 | |
| Macalister | ... | ... | 31 | |
| Corp. Dawson | ... | ... | 34 | |
| Spite | ... | ... | 34 | |
| Kingsland | ... | ... | 40 | |
| Corp. Hawke | ... | ... | 31 | |
| Sergt. Murdoch | ... | ... | 27 | |
| Total | ... | ... | 328 | |
| Gore made 312. | | | | |

THE SECOND MATCH—APRIL 1st.

S.B.H.S. (3 ranges)

GORE.

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Priv. Henderson | ... | ... | 27 | Total | 386 |
| “ Reid | ... | ... | 19 | | |
| “ Macalister | ... | ... | 31 | | |
| “ Leggat | ... | ... | 10 | | |
| “ Kingsland | ... | ... | 21 | | |
| “ King | ... | ... | 31 | | |
| “ Fisher | ... | ... | 17 | | |
| “ Joyce | ... | ... | 2 | | |
| Corp. Hawke | ... | ... | 37 | | |
| Sergt. Rattray | ... | ... | 24 | | |
| Total | ... | ... | 219 | | |

Football.

Our annual meeting was held at the close of afternoon school on Wednesday, 5th April. There was a good muster of both Seniors and Juniors, and much enthusiasm was shown. The following were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:—

CAPTAIN : B. H. Gilmour

PRACTICE CAPTS. : R. Kennedy and J. H. Murdoch.

COMMITTEE : M. H. Mitchel, K. G. Fraser, and N. Millard.

SECRETARY : A. R. Dawson.

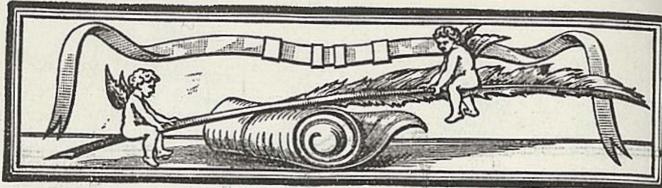
The results of the Junior elections were as follows:—

PRACTICE CAPTS. : J. Low and W. Sampson.

COMMITTEE : C. Webber, C. J. Fisher and N. Wildermoth.

The flag matches commence on May 10th, on which date we are to meet the Britannia combination. Much interest will be taken in this match, as not only will it be the opening match, but also it will be the first time for several years that we have played the “Brits.” By the time this reaches our readers, the 1st XV will have commenced a course of training, which will, without doubt, have very beneficial effects.

We congratulate Mr McGrath on his being elected, by the Southland Rugby Football Union, as one of the three selectors of Southland's representative football team.



Ourselves.

EDITOR: Kennedy. **ASSISTANTS:** Gilmour, Murdoch, Dawson, and Rattray. **BUSINESS MANAGER:** Mr J. McKinnon.

The following shows the financial side of our publication for the year 1904.

| RECEIPTS. | | EXPENDITURE. | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| Balance from 1903 ... | £1 1 0 | Printing ... | £20 17 0 |
| Subscriptions ... | 11 9 6 | Stamps, Stationery, etc. | 0 12 6 |
| Advertisements ... | 8 5 0 | | |
| Dr. Balance ... | 0 14 0 | | |
| | £21 9 6 | | £21 9 6 |

We regret that a number of Old Boys are in arrears with their subscriptions. We would remind old pupils and friends of the school that it is necessary to notify the Editor of any change of address otherwise the magazine is apt to go astray.

As soon as our finances warrant the step we propose enlarging and improving our paper, and with this object in view we solicit the patronage of those interested in the institution—friends old and new.

We desire to heartily thank those business firms who have assisted us so materially by advertising in our columns and trust that the "School" will remember them.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions:—Rev. J. Collie, Dunrobin; H. C. MacGibbon, Gore; W. Henagan, Tairoa Heads, Port Chalmers; A. M. Burns, Wellington; F. Ball, Wellington; A. B. Lindsay, Dunedin; Dr. W. A. Logan, Wellington; C. Wild, Wellington College; G. Mears, Balfour; S. Gardiner, Gore; J. E. Vernon, Palmerston North (04 & 05); F. Foote, do do; H. Wild, H.M. Customs, Wellington; W. A. McLean, Browns; A. Deschler, Nelson; F. Luxford, West Eyreton, N. Canterbury.

