

PREFECTS, 1927.

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Sitting: A. T. Anderson, G. N. Macdonald (Head), D. U. Stralig, J. A. Hamilton.

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2nd XI. Captain: C. Smith.

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3rd XV. Captain: L. Paul.

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Junior B Captain: J. Polson.

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Library: J. Webb.

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Athletics: R. Tuck and O. Yule (Secretaries).

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EDITORIAL.

(I.B.S.)

Nearly two thousand years ago a great Empire was slowly being undermined by the degeneracy of the young men who were devoting the greater part of their time to games and amusements. Instead of working and of being of use to the community, they were a drag upon the State and did little more than draw their "dole" of food and attend the games of the Circus. To-day it is considered that there is a great danger of a similar happening. Sport is beginning to play far too prominent a part in the lives of the youth of the nation. It seems that recreation and amusement are the most important things of life, and that work is nothing more than an enforced rest between games, during which performances and prospects are discussed, and occasionally, by way of a change, a little work is done.

We at School must remember that in a few years' time we shall be taking a place in the life of the country, and that our success or failure will largely affect the welfare of the nation. Habits are easily formed when we are young; and unless these habits are quickly broken, they grow upon us more and more. At school, the habit of sport can very easily get a grip on us, for since every reasonable opportunity of taking part in games is afforded, sport occupies much of our attention. Outside regular school hours, properly organised games are played, the boys are

coached, and sport is talked of and thought of, not always outside regular school hours, however. Most boys are prouder and more envied on receiving their football caps than they are on passing an important examination. When a new boy comes to the school, the first question is, "Can he play football?" or, "Was he in the First XV?" This is the time when we often lose sight of the true purpose of sport. Its primary object is to provide exercise, both enjoyable and recreative, without which work would become tedious. It serves to set us up physically and make our minds keen, receptive and fit for the hours of study. It teaches us judgment, determination and manliness. In short, sport, like most things agreeable to us, makes a good servant but a very bad master. If allowed to do so, it takes complete possession of our thoughts, all else is neglected, and in consequence the "remarks" column of our reports is found to be too small for the masters to express themselves properly. A few years ago the cry was all work and no play; now it is just the opposite. It must be remembered that however important sport may be, it can be overdone. We are given schools as places of learning and they should be used as such and not as free sports clubs organised by the Government.

Another thing which tends to spoil sport and make it more of a business than a recreation, is the great amount of public attention which is given to it. This publicity is inclined to lead boys to think that proficiency in sport is to be attained rather than proficiency in knowledge or in character. Public attention also causes the players to set too much upon the result of the game and play for the honour and glory of winning rather than for the game's sake. In view of this, a decision was recently made in New South Wales to eliminate the finals, both of cricket and of football, in the Great Public Schools' competitions.

"Moderation in all things" is a good motto, and we must keep sport in its proper place. For football and cricket alone will never produce men such as are needed to-day in the world of progress, and knowledge and mental training are of paramount importance in the game of life.

Anzac Day was marked in the School by an address from the Rector. He reminded us that N.Z. had sent away, or had prepared to send away, 100,000; of whom 10,000 did not return. This school had sent away 500; of whom 100 came not back. And those 100 were of our brightest and best—distinguished university graduates, budding lawyers, doctors, teachers, farmers, engineers. England lost hundreds of thousands. The Empire lost 1,000,000. It was a terrible loss of manhood. We were only beginning now to recover. What had it meant for England?

Older men, with less virility, with less optimism, had had to carry on. England had shown the world a glorious example of setting the teeth, of bearing the pain unflinchingly. Mothers and sisters, denying themselves comforts, dirtying themselves, humbling themselves, had become the breadwinners. O the sacrifice of it! But it revealed our national characteristics—that Britshers were grim, sturdy, valiant, uncomplaining, with heads bowed and bloody, but unconquered. That was the reason of the observance of Anzac Day.—We resolve to keep it a holy day in loving memory of our worthy dead. How could we forget them? The nobility of the sacrifice of their dear, young, eager lives, for their country and for humanity. They felt that civilisation was at stake; that modern barbarians with all their hellish science were trying to ruin all the humanitarian advance of the centuries. In their worship of brute force, the enemy were reverting to barbarianism. All the culture and refinement and modesty of the ages were to be of no avail. They set up war as a god to be worshipped. Even now some questioned their sincerity in joining the League of Nations because they had not quenched the war spirit of their junkers.



SCHOOL ROLL, 1927.

VI.

Cox, G.	Forde, J.	Murchison, G.
Macdonald, G.	Fraser, W.	Pryde, N.
Stevenson, I.	Gough, I.	Smith, C.
Strang, D.	Gough, R.	Webb, J.
Tuck, R.	Hamilton, Jas.	Wise, R.
Barclay, B.	Littlejohn, R.	
Cassels, S.	McBean, A.	

VA.

Anderson, A. T.	Excell, W.	Ritchie, D.
Blakie, W.	Featherstone, R.	Ross, H.
Boyce, A.	Garden, N.	Sargison, E.
Buckingham, O.	Green, S.	Scott, R.
Buxton, N.	Henry, G.	Smillie, A.
Clifford, A.	Hormann, M.	Spencer, T.
Davin, T.	Horne, J.	Stuckey, K.
Dennis, R.	Murray, R.	Watts, R.
Derbie, N.	Provan, A.	Yule, O.

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VB.

Allott, L. H.
Ayers, W.
Bell, J.
Bonifant, O.
Brash, J.
Caddie, G.
Cournane, M.
Davidson, J.
Double, H.
Elliot, E.
Flanagan, B.
Gilchrist, P.
Hay, A.
Hughes, G. L.
Kerse, B.
Knowler, R.
Lynch, P.
McKillip, M.
Paul, L.
Rout, G.
Rout, Eric
Stewart, W.
Shand, I.
Treeby, C.
Tapper, J.
Verity, R.
Wallace, C.
Wright, G.

VC.

Braaclough, W.
Blue, R.
Brash, S.
Cooper, A.
Crowe, T.
Cunningham, C.
Gardner, R.
Gilbert, J.
Hannah, J.
Hawke, E.
Jones, L.
Lea, M.
McDonald, I.
McKenzie, Gordon
McKenzie, Hector
McKenzie, Roderick
McLauchlan, K.
Murdoch, J.
Murray, N.
Sherborne, G.
Smith, J.
Wesney, P.
Wilson, Alex.
Wyeth, G.

IV.A.

Bisset, N.
Blampied, E.
Brown, A.
Canning, H.
Christie, N.
Derbie, A.
Graham, R.
Grenville, J.
Henderson, L.
Hughes, G.
Hind, A.
James, F.
Lemin, F.
Lindsay, G.
Macdonald, R.
McLean, D.
Mayne, J.
Miller, R.
Nichol, L.
Nimmo, G.
Sefton, E.
Semmens, H.
Smiley, A.
Springford, W.
Thomson, D.
Taylor, M.
Wealeans, A.
Webb, E.

IV.B.

Balneaves, M.
Bath, O.
Butler, S.
Blake, M.
Carman, A.
Chaplin, J.
Dakin, A.
Fox, J.
Galt, A.
Gardiner, J.
Guildford, I.
Harry, R.
Hobson, E.
Jenkins, R.
Kerr, J.
Kerr, R.
King, G.
Littlejohn, E.
McNaughton, D.
Oram, H. G.
Paterson, B.
Paterson, W.
Pollock, J.
Polson, J.
Ramsay, J.
Sutton, H.
Thomson, H.
Thompson, L.
Tait, W.

SCHOOL ROLL.

IV.C.

Armour, J.
Allott, M.
Blake, F.
Burke, J.
Bell, R.
Chemis, J.
Cook, I.
Fraser, R.
Fleming, W.
Henderson, E.
Kerr, W.
Laing, M.
Lillicrap, J.
Moloney, W.
McCurdy, L.
Macdonald, D.
Roff, T.
Swale, J.
Stewart, T.
Toshach, L.
Thomson, J. C.
West, I.
Wallace, R.
Winders, C.

III.A.

Abbey-Jones, E.
Aitchison, B.
Barham, C.
Challis, B.
Campbell, A.
Cleine, J.
De Reya, A.
Dey, I.
Gutzwitz, R.
Georgeson, H.
Henderson, D.
Hardeastle, D.
Hamilton, Alex.
Horne, C.
Israel, G.
Jack, S.
Jennings, G.
Kennedy, C.
Lindsay, L.
Mackie, T.

III.B.

Anderson, B.
Bisset, W.
Blackburn, R.
Brown, M.
Caddie, W.
Campbell, H.
Chisholm, D.
Crawford, L.
Davis, K.
Dryden, G.
Fraser, R.
Hazeldine, J.
Henderson, Edwin
Hudson, G.
Irwin, N.
Johnston, J.
Macdonald, A.
MacGibbon, J.
Mackay, G.
Malcolm, I.

III.C.

Allott, V.
Crowther, B.
Campbell, B.
Davidson, S.
Day, J.
Gregory, W.
Grieg, J.
Hamilton, S.
Henderson, B.
Heywood, A.
Harper, L.
Hilton, G.
Jackson, W.
Lilico, J.
Murdoch, E.
McCallum, R.
McGrath, C.
Pearce, R.
Raines, R.
Rankin, N.

Roberts, L.
Robertson, A.
Schroeder, J.
Sefton, S.
Strang, W.
Tonkinson, C.
Tinker, A.
Wicks, H.
Willett, W.
Wohlers, W.

PRIZE DAY.

The annual break-up ceremony was held in the Municipal Theatre, on December 16th. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr R. M. Strang, presided. The actual prize-giving was preceded by gymnastic displays by the boys, and by club swinging and drill by the girls. Several individual items were also given.

In his address, Mr Strang referred to the good work which had been done by the school, since they had moved into the new buildings in Herbert Street.

Miss J. Perrin then presented the girls' prizes, and Mr J. Gilkison presented the boys'.

Prize List is as follows:—

PRIZE LIST, 1926.

IIIC.: R. Jenkins, 1 in Mes., 1 in Geog., 2 in Hist. T. Roff, 1 in Eng., 2 in Geog. W. Kerr, 1 in French. J. Chemis, 1 in Hist. A. Galt, 1 in Science, D. McDonald, 2 in Mes., 2 in Sc.

IIIB.: L. Roy, 1 in Eng., 1 in French, 1 in Lat., 1 in Sc., 2 in Mes. J. Pollock, 1 in Geog., 2 in French. M. Blake, 1 in Mes. O. Bath, 1 in Hist. R. Harry, 2 in Eng., 2 in Sc. E. Littlejohn, 2 in Lat.

IIIA.: D. Thomson, 1 in Eng., 1 in Lat., 1 in Mes., 2 in French. G. Hughes, 1 in Sc., 1 in Book-keeping. E. Blampied, 1 in French, 2 in Book-keeping. A. Grenville, 1 in Geog. A. Wealleans, 1 in Hist. F. Miller, 2 equal in Eng., 2 in Lat., 2 in Sc.

IVC.: C. Wallace, 1 in French, 2 in Eng., 2 in Mes. J. McHardy, 1 in Mes., 2 in Sc. L. Jones, 1 in Hist., 1 in Geog. P. O'Malley, 1 in Eng. I. McDonald, 1 in Sc. R. Hamilton, 2 in French.

IVB.: R. Verity, 1 in Hist., 2 in Sc., 2 in Mes., 2 in Geog., 2 eq. in French. L. H. Allott, 1 in Mes., 1 in Sc., 2 in Book-keeping. W. Barraclough, 1 in Eng. K. McLauchlan, 1 in French. F. Black, 1 in Geog.

IVA.: A. Clifford, 1 in French, 1 in Eng., 1 in Mes., 1 in Sc., 1 in Book-keeping, 1 in Geog., 1 in Hist. T. Davin, 2 in Eng., 2 in French, 2 in 2Mes., 2 in Sc. W. Blakie, 1 in Lat., 2 in Geog., 2 in Hist. J. Horne, 2 in Lat.

VC.: M. Taylor, 1 in Se., 1 in Hist., 1 in Fr., 2 in Mes. O. Buckingham, 1 in Eng., 2 in Sc. C. Treeby, 1 in Mes. C. Kent, 2 in Eng., 2 in Hist.

VB.: J. Ferde, 1 in Mes., 2 in Fr. F. Calder, 1 in Sc., 1 in Hist. E. Sargison, 1 in Eng. M. Hormann, 1 in French. L. Trotter, 2 in Eng., 2 in Hist.

VA.: A. McBean, 1 in Eng., 1 in Fr., 1 in Lat., 2 in Hist. A. Horne, 1 in Sc., 1 in Hist., 2 in Lat. W. Porter, 1 eq. in Mes. J. Richards, 1 eq. in Mes.

VI.: J. Butler, 1 in Science.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Medal for Cricket: M. McCurdy (donor, Union Cricket Club).

Best Cadet for 1926: Platoon Sergeant Les. Clark (donor, Mr John Rigg).

Challenge Cups for Rifle Practice: .303 Rifle, Eric Fraser; .22 Rifle, John Webb.

Junior Championship Shot (under 15): W. Tait.

School Champion Shot and Holder of School Shield for 1927: John Webb.

Championships in Gymnastics: First year, Hugh Thomson (donor, Mrs E. Smith); second year, Rod. McKenzie (donor, Mr B. Galloway); Seniors, W. Tattersfield (donor, Mr M. Hyndman).

Best Athlete: M. McCurdy (donor, Old Boys in Auckland).

Athletic Sports Championships, Challenge Cups: Junior, J. Gardiner; Senior, R. Page.

Deschler Challenge Cup: Les. Clark (for Physical and Scholastic Improvement; donor, Dr. Deschler, New York).

Library Prizes: R. Hallamore, W. Excell (for interest in Literature; donor, The Public Library Committee).

General Excellence Prize: J. Dakin (donors, Old Boys of 1918).

Dux of School for 1926 (donors, Old Boys of 1918): Ralph Bertram McKay.

Master (revising chemistry): Why does your mother put baking soda in scones?

Boy: To remove temporary hardness, sir.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(G.C.)

Our second year in the new buildings is now almost over. The newness of everything has, to some extent, worn off, making the place more cheerful and pleasant. The associations which were the charm of the old school are now gradually growing up in the new, and in a few years the new buildings will be thronged with those many memories that make a school something more than rooms and corridors.

This year, Mrs Weir, who for two years was a member of the Board of Governors, retired, and her place was taken by the Rev. Lawson Robinson, B.A. Mr John Gilkison obtained leave of absence for several months while visiting England.

At the end of last year, Mr K. C. McDonald, M.A., who had been a member of the staff since 1924, left to take up a position at Waitaki. Mr McDonald always took a keen interest in both the outside and inside life of the school, and was, last year, editor of the "Southlandian." His place has been filled by Mr A. R. Dunlop, B.A., who has already shown himself a keen worker for the school, and is now editor of the magazine.

On March 22nd, the Duke of York visited Invercargill. Although his visit was too short to enable him to come to the school, we were all given the opportunity to see him at the Rose Gardens. The school cadet corps provided a guard on this occasion.

On the 29th March we were visited by the Minister of Education, the Hon. R. A. Wright. Mr Wright gave us a brief address on present-day education, finishing with many rounds of cheers. The two notes in his address were The Gospel of Work, and the Cultivation of School Friendships. He demanded a half holiday.

On April 8th, Mr Macassey, as President of the Otago Amateur Athletic Association, visited the school in order to present to us the Junior Challenge Shield, won at last year's sports in Dunedin. Mr Macassey referred to the splendid reputation this school holds on the sports field, and also spoke of the very creditable performance of J. Gardiner, who won the shield for Southland. At the conclusion of Mr Macassey's remarks, Gardiner, on behalf of the school, received the shield.

Towards the end of the second term, we were given a very interesting address by Professor John W. Hinton, of Colombo University, Ceylon. Professor Hinton is an old boy of the school, who, after a distinguished career at Otago University, studied at Home under Sir Ernest Rutherford. Last year he was appointed Professor of Physics at Colombo University. In his address, Professor Hinton said that the man with an enthusiasm for a particular subject, or a particular branch of work, the man that specialised, was the man that moved the world. He also told us several stories of his work, and of life at Home, and concluded with a short sketch of a trip he took through Europe, visiting Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Italy. After he had finished speaking, the school gave the haka in his honour.

In the second term, we were addressed by the Rev. Mr McNeur, who was for many years a missionary in China. Mr McNeur outlined briefly the position of affairs in China to-day, and gave us some idea of the conditions of life there.

At the close of Mr McNeur's address, Mr R. M. Strang, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, introduced to us the Rev. Lawson Robinson, a new member of the Board. Mr Robinson also spoke a few words.

Dr. F. McDowall, another old boy of the school, who is a Doctor of Science of the London University, visited the school in September. He spoke to us about life in England, and the English schools. Both he and Professor Hinton were very pleased with the new school buildings.

At the end of last year, it was decided to introduce a uniform into the school. This is a reform that has been long needed, and the uniform decided on is very smart and useful. It consists of blue shirts, blue shorts, school stockings and caps. Next year, when it is to be used for drill purposes, the wearing of the uniform is to be made compulsory.

On several occasions during the year we have had gramophone recitals. The gramophone is a great success, and was very popular in camp. We have to thank Mr Deaker for the trouble he has taken about these recitals.

