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School Officers, November, 1914.

Prefects : A. A. Reid (head), G. Wild, H. Ryburn, K. Archer, S. Thompson, J. Wesney, P. Rice, E. Cupples.

Cadets : O.C., Major Pearce.

No. 6 Co., Lieut.. J. B. Struthers; Half Co. Commanders: Senior-Sergeants A. Reid, G. Wild; Section Commanders: Sergeants K. Archer, L. Cameron, D. Henderson, E. Cupples; Corporals: J. Wesney, J. Corbet, H. Dyer, T. Macdonald, N. Smith.

No. 7 Co., Mr A. S. Reid; Half Co. Commanders: Senior-Sergeants H. Ryburn, C. Stuck; Section Commanders: Sergeants J. Meffan, J. Fraser, S. Thompson, M. Summers; Corporals: L. Soper, N. Vallance, N. Pryde, W. Brash; Buglers: W. Ryburn, H. Jefcoate, T. Preston; Drummers: G. Kingston, A. McNaughton.

Cricket : Seniors—Captain, A. A. Reid; Secretary, G. Wild. 2nd XI.—Captain, D. M. Greig. Juniors—"A" Team, R. Fraser; Sec., C. Dykes; "B" Team, A. Jackson; Sec., B. Pope. Train—Secs., Ed. Smith, J. Young.

Football : 1st XV.—Captain, E. Cupples; Deputy-captain, A. Reid; Reporter, J. Wesney. 2nd XV.—Captain, L. Johnson; Deputy-captain, D. Leckie. 3rd XV.—Captain, G. Scandrett; Deputy-captain, R. Stephens. Inter-School Teams Tournament.—Dreadnoughts—Captain, R. Fraser; Deputy-capt., D. Greig; Secretary, T. Preston. Hotties—Captain, N. Murrell; Deputy-capt., G. Kingston; Sec., J. Thompson. Zulu-K'nutns—Capt., G. Scandrett; Deputy-capt., T. Macdonald; Sec., R. Stephens. All Blacks—Capt., L. Soper; Deputy-capt., A. Fleming; Sec., F. McDowall. Midgets—Capt., R. Oughton; Deputy-capt., R. Firth; Sec., D. Reed. Secretaries.—H. Ryburn, W. Ryburn, D. Reed.

Tennis : Secretary, H. Ryburn.

Fives : Seniors—Sec., J. Wesney. Second Year,—Sec., H. Jefcoate. First Year—Sec., A. Jackson.

Boxing : Secretary, Ian MacGibbon.

Librarians : H. Dyer and J. Donald.

Athletic Sports : Committee—A. Reid, E. Cupples, D. Hay, M. Sheehan, D. Manson. Secretaries—C. Hiskens, L. Lopdell.

Southlandian: A. Reid, H. Ryburn, S. Thompson, K. Archer, G. Wild, J. Wesney, R. Fraser, B. Pope.

"*Non scholae sed vitae discimus.*"

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THE WAR.

"Now all the youth of England are on fire
And silken dalliance in the wardrobe lies :
Now thrive the armourers, and honour's thought
Reigns solely in the breast of every man :
They sell the pasture now to buy the horse,
Following the mirror of all Christian kings."

—Shakespeare.

After sixty years of peaceful relations with her Continental neighbours, England is once more in the throes of a European conflict. The insane ambition of the war lords of Potsdam, which has so long disturbed the peace-loving diplomatists of Europe, has at last hurled on their way the huge legions of the Kaiser, and made Germany and its unfortunate ally the centre of the greatest struggle the world has ever seen. On the slightest provocation the gauntlet of Germany was dashed into the face of the Triple Entente, with an assurance that betokened preparations of long standing. France and Russia were invaded; Belgium, unoffending, neutral Belgium, was ruthlessly ravaged; England they hoped would be neutral.

Unscrupulous as they were in their violation of treaties, they badly misjudged the character of the Briton. Our allies invaded, our

diminutive protege mercilessly plundered, our only honourable course was clear. Fight we must or for ever bow our heads in shame. The crisis had come. War was declared.

How many times since that fateful day have we caught our breath in pride at the way in which our Empire has set to work to bring the enemy to his knees. The unprecedented and spontaneous wave of patriotism which has swept from end to end of the British Dominions has made untenable the idea of Britain's degeneration which has been so persistently preached for some time. Party questions have been put aside, religious differences overlooked, and all have thrown themselves heart and soul into the work.

New Zealand, in common with the other self-governing colonies, is doing her share. We proudly remember the secret and successful attack on Samoa, and later the painful pleasure of farewelling 8000 of the flower of our manhood, a worthy offering to the Mother Country in her time of need. We honour our heroes, and predict for them nothing but valour and glory; but we trust that their services may not be long required.

Those of us who cannot go in person to answer our country's call have nevertheless done our share of labour and sacrifice. In every place money has been subscribed with gratifying liberality, while gifts of clothing and general goods have been received in profusion by various committees. This generosity will do much to alleviate the sufferings of soldiers and non-combatants in Europe. Contributions have been received from all classes and institutions, and as a school we felt the desirability of doing our share by some little self-sacrifice. After some consideration as to ways and means, we decided with acclamation to forego our sports and class prizes this year and devote money usually allotted to this to the Patriotic Fund.

The essential virtue needed in the present crisis is calmness. We can be proud of the absence of hysterical war fever or panic which was so conspicuous in us in contrast to the excitement and fervour of the Continental nations. But it is necessary to cultivate the cool stoic spirit until the end. Only thus can we minimise the sufferings of this Herculean conflict, and only thus can we be sure of bringing it to a successful and speedy conclusion.

England has drawn the sword of justice, in defence of the liberty of the world. Against a blood-stained and unscrupulous tyrant we struggle, and we feel that we have the sympathy of the whole of mankind in our huge war. Defeat is unthinkable. Victory for Kaiserism would be the death knell of freedom, and prelude of a return to barbarism. We have entered this fight with a clear conscience, and a righteous anger; we will fight if need be to the bitter end, and combine calm courage and valour; we have no fear as to what the end will be.

K. G. ARCHER.

ATHLETICS AND THE SCHOOL.

By A. E. Stearns, Headmaster Phillips Academy, Andover, U.S.A.
(From Atlantic Monthly, February, 1914.)

"In these days of increasing luxury, ease and softness the influence of wholesome athletics in developing character and toughening the moral fibre must not be ignored. Many a weakling is made strong through the lessons he masters on the football field. Here are taught and developed self-control and self-surrender, alertness of mind and body, courage, and the ability to think and act quickly for one's self. The meaning of democracy in its best sense is here driven home with compelling force. Self-restraint is in the very air, and self-denial for the benefit of all is a daily necessity. And the influence of these lessons is not lost on the student body as a whole. It permeates the very atmosphere of the school community, restraining the weak, inspiring cleaner standards of life, and lifting to distinctly higher levels the student conception of physical fitness and moral work. No arguments in defence of these contentions are needed by those school-masters who make their chief concern the development of the character of their pupils. Were athletics, and especially football, taken out of the life of our schools, we should search long, and probably in vain, for a suitable substitute."

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION.

We congratulate our former dux, J. P. Hewat, B.A., on his selection as the Otago University's candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship Competition of New Zealand. He is the fifth Southlander who has been so honoured. R. Kennedy and D. S. Smith were so honoured by Victoria College, Wellington; W. Alexander and F. Miles and Hewat by Otago.

Eighteen months have elapsed since Miles was farewelled and a good deal of water has flowed beneath the bridges at Oxford, but no single line has been received from our Rhodes representative in Balliol. We do hope that his silence will soon be broken. We knew he was of a silent disposition, but we did think that he would remember the parting requests of Old Boys to let us know from time to time of his fate in the seats of learning.

GALLOWAY MEMORIALS.

On June 13th a very touching ceremony took place in the Gymnasium in the presence of the Southland Girls' and Boys' High Schools, the Technical College, and their staffs, and his Worship the Mayor. It was the occasion of the unveiling of the Galloway Memorial Plate and Photograph, and the "In Memoriam" Plate of Cyril Soar.

The Rector opened the proceedings with a short speech, briefly outlining the case and eulogising the late Mr Galloway. He then called on Miss Jobson, Lady Principal of the Girls' High School, to unveil the "In Memoriam" Certificate of the Royal Humane Society of N.Z. intended for Mrs Galloway. Miss Jobson, in a neat little speech, said that, though she did not know the late gentleman as well as many of those present, yet she appreciated him as an instructor and as a gentleman.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr Duncan McFarlane, then unveiled the brass plate in memory of Mr Galloway and his enlarged framed photograph. He spoke in feeling terms of the manliness and rectitude of the deceased and exhorted us to follow his example. He said that if a boy or man were upright, straight-forward and honest, he would never go wrong.

The Rector then unveiled the brass plate in memory of Cyril Soar, and made an emotional speech concerning our lost schoolmate. With this the incident closed.

On June 20th a Memorial Tablet to Mr Galloway was unveiled at the Education Office in the presence of the members of the Board. A collection had been taken up in each of the schools of Southland towards the Galloway Relief Fund, our own school contributing £18 after paying expenses. A framed photograph of Mr Galloway was sent to each school in Southland and the sum of £182 was handed over to the Galloway Relief Fund for transmission to Mrs Galloway.

On the 17th August, on the event of the first demonstration concert of the Invercargill Competitions Society, Mr Eustace Russell, deputed by the Royal Humane Society of New Zealand, presented Mrs Galloway with an "In Memoriam" Certificate, and Mr Kendrick G. Archer, of the Southland Boys' High School, with the Bronze Medal of the Society. His Worship the Mayor addressed the public, saying that he had the utmost confidence in the recipient, Mr Archer, and that he was sure he would lead an upright life. The recipient suitably responded to the applause and acclamations of a crowded house.

A further memorial has just been announced. Some friends and admirers, wishing to perpetuate Mr Galloway's memory and connection with the physical culture of the children of Southland, have procured a handsome competition challenge shield to be competed for every year by the schools of Southland in the subject of physical drill.

SENIOR FREE PLACES.

The following have been awarded Senior Free Places from the 1st January, 1915:—A. Brighton, D. Cody, J. Ewart, J. Forde, P. Gardner, S. Green, D. Hay, W. J. Henderson, J. Hiskens, H. Jefcoate, G. Jenkins, G. Kingston, J. Laing, A. McDowall, W. MacGibbon, A. McNaughton, W. Melvin, W. Paterson, J. C. Prain, T. Preston, H. Royds, G. Scandrett, J. Sheehan, R. Stevens, F. Taylor, J. Trapski, C. Vallance, G. Whitmore, J. Wood.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Exit Welsh's Corner.

One morning in October in coming to School we found the old landmark on the corner of Tay and Conon streets, namely, the building occupied by Messrs Mustoe and Welsh, had been completely gutted. A quantity of soiled bananas and other fruit was found by some ardent prospectors of the lower forms, and for some little time the fruit was to be seen flying through the air in a sort of thick fog, so to speak. However, the demand was greater than the supply and exploring once again went on briskly. This time it resulted in the discovery of several tins of carbide and numerous chain-wheels, sprocket-wheels and other species of wheels. With the scene of discovery thus shifted to the quondam quarters of Mr Mustoe, we had quite a lively time for a while. The chief amusement of the juniors took the form of making odours of acetylene highly obnoxious to any sensitive olfactory organ, and bowling the aforesaid wheels over the tennis courts. Needless to say, crossing the tennis court under a brisk fire was a somewhat hazardous proceeding indeed, and we cannot possibly believe that the holes cut in the asphalt by the cogs of the wheels did the tennis courts any appreciable benefit. However, in a few days this childish and puerile diversion was cut off at the height of its eminence by a notice from headquarters. Thus ended the great fruit and velocipede accessory plague of October, 1914.

We are informed that a field piece is to be installed in the corner next the fives courts and that the present scene of ruin is to be included in our yard. The pavilion is to be renovated for use as a classroom for the Sixth Form of 1915. We are also obtaining an additional master for the ensuing year, owing to stress of numbers.

We notice that owing to the severe westerly gales we have experienced for some time the Gymnasium has taken a more decided list to the east. Considering that it exposes so large a surface to the wind and that the gales have been extremely violent, it is small wonder that it has a cant to the east.

Departure of Mr Edmondson.

At the end of the first term we were sorry to part with Mr Percy Edmondson, who had been connected with the School as junior master for four years. Mr Edmondson took a very great interest in the outdoor life of the School, and coached the junior football and cricket teams; while he himself was a prominent footballer, and more than once represented Southland with distinction. On the occasion of his departure for Gisborne High School, where he is now mathematics master, Mr Edmondson was met by the assembled school. A. A. Reid, in a happy little speech, referred to Mr Edmondson's popularity, and presented him with a silver tea service on behalf of the School.

Mr Edmondson's place has been ably filled by Mr A. S. Reid, an Old Boy of the School. Mr Reid has entered enthusiastically into the school life. He coached the second fifteen with great success, and has in every way been ready to help our budding athletes.

While Mr Pearce was in Wellington for three days in July, Mr Arnold Petrie acted as relieving master.

Mr Page's Accident.

About the middle of the second term Mr Page, our gymnastic instructor, had the misfortune to break his leg just above the ankle when alighting from the Roman rings. Although no complications set in, Mr Page was incapacitated for some twelve weeks, during which time his place was filled by Sergeant-Major Laffey. Mr Page resumed his duties this term, but is still somewhat lame. He has had our deepest sympathy, and we hope that he will soon have lost all the ill effects of his accident.

