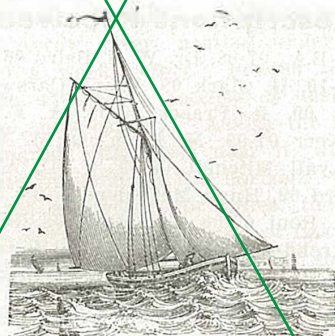


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EDITORIAL.

The School Year is now drawing to a close. Some are leaving to begin life's work, others to continue their studies elsewhere, while others again will be next year found among old comrades. On leaving, one is apt to glance back and think over the various happenings of his school life—how he came to school a new boy, how he formed friendships and went through the various vicissitudes of a schoolboy's career, how as he passed through the school he learnt of its high standard of all-round excellence and how to do his part to keep it at its high level. Now that he is leaving he looks back on all this, thinks of the firm friendships he has formed for life, and of the enjoyment he obtained from the society of his companions. Those who are returning should remember that on them falls the duty of maintaining the School's traditions, while those who are leaving should remember that it was in this School that they were cared for through the period of adolescence, that they were there impregnated with a wholesome atmosphere of duty and affection, and that all events which have happened in their school life are insoluble ties which will bind them to the Old School and their companions.

With the publication of the results of the year's work in the University Colleges, we are able to congratulate ourselves that this **University Work.** school can well hold its own with the other schools of the Dominion. Our Old Boys have done well in the three Colleges at Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Most of our Old Boys naturally find their way to the nearest college; and there several have come out first in their classes. Miles and W. Alexander who were in school last year have done very well; M. Alexander and Fraser who were with us two years ago have also done well; while Murdoch and W. Brownlie, M.A., have achieved considerable distinction, the latter securing five first class certificates and the Parker Memorial prize. In Victoria College, Robert Kennedy has been chosen by the Professorial Board as the student combining in him the best qualities for the Rhodes Scholarship. His claims will be considered next March, along with those of the representatives of the other University Colleges. We offer our congratulations to our old dux on the honour that has been paid him. We hope that his meritorious career will be crowned with the final imprimatur of the Selection Committee as the best representative of young New Zealand for Oxford. In the April number of the Southlandian for 1906, there was a photograph of Kennedy as the 1905 Dux. The Editor added words that can be appositely quoted now:—"He was as keen at sports as at his lessons; as determined a forward in the first fifteen, as bold a swimmer and competitor at our annual sports' gathering, as he was determined in his application to his studies. Always modest, he has won his successes solely by consistent application and perseverance. He did not shine in cricket, but nevertheless joined in the game. He developed into a first-class officer of the Cadets; and was Editor of the Magazine. We are confident that R.K. will maintain his reputation as a hard worker and wish him all success in his University career." He has worked hard and attained success.

In our correspondence columns will be found a long letter from Mr F. Simon on esprit de corps in Old Boys. Not feeling competent to deal with the matter, we asked the Rector **Esprit de Corps.** kindly to supply a note—He says:—"I was pleased to read Simon's letter for two reasons, because it shows a continued interest in the school he has just left, and because while its publication will do no harm, it may certainly do good. It may arouse in some Old Boys a greater attachment, or perhaps I should say, a greater manifestation of attachment to the S.B.H.S. At the same time I feel bound to say from experience that Simon is in error in his opinion that there is an absence of attachment to this school in its Old Boys. On the contrary, I wish to assure him that there is a solid

affection for it, evinced quietly and unostentatiously it may be, but genuine and sound. I am afraid F.S. has been led to this expression of opinion by the ostentatious championing of their old schools by some of his fellow-students. Four or five years' residence in a boarding-school naturally takes a deeper grip of a pupil's affections than the same length of attendance at a day school. In conclusion, I feel bound to say that I have been pleased with the interest taken in the school of to-day by its Old Boys; I feel it my duty to thank them for that interest and to assure them that the staff as a whole is gratified at their loyal devotion to their alma mater."

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SCHOOL NEWS.

We have to record the following entries and departures:—

Entries.—Robt. Hawke re-entered Form V. with the second term. Dale joined Form I. with the third term.

Departures.—Geo. Richardson, to Dalgety & Co., Invercargill; W. Howie, to Bank of N.Z.; E. Stout and Stott, to National Bank of N.Z.; Roy Traill, to Union Bank; N. Gilchrist, to North Invercargill School, as pupil teacher; Lance Bush, to Christ's College; Sinclair and Piper, to business in Dunedin; Cy. Mitchell, to Johnston & Co.'s Engineering Works; Macpherson, Dawson and A. Brown; M. Tarlton, to Palmerston.

L. Piper is attending classes at the Dunedin School of Art and the Technical School.

Forms IV., V. and VI. turned out in force on the occasion of the departure of Miles and Simon for the University. As the tram moved off, they were given three hearty British cheers to cheer them on their way. The train happened to be late, so the said scholars missed a small portion of their beloved Historical English Grammar.

Term-end concerts are becoming more popular every term. They undoubtedly have a beneficial effect on the social life of the School, for they foster a spirit of "sympathy" between masters and pupils. Here it is that many boys exhibit their hitherto unknown qualities of genius.

The first concert—at the end of the first term—was presented by the Upper School, Forms IV, V and VI. The Rector made a few introductory remarks, and touched on several items of interests to his patient hearers. Then J. Hewat gave a selection on the piano, which was followed by a humorous reading by G. McKenzie, affording great pleasure to the amused audience. E. Ryburn was in excellent form with the violin, and gave an excellent solo. A recitation by D. Brown followed, and all admired the spirited rendering of that fine, martial poem, "The English Flag." F. Adamson gave a humorous reading

from a popular American writer. Then followed the gem of the concert, when J. Mayer, by a truly magnificent effort on the piano, fairly captivated his audience, who emphatically and unanimously demanded an encore. Jas. Boyne next took the platform and showed his elocutionary powers by a fine recitation of that famous piece, "The Guides at Cabul." Two humorous recitations, one by N. Gilchrist, the other by W. Young, served to increase the high spirits of the house, and brought a very successful and enjoyable concert to a highly satisfactory close.

Forms III A and III B were booked for the concert at the end of the second term. A school ditty, emanating from the brain of some inventive youth, made a rather pleasant opening to an extremely pleasurable concert. W. McCaw's account of the misfortunes of the unlucky twins quite moved his audience. McGregor then gave a pleasing rendering on the piano. Galt's deep bass was heard to advantage in the well-known song, "Asleep in the Deep." E. Dobbie's humorous recitation fairly brought down the house, and an encore was demanded. A chorus of the Musical Spirits of III A did the opposite of bringing down the house by raising the roof. The last verse—an original one—of the popular song, "We Pushed It Through the Window," is here printed.

" We used to have some Latin books,
pp From which we used to swot;
But now the second term is o'er
ff We'll push them through the window."

W. Millar's violin solos are ever a source of pleasure to the listeners, and he proved to be in fine form by a melodiously entrancing rendering of a "Mazurka." The vociferously demanded encore was fulfilled in an extremely able manner. J. McQueen provoked a considerable amount of hilarity by his splendid effort to show the versatility of the wandering Frenchman. G. Pope appeared as a singer of the First Class, and convulsed the audience with the delicacy and refinement of his warblings. His acting was perfect, his features showing the colour of the roses whose beauty he described. The acclamations of enjoyment provoked an encore, which was an object lesson in the noble art of "pegging away." J. Imlay started a nerve-shattering "Dreadful Deed," but as he forgot the last half, the Rector kindly finished it "amidst stupendous applause." L. Bennet gave an impromptu recitation. J. Mayer again delighted an expectant audience, while L. Christie closed the proceedings with a creditable performance on the piano.

The School has a set of very fast runners, who will compare favourably with those of any other Secondary School in the Dominion. At the Sanson-Trembath meeting, "Zepplin" Dobbie was an easy

winner of the 135yds Sheffield. At the Footballers' Sports, held towards the end of September, Dobbie gained second place in the Footballers' 100yds, and third place from scratch in the High School Race of 220yds in which Christie (10yds) easily captured first place, and Saunders (15yds) secured second honours. At the same sports a relay race between any teams of four was held. This the School, with Dobbie, Christie, Baird and Carmichael, won with ease, beating the Star team, which contained such redoubtable runners as W. Baird and Kane. L. Hanan gained fourth place in the Sheffield at Orepuki Sports on King's Birthday, and second place in the Maiden Hundred. At the Riverton Amateur Sports on Labour Day L. Christie won the 100yds and 220yds, while N. Saunders won the broad jump.

On October 8 we had our biennial visit from the genial representatives of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev. Mr. Spencer, of Wanganui. After a brief address on Missions in South America a collection was taken, amounting to £1.

Geo. McKenzie's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of prefects given in the May number.

George Cody sat for the Gillies Scholarship tenable at Auckland. The prefects suggested to the Rector shortly after the beginning of the third term that by shortening the mid-day interval to one hour, twenty minutes would be gained at the close of school; this would enable a better cricket practice and an earlier start at rifle practices. The Rector took the feeling of the School and granted the request. It has worked well.

Bicycles have more than ever come into requisition. Many set their watches by the arrival of "a certain youth in coal-black hair."

Douglas Brown generously donated his sports prizes (two firsts) to the School Library, which is thereby enriched to the extent of nine well-bound volumes.

The Inspector-General of Schools, Mr. Hogben, and his assistant, Mr. Gill, honoured us about the beginning of the third term with their esteemed presence. After inspecting the work of the School, which they pronounced as highly satisfactory, they visited the Canterbury Match, and witnessed the titanic struggle for supremacy.

On June 16th, Neas presented to the School Museum a live stick insect, measuring five inches in the body and eight inches including its feelers. He lived on air for a fortnight. Galt's private museum has been much admired during the current year.

G. McKenzie, S. Mackie and A. Hawke formed the Cocoa Club Committee for the winter. The thanks of members are due to them for their assiduous attention to supplies and kettles.

A most successful fives tournament was brought to a satisfactory issue at the end of the first term. The entries were easily a record.

For this happy state of affairs our sincerest gratitude is due to A. Chrystal, who proved himself a very energetic and capable secretary.

The walls of our schoolroom, once grim and forbidding, have now become "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." We are now surrounded with the famous faces of antiquity. The Upper School receives inspiration from the classical features of the well-known Romans, while Apollo's dance with the muses is well worth musing on. To those of downcast expression, Hope is a source of everlasting consolation. With such treasures of the past around us, we should have an incentive to further study of their eventful history. Our warmest gratitude is due to the Empire League for their continued interest in the School. Two fine engravings, "Quatre Bras" and Edward VII, were presented to the School by the Southland Branch of this League.

It is a matter of speculation as to the meaning of the letters, H.O.B. Some aver that it is the first syllable of the word "hobnob," meaning "to drink with." But perhaps the implication of the word "drink" is contained in the words of the song "Drink to me only —."

At last prize distribution the fact was mentioned that the Board of Governors had bought up the land which contains the buildings fronting on Tay and Conon street. Nothing was done, as is usual in Invercargill, for about nine months, but about a week ago the workmen started on the demolition of these buildings. By next year we hope to see this desolate area transformed into smiling lawns.

In the last issue of our Magazine, mention was made of the fact that an essay competition, set by the Empire League, was in progress. The results of the Competition came to hand during the second term, and the winner turned up in J. G. Anderson, whom we heartily congratulate on his honourable position.

"The King Essay" was written about the end of last term. The subject: "The Important Events of the Year, 1909," tested the general knowledge and reading of the competitors. The result is now to hand, but, in accordance with the wishes of the donor, will not be disclosed until Prize Night.

Mr Hunt has once again generously devoted handsome prizes for the Navy League Essay Competition. The subject is "The Expansion of the Empire in the reign of Queen Victoria, with special reference to the Navy." This requires a certain amount of historical research, and it behoves all interested to make the most of their time.

At the end of the first term there took place a very pleasing ceremony in connection with an important event of the year. On the occasion of his marriage, Mr Galloway was presented by the scholars with a handsome marble clock suitably inscribed, and with a collar box of chaste design. In making the presentation, the Rector spoke on the many good qualities possessed by our popular master, and

expressed the hope that he would spend a happy and prosperous married life. Mr Galloway in a few well chosen words thanked the boys for their kind gift.

Since No. 1 Coy. won the march past, they have been very anxious to display their powers to the utmost, to such an extent that they even go the length of practices after school hours. The tennis court looks fairly worn after the tramp of armed feet, and boot-leather will also be at a premium. Such was the anxiety over the condition of that part of his attire that one member rested on the march to give his boots a careful inspection. Most of the marching took place with musical accompaniment kindly supplied by various members of the Company, whose whole repertoire seemed to consist of "Drummer Boy" and sundry uncouth noises. We are certain that all enjoyed their sleep that night, but different opinions are expressed as to the advisability of such daylight parades.

The break-up will shortly take place. We sincerely hope that the Theatre will be engaged, and not have a crush as was the case last year.

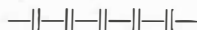
Douglas Brown is a member of the Dominion Band which won the Quickstep at the recent Band Contest.



A SOCIAL EVENING.