On Trafalgar Day, Friday, October 21st, the Rector gave the school a very interesting address on the life of Nelson, which was greatly appreciated by all.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to J. C. Dakin, on gaining first place for New Zealand in the Junior University

Scholarship examination. Dakin was dux of the school in 1925, equal with G. D. Anderson, and had been at school since 1922. His success brings much credit to the school, as well as to Dakin himself.

Departures.—Will. Fraser, of Lands and Survey Department, Wellington; A. Tom. Anderson, to Reporting Staff, "Southland News"; Stan. Cassels, to Reporting Staff, "Southland Times"; P. Felix. Scully, to N.Z.R. Training School, Wellington; Russell Page, to Sandhurst Military College, England; Rob. J. Wise, to State Fire Insurance, Invercargill; Ian McGrath to "News" Office; Gordon McKenzie, to Commercial Bank; Les. Trotter, to W. Stewart, Chemist; W. R. Porter, to N.Z. Railway Service, Wellington; P. Brodie, to Land and Income Tax Department, Wellington; Maurice Clare (Bluff, 1920) left for England bent on entering the Air Service; Colin Cameron, to Bank of New South Wales; Fred. Calder, to Telegraph Engineer's Office, Wellington; L. Raines, to G.P.O. Wellington, then Invercargill; Fred. Black did not return as he expected (his home address is Clayton Station, Fairlie); Harry Simson, to Stamps Department, Wellington; Alex. Horne has entered Otago Dental School and has removed from Bluff with his parents to Dunedin; Les. Clark has begun Medicine at Otago University; V. Shirley joined the staff of the South British Insurance Co.; T. D. Spencer joined the same in November.

The School.—When we returned in February we found the gymnasium was ready for us. It has proved a boon, as has the lunch room attached.

At last the street wall and coping are finished and the gates in position. And the asphalt by the western gate is in use, all to our comfort.

The Board evidently intends to look after the school grounds. A white Escallonia hedge to screen the adjoining cottage has been planted by the fence. Some twenty pounds were spent in the spring in top-dressing the grass areas with super-phosphates. The result is a great improvement. But the biggest step taken by the Board was the purchase of a motor mower that gives excellent service. The front lawn is now a different picture. The grass sown by Mr Lepper has made a good strike and ought rapidly to cover with a greensward the bare places.

One afternoon in February Russell Page was farewelled by the school. The Rector took the opportunity of presenting him with a well-filled wallet of notes from a few well-wishers, citizens of Invercargill. Russell found himself in a new position but returned thanks for their great kindness.

Jimmy Dakin's success in topping N.Z. in the University entrance examinations of course merited a holiday. He was first in Latin and in English, and third in French; second in History.

Ralph McKay, Les. Clark, and J. M. Butler were in the credit list. Ralph McKay was awarded an Invercargill Savings Bank Scholarship. Les. Clark and J. M. Butler divided together Invercargill Savings Bank Scholarships.

G. A. Hughes (IV.A.) won the Macfie Prize in the Junior National Scholarship Examinations of 1926, allotted to Juvenile Foresters.

The school bell has an interesting history. This bell was bought by the Rector on behalf of the Board from Mr Albert Hanan. The bell had been in the possession of the family for fifty years, probably for more. As the inscription states, it was made in Aberdeen by John Smith for the barque, "Star of Victoria." This new barque made her first trip from her home port of Launceston, Tasmania, to Invercargill. After unloading her cargo of bluegum timber, she left on her return. While she was being towed across the harbour bar at the mouth of the Oreti, the cable parted. She drifted on to the rocks and became a total wreck on May 27, 1864. The bell has a beautiful tone, audible everywhere throughout the building. It is a great improvement on the old hand bell.

Railway Excursion Rates.—In August the Government decided to grant tickets at holiday excursion rates to school pupils in regular attendance at school or college who desire to travel during the recognised school vacation.

The staff were entertained at dinner at the Federal Tea Rooms by the Chairman of the Board, Mr R. M. Strang, on 24th August, so that matters affecting the welfare of the school might be discussed.

The latest edition of Chambers's Encyclopedia has been placed in the staff room, the gift of the duxes of the school. Several books of reference have also been added to the Library, by the Board.

Mr McFarlane is leaving us at the end of the year after a stay of four years. We understand he intends to study for the ministry of the Church.

Fred McDowall, M.Sc., N.Z. (formerly from Wainawa), who had been in London for two years conducting researches in essential oils, such as that the Ngaio, was awarded the doctorate of Science about the middle of the year. He paid a hurried visit to his parents in Invercargill and came to see the new school. We

had the pleasure of an address from him, on August 8th, on his impressions of English schools. He left for London again in September. Since, he has been appointed Research Chemist in Dairy Science for the North Island Agricultural College, to be established in Palmerston North. He will spend the remainder of 1927 and 1928 in the Dairy Science laboratories in England. We heartily congratulate him on his doctorate of London University—the first, we are told, to be won by a New Zealander.

No one can but admire the attention to his duties of Mr Lepper. He is doing his best to improve our surroundings. Inside he keeps the place clean; outside he endeavours to get a green carpet and is succeeding. He is always willing to help at our functions, and, in short, seems to be the right man for the Board of Governors and for us.

THE LIBRARY.

(J.W.)

At the beginning of the year several books were kindly donated by Ralph Mackay, while recently the Rector added some new books to the stock. These were:—"The Savoy Operas," by W. S. Gilbert; "The Cultivation of New Zealand Plants," by L. Cockayne; "The Geology of New Zealand," by James Park; "The Official Record of the N.Z. and South Seas International Exhibition, 1925-1926," by G. E. Thomson; "The Book of Pirates," by Henry Gilbert; "Plants of New Zealand," by Laing and Blackwell; "The Birds of Australia," by Lucas and Dudley le Souëf; "N.Z. Cricket, 1841-1914," by Mr T. W. Ruse; "The Animals of the New Zealand," by Hutton and Drummond; "Stories of Robin Hood and His Merry Men," by J. W. McSpadden; "The N.Z. Index 1925."

The Library this year has been but poorly patronised, despite the fact that every opportunity has been given to intending subscribers. There, in a fine room, are well-filled shelves, replete with every type of book, but there are never more than about twenty or thirty books out at a time. And the total number of volumes is 1700. This is a regrettable fact, since a large sum is spent every year on the Library, while the subscriptions, in the face of this, amount to a paltry pound or two. Where are the readers? Perhaps they are subscribers to the town libraries, but surely their own school library comes first.

A cursory glance round the library shelves reminds one forcibly of the old saying, "To the making of books there is no end,"—the latter part of the same saw, "And much study is a weariness of the flesh," does not apply to the study of such books as are to be found on our shelves. It does, however, apply to one's day's work for after listening patiently for several hours to the learned dissertations of one's most respected mentors one does experience an occasional "weariness of the flesh," and it is then, that, with unfeigned relief one resorts to the library; there to borrow books in which to bury the worries and cares of this burdensome life. Can it be hoped that some of these words will have an effect on this school? Can it be that many have not discovered, even after four years, what lies hidden behind the library door, and what great minds and clever wit await to be examined? Literature does not begin and end with text-books.

Bright is the ring of the words
When the right man rings them,
Fair the fall of songs
When the singer sings them.
Still they are caroled and said—
On wings they are carried—
After the singer is dead,
And the maker buried.

—R.L.S.

A PLAY.

(In One Act.)

SCENE I.

The chamber of the thegns in the Castle of —.

The thegns Macdonalbain, Stranquo, Mactuff, Coxcolm, and Stiward repose after their feasting.

Stiward (bestirring himself): Awake! Awake!
Ring the alarm bell. Murder and treason!
Stranquo and Macdonalbain! Coxcolm! Awake!
Shade off this downy sleep, death's counterfeit,
And look upon death itself."

Macdonalbain: "The bell invited us. We heard it not;
But 'twas the terrible and awful knell,
That summoned us from heaven unto hell!"

Mactuff: "I'll go no more.
I am afraid to think what I have done."

Stiward: "Stand not upon the order of your going,
But go at once. 'Tis age of childhood
That fears a painted devil."

(Exeunt.)

SCENE II.

Within the first chamber, at the foot of the castle stairway.
Enter Dacun and McFierce.

MacFierce: "They that are coming must be provided for."

Dacun: "Only look up clear;
To alter favour ever is to fear.
Leave all the rest to me."

(Exit MacFierce.)

Knocking without.

Dacun: "Who's there i' the name of Beelzebub?
Who's there in the other devil's name?"
(Opens the door.)

Faith! Here's some equivocators.

(Enter Macdonalbain, Stranquo, Mactuff, Coxcolm, Stiward.)

Ha! you go the primrose way to the everlasting bonfire.
To MacFierce with ye!

(Exeunt.)

SCENE III.

Without the Chamber of MacFierce.

Enter the thegns.

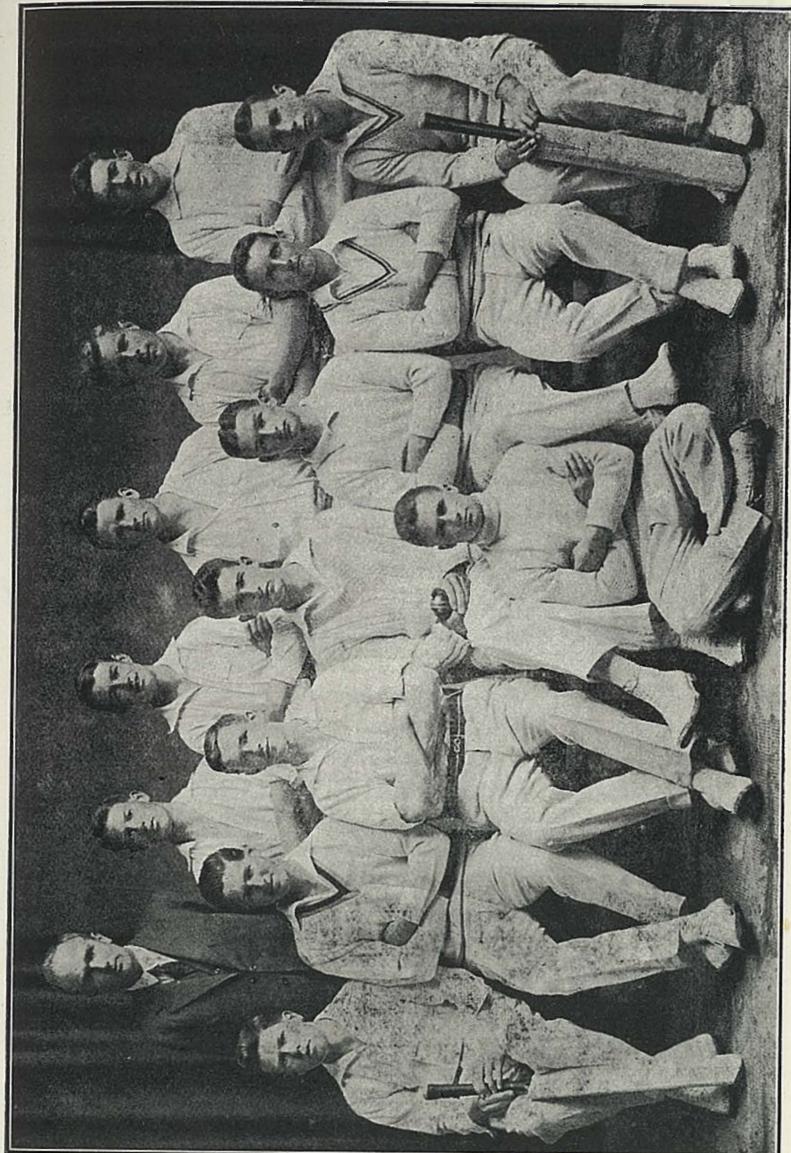
Macdonalbain: "Present fears are less than horrible imaginings.
If 'twere done, when 'tis done, then 'twere well
it were done quickly."

Stranquo: "His horrid image doth unfix my hair and make
my seated heart knock at my ribs."

Macdonalbain: "Come, let us enter."

Stiward: "When shall we five meet again?
In thunder, lightning, or in rain?"

Mactuff: "When the hurley-burley 's done,
When the battle 's lost and won."



FIRST ELEVEN, 1927.

Standing: Mr A. J. Deaker (Coach), G. Murchison, R. Macdonald, J. A. Hamilton, L. Thompson, E. Sargison.
Sitting: R. McKelvey, J. Davidson, G. Macdonald, A. T. Anderson (Captain), H. McKenzie, G. Cox, N. Pryde, E. Hawke.

SCENE VI.

Chamber of MacFierce.

(Enter MacFierce.)

MacFierce: "Come, you spirits, that tend on mortal thoughts!
And fill me from crown to toe, top-full of greatest
strength, and I'll do, I'll do, and I'll do! Yet do
I fear my nature is too full of the milk of human
kindness."

(Enter the thegns.)

"Was it so late, thegns, ere ye went to bed that you did lie so
late?"

Coxcolm: "We were carousing, and then we slept."

MacFierce: "Poor prattler, how he talks. Hold out, Mactuff,
and damned be you if you cry 'Hold, enough.'"

Mactuff (aside): "Come what come may,
Time and the tide runs through the roughest day."

Macdonalbain (aside to thegns): "Receive what cheer you may,
The night's long that never finds the day."

(All are smitten.)

MacFierce (with his bandished cane which smokes with bloody
execution): "Get thee hence, ye cream-faced loons."

Stranquo (aside): "Thanks for your pains."

Mactuff: "All the perfumes of Arabia will not sooth this little
band."

Stiward: "Let us seek out some desolate shade and there
Weep our sad bosoms empty,
Until our tears do drown the wind."

(Curtain.)

(G. Maedonald, D. Strang, I. B. Stevenson, G. Cox, R. Tuck.)

I LIKE —

I like the city with its crowd,
Its trams, its Fords, its smoke, its loud
Continual cry of, 'get a move on.'

I like the rattle and the jars
Of brakes, of motor-bikes and ears

Which graze my ribs unless I 'get a move on.'

—(R)

CRICKET.

"Give me the batsman who squanders his force on me,
 Crowding the strength of his soul in a stroke;
 Perish the muff and the little tin Shrewsbury,
 Merely contented to potter and poke.
 He who would please me, he must do doughtily,
 Bruises and buffettings stir me like wine.
 Giants come all, do your worst with the ball,
 Sooner or later you're mine, sirs, you're mine.

—E. V. Lucas.

A very wet first term interfered greatly with school cricket, but the 1st XI, under Mr Deaker, played in the second-grade competition throughout with varying success. The Second and Third Elevens also fielded teams regularly, but in the case of the thirds, where the boys were small, extra strength, age and experience told against them. A keenly contested competition was organised among the three third forms by Mr Hogg and was won by IIIIB after an undefeated run. By this means possible cricketers were lighted upon, at the same time keeping the organisation of practice intact. The competition has undoubtedly borne fruit. As the accompanying account shows only one school match was played during the first term. Matches to be played against Balelutha had also to be postponed during the third term.

OTAGO B.H.S. v. SOUTHLAND B.H.S.

The school match Otago versus Southland was played on the school ground on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. The weather was providentially perfect and Otago, winning the toss, decided to bat. Their first innings totalled 89 runs; T. Anderson and R. Macdonald giving the Otago batsmen an uncomfortable time, Anderson's average, 5 for 22, being a good one. Cricket being a game of surprises Southland followed to make exactly the same score, with Thompson, 29 being top scorer. Otago's second innings produced 153 for 8 wickets, Southland replying poorly with 64 when 153 were needed. Smith, for Otago, bowled well, his bag being 6 for 28.

Otago also won the junior match, by 29 runs. For Southland, Henderson took 6 wickets for 15 runs in the first innings, and McCallum 7 for 32 in the second. There were no outstanding batting performances.

For the Seniors, E. Sargison was twelfth man.

SENIOR MATCH.

OTAGO.

—First Innings—

Cherry, c Thompson, b Anderson	8
Moloney, l.b.w., b Macdonald	26
Groves, c Hawke, b Anderson	0
Smith, b Anderson	15
Jolly, b Macdonald	5
Ibbotson, b Anderson	0
Turnbull, l.b.w., b Macdonald	2
Holden, run out	13
Drew, b Macdonald	4
Cunningham, not out	1
Clark, b Anderson	2
Extras	13
Total	89

—Second Innings—

Cherry, run out	10
Moloney, c Macdonald, b McKelvey	61
Groves, b McKelvey	17
Smith, c Pryde, b McKelvey	9
Jolly, c Pryde, b Macdonald	13
Ibbotson, c and b Anderson	2
Turnbull, c Pryde, b Macdonald	7
Holden, c Hawke, b Macdonald	0
Drew, not out	25
Cunningham, not out	7
Extras	2
Total (for 8 wickets)	153

Bowling Analysis: First Innings—Anderson, five for 22; Thompson, none for 16; Macdonald, four for 20; Hamilton, none for 18. Second Innings—Anderson, one for 42; Macdonald, three for 27; McKelvey, three for 28; Hamilton, none for 28; Thompson, none for 26.

SOUTHLAND.