Some of the members of Form IV.b had the audacity or misfortune to break one of the climbing poles in the gymnasium, with the assistance of which our ancestral habits are developed. With characteristic villainy and malice aforethought the culprits determined upon a conspiracy of silence. All attempts to discover the perpetrator of this ghastly crime being unavailing, the damage was repaired at the expense of the whole Form concerned.

This year several attempts have been made to establish classes of various natures outside of school hours, for the physical, mental and moral regeneration of the school. A boxing class has been successfully inaugurated under the management of Mr Jarvis, ex-light-weight champion of Southland. The class meets in the gymnasium

on Mondays and Wednesdays, and judging from the amount of gore to be seen on the floor on succeeding days, our pugilistic friends are not battering each other in vain. A tournament is to be held on November 26th and 27th, when the School championships will be decided. Recognising our need for mental enlightenment, the Rector attempted to form classes for voice culture and elocution, but his efforts elicited but small response. Somewhat more successful, however, was the Bible Class, commenced by Mr Reid. Though the attendance has not been large at the meetings of the class, it has been successfully established and should have a fruitful existence.

The severity of the Southland winter was observed to be having a detrimental effect on the health of the unfortunates who have to spend their dinner hour at school, and subsist, for the long and cold and weary day, on what supplies they carry with them. A remedy was soon discovered, however, and with the advent of the Cocoa Club the smiles soon re-appeared on the faces of those who had sadly lacked a hot mid-day meal. The members of the Cocoa Club are regaled each day with a cup of hot, steaming cocoa. The small fee of 3d per week is collected by the energetic secretary, S. Young, from each member of this progressive institution, to defray the necessary expenses.

On the 3rd July we were again visited by Mr R. H. W. Bligh, of the White Cross League, to whom in previous years we have had the privilege of listening. Mr Bligh's address on social purity was both interesting and instructive, and we believe that his visit cannot have failed to do good.

On Monday evening, the 21st July, many of our number took advantage of the opportunity to hear a recital by Mr Alexander Watson, the talented English elocutionist. A mixed programme, of which the star item was a lengthy selection from Dickens's "Christmas Carol," was exquisitely rendered and gave great satisfaction. On the following afternoon a recital of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was given by Mr Watson to an audience largely composed of children from the Southland schools. It is no exaggeration to say that Mr Watson's rendering of such a weighty and difficult work was a revelation to all who heard it. The large assembly was held spell-bound for about two hours, and all were most enthusiastic about the very high standard of the entertainment.

In connection with the visit of Mr Watson, three fine copies of Shakespeare's Works were offered as prizes for essays on the "Macbeth" recital. The school was divided into three grades, and after some considerable difficulty had been experienced by the judges in placing the prize-winners, the results were announced as follows:—Senior—K. G. Archer; Forms IV.A and IV.B—J. Laing; Forms III.A and III. B—R. Royds.

On the day when school re-assembled this term the Rector addressed the school on the subject of the European war. Owing to the confusion of the cablegrams, the vigour of the censor, the activity of certain pro-German news producers, and the flights of imagination of the newspapers, our minds had rather a hazy notion of the state of affairs at the front. Mr Pearce referred to several aspects of the war, and emphasised the righteousness of Britain's cause.

On October 7th, 8th, and 9th we received our annual visit from the Government Inspectors, Messrs Gill and Cresswell.

There are 79 entering for public examinations this year; 5 for University Entrance Scholarship, 17 for Matriculation, 14 for Senior Southland Scholarship, 34 for Public Service Entrance, and 9 for Junior Free Place and Scholarship.

We are indebted to T. Macdonald of the V. for the photographs of the memorial plates and of the sports.

Carl Hiskens and Len Lopdell made two excellent sports secretaries.

To aid distressed Belgians, the School has this year resolved to forego both sports and class prizes. The Rector informs us that several other schools have also made that resolution of self-denial. A war certificate will be issued in place of prizes.

Departures.—Eric Marshall, so long our Librarian and occasional poet, has joined the literary staff of the "News." Eric Mills has entered the Southland Building Society's office; Bell, the County Council office.

TERM CONCERT.

The conclusion of last term was fittingly celebrated with a term concert. Term concerts appear to be very popular among a certain class of small boy who is most emphatic in his declaration that he cannot personally take any part. The more staid members of the community, on whom fall the lot of arranging such frivolities, view them with less enthusiasm. However, after much talk on the subject, the prefects agreed to get up a concert. A piano was procured and for several nights most weird were the sounds that proceeded from the Gymnasium. The proceedings therein were conducted in secret, much to the annoyance of certain inquisitive persons who refused to desist from making themselves a nuisance, until their spirits and persons were thoroughly damped by the irate musicians. The hour arrived, and the programme was presented to a thoroughly appreciative audience. The prefectorial item was of the nature of a

burlesque and created a great deal of amusement. The performers were attired in most original costumes, and played their parts with great gusto. The order of items was as follows:—

Orchestral Selection on mouth organs by Anderson, Leckie, and T. Macdonald; Recitation, "Flag of England," C. Hiskens; Song, "The Massacre of Ta Phairshon," with encore "Just a Wee Deoch an' Doris," Mr Struthers; Recitation, J. Hall; Recitation, Harris; Variety Entertainment by the Prefects.

These performers entertained the School in the roles of Mr John McKie, Bingoolooloo Bunguts, Titus Turpentinus, Pianissimo Soprano, Bombastes Furioso, Tommy Turnip, Kaiser Bill and Herr Sauer Monty-Gregson. Many and varied were the items rendered to the scholars-public by this party.

A chorus song "We're the Prefects" opened the operations of the party. Bingoolooloo Bunguts (J. Wesney) was heard to advantage in "The Hob-Nail Boots" and "Kaiser Bill." "Kaiser Bill" (E. Marshall) recited "Meinself und Gott" as the doomed gentleman he represented might have recited it. Titus Turpentinus (H. Ryburn) sang "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Britannia the Pride of the Ocean" with pronounced effect. P. Rice excellently rendered "Mr John McKie."

The singing of the School song was wildly encored, showing that the entire School was in sympathy with our poetical efforts. Tommy Turnip (K. G. Archer), in his usual fine style, presented the public with a few original jokes and satirical remarks at the expense of the austere magisterial portion of the audience. The party then recited several obituary poems in a manner to make an ordinary hard-hearted boy or master weep tears of sorrow or hurt himself with laughter. This Competition was judged in the interest of the High School Competitions Society by Herr Sauer Monty-Gregson (P. Gilfedder). Pianissimo Soprano (J. Thompson) made an efficient accompanist. A. A. Reid filled the chair in his characteristically felicitous manner.

SCHOOLROOM HUMOUR.

V.

A Typical Answer.—Pupil considers that "but" may be used as an adjective. Master: "Well, give an example." Pupil: "But(t)-ends." Pupil afterwards explained (15 minutes afterwards) that he really (really underlined) meant an adverb.

The scholar of the class said one day that he had always thought there were four billion people in the world. (1 billion = a million millions.)

A Cause for Réjoicing.—Science Master: "The German manufacturers are in possession of the dy(e)ing industry." Class: "Hear! Hear!"

How Far?—Master, reading out a sum, receives sudden interruption: "A man walks a certain distance on page 97."

Question: "What is a worse colloquialism than 'don't'?" Answer: "Ain't."

The translation of French into English gives great facility for coining words, and for making amusing errors as the following will show: At that time the trees of the Champs-Elysees, which the sun was semi-hiding, . . . Ils menaient du train: they used to bring from the train. De la relacher sous quinze jours: to release her at 50 sous a day.

This remarkable statement was made by a pupil in an essay on "A Book": A Book is a literary production, usually of one volume, but, if of more, forming a single volume.

A master remarked one day that a certain fact was acknowledged in three hemispheres. This did not occur during a geography lesson.

Instead of saying that a Latin perfect was a "reduplicated" form, P. G. told us that it was a "repudiated" form.

Our mathematics prodigy tried to convince the master that $\frac{1}{0} = 0$. It was impossible to argue him out of his belief.

The war has aroused poetic sentiments in at least two members of the Form, as is shown by the production below, entitled—

THE LAMENT OF THE GERMAN PRIVATE.

I vos one German soldier-man, my name vos Ekenstein.
I haf been taught der trade of war since I vos aged nine.
I vos much enjoyed ven I did hear ve had declared the war;
Ja! Ja! ve vos excited like we never vos before.

But after mit der English ve haf fought der fight for weeks.
An' ve gathered not'ing of der ground, ve shivered in our breek.
Der nights vos cold, der fields, dey vos swept by shot and shell.
Vich, mit dose English devils, made der life one living hell.

Our officers, dey bullies us, dey hit us all around.
An' if ve disobey dem, dey knock us on der ground.
They march us in der order close to face der heavy fire.
An' ve mus' fight an' fight—dey tink ve never tire.

An' den dose Turco devils, dey do bayonet us much,
Der bayonets, dey scare us, for ve vos not used to such.
But still dey tink ve ought to vin in spite of all dese odds,
Till we vos vish to fly away, mit vings, like ve vos gods.

—Y. J. Mac. Fraser.

IV. A.

Our "poet genius" makes a name for himself. Master: "Give me the meaning of Mussulman?" Pupil: "A man with great strength." Master: "Try again." Pupil: "A man who sells mussels." Master: "Have another shot at it." Pupil: "No! I might put my foot in it again."

Hoary Wisdom.—The Aryans was a airy race.

Pupil: "What would you call anything with a lot of ivory?" Master: "I couldn't say. What suggested it?" Pupil: "Stevens' teeth."

"Finesse" is a word of French origin meaning "boundary."

A Smithism.—"Doggerel is a little dog."

"On being asked to explain the phrase: 'In his youth he was something of a prodigy,' one of our fellow class-mates informed us that James I. was like the Prodigal Son."

Myrmidon is an attendant of a mermaid.

III. A.

"The last and deciduous game of cricket"—thus C. D.

Derivation of Words.—(1) Root-Ous, full of; Pious, full of pie.
(2) Why should the Etheopian want to change his skin? To get a clean one. (3) Narcissus pronounced by R. H. as Nah-kiss-us.

Il a l'air don: He's got a good hair.

IV. B.

J. M.'s explanation of the Act of Supremacy:—"An Act by which Britain was made supreme among all the nations"—and this was before the war!

"Aedem vestae fecit" was thus translated by the son of the manse: "He appointed vestry maidens."

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

(Contributions of items of news and of articles will be welcomed by the Editor.)

N.Z. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

(Pardon is asked for errors and omissions. The Editor will be glad to receive corrections.)

Advance Guard, Samoa.—A. Company, 5th (Wellington) Regiment: Corporals C. Tothill, C. J. Fisher; Private E. R. McKillop. B Company: Privates ~~Ced~~ Salmon, G. H. Seddon. N.Z. Railway Engineers: Lieut. Herbert H. Christophers; Corporal Norman L. Forsyth; Private Bat. Tangney.

New South Wales Expeditionary Force.—Dr John Mehaffey.

MAIN BODY.

Officers: Lieut. D. J. A. Lyttle, teacher, Gore; Lieut. T. R. Ritchie, Canterbury Medical Corps; Lieut. J. W. H. Bannerman, journalist, Bluff; Lieut. W. G. Howie, Bank N.B., Machine Gun Section.

Men: John A. McQueen, student, Invercargill; Harry Gray, student, Nightcaps, with Engineers; Ivan H. Findlay, student, Invercargill; John Watson, teacher, Oamaru South; Hugh R. Fraser, student, Lumsden; R. Lyall Christie, medical student, Gore; J. Gilbert Findlay, chemist, Invercargill; Victor Christophers, clerk, Invercargill; J. Ronald Stevens, National Bank, Riverton; Douglas Hamilton, civil servant, Wellington; Will Templeton, farmer, Thornbury; W. S. King, farmer, The Bend, Winton; John Friend, iron moulder, Mataura; R. L. Paull, bank clerk, Wyndham; Edwin Cochrane, clerk, W. S. and Co., Christchurch; Ezra A. Dobbie, Mounted Field Ambulance; Thomson Bush, farmer, Poverty Bay; Geo. Skerrett, labourer, Bluff; H. R. Williams, Royds Bros. and Kirk, Invercargill; C. H. Ive, journalist, Southland Times; Wm. Alex. Mitchell, clerk, Ocean Beach; Thos. A. Timpany, bank clerk; Eric Macpherson, engineer, Lumsden; K. G. Fraser, M.A., Napier; W. A. Alexander, M.Sc., Dannevirke; K. Wallis, Southland.

BRITISH FORCE.

R.A. Medical Corps: Dr A. Bonar Lindsay; Dr Tom Wylie, 5th Regiment (laid at Boulogne, Aug. 14); Dr Angus McNab (bayoneted October, 1914); Lieut. Frank Simon, Trinity College Dublin.

Rumour hath it also: F. Miles, Rhodes Scholar, Balliol, Oxford; Dr W. S. Baird, formerly of Otautau and Nelson; Dr Bruce Baird, formerly of Kaitangata; F. F. Adamson, M.A., Ashburton.

B. Tangney, Samoa, very kindly remembered the School in forwarding "The Pull-Thro." that humorous and clever comic paper of unofficial origin, reflecting lights on the pleasures and sorrows of life of our Advance Guard.