On the evening of the 24th September some dozen of the seniors of the School held a small dinner and social evening to commemorate the close of the football of the 1909 season. In opening the evening Hewat proposed Brown to the chair, which he occupied with the wish of every one present. Brown in proposing the toast of "The King," after making a few remarks said we were all descended from Noah (Boyne; sotto voce "Yes, we're all in the same boat.") McQueen spoke on the glories of football amid great applause of those who were participating in the viands while he spoke. Brown next spoke on the excellence of School matters in general (doubtless he is leaving soon). For the next half hour Messrs Hewat and McQueen entertained us with soul-entrancing strains from the piano. Then we played cards while "Tommy" collected his scattered thoughts to reply to "School matters in general." When he did collect them he replied in a characteristic speech (Er,—Er, Hawke, there's a good speaker). Ryburn on behalf of the cricket members spoke at some length, Hewat in proposing the health of the staff, spoke on their excellence, eccentricities, etc. Chrystal responded. Boyne then proposed the health of the Captain of the football, Douglas Brown, emphasising his sterling qualities on and off the field. Brown in replying spoke of the suc-

cesses (cheers), and the repulses (downcast looks) of the team. McQueen gave a delightful rendering of "Vat you please." He was warmly applauded and had to reply to repeated cries of "encore." The next item was a very spirited rendering of "Auld Lang Syne" by the company en masse; after singing "God Save the King," the company dispersed fuller, if not wiser, lads.



Old Boys' Column.



"Old Boys up this way (North Island) find the Magazine a great source of interest, and we all appreciate the efforts of the present boys to make the Magazine bright and interesting."

Yes, just so. But Old Boys' could also help by their contributions to interest, encourage, and inspire present boys. Any article, descriptive or narrative; any scraps of news of the whereabouts and of the doings of Old Southlandians, will be welcomed by the Editor.

What a large gathering of Old Boys at the sports' meeting! Of course, this is as it should be. Not merely were they there as spectators, but were active in their assistance as judges, and as competitors. What fine fields! Sixteen started for the Old Boys' Mile. Messrs W. Macalister, Eustace Russell and C. Todd also gave trophies. Praise is due to the energetic secretary of the Old Boys' events, and to the Handicapping Committee for their excellent results.

R. H. Turton, L.L.B., has been transferred from Greymouth to Masterton, as Stipendiary Magistrate.

Norman Churton left for Melbourne in August to pursue his musical studies. On the day of his departure he was presented by his well-wishers with a purse of sovereigns.

A. S. Henderson has been transferred from Waimate to Dunedin in the service of the Bank of New Zealand.

J. McDonough is also in the Dunedin branch.

Frank Collins is now in the G.P.O., Wellington.

Fred Collins is practising as a mining engineer in Klondyke.

Mr and Mrs C. J. Brodrick spent the months of May and June in Australia.

R. J. McKay, B.Sc., E., is working at the Otira Tunnel, Midland Railway.

C. H. McKay has joined his brother on the staff of Nelson College, under the principalship of Mr Fowler.

C. Scandrett has been transferred from his inspectorship at the Thames to the Tomoana Freezing Works at Hastings.

Mr C. P. Brown, M.A., L.L.B., has entered into partnership with Mr Wray, of Wanganui.

H. A. Wild has been transferred from Wellington to Auckland by the Customs' Department.

Jack Spiers is now farming in the Otatau district, and in enjoyment of excellent health.

Arthur Taylor, of Wellington, called at the school at the end of the second term. He is now travelling the North Island with English agencies, mainly in rubber goods.

H. H. Christophers and A. McDonald were competitors at the Riverton sports. Bert was put too far back; while A. McDonald was placed second in the 100 Yards and the Broad Jump, and first in the High Jump.

Frank Simon, competing in the Christchurch competitions last year in the Essay Class won a gold medal. This year, competing in the Dunedin and Invercargill meetings, again in the Essay Classes, secured two seconds and a third.

J. W. H. Bannerman, as goal-keeper, Cecil Webber, as three-quarter, and A. R. Dawson, as half-back, represented Southland in Hockey against Wanganui. All played sterling games.

C. Ive is now with the Standard Insurance Co., Invercargill.

Campbell Hannan, of Woodlands, won the Fifty Mile Bicycle Road Race from Invercargill to Lady Barkly and back in September.

Rev. W. W. Brown, of Stirling, received a hearty call to Timaru, but after consideration decided to remain in his present charge.

Eustace Russell made a stubborn fight for the Golf Championship of the Invercargill Club this season, very nearly wresting it from last year's holder. In fact, two additional holes had to be played to decide the matter. The plucky manner in which he played with three holes to go in the second round and with three down, won the admiration of the interested body of golfers.

Governor J. Crosby Smith returned to Invercargill from his European trip last September.

Norman Gilmour, sheep-farmer, of Roxburgh, spent August in Invercargill.

Running at the inaugural meeting of the Invercargill Amateur Athletic Club on 11th November, G. McChesney from the 25 yards mark won the Half Mile Handicap.

Norman Cowie, after a year in Hawke's Bay, returned to Dunedin Training College.

Herbert Paton is in Farmers' Co-operative Stores, Oamaru.

J. A. Salmond is in Post and Telegraph Stores, Wellington.

Mr Geo. F. Griffiths, of Flints Bush, has sent the Rector a prize for Mathematics.

Geo. Tothill has relinquished banking for farming at Moa Flat.

Timaru Notes.—R. Capper won a Junior Prize Essay on "Timaru Fifty Years Hence." It was marked by high imaginative power. N. S. Joyce edits Cricket and Football for the School Magazine.

Archie Macdonald (who came from Riversdale), has left the Customs' for the Bank of New South Wales, Christchurch.

An Old Boy in the North Island, in forwarding his subscription, writes.—I may say that I think your Magazine a very creditable production; and, as one of the original 'Old Boys,' it gives me great pleasure to read it and see how the school is progressing. It gives one a feeling akin to envy to learn of the various organisations in connection with the school, and the greater facilities for both mental and physical culture now available, compared with those which were afforded boys attending the institution during the earlier years of its existence. Trusting that the school may long continue to keep the high reputation it has already gained.—I am, J.W.M.

MARRIAGES.

Donald Matheson, Mining Engineer, Charters Towers and Sydney, to Ethel Hazlett, of Dunedin.

Denniston Cuthbertson, Invercargill, to Hester McNeill, of Wanganui.

A New Zealand wedding was celebrated at Christ Church, Woburn Square, London, on the 1st July last, when Albert R. Acheson, B.Sc., B.E., Professor of Engineering at Syracuse University, U.S.A., and son of Major Robert Acheson, of Southland, N.Z., was united in bonds of holy matrimony to Pansy, daughter of the late Mr W. H. Shaw, of Christchurch, and of Mrs Shaw, now of Napier. The duties of best man were carried out by R. S. Cree Brown, B.Sc., lately appointed Professor of Civil Engineering at the Poona College of Science, India, while Dr. S. Ward, son of the Rev. J. Ward, of Port Chalmers, gave the bride away. Besides the relatives of the bride and bridegroom there were present several ex-New Zealand students, including Dr. Denham. The honeymoon was spent in a visit to the English Lakes and in a two months' tour through France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

Dux Medal Fund.—Contributions to this fund are acknowledged from the following:—A. Morrell Macdonald, H. A. Macdonald, F. Matheson, D. Morton, R. J. Gilmour, C. J. Brodrick, J. L. Watson, D. J. Gilmour, Eric Russell, T. H. Watson, Eustace Russell, D. Cuthbertson, C. B. Todd, J. T. Carswell, A. Rowlands, M. Mitchell, T. Meredith, C. Whitaker.

The Rector desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr R. J. Gilmour for his services in collecting from the above.



TERM EXAMINATIONS.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

- C. H. McKay—1st class, Junior English; 3rd class, Junior Mathematics.
- M. McCartney—2nd class, Junior English; 1st class, Junior Latin.
- H. A. Wild—2nd class, Latin.
- J. D. Smith—2nd class, Senior Latin; 3rd class, Senior Greek.
- A. M. Palmer—2nd class, Senior Latin; 2nd class, Senior Mathematics; 2nd class, Senior Mental Science.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

- D. L. Cameron is sitting for his Engineering Entrance Examination.
- George MacIndoe passed with credit the College examinations in Mathematics, Physics, and Practical Chemistry, and obtained a pass in Mechanics and Chemistry.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

- F. F. Miles—1st class, Junior Latin; 1st class, First Year Advanced Mathematics; 1st class, Theoretical Mechanics.
- N. Millard—1st class, Junior Latin; 2nd class, Constitutional History and Law; 3rd class, Contracts; 3rd class, Criminal Law; 3rd class, Torts; 3rd class, Property (I.)
- N. A. M. Cowie—3rd class, Junior English; 3rd class, English Composition and Rhetoric; 2nd class, Junior Mathematics.
- M. J. Leith—3rd class, Senior English; 3rd class, Education; 2nd class, Senior Mathematics.
- J. H. Murdoch—1st class, Advanced English; 2nd class, Advanced French; 2nd class, Senior Mental Science.
- A. S. Reid—2nd class, Junior French; 1st class, Junior Mathematics.
- W. A. Alexander—1st class, Senior Mathematics; 2nd class, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd class, Pract. Chemistry; 1st class, Junior Geology; 1st class, Geom. Drawing; 1st class, Mineralogy.
- L. J. Wild—2nd class, Senior Mathematics; 2nd class, Palaeontology; 2nd class, Junior Geology.
- F. Mulholland—3rd class, Senior Mathematics; 2nd class, Theor. Mechanics; 3rd class, Theor. Physics; 3rd class, Advanced Chemistry; 3rd class, Advanced Zoology; 3rd class, Advanced Practical Zoology.
- M. Alexander—1st class, Theor. Physics; 1st class Pract. Physics; 2nd class, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd class, Pract. Chemistry; 1st class, Palaeontology; 1st class, Junior Geology.

- A. Leslie Dolamore—2nd class, Conflict of Laws; 2nd class, International Law; 2nd class, Roman Law.
- K. G. Fraser—1st class, Theor. Physics; 1st class, Pract. Physics; 2nd class, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd class, Pract. Chemistry; 2nd class, Palaeontology; 2nd class, Junior Geology.
- F. O. MacGibbon—3rd class, Theor. Physics; Pass in Pract. Physics for Medic. Intermediate; 3rd class, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd class, Pract. Chemistry; 1st class, Medical Biology; 3rd class, Practical Biology.
- A. B. Spite—Pass in Theor. Physics for Medic. Intermediate; 3rd class, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd class, Pract. Chemistry; 3rd class, Organic Chemistry; 3rd class, Practical Histology; 2nd class, General Materia Medica; 3rd class, Mech. Dentistry; 3rd class, Dental Materia Medica; 2nd class, Dental Mechanics; 3rd class, Dental Physics; 2nd class, Dental Anatomy.
- W. Brownlie—1st class, Inorganic Chemistry; 1st class, Organic Chemistry; 1st class, Quantitative Chemical Analysis; 1st class, Zoology; 1st class, Practical Zoology; Parker Memorial Prize.
- F. Simon—3rd class, Pract. Chemistry; Pass in Medical Biology; 3rd class, Pract. Biology.
- T. R. Ritchie—2nd class, Inorganic Chemistry; 1st class, Practical Chemistry; 2nd class, Organic Chemistry.
- H. Rattray—3rd class, Organic Chemistry; 3rd class, Practical Histology; 2nd class, Dental Mechanics; 2nd class, Dental Anatomy; 2nd class, Mechanic Dentistry; 3rd class, Dental Metallurgy.
- B. H. Gilmour—3rd class, Materia Medica; 2nd class, Senior Anatomy; 2nd class, Senior Physiology; 3rd class, Junior Surgery.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

- T. Fleming, junior, has passed his third professional for the Medical Degree at Glasgow University.
- Ernest Lindsay, B.Sc., and John M. Mehaffey, have qualified at London University for the Medical Profession. The latter is expected in Invercargill about Christmas. He had the honour of captaining the London Hospital Medical College team in Rugby football last season.
- The following results at Otago University speak for themselves:—
- W. Brownlie, M.A., gained five First Class Certificates and the Parker Memorial Prize.
- W. A. Alexander gained four Firsts and two Seconds.
- Mat. Alexander gained four Firsts and two Seconds.
- Fred Miles gained three Firsts.
- K. G. Fraser gained two Firsts and four Seconds.

Maurice Mehaffey, B.Sc. Eng., has been acting for the past six months as demonstrator in Engineering at the Engineering College, Christchurch.

The following were playing for University football for Otago University teams this year:—Millard, Cowie, Dolamore, B. Gilmour, Spite, Miles, Rattray and McGibbon.

Jack Murdoch is going strong for the English and Mental Science Scholarships.

Fred Miles did well in taking Advanced Mathematics in his first year. Messrs J. S. McGrath and J. Pow kept second and first year's terms respectively.

N. Millard represented Otago University in its football match against Sydney University this season. Norman has been considerably knocked about by football, getting all the hard knocks. Perhaps, he also gave some.

R. Kennedy, B.A., and Senior Scholar of N.Z. University has been selected by Victoria College as its best claimant for the consideration of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee.

In noting that the New Zealand Times says: "Mr Kennedy (who is twenty-two years of age) has had an exceptionally distinguished career. He was educated at the East Gore School, the Southland Boys' High School, and at Victoria College. At school he was highly successful in his studies—securing a junior board scholarship, a senior board scholarship (extended for a third year), the duxship of the school, and a junior University scholarship, while taking a very prominent position in school life and athletics. He secured the distinction of first place for the whole colony in the Junior Civil Service list, as also in the Senior Civil Service list. At Victoria College Mr Kennedy's record has been remarkable. He has secured a "first-class" in every class he has attended. Last year (his third year at college) he graduated B.A., securing the senior scholarship in mental science. It is confidently expected that by the date of election Mr Kennedy will have secured his M.A. with honours, and have passed his final LL.B. While, thus, overtaking the work for two degrees in the time ordinarily occupied in securing one, Mr Kennedy has taken a very considerable part in the social and recreative life of the college—though at considerable disadvantage in this connection from having to live in Southland during the summer holidays. Mr Kennedy's claims are regarded, we understand, as exceptionally strong by the professors under whom he studied and by the general body of students."

