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Southland Boys' High School

(OPENED 1881.)

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"Non scholae sed vitae discimus."

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CHANGES IN THE BOARD.

The Retirement of Mr W. Macalister, B.A., LL.B., from the Board of Governors at the beginning of the year ought not to pass unnoticed, because it makes a break in a long connection with the school, probably the longest connection by any one individual. Mr Macalister attended the school in the year of its opening (1881), and subsequently, after the lapse of years, he returned as an assistant master in 1889, remaining as such until 1896. In 1897 he became a member of the Southland Education Board, and was elected as its representative on the Board of Governors of the Southland High Schools. From that date till the close of 1914 he was associated with both Boards, a long period of eighteen years, during thirteen years of which he was the chairman of the Southland High Schools Board. Those were the years of growth in Southland in every way, but particularly in education, and that expansion was guided largely by Mr William Macalister, who at one time was chairman of both Boards. During his chairmanship he saw the inception of the present Free Place scheme, which indeed had already been anticipated in Southland by a reduction in fees to worthy aspirants. He also saw the separation of the two schools, the boys being left in the old buildings, while the girls migrated to the new. The present Rector is the first in his office under the separation. It was also during Mr Macalister's chairmanship that the gymnasium was built, that the grounds were extended, and that the new sites for the future schools were acquired. All this work was done for the cause of education in Southland from a sense of public duty, without any payment or reward. And this of course is one of the distinctive features of British citizenship, viz., the onerous duties magnanimously performed by citizens of the British Empire in various ways as members of public boards, town and county councils.

harbour boards, and education boards. It is this training in free public service that makes us such splendid colonizers, and it is this feature of our public life that is so much in contrast with the armies of State officials in such countries as Germany. British citizenship develops the sense of government in small things preparatory to the larger government. Germans leave so many of these matters to the State, or rather the State assumes them and does not allow the development of a governmental sense. We congratulate Mr Macalister on his splendid record of service in the interests of education; and we express the hope that his example will be followed by other Old Boys.

Mr W. Stirling also retires after three years' service. Their places as representatives of the Southland Education Board have been taken by Messrs G. T. Stevens and G. Amos, so that the Board as constituted for 1915 is: R. A. Anderson (Chairman), A. F. Hawke, G. T. Stevens, G. Amos, and the Mayor.

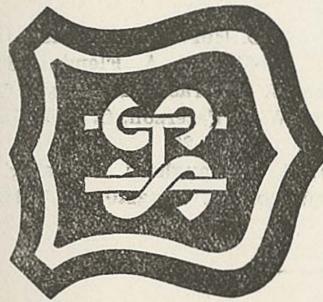
By the Education Act of 1914, a new departure occurs in the history of High School Boards in July, for by section 89 parents are to elect two representatives wherever there is at present no parental representation. The wisdom of this is to be seen in the present constitution of the Board, where no member has children at the Boys' School, and only one has a child at the Girls'. We venture to hope that Old Boys may be found who can represent both parents and Old Boys, and who may be expected as Old Boys to take a deeper, closer interest in the welfare of the two schools. These representatives of parents of pupils are to take office on the first of August and to hold office for two years.

SPORTS PAVILION.

The Sports Pavilion now in course of erection on our new playing fields will be a great boon to footballers and cricketers. It is to be completed by the end of June. A brief description is as follows:—There are two dressing-rooms, each 24 feet by 16 feet, separated by a movable partition. Seats are provided along the length. In each room there is a tier of 32 lockers at the end. Opening from the dressing-rooms are two bathrooms, each 24 feet by 10 feet. Besides showers, there are three hand basins in each. In front of the pavilion, along the whole length, is a verandah, seven feet wide. The Pavilion faces the north, and is being erected on the southern boundary, near its middle. On the eastern side will be a tool-shed and a roller-shed and lavatories. Mr Arthur R. Dawson, an Old Boy of the school, is the architect; Mr Cuff, the builder.

Copy of the War Certificate issued instead of prizes in December last. It was printed on parchment in red and blue ink.

Southland Boys' High School.



The Great European
War of 1914.

Self-Denial for the
Belgians.

NON SCHOLAE SED VITAE DISCIMUS.

At the request of the Boys, the prize money is this year being devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund, and
THIS CERTIFICATE is issued in lieu of a Prize.

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Awarded to

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Date

T. D. PEARCE, Rector.

W. MACALISTER, Chairman.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1914.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.

CREDIT LIST (entitling to Bursaries).—H. Ryburn, K. G. Archer, G. V. Wild, S. J. Thompson.

MATRICULATION.—T. R. Burt, J. P. Donald, J. E. Fraser, P. Gilfedder, D. Leckie, N. Matheson, A. A. Reid, J. Wesney, C. Young; J. M. Findlay (partial). Total, 14.

SOUTHLAND SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS.—R. S. Green (first place), T. Preston, D. M. Henderson, H. Royds. SOUTHLAND JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP.—F. Junker. Total, 5.

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTRANCE.

A.—With Credit (60 per cent.), in order of merit: G. V. Wild (fifth place), R. S. Green, J. F. Wesney, T. R. Burt, B. D. Meffan, N. D. Matheson, T. L. Macdonald, D. F. Leckie, T. Preston, D. M. Henderson, H. Royds, J. M. Findlay, P. E. Rice. Total, 13.

B.—Pass: E. H. Barber, C. A. Stuck, A. D. Horwell, W. Grant, D. M. Greig, C. M. Lipscombe, C. Young, J. Meffan, T. A. Fleming, E. T. Cupples, Ian MacGibbon, W. Anderson, J. E. Fraser, F. Haigh, G. E. Whitmore, M. Summers, L. G. Gimblett, W. J. Paterson, C. S. Vallance, A. N. Smith, D. E. Holz, L. M. Johnson. Total, 22.

C.—Pass on Scholarship Papers: A. McNaughton, J. Laing, C. Harris, L. Soper, J. Fraser, W. Henderson, G. Kingston. Total, 7. Grand total, 42.

SCHOOL NEWS.

The 1914 break-up took a very unusual form. As the school had decided to give the money generally spent on school and sports prizes for the relief of those suffering through the war, it was decided not to hold the customary break-up in the Theatre. On the last afternoon of the term, the school, except those attending the University examinations, assembled in the gymnasium. The speeches were made shorter than usual, and then the Rev. Mr Collie, an Old Boy, presented the certificates.

The evening of the day after break-up a concert, in conjunction with the Girls' High School, was given in the Theatre. The most popular items on the programme were undoubtedly the pyramids and gymnastic displays on the "horse" and parallel bars, and the half-hour entertainment given by the boys. The latter item took the form of a

dormitory scene in which P. Rice as "Ta Phairson," and J. Meffan, as the fat boy, figured prominently. The concert was a great success, and as a result £87 was cleared. This was forwarded by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Jobson, to the British Dominions Women's Suffrage Union for their committee to dispose of. As the money was raised in Southland, our expectation was that it would be paid into the Southland Patriotic Fund. The thanks of the school are due to Mr Struthers for his excellent coaching in the choruses, and to Mr Page for the excellence of the gymnastic items.

On our return to school we noticed some marked changes in the appearance of the school and its surroundings. The school itself had been painted outside and generally brightened up. The corner originally occupied by Welsh's shop had been cleared and fenced off from the street. The bikeshed was extended to Tay street. An artillery shed had been erected next to the fives-courts. The pavilion had been changed into a comfortable little class-room for the Sixth Form. Early in the term No. 3 (the "long") room was divided into two rooms; and prayers have from that time been held in the Gym.