Those of our readers who were associated with the S.B.H.S. a little over twenty years ago will be pleased to learn of the recent promotion of an "old boy" who left the School about that time. We refer to Mr F. W. Reid, who, last January, was appointed to the position of Registrar of the South Australian School of Mines and

Industries, Adelaide. This school is one of the foremost educational establishments in Australia. Not only is it one of the leading schools of mines, but it also occupies a prominent position as a technical school. Its statistical returns for last year show that instruction was given in 53 different subjects, and the number of individual students enrolled was 2416. The school is controlled by a council appointed annually by the Government, and Mr Reid, as Registrar, is the chief executive officer or director. He is also Metallurgist of the School of Mines. He received the latter appointment some three years ago, and to enable him to retain it while accepting the office of Registrar, additions were made to the staff of the metallurgical department. It is worthy of note that Mr Reid was once a student at the school of which he is now the head. He entered it in 1897, having spent the interval between leaving the High School in 1891 and that date in gaining practical experience in mining and metallurgy, chiefly on the silver-lead mines of the West Coast of Tasmania. His record as a student is unique inasmuch as he is the only graduate who holds the diploma of Associate of the School in three departments. The following paragraph from the S.A. "Advertiser," January 28th, 1914, contains a brief resume of our old school fellow's career:—"Mr Reid is an Associate of the School of Mines in mining, metallurgy, and mechanical engineering. He entered the school as a student in 1897, after having had five years' practical experience in mining and metallurgical work. His record at the institution has never been surpassed. In four years he graduated in three departments, and in 25 subjects he secured 23 first class and two second class passes. Upon leaving South Australia Mr Reid was appointed director and registrar of the Zeehan School of Mines, Tasmania, occupying that position for six years. During that period he gave instruction in metallurgy and allied subjects. Upon resigning in 1907 Mr Reid became manager of the New Era Mining Company, Queensland, retiring to accept the position of director and lecturer in metallurgy, chemistry, and assaying at Karangahake School of Mines, New Zealand. He relinquished that position to become metallurgist at the Adelaide School of Mines. He is a married man with three children."

Albert Acheson was recently appointed consulting engineer in charge of the gas and electricity department of Syracuse, a city of some 150,000 inhabitants in New York State, U.S.A., and has already effected big economies in several directions. Portion of his duties consists in arbitrating between the public and the electric light and gas companies. The work, which carries with it a big retaining fee, will not entail the giving up of his position at Syracuse University, where the Professor is head of the Mechanical Engineering School, with a large staff of professors and lecturers under him.

George Seddon passed another section of the LL.B. degree last November, and the first section of the law professional. He represented Victoria University College at the recent Easter tournament in Christchurch, but chiefly distinguished himself by capturing the cherished mascot of the Canterbury College men, a huge Easter egg, with the result that pandemonium reigned in the crowded debating hall for half an hour. No lives were lost.

Frank Acheson has just been appointed clerk to the Native Land Purchase Board, a somewhat responsible position in the Native Department. He is still digging up material for his L.L.D. thesis, and finds research work most interesting.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

William Brownlie, M.Sc., has passed his third professional at Edinburgh.

C. T. Wild won his M.A. at Victoria College this year.

Eric Ryburn played for Otago and also for South Island in hockey.

Lindsay Bennet won the prize in the Otago University Debating Society "for the speaker showing the most improvement during the 1914 season."

Frank Lopdell was a member of the Otago hockey team.

John A. McQueen and Jas. Stobo were in the pack of University 1st XV.

In the Otago University inter-faculty sports of September 26th J. M. Boyne won the shot-putting championship with a putt of 32ft 4in and the hammer-throwing with a throw of 113ft. W. Cody took second place in the hammer throwing. D. Frew took third place in the mile walk.

J. C. Collins has passed a section of his B.Sc. in engineering.

A. S. Eggleton, of Thornbury, has passed half of his Licentiate of Theology with Durham University.

Lindsay Bennet undertook the editorship of the Otago University Review, with J. G. Anderson as business manager. J. P. Hewat was elected president of the Arts Faculty, with W. Cody as one of the executive. Hewat was awarded the Tinline Scholarship by default of Cuthbert. J. A. McQueen was secretary of the Football Club.

Hugh Fraser was lucky enough to get an extension of his Beverley Scholarship for another year.

Mr Leonard J. Wild, M.A., formerly of Invercargill, and now science master in Wanganui College, was in January admitted a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, (F.G.S.), having been nominated

by Dr Marshall, of Otago University. Mr R. Speight, M.A., M.Sc., of Canterbury College, and Dr J. Allan Thomson, curator of the Dominion Museum. Mr Wild's geological work includes a paper on the geology of the Bluff, which has been published in the transactions of the New Zealand Institute.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.—TERMS EXAMINATIONS, 1914.

(The word "Class" is to be understood with the numerals).

The following are the results of ex-pupils of the Southland Boys' High School in attendance at the University of Otago:

D. A. Frew.—2nd, Senior Latin; 1st, Intermediate Greek and James Clark Book Prize.

J. G. Imlay.—2nd, Senior Latin; 2nd, Junior Logic; 2nd, Junior Psychology; 1st, Jurisprudence; 2nd, Constitutional History and Law.

J. W. Hinton.—2nd, Senior Latin; 1st, Mechanics.

F. C. Lopdell.—2nd, Senior Latin; 3rd, Practical Physics.

C. L. Bennet.—2nd, Senior Latin; 2nd, Jurisprudence; 2nd, Constitutional History and Law.

H. N. Waymouth.—3rd, Junior Latin; 3rd, Constitutional History.

R. R. Macgregor.—3rd, Junior Latin; 3rd, Junior French.

N. D. Gilchrist.—3rd, Junior Latin.

J. H. Murdoch.—1st, Commercial French.

A. J. Petrie.—1st, Junior Logic; 1st, Junior Psychology; 2nd, Education; 2nd, Geology; James Clark Prize in Mental Science.

W. T. Cody.—1st, Honours Electricity Lectures, also Practice; 3rd, Political Economy.

R. G. S. Watson.—3rd, Political Economy; 3rd, Junior Physics; 2nd, Practical Physics.

L. A. McKenzie.—3rd, English History; 3rd, Junior Physics, Theology, also Practice; 2nd, Geology.

C. L. Carter.—2nd, Senior Mathematics; 3rd, Mechanics; 1st, Junior Physics, Theory and also Practice; 1st, B.A. Chemistry; 1st, Practical Inorganic Chemistry.

Cedric Smith.—2nd, Senior Mathematics; 1st, Applied Mechanics; 2nd, Statics; 1st, Senior Mine Surveying; 1st, Engineering Surveying; 1st, Practical Astromony.

J. G. Anderson.—3rd, Honours Electricity Lectures, and also Practice; 2nd, Senior Chemistry; Aegrotat pass, Geology.

C. H. Thompson.—2nd, Quantitative Analysis; 1st, Senior Mine Surveying; 1st, Engineering Surveying; 2nd, Practical Astromony; 2nd, Metallurgy; 1st, Senior Mechanical Drawing.

F. J. Mulholland.—3rd, Pathology; 2nd, Practical Pathology; 3rd, Pathological Laboratory; 2nd, Junior Medicine; 3rd, Medical Jurisprudence.

W. H. Young.—2nd, Pathological Laboratory; 1st, Junior Medicine; 2nd, Tutorial Medicine; 1st, Medical Jurisprudence; 1st, Gynecology; also 2nd Professional (complete).

WAR SERVICE PASSES.

H. Gray.—Senior Mining Courses; Applied Mechanics; Metallurgy.
J. A. McQueen.—Biology; Physics; Inorganic Chemistry.

STUDENTS ON WAR SERVICE.

Ivan H. Findlay; Hugh R. Fraser; Henry Gray; J. A. McQueen; R. L. Christie (3rd year Medical); J. R. Ritchie (final year Medical).

DUXES OF CLASSES (15 subjects).

D. A. Frew, Greek; J. H. Murdoch, Commercial French; J. P. Hewat, English; A. J. Petrie, Mental Science; J. W. Hinton, Mechanics; W. T. Cody, Electricity; J. G. Anderson, Senior Chemistry; C. L. Carter, B.A. Chemistry; J. G. Imlay, Jurisprudence; C. L. Bennet, Constitutional History and Law; Cedric Smith, Applied Statics, Senior Mine Surveying, Engineering Surveying, Practical Astronomy; C. H. Thompson, Metallurgy.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

A. Cumming, first year's terms.—1st class French; 2nd class Junior Latin; 3rd class Senior English.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

D. L. Cameron.—Pass in (Intermediate) Steam.

TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS.

Alex. Milne transferred from the South to Ryal Bush School.
Mr Gazzard transferred from Wendon to Oreti Plains School.
Mat. Alexander, M.Sc., joined the Gore High School staff last Easter and works alongside of J. H. Murdoch.

Douglas Brown first assistant Mataura.

Jack Ferguson is now a teacher up the Wanganui. He has to cage the river every day to get to and from school.

Eric Mackay has been appointed to Wairio.

G. Tangney has been appointed to Opio.

A. Syd. Reid has been appointed to the staff of this school.

Norman Cowie has been appointed to Winton as assistant.

J. A. Henry, first assistant at Waihopai.

D. Brown on leaving Te Wae Wae after a stay of four years was entertained by a large gathering and presented with a silver tray and tea service last May.



K. G. ARCHER, awarded Bronze Medal by Royal Humane Society of New Zealand for gallant attempt to save life.

Mr George Griffiths, who for seven years was headmaster at Wild Bush School, was farewelled last July, on the occasion of his promotion to Waianawa. The chairman of the School Committee presented him with a silver tea service and tray; the Rev. Mr Watson, with an oak and silver salad bowl.

At a farewell dinner given to Major Grant in Invercargill on the 19th June last the following Old Boys were present:—Major Gilkison, Major Pearce, Captain E. A. Nichol, Lieutenants W. G. Howie, A. M. Macdonald, J. O. Webber, J. W. H. Bannerman, Arch. Hawke, J. B. Struthers, D. J. Gilmour.

The last news of Dr Tom Wylie, at the front in the north of France, was that he was in a French chateau being used as a permanent base hospital.

Congratulations to J. L. Gilkison on his well-deserved promotion to the title of Major.

R. Dalziel has been transferred to the head office of the U.S.S. Co., Dunedin.

Ted Blakie, of Ryal Bush, is now an engineer on one of the liners trading between New Zealand and the West Coast of England. He served his time with Messrs Cook and Stevenson, Port Chalmers.

Alex. Macdonald, of Edendale, has settled on a farm at Otanomomo, near Balclutha.

D. A. MacGibbon is on the Malvern Downs station, Otago.

T. Timpany, after seven years in the local office, has been transferred to the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin.

R. H. Stott has been transferred to Dunedin office of the National Bank.

E. T. Stout has been transferred to Christchurch office of the National Bank.

Among the office-bearers of the Southland Expansion League we find:—W. Macalister, vice-president of the Council; Major J. L. Gilkison, president of Invercargill Branch; Eustace Russell, vice-president of the same.

Victor White, of the staff of "The Dominion," is chairman of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

Harry McKay is practising Law at Hamilton, Waikato.

Tom Cody is to be found in the Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

George Mitchell, of Clydevale, left New Zealand at the end of May to take a position on a ranch in Southern Patagonia. His new address will be c/o La Sociedad Exploradora de Tierra del Fuego, Punta Arenas.

Ernie George, of the Bluff, began a four years' course at the Engineering School, Christchurch, this season.

Dr MacGibbon is now practising as a specialist in Christchurch. John McKay, B.Sc., is on the staff of the Trams Department, Sydney.

Lance Hay is now in charge of a survey camp at Waitahuna.

Alex. Cumming is in the Customs Department, Wellington, while his brother Jim is in the Labour Department. Alex. is also attending classes at Victoria College.

W. McBride received last June a transfer from Gisborne to Dunedin in the Land Registrar's office; he was south in the winter.

Lieut. J. W. H. Bannerman, Bluff, last July was transferred from the Bluff Cadets to B Company, 8th Regiment, and has now gone with N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

H. D. Smith, of Balclutha, had the unpleasant experience of being bushed for a night while out shooting last July.

Lieut. L. J. Wild is keeping up his Cadet work with the Wanganui College Cadets.

Dr W. S. Baird left New Zealand for Europe last August.

E. R. McKillop has changed from the clerical to the engineering side of the Public Works and is now stationed at Wellington in the draughting office.

Charles E. Reid was transferred at the beginning of the year from Napier to the Secretary's office, G.P.O., Wellington.

Eric Russell was on 15th June admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court.

Reg. G. (Rex) Christophers, now of Robinson and Christophers, civil engineers and surveyors, Hawera and Stratford, has received word that he has been elected an Associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Len. Hanan, after four years' service with the "Southland News," has joined the staff of the "North Otago Times," Oamaru.

Dr Bert Gilmour (formerly of Winton) is now in charge of the Timaru Hospital, taking the place of Dr A. Bonar Lindsay, who returned to London.

Leonard Smith was transferred in September from the Invercargill to the Auckland branch of the National Bank.

G. Jones, son of E. B. Jones, Invercargill, was on board the Kaipara as refrigerating engineer. It will be remembered that this boat was sunk last August off North West Africa by the Wilhelm der Grosse.