We gratefully acknowledge the following exchanges:—Wellingtonian (2), Nelsonian, Scindian, Otago High School Magazine, King's College (N.S.W.), Wanganui Collegian.

The Greenhills Picnic.

On Saturday the 4th of March, a large party of picnickers from the school went to spend the day at Greenhills. The lucky holiday makers were blessed with perfect weather, and at the start at 9.10, all were in the best of spirits. The Headmaster and Mr Stuckey accompanied.

Before 10 o'clock the picnickers were making their way towards the Back Beach, by way of the trolley-line and the bush. Every few minutes the vanguard's shouts of "come round, High," as they pushed through some thick piece of scrub, guided those in the rear to their destination, the way to which was quite unknown to the majority.

Five minutes after arriving at the beach clamouring bathers lined the surf, and temporarily forgot the delights of eating in those of bathing. But only temporarily, for soon the tuck-baskets were opened billies boiled, and a sugar-bag of apples, brought by a considerate school-fellow, was speedily deprived of its welcome contents.

The pangs of hunger having been satisfied, cricket and the water absorbed the public attention. Two teams of five each held a shooting match. The highest individual score was 17 out of a possible 25.

About two o'clock undress races on the sand were started. Christophers and Millard carried off most of the honours, but were run close by several. Some of the juniors also showed up well in this their first test.

After the races a pleasant time was spent at cock-fighting and wrestling.

For a time cricket was again in demand, and the surf was again lined with bathers. A game of rounders was then got up, in which the majority participated, until it was intimated that it was time to start for the train. All who were not ready hastily donned their clothes, had a last interview with the indispensable tuck-bag, and then set out for the station with the conviction that a jollier outing was never spent by any schoolboys. The whole party arrived in town about 7.20.



Boys on Holiday Bent.

TIMARU, BY E.M.

During the summer vacation I went to Timaru, a flourishing and busy town in South Canterbury. There you have all the pleasures of the delightful sea, the harbour, the sandy beach, and the breakers.

When you arrive at the town you cannot help noticing the number of mills for such a small town, there being three flourmills alone.

Caroline Bay has very much altered since the breakwater was built, having been changed from gravel to fine sand. Now a new extension mole is being constructed. The workmen first drive in the piles and then till in the space with rock obtained at a very large quarry at

Wai-iti, three miles out of the town. From the town you can have very delightful walks of a few miles, for example to "Dashing Rocks," to the quarry, or to the Elginshire wreck. In rough weather it is a grand sight to see the waves dash themselves into spray on a precipitous cliff across the harbour.

Timaru is daily becoming more and more a favourite watering place. Its shipping is yearly increasing. Last year it exported more frozen mutton than any other port in the colony.

DUNEDIN, BY O.B.

A few weeks can be very pleasantly spent in Dunedin. The beautiful surroundings of that city conduce to the spending of a very pleasant holiday. Those having a taste for the seaside have only to take the car from any part of the city or suburbs, and in less than half an hour be carried to St. Clair, an ideal place to spend a few hours. A beautiful beach lies before you, at one end of which there is the swimming bath, said to be the best sea-water bath in the colony. To those holiday-makers having an inclination for a quiet rest, the Corporation gardens at N.E. Valley present a great attraction. The beautifully laid out walks form a very pleasing sight; on holidays a band discourses sweet music. A most enjoyable outing can be had by taking the steamer at the Dunedin wharf and making the journey to Broad Bay or Portobello. On a fine day the trip down the harbour is delightful, and on arrival at either of the above-mentioned spots the visitor will find plenty of interest. Going further from town many other pretty picnic places could be visited, particularly on the north line. Among these are St. Leonard's, Purakanui, Warrington, and Puketereki. The train journey to the last three places presents a varied line of scenery, the view obtained as the train moves slowly round the hills and cliffs being very grand. In Dunedin the means of locomotion in and around the city are of the most up-to-date pattern. The comfortable, fast, and ornamental electric cars are a great boon to holiday-makers, and some visitors to Dunedin go for long distances in these cars for pleasure. At night there are various places of amusement; for those so desiring a walk through Dunedin, with its well-lit streets, will be far from disagreeable.

TO TAIHAPE AND BACK, BY I.L.