There is a good batch of Southlandians at Knox College, Dunedin:—Frank Simon, Fred Miles, Fred Mulholland, Frank McGibbon, Millard stays at Selwyn College.

George McIndoe and Don Cameron were the only two entrants to the Engineering School in Christchurch. Both will see practical work in Invercargill Railway Workshops from November to February.

INTER-FACULTY SPORTS, OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

N. Millard, H. McChesney and W. Alexander represented the Faculties of Law, Arts and Mines respectively, in the Otago University Inter-Faculty sports in August. N. Millard won the Long Jump Championship with 18ft. 10in., with W. Alexander second (17ft. 10in.). He also won easily the 120 Yards Hurdles Championship, W. Alexander not gaining a place. He gained second place in the High Jump, the winning jump being 5ft. 2in.; and third place in the 220 Yards Flat Championship.

H. McChesney won the 440 Yards Hurdles Championship, came second in the 440 Yards Flat and 220 Yards Flat, and third in the 100 Yards Flat.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—D. S. Smith, son of Rev. Gibson Smith, formerly of Invercargill, takes an active part in the social life of the College, being member of the Gymnastic Committee, delegate to University Tournaments' Committee, and President of the College Christian Union. During the past season he has represented Wellington several times in hockey matches. We understand he was a competitor with R. Kennedy as College representative for the Rhodes Scholarship Selection.

PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.—Writing to relatives in Invercargill, Mr Geo. Deschler, who is now studying in the dental school at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, states that his final examination will shortly take place. After graduating, it is Mr Deschler's intention to work in Philadelphia for a few months and then to proceed to London, with a view to sitting for the L.D.S. Degree. Mr Deschler mentions that the University of Pennsylvania sent an exhibit of dental work to the great Exposition that is now open at Seattle. The work was done by students at the University, and as only twelve pieces were sent to the Exposition the selection of the best specimen out of all that were offered was extremely stringent, and in the circumstances the competition was specially keen. Of the twelve pieces selected six were made by Mr Deschler, and the other six were divided between four or five students, of whom only one had two pieces. Naturally Mr Deschler feels somewhat proud of gaining such distinction.

TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS.

L. J. Wild, third assistant at Invercargill Middle.

Mat Alexander, temporary, at Waikawa Valley and Quarry Hills.

G. Agnew, third year pupil teacher at Tisbury.

Tom Kennedy has been teaching at Kapuka.

W. H. D. Gazzard, temporary teacher at Wendon.

Colin Lindsay, first assistant at Winton.

Norman Gilchrist, pupil teacher in third year at North Invercargill.

Oswald Webber, Milford School, Temuka.

A. C. Rowe, Ardlussa, Balfour.

Geo. F. Griffiths, Flints Bush.



FORM NOTES.

IV, V, VI.

The Rector's discovery of cigarette-stained fingers and his reflections thereon caused this cable to be posted last month on the notice-board: "The enforcement of the law forbidding Canadian boys to smoke cigarettes has resulted in a decline in consumption to the extent of thirty millions in eight months." The Rector pertinently added: "Why does Canada forbid boys to smoke cigarettes?"

Hamon and Angus are working for the Senior Civil, taking the subjects required for Civil Engineering Cadetships.

Doug. Anderson is qualifying for Agriculture. After all this specialising, there ought to be some improved farming seen in the Hokonuis.

We were glad to welcome Bob Hawke back to school. He has assumed a dignity of bearing that is impressive, particularly as he stalks down the track at the butts, to take his afternoon shoot.

Some curious ideas of the size of glow worms were revealed one day. The boy from the far north thought they were feet long; while one of the representatives of Limehills had confused them with the native white worm.

Certainly Tartarin de Tarascon had a bizarre costume, but A.C. makes his physical frame still queerer. "Tartarin ramasse sur ses fortes jambes" was translated "Tartarin gathered himself up on his four legs."

FORM NOTES—IV.

Small is the quantity but great the quality of the wit of the fourth form. A short time ago a rather amusing discussion took place between our English master and the class. Definitions were the subjects for criticism, and by way of an example the master said,

"A boy is a two-legged animal. Is that definition complete?"

Class:—"No, sir, because there are other two-legged animals."

Master:—"A boy is a two-legged animal that wears clothes. Complete?"

Class:—"No, sir, because some boys do not wear clothes."

Master:—"A boy is a two-legged animal that wears clothes, and that talks."

Class:—"Not complete. Girls also talk and wear clothes; parrots may do also likewise."

Master:—"A boy is a young, two-legged animal of the 'genus homo' and of the male sex."

Class (unanimously). "Complete, sir!"

Blunder from IVth Latin. *Evolvis truncis*. With his torn up trunks. [This was said at the beginning of the bathing season; perhaps, the translator had some remembrance of a like happening to himself.]

"Tombone" asked in a bookseller's for a novel. "I want the 'Silent Mariner' please," quoth he.

"Don't know if we stock it," said the shop-assistant, "but I'll have a look."

After half-an-hour's search.

"No, haven't got such a book in the shop," said he.

"Oh, dash it all!" said "Tombone," "I want 'Silas Marner.'"

(Collapse of assistant.)

In like manner a veteran of the fourth worried a stationer for "Chaucer's Prologue to the Nightingale," when he wanted "Chaucer's Prologue and the Knight's Tale."

Scene: Room 5.

Lesson: Merchant of Venice.

(Jessica had eloped with Lorenzo, and had taken Shylock's ducats).

S.M. says:—"Jessica ran away with —."

Magister. "Better word than 'ran away' please?"

Class. "'Eloped,' sir."

Magister. "That's right. Come along now."

S.M. "Jessica eloped with Shylock's ducats and jewels."

Echoes from the play ground. Junior meets a Fourth Former.

Junior: "I say, how can you tell the age of a river?"

F.F.. "Look at its mouth, of course, stupid,"

Master: "Who was it that wrote that famous English Elegy?"

Gray (from back seat). "I did, sir."

Master: "I thought so. 'The curfew tolls the Nelly of parting Gray,' that's the first line isn't it?"

FORM NOTES—V & VI.

The old classroom is now ornate with pictures—mostly classical. "Apollo and the Muses" dance merrily—above the fireplace. It is somewhat remarkable to find Apollo, to say nothing of the Muses, in so warm a place. "The Wandering Ulysses" has returned to stay with his "aged mate"—on the other wall.

Anent "Apollo and the Muses," one fair-haired youth was heard to murmur while gazing, enthralled, upon the picture, "Oh, for inspiration from thee." However, inspiration did not come from them but from the Rector as he entered at that moment.

Although this is essentially a term of "swat" every one at times says something funny (or ridiculous). One lad on being asked for an example of a reflexive pronoun replied thus: "He slept himself to death,"—what a glorious death to die!

The effect of a beautiful ovation upon the "Chaste Cornelia" was somewhat spoilt by a stage whisper of "oo chased her," coming from one of the Sixth form benches.

During the first and second terms poor old "Tartarin of Tarascon" got some severe handling by our translations of his exploits. "Bob" translated (in T.'s first 'brush' with the lions) "il se ramassa sur ses fortes jambes" by "he stood up on his fore legs."

A beautiful sentence in the appropriate (?) use of words was found amongst the exam. papers, to wit, "The doctor in the exigencies of the moment hung the man, who had taken a virulent poison, in a trenchant position over a proclivity."

One who has evidently 'looked upon wine when it was red' translated "son déjeuner arrose' d' un flacon de vin" by "his breakfast made red by the fact that he had drunk a flask of wine."

A youth ("Bob" again), who apparently finds music even in such stodgy stuff as law, translated "lem horrendi erat carminis" by "the law was a horrible song."

We are always learning. According to "Hacky" Caesar either wore a wig or a mechanical process was used for hair restoration, for he translated: "Deficientem capillum revocare a vertice adsueverat" by "he (Caesar) was accustomed to put back the hair that had fallen from his head."

Mistakes do happen at times. For instance Bob translated: "Un froid mortel le saisit," by "a cold mortal seized him."

Some chaps have queer ideas of humour as "Dazzler" in translating a piece in which negroes were furiously belabouring Tartarin:—"Les deux negres out montre tant d' humeur tout a l' heure," by "the niggers shewed so much humour in an hour."

Dick discriminated nicely between the synonyms, hallucination and illusion, in the following sentence: "He had the illusion that he was chased by hallucinations."

III A.

Ours is the middle form of the school and this year it is the largest. We stock all sizes and ages, and all grades of intellectual ability, as probably some of our masters know.

IIIA has its school duties as well as other forms and one of the year's undertakings was the management of Second Term Entertainment. A committee of three was chosen, and with the help of Mr McGrath, a fairly good programme was arranged. On the Friday afternoon, the form showed its great musical genius (?).

We are struggling hard to form a reputation at cricket among the inter-school cricket matches. Hamilton was chosen captain of the form; but, so far, has failed to put in an appearance on account of his being wanted by the first eleven. We hope to have many interesting games before the season is ended.

Warren's clinch was too much for the middle weights.

A picture of Caesar has been placed over the mantelpiece in the Latin room. Whether it was done for our benefit or for our annoyance, we are not in a position to say; but the picture has received many evil looks and fist shakes during the translation of the "Gallic War."

We, of third French, are at a loss to know why our Master will not give us a literal translation of "Le pauvre Diable."

"Zep" of third Latin translates "Horum adventu" as "At the hour of his coming."

Why is it?

—That, when nearing the end of our French Book "Au Pole en Ballon," our popular "Smut" became quite excited, and seemed quite emotional when the translation took place.

—That our friend "Pige" of Form IV finds it convenient to catch the Bluff train at Clyde street.

—That "Pops" attends the Southland Boys' High School.

III B.

G. in his essay on Wellington's difficulties in the Peninsular War put it very neatly when he wrote: "In the summer of 1812, Wellington began **hospitalities** against the French."

A new class of adverbs was introduced by R. McI:—"Adverbs of negotiation."

B.B. on "Golf" is good—"The slashing at the balls with the clubs is supposed to raise the muscles wonderfully; and husbands nowadays have to look out for their wives if they play golf."

J.W.S. says that Mary Queen of Scots was the father of James I.

D.R. says that Archbishop Morton was a bricklayer.

B.B. is all at sixes and sevens during the History period.

II.

"The party who had the heir of Baber in their hands" seems a simple matter to read. Big Jim could not manage it. First of all, the party had the "hire" of Baber, then they got the poor fellow not on "hire," but by the "hair!"

One day W.C. told us solemnly that the correlative of "wild duck" was "tame duck."

"A skeleton in the cupboard" was interpreted as "they had no food."

"Guerdon means a thing worn round the waist."

"Hors de combat" means "out of the war."

A new definition of tonnage and poundage was given by G.M., who explained poundage as "money paid when a dog is redeemed from the pound."

M.F. assured us one day that tropical animals have thin skins and very few hairs.

Snowy, our reforming grammarian, spells "duty" as "juty," and then on second thoughts, as "dudy."

Incident in French class—Master—"Is that transparent paper you have over the conversation?" H.B. "Yes, sir, but you can't see through it."

I.

"O young Lochinvar has come out of the west

He stayed not for brake, he stayed not for stone,

He swam the Esk River where ford there was none."

"He stayed not for brake" was variously interpreted by the I Form. One solemn youth (evidently moved by internal qualms, for it was approaching dinner-time) interpreted as "He did not stay to have breakfast." Another, equally as original, said "If there were a hole in the ground, he did not walk round it; he jumped it." While a third got as far as this "He did not stay to put on the brake going down hill."

Cumming returned with November, a few inches taller from living in the heat of Australia. He does not yet look like work.

Poor Bob Grieve is so much out of sorts that he has had to give school best for this year. We wish we could get out of sorts—That's a mistake, we don't.

Historical sense.—“Lord Sandwich was an English gentleman that always had sandwiches for his men when fighting.”

“Lord Macaulay also wrote an essay on “Warren Hastings Young.”

Old King Cole told the teacher that aquatic sports are usually held in town.

The subject was Grammar. A boy was asked to give the Past and Past Participle of the verb “to go.” He said: “Go, goed, goed.” The teacher then replied that he reminded him of the boy who said: “I go, thou wentest, he skeddaddled.”

E.B. told us one day that plaster of Paris is used in the making of cakes.

“The pieder of Hamelin” was called “pieder,” because he went on foot or a pieder.

There were two triangles on the blackboard, one a small obtuse, and the other a large acute. A boy was asked which was the larger angle and in reply said “The smaller, sir.”

“Spofforth” was asked to give a sentence containing the word imminent. He said: “By the thunder, rain is imminent.”



Football Notes.



SENIORS.

Captain: D. Brown; Dept.-Capt.: T. Baird; Committee: D. Brown, T. Baird, D. McGibbon; Hon. Sec.: D. McGibbon.

Football is held by the majority to be the king of games. It brings every part of the body into play, it teaches a player to act and think quickly, it compels him to control himself, put aside all individual desires and work for the good of his side. The game is certainly in a very flourishing condition in our school; at every spare moment of the day the grounds were thronged by numbers of young athletes ready to share in the victories and inevitable defeats of the season. The Seniors were to be seen making use of every available opportunity, while the Juniors had seven teams in full swing all through the season. To this enthusiasm and zeal we owe the success of the football season now closed; for successful it has been, quite as successful as any preceding season in the school's history. For this extremely gratifying state of affairs, our warmest thanks are due to Mr McGrath, whose spare time was sacrificed in order to raise the school team to as high a pitch of perfection as possible. We are all well acquainted with Mr

McGrath's knowledge of the game, and this he bestowed on his pupils to the best of his ability. Who would have thought on looking over the players at the commencement of the season that a team equal to that of last year's could be produced? Yet Mr McGrath did this. What we lacked in weight, he balanced by a thorough coaching in the science of the game. We think it can be honestly said—and we mean no praise to ourselves in saying it—that the school has never had a team which has shown such scientific play as the team of the year, 1909. Certainly, the ability must be in the players, but it takes a coach—and a coach who knows the game—to bring it out.