Rev. W. White, M.A., formerly of Wallacetown, and for a time relieving master at the School, died at Waihi on 22nd August.

Rev. John Collie, M.A., has left Crookston and taken charge of the new Presbyterian Church at North Invercargill.

Roy Angus is now in the draughting department of the Engineers' office of the N.Z. Railways in Wellington.

Hugh Hazlett, formerly of Hillend, has taken over the Gore Motor Co.'s shop in Gore.

Adolph Miske was south for his annual leave and looked his usual smiling self.

Frank H. Brown has been transferred from the Invercargill to the Eltham branch of the Bank of New South Wales.

J. M. King is now in the Otautau branch of the Bank of N.Z.

J. Southern has joined the Lands and Survey Department, Invercargill.

Geo. McIndoe, B.Sc. in Engineering, has been appointed demonstrator in electricity in the Canterbury School of Engineering.

F. O. V. Acheson, L.L.M., was down south during October and paid a visit to his "almamater." He is working hard on his thesis on Maori land tenures.

T. Scoular Fleming has begun practice in Nightcaps.

H. R. Williams was furnished by Messrs Royds Bros. and Kirk with a horse and equipment and by the staff with a pair of field glasses on his leaving for active service at the seat of war.

Mr Fred W. Reid, Adelaide School of Mines, has kindly forwarded the annual report for 1913 of this School of Mines, of which he is now the Registrar and a lecturer on Metallurgy, Assaying and Chemistry. The volume is profusely illustrated with photographs of men, buildings and classrooms and gives one an excellent idea of the importance of this School of Mines and Industries.

John Burt has gained a Partial Pass in his Chemist's Final Examination.

Colin McDonald has joined the staff of Bank of New Zealand.

FOOTBALL.

Eric Cockcroft captained the South Island B team at Wellington last June. According to the Press Association's report he played "a sterling game, at times even brilliant. He scored a try and converted two." He was selected for the "A" team and finally crossed the sea to play in Australia in the three-quarter line of the N.Z. representative team.

Will Alexander was first emergency five-eighths for North Island team. 1913 season saw him with a broken collar bone.

Otago Daily Times of 18th June last:—"The excitement of this exceptional sprint of 15 yards was intensified when Fortune set off at top speed to intercept the 'Varsity man at the corner. Both players are gifted with more than average pace, and the race was worth witnessing. Fortune showed skill and judgment in getting to his man at the corner and preventing him crossing the line." Well done, Geoff !

J. A. McQueen and Jas. Stobo were in the Otago University team that played Canterbury College.

Lance Bush, ex-captain Christ's College XV., played for Canterbury against them.

MARRIAGES.

SUTHERLAND-MILLS—On September 3rd. Sinclair C. Sutherland of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., Otautau, to Amy Gertrude Mills, of Riverton.

MACALISTER-MACDONALD—In October, May, only daughter of W. Macalister, to John Macdonald.

CUPPLES-WADDELL—On 12th May, Sam Cupples, of the N.M. and A. Co., to Mona Waddell, of Bluff.

DEATHS.

McCULLOCH.—On 8th July, at London, Godfrey McCulloch, aged 42 years; African hunter and explorer. At this School 1885-1888. From "The Southland Times," 15th July last:—The death of Mr Godfrey McCulloch, who passed away at the age of forty-two years in London, will be an event of deep regret to many Invercargill residents as the deceased gentleman was born in Invercargill and spent part of his boyhood at the Invercargill Middle and the Southland Boys' High School. In 1894 he went to South Africa, where he was appointed assistant magistrate at Fort Victoria. After the Matabele war, during which he served under General Baden-Powell, Mr McCulloch acted as magistrate at Enkelhoorn, Native Commissioner at Sinoia and magistrate at Salisbury. After travelling in the interior for some time Mr McCulloch contracted sleeping sickness and about nine months ago he went Home for treatment at the Tropical School of Medicine. The deceased gentleman was the only son of the late Mr Henry McCulloch, one time resident magistrate at Invercargill, and his only sister is Mrs G. G. Burnes, of Invercargill.

McNAB.—On 30th October, Dr Angus McNab, Royal Army Medical Corps, aged 39 years. At this school 1886-1891. Bayoneted by Germans while he was unarmed, was wearing the Red Cross on a blue tunic and was bandaging the wounded in battle. The London Scottish, enraged at this display of barbarity, gave the order to charge and to give no quarter. No wonder! Dr McNab had served in the Boer war, and was an ophthalmic surgeon in practice in Harley street, London, and a member of the staff of Charing Cross Ophthalmic Hospital. Part of his medical education had been in Berlin and Vienna. He leaves a widow (nee Calder) and two children.

KAISER BILL.

A rummy chap is Kaiser Bill
In Berlin on the Spree,
A Sausage vendor of repute
And lord of Germany.
His good points may be many,
But his failing must be more
For by way of recreation he's
Indulging in a war.

He's dodged across the frontier
And ambled into France,
And now he says to Italy
"Oh, won't you join the dance?"
But Italy replies "No fear!
It really can't be did—
I cannot dance. I am a most
Uneducated kid."

Let every patriotic soul
Rejoice that this is thus,
The earth is getting rid of an
Unmitigated cuss.
May all the bloomin' nuisances
That here we must endure
End up at last in some such place
As Billy will, for sure.

He's got his little soldiermen
That train on lager-beer,
And utter awful gutturals
That grate upon the ear.
He's got his ammunition and
He's got his bloomin' guns,
And he says "Behold, Ach Himmel!
Ain't we just the very ones?"

Now Kaiser Bill, the sausage man,
Feels rather out of place,
With Russ-i-a behind his back
And France before his face,
And Britain doing all she can
To bust him up at sea—
But never mind he's asked for it
And so he gets it—free.

CHORUS.

Tra la la la, tra la la la la,
Oh, Billy, do be careful where you go
Tra la la la, tra la la la la,
Old Billy with the waxy, waxy mo'.

—Eric Marshall.

THE COLOURS OF THE FLAG.

"What is the blue on our flag, boys ?
The waves of the boundless sea
Where our vessels ride in their tameless pride
And the feet of the winds are free ;
From the sun and smiles of the Coral Island
To the ice of the South and North,
With dauntless tread through tempests dread
The guardian ships go forth.

"What is the white on our flag, boys ?
 The honour of our land
 Which burns in our sight like a beacon light
 And stands while the hills shall stand ;
 Yea dearer than fame is our land's great name.
 And we fight, wherever we be,
 For the mothers and wives that pray for the lives
 Of the brave hearts over the sea.

"What is the red on our flag, boys ?
 The blood of our heroes slain
 On the burning sands in the wild waste lands
 And the froth of the purple main.
 And it cries to God from the crimsoned sod
 And the crest of the waves outrolled
 That He send us men to fight again
 As our fathers fought of old.

"We'll stand by the dear old flag, boys ?
 Whatever be said or done,
 Though the shots come fast, as we face the blast
 And the foe be ten to one.
 Though our only reward be the thrust of a sword
 And a bullet in heart or brain,
 What matters one gone, if the flag floats on
 And Britain be Lord of the main."

F. GEORGE SCOTT,
 Canon of Quebec, Canada.

(From "The Navy," for April.)

THE SPIRIT OF CANADA.

CANADA, COME !

Canada, come! When Her need is the sorest,
 Shall we alone hear Her summons in vain ?
 Tell them, oh Sons of the mountain and forest,
 While there's blood in our bodies the Mother shall reign.

From chivalrous France, from the dearest of islands.
 The pastures of England, the mountains of Wales,
 Came Canada's people, and most from the Highlands,
 The blood of our Fathers nor alters or fails.

Canada, come! Teach the Old World a story,
 A story of brothers no oceans divide.
 The Sea's but a road for us; Earth not a load for us
 If the flags of our Sisterhood float side by side.

Britain our Mother is, Mistress no other is
 Of seas which are roads between us and our kin ;
 If any threaten us, Mother, you bet on us,
 We will be with you and help you to win.

CHORUS.

Reign as the fearless one, reign as the peerless one,
 Queen of a fetterless, free for all sea ;
 Mother, the life of us, wealth of us, strength of us,
 Take them and use them to keep the world free.

CLIVE PHILLIPS WOLLEY.

(From "The Navy," for May, 1914.)

SCHOOL SONG.

Tune: Red, White and Blue.

1. Our High School's the pride of the town,
 The School of the sturdy and free ;
 With untarnished name of renown
 What School can compare unto thee?
 Our masters make men of us fast
 With life's uphill battle in view—
 Our colours we nail to the mast—
 The banner of red, white and blue.
 The banner of red, white and blue,
 The banner of red, white and blue,
 Our colours we nail to the mast,
 The banner of red, white and blue.

2. When School and its joys have departed,
 And to desk or to college we go,
 The School of our youth unbrightened,
 To thee will we look back with woe.
 But though we shall be parted from thee
 We will always go back to view,
 With our flag floating proudly before thee—
 The School of the red, white and blue.
 The School of the red, white and blue,
 The School of the red, white and blue,
 With our flag floating proudly before thee—
 The School of the red, white and blue.

3. When war spreads its fiery curtain
 And paints in his own gloomy hue,
 We'll give our help to Old Britain
 Whose flag is the red, white and blue.
 'Tis an Empire that founded on Freedom,
 Has e'er kept that freedom in view,
 For one flag is the flag of our Kingdom.
 Three cheers for the red, white and blue.
 Three cheers for the red, white and blue,
 Three cheers for the red, white and blue,—
 For our flag is the flag of our Kingdom—
 Three cheers for the red, white and blue.

—R. R. M.

THE DRAMATIC RECITAL OF "MACBETH"

BY MR ALEXANDER WATSON.

The Municipal Theatre was packed to the doors on Tuesday afternoon, July 21st, when the famous elocutionist, Mr Alexander Watson, gave his final recital in Invercargill. For any ordinary entertainer to recite a play of any kind would be a great achievement, while to attempt a heavy Shakespearian tragedy would be to court certain disaster. But Mr Watson is no ordinary entertainer. Relying solely on his mastery of voice and gesture to do the work of a theatrical company, he enthralled the large audience for nearly two hours with his superb rendering of "Macbeth." There he stood, a tall, dignified figure, in evening dress, on the barest of stages, with no furniture other than a green carpet and a rattan chair. Yet the eager listeners, under the magic spell of Mr Watson's genius, seemed to be transported back nine hundred years, and to see before their eyes the bloody deeds of Macbeth. In voice and gesture Mr Watson reached perfection. For each character he had a separate tone, a tone always suiting the part, and remaining unchanged throughout the play. The dialogue was accompanied by appropriate gesture, but it was on his vocal powers that Mr Watson principally relied. He is essentially an elocutionist, and is wisely careful to make his actions take a subordinate position.

The whole performance was so exceptionally excellent that it is difficult to pick out portions which were of special interest. This difficulty is increased by the fact that some of the less interesting passages were omitted, so that no part of the play could be said to be tedious. The opening scene, in which the three witches meet

Macbeth and Banquo, gives Mr Watson full scope for his powers. In that scene and later in the cave scene, the representation of the weird sisters was a revelation to the audience. So realistic were the voices of the three that it would have been easy for even the most unimaginative to see the old hags, first as they made their prophetic addresses to Macbeth, and then in their hideous dance around the magic cauldron.

The climax of the play is reached in the second act, with the murder of King Duncan, and the highest point of interest is attained in the scenes surrounding that fearful deed. Splendidly recited were those highly dramatic passages between Lord and Lady Macbeth at that time; in sharp contrast to which comes the ludicrous soliloquy of the drunken porter, which was not less excellently rendered.

The remainder of the play is on the whole less exciting, but the recital of the scene at the banquet, where Macbeth is terrified by the ghost of Banquo, and of the sleep-walking scene, was a master-stroke of elocutionary genius which did not fail to win the applause of the house.

As with most of Shakespeare's plays, there are more ways than one of interpreting "Macbeth." It is a play of two great characters, both selfish and wicked, but which is the more dastardly, or to what extent each is culpable for the bloody murders of Duncan, Banquo, Lady MacDuff and the rest, depends largely on the interpreter. Mr Watson portrayed Lady Macbeth as the villain of the deeper die; a cold, calculating, unscrupulous plotter, consumed by selfishness, and careless of human life. Her husband, Macbeth, was a man of weak moral character, who with a virtuous wife to direct him aright would have never committed his numberless crimes. In battle he was brave, and he was sensible to the kindness of the king, and to his own duties as host. His one fault was ambition. Lady Macbeth, in whose hands her husband's weak character was like clay, moulded it to suit her own ends. By exciting his ambition, she persuaded him to murder the King, and that once done, she urged him on to further crime with a callousness fearful to behold in a woman. The wife then was the master spirit; the husband, to a great extent, but a tool in the hands of the other.

The minor characters of the play are so puny in comparison with the two great ones that they hardly need mention. Banquo, MacDuff, and the other Scottish nobles were well portrayed, but their parts were small. The drunken porter was imitated with life-like reality. The three witches seemed fearfully real.

Such, then, was Mr Alexander Watson's interpretation of "Macbeth." To comment on his delivery is almost superfluous. Sufficient is it to say that his enunciation was superb, and his stage presence

marvellous. From first to last the listener, wherever seated, heard every syllable, distinctly and without any effort, while so naturally did the words flow from the lips of the reciter that it was easy to forget his performance was a remarkable feat of memory.