When we came back we found that Mr Reid had left us to teach at a school in Wanganui. Although Mr Reid was not very long with us, he had made his presence felt in the school. He instituted the Bible-class and the Swimming Club, he revived the football competition between teams picked in the school, and proved a very able coach to the Second Fifteen. His place has been taken by Mr J. Stobo, an Old Boy. Mr W. Cody, another Old Boy, has been added to the staff.

This term there has been some fairly hot weather, and this has caused such a run on the ice cream shop up Deveron street that a room has been fitted up especially for High School boys.

Departures during the Term: P. Gilfedder to Wellington University; T. Burt to Lands and Survey Department, Dunedin; G. Corbet, to J. G. Ward's, Invercargill; A. Cowan to father's farm at Aparima; R. Pope to National Bank; Ern. Smith; A. McNaughton; N. Pryde to N.Z.R. workshops. 122 boys returned to school at the beginning of the year, while there were 68 new boys, making a total of 190.

DEPARTURES AT END OF 1914:—K. Archer is teaching at Morton Mains; S. Thompson at Wairekiki; A. Reid to the medical school; E. Cupples to Civil Service, Wellington; C. Harris to Todd and Co.'s; N. Matheson, pupil teachership at Bluff; J. Meffan, at St. George's; N. Murrell to Manapouri; J. Wesney to Bank of New Zealand; C. Young to Woodlands School as pupil-teacher; W. Anderson as pupil-teacher, to Gladstone or Queen's Park School; T. Gazzard; L. Gimblett; S. Green to Civil Service, Wellington; C. Hiskens to Johnston and Co.'s; A. King; G. Scandrett to National Mortgage and Agency Co.; C. Stuck as pupil-teacher to Waikiwi; M. Summers to Bank New Zealand, Winton; E. Timpany to Woodlands Farm; J. Bain; J. Forde; H.

Hiskens to his father's; J. Howie to Bank of New South Wales; C. Keenan to Woodware Factory's office; A. McDonald; W. Melvin to National Bank, Riverton; D. McCaw; C. Prain to Waitaki H.S.; J. Sheehan to N.Z. Railways, Gore; J. Wilson to farm; S. Young to Victoria Insurance Co.; A. Gardiner to National Bank N.Z.; R. Hamilton; W. Hazeldine; G. McCredie to Christchurch B.H.S.; V. McDermott; N. Ross to Dannevirke H.S.; R. Stout to N.Z. Loan Co.; J. Stuble; D. Templeton to Bank N.Z., Otautau; R. Bell to County Council's offices; G. Fleming; J. Horne; T. Knowler; T. Mitchell; F. Mullay; A. L. Smith

Taking the physical measurements for 1914 we find that the average gain in height was 1.24 inches, in weight 9.26lbs.

At the December closing function an Old Boy of the school and an Old Dux in the person of Rev. J. Collie, M.A., of North Invercargill, delivered the customary address to the boys.

The departing members of last year's VI. all received the Higher Leaving Certificate; several of the V.. who required it, received the Lower Leaving Certificate.

The former can only be obtained after one year's study beyond Matriculation stage.

The following acted as hosts to the visiting team of cricketers from Otago:—H. Ryburn, K. De Castro, A. Fleming, R. Royds, T. Macdonald, E. Smith, W. Coutts, and F. Haigh. The school tenders them thanks for their hospitality.

In the Open Essay Competition at Christchurch last March, with "N.Z. Fifty Years Ago" as the theme, our J. M. Laing gained first place.

TERM CONCERT.

On the last day of the term, May 7th, the customary term concert was held in the gymnasium. The programme proved very successful, encores being demanded and given in several cases. G. V. Wild took the chair. The following were the items rendered:—

Choruses, "Tipperary," "Vive l'Amour," and "There is a Tavern," by members of Fifth and Sixth Forms.

Piano Solo W. Laing
Song—"Ye Mariners of England" Gilmour
Recitations—"The Old Leather breeches," "The Free Selector's

Daughter" J. McKay
Boxing Exhibition (two rounds)—MacGibbon v. Barnett.
Song—"Russian National Anthem" Corkin
Violin Solo B. Mehaffey.
Choruses—"Our Territorial Soldiers," "Mush Mnsh," "Cock Robin,"
encore "La Marseillaise"—Members of Fifth and Sixth Forms.

Recitation—"A Call for Reinforcements," "A Smack in School" Nelson
Mouth-organ Solo Fraser
Topical Chorus Members of Fifth and Sixth Forms

The chairman then called for volunteers, the only response being that made by P. Rice, who rendered "The Massacre of Ta Phairson," with chorus. The school then sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" in recognition of Mr Struthers's services at the piano. The concert finished with "God Save the King."

FORM NOTES.

V.

The "Fifth" is a good form this year, comprising eighteen of last year's IV. A, two from IV. B, and seven of its last year's members. Among these last is Jack Fraser, who successfully passed his matric. in last December.

Charley Rice came back again this year. We were all very pleased to see his jovial smile again.

Peter Gilfedder left us about the middle of March for Victoria College, where he intends to study law. He was our big man—our prefect. Rice, being a prefect last year, has taken his place.

Corbett has left us for J. G. Ward & Co. We missed him in our cricket match against Otago.

In this annual game the "Fifth" was represented by four men—Lopdell, Kingston, Fraser, and Holz. All performed well. Lopdell made 23 in the first innings, Holz 11. Fraser made 13 in the second stand at the wickets. Kingston was the destroying angel for Southland, taking 4 for 28. Lopdell 2 for 20. Quoting the "Southland News" of April 3rd: "Lefthand bowlers are not too plentiful hereabouts, and it is gratifying to know that a good one is coming on. The lad Kingston, of the local High School, who is a slow or medium slow bowler, can, I am told, break either way. With the advantage of the good coaching that he can receive he should develop into a fine bowler." I am sure we will all watch with interest Kingston's progress in the future.

FORM V. JOKES.

What came from his lips: "The arrows came with the speed and ferocity of hailstones." None of us think we should like to be out in such a storm.

Il s'en allait tuer des lions chez les Turcs.—He was going away to kill lions at the HOUSE of the Turks. On entendait les grosses

bottes des matelots courir sur le pont.—One heard the big boots of the sailors running along the deck. Query: What propelled them?

Extract from a composition: "There was a storm in a ship at sea." "A storm in a teacup" is a common saying, but this is the first time we have heard of one in a ship.

Definition of a rhombus: A rhombus is a sort of square tipped over a bit.

Said our mathematics master one day: "Let us suppose the population of this large district to be one." Really a tremendous population for a "large district."

Teacher: "Does anyone know why water for washing should be soft?" Bright pupil: "An insoluble precipitate is formed, which might crack the boiler." Teacher: "Oh I don't think so. The lumps aren't as big as all that." A Lopism: "A phalanx is a Grecian bend."

TO THE BERLIN PRESS.

(Which explains all defeats, retreats, etc., as "tactics.")

When you find your favourite fleet

On a back-seat—that's tactics!

When your army's in retreat,

It isn't beat—it's tactics!

When the English take your trench,

When you "give best" to the French,

Or the Russians make you blench—it's tactics!

When your Zeppelins are undone

With a gun—that's tactics.

When they do not get to London

For a run—that's tactics.

Yes, they're tactics, right as rain,

But to spare the Kaiser pain,

You've omitted to explain—whose tactics!

IV A.

A passage from history book: "George I could not" . . .

But our Rev. Mac. rendered it as: "George, I could not."

"Oh! Christianity was introduced to Britain in 597 BC," said the master, repeating a pupil's answer. "Well, that's what I said," interrupted Bob, and the class heartily approved.