—First Innings—

McKenzie, st. Clark, b Moloney	0
Pryde, st. Clark, b Moloney	0
Thompson, c Moloney, b Smith	29
Davidson, b Moloney	7
Anderson, b Smith	13
Hawke, not out	22
McKelvey, c Groves, b Smith	0
Macdonald, G., b Smith	5
Hamilton, b Smith	0
Cox, b Smith	0
Macdonald, R., c Jolly, b Moloney	2
Extras	11
Total	89

—Second Innings—

McKenzie, b Smith	3
Pryde, st. Clark, b Moloney	0
Thompson, c Cunningham, b Moloney	13
Davidson, b Smith	0
Anderson, b Smith	10
Hawke, c Smith, b Groves	17
McKelvey, b Smith	3
Macdonald, G., not out	11
Hamilton, b Smith	0
Cox, c Groves, b Smith	3
Macdonald, R., st. Clark, b Groves	0
Extras	4
Total	64

Bowling Analysis: First Innings—Smith, six for 22; Moloney, four for 36; Jolly, none for 7; Drew, none for 5. Second Innings—Smith, six for 28; Moloney, two for 19; Groves, two for 9.

JUNIOR MATCH.

OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

—First Innings—

Armishaw, l.b.w., b McCallum	6
Hercus, b Henderson	17
Martin, c Mitchell, b Henderson	0
Howie, l.b.w., b Henderson	3
Wheeler, c Mitchell, b Lemin	15
Beal, c Lynch, b McCallum	5
Garden, b Henderson	5
Chisholm, c McCallum, b Henderson	0
McLennan, not out	13
Rodger, run out	5
Peart, b Henderson	5
Extras	11
Total	90

Bowling Analysis: Page, none for 3; McCallum, two for 16; Henderson, six for 15; Smith, none for 15; Rodger, none for 14; Lemin, two for 13.

—Second Innings—

Armishaw, c Smith, b McCallum	1
Hercus, c Henderson, b McCallum	1
Howie, c Lemin, b Blue	16
McLennan, c Rodger, b McCallum	0
Garden, c Smith, b McCallum	24
Peart, l.b.w., b Blue	14
Beal, c Bisset, b Lemin	20
Rodger, c Mitchell, b McCallum	0
Wheeler, c Page, b McCallum	8
Martin, c Page, b McCallum	3
Chisholm, not out	8
Extras	13
Total	108

SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

—First Innings—

Jack, c Martin, b Rodger	5
Lynch, c Howie, b Peart	10
Page, c Hercus, b Wheeler	1
McCallum, c Beal, b Peart	1
Smith, c Rodger, b Wheeler	2
Dakin, c Martin, b Wheeler	2
Rodger, c Howie, b Wheeler	0
Lemin, c Hercus, b McLennan	4
Henderson, run out	17
Blue, not out	10
Mitchell, c Chisholm, b Peart	6
Extras	20

Total	78
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Bowling Analysis: Howie, none for 15; Rodger, one for 11; Peart, three for 7; Wheeler, four for 7; McLennan, one for 3; Armishaw, none for 12.

—Second Innings—

Lynch, l.b.w., b Howie	14
Jack, run out	3
Henderson, b Peart	4
Mitchell, b Peart	2
Blue, b Howie	11
Smith, b Peart	1
Dakin, b McLennan	5
Page, c Wheeler, b Rodger	3
Lemin, c McLennan, b Peart	3
McCallum, b McLennan	29
Rodger, not out	0
Extras	9

Total	84
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Bowling Analysis: Rodger, none for 24; Howie, two for 12; Chisholm, none for 5; Peart, four for 16; Martin, none for 3; McLennan, two for 13.

Competition matches played by the School up to date are as follows:—

1st XI. v. APPLEBY.—School, first innings, 92. Appleby, first innings, 100 (Murchison, seven for 28).

1st XI. v. MARIST.—School, 132. Marist, first innings, 14; second innings, 111 for 9 (Maedonald 6 for 3, including the hat trick; 4 for 23).

2nd XI. v. I.C.C.—School, first innings, 21; second innings, 120. I.C.C., first innings, 66; second innings, 78 for 3 wickets (Henderson, 53; Toshach, four for 3).

2nd XI. v. WOODEND.—School, first innings, 45; second innings, 92. Woodend, 111; 36 for 4 (Ross 25, Oram 18).

3rd XI. v. POST AND TELEGRAPH.—School, first innings, 53; second innings, 28. P. and T., first innings, 59; second innings, 121 (Henry, two for 2; Brown, three for 7; Henry, four for 8).

3rd XI. v. TECHNICAL.—School, first innings, 51; second innings, 6 for 90 (Lynch 35). Technical, first innings, 41; second innings, 21 for 5.

LETTERS FROM RUSSELL PAGE.

(Some Extracts.)

M. V. "Port Hobart,"
13/12/26.

"We sailed from Napier at dawn on 2nd December, and the first week out was rough, in fact the roughest I have ever seen; moreover, there was a moderate gale blowing (far heavier than anything we get in Invercargill), you could lean up against it and not fall over. The waves were much higher than the ship and on the Sunday after we left, the decks always had water rushing round. One part of our rail round the deck was carried away, as was also our swimming bath for the tropics. Nothing of the kind was expected at this time of the year. We are due to arrive at Panama to-morrow, 22nd December. Till Sunday last we had not seen any land or any other vessel, but on that day we sighted the Hood Islands, of the Galapagos Group, but they are desolate places with not even respectable vegetation."

London,
9/1/27.

"The voyage was longer than was expected, as the ship was not loaded properly. Two days from London we saw the H.M.S. "Renown" on her way to N.Z. and Australia with the Duke and Duchess of York aboard. It was a thrilling sight. We arrived at Gravesend in the early morning of Friday, 7th January. It was a fine sunny day, howbeit there was a chilly breeze blowing. We were towed up the Thames by two tugs, which apparently do marvellous work. The traffic (boat) is enormous, hundreds, nay thousands of boats, barges, and launches, passed or were passed on

our way. Whistles and blasts on every hand. It is surprising the number of sailing craft used, all the barges are such. And yet it is amazing to see the most modern methods of transport mixed up with all these old-fashioned craft. London has not impressed me as much as I thought as far as traffic goes, for everything is so well run and looks so easy. Even so, of course, the traffic is stupendous. But the most marvellously amazing things are the tubes, the underground and electric trains. It is simply colossal, awe inspiring. I have been to see the Tower of London; we had a special ticket which allowed us to have a Beef-eater Guide, who proved a very interesting old man. We saw the Traitor's Gate, the Bloody Tower (where all the old armour and weapons, the block and axe, and all the old instruments of torture are kept), St. Peters ad Vincula (where cast-off queens and disgraced noblemen are buried), all the dungeons where all the famous men were imprisoned and their work on the stone walls. Perhaps the most marvellous thing of all was the exhibition of the crown jewels. What a tremendous number of diamonds and rubies and all previous stones: gold, of which there was abundance, looked cheap. We also visited the Royal Mews and saw all the King's horses and all the King's men, besides, of course, all the state carriages. There were some magnificent horses, all beautifully kept in magnificent stables. We have also seen St. Paul's and have been in the famous 'Whispering Gallery.' "

Royal Military College, Sandhurst,
13/2/27.

"The timetable here is as follows:—On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday we are up at 6.30 and have an inspection at 7.20, with breakfast at 7.30. We have parade at 8.30, and then drill for 50 minutes, and so on for 50 minute spells, with breaks of 10 minutes after every period. We have to pass several tests here in the physical training line:—Standing broad jump, running high jump, heaving the shot (not putting), 100 yards, and 1 mile. People in N.Z. don't know what drill is, we haven't stopped learning how to stand at ease and attention yet and we're still slow marching and right and left turning. Drill, drill, drill, and yet more drill. We have now been "on the square" learning how to right and left turn, about turn, march, and slow march, form fours, and right dress, for fourteen days—one fortnight! Think of it! And we can't all do it properly yet. Nevertheless we are having a marvellous time and a great experience. I wouldn't have missed it for world's. I don't know why I ever hesitated."

Torquay,
23rd July, 1927.

"As you see, I'm on holiday at one of the seaside resorts of England. Since I wrote last, my partner, Stocker and myself have won the tennis doubles of the college. We broke up last Wednesday, and after staying a few days in London, came down here for a week. The weather is good and we have been for two motor runs, the longest of which was about 90 miles, and took us right through Plymouth into Cornwall, where we visited two old seaside towns. It is wonderful country all round this region; steep, narrow main road lanes. So narrow that two cars cannot pass, one or the other has to give way and go back the way it has come till it gets to a cross road. We saw an abbey which the monks themselves have been building for the past 45 years. The first abbey was founded in the year 904. It is called Buckfast Abbey; the monks belong to the Benedictine order and are all French."

Berwick-on-Tweed,
7th August, 1927.

"We have now been up here for a little over a week. We are the guests of a lady who is 83, but one of the most wonderful women I have ever met. To answer a few questions as far as I can judge, there is very little to pick and choose from between the scholastic ability of the fellows here and in N.Z., but if anything the N.Z. standard is somewhat higher. As for Physique, the Englishman is taller but he is too fine. The English children are the whitest and thinnest I've ever come across. Final arrangements have been made for our going to France. On 15th August we cross the channel and land at Ostend, after which we go to Brussels, and then to Waterloo, then the campaigns of 1870, including Sedan and Metz, then the late war battlefields. It should be most interesting. We travel by car and are to have three days in Paris; so will have something to write about next time."

A DAY AT THE R.M.C.

Many fellows on leaving school and going to a college or university think that the period of our glorious loaf—a veritable Golden Age—is about to begin. Unfortunately, or otherwise, I have discovered that this is not the case. Let me give you a short account of what one day at the Royal Military College is like.

In the first place a gentleman cadet, as we are gracefally styled, probably goes to bed at 10.30, feeling as if he needed at least twelve hours' sleep. Alas! such bliss is not for him. Reveille sounds at 6 a.m. and the oppressed creature rises—if he is energetic and brave enough, he may have a cold shower—I'm only brave in summer. Having supposedly reached some state approaching manhood, it is absolutely essential that he should scrape the little beard from his sorrow-lined face.

The first parade is at 6.45 and may be one of two things—riding or drill. Imagine getting into breeches of abnormal tightness, leggings with an extraordinary capacity for pinching one's calves, and a tunic, the main object of which, at first, anyway, seems to be to reduce the waist to an incredible minimum, at the unearthly hour of 6.15. As it is generally cold, we all enjoy it immensely.

The hard-hearted authorities allow us to have a cup of tea and a few biscuits before braving the elements; but that means getting up absolutely on time—which is absurd.

Now imagine a youth trying to tell himself that he can ride, walking, trotting and cantering round a riding school. Imagine the little victim, all unconscious of his fate, approaching a brush fence; imagine the sensation of the horse stopping—when the centaur thinks it jumping; jumping, when the centaur thinks it stopping. Imagine a graceful curve; imagine all that, and you see that Euclid was quite wrong when he said that the shortest distance between two points was a straight line. I am sure that you will have no difficulty in discovering who the little victim was.

At last the long hour finishes; and the cadet—probably feeling that he will never be able to ride again—marches back to his quarters for breakfast at 8.15. It is not perhaps strange that he never finds fault with that.

He has an hour for breakfast, most of which time he spends reading daily mails. The next hour is, if he is lucky, a hall of study period—even then he cannot rest (the lecturers get remarkably accurate with pieces of chalk). He listens perhaps to a learned dissertation on Tactics—"How Napoleon won the Battle of Ulm"—perhaps to a discourse on organisation and administration—how many bicycles there are in the veterinary section of the headquarter wing of a cavalry regiment—perhaps to a lecture on the growth of Parliament from the Witan—and so on. He may even draw enlargements of small strips of all the most uninteresting parts of England, or neat diagrams indicating the strategic importance of a

slow-moving, uncomfortable railway in the Balkan Peninsula. Still he is fairly happy since he is not expending any good physical energy.

That happiness is, however, short lived. Certainly, he has a break from 9.35 till 10—during which time he probably buys something to satisfy his appetite. The next period, without a doubt, will be P.T., which, as everyone knows, is short for physical training. Not in squads of thirty or forty but in little details of twelve or so. This, of course, indicates that no one can hide behind his neighbour and slack unblushingly, as I seem to remember certain people doing when I was at school. No! this is P.T. with a vengeance, and at the end of the period, such is the extent of his perspiration that he is made to have a cold shower.

It is after such a period that he really begins to enjoy himself. For P.T. he has a special kit—white singlets, blue shorts, blue stockings, and white canvas shoes. He has ten minutes in which to change for the next hour, which must be weapon training (just to increase his discomfiture). This necessitates getting into an absolutely different uniform and webbing equipment, not to mention greased boots—115 hobnails in each. Eventually, the gods alone know how, he succeeds in getting on parade in time—lateness is of course a heinous offence punishable by all kinds of dire penalties in the shape of extra drills, puttee parades, and the like. If by this time the cadet is not in a state of physical and mental exhaustion he has an extremely strong constitution. His torture is by no means ended though; there's nothing like running innumerable yards with a Lewis gun held in the most uncomfortable position possible, to develop the muscles of the arms and back.

And so the morning goes on—till a very welcome lunch is served at 1 p.m. Then comes an hour's respite—he probably sucks at a foul pipe, emitting fumes of the cheapest mixture on the market. At two o'clock work starts again.

As he had riding in the morning it is quite possible that drill is now on the programme, and this means another change. Such things as drills by this time effect him not a whit, even being doubled round the square does not shake his lethargy—all masters know what youths are like after lunch. Nevertheless, by the time a Guards' sergeant-major has finished with the company, every one begins to feel just a little bit sticky round the collar.

If the gods are kind, the next period the cadet finds free for private study. This is always written on the timetable as P.S., which each G.C., whether ignorantly or wilfully—I cannot tell—

without exception interprets as "Please Sleep," or "Pleasant Sleep." After an hour of blissful oblivion, four o'clock comes and the work of the day is finished—according to the timetable.

At four the cadet has tea, a really enormous meal. Afterwards, thinking perhaps that he will climb up to his room and throw his weary body on the bed, he strolls along the corridors and idly gazes at the notice-board. What's this? "The following are required at the gymnasium at 4.45 for an hour's boxing."—Partial collapse of would-be officer. Or even worse, "The whole company will go for a short run (4 miles) at 5 o'clock. No excuses taken," or, "There will be a short practice at 4.45 for all those playing football to-morrow."

By about 6.15 the G.C. wonders if he was quite sane when he decided to come to the college. By the time he has had a piping hot bath (the authorities at least give him plenty of steaming hot water) he feels somewhat better, by the time he has sat down luxuriously in an armchair listening to the latest records, he feels almost normal. Then by the time mess at eight comes along, he feels that the college isn't such a bad place after all and that anyway he is fitter than he ever was before.

The dinner over, he may have time to talk with a few friends; but he must be in his own room by 9.15. From 9.15 to 10.15 he is supposed to prepare and revise, but he generally goes to bed. All lights go out at 10.30 and he probably goes to bed thinking how much better he will make his horse jump to-morrow.

TENNIS.

As in previous years the school tennis has been organised into three ladders, senior, second year, and junior, though the amount of enthusiasm shown and games played by the juniors leave much to be desired. This possibly will not be overcome until the school possesses courts of its own, but many boys are playing neither cricket nor tennis—a state of affairs to be deplored, but which again may in some measure be avoided by the opening of the Municipal Swimming Baths, with the addition of that sport to the school's activities.

The School Tennis Tournament is in progress and will be completed as expeditiously as the weather will allow.

At the Easter Tournament, organised by the Lawn Tennis Association, the Junior Championship for 1927 was won by C. C. Treeby, out of 21 competitors.

The following are the results of the School Championship, completed after the Southlandian went to press, 1926:—

Senior—

Singles.—J. A. Hamilton.

Doubles.—Hamilton and Horne beat Anderson and Strang.

Second Year—

Singles.—I. Shand.

Doubles.—I. Shand and G. Hughes.

Junior—

Singles.—L. McCurdy.

No Doubles played.

GYMNASICS.

The completion of the gymnasium has placed at our disposal a particularly commodious "gym" in which the equipment is as much as is necessary for the most valuable gymnastics.

Under Mr Page, each class puts in two periods of gymnastics a week, which on fine days can, if desired, be turned into a period's good exercise in the open air. The influence upon the school's health must thus be considerable. The gymnasium is also plentifully supplied with lockers, so that all things considered, there can be no cause for complaint, even from the most particular.

The Gymnasium Championships of 1926 resulted as follows:—

Senior.—W. Tattersfield; Runner-up, R. Littlejohn.

Intermediate.—R. McKenzie; Runner-up, R. Blue.

Junior.—H. Thomson; Runner-up, A. Brown.

Master: "Meeting"—noun: common.

Johnny: "Sir, "meeting" isn't concrete; you can't touch it."

Master (sweetly): Ah, but you can hold a meeting.

TO THE OLD SCHOOL.

A Sonnet.

I saw in pleasant fields a vet'ran tree;
Its trunk was shattered and its leaves were sere,
No more in parchéd seasons of the year
Its shade would be a place where flocks could flee.
But, dying, it had left posterity
A noble son, an oak that, standing near,
Nor sun, nor rain, nor wind would fear,
And of its mighty father, mightier son would be,
So was it with our school; two years ago,
Outgrowing our old home, we felt our hearts aspire
To places where the Pierian spring could flow
In unimpeded course; we left our sire;
But true to his traditions may we grow
In strength and faith and honour ever higher.