At the commencement of the season we were dismayed at the numbers who had quitted our ranks. Millard, Alexander, Miles, Lopdell, McIntyre, all had left us. Of the play of Millard, our popular captain of last year, nothing can be said: It is familiar to everybody, even down to the smallest junior. We are sure that he thoroughly deserves his place in the University 1st XV., and we extend to him our heartiest congratulations on obtaining such a place in his first session. Alexander, though not the attacking man Millard is, was invaluable on defence, a department in which the school this year is somewhat weak. Lopdell was a tower of strength to our forward division. A splendid worker, he was always to be seen in the thick of the fray, and also was invariably the first to emerge with the ball at his toe and start the forwards on sweeping dribbling rushes. Miles and McIntyre were both types of strong, hard-working forwards, Miles excelling on line-out work and collaring, McIntyre in the loose.

However, we were not left wholly destitute. Brown, Baird and McGibbon were again found prepared to fight for their old school. Brown, last year's Dept.-captain, was unanimously elected Captain, which office he filled in a manner worthy of emulation. He was a splendid man on defence, and time and again by getting down to the ball he stopped dangerous rushes and countered with a splendid attacking movement, sometimes culminating in a try. Baird, who was designated for the position of inside five-eighth, was compelled through Stead's unfortunate absence to play half-back. Although out of his position he worked splendidly, and when on Stead's return he went to his accustomed place, we saw the real worth of his play. McGibbon was unfortunate enough to hurt his knee at the beginning of the season. It was McGibbon we had looked upon to take Millard's place in the attacking and defensive movements of the game, but he was out of action till the tour, when he played with his knee still weak, and consequently was not able to do full justice to himself. We were fortunate enough to gain a new scoring man in the person of Dobbie. He came to us with a reputation as a runner which he has fully justified, his great pace being often of great service. We see then

that our backs were fairly strong, but it was in our forwards that our weakness lay. With four of last year's forwards with us again, and the new members not of an overwhelming weight, it was recognised to be a difficult matter to raise their play to a sufficiently high standard. Only practice could do it, and every spare moment they were at it. Every interval was a scrum practice, dribbling practice and line-out work, while besides the usual weekly practice on Mondays, the forwards assembled on one or two afternoons at the close of school to gain experience from Mr McGrath's excellent store of knowledge.

Our team could always be depended upon to make the game fast and open; we were compelled to trust a great deal to our backs on account of the lightness of our forward division. With these players in working order on a dry ground we could invariably do something with the attack, but it was of defence that we at times made a lamentable failure. Brown—McGibbon was absent through his injury—was the only back who seemed at all inclined to go down to forward rushes; the work he did was invaluable, but he could not possibly atone for the failure of the remainder. At the commencement of the season, the forwards showed a disinclination to pack on the line, but a vast improvement was noticeable as the season progressed. Following-up was a department which the forwards often neglected; it is almost useless to have one or two following up and the rest just sauntering along at pleasure, for a back can usually beat one man coming down on him, whereas if six or seven were lined out, he would have to kick very quickly and perhaps be flurried, or be taken with the ball.

This season we decided to follow the lead of some other schools and provide ourselves with caps. A very pretty design was chosen, giving our uniform quite a finished appearance.

In the Third Grade Competition the school has been very successful. Out of eight matches played, seven have been won, and one lost. The biggest margin was 36 to nil, in the first match with the Pirates, the smallest 9 to 5, in the first match with Invercargill. But on tour we did not manage to gain a victory. In both games we held our own in the first spell, but in the second we inexplicably went to pieces.

Dobbie has scored the highest number of tries for the season, ten; Baird comes second with nine, and Brown third with eight. Baird has kicked the greatest number of goals, seven; Smith has kicked five.

Members of the 1st XV.:—D. Brown (Capt.); T. Baird (Dept. Capt.), D. McGibbon (Hon. Sec.), N. Stead, E. Dobbie, F. Wilson, A. Carmichael, J. McQueen, L. Smith, J. Boyne, J. Hewat, S. Mackie, R. Hall, D. Anderson, R. Hawke, C. Mitchell, A. Hawke, L. Christie, R. Traill.

THIRD GRADE MATCHES.

FIRST XV. v. WAIKIWI III.

Won by default. The last week of the first term.

FIRST XV. v. INVERCARGILL III. Won by 9—5.

This match, our first, was played on the Prince of Wales Birthday on the Western Reserve. The ground was very slippery through heavy rain showers, and prevented accurate handling of the ball by the backs. The Blues had slightly the better of the play in the first spell and led by 5 to nil; but in the second half the school showed their superiority. Fast following-up by Brown prevented the full-back's return, and Hewat was able to pick up and score. The kick failed. Shortly afterwards Brown obtained the ball in the 25, and running strongly beat all the backs and scored between the posts. The ball was by this time slippery and weighty and militated against good place kicking. A few minutes later a mark gave McGibbon a chance, and he dropped a splendid goal from about the 25. The passing of the backs was very ragged, doubtless due to the state of the ball. The forwards showed no inclination to pack, except on three occasions with good results. Of the backs McGibbon and Brown played best, and of the forwards McQueen, Smith and Carmichael.

FIRST XV. v. ATHLETICS II. Won by 14 to 3.

This match saw a slight change in the arrangement of the team. McQueen went into lock, while Boyne was moved to wing three-quarter. This game we expected to be very hard as Athletics were reported to have the majority of last year's team with them again. We won comfortably but not easily, we had to work hard all through without relaxation. Dobbie's pace enabled him to obtain the first try which Baird converted. The second try was gained by Brown, the third by McGibbon, neither of which was converted. In the second spell we added another try by Dobbie, and left the field victors by 14—3. The passing of the backs, and the play of the forwards showed an improvement on the previous match. Of the backs Baird, McGibbon and Dobbie were the pick, while Smith and McQueen stood out among the forwards.

FIRST XV. v. SOUTHERN II. Lost by 17 to 6.

This match was played on a sea of mud and amid pouring rain. Such conditions did not suit our forwards who were easily swept away by the big Southern men. The first spell, when we played up hill ended with a deficit of six points. But in the second Southern ran their total up to seventeen, while we put on six, two good tries by Baird. The ball was very difficult to hold; hard kicking was the only useful method of play. Baird, McGibbon, and Carmichael showed

up for the school. Everyone received a thick coating of "black mud," many at the end of the game being almost unrecognisable.

FIRST XV. v. PIRATES II. Won by 36—0.

The Pirates put a very weak team in the field, and as the ground was dry our backs had a day out. Tries were obtained by Dobbie (3), Brown (2), Boyne, Baird, and Traill. Of these Baird converted three, Smith two, and Dobbie one. Smith's line work was excellent, while Hawke and Carmichael showed up in the pack.

FIRST XV. v. STAR III. Won by 12 to 3.

This match proved to be the hardest of the competition; both teams were in fairly good training, consequently a fast game resulted. The Star forwards were a very big lot, and at first beat ours in the tight work. Baird got the first try by a splendid run from the school twenty-five, in which he beat all the opposing backs. Dobbie obtained two tries, Brown one. The pick of the backs were Brown, Baird and Dobbie, while Carmichael was easily the best of the forwards.

FIRST XV. v. PIRATES II. Won by 13—0.

The School put in a very weak team especially in the forwards from which Smith, Boyne, Hall and Mitchell were absent. Stead made his first appearance for the season, and lost no time in proving his worth. This match was played on the Eastern Reserve which was in a very sloppy condition, thus making accurate work by the backs very difficult. Tries were obtained by Brown (2), and Baird, who also converted two. Dobbie played an excellent game, and was well supported by Brown and Baird. Carmichael and Traill were the pick of the forwards.

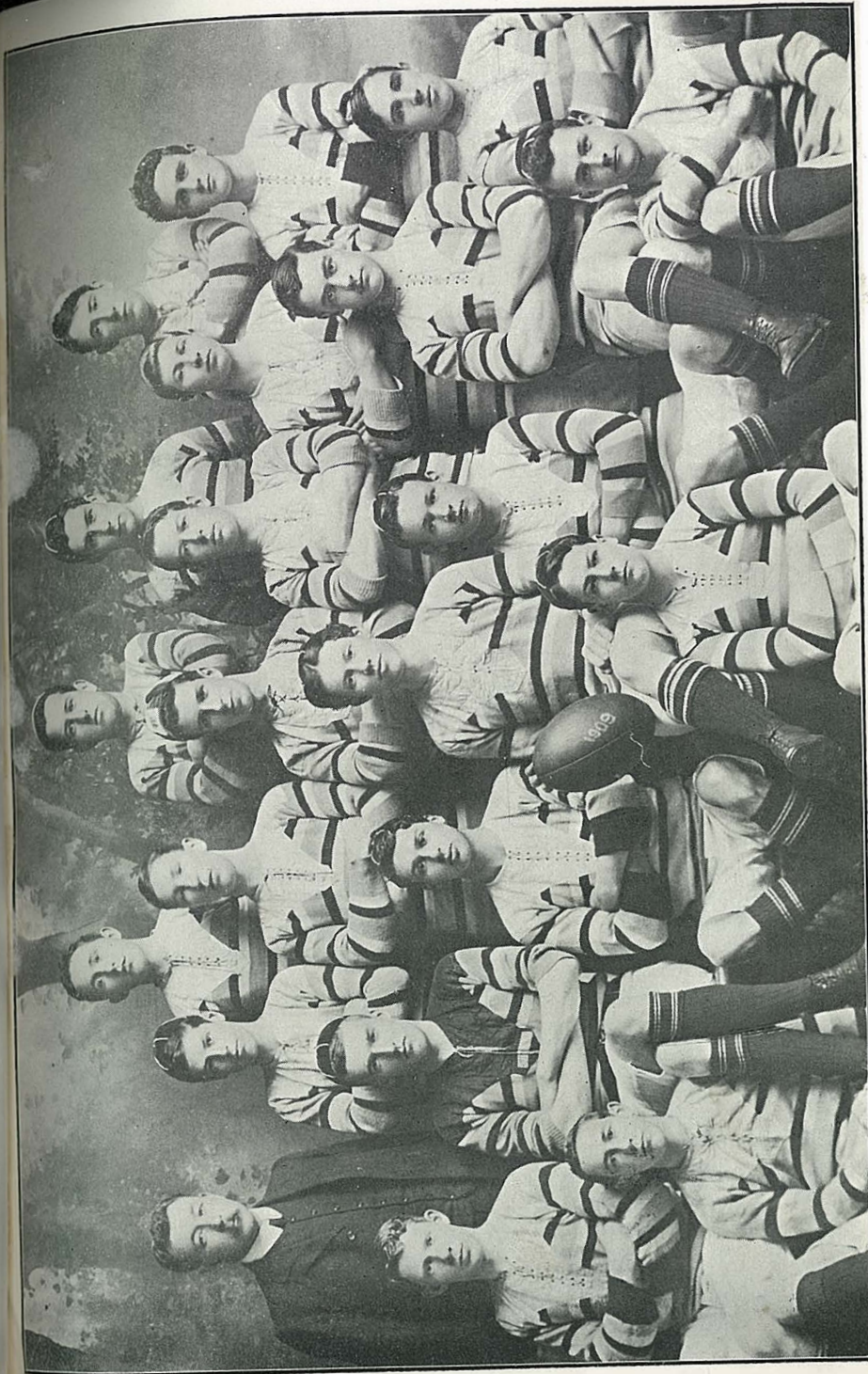
FIRST XV. v. INVERCARGILL III. Won by 24 to 0.

This match was the last one before we went on tour. The Blues were reported to have been playing very well, so we were looking forward to an interesting game. And we were not disappointed; it was the most enjoyable match of the competition. Both teams were in the pink of condition, consequently a very fast game resulted. Both backs and forwards played excellently, and were unrecognisable as the team that played the Blues at the beginning of the season. Baird obtained three tries, Dobbie two, and Carmichael one. Baird played the best game of this season, while Boyne was the best forward on the ground.

FIRST XV. v. SOUTHERN II. Won by default.

MIXED XV. v. RIVERTON. Won by 9 to 8.

During the second last week of the second term, we received an invitation from the Riverton Juniors to journey to Riverton for a match. Several of our first fifteen found that they were unable to



make the trip, so the number was made up with seconds. On arrival at Riverton, however, we found that we had only eleven, so more juniors were pressed into service, and the following team took the field:—Hawke; Boyne, Anderson, J. Hewat; Brown, Mr Munro; L. Hanan; Gray, Saunders, Mackie, McQueen, Millar, McCaw, A. Hewat, and no wing forward.

School lost the toss and had to play against a strong wind. Shortly after the commencement, Riverton kicked a goal from a mark. Then our backs took a hand, and from a passing rush, Brown who had come round for a second pass scored a splendid try. The kick, a difficult one, failed. Riverton then livened up, and from a forward rush scored a try which was converted, leaving them leading by 5 points at half time. On resumption of play, a stubborn resistance was set up by Riverton, but from a forward rush McQueen broke through and scored. No goal resulted. Play hovered in Riverton's twenty-five till from a scrum the ball went through the hands of all the backs, letting Hewat in at the corner. The kick again failed. No further incident of note happened, and soon after the whistle sounded leaving us victors by 9 to 8.