Question from a knowledge-seeker: "Why is the metal called German silver?"

Retort from Jenks: "Because it's a fraud."

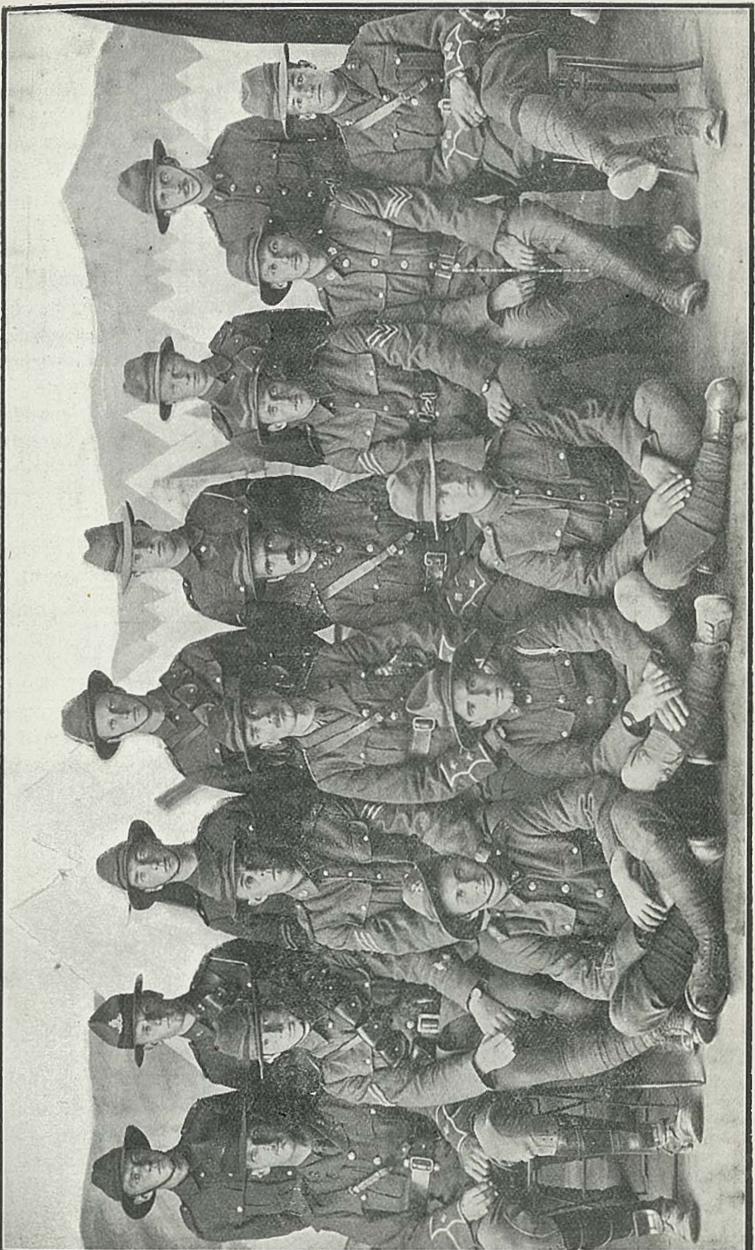
Charles's Wain: "A man who specialises in the drawing of cats."

(The boy was thinking of Louis Wain, the great cat artist.)

IV B.

Question: "Name an important fishery in England."

Answer: Billir gsgate.



GROUP OF OLD BOYS IN TRENTHAM CAMP.

Back Row: R. Traill, O. Gilmour, J. Ferguson, E. Fabbidge, F. Keast, B. Brookes

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Middle Row: D. Cuthbertson, F. Wilson, J. Pow, H. Christopher, C. Webber, J. P. Heywood

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Biblical Research—Master: "When did Moses live?" Pupil: 2 B.C.
 Master: "When was the world made?" Pupil: "The year none."

Master: "What are kept in apiaries?"

The Pastoraist: "Monkeys."

The Wing Forward: "Ambiguous is a big meaning."

The Bluffite: "Paris is the most beautiful country in the world."

IV C.

We were informed by the Form philosopher, L.K., that Archimedes' principle was an old piece of chemistry invented by that man.

Two recent "staggers" were appendicitis given as plural of appendix, and Genesis, the book of Moses, plural of genius.

A "Stout" one: The Danes sailed to England from Switzerland. (We wonder how the ships answered to their helms when crossing the Alps.)

Teacher: "Give me a common noun." Pupil, trying to be witty, "Lunatic, sir."

We were recently informed that donkeys from our form were thought to be the best substitutes for horses for the battery, to be found in the school. Quite an insult, wasn't it.

III A.

While we were having the words, "Crossed in hopeless love," explained, the master remarked, among many blushes, that we knew nothing of that state of affairs.

E.K. tried, without any success, to explain to the mathematics master that $4 \div 4$ equalled 0.

C.M. said, when explaining the words, "Lazy gallants," that it meant men who "smooged" all day.

A HYMN OF EMPIRE.

(From Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Songs of the Road.")

God save England, blessed by Fate,
 So old, yet ever young:
 The acorn isle from which the great
 Imperial oak has sprung!
 And God guard Scotland's kindly soil,
 The land of stream and glen,
 The granite mother that has bred
 A breed of granite men!

God save Wales, from Snowdon's vales
To Severn's silver strand!
For all the grace of that old race
Still haunts the Celtic land.
And, dear old Ireland, God save you,
And heal the wounds of old,
For every grief you ever knew
May joy come fifty-fold!

Set thy guard over us,
May thy shield cover us,
Enfold and uphold us
On land and on sea!
From the palm to the pine,
From the snow to the line,
Brothers together,
And children of Thee.

Thy blessing, Lord, on Canada,
Young giant of the West.
Still upward lay her broadening way,
And may her feet be blessed!
And Africa, whose hero breeds
Are blending into one.
Grant that she tread the path which leads
To holy unison.

May God protect Australia,
Set in her Southern Sea!
Though far thou art, it cannot part
Thy brother folks from Thee.
And you, the Land of Maori,
The island-sisters fair,
Oceans hemmed and lake be-gemmed,
God hold you in His care!

God guard our Indian brothers.
The Children of the Sun,
Guide us and walk beside us
Until Thy will be done.
To all be equal measure
What'er his blood or birth,
Till we shall build as Thou hast willed
O'er all Thy fruitful earth.

May we maintain the story
Of honest, fearless right!
Not ours, not ours the glory!
What are we in Thy sight?
Thy servant and no other,
Thy servants may we be,
To help our weaker brother
As we crave for help from Thee!

May Thy shield cover us,
Enfold and uphold us
On land and on sea!
From the palm to the pine,
From the snow to the line,
Brothers together
And children of Thee.
Set Thy guard over us.

Southland B.H.S. Roll of Honour

(Please send us the names of Old Boys not mentioned.)

IN THE GREAT WAR.

SAMOAN FORCE.—Lieut. Herbert H. Christophers; Corporal N. L. Forsyth, Geo. Tothill, Chas. J. Fisher, Lance-corporal B. Tangney; Privates E. R. McKillop, G. H. Seddon, Douglas Hamilton.