—A. McBean, VI.

FOOTBALL.

(R.T.)

Ho! the famous football, up and down it goes
Dashing o'er the daisies, sweep the friendly foes;
Merry is the pastime, manly is the game,
Fairly played for honour, smartly played for fame.

In the spheric warfare, coolness is immense,
Like a flash attacking, steady in defence;
Selfishness is baseness, speed the ball away,
Trusting one another beautifies the play.

Dribbling in the centre, flying on the wing,
Screwing from the quarter, shooting on the spring.
Glancing off the crossbar, grazing either pole,
Rushing, crashing, pushing boys—Hurrah another goal!

—Old Rugby Song.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

Captain—J. A. Hamilton.

Deputy-Captain—N. W. Pryde.

Prospects for the 1927 season did not seem bright; for, as far as the First Fifteen was concerned, it was one of the "leanest" seasons we have had for many years. Four caps, an emergency, and a very small proportion of the Second Fifteen from last year gave promise of an unusually light and inexperienced team. In fact, except for the half-back position an entirely new team had to be formed. It was certainly a good opportunity for any player with any ability at all.

Usually, what a school team lacks in weight, it makes up for in keenness and dash; but, strange to say, the team this year lacked spontaneity and by failing to rise to the occasion lost several matches. This year, we were fortunate in the team in having Pryde again. He was the mainstay of the backs, but was very unlucky in receiving no less than four different injuries, all of which kept him out of the game for a time. The problem of the five-eighths seemed solved when Tuck came up to the outer position, but almost too late it was realised that Hawke would be far too small and light when it came to inter-school games. Although it must have been a disappointment for him the alteration made was all for the best, and certainly not on account of any weakness of his. Tuck came in one place, and Hamilton filled the second five-eighth position with credit, showing himself to be as good a back as he was a forward. Macdonald, now at centre, showed that he still possessed his great scoring power. Anderson at full-back was always safe, while Murray perhaps showed the greatest improvement. The forwards, though light, were fairly fast, but their handling showed room for improvement. Strang was our most useful forward. His scrum work was good, his line-out work excellent, and his kicking powerful. Against Otago he was half the team. Yule also showed himself to be a good forward, though he did not always do himself justice. Fraser, though light,—perhaps too light for a wing-forward—was consistently good. His handling left nothing to be desired.

This year it was considered advisable to enter the third grade competition instead of the second grade, and although this action was much criticised at the time by the Rugby Union and others, there is no doubt now that it was a wise move. In the second grade competition, the school had to meet teams that relied more on brawn than on brain. This had been growing worse each year, until a climax was reached last season. The school could generally beat the other teams, but little benefit in the way of attacking skill

and combination was derived from these games. It was, therefore, thought that in the third grade competition the school would be meeting lighter teams, and would be on more equal terms. Therefore, both the First Fifteen and the Second Fifteen were in the same grade, under the name of the School A team and the School B team respectively. However, even in the third grade competition the School A team did not have a "walkover." Altogether nineteen matches were played, of which nine were won, eight lost, and two drawn. Thirteen were grade matches, two were tournament matches, and four were special games. Of the four outside games, two were against the Borstal Institute, both of which we won, one was our now annual match against the Old Boys, and one was against a team from the visiting Dental Students.

Our thanks are due to Mr Cameron, our coach, and to Mr Jenkins for their patient and untiring efforts in coaching the First Fifteen. Mr Bain, another player famous in his day, was also good enough to come along one afternoon and give the team some useful hints. We also wish to thank Mr Richardson for his assistance with our new Haka; Charlie Clark, for arranging the match against the Old Boys, and G. R. Hanan, for the match against the "Dents."

GRADE MATCHES.

v. INVERCARGILL	Lost	3—23
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School put up a very poor exhibition, even for a first match. The tackling was particularly bad.

v. STAR	Won	32—3
v. MARIST	Drawn	8—8
v. PIRATES	Won	11—6
v. SOUTHERN	Lost	6—8
v. TECHNICAL	Lost	3—7

A poor exhibition. Bad packing and slow following up in the forwards, and bad passing in the backs and lack of vim lost the match for School. Hamilton kicked a penalty.

v. STAR	Won	20—5
v. INVERCARGILL	Drawn	3—3

Yule scored for School.

v. PIRATES	Won	6—5
v. TECHNICAL	Won	19—0

Lack of initiative was apparent in the backs, though Pryde was a brilliant exception. But for the stereotyped play the score would have been much greater. Played on Rugby Park.

v. MARIST	Won	15—6
v. INVERCARGILL	Lost	5—9

OTHER MATCHES.

v. DENTAL STUDENTS . . .	Lost	6—11
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Played at Rugby Park in a gale. The "Dents" team contained several "Varsity" A's and B's and against such odds School did well. They gave their best exhibition of tackling in this game, Hawke, Hamilton and Gilechrist being especially brilliant. School's six points came from penalties kicked by Hamilton.

v. BORSTAL (i)	Won	11—3
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This was Borstal's first game against an outside team, and on the whole they did well. The School passing and combination was good. After the match the baths (cold) and showers (hot) were at our disposal. Then we were shown over the buildings and finished off an interesting afternoon with an excellent afternoon tea.

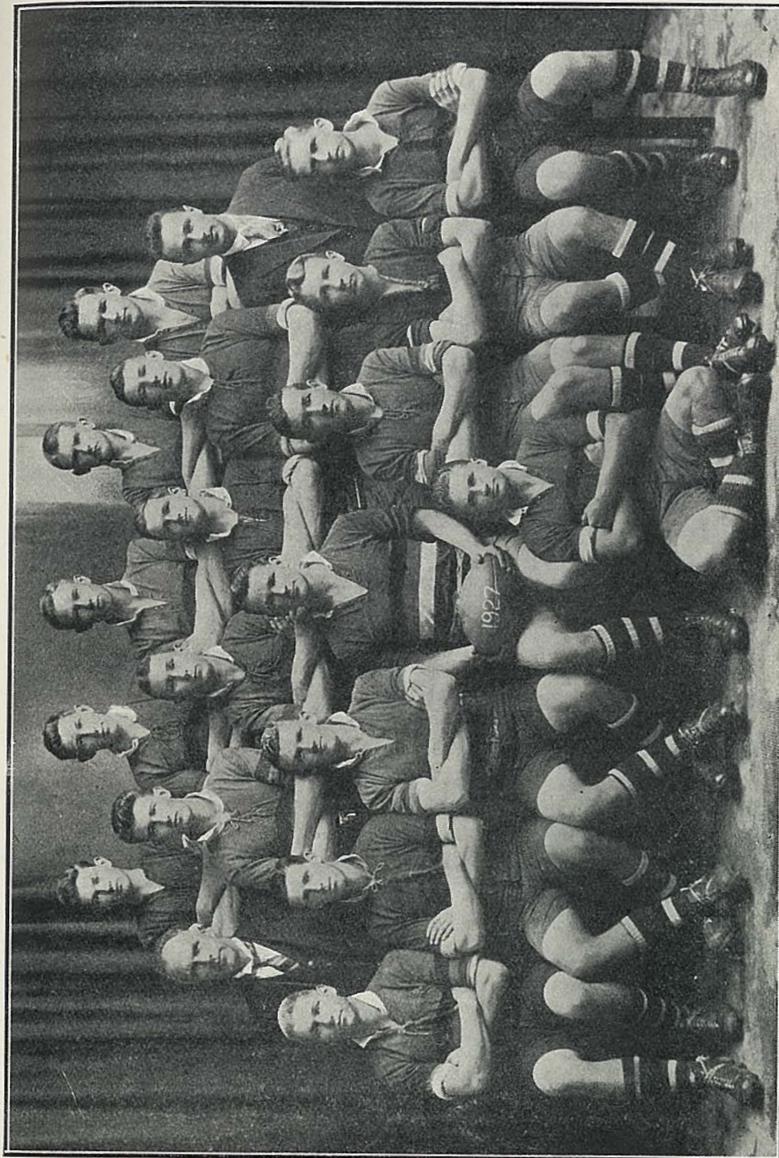
v. OLD BOYS	Lost	18—8
v. BORSTAL (ii)	Won	10—5

Particular mention must be made of the games played at the Borstal, since they are actually something in the nature of football history, as they were the first matches to be played by the Institution with an outside team. This is no doubt peculiar to Southland Boys' High School—as far as New Zealand is concerned.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

Captain—C. Smith.

Although the combination of this year's Second Fifteen was a great improvement on that of last year's, owing to the untiring efforts of Mr Page, lack of weight, age, and experience told against the team club matches. It was further weakened by the loss of Blake, with a broken collar-bone. Despite these handicaps, the team played courageously throughout the season against overwhelming odds. In the matches with other schools Southland made a good showing and although beaten by both Gore and Otago was



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1927.

Back Row: M. Hormann, E. Rout, O. Yule, P. Gilchrist, J. Gardiner, Mr J. L. Cameron (Coach).
Standing: Mr J. Page, A. T. Anderson, N. Pryde, G. Macdonald, D. Strang, Mr J. L. Cameron (Coach), N. Derbie, N. Buxton, H. Watts, E. Hawke.
Sitting: R. Tuck, J. Burke, R. Murray, J. A. Hamilton (Captain).

by no means disgraced. Buxton and Murchison were outstanding in the backs, while Gilchrist, Cournane, Smith, and Ross played consistently well in the forwards.

The following Club matches were played:—

May 28	v. PIRATES	Lost	0—19
June 4	v. INVERCARGILL	Lost	0—44
June 17	v. MARIST	Lost	0—34
July 2	v. BLUFF	Won	55—6
July 16	v. TECHNICAL	Lost	5—9
July 30	v. INVERCARGILL	Lost	0—34

SCHOOL MATCHES.

SCHOOL (5) v. GORE HIGH SCHOOL 1st XV. (19).

This match was played at Gore on July 5. The score hardly indicates the relative merits of the teams, as the game was very even throughout. In about the first fifteen minutes of play, Gore scored 6 points. Near the end of the first half School brightened up and Derbie dashed over the line near the corner flag. Rout converted with a good kick. In the second half Gore added 13 points.

SCHOOL (3) v. OTAGO B.H.S. (6).

On July 26 School played their annual match with Otago B.H.S. at Dunedin. The game, played under wretched weather conditions at Tahuna Park, naturally resolved itself a strenuous fight between the two packs. In the first half Otago scored one unconverted try, and early in the second half they again scored. School rallied and swept down the field with a loose dribbling rush from which Hormann scored. We were unlucky in not obtaining another try and time sounded without any further score. Buxton played a brilliant defensive game at half back. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking our Dunedin hosts for their many kindnesses.

SCHOOL (37) v. BALCLUTHA H.S. 1st XV. (3).

On August 3, School defeated Balclutha H.S. 1st XV. by 37—3. Perfect weather conditions prevailed for the match which was played on the school grounds. School forced the play from the start, and very soon Cox succeeded in scoring two good tries, while Crowe and Hormann obtained one each. Shortly before the end of the first half, Balclutha secured their only try. In the second half tries were scored by Cox (2), Wallace (2), Smith, Gilchrist, and Cournane. The School team was by far the more experienced, but nevertheless Balclutha put up a strong fight.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

Captain—L. Paul.

The following is the record of matches played by the Third Fifteen. The team failed to achieve any combination in the backs, the most of whom were forwards transferred by necessity to back positions. Had some of the many boys not playing football taken up the game the task of the third fifteen would have not been so difficult and its chances of success reasonable:—

- v. WAIKIWI, won 8—3.
 - v. MARISTS, lost 0—32; lost 8—20; lost 5—12.
 - v. SOUTHERN, lost 0—39; lost 3—26; drawn 6—6.
 - v. WAIKIWI, lost 11—14; won 15—0.
 - v. TECHNICAL, won 11—8; won 35—3.
 - v. BLUES, lost 0—22; drawn 8—8.
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JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Commendable keenness was shown by the junior footballers during the winter. The practices were well attended and there was good competition for the places in the teams. Two teams were entered in the Schools' Competition, under 7 stone 10 lbs., and the School B team was successful, the A team being runners-up. The only defeats suffered were the victories of the B team over the A.

The B team owed their success to their hard working forwards and their lack of weakness in any department. Hind, McLauchlan, Derbie, James, and Polson were their most prominent players.

"B" team results:—

- v. SCHOOL A Won 6—0
- v. SOUTH Won by default
- v. MIDDLE Won 11—0
- v. WAIHOPAI Won 11—0
- v. ST. GEORGE Won 37—3
- v. MARISTS Won 6—5
- v. SCHOOL A Won 16—8

The A team played generally more attractive football but, being all first-year boys, were not so solid on defence as the B team. Kennedy, Willett, Bissett, Mitchell, Page and Irwin were conspicuous in most games.

"A" team results:—

v. MARISTS	Won	8—0
v. SCHOOL B	Lost	0—6
v. WAIHOPAI	Won	11—3
v. SOUTH	Won	29—0
v. MIDDLE	Won	16—15
v. ST. GEORGE	Won	9—0
v. SCHOOL B	Lost	8—16

THE GORE MATCH.

A combined team from the A and B teams visited Gore for the annual junior match but owing to a misunderstanding about the weights were matched against a much heavier team. They played well, although defeated by 22—5, one outstanding opponent scoring 5 tries.

FOOTBALL.

Under 6st. 3lbs.

Captain—G. King.

- v. MARIST—Draw, 3 all.
- v. MIDDLE—Draw, 6 all.
- v. ST. GEORGE—School 5, St. George 3.
- v. SOUTH—School 8, South 0.
- v. WAIKIWI—School 6, Waikiwi 0.

A short season but a successful one. School proved too strong for opposing teams.

THE TOURNAMENT.

Played this year at Timaru on fast grounds the Tournament produced good football and a win for Timaru Boys' High. We desire to congratulate them on two fine victories, gained by playing good Rugby. We also express our gratitude to our Timaru hosts for their many kindnesses during the Tournament.

SCHOOL (0) v. CHRISTCHURCH (43).

In this game, suffering badly from stage fright prompted no doubt by the supposed weakness of the team, School was outclassed both back and forward. The team's handling and tackling were poor and its form was not up to that shown in Invercargill. Pryde was easily the best player for Southland, saving time and again. Yule, Gardiner, and Murray also played fairly well.

School kicked off against the sun and from the first scrum Christchurch secured only for the passing rush to break down. Pryde relieved to be immediately called upon to stave off continued Christchurch attacks. During the first spell Strang kicked well, gaining ground frequently for School. Fraser was also in the lime-light. With Pryde still doing most of the work half time was called with the score 14—0 against School.

In the second spell Christchurch attacked continually. Anderson was replaced by Buxton owing to injuries and School attacked in spasms but were frequently beaten by the Christchurch inside backs. Points piled up until time was called, School having failed to score.

SCHOOL (15) v. OTAGO (17).

In this game Southland was beaten in the last ten minutes by Otago after a fast and open game. Southland was a different team in this, the second game, the tackling and resource of the team being in happy contrast to the poor display given in the first game. Buxton continued to play at full-back. The team's tackling and handling were good; Strang's kicking was powerful and accurate—a feature of the match.

Otago scored first and added the extra points. Strang kicked a fine goal, which was followed by a goal to Otago. A passing rush set off by Pryde ended in Macdonald scoring, half time thus sounding with the score 8—6, against School. In the second spell Strang's kicking put school in the lead at 12—11, then an attack by Fraser, Hamilton and Murray brought the score to 15—11, which Otago increased to 17—15. Time sounded with School keeping the ball in play on the Otago line; Strang had another chance at goal from a penalty kick, missed by being too careful, and time was sounded.

Fraser, Strang, Murray and Pryde were outstanding. Buxton was solid at full-back. The backs handled well and the forwards, though beaten in the loose, got the greater share of ball from the scrums.

In the final game Timaru beat Christchurch by 14—8, after as good a game as the Tournament has yet been able to produce.

Scores for School in the Tournament were: Strang, nine points (3 penalty goals); Murray, three points (one try); Maedonald, three points (one try).

The following were the School representatives:—Full back: T. Anderson (injured and replaced by N. Buxton); three-quarters: G. Macdonald, R. Murray, H. Watts; five-eighths: R. Tuck, J. A.

Hamilton, E. Hawke; half: N. Pryde; forwards: J. Gardiner, J. Burke, D. Strang, O. Yule, R. Gardner, E. Rout, M. Hormann; wing forward: W. Fraser.

THE SEVEN AGES OF MAN.

(As described by W. Shakespeare, the most modern of all modern poets.)

Stage One—The Infant.

Wow!
I want my bottle!
Two hours to feeding time!
Bust Truby King!
Wow!

Stage Two—The Schoolboy.

Curse!
Late again!
Don't know my English, my Latin, my French, my Science.
Detention for sure.
Don't care!

Stage Three—The Lover.

Dearest,
Marry me.
I will give you a Rolls-Royce, a Ford, a tricycle.
No?
Well, I'm blowed!

Stage Four—The Young Husband.