TOWN v. COUNTRY.

As a finish to the football season, it was decided to play a match between Town boys and Country boys. Great interest was taken in the match, and a fair number turned out on Rugby Park to incite their favourites on to victory. The forwards were very evenly matched, the Country if anything being slightly superior, but the Country backs were hopelessly outclassed by the fleeter Townsmen.

In the first spell the game was very even, McQueen and Dobbie scoring two tries for the Town. But in the second spell the Town boys showed their superiority and added another try by Baird, which Hawke converted, and later on further increased their score by a potted goal by Dobbie. The game ended,

Town: 15 points. Country: Nil.

For the Town, Baird, Brown, and Dobbie were the pick of the backs, McQueen and McCaw of the forwards; while for the Country McGibbon was easily the best of the backs, Hall, Christie, and especially Mackie, the best of the forwards.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

While the Seniors were steadily practising, the Juniors were by no means idle. As in former years, four groups were picked, and these played a tournament among themselves. Then in addition to these, the Midgets had two teams going, and gave their exhibitions on Wednesday afternoons.

Captains of the groups were as follows:—A team: A. Hawke. B team: J. Ferguson. C team: C. Hamilton. D team: W. Young. Midgets A: Captain—C. Davies. Midgets B: Captain—Dykes.

INTRA-SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

Team.	W.	L.	No.	points for.	Against.	Points.
A ..	8 ..	1 ..	125	38	16	
C ..	6 ..	3 ..	128	29	12	
B ..	3 ..	6 ..	54	158	6	
D ..	1 ..	8 ..	60	115	2	

The above tournament began on the 14th of June and closed on the 9th of August. The tournament has been a very successful affair and some of the players have shown good form for, "The Firsts," next year. A team, the winning team, are a very fair balanced team, and deserve their position at the top of the list. A. Hawke, MacKenzie, and Houston in the backs, and T. Wilson in the forwards were the stars. The other teams worked hard for their respective positions. The members of the premier team (A team) were:—A. Hawke (Capt.), MacKenzie, Sawers, Houston, Frew, Mahoney, Keast, Findlay, Hamon, Bonthron, McCaw, Tweedie, Oughton, Wilson, and Chrystal.

To conclude the junior season, a match was played between the combined teams of A and B, C and D. This match took place on the Eastern Reserve, and after a somewhat ragged game, A and B proved their superiority by defeating C and D by 17 points to 8. MacKenzie and Hawke played well for the winners, and Baxter for the losers. (Played on 23rd of August).

THE NORTHERN TRIP.

On Monday, August 2, the first XV, accompanied by Mr McGrath, left Invercargill to play the chosen XV's of Otago and Waitaki High Schools. The circumstances of departure were very auspicious, for on the platform they were encouraged by the presence of Mr Galbraith, President of the S.R.F.U., and by the cheers of a number of loyal Old Boys, at Conon Street by the shouts of the remaining members of the Upper Forms, and at Elles Road, by a waving of handkerchiefs on the part of some of the fair pupils of the Girls' High School. Moreover, Mr Pearce, Mr Galbraith and Mr Hawke had each contributed in different ways to the comfort and enjoyment of the team. The train journey was without any incident worthy of note. At Dunedin, the team was welcomed by a large number of High School boys and conducted to their various places of residence. The next day the Caledonian ground, the ground fixed for the match, was inspected by the team and found to be fully exposed to the gale which was then

blowing with such violence as to render scientific football an impossibility. Happily, however, the ground was changed, and the match was advertised for the Carisbrook where the wind was not so violent.

The following was the team chosen by the Selection Committee:—Wilson, McGibbon, Brown, Anderson, Dobbie, Baird, Stead, Carmichael, Hawke R., Smith L., Boyne, Mitchell Cy., Mackie, McQueen, Hewat J.

Southland kicked off against the sun, and, with a vigorous attack, soon had their opponents busy defending and finally forced them. From the 25, however, by weak line kicking, they enabled the Otago boys to invade their territory where an infringement gave a free kick to the attackers. The resulting shot at goal was a failure. Play in neutral ground followed until a long line kick by Southland took the ball into Otago's territory. The result, however, was immediately nullified by a swift attacking movement on the part of the Otago forwards, which for a time, looked dangerous; but good defence by Wilson prevented a score and a mark relieved. Otago again returned to the attack; but a free-kick for Southland removed play to half-way and a further passing rush amongst the Southland backs made them in their turn look like scoring. Otago, however, soon reversed the position, but good kicking by Baird relieved the pressure. Some rather interesting play followed, characterised chiefly by the forward dashes of the Otago boys led by Cuthill. In defending the line in one of these, Stead was unfortunately hurt and had to be taken off the field. This necessitated a change in the backs, and A. Hawke was taken on. On the resumption of play Otago got the ball from a scrum and Thomson scored; Cuthill's attempt at goal failed. Another forward rush by the Otago forwards and vigorous defending tactics by the Southlanders were the only incidents worthy of note in the remainder of the spell; when the whistle blew the score stood,

Otago 3, Southland nil.

On resuming play Otago kicked off and almost immediately Thompson secured his second try; but Bannerman failed to convert.

Otago 6, Southland nil.

Another score by Otago, together with the major points added by Bannerman, swiftly brought the score to

Otago 11, Southland 0.

Southland could do nothing against the vigorous attack of the Otago forwards, who, though in the majority of cases, beaten in the scrums, yet every time led by Cuthill, they broke away from the line out and smashed up Southland's defending formation. Thus several times in quick succession Southland was forced, but once, however, the Southland backs took the ball into Otago's territory and for a moment looked dangerous. Throughout the remainder of the spell the

ball crossed into Otago's territory about only once. Two more scores, one being converted by Bannerman, having been added to Otago's list, Southland rallied for a few minutes, and attacked strongly, while Smith in a magnificent effort from a free-kick brought score to

Otago 19, Southland 3.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at dinner by the local team at the Carlton Dining Rooms where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The next day the team travelled to Oamaru where they were met and welcomed by some of the First XV, and conducted to the School in some drags provided for the purpose. A short practice was held later in the afternoon. Next morning both teams were taken a long drive into the country, returning to the School in time to strip and prepare for the match.

The following was the Southland team:—Wilson, Anderson, McGibbon, Baird, Dobbie, Brown, Stead, Carmichael, Christie, Millar, Boyne, Smith, McQueen, Mackie, Hewat.

Southland kicked off and from the return Brown marked. An interchange of kicking followed, until a long line kick for Waitaki, a line out, and a scrum on the line made Southland force. Play in Southland's 25 followed until the visitors being penalised, Fisher had an unsuccessful kick at goal. From the kick off Southland attacked; but a mark by Waitaki and a long line kick again shifted play into Southland's territory. A free kick for Southland followed; but the advantage gained thereby was only momentary, for the local team, sweeping down the field, soon had the visitors defending and finally forced them. A further attack by Waitaki was relieved by a mark by Dobbie, and good dribbling by Hewat brought play into Waitaki's territory. The local team, however, soon returned to the attack, and first forced the visitors and finally scored.

Waitaki 3, Southland nil.

Southland was penalised twice in quick succession; but magnificent line kicking by Baird equalised matters and kept play in neutral territory. The Waitaki backs, however, were not to be denied and in spite of Southland's vigorous defence, McIntyre soon afterwards scored. The kick was a failure.

Waitaki 6, Southland 0.

During the remainder of the spell Southland rallied somewhat and pressed Waitaki back into their own territory where play continued till half-time.

On resuming effective kicking soon had Waitaki looking dangerous, and on Southland being penalised, an unsuccessful shot at goal resulted. A strenuous effort on the part of the Southland forwards

followed, until Baird, securing the ball, made a dash for the line, but, thinking he was unsupported, he attempted to kick over the full-back's head and unfortunately lost the ball. The Waitaki forwards again returning to the attack soon carried play back into Southland's territory, where a free kick for Southland relieved. Again the relief was only momentary and Molloy soon afterwards scored. Fisher converted and brought the score to

Waitaki 11, Southland 0.

The Southland forwards now, with perhaps one or two exceptions, finding that they were unable to withstand the vigorous attacks of their more sturdy opponents, seemed to lose heart and, indeed, at the last kick at goal only one man, namely, McQueen, was seen to charge. Thus against the weak defence Waitaki's score rapidly mounted. First Hislop scored, then Hudson, Deans, Hislop again, and Molloy, in quick succession, while Fisher converted twice, bringing the score up to

Waitaki 30, Southland nil.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at dinner, and later were given a concert by those musically inclined in the School. The next day, carrying with us the remembrances of a splendid time and a splendid lot of fellows, we returned to Invercargill.

THE FIRST FIFTEEN AND RESERVES.

BROWN.—Captain. Took a great interest in his team. Strong runner; stopped rushes fairly well; took ball well this season; very faithful in practices.

BAIRD.—Vice-Captain. Fast; good kick with left; fine take; backed up well; tricky runner.

HEWAT.—Best wing-forward for some time; good take and fair tackler; fed backs well; good dribbler.

CARMICHAEL.—Front-row; got plenty of ball for his team; dribbled excellently; good worker in pack.

HAWKE R.—One of Mr Stuckey's famous pack. With Carmichael was almost invincible for ball in front-rank. Threw out from line with judgment; missed in the Waitaki match where he was injured.

MCQUEEN.—Hard worker; solid; determined; the only one to charge the last try at goal in the Waitaki defeat. An example therefore.

STEAD.—Clever half; good kick, and only collarer in the team; was very loyal in playing even when injured; fed his backs with great judgment.

SMITH.—The goal-kicker; always made a good attempt; cool; line work good; strong punt.

MACGIBBON.—Very good five-eighth; was unfortunate in being injured early in the season; kicked and took well; played in spite of his hurt.

HALL.—The makings of a fine forward. Was lost to the team through a family bereavement. Received our deep sympathy.

MILLAR.—As a fast forward came on well; worked; was developing some tackling power.

BOYNE.—Was very loyal to the team; played both back and forward as required; solid lock; should make a player.

DOBBIE.—The greyhound of the team. Took ball from passes exceedingly well. In an attacking game was invaluable.

ANDERSON.—Three-quarter. Cool; very good punt; had a peculiar knack of hand collaring.

CHRISTIE.—Will become a fine player. Very fast and solid; played emergency front-row and after Carmichael's and Hawke's coaching should be of service later on.

MACKIE.—Good on line and never shirked the thick; replaced Boyne as lock, and with success.

MITCHELL.—Played a very hard game; solid and resourceful; a forward of some promise.

HAWKE A.—Filled a gap for them once. Will develop into a cool, safe centre three-quarter.

HANAN S.—Fast and good kick in $\frac{3}{4}$ line. Was very helpful in the practices.

GARMSON.—As half replaced Stead in two games. For a wee chap was very plucky and cool. Passed very unselfishly.

WILSON F.—Full back. Last, but by no means least in merit. Satisfied every member of the team by his play. Cool and safe.

The marked weakness of the team was in collaring. With even fair tackling would have done very much better on tour.

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CRICKET.

JUNIOR CRICKET.

Following out last season's method, a series of matches were arranged among the different classes in the School. This method proved very successful last season, when Forms I and II were victorious. This season the interest shown is very marked, except in the case of Form IV, who might with more advantage participate to a greater extent in games arranged for the convenience of all.

INTER-FORM CRICKET. 3rd TERM, 1909.

Matches to be begun on Monday, continued on Wednesday.
Class IV, V, VI—Captain: R. Hawke. Committee. A. Chrystal, T. Adamson.

Class IIIA—Captain: C. Hamilton. Committee: N. Stead, J. McQueen.

Class IIIB—Captain: Houston. Committee: A. Hawke, D. McGibbon.

Class I and II—Captain: Dykes. Committee: Crozier, Carter.

Custodians of cricket material—Seniors: Ryburn, D. Anderson.

Juniors: C. Davies, Dykes,

OCT. 4th, 1909.—III A v. IV.—(1st Innings.)

IVth made 42 runs for 8 wickets. Highest scorer J. Anderson with 10 runs.

III A made 31 runs. Highest scorer R. Hall with 7 runs.

For IVth Adamson took 4 wickets for 10 runs.

III B v. I AND II.

III B—1st innings, 84 runs. Houston 25, Grant 17.

Bowling: Dykes 7 wickets, Carter 2.

I and II—1st innings, 74 runs. McKenzie 17, Carter and Crozier 10.

Bowling:—Houston 4 wickets, Ferguson 3, Sawers 2.

OCT. 13th.—2nd Innings of III B v. I AND II.

III B—62 runs. Houston 23, Hawke 14.

Bowling:—Dykes 7 wickets, Carter 3.

I and II—Two wickets for 73, thus winning by nine wickets. Dykes (not out), 43, S. Hanan 12, McKenzie (not out), 11.

2nd Innings of III A v. IV.

III A won by default.

OCT. 18th.—III B v. IVth.

IVth—1st Innings, 44 runs (batted 12 men). Hamon 16, Anderson 7.

Grant took 4 wickets and Houston 4.

III B—60 runs. Houston 20, Brooke 11, Hawke 9.

Mackie took 4 wickets, Anderson 3, Baxter 2.

IVth—2nd innings, 50 runs. Gray 25 (not out), Brown 13.

Brooke took 3 wickets and Houston 3.

III B—35 runs (for no wickets). Hawke 11, Brooke 15.

III B won by 10 wickets.

OCT. 25th.—III A v. I AND II.

III A—1st innings, 40 runs.

I and II—1st innings, 41 runs.

III A—2nd innings, 145 runs. N. Stead 58, F. Wilson 51.

I and II—2nd innings, 80 runs. Crozier 29 (not out), Christophers 15.