NEW ZEALAND MAIN FORCE (Suez and Dardanelles).—Lieut. D. J. A. Lytle, W. G. Howie (machine gun section); Sergeant Eric Ryburn; Corporals J. A. McQueen, W. A. Mitchell; Lance-corporal C. H. Ivey; Privates W. A. Alexander, Thomson Bush, Vic. Christophers, Ed. Cochrane, A. Cavell, Ezra Dobbie, Ivan H. Findlay, J. G. Findlay, Frank Findlay, H. R. Fraser, K. G. Fraser, J. Friend, H. Gray, W. S. King, S. Hain, R. H. Lymbourn, Eric Macpherson, Rob. C. McKenzie, Geo. Macan, R. L. Paull, J. Ron. Stevens, Geo. Skerrett, E. Stout, John Scouller, W. Templeton, T. A. Timpany, John Watson, Hugh R. Williams, K. Wallis.

R.A.M.C.—Lieut. T. R. Ritchie; Dresser, R. L. Christie; John Mehaffey (New South Wales Force to New Guinea).

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES.—Lieut. Fred. F. Miles (9th Gloucesters), Lieut. Frank Simon (9th Royal Dublin Fusiliers); Lieut. Roy G. MacGibbon (Lothian Border Horse); Lieut. John McNab.

IN ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.—Dr Angus McNab, Dr A. Bonar Lindsay, Dr Ernest Lindsay, Dr W. S. Baird, Dr Bruce Baird, Dr J. A. Cowie, Dr F. O. MacGibbon.

WITH THE CANADIANS.—Cedric Salmon.

NEW ZEALAND REINFORCEMENTS.—Lieut. Frank Adamson, Lieut. Reg. Hawkins, Lieut. Jas. Pow, Lieut. Douglas Cuthbertson (artillery), Lieut. Lance Bush; Privates B. Brooke, E. Bonthon, A. E. Barlow, J. Catto, Dan Dale, C. Dawson, T. Finlayson, J. S. Ferguson, N. H. Fallow, Spencer Ford, C. Wallace Foster, E. Grant, J. Hannah, O. Gilmour, R. G. Grieve, Frank Keast, Ian Lindsay, T. A. Lambeth, S. Lamont, H. L. Mair, W. McCaw, Allan B. Macalister, John Macalister, A. Roy McKenzie, Stan. C. Miller, D. A. MacGibbon, Stan. MacGibbon, Arthur R. Macdonald, C. G. W. McQuarrie, W. H. Pay, J. T. W. Payne, Cecil O. G. Reid, R. R. Rigg, E. G. Rabbidge, Cyril Smith, Eric Scandrett, Jas. L. Stead, N. F. Stead, Clem. R. Strang, A. Stobo, H. G. Sproat, Harold Stewart, Roy Traill, Fred. J. Wilson, Cecil Webber.

HANDING DOWN.

(By Mr Harold Begbie.)

Soldier, what are you writing
By the side of your cooling gun?
Sir, since I'm stopped from fighting,
A word to my little son.

Tell me the thing you've written,
For I love the writer's art:
Sir, that to be a Briton
Is worth a broken heart.

Show me so fine a letter
That you write in the trench's mud.
Sir, you could read it better
Were it not for the stain of blood.

Soldier, tell me your story—
Your eyes grow bright and wide:
Sir, it's a taste of glory
To think of the young one's pride!

Would you like to be a soldier, little Tommy-all-my-own,
Would you like to tip the Kaiser off his high and mighty throne,
Would you like to be with father in a well-dug British trench,
Knocking spots off German generals and saluting General French?

Would I like to be with Tommy, little Tommy-all-my-own,
Would I give a month of Sundays just to see how he has grown?
Yes! I'd like to be a dustman in the poorest London streets
For the chance of seeing Tommy with a gumboil made of sweets.

If you want to be where I am, then I want to be with you,
But I'm here to show a tyrant that a Briton's word is true.
We must stand by little Belgium. we must fight till fighting ends.
We must show the foes of Briton that we don't desert our friends.

Don't you go and think, my Tommy, little Tommy-all-my-own,
That we're squabbling here for nothing, that we're growling for a bone:
We are here for Britain's honour, for our freedom, for our peace.
And we're also here, my Tommy, that these wicked wars may cease.

Don't you say that I am funky, don't you say that I am sick,
Boy, I'm half afraid to tell you, but I love it when it's thick—
When the shells come screaming, bursting, and the whistling bullets
wail:

God forbid me, but I love it, and I fight with tooth and nail.

But it's after—looking round us, missing friends, and finding dead.
It is then the British soldier gets a fancy in his head:
And he swears by God in heaven that the man who starts a war
Should go swimming into judgment down a cataract of gore.

That's what makes us such great fighters, and I'd have you be the
same;
Love your country like a good 'un, hold your head up, play the game.
Be a straight and pleasant neighbour, be a cool, unruffled man,
But when bullies want a thrashing, why, you thrash 'em all you can.

While you say your prayers, my Tommy, little Tommy-all-my-own,
Asking God to save your daddy, I send this one to His Throne:
Save my little lad from slaughter, guard his heart and mind from
wrong.

Keep him sweet and kind and gentle, yes, but make him awful strong.

Good-night, my little Tommy, here's your daddy's good-bye kiss,
Don't forget what I have told you, and remember also this—
If I don't come back to see you I shall die without a groan,
For it's great to fall for freedom, little Tommy-all-my-own.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

The Editor will always be glad to receive news of Old Boys for insertion in this column.

OUR SAMOAN CONTINGENT.—Lieut. H. H. Christophers; Corporals N. Forsyth, G. Tothill; Lance-corporals B. Tangney, C. Fisher, E. R. McKillop, G. H. Seddon, D. Hamilton. All of them have now returned to New Zealand, thin and bronzed, but none the worse for the attentions of the mosquitoes and centipedes. We have to thank B. Tangney for several copies of "The Pull Thro,'" that enterprising and clever organ of our Expeditionary Force in Samoa.

Lieut. H. H. Christophers was engineer in charge of the Apia Division of the New Zealand Railways. His report to the General Manager N.Z.R. for month ending September 30, 1914, is probably unique, for he therein describes the German railway taken over, of course, with the capture of Samoa. It runs 6½ miles to the wireless stations, with branches into cocoanut plantations. The track is 2ft wide with an 8 h.p. motor engine. The rolling stock was in bad order, the line very bad, and breakdowns frequent. All has now been put in repair. A mile of extension to the military camp has been laid, and the necessary staff appointments made.

A. Rowlands is now N.Z. manager for Messrs Vestey Brothers, London, dealers in frozen meat. His address is c/o Whangarei Freezing Co., Auckland City.

His place as Australasian manager for Messrs Wilson and Canham, hide merchants, of Canada, has been filled by Leslie McCartney, formerly on the staff of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co.

Malcolm McCartney is still in the Old Age Pensions Office, Wellington. He sat for his final section of the LL.B. degree in May.

R. Jennings, of the Bank of Australasia, has had a transfer from Featherston to Eltham; J. Morton King from Otautau to Winton branch of Bank of N.Z.

A. C. Mitchell, who for the last six years has been with the firm of J. J. Niven and Co., Napier, has been elected a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, London.

E. Horan, of the Post and Telegraph Department, won the Rifle Championship of Southland at the February meeting at Grasmere Range.

David Bonthron is now fruit farming at Tauranga.

Lieut. Jas. Pow left for Trentham Camp of N.Z. Reinforcements in March. Unfortunately, through the neglect of a medical dresser, his back was severely excoriated, compelling him to return to his wife to be nursed to recovery. Undaunted, he once more joined the camp, but at the last minute before the departure of the Fourths, was

retained as an instructor. Mr Pow will be remembered as an enthusiastic Cadet officer of our staff from 1905 to 1911, when he entered the service of the Otago High School Board. He continued there his interest in the Cadets, and was O.C. at the time of his departure for the Front. He appears in the centre of the group photo in this issue.