Damn!
There's those twins again.
Up late last night, night before, all last week.
This floor's cold.
Shut up!

Stage Five—The Justice.

You
Are found guilty
Of speeding, driving when drunk, having no license.
Fined, fourteen days
Or a fiver.

Stage Six—The Retired Business Man (and Golfer).

Fore!

Get out of my way!

Sliced my drive, foozled my approach, can't putt.

I took five.

"Liar!"

Stage Seven—The Grandfather (to his grandson).

My boy,

In my youth

We didn't jazz, carry on like modern youths;

We worked.

"Rot!"

—G. Cox, VI.

THE MARIE CELESTE.

The Marie Celeste, of some 500 tons, sailed from New York in 1872, for Genoa. A month later was found by a passing ship deserted. All boats in order. Decks neat and tidy. Meal untouched in a cabin. Since then this has been one of the unsolved mysteries of the sea. Many authors have written on the subject and advanced theories, some fantastic and some more reasonable. This, however, is my poor attempt.

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I was walking down Bedford Row one beautiful day in the fall of 1913, a year before the outbreak of the World War, when I was accosted by a poorly dressed man, evidently a seaman. I took compassion on this poor man's plight, for besides being poorly dressed he was of some age, and my respect for old age prompted me to give him sufficient money to provide him with bed and food for a few days to come. I slipped the money into his hand, and he, reaching up, whispered in my ear:

"Take this, monsieur, take it. And God bless you. It holds the secret of the brig 'Marie Celeste.' Take it, monsieur. Place it under your pillow, and sleep on it, and you will awake a wiser man."

With that he slipped into my hand a small dark metal that emitted a powerful perfume as of almonds.

That night I did as I was bid and even yet I shudder at the remembrance.

I placed the stone under my pillow as directed, and faded off into slumber.

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There comes before my view a dark blue ocean, reflecting back and forth in the bright noonday sun.

What is that I see on the horizon! A ship? Surely it is a ship.

Now I can see it. I can even make out figures moving to and fro on its spotless deck.

I lean over and read its name.

The Marie Celeste. But my mind is a blank, the name stirs no chord in my memory.

I can see men hurrying hither and thither. Down below the cook is busy. In the chart room the captain is poring over a map, while playing about him is the captain's little child, whose mother is below preparing little dresses at a sewing machine, evidently for her little daughter.

Night falls. Destined to be the last night of many.

It is midnight. Dark and gloomy appears the ship, a mere shadow on a forbidding black ocean.

What is that, that creeps so stealthily over the deck? No human being, but a small furry animal. It creeps towards the unsuspecting man in the "look-out." I try to warn him of his peril but words do not come. On and on creeps the spectre-like figure until with a leap displaying surprising agility he lands on the shoulder of the watch. At that instant a strong overpowering perfume of almonds, that made me, even in my dreams, feel dizzy and sick, swept out in the midnight air.

The watch falls with a sickening thud, a thud that told of death. Never again did that man move, but that foul animal that had worked so terrible an act was gliding o'er the deck, and disappeared below.

Morning dawned, and with it terrible cries rent the still air. From below came rushing a man, partly dressed, raving like a lunatic. Across the deck he ran, placed his hands on the side rail and vaulted into the dark waters of the Atlantic, and from him came the odour of almonds. Undoubtedly another victim of that mysterious murderer.

Signs of life had by now appeared on the ship. The captain appears, shouts on his men. A few tumble out, but not the full number.

"Fetch those other lazy lubbers," he cried. He was obeyed. Soon his messengers come back with terror written all over their faces.

"They're dead," they whispered in awe struck tones.

Five good men and true had gone to their eternal rest. Their bodies, not counting the man who had thrown himself overboard, were that morning consigned to the waves.

Next morning it was the same. Four men had perished, the only traces being the odour of almonds on their bodies.

But it was the next day the tragedy happened.

The captain was afflicted and in his awful madness grasped his little daughter and with her in his arms jumped overboard.

The poor wife lost all her sanity and all day was to be seen making little dresses and preparing meals for those who would never return.

This kept on until one man and the captain's wife were left.

Then it was the woman's turn and that morning, two days after her husband's death, she followed him. One sailor left. He determined to end his life, and leaped overboard. But Fate decreed otherwise, and next day that sailor landed on a beach not many miles from civilization.

Then I recognised him. It was the man who had stopped me in Bedford Row. My last sight of the Marie Celeste was her sailing on calmly over unruffled seas, as if unmindful of the tragedies that had been enacted within its walls.

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Then I woke up, and I found myself grasping in my hand the stone, while my head swam from that dreadful odour.

It was a terrifying experience, and even to write this requires no small amount of courage.

Thus ended my adventure concerning the fate of the Marie Celeste.

—C. Kennedy, IIIA.



"How did Henry VIII. finish his reign?"

"Please, sir, he finished up a dirty old man."

CADET NOTES.

(G.C.)

Despite the fact that we were hampered by continued bad weather in the first term, the whole company has put in a very creditable and efficient year's work.

In January, twenty-eight N.C.O.'s attended the annual training camp at Burnham. The weather was fine throughout, and a very profitable and enjoyable week was spent. We were called upon to provide a camp guard, and, from all accounts, this guard compared favourably with those of the other schools.

In March, the whole company went into camp for a week on the school grounds. Rain prevented any tent pitching on Monday, 7th, but by Tuesday all the tents were up, and everything was running smoothly. A full course of instruction in musketry and infantry drill was undertaken, as well as physical training. The Vickers and Lewis gun squads received special instruction from Staff Sergeant-Major Stewart, and Staff Sergeant-Major Connolley was chief infantry instructor. All ranks messed in the gym, and the messing arrangements were in the capable hands of Staff Sergeant-Major Little.

In the evenings, there were gramophone recitals in the hall, and all N.C.O.'s attended an evening class. On Friday evening a picture show was very kindly put on in the hall by the Civic Pictures. We take this opportunity of thanking the management of the Civic Pictures for their entertainment, which was greatly appreciated by all who were present.

On Wednesday, the whole company marched to the Showgrounds to watch the Southland-Melbourne cricket match. On Thursday morning, Major H. D. McHugh inspected the camp, and also the guard which was training for the visit of the Duke of York. Major McHugh expressed his pleasure at the tidy condition of the camp, and at the efficient way in which the work was being carried out. On Thursday afternoon the camp was thrown open to visitors, and a good many people took the opportunity of seeing the camp.

On Friday, the whole company was inspected by Colonel Hargest, who also inspected the Guard of Honour. Colonel Hargest was pleased with the tidiness of the camp, and pointed out a few errors in our guard drill. After a route march through town

on Saturday morning the camp broke up. It was enjoyed by all, and the unbroken period of training was of more value than a whole term of weekly parades.

We have to thank the Reverend Lawson Robinson for acting as padre during the camp.

On March 22nd, the school provided a Guard of Honour for the Duke of York. The Guard, which was in the charge of Captain Cameron, assisted by Lieutenant Deaker, was drawn up in the Rose Gardens, and despite the unfavourable weather conditions, made a good showing.

On Anzac Day, the town members of the company paraded in the blue school uniform, and took part in the service at the Municipal Theatre.

This year a special squad of signallers was formed, and during the camp they received instruction from Staff Sergeant-Major Gregg.

The rifle range at school is very convenient, as we have been able to get off the firing for the Imperial Challenge Shield without trouble, while the whole of the company shooting has been completed with firing parties at lunch-time, after school, and on Saturday mornings.

An artillery squad was formed in the third term, and consists of boys who will probably be going into the territorial battery when they leave school.

We welcome to the company Messrs Dunlop and Drees, who are now in charge of No. 2 Platoon and Headquarters Platoon, respectively.



CAMP REMINISCENCES.

Time heals all wounds and now, three months after camp, all that remains is a mellow memory of a really good time. What fun, it seems to us now, to be awakened by the melodious tones of the bugle at the dew-tipped hour of 6.30. Instead of mist blowing through the flaps, to-day all we imagine is the golden sun touching with its fingers the sleeping innocent faces. And then the dash for the invigorating limpid water—how pleasant it seems to us now—we almost feel inclined to have a shower at home some of these warm mornings. Even the softening influence of time,

however, will never soften the feelings of at least one of us, to a certain Lewis gun which was standing in the darkness between the showers and his apparel. He will never forget the extreme angularity that a Lewis gun can hide under a fairly smooth appearance.

What a welcome change it used to be from the monotonous, uniform khaki to see the gay, diverse array of pyjama stripings. It was well worth a paragraph in the "Social Whirl":—"Private Brown was wearing a gay 'motif'—orange and green stripes—for the trousers, while a tasteful blue striped coat added a daring touch to the colour scheme; Sergeant Bawler, however, was the cynosure of all eyes in a delightfully matched 'ensemble' of heliotrope and pink." And so on.

Is it necessary to say anything about the meals? We simply wish to state on official advice that the chewing gum found in the rice one evening was entirely unauthorised; it was not, as had been suggested, put in merely to counteract the rather "well"-cooked flavour. All are unanimous that no cook could ever boil water to a greater state of perfection. In this and many other ways, the cook could truthfully be said to be second to none.

Then as for the little "faux pas" made by our comrades-in-arms; how excruciatingly funny they are to those not actively concerned in them. All these little incidents, such as forgetting to form fours, occur every day and are almost forgotten—the throng of interesting and useful things learnt—the correct military position—which to be shot at, how one should hold a rifle when charging, and the correct movements of arms and legs on lying down to take aim, all of which were intensely interesting and without doubt of invaluable use in after life in the office.

But what was our pride when we were chosen to guard the camp, to be ready to defend with our lives if necessary our innocently-playing fellow soldiers. As it was, we shielded it from the possibly nefarious designs of a troop composed of two boys, 8 to 12, and one little girl whose obviously brutal nature was shown by the callous way in which she carried either a baby or a doll.

But even more stirring events were to happen! As the guard was seated in the guard tent and round the guard candle, the sound of approaching footsteps stole on our ears. On the ringing cry, "Fall out the guard," we seized our arms if we could find them and rushed to meet the foe. Out from the darkness came mysterious sounds:—footsteps, a dull groaning sound and a clanking. Involuntarily, a shudder escaped from the most hardened heart. At last we saw the figure. Death to our romantic imaginations!

It was a well-known gentleman with his wheelbarrow, and it took our non-com. ten minutes to explain that as most of us were under sixteen, there would be no bottles for him from the camp. The wheelbarrow mournfully creaked away and we were left round the guard candle. . . .

—A. McBean, VI.

(G.M.)

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual sports were held at Rugby Park on Wednesday, October 26th, in brilliant sunshine. There was a large gathering of spectators, including present and old boys, parents and, as usual, a strong and enthusiastic contingent from the Girls' High School.

The jumping events and 100 yards heats were successfully run off in the morning. In the afternoon, the sprinters were handicapped by a moderate easterly breeze, and the times recorded were much slower than those of the morning. The track was still very dead, on account of the large amount of rain that had fallen previous to Sports Day, but even taking this into account, the races seemed to be run at a much faster pace than that indicated by the times registered.

Some good races and some close finishes were witnessed. Two records were broken, the Half Mile Senior Championship, won by G. N. Macdonald (time, 2 min. 17 1-5 secs), and a week later the Three Miles Race, won by G. Murchison (time, 16 min. 57 1-5 secs.)

H. Thomson ran well in the Junior Championship, winning every race except the 100 Yards. He shows promise of developing into a good all-round athlete. He also ran third in the Three Miles Race, from a handicap of 30 secs.

The Bews' Medal for long distance handicap races goes to L. Jones, with two firsts.

Three boys, J. Burke, F. Blake, and L. Allott tied for first place for the Todd Medal with five points each.

It is to be noted that this year there was no Senior Championship of the school, no aggregate being taken and each championship standing on its own. The Championship Cup was, however, awarded

to G. Macdonald who, with two others, G. Cox and J. Gardiner, had two firsts and one second, but broke the School record in the 880 Yards Championship.

The school is indebted to Messrs Galloway and Burn who acted as timekeepers, and to Mr W. Murdoch, senr., who judged the wrestling.

The following is the complete list of results:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 Yards Championship—J. Gardiner 1, G. Cox 2, O. Yule 3. The only starters. Won by a few inches, while Yule, who appeared to slacken off about halfway, finished about a yard back. Time, 12 secs.

Half Mile Championship—G. Macdonald 1, L. Thompson 2, R. Scott 3. The only starters. Macdonald jumped to the front at the pistol and set a smart pace for the first lap, which was covered in 65 secs. In the second lap he increased his lead and went on to win by ten yards in 2 min 17 1-5 secs—a school record.

220 Yards—G. Cox 1, J. Gardiner 2, N. Derbie 3. Cox took the lead about halfway and beat off a strong challenge by Gardiner at the finish, winning by a few inches. Time, 25 2-5 secs.

440 Yards—J. Gardiner 1, G. Macdonald 2, N. Derbie 3. Gardiner won by a few inches in an exciting finish. Macdonald finished strongly, but mis-timed his final spurt. Time, 62 secs.

Long Jump Championship—G. Cox 1, R. Murray 2, R. Watts 3. Distance, 17ft. 6in.

High Jump—D. Strang 1, E. Rout 2, R. Murray 3. Height, 4ft. 10in.

120 Yards Hurdles—H. R. Watts 1, D. Strang 2, E. Rout 3. Four started. Watts, who hurdled nicely, won by inches in a close finish. Time, 21 1-5 secs.

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100 Yards—A. Hamilton 1, H. Thomson 2, M. Page 3. Hamilton led from the start and won by a few inches. Time, 13 secs.

220 Yards—H. Thomson 1, M. Page 2, R. Chisholm 3. Thomson took command at about halfway and went on to win by a comfortable margin. Time, 28 secs.

440 Yards—H. Thomson 1, Chisholm 2, M. Page and Hamilton (dead heat) 3. Thomson took the lead 25 yards from the tape and won by a yard and a half in an interesting finish. Time, 65 secs.

880 Yards—H. Thomson 1, R. McKelvey 2, Chisholm 3. Thomson won comfortably after a slow-run race. Time, 2 min. 51 secs.

Long Jump—H. Thomson 1, A. Hamilton 2, M. Page 3. Distance, 15ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

High Jump—H. Thomson (4ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) 1, M. Page (4ft. 5in.) 2, R. McKelvey (4ft. 4in.) and A. Hamilton (4ft. 4in.), equal, 3.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 Yards Handicap (under 15)—First Heat: Smiley (scr) 1, N. Mitchell (2yds) 2. Time, 12 2-5 secs. Second Heat: Lindsay (4yds) 1, Malcolm (4yds) 2. Time, 13 secs. Third Heat: Polson (4yds) 1, J. Armour (4yds) and A. Galt (5yds), dead-heat, 2. Time, 13 secs. Fourth Heat: Christie (6yds) 1, M. Blake (2yds) 2. Time, 13 1-5 secs. Final—Smiley (scr) 1, Christie (6yds) 2, N. Mitchell (2yds) 3. Time, 13 1-5 secs.

100 Yards Handicap (between 15 and 16)—First Heat: W. Excell (1yd) 1, King (7yds) 2. Time, 12 1-5 secs. Second Heat: Blake (scr) 1, W. Paterson (8 yds) 2. Time, 11 2-5 secs. Third Heat: Henderson (10yds) 1, L. McCurdy (4yds) 2. Time, 12 secs. Final—Blake (scr) 1, W. Paterson (8 yds) 2, W. Excell (1yd) 3. Time, 12 1-5 secs.

100 Yards Open Handicap—First Heat: J. Burke (6yds) 1, O. Yule (scr) 2. Time, 11 2-5 secs. Second Heat: G. Cox (scr) 1, J. Flannigan (5yds) 2. Time, 11 1-5 secs. Third Heat: R. Tuck (5yds) 1, N. Derbie (1yd) 2. Time, 11 1-5 secs. Final—G. Cox (scr) 1, R. Tuck (5yds) 2, O. Yule (scr) 3. Time, 11 4-5 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles Open Handicap—First Heat: R. Blue (10yds and 1 hurdle) 1, E. Hawke (10yds and 1 hurdle) 2. Five started. Time, 19 4-5 secs. Second Heat: Smiley (10yds and 1 hurdle) 1, J. Hannah (10yds and 1 hurdle) 2. Three started. Time, 19 3-5 secs. Third Heat: F. Blake (5yds) and McLauchlan (10yds and 1 hurdle), dead-heat, 1. Three starters. Time, 19 secs. Final—F. Blake 1, R. Blue 2, McLauchlan 3. Blake, who showed a pleasing style over the hurdles, won by a few inches in a tight finish. Time, 19 4-5 secs.

880 Yards Handicap (between 15 and 16)—W. Fleming (20yds) 1, B. Paterson (45yds) 2, Knowler (30yds) 3. Eleven started. Fleming took command about half-way through the second lap and finished strongly five yards ahead of Paterson. Time, 2 mins. 22 2-5 secs.

220 Yards Handicap (under 14)—Malcolm (10yds) 1, Mitchell (scr) 2, Miller (12yds) 3. The back-markers came through the field about half-way and, after an exciting tussle down the straight, Malcolm won by two yards. Time, 29 1-5 secs.