Three days after my arrival home for holidays my father decided to go to the North Island and to take me with him. On the same night we packed our clothes and got ready to start north the next day. We boarded the first express and went to Dunedin, where we stayed a day. On the following day we went to Christchurch, and after staying there for a few hours we went on to Lyttelton to catch the s.s. Rotomahana for Wellington. The sea was calm, but, nevertheless, it made me "feed the fishes." After ten hours' good sailing we reached Wellington—a city surrounded by hills, and with narrow pavements, windy, and unsuitable to the Southlander. After three days here we

went on up to Taihape, at the end of the Main Trunk Line. From here we drove over the country, and then we travelled to Hawke Bay. After one week we decided to make southwards again and started for home. When we reached Wellington it was the time of the rough seas. We waited for one day and then we ordered berths in the s.s. Mararoa. It was to sail at 7 p.m., but it did not start till 4 a.m. Still the rough sea was rolling, and when we reached the heads we were forced to put back. The next day we were to sail at 7 p.m., but the captain changed the hour to 12, and then again to 3. At this hour we sailed, and instead of taking the twelve hours, as usual, we took 17½ hours. At last we reached Lyttelton, and took the train to Christchurch. The next day we took the midnight express, and you can imagine how glad I was to get home. Although I enjoyed the trip, I certainly say Southland is the best place of all.

LAKE HAUROKO.

Lake Hauroko, *alias* Hauroto, *alias* Hairitoe, lies about 12 miles to the west of the Waiau river. On examining the map we see that the lake is triradiate and its centre is an island. The length of the arms form a geometrical series, and from the head of one issues the Wairaurahiri, which holds the record for speed in the Hauroko district, falling 500 feet in about 15 miles. As the Irishman is reported to have said, "the lake is wooded to the edge," and the wood is birch bush, which provides arm-chairs of moss and treacherous pitfalls every two or three yards. The waters of the lake teem with eels, and, according to the natives of the region, you require but to throw a roast pigeon into the water and pull it to the shore when the eels come in to be gaffed. Save for wild cattle, which bellow uncannily at night, and kakas, which weary one with "Come home at once Michael" or else cry pessimistically "Rains coming," the whole region is almost uninhabited. That "almst" signifies much. The low marshy ground near the lake is the lair of a mosquito and a sandfly who work with common aims and are not marked on the map. Those who intend to visit the lake are advised to take a piece of rabbit-netting and a frying pan. With these utensils one can live for days.

The waters of the lake are cold and non-cleansing, and when you emerge therefrom your enemies are seated on your clothes discussing their plans of attack. This is a feature of their conduct they are always planning, when not attacking, and they take turns in attacking. "The mosquito by night and the sandfly by day revolve round you."

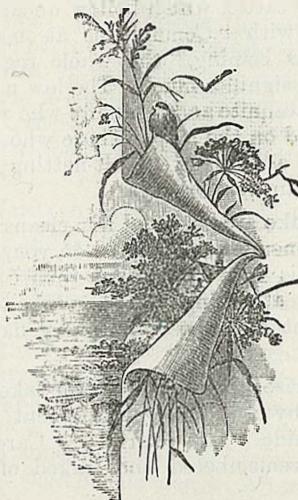
The Princess peaks rise abruptly from the lake, and it is a pleasant, agreeable, and lengthy way of entertainment to argue which is which with the map as guide. The sunrise on Caroline is a beautiful thing and one long to be remembered and talked of if only one could

be certain that it really was Caroline the sun rose on and not Prince Edward or Alexandra.

The tracks leading to the lake are decidedly interesting, but those on the map are quite another matter. How, where, and why they differ would involve as lengthy an argument as does the authenticity of Shakespeare's claim to have written the epigrams "All is not gold that glitters" and "I don't know him from Adam."

It is usual on an excursion to such an outlandish place as Lake Hauroko to cut down the baggage as much as possible. Generally a spoon and a pannikin suffice for table furniture, and if either of these goes a-missing—well, it is unpleasant.

How to get there. Like Punch, my advice is "Don't go." Weariness of flesh, like much study, and an unsatiable appetite, are the natural results. That advice is for the blasé individual, whose swag begins to get heavy when the first mile is covered, and who is too tired to help to put up the nightly tent. But for an inexpensive holiday which will set the blood flying through the veins and harden up long-lost muscles nothing can beat mountaineering in the Hauroto district.