Rev. W. Brown, of Mataura, who had received and accepted a call to St. Paul's, Oamaru, was compelled, on medical advice, not to take the position. We sympathise with his lot, and express the hope that he will soon be his usual "fit" self.

Phil. Wild and Clive Hamon are now full Associates of the N.Z. Institute of Accountants, while G. Agnew and J. H. Murdoch are part Associates. C. Hamon has left Dalgety and Co. and joined the Audit Department in Wellington.

Both Bonar and Ernest Lindsay are serving with the R.A. Medical Corps in Europe.

John McNab has taken a commission in the British Forces.

Roy G. MacGibbon, of Mataura, who lately proceeded to Glasgow University, has joined the Lothian Border Horse.

A. S. Hewat, of the staff of the National Mortgage and Agency Co., has been transferred to Dunedin.

Stan. C. Gillies has joined the Head Office of the Valuation Department.

Dr Bruce Baird sold his practice at Kaitangata last December and proceeded to the Front.

V. Raines was the only good bat in the Southland Junior reps. against those of Otago. His address now is c/o Messrs Middleton and Lucas, solicitors, Waimate.

Cecil Davies joined the reporting staff of the Southland Times at the beginning of the year.

Rob. Hawke was gold medallist at Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln, at the close of last year. He is the third Southlandian in succession to secure the coveted honour.

We acknowledge with thanks Christmas greetings from Lieut. Simon, and photo group of his Battalion Officers. In this issue we have pleasure in publishing two extracts from a long letter descriptive of his life in Ireland.

On Mr Bell's resignation of the secretaryship of the Board, Mr Fred. Stevenson, so long connected with the Education Board's office, was appointed secretary to the High School Board of Governors as well as to the Southland Education Board.

Chas. E. Reid and J. P. Hewat have both passed their lieutenancy examination.

Doug. Cuthbertson has been promoted to a first lieutenancy in the artillery.

C. Harry McKay was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor at Hamilton last March.

Rev. Alex. T. Thompson was presented by his Masterton congregation with a gold watch and chain on the occasion of his leaving in April to take the charge of St. Andrews in Christchurch.

Geoffrey Braddon, who was at school in 1909, attended the Church of England Grammar School in Sydney afterwards, and passed on with a bursary to the Sydney University.

Dr W. S. Baird, formerly of Otautau and lately of Richmond, Nelson, went Home as surgeon on the "Rakaia," and will probably join the R.A.M. Corps.

Reg. Hawkins has obtained his commission and is now acting as adjutant in the Wellington district.

Fred. Ball has bought out his partners in Gisborne, and now is sole proprietor.

Eric Macalister has returned to Invercargill and has commenced business in Dee street. Osborne Findlay is associated with him.

Fred. Miles, our Rhodes escholar, in a letter to Mr Williams, conveys the news that he has received a commission in the Gloucesters in the Ninth Service Battalion.

Jim Cumming is in the Labour Department, and is studying for a military commission.

A. Ernest Reynolds is now clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Lyttelton.

Norman Forsyth had the misfortune to get a bullet in his knee in Samoa. We understand the missile by some inadvertence came from a neighbouring tent.

Dr J. A. Cowie, of Masterton, with his wife (nee Baird) left New Zealand in April for England.

Eric Scandrett, before leaving for the Front, was the recipient of farewell tokens from his fellow employees at the National Bank and from the Regimental Band.

Carswell Brothers have sold out of their Lillburn farm.

W. Welsh was in Invercargill on sick leave for some three months. He seemed to improve considerably.

Geo. Cuthbertson was appointed in March engineer to the Waitaki County Council with headquarters at Oamaru.

J. W. Hinton has been appointed a Student Demonstrator in Science at Otago University.

J. G. Anderson, B.Sc., is co-editor of the Otago University Review for 1915. He has been awarded the Sir Geo. Grey Scholarship in Science at Otago University.

Lindsay Bennet has entered the office of Messrs Bowler and Adams, solicitors, at Gore. He represented Otago University at the Easter Competitions in Auckland as a debater.

A. Chrystal is now in the office of Mervyn Mitchell, solicitor.

Geo. McKenzie, Lyttelton, representative of the Christchurch "Sun," was down South for a few days before leaving for the Training Camp at Trentham.

Geo. H. Seddon represented Victoria College in the Three-mile Championship at the Easter Tournament.

J. M. Bingham is now in the Public Works Department, Gisborne.

Cedric Salmon, who was touring Canada at the outbreak of war, joined the Canadians and went to the Front.

Congratulations to Phil. Poole on the distinction of being the sole violinist in 1914 to achieve the Licentiatehip of Trinity College, London.

Archie Brown is now operator in charge of the Popular Pictures Palace, Dee street.

Before leaving for the Front, Stan. C. Miller presented to the School Museum a collection of birds' eggs; and Esc. Bonthon presented two bottles of curiosities.

Rev. A. S. Eggleton, formerly of Thornbury, who was ordained in February last, is now in charge of Owaka. During the last three years he was in attendance at Selwyn College, and was so successful in his course that he achieved his Licentiate in Theology with Durham University before the minimum age for ordination. He is therefore the youngest clergyman in New Zealand. He intends going Home about October next to gain further experience and to prosecute his studies.

Tom Cody, John Nicol, and Alex. Cumming are all in attendance at Victoria College. They all qualified for the Senior Civil Service at the beginning of the year.

ATHLETICS.

At the Southland Amateur Athletic Championships meeting at Otautau in April, M. Kean put the 16lb Shot 33 feet and the 16lb Hammer 137 feet.

At the University Colleges' Easter Tournament in Auckland, J. M. Boyne won the Shot and Hammer Throwing; his distances were: 32ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in and 123ft 3in.

At the N. Z. Amateur Championship meeting in Wellington in March, M. Kean reached second place in Throwing the Hammer, a distance of 128ft 2in.

A. S. Reid won the 16lb Shot Putting with a distance of 38 feet.

Competing at the Wellington Country Clubs' Provincial Championship meeting, A. S. Reid secured three championships: (1) The Put 38ft. (2) The Hammer-Throw 122ft 9in, (3) The Broad Jump 19ft 11 inches.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY DEGREES, 1914.

M.A. DEGREE, WITH HONOURS.—J. M. Boyne, J. P. Hewat, J. Stobo.

M.Sc. DEGREE, WITH HONOURS.—W. T. Cody.

B.A. DEGREE.—A. J. Petrie.

B.Sc. DEGREE.—J. G. Anderson.

B.Sc. ENGIN.—G. Macindoe.

M.B. 2nd Professional—F. J. Mulholland; J. W. Hinton, 1st Section of B.Sc.; J. G. Imlay and F. Lopdell, 1st Section of B.A.

SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

FULL PASS.—Ernest E. Fisher, Wellington; Fred H. Joyce, Hamilton; Fred. W. E. Mitchell, Invercargill; John Nicol, Wellington.

FIVE OR MORE SUBJECTS.—J. M. Bingham, Gisborne; T. Cody, Wellington; Alex. Cumming, Wellington; Francis R. Jamieson, Napier; Eric G. Melvin, Invercargill.

FOUR SUBJECTS.—W. Sampson, Invercargill.

THREE SUBJECTS.—Cyril G. Wild, Wellington.

TWO SUBJECTS.—Stan. C. Gillies, Invercargill.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—Teachers' Certificates.