To criticise Alexander Watson would be almost an impertinence; and the fact that in such a lengthy recital he made some two or three slight errors should not be any reflection on his ability. Rather should one marvel that slips, both in regard to accuracy of diction and of pronunciation, were not far more numerous.

To hear Mr Watson is an education and a revelation. Only after hearing Shakespeare recited can one thoroughly appreciate the premier dramatist of the ages. None who heard "Macbeth" recited for the first time could help being struck by the superiority of the spoken to the written play. It was a literary treat of far more than ordinary value, which could not fail to be appreciated by all who had the good fortune to hear it. There can be no doubt that Mr Watson is a king among elocutionists, and while we feel greatly honoured in receiving a visit from him, we shall look forward with high anticipation to another opportunity of listening to one of his excellent recitals.

K. G. Archer.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Judges—Messrs F. Lopdell, V. Raines, N. Gilchrist, R. R. Macgregor, T. Baird, R. Mabson, J. Stobo, and A. McNaughton.

Ground Steward—Mr J. S. McGrath.

Press Stewards—Messrs N. Murrell and S. Thompson.

Clerk of the Course—Mr J. B. Struthers.

Starters—Messrs J. Page and S. Reid.

Timekeepers—Messrs J. Williams and J. P. Dakin.

Handicappers—Messrs S. Reid, E. Cupples, L. Lopdell, C. Hiskens. Old Boys' Events: Messrs Q. Christophers, C. Greig and N. Stead.

Committee—The Rector, and Messrs J. Williams, J. P. Dakin, J. S. McGrath, J. B. Struthers, J. Page, S. Reid, A. Reid, E. Cupples, D. Hay, M. Sheehan, and D. Manson.

Hon. Sec. Old Boys' Events—Messrs C. Greig and Q. Christophers.

Hon. Secretaries—Messrs C. Hiskens and L. Lopdell.

"The annual Southland Boys' High School athletic sports were held yesterday at Rugby Park in weather which could aptly be described as having been execrable. In this respect the fixture was most unfortunate, and on several occasions the officials and competitors had to make a bee-line for shelter. In consequence the carrying out of the programme was necessarily delayed, but, notwithstanding the unkind treatment received at the hands of the weather god, officials and competitors alike stuck to their work with undiminished enthusiasm, and are certainly deserving of great credit for coming through such a trying ordeal with such philosophical calm as was noteworthy in connection with their efforts yesterday. The fields were invariably large, and, despite the fact that the conditions were decidedly adverse to record-breaking, some good performances were noted. The half-mile walk, throwing the cricket ball, and the mile handicap and championship had previously been disposed of, and it is worthy of mention that in the two first-mentioned events new records were recorded. A sterling performance was put up by J. Forde yesterday in the long jump handicap (under 15), his jump of 17ft 10in being a most creditable one, more especially as the take-off was far from good. There were close finishes throughout the afternoon, and, altogether, it may justifiably be claimed that among the lads who competed yesterday are several who possess fine athletic material. The physique of the lads generally, also, was all that one could desire, and this aspect provided plenty of ammunition for favourable comment. Another circumstance that one noticed was the splendid spirit that pervaded the youthful performers. They without exception exhibited a healthy rivalry, but the best of good feeling predominated throughout. A most welcome commodity was the afternoon tea that was supplied by lady friends, and on such a day as yesterday the tea rooms provided a most necessary and much appreciated adjunct. The masters' wives, under the guidance of Mrs Williams, aided by the Misses Pearce and friends, had this matter of refreshments well in hand. Altogether, all who were connected with the carrying through of the fixture have every reason to congratulate themselves on its undoubtedly success in the face of superlatively discouraging conditions."—(From Southland Times, Oct. 29.)

We desire to acknowledge receipt of donations from Messrs G. C. A. Todd, Spite, Hiskens and Robert Smith (Waikiwi). Further, we desire to thank for their services Messrs Q. Christophers and C. Greig, who acted as hon. secretaries for Old Boys' Events, and C. Hiskens and L. Lopdell for their efficient services as secretaries of School Events; and finally the Old Boys who came out to act as judges.

PRIZE LIST.

WRESTLING: under 7st.—A. Buckingham.

WRESTLING: under 9st.—W. Johnston 1, A. Fleming 2.

WRESTLING: over 9st.—P. Rice 1, L. Lopdell 2.

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.—E. Cupples 1, H. Dyer 2, J. Findlay 3. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP (under 15).—J. Forde (scr) 1, A. Jackson (12in) 2, L. Soper (9in) 3. Forde's jump measured 17ft 10in, which takes the place of the previous record of 17ft 8in created by R. L. Christie in 1908.

440 YARDS (open).—D. Hay (13yds) 1, D. Manson (scr) 2, K. de Castro (45yds) 3. Time, 61secs.

PUTTING 12lb SHOT.—D. Holz (3in) 1, P. Rice (1ft 6in) 2, A. Reid (scr) 3. Holz and Rice tied at 29ft 2in and in the throw off Holz won.

100 YARDS (under 15).—First heat: G. Fleming (10yds) 1, J. Forde (scr) 2; time, 11 1-5secs. Second Heat: A. Jackson (4½yds) 1, W. Johnson (11yds) 2; time, 12secs. Third Heat: D. Cody (8yds) 1, G. Kingston (7yds) 2; time, 11 2-5secs. Fourth Heat: J. Hazledine (9yds) 1, E. Mills (5yds) 2; time, 11 4-5secs. Final: Cody and Fleming (equal). Hazledine 3; time, 11 3-5secs.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP.—A. Reid (6in) 18ft 9in, 1; D. Holz (24in) 17ft 11in, 2.

LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.—E. Cupples (17ft 7in) 1, J. Findlay 2, Cameron 3.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15).—First Heat: E. Mills (9yds) 1, D. Cody (14yds) and G. Fleming (15yds) tied for second place; time, 24 4-5secs. Second Heat: H. Hiskens (7yds) 1, R. Firth (21yds) 2; time, 27 1-5secs. Final: Mills 1, Fleming 2, Cody 3; time, 27secs.

100 YARDS (Open).—First Heat: C. Hiskens (3yds) 1, D. Manson (scr) 2; time, 11 4-5secs. Second Heat: D. Leckie (15yds) 1. Third Heat: D. Hay (3yds) 1, N. Berndston (10yds) 2; time, 11 2-5secs. Fourth Heat: B. Mehaffey (3yds) 1, P. Gilfedder (4yds) 2; time, 11 2-5secs. Semi-Final—First Heat: Leckie 1, Hiskens 2; time, 11 1-5secs. Second Heat: Mehaffey 1, Berndston 2; time, 11secs. Final: Berndston 1, Mehaffey 2; time, 11secs.

POTATO RACE.—First Heat: C. Stuck 1, T. Knowler 2. Second Heat: G. Jenkins 1, D. Galbraith 2. Third Heat: O. Melhop 1, W. Melvin 2. Fourth Heat: C. Vallance 1, H. Howie 2. Fifth Heat: J. Miller 1, J. Ewart 2. Sixth Heat: R. Firth 1, W. Laing 2. Final: Jenkins 1, Vallance 2.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP (under 15).—A. Jackson (3in) 1, D. Cody (scr) 2, J. Forde (scr) 3. Jackson's height, including handicap, was 4ft 4½in.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP AND CHAMPIONSHIP.—W. Anderson (½in) 1, D. Greig (2in) 2, N. Murrell (2in) 3. Anderson jumped 4ft 8¾in (handicap included).

HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.—E. Cupples 1, C. Young 2, J. Findlay 3.

220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.—E. Cupples 1, H. Dyer 2, J. Findlay 3. Time, 25 4-5secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—First Heat: E. Cupples (16yds behind) 1, W. Lindsay (5yds behind) 2; time, 22 3-5secs. Second Heat: P. Gilfedder (8yds behind) 1, J. Fraser (9yds behind) 2; time, 22 3-5secs. Third Heat: D. Leckie (scr) 1, J. Forde (10yds behind) 2; time, 22 1-5secs. Final: Cupples 1, Fraser 2, Gilfedder 3. Time, 22 1-5secs.

SACK RACE.—First Heat: L. Lopdell 1, L. Johnson 2. Second Heat: T. Preston 1, G. Jenkins 2. Third Heat: W. Johnson 1, W. Lindsay 2. Fourth Heat: D. Henderson 1. Fifth Heat: J. Miller 1. Final: Lopdell 1, W. Johnson 2.

220 YARDS (under 14).—A. Buckingham (scr) 1, A. Junker (7yds) 2, B. Ayling (2yds) 3. Time, 32 2-5secs.

FORMS' RELAY RACE.—Form VI. (Ryburn, Thomson, Wild, Archer) 42yds, 1; Form V.b (Cupples, Cameron, Fraser, Young) scr, 2; Form III.b (Smith, Jackson, Berndston, Dodds) 72yds, 3.

220 YARDS (Open).—First Heat: C. Hiskens (6yds) 1, K. de Castro (22yds) 2; time, 25secs. Second Heat: P. Gardner (15yds) 1, B. Mehaffey (3yds) 2; time, 25 1-5secs. Final: Gardner 1, Hiskens 2, de Castro 3; time, 25secs.

440 YARDS (under 15).—E. Mills (14yds) 1, G. Fleming (22yds) 2. Time, 65secs.

440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.—J. Fraser 1, J. Findlay 2, H. Dyer 3. Time, 63secs.

OBSTACLE RACE.—D. Reed 1, O. Melhop 2.

HALF-MILE (open).—J. Fraser (scr) 1, J. Meffan (50yds) 2, P. Gilfedder (45yds) 3. Time, 2min 22 2-5secs.

HALF-MILE WALK.—J. Findlay (5yds) 1, A. Reid (scr) 2. Time, 3min 36 1-5secs, which is a record, the previous best being 3min 57 secs put up by A. Reid last year.

THROWING CRICKET BALL.—D. Holz (2yds) 1, J. Wesney (scr) 2, G. Wild (5yds) 3. Holz's throw measured 93yds 2ft 10in. the previous best being J. Wesney's throw of last year of 87yds 2ft. Holz afterwards threw 99yds 11in—a throw that will take some beating.

ONE MILE HANDICAP AND CHAMPIONSHIP.—J. Fraser (scr) 1, D. Manson (70yds) 2, M. Sheehan (120yds) 3. Time, 5min 24 1-5secs.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (most points in 100yds, 220yds, 440yds, mile, high jump and long jump).—E. Cupples (23pts) 1. J. Findlay and J. E. Fraser tied for second place, each securing 10 points.

TODD MEDAL (most points in running handicap events).—J. Fraser.

OLD BOYS' 100 YARDS.—R. R. Macgregor (scr) 1, C. Greig (1yd) 2. Time, 11 1-5secs.

OLD BOYS' 440 YARDS.—R. R. Macgregor (scr) 1, H. Jackson (35yds) 2, Q. Christophers (15yds) 3. Time, 62 1-5secs.

OLD BOYS' HALF-MILE.—G. Stewart (60yds) 1, H. Jackson (50yds) 2, R. R. Macgregor (scr) 3. Time, 2min 24 2-5secs.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Name.							High Jump.	Long Jump.	Ttl.
	100yds.	220yds.	440yds.	Mile.					
L. Cameron	...	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
E. Cupples	...	5	5	0	3	5	5	5	23
H. Dyer	...	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
J. Findlay	...	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	10
J. Fraser	...	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	10
C. Young	...	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3

TODD MEDAL.

Most Points in Running Handicap Events.

Name.	100yds.	220yds.	440yds.	Mile.	½-mile.	Total.
J. Fraser	...	0	0	5	5	10
D. Manson	...	0	0	3	3	6
D. Hay	...	0	0	5	0	5
B. Mehaffey	...	3	0	0	0	3
N. Berndtson	...	5	0	0	0	5

JUNIOR HANDICAP (Most Points).

Name.							High Jump.	Long Jump.	Total.
	100yds.	220yds.	440yds.						
E. Mills	...	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	10
G. Fleming	...	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	10
J. Forde	...	0	0	0	1	5	5	5	6
A. Jackson	...	0	0	0	5	3	3	3	8
D. Cody	...	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	8

E. Mills with two firsts secures the honour.

FOOTBALL.

SENIOR.

At the beginning of the year it was thought that the School would be in a very bad way in regard to the First Fifteen. Of the previous year's team there were but three who returned to School this year, viz., Cupples, Reid and Meffan. These, however, with the help of Archer and Gilfedder, new arrivals from other schools, and some young blood made up a very creditable fifteen, as the results of the inter-club matches show. During these inter-club matches School suffered one defeat only, and this reflects great credit on the team, so much the more as, has already been said, it contained so many very young and consequently inexperienced players.

Although the School was so successful in its club matches, it did not do so well in the inter-school matches. We managed to beat Gore, but were defeated by Otago Boys' High School and Timaru Boys' High School. In the Timaru match our defeat can be attributed, no doubt, to the inexperience before mentioned, but in the Otago match, Otago simply "walked over us" in the second spell. The less said about our Gore victory the better.

The mainstay of the team's back division was undoubtedly A. Reid, whose sterling play saved his side many a time. The forwards were fairly consistent in their play during the year, no one being, however, particularly outstanding in his play. Something must now be said about the younger members of the first fifteen. The willing way in which the young players turned out to practices showed that their hearts are in the game and the plucky manner in which they faced their generally heavier opponents showed also that they are of the right material. Next year, when the football season comes upon us again, these players will certainly be great assets to the School's first fifteen.