220 Yards Handicap (under 15)—Smiley (2yds) 1, A. Derbie (2yds) 2, A. Galt (12yds) 3. A field of about 20 competed in this event and at the finish the three placed men were a yard in front of a bunched field. Time, 29 secs.

220 Yards Handicap (between 15 and 16)—Blake (scr) 1, Hay (20yds) 2, W. Paterson (15yds) 3. Thirteen started. Won on the tape. Time, 27 secs.

220 Yards Open Handicap—Burke (10yds) 1, Flanagan (8yds) 2, D. Strang (8yds) 3. Burke won by about a foot. Time, 26 1-5 secs.

440 Yards Handicap (under 15)—Lindsay (30yds) 1, A. Derbie (6yds) 2, Hobson (40yds) 3. Lindsay overtook the limit men early in the race and led all the way to the tape. Time, 64 2-5 secs.

440 Yards Open Handicap—Allott (40yds) 1, Ross (20yds) 2, Crowther (50yds) 3. Time, 59 1-5 secs.

880 Yards Handicap (under 15)—Rodger (40yds) 1, A. Hind (20yds) 2, A. Derbie (10yds) 3. Rodger ran an excellent race and won by about five yards. Time, 2 mins. 30 secs.

880 Yards Open Handicap—L. Jones (20yds) 1, Hormann (12yds) 2, Strang (20yds) 3. Jones moved to the front half-way through the second lap and beat off a strong challenge by Hormann in the straight, winning by two and a-half yards. Time, 2 mins. 20 4-5 secs.

880 Yards Open Walk Handicap—A. Dakin (90yds) 1, R. Fraser (50yds) 2, A. Hind (45yds) 3. Dakin led all the way and won easily by 25 yards. Time, 4 mins. 5 secs.

Relay Race—Form VA (scr) 1, Form VI (scr) 2, Form IVA (35yds) 3.

Sack Race—A. Brown 1, Malcolm 2, Gutzewitz 3.

Potato Race—W. Paterson 1, M. Blake and King (dead-heat) 2.

Long Jump Open Handicap—R. Tuck (12ins) 1, W. Excell (8ins) 2, L. McCurdy (20ins) 3. Distance, 17ft. 7ins.

Long Jump Handicap (under 15)—A. Smiley (scr) 1, Malcolm (12ins) 2, Crawford (18ins) 3. Distance, 15ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Junior Handicap High Jump—Malcolm and McDonald (4ft. 3ins) equal, 1, Polson and Henderson (4ft. 2ins), equal, 3.

Senior High Jump Handicap—R. Tuck 5ins (5ft. 3ins), 1, H. Canning 5ins (5ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins) 2, Hannah 5ins (5ft. 2ins) 3.

Old Boys v. School 440 Yards Relay—School (Cox, Yule, Gardiner, Blake) 1, Old Boys 2.

A.A.C. HANDICAP.

100 Yards—A. T. Anderson (7yds) 1, C. Allen (scr) 2, A. C. Bissett (scr) 3. Four started. The field rose to a good start, with Anderson in front. Allen came up fast over the last few yards, but was beaten by a foot. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

WRESTLING.

Under 7st.—Murray beat Blake.

Under 9st.—Hawke beat McNaughton.

Over 9st.—Ritchie beat Tuck; Gardiner defaulted to Barelay. Final: Barclay beat Ritchie.

Putting Shot (13lbs)—L. Thompson (20ins) 1, Murray 2, D. Strang 3. Distance, 30ft. 4½ins. (with handicap).

Throwing Cricket Ball—L. Thompson (10yds) 1, Brash 2, Wesney 3. Distance, 95ft. 3 inches.

Tug-of-War—Senior: VA 1, V 2, VC 3. Second Year—IVB 1, IVC 2, IVA 3. First Year—IIIC 1, IIIA 2, IIIB 3.

Mile Championship—G. Macdonald 1, Murchison 2, R. Scott 3. Time, 5 mins. 7½ secs.

Mile Open Handicap—L. Jones (scr), 1, Tuck 2, Derbie 3. Time, 5 mins. 5½ secs.

One Mile Bicycle Race—Hawke (scr) 1, Campbell 2, Blackburn 3. Time, 3 mins. 5 2-5 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump (under 14)—Malcolm 1, Miller 2, Mitchell 3. Distance, 31ft. 2ins.

Hop, Step and Jump (under 16)—Gardiner 1, Canning 2, McCurdy 3. Distance, 37ft. 4ins.

Hop, Step and Jump (Open)—Gardiner 1, Thompson 2, Henry 3. Distance, 37ft. 6ins.

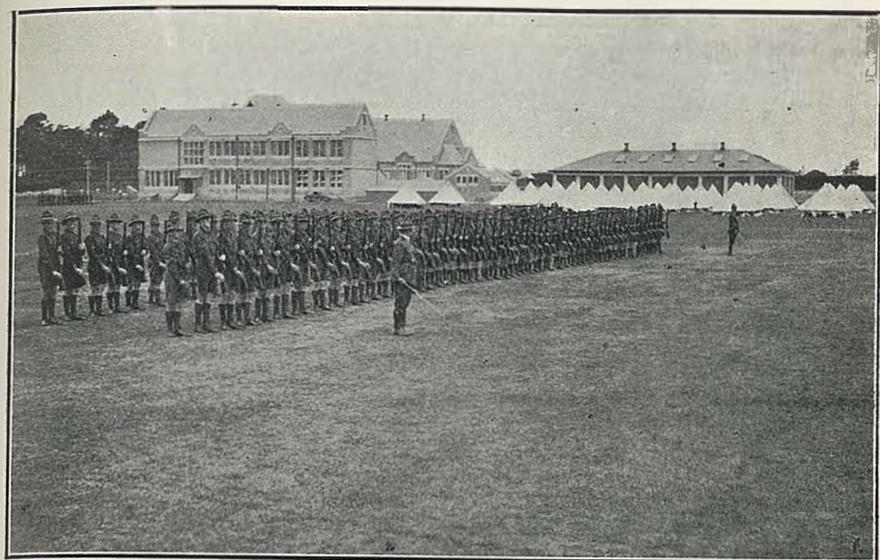
Forms' Championship on all events—1st, IVB, 103 points; 2nd, VI, 78 points.

Three Mile—1st G. Murchison (Munro Medal), 2nd L. Jones, 3rd H. Thomson. Time, 16 min. 57 1-5 secs. (Record).

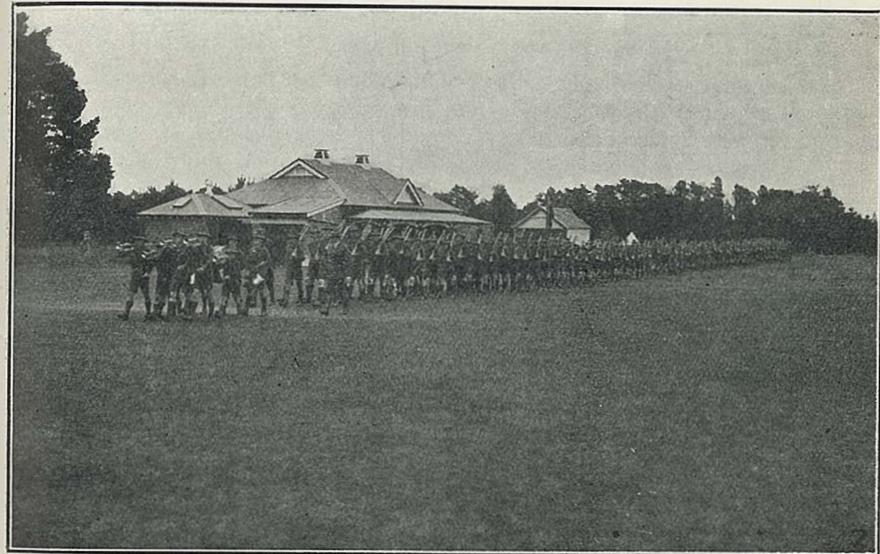
Three Mile Forms' Challenge Shield—1st, IVB, 507½ points; 2nd, VI, 347½ points. 82 boys started and 65 finished within the 25 minute-time-limit.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Towards the end of last year the Otago Amateur Athletic Association made arrangements for the holding of championships for the boys of secondary schools in Otago and Southland. No fewer



GUARD IN TRAINING (subsequently Guard for Duke of York).



COMPANY IN COLUMN OF ROUTE (Sports Pavilion in background).

than seven secondary schools were represented in Dunedin in November, 1926, including a team for both senior and junior events, from Southland. In the senior championships School was represented by R. Page, G. Macdonald, G. Cox, R. McKay, T. Anderson, L. Clark, R. Tuck and D. Rhind, and in the junior by J. Gardiner and F. Blake. The results were as follows:—

220 Yards Senior Championship—R. Page 1st. Time 25 1-5 secs.

Long Jump Senior Championship—R. Page 1st, 18ft. 5ins.

100 Yards Junior Championship—J. Gardiner 1st, F. Blake 2nd. Time, 11 2-5 secs.

220 Yards Junior Championship—J. Gardiner 1st, F. Blake 2nd. Time, 27 2-5 secs.

440 Yards Junior Championship—J. Gardiner 2nd.

Long Jump Junior Championship—J. Gardiner 2nd.

Points for Senior Shield—Otago B.H.S., 56; Southland B.H.S., 10½; Toko D.H.S., 6; Southland T.C., 5½; McGlashan College, 3.

Points for Junior Shield—Southland B.H.S. 25; Mosgiel D.H.S., 15; Otago B.H.S., 4; King Edward T.C., 3.

MEDAL WINNERS.

R. Page: 10 points, 2nd in Senior.

J. Gardiner: 19 points, 1st in Junior.

F. Blake: 6 points, 3rd in Junior.

The charge was naturally made against Southland competitors that they were accustomed to wet and heavy grounds (such is the ignorance of our northern neighbours), but in any case wins in a meeting in which the races were run under atrocious conditions, were full of merit.

BY JOVE!

Conversation at the divine supper table was flagging. Jupiter sat morosely regarding his platter of ambrosia; his wife Juno nagged interminably at Venus and Minerva over the results of the recent beauty competition.

"Ambrosia! I'm sick of the stuff," declared Jupiter to himself. "Morning, noon and night—ambrosia! Can't I, the king of the gods and Knight Commander of the Order of the Thunderbolt, have something else? And this nectar, bah!" He examined a flagon. "Best

Honey Dew, brewed in Paradise.' Awful stuff. I believe it's affecting my liver. Oh, confound those women with their bickerings! Any-way, I think we're deteriorating here on Olympus. Nothing's happened for ages. I'm convinced that infernal nectar is undermining our courage and wisdom. I really used to enjoy those scraps with the Titans; it was great fun planning suitable tortures for them. But I've gone to seed ever since the time I forgot to allow for the turning vegetarian of the eagle which daily pecked the liver of that old villan, the Titan Prometheus. It was jolly shrewd of me to make the liver grow again at night. I've also grown rusty at the art of throwing thunderbolts—that bally nectar's the cause of all the trouble! I, Jupiter, am supposed to know all things, yet I don't know that funny-looking fellow who's just come in. What's that he said?" Jupiter sat up and glared at the newcomer, who repeated his remark. "I've just been down to the other world a few ages ago. There is a mortal there called Epicurus who reckons that we live in a world apart and don't bother with his planet. He explains your thunderstorms and earthquakes as natural phenomena."

"Rot," roared Jupiter, feeling rather guilty, however, "wasn't I always helping those Trojans with winds and wasn't I always throwing thunderbolts about? Oh, confound these women, I'd give them a dozen golden apples if only they'd shut up," He paused, wrapped in thought, "I haven't been down that way for some time. I'll go and see this Epicurus for myself, the villain! Ho, Mercury, bring me my best robe, the one with the pocket sewn in the back to hold my thunderbolts."

Jupiter emerged from the clump of bushes which fringed the roadside. Although he had recently arrived, he had soon discovered the sharp sting of thistles on his bare feet. Moreover, the wind was cold, causing him to wrap his robe more tightly round him. "Hang it all, conditions are better than this in Olympus," Jupiter muttered with annoyance—the barbed-wire fence had given him trouble as the flapping rags on the wires testified. He glared at the road along which the Boy was walking, a startled Boy who exclaimed: "Gosh! Who's the rummy old bird? Been out all night by the looks of him. Got his nightgown on too, and what a beaver! He must be cracked." He was still debating whether to run when Jupiter stalked up and, in a booming voice, addressed him: "O presumptuous mortal, the dwellers on all-high Olympus have learned that certain blasphemous sentiments were uttered by one Epicurus, and I, mighty Jupiter, who knows and sees all things, have come to visit punishment upon the wretch who shall be chained in the Caucasus and an eagle shall peck . . ." Jupiter stopped, muttering to himself, "No originality

in that. It's the fault of the nectar." He paused for the Boy's reply, but the latter only stared. Jupiter felt uneasy, surely he had spoken well. It would be terrible if the nectar robbed him of his ability as an orator. Finally the Boy spoke, "Absolute gibberish, mister. Can't make you out except that I think you're batty." Jupiter reoiled. To add to his rapid degeneracy in all things, he could not understand the Boy's words. In disgust he pushed on past the Boy. "This is really too bad. But," he reassured himself, "the youth is plainly an imbecile."

At that moment his unprotected foot crushed down a bee and its last breath expended itself in the sting as it pierced Jupiter's heel. With a shrill yelp of pain, Jupiter leapt into the air, a thunderbolt falling from his poeket. A derisive chuckle burst forth from the Boy behind him. This was the last straw—Jupiter snatched up the thunderbolt and, with a mighty throw, hurled it at the grinning youth.

"My aim's improving," exclaimed the joyful Jupiter, as he casually surveyed the havoc he had wrought. "Have never made a better throw, the nectar must be alright after all." He limped off back to Olympus.

Yesterday, early in the morning, residents in the suburbs heard a loud explosion in the vicinity of the park. Upon investigation, a large crater, some thirty feet across, was discovered in the track. Fragments of a peculiar substance were found which the police are keeping for analysis. The cause of the explosion is a complete mystery."

"The disappearance of a boy named —— is causing his parents much anxiety. The lad left home early yesterday for school, but did not arrive there or return home later. The police are investigating."

—S. CASSELS, VI.

DANCING NOTES.

(D.S.)

Mr Sutherland again conducted his dancing class in the Assembly Hall on Thursdays after school. Many boys attended and received much useful tuition, some of the pupils also going to Mr Sutherland's night classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings. At the end of a very successful session the class closed with a dance on the evening of Thursday, October 13th.

It was decided by the School Ball Committee to arrange the first School dance for the evening of Thursday, June 23rd. This function proved such a success that it was decided to hold another. The Girls' High School gave their return dance in Smith's Hall on the evening of Friday, July 28th, and our second was held on the evening of Thursday, August 4th. Both of the School dances were held in the School Hall, while Room 6 was converted into a supper-room.

The School is very greatly indebted to the chaperones: Mesdames Pearce, Dakin, Cameron, Deaker, Page and Strang for their very kind assistance in both supper-room and hall, and also to Mr and Mrs Lepper for their untiring efforts.

THE AGES OF MAN.

(Yet Another Modern Version).

First the bonny babe on Glaxo fed
With Plunkett nurse o'erwatching by his bed.
The schoolboy next, who, eager at his play,
His dull school-hours with sleep does while away.
Then comes the lover, Charlestoning till dawn,
And shattering sweet dreams with blaring horn.
And then the young and budding millionaire,
Who strives unceasingly to seize and collar
That star of "God's Own Land," th' Almighty Dollar.
And then the politician, smooth of tongue,
Loving to hear, by mobs, his praises sung.
And now, his toil well done, a man of ease,
Clad in "plus fours," he strives for "birdie threes."
Last scene of all, most changed from Shakespeare's day.
His second youth, which Grandpa bids to stay;
He answers those who ask in tones appealing:
"Why! You can do it too; it's just that Kruschen feeling.

G. MACDONALD, VI.

ODE INSPIRED BY SEEING A TANK IN THE 220 YARDS HANDICAP.

O greatest of all runners,
O fastest of the fast,
We all admire your prowess
Although you're always last.

O runner of two-twenties,
And also the three mile,
We love to watch you running
Although you make us smile.

O best of all the sprinters,
O greatest of the great,
We'll always see you running,
Although you're two weeks late.

The field, alas, before you,
Nothing but you behind,
Such blowings and such pantings
Surely would heal the blind!

O sprinter beyond measure,
Runner of races long,
Your barrel of a body
Inspires me to this song.

But as you've won no races,
Because you've not the pace,
I think this would be better:
"Keep to the rolling race!"

S. MEHAFFEY, IIIA.

RECENT DISCOVERIES.

La petite garçon.
He did not believe in the Catholic faith for he had a number of wives.

Anne Berlin.

After the wars of the Roses soldiers were to be found littered all over England.

The whitebait swooped down into the bosom of the waters.

Va me chercher des petits cailloux blancs.—Go and find me some little cauliflowers.

BOXING NOTES.

(D.S.).