The following Old Boys passed as follows:—Chas. S. Slocombe, five subjects in Class C; Alex. Milne, 4 subjects in Class C; D. Stuart McNaughton, two subjects in Class C; E. Bonthon, W. J. Smellie, partial D Pass; Hugh L. Brown, G. Tangney, first section of D; W. H. Jackson, full D; N. D. Gilchrist, Class C; N. S. Lamont, D. S. McNaughton, Class D.

TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS.

Geo. Cody, assistant Dannevirke H.S.

Hugh Sproat to be fourth assistant in the Invercargill Middle.

Frank C. Lopdell to be secondary assistant in the Geraldine D.H.S. Before leaving Southland, where for eight years he had served on the staff of the Middle School, he was the recipient of eight volumes from his pupils in the Fifth Standard, and of a writing case from the staff. He thus joins another Southlandian, Mr A. Bain, formerly on the staff of the South School.

Geo. Agnew, first assistant in East Gore.

Alex. Milne to be headmaster at Pembroke.

C. McCarthy, M.A., formerly on our staff, is now with Auckland Technical School.

J. G. Anderson, B.Sc., filled a temporary appointment on the staff of the Technical College during March and April.

W. Grieve has been appointed to the staff of the Technical College.

K. G. Archer to Morton Mains.

S. J. Thompson to Wairekiki School.

J. M. Boyne, M.A., has joined the staff of Palmerston North H.S.

A. S. Reid has joined the staff of Wanganui College.

Leon. Wild, M.A., B.Sc., joins the staff of Canterbury Agricultural College at Lincoln in June as lecturer on agricultural chemistry.

Lionel McKenzie (of Bluff) to be 3rd assistant at Port Chalmers.

A. Rowe took office as first assistant in St. George's, the new school at Appleby, South Invercargill.

Hugh McChesney, B.A., headmaster of Otautau School.

A. J. Petrie, B.A., first assistant at Waikiki.

Alec. Baxter, Ferndale School.

W. T. Cody, M.Sc., and J. Stobo, M.A., joined the staff of this school at the beginning of the year.

DUX MEDAL.

Twenty subscriptions, totalling £2 9/-, were received towards the Dux Medal from Old Boys of the year of entrance, 1907. The Rector wishes to acknowledge subscriptions from the following:—

Douglas Anderson, Brookdale, Hokonui.

F. F. Adamson, Ashburton High School.

M. Alexander, Gore High School.

W. Cody, Southland High School.

George Cody, East Gore School.

A. S. Eggleton, Selwyn College.

G. Fortune, Pensions Department, Dunedin.

J. P. Hewat, c/o E. Y. Smith, solicitor, Dunedin.

C. Hamon, Dalgety and Co., Invercargill.

F. Lopdell, Middle School, Invercargill.

S. Mackie, c/o G. Macdonald, solicitor.

Les. McCartney, Box 4, Auckland (Canham and Wilson).

Eric Matthews, Government Life Insurance, Wellington.

G. Macindoe, Engineering School, Christchurch.

G. D. Mackenzie, c/o "Sun" Office, Lyttelton.

Stanley Millar, Wairekiki School.

G. Richardson, c/o Dalgety and Co., Invercargill.

W. Traill, Survey, Tuatanere.

J. L. Stead, Macalister Bros.

J. A. Salmond, Accountants' Branch, G.P.O., Wellington.

MARRIAGE.

COLLIE—PRETSCH.—In April. Rev. John Collie, M.A., of North Invercargill, to Miss Pretsch, of Dunrobin.

McCARTNEY—BAKER.—On 18th November, Leslie McCartney, c/o Messrs Wilson and Canham, Auckland, to Ruby Baker, of Palmerston North.

BATH—McKAY.—At Invercargill, at Easter, Arthur E. Bath, dentist, c/o S. Myers and Co., Dunedin, to Vera McKay, of Coldstream, Invercargill.

DEATHS.

GORDON STUART TRAILL, aged 19 years. Gordon was at school for six months during the second half of 1912. He was washed overboard from the cutter "Rakiura," while crossing Foveaux Straits at Easter.

CHARLES ARTHUR CAMPBELL, aged 17 years. Arthur was the only son of Mr C. Campbell, photographer. He was enjoying a swim at The Narrows, Riverton, on 28th January, when he was carried out of his depth and drowned.

AT TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

"I had a very successful year (1914) at College. I think I told you I had given up medicine, as I didn't like it as well as I liked some other things. Last year I did Arts and Law. I collared a medal known as the Digges la Touche, for History and Literature. The period was the 18th Century, and the exam. was both oral and written, as well as an essay on one of five given subjects. The essay was sent in a month before the exam., and I wrote on "The Romantic Poetry of the 18th Century." I believe I won chiefly on the essay. Next score was the University Philosophical Society's silver medal for the second best paper read before the Society during the year—there are 21 read. On the members' marking I was 6th, and as the best six are sent up to outside examiners for final choice. I barely qualified. The extern examiners—Lord Chief Justice, Lord Chancellor, and Prof. of Eng. Lit.—placed me second. Third score was the Historical Society's silver medal for Oratory, first won by Edmund Burke, many years after he had left College, and the gold medal of the same year was won by Flood, an orator of less rhetoric but more commonsense. It is the ambition of my student life to win this gold medal, and, given another year, I ought to do it. It is perhaps the most highly prized academic distinction in Ireland—I do not exaggerate. Neither John Redmond nor Sir Edward Carson got even the silver, though they tried throughout their College life, but Carson did finally get the third prize—books—five years after he had graduated. Barring medals open only to undergraduates, my three were the only ones got this year by other than graduates. I was very pleased with my year's work.

In Law I was up against men who had already done two years law, and I was attempting to qualify in one year, though against the advice of the two chief professors, Bastable and Maturin, both examiners to New Zealand University. Well, I did better every term,

and in Jurisprudence and International Law divided the £5 annual prize with another. (In the Law School there are only three prizes given altogether.) The last term I got first of first-class honours in Roman Law, and in B.L. 3rd place for the year. I did well, especially the last term, in Property Law and in Constitutional Law. In Economics I was going strong for a prize awarded on exam. this month. In June I got LL.B. first section (Intermediate) with honours, getting top place in International Law. I was to sit the final in December, and would have passed. In October I was to sit my B.A. final, taking honours in Legal and Political Science, which I'd have got, and in Mental and Moral Science too, which I might not have got, as I was giving all my time to the other. Then came the war, and upset my plans, but I was very satisfied with my year's work, and reckon it the best I have done so far. If I come through the war and go back, I may be top man of my year in the Law School. Law suits me better than medicine, which is pure memory work.

In Dublin University, before you can sit any Doctorate, you must have M.A., which you can't get until three years after B.A. I expected to get B.A. and LL.B., and then to return home, returning to take M.A. and LL.D. here in three years, and perhaps to study in Paris and Berlin for Litt.D. In consideration of my giving up a practically certain honours B.A. to join the army (I was the first likely honours man to do so) the authorities have promised to allow me to sit LL.D. immediately after LL.B., whether I take honours B.A. or only a pass. if I apply to do so after the war. So where I thought I was sacrificing something to join I was really furthering my plans."

FRANK SIMON.