No notes on our School football would be complete without mentioning the name of Mr McGrath. The unstinting way in which he gives up his time to the training of our footballers merits for him the warmest praises, and his wide experience and knowledge of the game go a long way towards bringing our School football up to the first fifteen standard it has obtained. I am sure the whole of the first fifteen combine in thanking Mr McGrath for the coaching he has given them.

SCHOOL v. WAIKIWI.

May 6th.

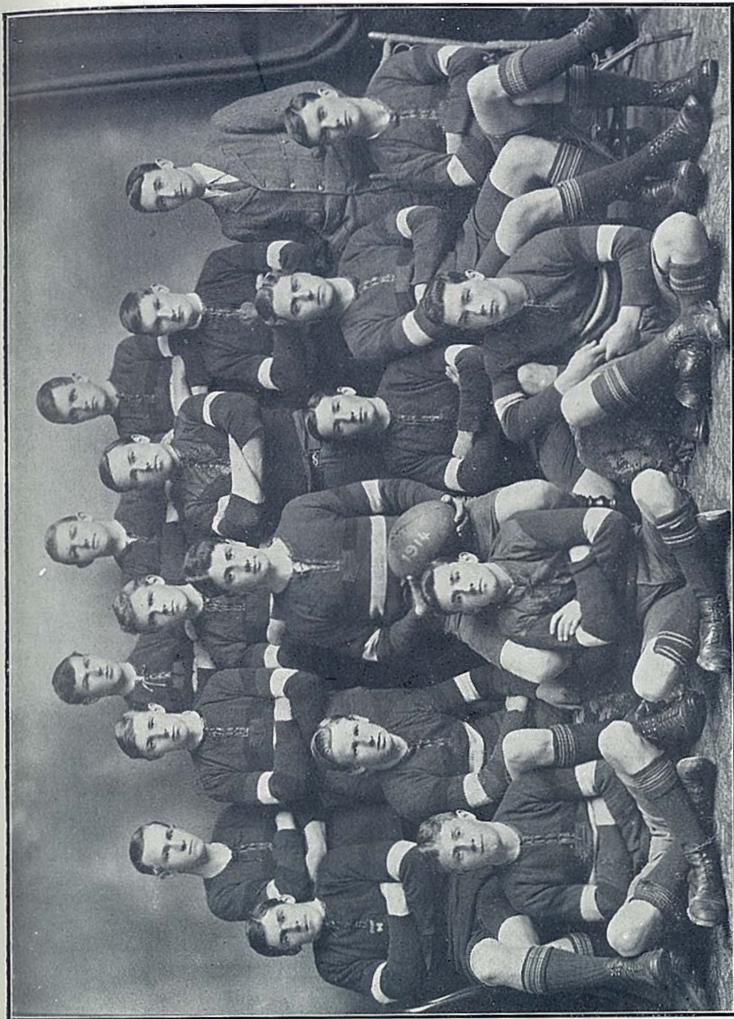
School won this, their first match, by 32 points to nil. School got going right from the start and a few seconds after play had commenced, Waikiwi were obliged to force down. Play continued close to

Waikiwi's line and Gilfedder, who was playing admirably, scored. Reid made no mistake with the kick. School continued to press Waikiwi, and through an opening by Reid, Cupples scored easily. The kick at goal failed. From the kick-off Waikiwi looked dangerous, but Manson saved. Time was soon after called with play in neutral territory. In the second half Waikiwi were not out of their own half. School pressed from the start and Reid soon scored from a scrum near the line. The same player's goal from the try was an excellent one. Soon after this Hiskens scored from an opening by Reid. School soon had Waikiwi's line in danger again, and Waikiwi had to force down. Hiskens gathered the ball up from the kick-off and ran right through with it. A splendid try! A few minutes after this Reid seized his opportunity and drop-kicked a goal. Hardly had play re-started when a free-kick for School enabled Reid to kick another goal, bringing the score up to 26. Hiskens shortly after added another try to his credit, scorning near the touch-line. The final try was gained by Gilfedder as the outcome of a passing rush. Time was called almost immediately with the Waikiwi line still in danger. A feature of the game was the combination shown by the backs, and the lack of combination by the forwards. All the forwards, however, played good individual games, Gilfedder being the particular star. Reid, Hiskens and Smith played most conspicuously in the backs, and Reid deserves special mention for his accurate kicking, both for the goal and for the line.

SCHOOL (12) v. WAIKIWI (6).

10th June.

In the first half of this game the School team did not play at all well. Their opponents beat them for the ball in the scrums, and generally bettered them on the line. Waikiwi pressed from the start and soon had School in difficulties, but although they did not score at this stage they compelled School to force down several times. Waikiwi continued their bustling tactics and School did not improve matters by passing out the ball to the backs close to their own line. This state of affairs lasted for some time, until Waikiwi scored a well-deserved try. Shortly afterwards Waikiwi again scored. Half-time was called almost immediately. School, on resuming play, infused more dash into game and Waikiwi were compelled to force immediately. For some time after this Waikiwi's line was in danger and finally Archer crossed the line. The whole team seemed to liven up at this stage and good work by both forwards and backs resulted in Smith scoring. Then a few minutes after this the backs got going again and good passing allowed Manson to score near the line after a brilliant run. Waikiwi's line was now continually in danger and more good work by the whole team enabled Reid to score the final try. The game ended with Waikiwi still busily defending.



FIRST XV,
1914.

BACK ROW:

Meffan, Rice, Manson.

SECOND ROW:

Leckie, Young, Findlay,
Gilfedder, Timpson,
Wesney.

THIRD ROW:

Anderson, Lopdell,
Cupples, Holz, Archer,
Fraser.

FRONT ROW:

Forde, Smith, Hiskens.
Absent: Reid.

The one feature of the match was the ragged play of the School team in the first half, and their combined play in the second half. Reid and Manson were the best of the backs, while Rice, Meffan, Archer and Gilfedder were the pick of the forwards.

INVERCARGILL (11) v. SCHOOL (3).

17th June.

School suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of the Invercargill Club. From the kick-off School attacked and the "Blues" were obliged to force. Shortly after this Lopdell had a shot at goal from a free-kick, but he was unsuccessful. From this on the Blues hustled and School were kept busily defending. A dribbling rush enabled Blues to score a try in easy position for a kick that was taken advantage of. Soon after Blues scored again, this time from a good passing rush. Till half-time a great deal of loose play ensued, with the School mostly defending. The second half was characterised by loose play, neither side showing any combination. In the opening stages of this spell Blues attacked and as the result of a misjudgment by a School player our opponents scored easily. After this the School, encouraged, no doubt, by the shouts of the few School boys there, rallied and as the result of strenuous play, Timpany managed to score. Time was shortly afterwards called with School attacking strongly. It was pleasing to see Gilfedder turn out, although he had felt too unwell an hour before the match.

SCHOOL (18) v. ATHLETIC (3).

1st July.

From the commencement of play School attacked, and as the outcome of a series of combined passing rushes N. Smith scored. Almost immediately after the kick-off Smith again scored; Lopdell failed not with the kick. Athletics now began to rally and they gradually worked the play down to the School's line, and after several scrums had been given by the referee, Athletics scored. The kick was unsuccessful. A great deal of loose forward play ensued for some time after this, of which School had a slight advantage. Half-time, however, was called with play verging about half-way. The combined play of the School's backs that was witnessed in the first half was not seen in the second half. Neither was there any combination shown by the forwards. However, School had the better of the game and from the start Athletics were kept defending. From a scrum on their line Smith once more gained possession of the ball and gained his third try. Lopdell converted. Loose play then prevailed for some time in our opponent's territory and as the result of a scramble under the goal-post Anderson added three more points to the School's score. Lopdell was once more successful with the kick. Till the end of the game School continually attacked and

time was sounded with play in Athletic's 25. Our backs played well while the ball was dry and their failure in the second half may be attributed to the slippery state of the leather. The forwards, however, did not show to advantage against their opponents, either on the line or in the pack. Rice, Meffan and Timpany were the pick of the vanguard, while N. Smith was the best of the backs. Lopdell, too, is worthy of mention for his kicking, both for goal and for line, his accuracy in this department of the game calling forth much favourable comment from spectators.

SCHOOL (17) v. WAIKIWI (0).

8th July.

Waikiwi, it was seen, were out to revenge their former defeat, for they started off strongly and soon had School defending. Play remained on School's line for some time, but gradually the game was taken to half-way. A great deal of strenuous but even play then ensued and it was only towards half-time that School gave their opponents cause for much anxiety. The forwards were getting in some dangerous looking rushes, and finally the ball was kicked over Waikiwi's line, but Timpany, who followed up fast, scored a try. No sooner had the game started again than Anderson broke away, accompanied by Young. Anderson dribbled past several players and then kicked past the full-back, Young scoring an easy try. There was no goal. In the second half the School backs gave their best exhibition of combined play this season, and Waikiwi were, for the most part, hard pressed. Soon after the kick-off Cupples was enabled to score as the result of good following up. After this numerous but unfruitful passing rushes took place, Waikiwi being hard put to it to save further score. Play verged round Waikiwi's goal for some time and an infringement by one of their players gave School a free-kick in easy position. Reid neatly goaled. From this on Waikiwi were mainly on the defensive and just before the call of time, Lopdell scored a good try from a scrum near our opponent's line. Reid converted, the School's total being 17. It was pleasing to see the excellent play of the School backs, but on the other hand it was not very pleasing to see the forwards beaten so often for the ball in the scrums. The forwards, otherwise, played very well, and of them, Young, Timpany, Gilfedder were the pick. Lopdell and Reid were the best of the backs, Reid especially displaying great brilliancy.

S.B.H.S. (11) v. GORE H.S. (3).

1st August.

The School's backs got going right at the start of the game and play was soon carried into Gore's 25. A scrum was given here for a knock-on, and from it the ball came out to the School backs, the

result being a try in the corner, scored by Manson. A dangerous-looking rush by Gore followed this, but Findlay broke away, greatly relieving the pressure. Reid then picked up the ball and booted it across to Smith, who gained possession and after passing several opponents scored. For some time after this play verged about half way, but eventually the ball was carried into Gore's territory, where from a scrum Archer secured possession of the ball and scored in easy position. Lopdell safely piloted the leather over the bar. For the remainder of this spell Gore were mainly the aggressors, but although they played strenuously they were not able to score. Gore pressed hard from the commencement of the second half and after a good deal of loose play, they scored a try in the corner. There was a good, but ineffectual, kick at goal. Gore continued to bustle and things were looking serious until Fraser relieved. Our opponents were not to be denied, however, and they returned to the attack with vigour, and it was only because their backs were rather weak that they did not score more tries than the one. The School team did not show up to advantage in this half, they being seldom out of their own half. Time was called, however, with neither side holding an advantage. The display given by our forwards was, to say the least of it, a disappointing one. Practically no combination was displayed by them, but occasionally there was good individual play. Our backs in the first half played very well, but in the second half their play was not good. This can, no doubt, be attributed to the greasy state of the ball in the later stages of the game. Of the backs Reid and Smith were the best, while Timpany was the most prominent in the forwards.

SCHOOL (28) v. INVERCARGILL (3).

8th August.

School defeated the Blues by 28 points to 3. The ground was a veritable quagmire and consequently play was confined mostly to the forwards. Our forwards completely outclassed their opponents, and their display of packing and close following up was the best given by them this season. The backs, too, were good, considering the state of the ball, and in one rush especially great dash and precision was shown by them all. For the School tries were scored by Lopdell (3), Findlay (2), Archer (2) and Young (1). Rice brilliantly converted two of them. Lopdell had several shots at goal, and although he was not successful, his efforts were extremely good. All the forwards played great games, but the following up of Findlay, Timpany and Young was especially pleasing. Of the backs Fraser and Lopdell were the best. Reid was absent; Cupples was on the touch line.

OTAGO (25) v. SOUTHLAND (8).

15th August.

OTAGO B.H.S.—Blackley, Robertson, Park, Holmes, McNaught, Inglis, Fea, King, McLean, Cameron, Tod, Hutchison, Lockhart, Kelman, Churchill (capt.).

SOUTHLAND B.H.S.—Forde, C. Hiskens, N. Smith, Manson, A. Reid (capt.), L. Lopdell, J. Fraser, Meffan, Rice, Findlay, Gilfedder, Archer, Leckie, C. Young, E. Timpany.

This game was played on Rugby Park. The day was extremely hot, but nevertheless the ground was very soft. In the first spell Southland had the advantage of a bright sun, while Otago were favoured with a slight breeze. From the kick-off Otago attacked and very soon play was carried into Southland's 25. Otago backs started passing on every possible occasion, but good tackling by Southland stopped anything dangerous. However, Otago were not driven back, but they still continued to attack and from a scrum near Southland's line they scored a somewhat doubtful try in the corner. The kick at goal was a failure. After this try Southland livened up and soon the game was verging about Otago's 25. The game was kept here for some considerable time until at last an infringement gave Southland a chance for a goal. The kick was entrusted to Reid, who safely piloted the leather over the bar. Shortly after this Hiskens scored a great try for Southland from a scrum about Otago 25. Reid again kicked a goal, making the score, Southland 8, Otago 3. Half-time was almost immediately called. When play was resumed it was seen that Otago intended to make an effort to get ahead, and it was not long before they did so. In this spell Otago at all times held the advantage and they scored try after try until the total of 25 points was reached, mainly by passing rushes. Of the Southland backs Reid and Hiskens were the pick, while Meffan, Rice and Archer were the best of the forwards.