At the beginning of the second term it was decided to hold a boxing class at the School. Accordingly, Mr F. Jarvis was invited to act as instructor, and he conducted his class in the gymnasium after school. Boys of all ages attended and received much useful instruction, so that at the conclusion of the course the School was able to stage a boxing tournament. The officials of the Southland Boxing Association very kindly consented to conduct the tournament and under their supervision a ring was erected in the Assembly Hall. The contests took place on the evening of Wednesday, 19th October, before a gathering of the staff, boys, parents and friends. After the final bout, Mr S. Lindsay, on behalf of the Boxing Association, thanked the School for the privilege of conducting the tournament. The Rector, in reply, stated that rather the School were indebted to the Association for its assistance and the able manner in which it had carried out its duties.

This tournament was the first held for many years and its success points to much good boxing in the years ahead.

E. Hawke was the best boxer of the evening and was awarded the medal presented by the Southland Boxing Association for the most scientific competitor in the tournament. R. Tuck is to be congratulated on winning both the Open and the 10st 7lb classes. Results:—

Class 7.7 and under—D. McNaughton beat J. Chemis. Final: McNaughton beat R. Irwin.

Class 8.0—W. Wallace beat Hind, H. Thomson beat J. Smith. Final: E. Hawke beat Wallace.

Class 9.0 and under—E. Hawke beat N. Buxton, C. Smith beat F. Blake. Final: Hawke beat Smith.

Class 9.7.—J. Burke beat N. Derbie, J. Grenville beat H. Sutton. Final: Burke beat Grenville.

Class 10.7.—B. Barclay beat W. Fleming. Final: R. Tuck beat B. Barclay.

Open Class.—D. Strang beat T. Anderson. Final: Tuck beat Strang.

The officials were:—Judges, Messrs A. Fyffe and E. Huffadine; referees, Messrs S. Lindsay and C. Dixon; announcer, Mr G. McChesney; time-keeper, Mr A. D. Burn.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FIRST MAN TO DISCOVER ALGEBRA.

One—ten minutes passed. Two—another ten minutes passed. I put down my pen and ruminated. Three out of ten problems were finished. It was 10.45 p.m., and I had, in accordance with an unwritten rule of mine, to slumber once a day. I longed with an intense desire for a personal interview with the man who first discovered Algebra. I murmured the thought aloud and then it happened. What, I do not know!

I suddenly found myself falling down a deep shaft for goodness knows how far. Then I landed with a bump. The first thing I was aware of was a waiting room, the walls of which changed colour every two seconds, and an immense sign on which was shown:

Mr X,
First and Best
Professor
of
ALGEBRA.

Then I noticed another figure in the waiting room. For the purpose of conversation I crossed over to him, noticing with a thrill of pleasure that his nationality was French. Here was a chance to prove my skill as a linguist. Accordingly I said:

“Bon jour, mon ami.”

Then to my amazement and dismay he replied:

“Mais, monsieur, je parle seulement français.”

I was thunderstruck, for I could understand him, and it was an insult to my teaching, my commendable attempt at conversation being thus taken for English.

Then the door opened, a majestic attendant doing so, and I walked into a huge library round which were shelves full of books. Inside I saw a small figure with a flowing beard poring over a book. In a sonorous voice he spoke.

“You wished to see me, did you not? What was it about? A plus b' all squared equals a squared multiplied by xy minus pq equals ep plus ab divided by c which by hypothesis equals b plus m minus o, etc., etc.” But he no longer spoke to me, for I had sunk to the floor, and was gradually swooning. It seemed to me I lay thus for hours while the professor rambled afar into the intrigues

of algebra. He seemed to me to start in a rolling bell-like voice to recount the books he was explaining to me. One—two—three—four—five—six—seven—eight—nine—ten—eleven—twelve.

I awoke with a start. It was twelve o'clock. Seven problems of Algebra were left unsolved and one more name was enrolled in the detention book.

S. MEHAFFEY, IIIA.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

It is with pleasure that the School is able through the magazine to acquaint distant Old Boys with the activities of the re-formed Old Boys' Association. Every effort is being made to justify the existence of the Association and to stimulate interest in the School itself and the boys of every year since 1881, which the Association in reality represents. The Association can give much help to the School which has been responsible for such a big part in moulding the future life and prospects of its members. Its worth cannot be computed, nor can it be even visualised, and its enterprise is reliant upon the enthusiasm of its members. Therefore it is the duty of every boy leaving school to become a member—and incidentally to become a subscriber to the Southlandian.

In a short time the Association's activities have been widespread, as the following notes indicate:

The Association has been in existence now for two months and has nearly 200 financial members.

On August 18th a general meeting was attended by some fifty Old Boys with Mr R. M. Strang, Chairman of the High Schools' Board, in the chair. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to re-form the Association and the following office-bearers were appointed:—Committee: D. Blue, C. Graham, H. Macdonald, J. Francis, J. Hughes, R. A. Dunnage, E. Salisbury, H. McKinnon; Treasurer: C. A. Masters; Secretary: C. Clark.

On September 9th a re-union dinner was attended by 100 Old Boys. Several items were rendered by Messrs E. Ottrey and H. Strang and the following toasts were honoured:—"The School and Staff," Mr J. T. Carswell; Mr T. D. Pearce replied. "Old Boys' Association," Mr S. M. Macalister; Mr C. Clark replied. "Board of Governors," Mr J. McGrath; Mr R. M. Strang replied.

The election of Patrons, President and Vice-Presidents resulted as follows:—Patrons: Messrs W. Macalister, R. A. Anderson, J. T. Carswell, R. M. Strang, and T. D. Pearce. President: Mr S. M. Macalister. Vice-Presidents: Messrs R. J. Gilmour, A. W. Jones, J. R. Martin, C. E. Borne, T. D. A. Moffett, J. G. Imlay, J. D. Shand, J. A. Fraser.

On October 14th we held a successful dance at the High School, Herbert Street. Despite the very inclement weather, some fifty couples attended and spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Association has given a cup for an annual relay race—Old Boys versus Present Boys—in which the Present Boys receive a handicap of 12 yards in 440 yards. This year the Present Boys won the cup with an easy win. The teams were: Present Boys: F. Blake, G. Cox, J. Gardiner, O. Yule. Old Boys: C. B. Allan, A. Bissett, T. Anderson and R. Hormann.

An Old Boys' "mufti" 100 yards handicap resulted in a win for A. J. Deaker with C. Clark second and A. R. Dunlop third.

The Association has under consideration a proposal to give trophies for boxing at the School. The Committee have negotiations under way for the forming of an Old Boys' Football Club. It is proposed to start next year with second, third and fourth grade teams and then in three or four years' time to enter a senior team.

The Rugby Union have previously refused to transfer members from other clubs to the Old Boys' Club, which means that we shall need to draw our players mainly from those leaving the School with a few Old Boys who at present do not belong to any club.

All Old Boys who desire to join this club and who do not at present belong to any other club are asked to send their names in to the Secretary. Boys leaving School and obtaining positions locally are asked to do likewise.

By the recent death of J. K. Wilson the Association lost one of its keenest members. A wreath was sent to the funeral, which was attended by several Old Boys.

The Treasurer awaits subscriptions—5/- per annum—from Old Boys who have not yet joined the Association.

Badges may be obtained from the Secretary, C. Clark, P.O. Box 31, or Treasurer, C. A. Masters, P.O. Box 5, for the sum of 2/6.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO ROBIN HOOD.

"Pryde goeth before a fall," said Littlejohn. "You know what happened to Tuck?" The King looked wise. "On his way to one of the Castles of the West," Crowed Littlejohn, "after the autumn Raines, he saw a Fox pursuing a Hind through a nearby Garden. Following at the Double he saw the Fox cross a Ford, and, Tuck, pluming himself on his hunting knowledge, plunged in. He fell with a Kerse. 'Great Scott!' he cried, 'would I had Webbed feet.' Following his unexpected Bath he rolled in the Hay to dry himself. 'Jack! James!' he yelled to his Pages, 'I'm Blue all over. Take off my Armour.' They Tinkered with it all Day, but to no avail. With a desperate cold only the Chemist could save him when even his wife Hannah had failed." "That's a Tall one," said the King. "In Verity, 'tis not a Cooked story," responded Littlejohn.

ANON.

DAWN.

The sombre immensity of the rolling hills seemed to strike a keynote of sadness in our reverie, and the unceasing roar of the sea filled us with a sort of nameless fear. A thin band of light was already appearing above the horizon, but as yet the clinging, darkness of dawn had not wholly disappeared, and a misty, autumnal air still remained. The few straggling trees looked forlorn and desolate, and occasionally a sudden puff of wind would blow through their leaves setting them whispering with anxious voices. In the sky the grey clouds commenced to drift slowly towards the east as if awakening from a night's rest, and the ray of light on the horizon changed slowly to a deep orange hue. As we stood on the rolling downs gazing on the various transformations we realised how subtle and alluring this light was, and yet, even as we gazed upon its ethereal tints, its extremities seemed to change to a soft purple. A soft sea breeze began to blow and the sea birds began their wild screeching from their crammed nooks in the chalk cliffs as if heralding the approach of dawn. The soft tints in the east became fired from below with a rose-red glow, like molten lava, and suddenly the golden crown of the sun appeared above the horizon. This was dawn, quivering, mystical and unearthly.

A. de REYA, IIIA.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1926.

MATRICULATION.

Passed for Matriculation, Solicitor's General Knowledge and Medical Preliminary:—B. D. Barclay, R. G. Hallamore, A. C. Horne, A. R. C. Littlejohn, J. Matthews, A. McBean, T. R. Plunkett, N. W. Pryde, Les. Trotter, R. J. Wise.

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Complete Partial Pass:—J. Ralph Hanan, F. J. Beadle, M. C. Bleakly, A. N. Blyth, J. P. Brodie, J. Collie, J. M. McCurdy, I. McGrath, W. Tattersfield, L. F. Taylor, H. Waymouth.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

University Entrance—J. C. Dakin (first place).

Senior National—J. A. Clifford.

Junior National—W. J. Wakelin.

Qualified for Junior Free Places:—E. P. Blampied, G. H. Boyes, B. N. Challis, G. A. Hughes, D. W. McLean, A. J. Mayne, F. R. Miller, G. Nimmo, L. J. Roy, A. Smiley, J. D. Thomson, E. A. Webb.

Qualified for Senior Free Places:—(a) With Credit: B. Barclay, J. A. Forde, J. E. Richards, R. J. Wise.

(b) L. H. Allott, F. A. Ayers, J. H. Bell, W. H. Blakie, A. J. Dobbie, T. P. Davin, N. J. Grant, E. M. Hill, B. Kempton, C. H. Kent, J. A. Moloney, G. F. Murchison, W. J. Porter, P. F. Scully, M. F. Taylor, J. M. Webb.

Public Service Entrance.—Sixth Place: J. A. Clifford and (a) and (b) lists above.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

Dr. George Kingston is now a settled practitioner at Timaru.

A. Philp is in Insurance business at Timaru.

W. J. Smellie, Chemist, Cambridge, Waikato.

Cedric Greig, Bank of New South Wales, Christchurch.

J. S. Bagge, Union Bank of Australia, Wanganui.

H. M. Dykes was appointed in August accountant to the Auckland branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia.

Reg. Cox is in the Otautau School.

Don Cox is at Round Hill School.

J. G. Leckie, Milton School.

"Teddy" Isaacs transferred in March from "Southland Daily News" to "Dunedin Evening Star."

Harold Lowry is farming near Rotoiti, Nelson.

Rob. M. Firth has transferred from Invercargill to Wanganui office of the Tourist Department.

B. Scully entered the Crown Solicitor's office at Westport last June.

B. Meredith, manager of Pollok's Pharmacy.

J. Francis, chemist to Southland Hospital.

Doug. Brass, apprentice to G. I. Moffett.

H. Kirkpatrick, qualified as a chemist, to G. I. Moffett.

Dr. R. L. Christie was appointed Chief Medical Officer at Rarotonga on Cook Islands in October.

Dr. Alister Brass, after a long period of convalescence, returned to Samoa after the winter.

Robin Stout, c/o Hunter and Ronaldson, solicitors, Christchurch, since June, 1927.

Ernest Stout has resumed work with National Bank, Napier. C. Goodall, formerly of Winton, is now in the office of the Southland Education Board.

Frank Hinton from "News" to be cable editor of Christchurch "Sun" last February.

Lloyd Raines (Winton) to Post Office, Invercargill, in July.

Syd. Wakeling (Nightcaps) to Post Office, Wellington.

Cedric Thomas and Frank Ross are on Castle Rock Station, Lumsden.

Frank H. Tilley, Bank of New South Wales, Ashburton.

W. Jenkins (formerly of Wallacetown) is now on the staff of Bank of N.Z., Timaru.

R. G. MacGibbon, District Electrical Engineer, Christchurch.

Dr. Edgar Thomson, Assistant to Professor of Pathology, Medical School, Dunedin.

Dr. Charles E. Reid, Dunedin Hospital.

Dr. Charles W. Read, London.

J. M. Mackenzie was appointed last March Sporting Editor of the new "Auckland Sun" newspaper.

A. Compton (Edendale) is doing journalistic work with F. E. Cooper, Hunterville.

Lance Rigg is chief sub-editor of "Wanganui Chronicle."

Ive Ford, assistant sub-editor, "Evening Post," Wellington.

Ced. Noble-Campbell, reporter to "Evening Post."

Norman Dunnage on "Mataura Ensign."

John Moffett, "The Press," Christchurch.

Norman Adamson (Orepuki) is in the Orchards Department, Hastings.

Harry Adamson is in the Lands Department, Auckland.

Allan Fleming is now farming in South Makarewa, Tussock Creek district.

Peter D. Edmonds (1912) left last July the Southland Hospital Board's staff, where he has been for thirteen years, to become secretary to the Vincent County Hospital.

Morton Rodger (Gladstone) was in April last awarded the Engineering Entrance Scholarship at Canterbury College Engineering School. In November he won again the prize of the second year, as the best student, an Exhibition or Scholarship.

Bert Dawson (from South Invercargill) is now cashier to the Lands and Survey Department, Wellington.

W. J. Lennon (Edendale) is doing Home Mission work at Mohaka, Hawke's Bay.

Rev. L. M. Rogers, M.A., is at Frankton.

"Teddy" Isaacs is proving an enthusiastic secretary for the Otago Amateur Athletic Association. His fully informed articles on sport written for the "Evening Star" as Sports Editor have also attracted much attention and merited the praise bestowed on them.

The Secondary Schools of Otago will hold their combined Athletic Tournament in Invercargill in March of next year. Action was unfortunately delayed too long by the Centre in Dunedin to enable the schools to have the meeting this year. This is regrettable as it means no 1927 tournament.

Roland Bryant (1922-4) has left for the U.S.A. to take a five years' course in Electrical Engineering.

Mr John Gilkison left on a business visit to England in March. He is in London as chairman of the Southland Frozen Meat Co.

Les. McCartney is prospering in Auckland as a skin merchant. His business takes him all over N.Z. His address is Mercantile Chambers, Customs Street, East.

A. Rowlands left for England in 1926; he is not at present returning.

Llew. Piper, Architect, Swanson Street, Auckland, finds the climate agrees with him.

Judge Acheson, of the Native Land Court, paid a hurried visit to the School in the first term.

E. Norman Allan was transferred last March from Wellington to Nelson in the Lands and Survey Department.

In the newly constituted Senate of the University of N.Z. the Hon. Josiah A. Hanan was one of the four Government nominees.

Carlton Lipscombe, who had acted for some time as Assistant Town Engineer in Invercargill, resigned at the beginning of the year to join a road construction company in Dunedin.

Percy Service, leaving Dunedin for Wellington last August, was entertained and given a present by the choir of St. Andrew's Church, where for three and a-half years he had been organist.

James Campbell (1888) is now Assistant-Manager in the Bank of New South Wales, London.

John D. Brownlie (1892-3) is London buyer for Messrs Ballantyne and Co., Christchurch and Timaru.

R. B. Spence (Nightcaps, 1917-18) in P.O. Lyttelton, is working with a view to a degree in Forestry.

C. J. Brodrick, S. Morell Macalister and Gordon Reed were elected to the Invercargill Borough Council this year. C. J. Brodrick is Chairman of Reserves Committee; S. M. Macalister of Finance Committee.

John C. Collins (1906-1910), B.Sc. in Engineering, was appointed Engineer-Manager of Otago Electric Power Board, in April last.

Gore Chamber of Commerce. Office-bearers for 1927-8—President: A. L. Dolamore; Vice-President: R. S. Green; Committee: A. S. Fleming.

George J. Kelly, LL.B., of Balclutha, while playing golf with a friend, had the misfortune to be struck in the mouth by his friend's putter. His friend had missed his putt and was swinging his club for a second stroke as Mr Kelly was stooping. The effect of the blow was the breaking of several teeth and a nasty wound. We hope he has now recovered from his painful accident.

Eric Macpherson (formerly of Lumsden), Associate of Otago School of Mines (A.O.S.M.), received in September an appointment as oil-expert to the Anglo-Persian Oil Co.

His brother, Hector, is now on the staff of the Auckland "Sun" newspaper.

Jas. Miller and Ian Miller, sons of the present Mayor, are doing well as manufacturers' agents of advertising specialities. Address, P.O. Box 579, Wellington. They are shortly leaving for Australia to travel there with their agencies.

FOOTBALL.