A CHANT OF LOVE.**REJOINDER TO THE HUNS' HYMN OF HATE.**

The following lines, which are a rejoinder to the German "Hymn of Hate," have been written by an American woman, Helen Gray Cone. They were published in the "Atlantic Monthly":—

Glory of thought and glory of deed,
Glory of Hampden and Runnymede,
Glory of ships that sought far goals,
Glory of swords and glory of souls:
Glory of songs mounting as birds,
Glory immortal of magical words;
Glory of Milton, glory of Nelson,

Tragical glory of Gordon and Scott;
 Glory of Shelley, glory of Sidney,
 Glory transcendent that perishes not—
 Hers is the story, hers be the glory—England!
 Shatter her beauteous breast ye may;
 The Spirit of England none can slay!
 Dash the bomb on the dome of St. Paul's—
 Deem ye the fame of the Admiral falls?
 Pry the stone from the chancel floor—
 Dream ye that Shakespeare shall live no more?
 Where is the giant shot that kills
 Wordsworth walking the old green hills?
 Trample the red rose on the ground—
 Keats is Beauty while earth spins round!
 Bind her, grind her, burn her with fire,
 Cast her ashes into the sea—
 She shall escape, she shall aspire,
 She shall arise to make men free:
 She shall arise in a sacred scorn.
 Lighting the lives that are yet unborn;
 Spirit supernal, Splendour eternal—England!

Training the Irish Recruit.

(Written in Ireland. 21/1/15.)

"You have probably heard already that I have forsaken the ways of peace for the life military, and with them the paths of pleasantness, for soldiering doesn't come congenial to me. Still, these are not the times to consult one's comfort, and the experience has already been well worth getting. I applied for a commission two days after war broke out, and was kept waiting for about a fortnight, and then gazetted to the 7th Dublins. On the formation of the 9th Battalion I was transferred to it along with three others whose efforts to "make good" were thus rewarded. It may be a compliment to be set to train absolutely raw troops, but it was hard luck to have our departure for the Front thus delayed, probably for three months.

Well, I have now had five full months of soldiering, don't like it a bit, but do my best and hope for a speedy termination to the war. Fully 90 per cent. of these men never handled a rifle before, and even the recruits from the Irish National Volunteers could boast no discipline to speak of. As for the others, mainly Irish peasants and

Scotch-Irish miners, the less said of their discipline the better. It was hard work, and had to be done under the worst conditions. For the better part of a week there was insufficient food, and the miners especially, who had in most cases sacrificed good wages to enlist, were on the brink of mutiny. We were sent to barracks which had been unoccupied for months, and for nearly four months 2000 men have been living in quarters intended for 700. Indeed, for a time we had 3000 here, but that was quite unbearable, and one battalion had to go. At present the 8th and 9th R.D.F. are here. We have as yet no service equipment in full except uniforms, and those only lately, but with about half the necessary complement of everything we progress well enough, and the 9th R.D.F. is probably, if we are to believe the War Office, the most efficient battalion of Kitchener's second army. But to make it so has taken some doing, and partly owing to the overwork and partly to the low-lying site of the barracks, nine officers are at present laid up.

My battalion is in the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Division of K.'s 2nd Army. The 15th Division (the Scotch) is the 1st of the 2nd Army, and ours, the 16th (so-called Irish Brigade) is the 2nd. The 1st and 2nd Kitchener's Armies have a fair sprinkling of regular officers, or retired regulars who have re-joined, but the newer armies are lamentably situated for officers. Our battalion is too well officered for the health of us juniors, who are expected to have the discipline and knowledge of subs. who have been through Woolwich and Sandhurst, but the 8th, our mess-mates, are badly off for experienced men, and the battalion is in a state of chaos. From what I hear the English battalions of the new armies are much worse off for officers and equipment than we are, but the W.O. naturally push forward the training of the Irish regiments on grounds both of military and political expediency.

In spite of what you doubtless hear from sources favourable to Irish Nationalism, the National Volunteers have not enlisted in anything like the numbers the Irish Nationalist politicians would have the public believe. The great majority of the "Irish Brigade" are peasantry unconnected with the Irish Volunteers, and Scotch-Irish miners and artisans from around Glasgow, with not a few Ulster Protestants. But 20,000 Ulster Volunteers have joined the "Ulster Brigade," a Division quite apart from the "Irish Brigade." The Ulster Volunteers can only join the forces officially when their place in the Ulster Volunteer ranks has been taken by fresh recruits, for the Ulstermen are in deadly earnest, and look on this "Irish Brigade" as an enemy with whom they may quite possibly have to fight once this war is over. So Ulster volunteers in thousands, for the above reason, are joining unofficially, as plain Ulstermen, and a rattling fine type they are.

I do not know how Irish politics strike you in New Zealand, but I, who have studied them, and am on both the General Unionist and

Ulster Unionist lists of public speakers for next General Election, assure you that Home Rule is by no means settled, and I fear, unless Ulster is excluded, there will be civil war. But one result of this present war will, I think, be the exclusion of most of Ulster from any scheme of Home Rule.

I do not think this war has aroused the lively enthusiasm here that it seems to have done in New Zealand, and that it certainly has done in Canada. But there is in England a deep feeling that we must see it through at all costs, and there is no tendency to underestimate the cost. In Ireland the ill-treatment of Belgium has roused the Roman Catholics as no loyalty to Britain could have done, but this is only recently. There is less and less tendency to rely on economic factors to conclude the war, and recruiting is going on satisfactorily as ever. Unfortunately there are far more married men, and far too few single men, than is advisable enlisting, and the Army generally is anxiously awaiting the introduction of some form of compulsory service which will force the unmarried slackers to do their duty. But a Liberal Government could not introduce any such measure unless it had the excuse of evident necessity, and such excuse only a considerable defeat could give. Yet a Militia Act for unmarried youths would but enforce the provisions of the Common Law.

I have tried for cyclist corps, motor machine gun section, Royal Flying corps, and artillery in turn, but the Divisional General, Major-General Parsons, is rigorously set against granting transfers, lest he be unable to replace his officers. Other Divisions have not been so strict, and have in consequence lost many of their best officers. The W.C. asked for young officers for the artillery to replace casualties, but Parsons threatened to resign his command if his subs. were taken—though no resignations are accepted in war time, but I suppose a general is *sui generis*. If the New Zealand troops had come to England I was going to try for a transfer into them, and had already arranged for an interview with General Godley, but Egypt is too far off to travel at my own expense, even could I get leave and wished to go there. I am not dissatisfied with the R.D.F., for few regiments have such a record, but I want to see the real thing as soon as possible, and I don't want to run the risk of another transfer to train some newly-formed battalion."

F. SIMON.

TO DOUBTFUL SOUND.

Away to the west of the Waiau lies a country which contains the most charming scenery in New Zealand, and, possibly, in all the world. To visitors to this place, Invercargill is the town which would be the natural base of operations. It is indeed surprising how few Southlanders have paid these regions a visit, and to most of us such places as Preservation Inlet and Lakes Poteriteri, Hauroto, Monowai and Manapouri, to say nothing of the West Coast Sounds, are nothing more than more or less familiar names of places in a great terra incognita. The reason is twofold. In the first place, business demands will not allow of the necessary time, and secondly, such a holiday is generally fairly expensive on account of the high tariff of accommodation house and motor services. To the schoolboy, however, the first difficulty is absent, while in the following account I hope to show how the second may be avoided.

After completing a four days' walking tour which took in the Lillburn Valley, Lakes Hauroto and Poteriteri and Te Wae Wae Bay, we left Tuatapere on bicycles, going north up the valley of the Waiau. We crossed the suspension bridge at Clifden, a very fine structure it is, and made for the ford on the Wairaki. Good progress was being made, despite the difficulty experienced at times of accurately steering the machine along a rabbit track about six inches wide, and shown on the map as a "main road." The weighty "swag" on top of one was no help and one of the party whose swag was rather ill-balanced by a protruding frying-pan, punctuated his journey every fifty yards or so by landing himself in no very graceful position on the ground. We succeeded, however, in reaching Blackmount that night, whence, next morning, after a rare breakfast we set out for Lake Manapouri. This we reached about five o'clock in the afternoon.