FORM PRIZES, 1904.

| SUBJECT. | FORM. | NAME. |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-Latin (Book-keeping, Drawing, etc.) | | Dawson, A. |
| Non-French | do | 1. Robertson, L. 2. Adamson, H. |
| English | I. II. III.B. III.A. IV. | Findlay, O. Millard, N. McCartney, L. Fraser, K. G. Murdoch, J. H. |
| Latin | I. II. III. IV. | Findlay, O. George, E. Fraser, K. G. Murdoch, J. H. |
| French | I. II. III. IV. | Matthews, E. Mitchel, M. Fraser, K. G. Murdoch, J. H. |
| Mathematics | I. II. III.B. III.A. IV. | Findlay, O. George, E. Spite, A. Fraser, K. G. Christophers, H. |
| Science | I. II. III.B. III.A. IV. | Findlay, O. Millard, N. Spite, A. Fraser, K. G. Christophers, H. |

Dux of the School—ALICE MAY PALMER.

(Gold Medal presented by Old Boys' Association.)

SPECIAL PRIZES, 1904.

| SUBJECT. | NAME. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Writing (special competition) | McChesney, G. |
| Spelling do | Juniors—Alexander, W. Seniors—Joyce, F. |
| Mental Arithmetic (special competition) | Juniors—Fisher, C. J. Seniors—Miller, T. |
| Gymnastics | Juniors—1. Wesney, E. 2. Moore, J. Seniors—1. Gilmour, B. 2. Mitchel, M. |
| Rifle Practice (highest aggregate) | 1. Wild, L. 2. Anderson, H. |
| Progress Prizes | King, W. Alexander, M. |
| Memorial Prize (donor Mr N. McLaren) | Cupples, S. |
| Navy League Essay Sketches (donor Mr W. D. Hunt) | Juniors—Simon, F. Seniors—Murdoch, J. |
| [Subject : "The Importance to the Empire of the Maintenance of the Navy in a State of Readiness and Efficiency."] | |
| Proxime Accessit to Dux (Rev. Mr Lindsay's prize.) | Kennedy, R. |



EUSTACE RUSSELL.

Old Boys' Column.

With this number we publish the portraits of two "old boys" of the school—Mr William Macalister, B.A., LL.B. (Chairman of the Board of Governors) and Mr Eustace Russell (President of the Old Boys' Association)

W. MACALISTER, B.A., LL.B.

Mr Macalister's connection with the school dates from 1881. Leaving, he proceeded to the University of Otago, where he secured his arts degree. After four years' service under the Southland Education Board, he was, in 1889, appointed to the staff of the Southland Boys' High School. The degree of LL.B. being conferred upon him in 1896, he was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and has since then been in the active and successful practice of his profession in Invercargill. During the past eight years he has been a member of the Board of Governors, and for the same period a member of the Southland Board of Education, of which body he has been chairman. He has been president of the Southland Law Society, and in 1893 he was chosen first president of the Old Boys' Association.

EUSTACE RUSSELL.

Mr Russell entered the school in 1882 (having previously attended Miss Evans' Private School) and remained a pupil there until the 8th November, 1889, when he went into the employment of the late firm of Tothill, Watson and Co. A month after leaving school he sat for and passed the Matriculation and Solicitor's General Knowledge Examination. In 1893 he entered his father's office, and in 1897 passed his Final Solicitor's Examination, and immediately joined his father, Mr William Russell, in the practice of his profession, under the style of Russell and Son.

Mr Russell occupies the following positions, namely President of the Invercargill Football Club, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Southland Acclimatisation Society, a member of the Council of the Southland Law Society and Hon. Auditor therefor, a member of the Avenal Borough Council, and a member of the Committee of the Southland Rugby Football Union.

He is also a keen sport, having represented the province at football in 1895 and also several times won the Championships of the

Invercargill Lawn Tennis Club and Invercargill Golf Club, and is the present champion of the former club. He is also an enthusiastic and successful devotee of Isaac Walton.



About Old Boys.

With the last few weeks it has been our pleasure to shake hands once more with some of our "absent old boys" who have been here for a few days on furlough.

Amongst these were Messrs Charles H. Morison and Mr Lance Raymond. The former is now a member of the Government survey staff at Hokitika, and has got on splendidly. The latter, who is in the office of Mr J. Parker, of Napier, is on a short visit to his parents.

Mr George Bain, of the Bank of New Zealand at Tapanui, was also in town for a few days at Easter.

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We congratulate Mr Lionel Waddel, now of Wellington, upon his marriage to Miss Harriett Ada Tustin, of the same city. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Karori, on 15th November last.