TIMARU B.H.S. (13) v. S.B.H.S. (3).

17th August.

Southland kicked off, having the advantage of a bright sun. Timaru, however, were the first to attack and for a short time play was in Southland's half. Good play by Southland forwards then gradually took the game into Timaru ground, and Timaru's line was saved from immediate danger by a mark. After this Timaru again assumed the aggressive and Southland were obliged to force down. The visitors kept up their attack and as the outcome of a passing rush, one of their players scored behind the posts. The try was converted. Till half-time fast and exciting play ensued, Southland, for the most part, attacking. Immediately after the start of the second half Timaru were compelled to force twice, and then finally

Cupples dashed across and scored in easy position. The kick failed. Excellent forward play by the Southland pack followed and Timaru were kept hard at it until at last they broke away, the ball was kicked well up the field and their superior speed gained them a try. The try was not converted. Southland were not to be denied, however, and they vigorously returned to the attack. For the remainder of the spell they were strongly aggressive, but just before the call of time a Timaru player again broke away, play was transferred to Southland's 25 and from a scrum under the goal posts the Timaru winger gained possession of the ball and dashed across the line. The try was easily converted. The scores do not give a real estimate of the value of the losing team's play, as their opponents were out of their own half but twice in the second spell, but those two occasions unfortunately cost us the game. The Southland forwards played a great game and Timaru must be considered lucky in running up the score that they did. Archer and Rice were, perhaps, the most conspicuous of an excellent pack, while Fraser and Hiskens were the pick of the backs.

FOURTH GRADE COMPETITION.

At the opening of the season there were prospects of better competition than had prevailed in 1913. But at the end of June the Athletic team withdrew after some defeats, leaving only the two School teams and the Technical team. The Technical gallantly strove to place two teams in the field, experiencing some difficulty in the end. It is a great pity that the Rugby Union is not alive to its own interests. Primary school football is fostered. High School football is neglected by the Union. What becomes of the primary school players who do not come either to the High School or to the Technical School? They are too young for higher grades. They ought to be still playing and developing experience. Let us hope that with more grounds available there will be more junior teams, so that our seconds and thirds will get more spirited opposition and more games. If the Rugby Union wishes to keep up its supply of senior players, it must look after its lower grade players.

2nd XV. v. TECHNICAL.

10th June.

The second fifteen drew with Technical School, no points being scored by either side. The game consisted mainly of free kicks and scrambling forward rushes, in which McCaw, Young and Sheehan were prominent. The backs had very little opportunity of showing their ability. Holz, however, distinguished himself as full-back on several occasions by stopping dangerous rushes.

4th XV. v. TECHNICAL.

24th June.

The High School fourth team defeated the Technical College seconds by 6 points to 3. The game consisted mainly of scrambling forward rushes, and many good chances were spoilt by forwards kicking too hard. Five minutes after play started the Technical team gained a penalty goal. Play then went to the other end, where Fraser succeeded in scoring. The kick at goal failed. In the second spell Fraser again scored, no goal resulting. Lindsay and Mills were prominent in the forward rushes, but the backs did not have many chances.

3rd XV. v. TECHNICAL.

The School were defeated by 8 points to 5. In the first half, High School were always defending and about half way through it Technical scored and converted their try. Soon afterwards, as the result of a mark, Technical kicked a goal. Half-time was then called. In the next half, School livened up and were attacking for the greater part of the time. From a free kick Johnson had an unsuccessful kick at goal. The ball, however, hit the upright and rebounded into play. Corbet, owing to good following up, secured the ball and made a fine try, which Forde converted. Play ensued on the Technical line for some time, but time was called soon after with the score unchanged. All the backs played well, while the pick of the forwards were Barber and Sheehan.

2nd XV. v. TECHNICAL.

1st July.

This game resulted in a win for the Tec. by 5 points to 3. High School had the best of the game all through, and it was just through bad luck that they did not score more times. There was some trouble about procuring a referee, until a stranger obliged us by taking the whistle. High won the toss and played from west to east. After the kick-off play continued about the half-way line for some time. Then High pressed, and from a mark Forde had a shot at goal, but a force down resulted. The play was equal for a short time, but Technical woke up and were nearly away, when Ryburn saved. Not long afterwards Forde marked near his opponents' 25, but Johnson failed with the kick. Soon, through a miss by the full-back, Technical nearly scored, but Johnson came up in the nick of time and put the ball into touch. A dribbling rush was well stopped by Bell, but not long afterwards Technical scored and converted their try. Then half-time was sounded. There was no spell. Soon Ryburn was nearly over, but the ball bounced out of his hands and Technical forced down. From a free kick Technical had a shot at goal,

but the markers stopped it. After a good dribbling rush, Sheehan made a good dive and scored not far from the goals, but Forde's kick went a little to the side. After that play continued between half-way and Technical's goal line until time was sounded. Of the forwards, Sheehan, Dyer and Young, and of the backs, Johnson, Coutts and Ryburn, played well.

3rd XV. v. TECHNICAL.

1st July.

This match consisted chiefly in passing rushes and scores by the School. Within the first five minutes the School took the ball into the enemy's territory and Wild scored as the result of a fine passing rush. Wild also converted. Mehaffey next ran through and scored brilliantly. He failed to convert. King scored third try, which Wild converted in fine style. Melhop ran through and scored in the corner from a line-out, but the kick at goal failed. Other tries numbering seventeen were scored by Wild, Mehaffey, Jackson, Melhop, Royds, King, Gazzard, Grant and Murrell. Several of these tries were converted. When the whistle sounded the score was, School 67, Technical 0. As seen by the score, the School team was easily too many for its opponents. All the forwards played well and the backs distinguished themselves in passing rushes and general combination.

2nd XV. v. 3rd XV.

8th July.

This game resulted in a win for the second fifteen by 26 points to nil. The seconds had the best of the game and they had better combination in their backs.

2nd XV. v. TECHNICAL 1st.

15th July.

School won this game by 10 points to nil. The School backs were remarkable for their passing rushes. Not long after the kick-off Dyer, after a dribbling rush, which began near half-way, scored. Forde converted. High pressed into Technical's territory, but through one of the forwards kicking too hard, Technical were compelled to force down. School were again pressing but a scrum relieved Technical. Play continued about half way until half-time was called. A series of scrums ensued on School's goal line, but a line kick saved School. Then Technical rallied and compelled the High to force down. A passing rush carried the ball into Technical's territory and Dyer, picking up the ball transferred to Sheehan, who scored between the goal posts. Forde again kicked a good goal. Technical again rallied and were nearly away, but Cameron saved. From a line out

Technical made High force down. Then time was called while the ball was in the "river." The best players were Dyer, Sheehan, Johnson, Cameron and Coutts. Forde distinguished himself for his line and goal kicking.

3rd XV. v. TECHNICAL 2nd XV.

15th July.

The game resulted in a win for the School by 42 to 5. Play was in the enemy's territory a greater part of the time and the scores were too numerous to give an account of each. Scandrett was successful in converting several. Fraser, Scandrett, Soper, Ryburn, Bell and MacDonald all scored.

2nd XV. v. TECHNICAL.

This game resulted in a win for the latter by 5 points to 3. The score was not a fair indication of the game, as the School team was on the attack nearly all the second spell. From the kick-off play continued about half-way for a time until Technical began to press and School were compelled to force down. Then our forwards began to let the ball out to the backs, who took play down into their opponents' territory. Soon, from a pack in front of the goal posts, Wild secured and succeeded in scoring. Not long afterwards half-time was called. On resuming, Technical rallied and it looked as if they were going to score, but a force down resulted. Then Technical again attacked strongly and scored. This try was converted. From then onwards High were continually on the attack but failed to register a score. Not long before the finish Coutts made a fine dash right through the Technical forwards, but was pulled down on the line. The best players were Sheehan, Pryde, Dyer, Coutts, and Wild.

SOUTHLAND (2nd) v. OTAGO (2nd).

At Dunedin, 15th August.

The Otago seconds defeated School seconds by 28 to nil. School won the toss and played with the sun on their backs. Play settled about half-way for a time. Otago's full-back gathered the leather from a dribbling rush and scored. The try was unconverted. Shortly afterwards the Otago backs got to work and Penrose scored; Whelen converted. Several good forward rushes by Southland, in which Sheehan, Dyer and Royds were always prominent, brought play to half-way. The ball was, however, brought back by good kicking by the Otago backs. Several dangerous passing rushes were well stopped by Gardiner, Ryburn and Holz. Then from a line-out Scott scored near the corner, no goal resulting. Play continued about half-way for a short time and Whelen made a good run, but was stopped by Fraser. A mark by Coutts enabled Holz to find the line well

down to Otago's 25. Soon afterwards half-time was called with play near half-way. The score was 11 to nil. On resuming Otago attacked strongly and Matheson marked near the posts, no goal resulting. Whelen made a good run and looked like scoring but was tackled by Royds; Cameron repeated the performance on Penrose shortly after. Forward rushes were well stopped by backs, Coutts marking continually saved the situation. The Otago half, Matheson, was playing a great game and shortly enabled Hutcheson to score. Otago pressed again and Holz forced, but soon after Otago scored from a forward rush. Many passing rushes were rendered fruitless by good tackling on the part of our backs. The weight of the Otago forwards was telling on the School forwards and scores were made by Penrose, Matheson, Whelen. Matheson converted his own try. Gardiner at full-back played a good game, kicking and tackling well. The defence of the backs was good, but the Otago forwards gave them no opportunity of attack. Of the forwards Sheehan, Dyer and Royds played good games in the loose, and Barber played a solid game from beginning to end.

The following represented the 2nd XV. against the O.B.H.S.:—D. McCaw, Pryde, Barber, Royds, T. Macdonald, Dyer, Hay, Sheehan, Coutts, Wild, J. Fraser, Ryburn, Cameron (capt.), Holz, Gardiner. Emergencies: Forwards, Gazzard; backs, Scandrett, R. Fraser.

2nd XV. v. GORE HIGH SCHOOL.

Second XV.: Gardiner, Forde, Ryburn, Holz, Wild, Fraser, Coutts, Cameron, Anderson, Barber, Royds, Dyer, McCaw, Pryde, Sheehan.

The match was played on Saturday, 22nd August, the Gore team arriving by the 10.10 a.m. train. The day was bright but heavy rain during the night made the ground rather heavy. Gore defended the eastern end and initiated several dangerous-looking rushes that augured badly for our team. The defence of the local backs was far from good, but Coutts and Forde saved well. After several vigorous assaults Gore at length secured a try, Prebble being responsible, and shortly after Gardiner crossed the line. Neither was converted. Our forwards now began to put much more energy into their game and were soon in an attacking position, but the handling of the ball was poor and the passing rushes came to nothing. The second spell was more satisfactory from our point of view. For a time play remained at half-way, for better tackling and rush-stopping by our backs kept the opposing forwards out. Sheehan, who had played a fine forward game through, was at this stage forced to retire through an injury received in a scrummage and Melhop took his place. Our forwards gradually took charge and only the splendid defence of Domegan kept them from scoring. Cameron emerged from a forward rush in possession of the leather and after a short run

transferred to Forde, who was brought down near the corner. A few minutes later the same player aroused enthusiasm by a similar run, which again ended within a yard of the line. Fraser and Coutts opened up the game well for the last quarter of an hour, which saw Gore hard put to it to stem desperate and exciting rushes by the backs. In turn Forde, Ryburn, Holz, and Fraser were grassed within an ace of scoring, but when time was called the score remained unchanged, Gore winning by 6—0.

INTRA-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT.

To enable as many as possible to have matches, four teams of nearly equal strength were created in the Middle School, allowed to choose their own designations and, of course, elect their own officers. Much enthusiasm was evoked by this tournament, as the friendly rivalry was keen. Further, the secretaries vied with one another in their eloquent descriptions of the game, to which they treated the School the morning after the matches.

ALL BLACKS v. HOTTIES. July 20th.

Hotties won by 5 points to nil.

ZULU-K'NUTS v. DREADNOUGHTS.

The K'nuts won by 24 points to nil, all of which were registered in the second spell.

ZULU-K'NUTS v. HOTTIES. July 28th.

The Zulus won by 13 points to 9, all scores being made in the second spell. The Zulus score stood at nil when the Hotties had made 9 points, but the Africans, raising their war cry, put the fear of death into the enemy and ran over them. The Hotties protested against the refereeing but obtained no hearing.

DREADNOUGHTS v. ALL BLACKS.

The Dreadnoughts won by 21 points to 3. R. Fraser was the hero of the Dreadnoughts. McCredie, one of the latter, had to disappear in the dark and gloomy waters of the Puni in a heroic effort to recover the leather.

ZULU-K'NUTS v. ALL BLACKS. August 4th.