All Blacks to tour South Africa. Back Division—Lance Johnson (five-eighth), 1915 School team; Frank Kilby (half) of School team, 1921-1922; and Archie Strang (five-eighth), afterwards removed to Timaru. Emergency, R. Bird (forward).

REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL.

Ernest H. Diack captained the Southland Touring Team of 1927. He was a tower of strength in his accurate goal-getting.

Frank Kilby, played, according to Wellington papers, a brilliant game against Southland, "sending out fine passes and making beautiful openings."

Archie Strang captained South Canterbury.

Southland v. Taranaki, August 24—Full Back, G. Oughton; three-quarter, B. Geddes; five-eighth, E. H. Diack (captain); forwards, Cee. Mills and R. Bird.

Rich. Johnstone also represented Southland during the 1927 season.

Frank Kilby, who represented Southland in cricket and football on many occasions with distinction, was not allowed to leave Southland last March without notice. His many friends and admirers met and presented him with a gold watch and chain. His new address is c/o Bank of Australasia, Wellington.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

G. Kitto transferred to South School from Waikaiia in Sept. Cyril L. Matthews, relieving teacher in 1927 to Southland Board.

J. A. Henry, H.M. of Waimiri School, Canterbury, formerly on the staff of Waikopai School, was appointed an Inspector of Primary Schools in October.

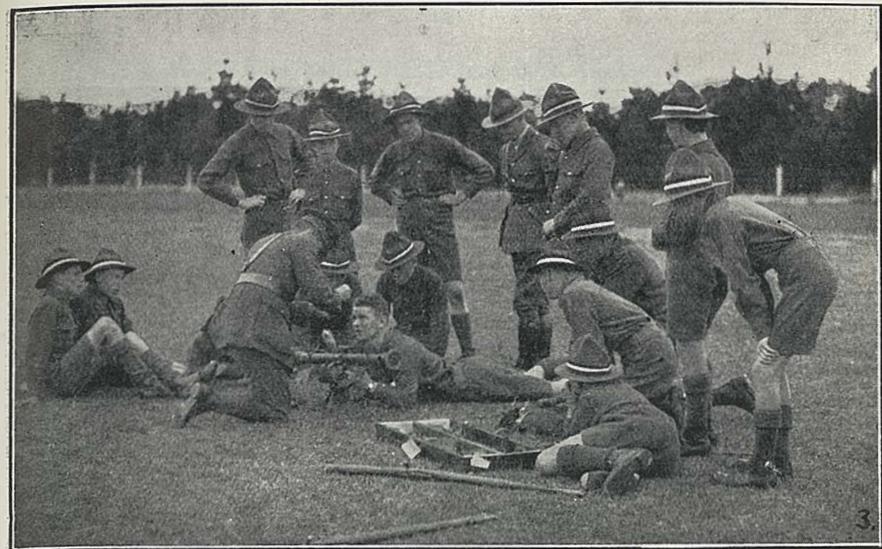
Alex. Sligo, M.A., from Mosgiel to Whangarei High School as from 1st October.

Clarence Roberts, M.Sc., to King Edward Technical College, Dunedin, as Science Master, in July.

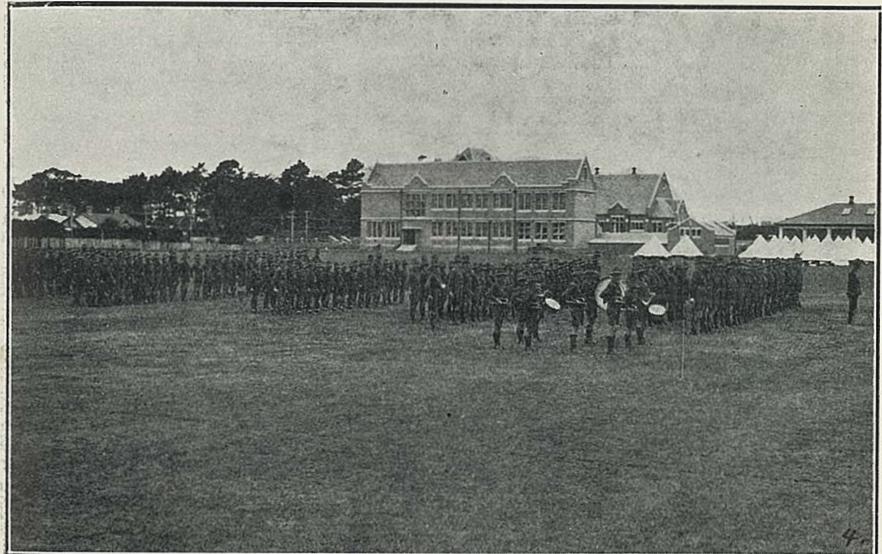
John E. Stevens, in July, to Pyramid Siding.

McGregor Cameron, M.A., to be secondary assistant at Riverton District High School, as from 1st February last.

Jas. Welsh, Headmaster at Makarewa.



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COMPANY PARADE.

J. D. A. MacFarlane, 10th Assistant at St. George.

Fred Miles, M.A., Assistant to the Professor of Mathematics,
Victoria College.

N. Millard, M.Sc., First Assistant Hutt Valley H.S.

A. Ferguson to Slope Point.

H. Cullen to Wyndham South.

A. Fortune to Waikiwi School.

R. Peter Kania, M.A., to Winton D.H.S. (March).

Mr Fred Miles, M.A., left Wanganui College last year. Thus the Wanganui Collegian on his departure (extract from Headmaster's Annual Report) :—"We started minus the very valuable assistance of Mr Miles, who left us to take office as Assistant to the Professor of Mathematics at Victoria College. His loss to the School is a great one. He was an able and versatile scholar, and a most unselfish man who never spared himself in our interests. His type is not easily replaced on a school staff."

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

C and D (August, 1927).

Class C—John E. R. Mackay (Timaru), W. O. Neas (Oamaru),
J. E. Willett.

Class D—H. R. Keown.

Passed in 4 subjects for Class C—J. R. Gardiner.

Partial Pass for D—Gordon A. Carswell, A. R. C. Littlejohn,
D. L. Rhind.

Pass or Partial Pass in 3 groups for D—J. A. Forde, Ian T.
Gough.

OLD BOYS IN DUNEDIN.

On the 13th of October a number of Old Boys forgathered in Jay's Tea Rooms to discuss old times over a light supper. To J. G. Anderson are attributed the idea and the success of the evening. It was decided to tender to the School a material assurance of the interest of the Old Boys in Dunedin. Two prizes for VA and VB were decided on, to be given to the two most deserving boys who had not found their way into the prize lists. These are to be rewards of industry.

SOME OLD BOYS IN DUNEDIN AS STUDENTS.

At Knox College—P. Carman, J. C. Dakin, A. Grindlay, G. R. Hanan, N. Hannah, D. Manson, T. R. Plunkett, W. Wells—8.

At Training College—W. Allison, W. Collett, W. Currie, W. Cleine, D. Deacon, S. Foley, J. Grindlay, W. Hormann, W. O. Neas, D. Manson, A. Pont, D. Roberts, H. Shirreffs, E. Squires, W. G. Wright—15.

At Otago University—Arts: J. C. Dakin, A. R. Howie, J. G. Leckie. Science: G. D. Anderson, J. Butler, P. Carman, N. Hannah, A. G. Harrington, J. Lea, C. Roberts, G. Todd. Medicine: Les. P. Clark, J. M. McCurdy, T. R. Plunkett, Murray Scott, W. Wells, M. Wells. Dentistry: G. R. Hanan, A. Horne, O. Rout. Divinity: A. Grindlay, R. Griffiths. Law: H. Carswell, P. Ritchie, R. Stephens. Commerce: R. B. McKay.

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TERM RESULTS, 1927.

J. C. Dakin—1st class (first place), Latin, Stage I; 1st English, Stage I; 1st (first place), French, Stage I; 2nd, Mathematics, Stage I.

W. G. Collett—3rd, Latin and English, Stage I.

W. C. Currie—3rd, Latin and English, Stage I.

D. S. Deacon—3rd, Latin and English, Stage I.

R. B. McKay—3rd, Latin, Stage I; 2nd, French, Stage I; 3rd, Commercial French; 2nd, Economics, Stage I.

A. D. C. Grindlay—3rd, English, Stage I; 3rd, History, Stage I.

R. G. Kitto—3rd, English, Stage I.

R. J. Griffiths—3rd, French, Stage I; 3rd, Philosophy, Stages II and III; 3rd, History, Stages II and III.

D. Manson—3rd, French, Stage I.

I. D. Cameron—Pass in French Science Reading; 3rd, Adv. Petrology; 3rd, Adv. Geology, Stage II; 2nd, Adv. Mining Geology; 2nd, Engineering Surveying; 2nd, Mine Surveying; 3rd, Practical Astronomy; 1st, Metallurgy, Stage II; 2nd, Assaying, Stage II; 2nd, Drawing, Stage III.

J. G. Leckie—3rd, Psychology, Stage I; 3rd, Ethics, Stage I; 3rd, Philosophy, Stage I; 3rd, Economics, Stage I.

W. N. A. Allison—1st (first place), Education, Stage I; 3rd, Chemistry, Stage I.

S. Foley—3rd, Education, Stage I; 3rd, Economics, Stage I.

A. R. Howie—3rd, Education, Stage I; 3rd, Economics, Stage I; 2nd, Harmony, Stage II; Pass in Musical Appreciation.

W. O. Neas—3rd, Education, Stage I; 3rd, Geology, Stage I.

J. C. Todd—3rd, Physics, Stage I; 3rd, Pract. Physics.

H. K. Carswell—3rd, Jurisprudence; 3rd, Constitutional History.

E. H. J. Preston—2nd, Conflict of Laws.

P. G. Ritchie—2nd, Roman Law.

C. A. Scott—3rd, Criminal Law; 3rd, Torts.

Les. P. Clark—3rd, Biology; 2nd, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd, Organic Chemistry; 2nd, Physics; 2nd, Pract. Physics.

T. R. Plunkett—3rd, Biology; 2nd, Inorganic Chemistry; 3rd, Organic Chemistry; 3rd, Physics; 2nd, Pract. Physics.

A. C. Horne—2nd, Inorganic Chemistry; 2nd, Organic Chemistry; 3rd, Physics; 3rd, Practical Physics.

J. M. McCurdy—3rd, Inorganic Chemistry; 3rd, Organic Chemistry; 3rd, Physics; 3rd, Pract. Physics.

W. O. Hormann—Aegrotat Pass in Economics, Stage I; 3rd, History, Stage I.

H. W. Shireffs—3rd, History, Stage I.

A. G. Harrington—1st, Mathematics (Honours).

G. D. Anderson—3rd, Mathematics, Stage III; 2nd, Physics, Stage II; 2nd, Pract. Physics; 2nd, Geology, Stage I.

W. C. Cleine—3rd, Mathematics, Stage III; 1st, Physics, Stage I; 2nd, Pract. Physics; 1st, Chemistry, Stage I.

P. C. Carman—1st (first place), Mathematics, Stage II; 1st (first place), Applied Mathematics, Stage I; 1st (first place), Chemistry, Stage II; Beverly Scholarship in Maths. and Mechanics, Stage I (honorary).

J. M. Butler—1st, Applied Maths., Stage I; 3rd, Mathematics, Stage I; 2nd, Physics, Stage I; 1st, Pract. Physics; 1st, Chemistry, Stage I.

E. N. J. Hannah—3rd, Applied Maths., Stage I; 3rd, Physics, Stage I; 3rd, Pract. Physics.

Roy. G. Hanan—1st, Professional, B. Dental S. (May).

OTAGO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND PRIZEMEN, 1927.

R. P. K. Kania, M.A., with 2nd honours in Maths.

Alex. Milne, M.A., in History.

G. M. Cameron, M.A., 1st Honours in English and James Clark Prize in English.

C. C. Roberts, M.Sc., 2nd Honours in Chem.

H. D. Morgan, B.A.

H. L. McKinnon, B.A.

J. E. Stevens, B.A.

A. G. Harrington, B.Sc and Sen. Schol. N.Z. in Mes., and Beverly Schol. in Higher Mes (Honorary).

T. G. Fouhy, Bach. Dent. Surgery.

J. M. Alexander, Dipl. in Banking.

G. D. Anderson, Beverly Schol. in Physics I.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, CIRISTCHURCH.

Morton Rodger was awarded the Second Year Exhibition. (He won the First Year in 1926). First Class Certificates in the following subjects:—First year Mechanical Drawing; second year Advanced Descriptive Geometry; Second Year Applied Mechanics; Second

Year Strength of Materials; Principles of Civil Engineering Construction (Practical); and Second Class in Elementary Steam Engine Work.

Henry W. Lea—Third Class in Applied Mathematics, in Geology of Associateship Standard; Second class in Freehand Mechanical Drawing, and in Mechanical Drawing (First Year of Associateship); Third class in Elementary Steam Engine.

Gordon Gray—Third class in Strength of Materials, Associateship Standard.

ATHLETICS.

At the Otago University Athletic Sports last March, three Old Boys were to the fore:—H. D. Morgan won the 100 yards in 11 secs, the 120yds Hurdles in 18 secs, the 440yds in 63 3-5 secs, the Putting of the 16lb Shot, 35 feet, and won the Barnett Cup again for Most Points.

(Syd. Reid's record of Putting the Shot, 36ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in 1911 still stands).

W. Allison won the 880yds Championship in 2 min. 7 1-5 secs.

Jim G. Leckie put up a new record in Throwing the Hammer, 127ft. 11 inches. Jim M. Boyne's record of 1913 of 120ft. 7in. is thus out-distanced.

At the Inter-University Colleges Easter Tournament, held in April in Auckland, the following successes by Old Boys were recorded:—

H. D. Morgan—2nd in Putting the 16lb Shot, 1st 440yds Hurdles, 2nd 120yds Hurdles, Relay Championship to Otago Team.

Col. B. Allan (Victoria College)—440yds Championship, 880yds Championship.

W. N. Allison—Otago Relay Team.

MARRIAGES.

HOGG—MILLER.—At Thames, on 11th May, Alex. Sim Hogg, M.Sc., to Kathleen N. Miller.

MACGREGOR—TODD.—On 11th May, George A. Macgregor, Teacher, Bannockburn, to Hazel Todd, Herbert Street.

MCNAUGHTON—PARKER.—On 16th February, at Invercargill, Allan McNaughton, Chemist, to Mona Parker, of Dipton.

MORGAN—REID.—On December 29, at Gore, Hermon D. Morgan, B.A., Dunedin, to Mina Isabel Reid, of "Arcadia," Paradise, Lake Wakatipu.

FRASER—McKINLAY.—At Benhar, on 26th October, John McLean Fraser, of Sydney, late of North Invercargill, to Kate McKinlay, of Benhar.

McNAB—MC LACHLAN.—At Dipton, on 26th October, Duncan McNab, of Invercargill, to Henrietta McLachlan, "Leura," Dipton.

MILLER—WINGFIELD.—At Dunedin, October 5th, Edward S. Miller, Journalist, Otago Daily Times, to Marjorie Wingfield, St. John's College, staff.

MCLENNAN—BARWELL.—At Invercargill, on 15th September, John Alex. McLennan, Farmer, Kennington, to Dinah Eleanor Barwell.

KEAN—SWALE.—On 1st of June, Martin Kean, Farmer, South Hillend, to Eileen Swale, of Boggy Burn.

KELLY—WILLIAMS.—On December 15, George Kelly, LL.B., Balclutha, to Miss Williams, of Oamaru.

BIEWS—LAWRENCE.—On July 13th, Walter Bews, of Messrs Dalgety and Co.'s staff, to May Isobel Lawrence, of Hedgehope.

DEATHS.

IVE.—At Christchurch, on 19th October, Charles Ive, Journalist, formerly of Wyndham and Invercargill. At School, 1902. He enlisted with the Main Body in August, 1914. He was wounded at the Gallipoli landing and was removed to London. With Clutha McKenzie he worked on "The Digger," the soldiers' newspaper. On returning to N.Z. he rejoined the staff of the "Southland Times," where he stayed until early in 1927, when for the sake of health he joined the "Auckland Herald." For many years he was agricultural editor of the "Southland Times." He represented Southland in hockey. He leaves a widow and one child.

HAY.—At Napier, on August 17th, Arthur Lancelot (Lance) Hay, Surveyor, formerly of Gala Street; aged 34 years. At School, 1906-7.

WILSON.—At Invercargill, on October 12th, James Kingsland Wilson, as the result of a collision between his motor cycle and a motor car. Aged 19 years. At School, 1922-3.

KIDD.—Robert, At Invercargill, on 13th June; aged 52. At School, 1888-89. A member of the N.Z.R. Service, a keen golfer in the Park Club, and a very successful angler.

The following is a list of subscribers to the Magazine. Absence of address implies residence in Invercargill. All changes should be intimated at once to the Editor.

Acheson, Albert, B.Sc., B. Eng., Engineering Dept., Syracuse University, New York.
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 Alexander, J. M., Bank N.Z.
 Alexander, M., Boys High School, Napier.
 Allan, E. Norman, Lands and Survey Dept., Nelson.
 Allan, H. R. L., N.Z.R., Bluff.
 Allison, W. N., Training College, Dunedin.
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 Chrystal, A., Solicitor, Eltham.
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