III A thus won by 64 runs.

III B v. III A.

III A—1st innings, 70 runs.

III B—1st innings, 56 runs.

IV v. I AND II.

IV—1st innings, 30 runs, of which Gray made 7.

I and II—1st innings, 16 runs, of which Dykes made 8.

SENIORS.

Captain: G. McKenzie. Committee: G. McKenzie, J. Hewat,

T. Baird. Hon Secs.: D. Anderson, E. Ryburn.

On our return to School at the beginning of the third term we found that the pitches had been top dressed and the ends of the pitches made up with earth and sods. We also found that extra matting had been provided, and a goodly supply of new material was to hand.

This season sees us with the same team as we had during the latter half of last season, except that Miles, our mainstay, has departed from our ranks. Miles is a player on whom we always relied in periods of distress—and also at other times. As a batsman he was of very great value to us, for, after breaking down the bowling, thereby assisting his fellow cricketers, he invariably scored very fast, and in the majority of cases finished with a respectable score to his credit. In the bowling department also he was a tower of strength. In a very short time he had the batsmen in his toils, and made the most of every chance to end their career. With Miles fielding in the slips we always felt secure, for his work in that position was of a very high order.

The whole tone of the School cricket needs vast improvement, and with this end in view, we commenced practice before the end of last term. In order to become better acquainted with the fine points of the game, we have "imported" a coach, Mr C. Kane, who has devoted two or three afternoons a week to us. It behoves all cricketers, members of both the first and the second eleven, to attend practice and profit as much as possible by the coach's teaching.

But various little things have happened to damp our enthusiasm. Just as we were beginning to feel the good effects of practice, the weather, which had been extremely kind to us, changed, and in consequence prevented us from enjoying our usual after-school game. Then there was the unavoidable loss of our matches occasioned by our Sports meeting, the Band Contest, etc. Now, only a week elapses before the commencement of the Public Examinations. Still these petty grievances should not deter us from participating in this beautiful, invigorating game. All boys who have the interests of cricket at heart should still play the game for its own sake. Because we have no club match every Wednesday, it is no justification for the

present desertion of our cricket fields. The committee are anxious to see big practices on the days set apart for them, which will give encouragement to all concerned.

A notable event in connection with this season's cricket is the adoption of flannels by the first eleven. The uniform gives them quite a smart appearance, and it certainly makes them play better. (Vide Collins's performance with the ball in the Y.M.C.A. match).

So far only two matches have been played, one in accordance with the Association's fixtures, the other a friendly match with Y.M.C.A.

1st XI v. I.C.C.

This was the first match of the season, consequently we were not in the best form. I.C.C. batted first and made 91 runs. Collins was the best of the School bowlers, taking 3 wickets for 11 runs. School then went to the wickets, but lack of practice told, and they totalled only 76, of which Ryburn made 16. I.C.C. therefore won by 15 runs.

1st XI v. Y.M.C.A.

This match was played on the 10th November,—almost a month after the Invercargill match. The School had a weak team, only seven of the 1st eleven being present. Y.M.C.A. were first at the wickets, and totalled 105. Collins bowled very well indeed and took 4 wickets for 11 runs. School played out time with 9 wickets down for 75 runs—a good performance considering the weak team. To this score Hamilton contributed a splendid 30 (not out). Therefore the match was drawn.

Old Boys and Present Boys also will be pleased to hear of the success of D. Hamilton, an Old Boy of the School. Playing for Bluff against I.C.C. B, he made 194 after an innings of splendid cricket. We wish him every success in the season's cricket.

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FIVES.

This year has been an exceptionally fine one in respect to fives. The first tournament of the year, concluded at the end of the first term, constituted a record. The juniors entered into the spirit of it and gave their entries freely.

Jack Ferguson was eventually the winner of the juniors singles, after some very fine games. In the senior singles an exciting game was expected, when Carmichael was to play Baird, but unfortunately Baird was unable to fulfil his engagements and Carmichael was declared the winner from scratch.

In the junior doubles two very promising players, Grant and Garmson, secured the honour. The game of the tournament was

played when Anderson, D. and Stead defeated Carmichael and Hewat. Hewat played as a substitute for Baird. This game was a real exhibition of the game of fives and such a game has not been witnessed since our last year's champion left.

This term the same committee was again appointed, namely, Hewat, Adamson, Carmichael and Chrystal (Sec.). The fives courts have been taxed to their utmost this term and morning, noon and night practice is being carried on with a view to the forthcoming tournament which is now in progress.

Since the erection of the excellent fives courts, fives has become one of the regular games of the School. There is not a fine day but that the courts are in use. Everyone plays from the highest to the lowest in the School, and I think everyone will join me in saying that the courts have proved a success in every way.



...Cadet Notes...



On Friday, June 11th, the School Battalion was inspected by Lieut.-Col. Smyth, O.C., Otago District, when 146 of all ranks paraded. The inspection consisted chiefly in Battalion Drill, when the Battalion, under the command of Major Pearce, executed with skill and precision, various movements such as wheeling, increasing and decreasing front. Following upon this, each company was separately handled and placed in different formations such as company column and extended order. They, too, more or less creditably performed their allotted tasks. As many on parade were mere recruits, the general efficiency and discipline of the ranks was a very gratifying feature, and showed that all three companies had taken full advantage of the exceptionally fine weather and derived considerable profit from their course of instruction.

TAYLOR.—Suddenly, on the 25th June, 1909, at the residence of Mrs Lamont, Tay street, Invercargill, Herbert Taylor, Staff-Sergt.-Major N.Z. Defence Force, formerly of H.M. Highland Light Infantry; aged 40 years.

It was with feelings of deep regret that we read the above notice in Saturday morning's "Times" of the 26th June. Was it our able and popular Drill Instructor? Alas! too true. The hand of death had been laid on him in a very sudden manner. After tea, he was sitting round the fireside reading the evening paper, and during a conversa-

tion with a fellow-boarder he fell back in his chair, dead. It was apparent to us during the early winter that our Drill Instructor was not himself—the ruddy cheeks were no longer there; but no one thought that death was about to remove him from our midst. Speaking for ourselves, we think the subject of this paragraph was one of the smartest Drill Instructors employed by the Defence Department. Moreover, he was exceptionally clever in his office work — neat, methodical, and always prepared with his work.

Our late Drill Instructor was endowed with most of the qualities of a model soldier. He invariably rendered prompt and loyal obedience and assistance to his officers. As an instructor he was most efficient and capable, and he was at all times willing to help the rank and file with counsel and advice.

We had all learned to respect and esteem him for his devotion to duty, and for his unblemished character, and we know that he exercised a sound and healthy influence upon our Battalion.

On Sunday, 27th, we attended his funeral (Military), and most of us were moved by the impressive and touching ceremony.

As our late Drill Instructor had no relatives in the Dominion, an order was issued by the O.C. commanding the Southland Battalion, asking the different units of his command to contribute to a fund for the purpose of putting a fence round his grave, and erecting a suitable memorial stone. This, we believe, has been completed, mainly owing to the energy displayed by the local volunteer authorities. Our little mite to this fund amounted to £3 3s.

On Sunday, 26th September, No. 2 Battalion Otago Defence Cadets (ourselves by the way), or, strictly speaking, the half of it that was in town, joined the adult Battalion, in the Church Parade ordered throughout the Dominion for Dominion Sunday. Seventy-one cadets paraded and with the other volunteers marched to divine service at St. John's, where we had the pleasure of listening to an interesting and suitable sermon from the Ven. Archdeacon Stocker.

Our O.C. has just received notice that our camp, which will last from December 10th to the 17th, has been approved of by the O.C. commanding the Otago Military District. Good news, we say. The spot chosen for the camp is at Hazlett's about 23 miles from Invercargill, and forms an ideal camping ground. There is plenty of broken ground about to give us plenty of exercise in attack and defence. Since the Major told us about the proposed camp, we have heard little yarns about the fun we are going to have in camp. But do those jovial souls, the authors of the aforesaid yarns, know that such a thing as Reveille is sounded at 5.30 a.m. and that guard-mounting lasts till midnight? We think not.

Our last camp was held in 1906 in the implement paddock at the Show Ground. It was a decided success, and we have no hesitation in saying that our 1909 camp will be long remembered by all those who attend.

The following general rules re camps may not be out of place in this issue:—

A trench should be dug immediately under the curtain of a tent and the excavated earth banked on its outer edge. The curtain should then be pegged to the inner slope of the trench, the canvas thus draining into it.

Tent flies are to be looped up the first thing every morning, in wet weather on the leeward side only.

A light is never to be left burning in an unoccupied tent.

If rain or heavy dew is likely, tent ropes must be slackened.

If a camp is pitched in or near long dry grass, special precautions must be taken against fire.

Absolute silence must be observed in camp between "Lights Out" and "Reveille." Non-commissioned officers in charge of tents will be held responsible that this is carried out, as it is against the rules of the service that the camp should be disturbed. (Will the early risers on the FIRST morning note this?)

TRAFALGAR DAY PARADE.

On Wednesday afternoon, 20th October, the annual Cadet demonstration under the auspices of the Navy League in connection with the celebration of Trafalgar Day was held in the Queen's Park. The cadets of the Primary Schools turned out splendidly, and helped to impress the public with the importance of the movement. As was the case last year, the Garrison Band played excellent music to and from the Park. Of our own cadets the parade state showed:—

Major Pearce in command. No. 1 Coy.—Captain Pow, Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Boyne, and 38 Cadets. No. 2 Coy.—Captain McGrath, Lieut. Hewat, Lieut. Dobbie, and 45 Cadets. No. 3 Coy.—Captain Munro, Lieut. Adamson, Lieut. Hawke, and 40 Cadets. Total, all ranks, 133.

There was a large attendance of the public to see the parade and the march past. Everything went well and was a considerable improvement on the work of the preceding anniversary.

When the column entered the park, the band took up its position at a point opposite the grandstand, immediately in front of which, at the saluting base, Major Murphy and Staff S.M. Bishop were posted. The march-past, in column of companies to the tune of "Ninety-Five," provided an imposing spectacle. The difficult manoeuvre reflected, as

has been already indicated, the greatest credit on the Cadets and on their different instructors. As the brigade returned past the saluting base, in quarter-column, the band meanwhile playing "The British Grenadiers," the marching was again of a high order, but it was apparent that one or two companies which had scored highly in the march past dropped points in the return by failing to maintain correct quarter column distance. The evenness of merit in the different companies may be realised from the fact that only a couple of points separated the companies placed first and second. The awards were made as follows:—

High School Battalion.—No. 1 Coy., 48 points; No. 2 Coy., 46 points.

Marks were awarded for slope of the rifle, dressing and marching, and saluting and drill. The winners got their lead for saluting and drill. Major Murphy, in announcing the results, congratulated the boys on their excellent performance.

The different trophies won in the shooting competitions held under the auspices of the Navy League were presented to the winners by Major Pearce, who also complimented the Cadets on the great improvement shown. The winning team in the High School Battalion came from No. 1 Coy. (Capt. Pow's command), and to them will be awarded a donation of £1. The conditions were, for the Senior Cadets, 7 shots at 200 yds and 500 yds. Appended are the scores:—

	200	500	Tl.
A Coy.	237	117—354	
B Coy.	126	68—194	
C Coy.	158	94—252	

This competition was fired in a howling gale, hence the poor shooting at the long range.

The highest individual scores, each carrying a donation of 10s, were made as follows:—Private T. Ferguson (High School No. 1 Coy.) 47, Sergt. Collins (High School No. 2 Coy.) 31, and Lieut. Hawke (High School No. 3 Coy.) 42.

At the conclusion of the parade, the brigade headed by the band, marched from the ground in column of route by way of Gala and Dee streets, up Tay street to the School.

IN A NUTSHELL.

Bob Hawke's return to School was timely, enabling us to fill C. Reid's Lieutenantcy in C. Company with an enthusiastic Cadet and a good shot. His pocket money was increased by 10s after the demonstration on Trafalgar Day.

Battalion parades are held regularly every month. The Eastern Reserve is our favourite parade ground.

Private Cavell, of C. Coy. was top scorer at 500 yds range in the Navy League competition. He also ran well at our Sports. A real "multum in parvo."

Why was "Milky" smiling after a recent Battalion parade? Ask him.

Straight shooting brings its own reward. The following have won range prizes during recent practices:—Lieut. Adamson, Sergt. Christie, Corpl. Smith, Privates Ferguson T., Hanan S., McGibbon S., Davies C., McCaw W., Mayer J., Reid G., Christie L. Go thou and do likewise.

During the second term the Miniature Rifle Range was in use every Saturday morning. Best scores were made by Traill, Carmichael, Smith, Hamilton, Stout, Piper.

A Coy. lost its Senior Bugler (Bush) at the beginning of this term. He decided to go to Christ's College to look after his big brother.

B Coy. marched well in the march past on Trafalgar Day. A Coy. did the same coming back in quarter column. Those grim war-stained veterans of "C" Company, earned a well-deserved round of applause for their performance on Trafalgar Day. And they deserved it.

Owing to the generosity of the Defence Department, the boys who did their class-firing well last year received a little pocket money, by way of encouragement. A. Company received the bulk of it.

Never did our Battalion look so well as it did on Trafalgar Day. Our O.C. must have felt proud of his command as he led the "March Past."

We heartily welcome Sergt.-Major Bishop our new Drill Instructor, to our midst. From what we have seen of him, we feel sure that he will do his best to raise the standard of drill in our Battalion, just as he is doing in the Volunteer Battalion.

Ex Col.-Sergt. L. Mitchell of A Coy. passed the Sergeant's exam. held by the Defence authorities. He is now one of the Non-coms. of the City Guards.