This match resulted in a win for the Africans by 8 points to nil. As soon as the whistle sounded, the Zulu impi came away with a rush and their assegais sank deep. After a few minutes' hot play the All Blacks drove them into neutral territory, where the play hovered for some time. Drawing their knob-kerries, the Natives attacked again, but again the New Zealanders drove them back. Then the Blacks took a hand in the game and advanced into Zululand; but the dusky warriors drove them back. The Zulus, drawing their size No. 8 assegais, attacked the Blacks again. After some hot play

on the line, Gazzard succeeded in scoring. R. G. Stevens sank in his size 7 assegai hard and a goal resulted. Urged on by the shouts of "Sink your assegais, Zulus," the Natives advanced on the New Zealand line again. But the defence was too good and the Zulus were kept out. On resuming after half-time the Zulu impi again attacked, but were soon driven back. The New Zealanders then began to liven things up and attacked strongly. After a period of strenuous play they were awarded a free kick, but Melvin failed to enhance. Not long after this the K'nuts threw off their dandified ways and took the play back into the All Blacks' territory. After several scrums the Zulus broke away and Scandrett picked up and scored. R. G. Stevens' assegai did not strike true and the ball went outside the posts. The Zulus then kept up the attack and from a scrum on the line Trapski got over, but he was forced out. A little while later Young got across, but he was held up. The remainder of the game consisted of inroads into the Blacks' territory by the fierce dusky warriors.

HOTTIES v. DREADNOUGHTS.

This game, played on No. 2 ground, resulted in a win for the former team by 43 points to nil. Throughout the game the winning team pressed hard, and except for a few brilliant rallies by the "Noughts," passed the time in their opponents' territory. The ball was kept in a slippery state, owing chiefly to the adjacent creek, and individual play was the immediate result. It is but fair to mention that the losers played four men short; so the "Noughts" were not dreaded, and had a "hot" time.

HOTTIES v. ALL BLACKS. August 11th.

This game, played on the rather restricted area of No. 1 ground, resulted in a win for the former team by 5 points to nil. The ground was hard—the ball was dry, and fast play resulted, much speculation being indulged in. Contrary to expectations, fishing excursions to the creek were few and far between and very little tree-climbing was done. Both teams played well. For the All Blacks, Soper, Jackson and Cameron were prominent, while for the Hotties, Berndston, Vallance and Cody "made it willing." H. Dykes manfully stopped several rushes. In the first spell Vallance helped himself to the ball and scored beneath the posts, Kingston converting. Barracking from the fence was hearty and impartial, and it was full of sage advice and witticisms. Launcelot Johnson controlled the game in his usual fashion.

ZULU-K'NUTS v. DREADNOUGHTS.

This match was played on No. 2 ground and resulted in a win for the K'nuts by 24 points to nil. Shortly after the kick-off Laing, in showing his superfluous energy, kicked the ball into the hedge

and burst it. It managed, however, to hang out to the finish. In the first half of the first spell play was fairly even, but towards the end of the spell Bell scored two tries, both of which R. G. Stevens converted. Half-time was then sounded. In the second spell the Zulus had much the better of the game and tries were scored by Young, Gazzard, McDonald and Scandrett, one of them being converted by Scandrett.

TEAMS.

ZULU-K'NUTS.—Matheson, Gazzard, S. Young, W. MacGibbon, McDonald, Green, Trapski, Prain, Scandrett, De Castro, Bell, Haigh, R. G. Stevens, Brash, Browne, Winders, Downey, Johnson, Wilson, Barker.

ALL BLACKS.—Royds, A. Fleming, Sawers, Grant, Jenkins, Oughton, F. McDowall, Brighton, Jackson, Firth, Melvin, Soper, R. Cameron, Cowan, H. Howie, Garmson.

DREADNOUGHTS.—Stout, W. Laing, Pope, I. MacGibbon, E. Mills, Miller, Officer, Gray, Preston, Lipscombe, Evans, McCredie, R. Fraser, T. Mitchell, A. Smith, Forde, Ayling.

HOTTIES.—Lindsay, G. Fleming, Gardiner, Murrell, D. Cody, Berndtson, A. McDowall, Kingston, Dykes, Jefcoate, J. Howie, Vallance, Thompson, W. Ryburn, E. Smith, Murison.

CRICKET.

SENIORS.

Captain—A. Reid.

Secretary—G. Wild.

Owing to the extraordinary lateness of the commencement of matches this season, there is very little to chronicle in regard to cricket. The season nominally opened at the beginning of October, but we did not play our first match until November 11th. We can easily understand why senior matches on the Rugby Park turf wickets were postponed; but why junior matches, to be played on an asphalt pitch, were put off from the middle of October is rather less comprehensible. So long as the overhead conditions are fair at the time, there does not seem to be much reason for postponing a match played on an asphalt wicket. Yet such has been the case, and consequently we have only one club match to report so far.

In consequence of the fact that our practice wicket on Rugby Park was not ready till about the beginning of November, interest in cricket was rather dead for a few weeks. No one likes practising on

No. 1 ground after a season at the Park. Fortunately, however, the ground is now ready and interest is re-awakening. We trust it will not fall off again.

In regard to practice wickets, we are glad to hear that the new school ground beyond Queen's Park is rapidly being put in order, and in all probability next year's first XI. will be practising there in the spring. This ground will be a great advantage to school cricketers, for besides having a turf wicket, it will be of a reasonable size—a statement which cannot be said of either No. 1 or No. 2 grounds. A water ballast roller of 23 cwt when empty has been obtained, and a sports house is to be erected.

The bat presented by Mr F. J. Tipping for the player showing the best all-round improvement during last season has been assigned to Arthur A. Reid, captain of the first XI. Reid was top of the batting averages with an average of 32 runs per innings to his credit, and was second in the bowling list, obtaining 14 wickets at a cost of 8.5 runs each. He also ably represented Southland Juniors against Otago Juniors. Another bat, presented to the Juniors by Mr H. A. Macdonald for a similar purpose, was won by R. Fraser.

We opened the cricket season on September 23rd by a match between teams picked by the captain and the secretary. A one-innings game resulted in a win for the latter team, the totals being 69 and 74. For the captain's team Wesney contributed a hard hit 42 before he retired. Corbet took 3 wickets and Stuck 2. For the secretary's team Holz made 24 and Meffan 12.

FIRST XI. v. WAIRONGOA.

A draw.

Wairongoa batted first and made a total of 132 runs. One player made 93 runs before he was caught at the wickets, otherwise the total would probably have been small. Unfortunately this innings was badly kept in the score-book, so we take from other sources that Wesney got 4 wickets for 38 and Lopdell 3 for 38. School opened badly, Wesney being caught in his first over with the score at 2. Reid and Wild then became associated and took the score to 74 before the latter was bowled with his score at 30. Reid batted steadily on and reached 48 before he was caught. Wickets then began to fall until stumps were drawn with the score at 85 for the loss of three wickets.

JUNIORS.

A v. MIDDLE. Oct. 24th.

A won by 9 wickets and 12 runs. Pope 37 and Sheehan 11 were best scorers, the total being 76. Middle made 22 on the first venture, but reached 94 in the second innings. Smith took 3 wickets for 9 and Mitchell 2 for 10. In our second innings Mitchell made 32 and Dykes 16 not out.

A v. SOUTH. Oct. 31st.

A won by 9 wickets and 3 runs. Ed. Smith 24, Dykes 25 not out were top scorers, the total reaching 69. South made 33 runs, Smith taking 4 wickets for 9, Fraser 5 for 15, and Dykes 1 for 7. In the second innings South made 42, leaving the School 6 runs to make to win. In the second innings of the South Dykes took 4 wickets for 4, Fraser 2 for 7, and Smith 2 for 16.

A v. B. Nov. 7th.

A won by 8 wickets. A 60; B 21 and 61. Sheehan 20 not out for A in first innings. Jackson 25 not out for B in second innings.

November 14th.—No match; rain.

B v. MARIST. Oct. 24th.

Lost by 27 runs on first innings. Marist made 69. The best bowlers for the School were Coutts 4 for 23 and Jackson 4 for 25. The School made 42. Jackson 16 and Bell 10 being the only two to reach double figures. Two were absent.

B v. MIDDLE. Oct. 31st.

won by 9 wickets.

A v. B. Nov 7th.

See report for A.

November 14th.—No matches on account of rain.

CADETS.

REVIEW OF CADET YEAR.

The school year just ended has been remarkable both for interest and for the variety of work done. The camp held in March has already been mentioned in a previous issue and it has proved itself to be a most interesting and successful experiment. Immediately after that event, the visit of General Sir Ian Hamilton gave us an opportunity of practising the instruction we had received during our week under canvas.

The Southland Cadets, with Major Pearce in command, assembled on the A. and P. Society's grounds on April 27th and were drawn up in four battalions preparatory to the inspection and march past, our companies, Nos. 6 and 7, occupying pride of place in No. 1 battalion. The General inspected us and remarked on the steadiness and soldierly bearing of those on parade and then we moved to the saluting base and marched past in column of companies. On forming again in quarter column, the cadets gave a display of physical drill. The School's previous training made itself manifest in the way the

companies went through every detail of the ceremonial and drill. The parade was drawn up in a hollow square and the inspecting officer presented the Ladies' Cup to the champion shot of each company. The winners in our companies were N. Murrell and D. Hannan. The parade state for the day gave the number on parade as 1100, of which our quota was 170.

During the second term the preliminary musketry practices were fired and they have proved of great benefit as an introduction to the regular musketry course with the service rifle. The military instructors have been specialising in musketry and we hope to see the fruit of their labours in an increased average in the score book.

The Ladies' Cup competition is now proceeding, the winner of which will get his name inscribed on the trophy and receive a medal and custody of the cup for a year. There has been keen competition and good scores have been handed in, but the final result is not yet to hand. Each company has a cup for itself, so that the recruits have an even chance with the seniors of achieving distinction.

Lieutenant Edmondson, who left us last term, has been missed, but his place has been ably filled by his successor in command, Mr Reid, who has carried on the work of No. 7 Co. The N.C.O.'s have received increased attention this year, but the pity is that many of them may not be back next year to give us the benefit of their experience. Some of the sergeants showed very great improvement. The bugle band has not been much in evidence lately and capable recruits might well come forward to strengthen our combination for next year in this department; and we might also resuscitate the signalling corps with advantage.

The following were perpetrated by some of our observant cadets after the inspection by Sir Ian Hamilton:—

IV. A.—“The men in kilts were suspicious and played several airs of Scotch music.” (We always thought there was something mysterious about these same airs.)

IV. A.—“Reid looked nice as he took away the cup presented to the S.B.H.S. for the shooting competition.” (Probably he “blushed like a girl.”)

V.—“The command was given for officers to take posts in review order.” (We wonder how this was done.)

V.—“During the parade the Invercargill Highland Pipe Band under Pipe-Major McGregor gave us a few blows on the pipes.” We wonder if this boy has since joined the boxing class and has become acquainted with the phrase “a bunch of uppercuts.”

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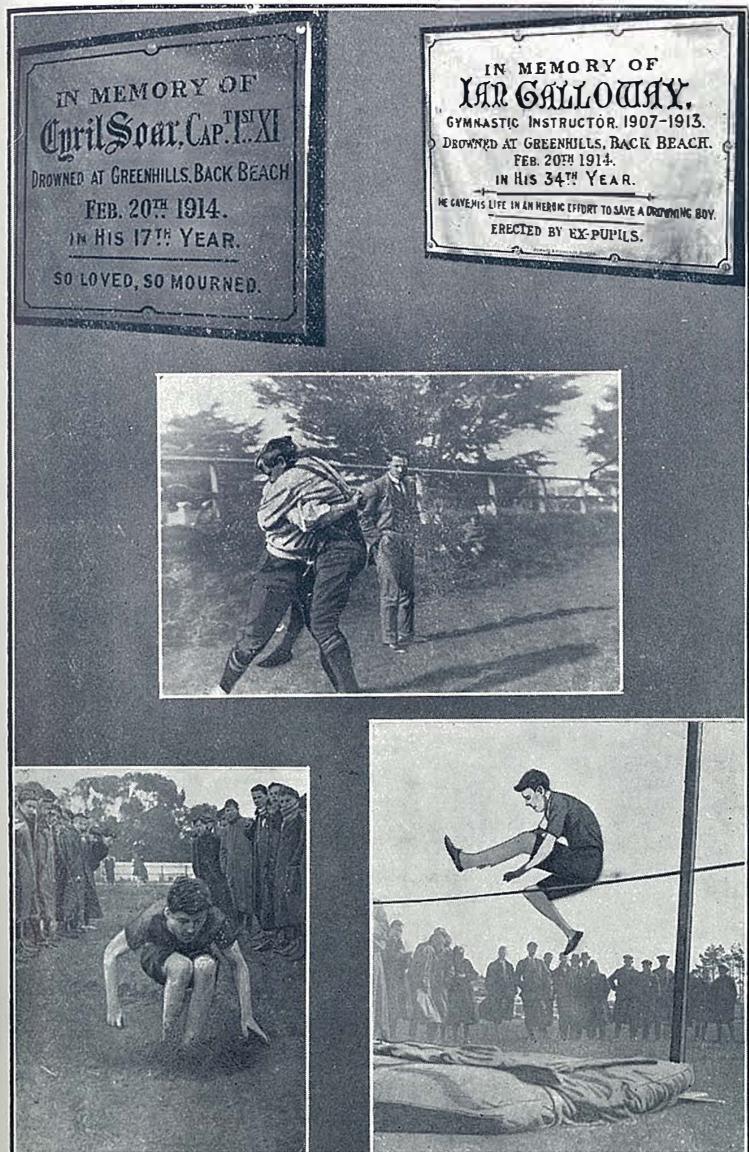
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