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The fell reaper "whose name is Death" has been busy amongst our ranks during the months that have elapsed since our last issue.

Away in the distant Phillipine Islands, a stranger in a strange land, Fitzgerald S. Turton died whilst on service in the United States Army. The following is a copy of the regimental order announcing his death, which took place on the 29th August, 1904:—"Lieutenant Turton had been with the regiment only a few months, but during that time he had firmly established himself in the confidence, respect, and esteem of all who knew him. His conduct while a member of this regiment was characterised by strict attention to duty, and courage, gallantry, and coolness in action. Lieutenant Turton was born in New Zealand on 15th July, 1874. He entered the U.S. Army on 18th April, 1900, and served as private, sergeant, first sergeant, and battalion sergeant-major, 16th Infantry, until 9th October, 1903, when he was commissioned as second lieutenant and assigned to the 22nd Infantry. The officers of the regiment will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days." The late Gerald Turton was the eldest son of Mr Wesley Turton, solicitor, of Queenstown. He attended the Southland High School during 1888 and 1889, and was one of about half a dozen pupils who boarded with Mr W. P. Austin, at Gladstone. He was exceedingly popular with his class-mates, and was the idol of the school "barrackers" of that day because of his prowess on the football field. He and Fred Reid were our wing three-quarters at that time, and a very fleet and clever pair they were. At the school sports Gerald

generally won the most of the short distance events, and was also a very fair long distance runner. The same qualifications which he subsequently displayed as a soldier were the secret of his success in athletics. We mean his fearlessness, coolness, and perseverance.

Another old boy who passed to his final rest about two months ago was contemporary at the school with Gerald Turton. We refer to the late G. F. Morison (Frank.) Frank was a High School scholar for about two years, when he joined the service of the Colonial Bank, and, subsequently, that of the Bank of New Zealand. He had, however, no great liking for town life, and about a year ago he resigned his position and entered into partnership with his brother, Mr Tom Morison, purchasing a small run at Pomahaka. The writer personally mourns the loss of a dear comrade, and we sympathise deeply with his mother, brothers, and sisters in their bereavement.

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We congratulate Mr Reginald G. Christophers upon having passed with credit the surveyor's examination. Mr Christophers and two others were the only successful candidates at the 1904 examination.

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The marriage of one of our vice-presidents, Mr R. J. Gilmour, of the Southland Times, Invercargill, to Miss Sophie Pilcher, took place in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Invercargill, on 26th April. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Lindsay. The bridesmaids were the Misses Pilcher (3) and Gilmour, while Mr W. Downie Stewart acted as best man. Mr and Mrs Gilmour proceeded north for their honeymoon. We wish them unalloyed happiness and prosperity.

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Mr J. A. Erskine has recently returned from Schenectady, U.S.A., where he was employed by the General Electrical Company. He has now gone to take up an important position at Broken Hill.

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We clip the following from the London letter of the Otago Daily Times, dated August 27:—Mr G. H. Kingswell, who has been acting as war correspondent for the Daily Express, has recently returned to London from the Far East. In company with Mr A. G. Hales, of the Daily News, he crossed Mongolia, and then went on by Lake Baikal through Siberia to St. Petersburg, and recently came on to London. Mr Kingswell, who comes from Invercargill, New Zealand, has come back strongly impressed with the enormous resources of Russia, and with a firm belief in the ultimate defeat of Japan. Mr Kingswell and Mr Hales had a most adventurous trip through Mongolia, visiting the capital city of Urga, and seeing the living Buddha, as well as other wonderful things. Mr Kingswell owns the Capetown Owl, a flourishing weekly publication somewhat on the lines of the Sydney Bulletin, and

he seems to have made up his mind to settle down in South Africa. Mr Kingswell entered this school in October, 1881, as a member of the Fourth Form.

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The following passes were obtained at last year's exams. by "old boys" at Canterbury College :—N.Z. University Exams. : B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, A. R. Acheson (final) ; B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, R. J. McKay, 1st exam. of 2nd section, and M. W. Mehaffey, 1st exam. of 1st section. Annual College Exams. : Associate in Electrical Engineering, R. J. McKay, 3rd year exam., and M. W. Mehaffey, 1st year exam.