The buglers of our Battalion have been receiving extra tuition from Q.M.S. Ferguson, an ex member of the Garrison Band and of the N.Z. Band.

Sergt.-Major Grant held an Officers' Instruction Class in the Gymnasium at the beginning of the winter. Owing to extra work in the country conducting classes, he had to stop this class earlier than he intended. The result of this class was noticeable at the March Past; but some officers have yet to learn how to salute with their swords.

By the way each of our officers sports a new sword. A fine effect is now produced in Battalion parades. These swords were specially imported from England by Major Pearce for his officers.

SHOOTING NOTES.

We were all sorry to hear that our match against Otago High School had to be postponed, owing to the necessary permission for the use of the Balclutha range not having been received from Capt. Grigor. This we feel sure was caused through some mistake, and we hope to be able to fire this match before the end of the year.

In view of the Otago Match and the Secondary Schools' Match, our 'Ten' have been practising assiduously under Major Pearce, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No phenomenal scoring has taken place. Wind, wind, wind—we have not had a fine calm practice. Corp. Smith has shot consistently.

Considerable improvement is noticed in the shooting of the following members of the 'Ten':—Sergt. Hamilton, Pte. Millar, and Pte. Adamson N.

For trophy-shooting purposes A Coy. has been divided into 'A' class shots and 'B' class shots. The championship of the Coy., along with a trophy, goes to the winner of the 'A' class; a trophy will also be presented to the winner of the 'B' class.

In order to foster Cadet shooting, the local Rifle Association resolved to place a Secondary Schools' Match on their programme for Boxing Day. On their attention being drawn to the fact that the School would be closed and no carbines available, they resolved to place the arrangement of the match in Major Pearce's hands. He accordingly set to work and he has arranged the match which is to be fired on November 16th, thus:—

Grade I.—Any Cadet in any Company under 15 years.

Grade II.—Any Cadet in any Company under 16 years.

Grade III.—Any Cadet in any Company under 17 years.

Grade VI.—Any Cadet in any Company over 17 years.

First and second prizes will be paid in each grade. The conditions for each grade are 7 shots and an optional sighter at 200 yards.

The following were the winners of the 'Personal Payments' (granted by Defence Department) for 1908:—

A Coy.: Sergt. Hamilton, Corpl. Smith, Ptes. Keast, Grieve W., Paton H.

B Coy.: Sergts. Carmichael and Bastings, Ptes. Ferguson T., McGibbon S., Bugler Ferguson J.

C Coy.: Sergts. Collins, Stead, and Macan C., Pte. Adamson W., Bugler Findlay.

LIBRARY.

This has been somewhat unsuccessful term from the point of view of Library membership, there being but forty members altogether, as compared with the seventy of the corresponding term of last year. Perhaps the proximity of the public examinations may account for this deficiency. Of this forty the Matriculation form supplies but one member, notwithstanding the fact that advent of a new style of question in the English paper has made a knowledge of the standard authors and their works almost a necessity. It is to be hoped that next year will see a much larger number of members in all the classes, but especially in the Matriculation form.

The following volumes have been placed on the shelves since last issue, thus bringing the total up to 363.

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—From G. Agnew, "Thomas A. Edison"; B. Baxter, "A Long Chase"; W. McCaw, "The Story of Francis Cludde"; A. Baxter, "Fritz and Eric"; "Too Tam Taa" (Timaru) "The Pirate City"; C. Thomson, "Lost in the Wilds"; L. Bennet, "Dombey and Son"; D. Hamilton, "The Gorilla Hunters."

Douglas Brown has set a good example to the School in handing over to the Library his winnings in the School sports. The Library benefits to the extent of nine good volumes.

Will. Grieve has presented a copy of Shuckburgh's "Life of Augustus"—a very readable and entertaining book.

The following books have been placed on the shelves since last issue:—

"Round the Fire Stories," by A. Conan Doyle; "Fights for the Flag," "Deeds that won the Empire" and "Nelson and his Captains," by W. H. Fitchett; "Peter Simple," by Captain Marryat; "Two Years Ago," by Charles Kingsley; "Tales of Mystery and Imagination," by Edgar A. Poe; "Harold, the Last of the Saxon Kings," by Lord Lytton; "Goethe's Faust," by A. G. Latham; "Tales from Shakespeare," by Charles and Mary Lamb; "Tom Brown's School Days," by T. Hughes; "Voyage of the Beagle," by Charles Darwin; "The Compleat Angler," by Isaak Walton; "The Channings," by Mrs Henry Wood; "Mr Midshipman Easy," by Captain Marryat; "The Jungle Book," "The Second Jungle Book," "Puck of Pook's Hill" and "Just So Stories," by Rudyard Kipling; "The Call of the Wild," by Jack London; "Quaint Subjects of the King," by J. Foster Fraser; "Selected Essays," by Augustine Birrell; "Scrambles Amongst the Alps," by Edward Whymper; "Idylls of the Sea," by Frank Bullen; "A House-Boat on the Styx," and "Pursuit of the House-Boat," by John Kendrick Bangs; "The Trail of the Sword," by Gilbert Parker; "John of Gerisean," by John Orenham; "Captain Davy's Honeymoon," by Hall Caine; "Mr Pratt,"

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Athletic Sports.



OFFICE-BEARERS.

Referee:—W. Macalister, Esq.

Judges:—Messrs A. F. Hawke, E. Russell, C. Todd, T. D. A. Moffett, F. Ball. Wrestling: Mr W. Baird.

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Press Stewards:—F. Adamson, T. Ferguson.

Starter:—Mr I. Galloway. **Assitant Starter:**—Mr J. Pow.

Timekeepers:—Messrs J. D. Gilmore, J. Williams, J. P. Dakin.

Handicappers.—Mr W. F. J. Munro, T. Baird, J. Hewat.

Old Boys' Events:—Messrs H. Christophers, C. Webber, G. McChesney.

Committee:—The Rector, Mr J. Williams, Mr J. P. Dakin, Mr J. S. McGrath, Mr J. Pow, Mr J. Galloway, Mr W. F. Munro, J. Hewat, D. McGibbon, S. Hanan, T. Baird, A. Carmichael, E. Dobbie.

Hon. Sec. Old Boys' Events:—Mr G. McChesney.

Hon. Secretaries:—J. Boyne. J. McQueen.

School Championship Events:—100 Yards, 220 Yards, One Mile, Long Jump, High Jump.

HANDICAP TROPHIES. Senior.—

Mr G. C. A. Todd presented a Gold Medal for most points in Open Handicap (Running). 100 yds, 220 yds, 440 yds, Half Mile, One Mile. Junior.—

Mr R. L. Christie presented a Gold Medal for most points in Open Handicap (under 15 years). Long Jump, High Jump, 100 yds, 220 yds, 440 yds. Points: First, 5; second, 3; third 1.

The morning of 27th October broke beautifully fine, and there was every prospect of a glorious day to follow for the annual sports of the School. But the usual contrary character of our weather was vindicated on this occasion. Clouds appeared early in the afternoon, and before the sports had been long in progress a light drizzling rain commenced to fall and continued, without intermission, throughout the afternoon. The sports began about 2 p.m. in an attendance far above the average for this gathering, the predominance of lady friends and Old Boys of the school being very marked. A good many waited to see the finish, despite the drizzle. The entries for all the events, Old Boys' included, were exceptionally heavy; consequently large fields faced the starter almost every time, thus making interesting competitions and excellent finishes. The event of events was, of course, the deciding of the school championship for the year. This merged itself into a contest between Christie and Dobbie. It was a hard-fought struggle, and not decided till the last race gave Christie the advantage over his rival by one point, 23—22. Christie won the 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, and the high jump, while Dobbie placed the mile and the long jump to his credit. The champion's well deserved win was vastly popular among his schoolmates.

A detailed list of the events and the name of the winner of each are here appended:—

Wrestling—Heavy weight. 1 Brown, 2 Boyne. Middle weight: 1 Young, 2 Keast. Light weight: 1 J. Ferguson, 2 B. Grant. There was keen competition all through, but more especially in the heavy weight class.

Long Jump (under 15)—1 Catto, 2 Sawers. The winner jumped 15ft. 9½in., and with a 6 inch handicap beat Sawers, who cleared 16ft. 3½in.

100 Yards Handicap (under 15)—First Heat: 1 F. Grant, 2 Sawers; time, 11 2-5th secs. Second Heat: 1 R. McKenzie, 2 McGregor; time, 11 3-5th secs. Third Heat: 1 Catto, 2 Stevens; time, 11 4-5th secs. Fourth Heat: 1 Huffadine, 2 Willcox; time, 12 secs. Semi-final—First Heat: 1 Catto, 2 McKenzie; time, 11 4-5th secs. Second Heat: 1 Grant, 2 McGregor; time, 11 secs. Final—1 Catto, 2 McKenzie. Catto won easily, slackening off in the last five yards.

Long Jump Handicap and Championship—1 Dobbie, 2 Christie; distance, 19ft 0¾in. Christie's jump was 18ft 3¼in., Dobbie thus winning easily. Other competitors were: Boyne 17ft 10in., Saunders 16ft 8¼in., Milne 15ft. 5in., and R. Hawke 14ft 5in.

100 Yards Championship—1 Christie, 2 Dobbie; time, 10 2-5th secs. Christie had the best of the start, but Dobbie passed him. The winner then came with a rush, getting in by an inch or so, after a great race.

220 Yards Handicap (under 15)—First Heat: 1 Catto, 2 Stevens; time, 25 2-5th secs. Second Heat: 1 McGregor, 2 McBride; time, 27 1-5th secs. Final: 1 Catto, 2 Stevens, 3 McBride; time, 26 secs. A good finish, with McBride close up.

100 Yards Handicap (open)—First Heat: 1 Hanan, 2 Hawke; time, 11 2-5th secs. Second Heat: 1 McDonald, 2 Brooke; time, 11 secs. Third Heat: 1 T. Wilson, 2 Baird and Ryburn; time, 11 secs. Fourth Heat: 1 Christie, 2 Gray; time, 10 4-5th secs. Fifth Heat: 1 Saunders, 2 Hewat; time, 11 secs. Sixth Heat: 1 Brown, 2 Tulloch; time, 11 1-5th secs. Final: 1 Christie, 2 Wilson T.; time, 11 3-5th secs. Won easily by about two yards.

High Jump (under 15)—1 Grant F., 2 Catto; height, 4ft 3¼in.

High Jump Handicap (and Championship)—Christie and Brown equal; height, 5ft. 0½in.; 2 Hall. A good competition.

Potato Race—First Heat: 1 Carter, 2 Findlay. Second Heat: 1 Jameson, 2 Imlay. Third Heat: 1 Matheson, 2 Stevens. Fourth Heat: 1 Wilson, 2 Young. Final: 1 Carter, 2 Wilson T. This was a good race, and it excited considerable interest.

440 Yards Handicap—1 Baird, 2 McQueen; time, 53 1-5th secs. The pace was very hot, and the field thinned out about half way.

220 Yards Championship—1 Christie, 2 Dobbie; time, 23 4-5th secs. Another very fast race, Christie winning by about five yards.

Sack Race—First Heat: 1 Baxter, 2 Carter. Second Heat: 1 Reid, 2 Keast. Final: 1 Reid A., 2 Keast. Won easily after a clever run.

Relay Race—1, Forms IV, V. and VI: Boyne, Hewat, Ryburn, D. Anderson; 2 Form IIIB. This race caused great excitement and no little enthusiasm.

120 Yards Hurdle Handicap—1 Gray, 2 Hall; time, 20 secs. Gray won with about three yards to spare.

Half-Mile Handicap—1 Baird, 2 McQueen; time, 2 min. 11 1-5th secs. Baird made a fast race and beat McQueen at the finish.

220 Yards Handicap—First Heat: 1 Anderson, 2 Saunders. Second Heat: 1 Hewat, 2 Baird. Third Heat: 1 Cavell, 2 Brown. Final: 1 Baird, 2 Saunders; time, 23 4-5th secs. A ding-dong race. Both men ran right up to the tape, Baird winning by inches.

440 Yards Championship (under 15)—1 Catto. The other competitors retired, leaving Catto to finish alone.

Obstacle Race—First Heat: 1 Bonthron, 2 Davies. Second Heat: 1 Hawke, 2 Ibbotson. Third Heat: 1 Oughton, 2 Munro. Final: 1 Ibbotson, 2 Bonthron. After an unusually exciting race Ibbotson came out on top.

440 Yards Championship—1 Christie, 2 Dobbie; time, 55 secs. A new record. Christie again showed his superiority over the other performers.

220 Yards Handicap (under 14½)—First Heat: 1 Dallas, 2 Brass; time, 27 secs. Second Heat: 1 Stevens, 2 Miske; time, 27 1-5th secs. Third Heat: 1 Christophers, 2 Bennett; time 27 secs. Final: 1 Dallas, 2 Stevens; time, 27 4-5th secs.

Mile Handicap and Championship (run off on Oct. 21st)—1 Seddon (45 yds), 2 Baird (scr.). A big field and a good race. Seddon ran better than was expected, covering the distance in 4 min. 50 secs; Baird did it in 4 min. 56 secs, establishing a new record.

Consolation Handicap (220 yards)—1 L. Hanan, 2 S. Hanan; time, 25 secs. Very fast and exciting race, won by a foot or so.

100 Yards Amateur Old Boys' Handicap—First Heat: 1 Sawers, 2 Templeton; time, 10 4-5th secs. Second Heat: 1 C. Smith, 2 C. Browett; time, 10 2-5th secs. Third Heat: 1 A. McDonald, 2 McCartney; time, 10 2-5th secs. Fourth Heat: 1 L. Hay; 2 G. McChesney; time, 10 1-5th secs. Final: 1 Hay, 2 Alex. McDonald; time, 10 3-5th secs.