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Honours gained by Old Boys at Otago University, 1904 (third-class certificates not given.)—Certificates : James G. McKay.—2nd Class, Senior Latin ; 2nd Class, Senior French ; 2nd Class, General Biology ; 1st Class, Practical Biology. Henry Clark.—1st Class, Junior English ; 1st Class, English Composition and Rhetoric ; 2nd Class, Junior French. E. C. Lindsay.—2nd Class, Senior French ; 1st Class, General Biology ; 1st Class, Practical Biology. A. B. Lindsay.—2nd Class, Mechanics ; 1st Class, Theoretical Physics ; 1st Class, Practical Physics ; 1st Class, Chemistry Lectures ; 1st Class, Practical Chemistry. J. M. Mehaffey.—1st Class, Theoretical Physics ; 1st Class, Theoretical Physics ; 1st Class, Chemistry Lectures ; 2nd Class, Practical Chemistry ; 2nd Class, General Biology ; 1st Class, Botany. John B. Baird.—1st Class, Chemistry Lectures ; 1st Class, General Biology ; 1st Class, Botany. A. Gordon Macdonald.—1st Class, Quantitative Mineral Analysis ; 1st Class, Mechanical Drawing ; 2nd Class, Mineralogy ; 1st Class, Blowpipe Analysis. Hugh R. Macdonald.—2nd Class, Geology ; 1st Class, Mineralogy ; 2nd Class, Petrography ; 1st Class, Assaying (First Course).



Old Boys' Association.

Subjoined is the report of the Committee of the Southland High School Old Boys' Association, to be presented to the annual general meeting on 12th May, 1905 :

At the annual general meeting of this Association, held in the School on 18th September, 1903, the following officers were elected, viz.:

President—EUSTACE RUSSELL.

Vice-Presidents—Wm. Macalister, L.L.B., H. A. Macdonald, J. H. Reed (Bluff), R. J. Gilmour, Alex. M. Burns (Wellington), Rev. J. A. Asher (Napier.)

Committee—D. Morton, J. G. McKay, F. Ball, C. J. Whitaker, R. G. Christophers, J. T. Carswell, A. M. Macdonald.

Secretary and Treasurer—A. Rowlands.

Auditor—J. T. Carswell.

Mr Macalister declined re-election as President, as he thought the office should be a rolling one. During the year seven well-attended meetings of committee have been held, and the committee have endeavoured to carry out their duties to the best of their ability. A set of gold sleeve links was presented by the Association to the School Sports Committee for the 100 yards race, Master Gilmour winning the event. The committee also gave a gold medal to the dux of the school (Master Lindsay), which was presented by our President on behalf of the Association at the distribution of prizes.

The Board of Governors as usual extended an invitation to our President and Vice-Presidents to seats on the platform on the occasion of the distribution of prizes, when our President, on behalf of the old boys, presented Mr H. L. Fowler, M.A., the school Rector, with a silver-mounted walking stick and case of pipes, etc., on the occasion of his severing his connection with the school, he having accepted the Rectorship of the Nelson College. The committee also attended the School Sports and assisted in Judging, etc.

The second annual dinner was held in the School Gymnasium on Friday, 27th May last, and proved an unqualified success, over 40 members and friends being present, and many telegrams and letters from absent old boys were read wishing us a pleasant evening. It is to be regretted that more old boys do not see their way to join the Association, as the membership represents only a very small proportion of the old boys in the district, and we trust that more support will be given next year. The thanks of the Association are due to our worthy secretary and treasurer (Mr Rowlands), who has worked zealously in the interests of the Association.

Space has been generously allowed us in the School Magazine for an "Old Boys' Column," which has been in charge of Mr J. T. Carswell.

The finances of the Association are in a satisfactory state.

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A Suggestion.

Now that a new building is going to be built for the Girls' High School, so that the whole of the present school will be used by the boys, the time seems ripe for suggesting certain things which before, with limited space, were impossible. It may seem that what we suggest is impracticable, but still we will make the suggestions, leaving older and wiser heads to judge of them. What we would suggest is that a room be set aside in the new school for a Museum, where objects of interest collected by pupils, past and present, might be placed, and where trophies won by the school might be displayed. The walls of such a room might easily be adorned with the photos of those who have distinguished themselves in after life in their chosen occupations, and an Honours Board be placed there in a conspicuous place. On this Board would be inscribed the names of those who have won honour for the school by their achievements in any way. It is but fair that those who have done honour to the school should be remembered. Besides, such a thing would undoubtedly prove an incentive to work and to nobler endeavour ; for each would feel that he had to do as those who had gone before him.