100 Yards Amateur Old Boys' Inter-Collegiate Handicap—First Heat: 1 A. McDonald, 2 P. Uren; time, 10 1-5th secs. Second Heat: 1 Uren, 2 Arch. McDonald; time, 10 1-5th secs. Final: 1 Arch. McDonald, 2 Uren; time, 10 secs. A fast and good race.

440 Yards Amateur Old Boys' Handicap—1 Alex. McDonald, 2 E. F. Stout, 3 G. McChesney; time, 51 3-5th secs. A good race; all three men ran well.

One Mile Amateur Old Boys' Handicap—1 W. Sampson, 2 G. Henderson; time, 4 min. 59 1-5th secs. A big field of sixteen competitors faced the starter, and, a good race resulting, half the number finished. Sampson maintained a considerable lead all the time, but G. Henderson challenged him towards the end, both men finishing fast, Sampson having some ten yards to spare.

(Times Reporter)—“The outing, taking as a whole, was a most enjoyable one, and the performances put up by the boys most creditable. The officials and organisers are to be congratulated on the rapidity with which they got off the various events—the fault, if any, being that they were just a little hurried. To Christie great credit is due for his wonderful performance in beating, if not eclipsing, Dobbie, of Sheffield fame. No doubt more will be heard of this youthful athlete later.”

Lyall Christie in winning the School Championship against competitors of fuller years did remarkably well. Christie, who is some months short of sixteen years, won the 100 Yards in 10 3-5th secs, 220 Yards in 23 4-5th secs, 440 Yards in 55 secs, the High Jump (5ft.), and was second in the Long Jump, 18ft. ¾in.

Tommy Baird, last year's champion, did not compete for the championship, reserving himself for the handicaps and securing the Todd medal. From the scratch mark he won the 220, 440, and 880 Yards races in 23 4-5th, 53 1-5th, 2 min. 11 1-5th secs; while in the Mile Handicap he came second in 4 min. 56 secs; establishing a new record.

Catto, the junior champion, hails from Heddon Bush. Like Christie, he is a big boy for his age. He lacks three months of fifteen years. He was placed first in the 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards, his times for the first two events being 11 4-5th and 26 secs; in the third event he beat off all others and was left alone. He also won the Long Jump with 15ft. 9in., and came second in the High Jump, with 4ft. 3in.

Dobbie ran determinedly, making it hot for Christie in the championships, but unable to beat him at the tape.

Two new records were established. Christie lowered the 440 Yards to 55 secs., while Baird lowered that of the Mile to 4min. 56 secs.

Winner of Todd Trophy—T. Baird.

Junior Sports Champion, 1909—J. Catto.

School Sports Champion, 1909—R. L. Christie.

During the afternoon Mrs Pearce, with the assistance of the wives of the staff and some of the High School girls, dispensed afternoon tea and cakes, this item receiving great attention and appreciation from all present.

A marquee was also erected this year for the competitors, and was a decided improvement on the old dressing shed.

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And of trophies from Messrs. C. Todd, E. Russell, R. L. Christie, W. Ferguson, W. Munro, H. Gibb.

AFTER PIGEONS.

Very early one cold, drizzly day last holidays, three of us gladly left a hard bed on the floor of a hut some fifteen miles from Fortrose. The evening before we had driven by an almost impassable road through the bush to this hut, and had spent the night on hard boards. To one accustomed to a soft feather mattress, the pleasure of such a bed is unknown; it is a pleasure that, once tried, is never repeated. This accounted for the fact that after we had had an enjoyable breakfast in somewhat novel surroundings, we had still some time to wait before we could enjoy, through an opportune rift in the clouds, the glory of a sunrise in the bush. The rays played through the wet undergrowth, imparting to each bush thousands of sparkling diamonds. Still we were none too early for the birds. Before daylight the tuis were calling and whistling to each other, the pigeons were cooing to their mates, and at intervals a distant haka uttered his harsh call as a protest against the approaching day.

The situation of the hut, at the foot of a steep hill, enabled us to watch the first flight of the pigeons heralding in a new day. They would fly from the gully to the top of the hill, swoop gracefully up some hundred feet into the air, poise for a second perfectly motionless, like a kite, and then swoop down to some position of vantage that they had selected from above. From twenty to thirty pigeons were going through these evolutions simultaneously. Altogether, there must have been hundreds of birds in motion. Naturally, such a sight made us impatient to get to our shooting ground, some three hundred feet above us, on a knoll, to get to which we had to plunge through dripping undergrowth. After about a quarter of an hour's struggling, slipping and falling we were at the top among the birds.

My two companions immediately distinguished themselves by getting "bushed"—a very easy thing to do if you become so engrossed in looking for pigeons as not to note your bearings. In this case, after some hours of wandering round a very small area of ground, crossing and recrossing a creek that was never more than a hundred yards from the roadline, these two unlucky ones reached the hut soaking wet and with a very poor opinion of the bush in wet weather.

All this time I had been having such good sport that, once thoroughly soaked, I did not notice the wet undergrowth. Indeed, I am of the opinion that the bush is at its best when wet. What prettier sight could be imagined than the head of a gully adorned with pretty ferns and peppermint and possessed of new life on account of the water? The pigeons were very plentiful, but hard to shoot because they were feeding on the top of the rimus, the giants of the Southland bush. Often as many as twenty birds would fly into one tree, but only one or two would be visible from the ground. Still, before noon

I had a satisfactory bag, and was delighted with the sport. I had, however, to acknowledge myself beaten by the kakas. They are keeping pace with the world. Man has a great respect for his own life: so has the kaka. They would answer a whistle and sometimes come to investigate, but always from a safe distance in mid-air.

When I had worked back into the bush I came across very recent tracks made by wild pigs. In places the ground was literally ploughed up, while in many others there were signs of Captain Cook's foraging. The hope, or perhaps it was the fear, of coming across a wild boar kept me always on the lookout; if there were any about, they did not come into view, and I had to be content to return to the hut without any tale of a desperate encounter with a boar. Dinner over, and still all soaking wet, we decided to make the best of our time by getting over the worst of the road home before dark. That drive out will not be forgotten for many a day; the horses were new to the road and could not keep their feet. We arrived home without any accident, all well pleased with an outing that comes within the reach of only a few.

J.N.M.

A TRIP UP BEN LOMOND.

While stopping at the picturesque town of Queenstown for a holiday, we decided to climb Ben Lomond the following day. The morning came with the usual glaring sun, that burns the ground up till nearly seven in the evening, so you may judge for yourself what it would be like climbing a mountain. The day being so intensely hot, the rest of the party decided not to go, and so I set out with my cousin, who was for a time a very unwilling horse. Now, when viewed from the road, Ben Lomond does not look very high; but when we started to climb it we found it was something tougher than we expected it, and being used to flat country, we soon felt marked effects on our legs. We started out about 2 o'clock, walking very briskly for a time at a pace quite impossible to keep up. We soon got on to the main mountain track, and from there we kept tramping on, with the perspiration pouring off our heads like a river. About half way up we met another party who had been up to see the sunrise, which they described as very beautiful. At last, after what seemed to be an everlasting track, we reached the saddle, where we found a splendid little spring and had our long-wished-for drink of water. Again we started, and after a short time we stopped for another rest, as the track had become very rugged and steep, making walking very hard. From here we looked into a huge valley, where the sun was pouring down its rays, which seemed to be quite visible. Everything was still, except for the tinkle of an occasional bell far down in the valley from

some wandering sheep, and the bleating of some lambs that were jumping about on the mountain side. Straight in front of us, a long range of mountains covered in snow, which seemed to act as the boundary of the valley, were glistening in their robes of white like so many fairies. Far down in this valley we were able to see the Skippers Road. To the right the jagged peaks of the Remarkables, and to the side of them the Kawarra River.

Having rested a few minutes, we made our last attempt, and reached the top, the time being somewhere about 5 o'clock. From this vantage-point we obtained a most inspiring view. All around, the mountains were covered with snow. To our left was the head of the lake, Earnslaw standing magnificent out above all the other mountains. To our right, we were able to catch a glimpse of Mount Cook and, nearer, Mount Aspiring. As I have said, everything was so solemnly still that we just gazed round at the magnificent sight. But we had been so enraptured with the splendour of the sight that we had not noticed the change in the sky. One huge cloud was gradually creeping up upon us. So, placing our names in the book, we made hot our pace back down the mountain. But we had not been quick enough, for we were caught in the dense mist, and, some how, we got separated, and then that dread came over us of being lost. After vainly crying out to each other for about ten minutes or so, we were relieved to see the mist pass over. We soon came together again, arriving in Queenstown about 8.15 p.m.

L. BUSH.

COOK AND PEARY.

Dr. Cook and Commander Peary, both claimants for being the first to reach the North Pole, were naturally enemies, and when they met in one of the main streets of Polarville, a dispute arose between them.

Dr. Cook was the first to speak.

"How long was the pole you reached, Peary?"

To this Peary replied:

"It was between twenty and thirty feet high; and a polar bear was clambering up it to reach the top."

Dr. Cook: "It must have been a different pole from the one I saw, for mine was only six feet long, with a flag flying at the top advertising 'Old Judge Cigarettes.' Therefore, there must have been two poles, or, more likely, the one you saw was in a dream."

Mr Peary stoutly resented these remarks, saying: "The one I saw was the genuine one, for it had 'North Pole' branded on it; and the polar bear had a label on it stating that it was the caretaker, to see that no one carried the pole away or used it as firewood."

To back up his statements, Mr Peary continued: "If you do not believe me, I will go up and bring the pole back to show you."

Mr. Peary then asked Dr. Cook: "Where did you stay during your Arctic visit?"

To which Dr Cook replied: "I was entertained at the Polar Hotel, the inmates of which treated me very hospitably."

Mr. Peary: "Oh! I stayed at the Arctic Temperance Inn, a most comfortable hostelry. Since you stayed at an hotel, I have no doubt that will explain your 'pole.'"

"Indeed," said Cook, "I can assure you that the night I saw the pole I drank nothing stronger than water."

Mr. Peary: "You say that you saw the pole at night. That's funny, because there would be no night when you were there."

After much arguing, in which Dr. Cook tried to convince Mr. Peary that he meant to say "day"—until Policeman Bruin, on his rounds, gave the order, "Move on! please." Afterwards, when drinking to the health of their respective poles, they came to the conclusion that there were two poles, and perhaps that would account for the fact that Shackleton could not find any in the South.

J. SAWERS.

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Correspondence.



ESPRIT DE CORPS.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

As an Old Boy, with the welfare of the School at heart, I take the liberty of drawing the attention not only of my fellow Old Boys, but also of the boys now about to leave School, to one or two matters to which they have probably given little thought. This year I have been privileged to mix with Old Boys of many other schools all over the Dominion, and especially one thing about them has struck me, viz., the fine esprit de corps which they carry away with them from their School. Particularly is this the case with those hailing from boarding schools, but it is by no means confined to them. The love they bear their old schools manifests itself in various ways. Primarily, it causes what I may call the old Old Boys and the new Old Boys to fraternise to a degree absent among fellows who do not cherish the feelings towards their schools to which I have referred. That is an advantage. Secondly, it promotes spontaneous gifts of money or time for the

benefit of the present generation and the generations to come. A case comes to mind. The Old Boys of a Northern College gave £500, half the cost of levelling the College grounds. The Old Boys in one company alone gave £60 for a swimming cup. This is one instance of what esprit de corps does.

Now, Sir, does this esprit de corps exist among our Old Boys? Have they done any great thing for their School? In what ways has their gratitude been shown? We appealed to them when we wanted money for the Fives Courts. Some few responded loyally, but the burden of the cost fell chiefly on the parents of the boys then at School. Beyond what they did then their old School has, as far as I know, benefited from them not one iota.

Let me review the claims of the School upon those who have passed through her. At school are made, normally, friendships that last a lifetime. These are surely a gain? Among the masters, most boys find at least one to whose influence he owes more, perhaps, than he admits. He may find more. He is truly the poorer if he find not one. Perhaps that master alone, of all his acquaintances, understood him, and a boy appreciates being understood. This is worth something. Finally, the School associations generally serve to broaden the mind and fix the character to a degree too often not realised, and this at a time when the mind and character are in their most plastic condition. Surely this is not valueless.

And for all this the School claims your gratitude.

How can we foster this esprit de corps? In various ways. Regular articles in the School Magazine, outlining the careers of our most distinguished Old Boys, would help. The photographs of our most distinguished Old Boys, placed on the walls of the Long Room, could not fail to attract attention. By such means the boys in the School would gradually come to associate a history with the School—a history to which they are destined to add. Another point. We pride ourselves that our Mag. is not all blow, but blow, for the School, at least is evidence of a pride in the School and its institutions. Our Mag. has not half enough contributors. The work falls on some half-dozen. Lastly, can we not adopt an Old Boys' Badge, but of faster colours than the present School Badge, else few would adopt it?

This is a matter for the Old Boys' Association. Why does not the Association attract the boys just leaving School? Or has it nothing to offer them, and if not, why not?

An abler pen than mine would have done this subject more justice, but perhaps what I have written may arouse some interest among Old Boys for their School.

FRANK SIMON.

LETTER BY "INTERESTED."

We have received a letter, bearing the Dunedin postmark, from one who signs himself "Interested." "Interested" must know that it is not customary to publish correspondence unless the writer's name is given to the Editor as a mark of the contributor's serious desire for the publication of his letter. We see no reason to depart from this rule.—Editor.

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