It has been said that realisation discounts anticipation by ninety per cent. If this be the rule, then our experience of Manapouri was a distinct exception. Nor was this on account of any want of imagination on our part in conjuring up our anticipations. Every one of us agreed that the picture before him exceeded in beauty anything he had ever before seen. The weather conditions were superb. A cloudless sky reflected its deep blue in the smooth waters of the lake. In marked contrast to the bare heights of Wakatipu, the huge mountains were richly clad in beautiful virgin forest. One could imagine oneself in Wonderland.

We, however, had no time for passive contemplation. Immediately after tea we loaded our packs into a row boat and started for the head of the lake, a distance of 20 miles. Towards sundown we noticed that we were beginning to experience a slight head wind,

but it did not cause us much anxiety. Eventually, however, we were compelled to make for the nearest landing, and prepare our bivouac. We reached the head of the lake next day about noon. The afternoon was occupied in preparations for next day's trip across to Doubtful Sound.

The overland trip to Doubtful first assumed prominence some 26 years ago as the result of a sad tragedy. I refer to the loss of Professor Mainwaring Brown, who occupied the chair of English Language and Literature in the University of Otago. Professor Brown was lost in attempting to negotiate a pass he believed that he had observed while mountaineering in the previous year. The present track was cut by the search party, and from that day to this there has never been axe used to clear away the thick undergrowth which has overgrown it. As a result visitors to Doubtful are few and far between, and the track, which, if given a little attention, would become a good rival to Milford, is now practically unknown. The distance is only eleven miles.

We were in high spirits as we set out the next morning. Heavy rain the previous night had made the bush very wet, but we were prepared for it, and although at first we shivered as each leaf touched caused a deluge to descend upon us from the tree above, we soon became inured to these successive shower baths, and once well set on our journey, we noticed nothing untoward in our soaked condition. For the first few miles the track goes in a westerly direction along the Spey river. It then turns in a northerly direction, and eventually we found ourselves following up the Dashwood Burn as we ascended towards the saddle. The scenery about here is very grand. On our left rose sheer up the almost perpendicular faces of two mountains. Their tops were crowned by huge snowfields which glistened in the sun, while down their sides roared two huge waterfalls swollen by the recent rain. The height from which they dropped was almost staggering. One of these, the Devegarth Fall, is estimated to be 2000 feet high, and falls down in two leaps. This compares more than favourably with the Sutherland Falls, which drop in three leaps from a height of 1904 feet.

At twenty to four, we reached the top of the pass and obtained our first glimpse of the Sound. The weather was now clear, and the still blue patch of water in the distance, flanked by the high, bush covered mountains, made a picture to be remembered. We reckoned on an hour to take us to our destination, as our map showed us to have come eight miles. But we did not reckon on the nature of our last three miles. We had, for some time now, been well off the track, and, indeed, such track as this is, is of little use to one.

Here, however, we could not find the least semblance to one. The bush is like a stone wall for impenetrability, thick as it is with undergrowth of the most formidable kind. You dive boldly into it, find yourself in a maze of supple-jack and brambles and, after going through the most grotesque contortions, extricate yourself with an effort which seems to exhaust every unit of energy within you, only to find that your swag has been caught in the same vice-like entanglement. After freeing yourself with the greatest difficulty you find that you have to repeat the process for the benefit of your axe, billy or frying-pan, or whatever awkward utensil has been allotted to you as an appendage to your already cumbersome bundle. Every inch has to be battled for and demands its toll of your strength. Hour after hour passed and we seemed to be getting no nearer to our destination. Still, we could not relax our efforts, for to spend the night in the bush was unthinkable. We were fully alive to the seriousness of our position. At least two of our number were almost completely exhausted, and we recognised that the only thing to do was to keep battling on. To stop or rest would be to count certain disaster. It was with great anxiety that we noticed that daylight was waning, and a stream which crossed our path showed that we had still a mile and a-half to cover. Since our early breakfast we had had no food. Imagine our relief when we noticed that the ground was beginning to level and that the stream near which we were travelling was now still as if the waters were banked up by the tide, a fairly certain indication that we were nearing the coast. To our infinite joy, we came upon the hut about 8.45 p.m.—soaking wet, hungry and quite exhausted. We succeeded, however, in mustering up sufficient energy to start a roaring fire, change our clothes, and partake of about four cups of cocoa and three plates of soup each. Our sleep that night was as of the dead.

It had been our intention to utilise, in exploring the arm, a boat left there by the Tourist Department. A fine boat she had been, over 30 feet long and built with copper rivets. Imagine our disgust when we found her a complete wreck. We were thus robbed of what would have been indeed a rare pleasure—the exploration of Hall's Arm and Smith Sound, by repute two of the most beautiful places in the whole region of the West Coast Sounds.

During our stay here, our ears were all the time filled with the roar of a huge waterfall which thundered down the mountain side. It was double its usual size on account of the heavy rains, and looked at from the bay it presented a very imposing picture. It falls sheer into the calm water of the cove from a height of 474 feet.

Next to the scenery, one is most impressed by the beautiful and

rare specimens of bird life. We had the privilege of the sight of a kiwi—a curious ball of slate-coloured fluff from which protuded a very long beak. Kakas, pigeons, paradise duck, blue mountain duck, mallards, and crested grebe were all plentiful, while at times, especially at early dawn and sunset, the bush echoed with most weird evidence of the variety of New Zealand bird life away from the haunts of man. With the exception of the beautiful notes of the tui and the bell-bird and the screeching of the wekas, we were quite unfamiliar with any of the sounds. These varied from high-pitched screeches to sounds which resembled the rolling of distant muffled drums.

The return to Manapouri was safely accomplished, despite the presence in the forenoon of thick fog which rendered vision beyond a few feet impossible. As on a previous occasion the compass was resorted to and brought us safely out over the pass. Here we struck the track and succeeded in keeping to it right back to the Lake.

On the whole, our impressions of the Doubtful Sound trip are not too bright. Twelve hours solid slogging, soaking wet all the time, nothing to eat nor even a spell by the way, and a pack of 30 or 40 lbs to carry do not form a combination to put one in the best possible humour. We must have been a curious sight to the tourists when we joined them on the steamer at Manapouri. Our clothes in many cases were torn, while all bore proudly torn hands and faces, scars gained in the battle with the lawyers and other terrors of the bush.

J. STOBO.

CRICKET.

SENIORS.

Captain—G. V. Wild. Deputy-Captain—I. Lopdell.

Secretary—H. E. Dyer.

Committee—Wild, Lopdell, and Jackson.

We have just brought to a conclusion one of the most successful cricketing seasons the First XI. has ever had. Our only disappointment has been that we lost against the Otago High School. We had the satisfaction, however, of playing a good game, and on the whole of showing better cricketing ability than in the past. But more will be said about this later. In club matches we came through the whole 1914-15 season without a single loss; and, despite the fact

that we lost practically a whole round (out of a total of 3 rounds) during the Christmas holidays, we found ourselves at the top of the second grade teams. Our figures are: Matches played 8, won 8, 19 points. The Appleby Juniors, who were runners-up, and whom we defeated 3 times, must have played at least 11 or 12 matches. At the end of the season they and ourselves were 17 points each; but in the play-off, we succeeded in beating them by 7 runs. As a reward for our win—a meritorious one, though we say it ourselves—we have the honour of being the first holders of the Washer Cup, presented by Mr A. J. Washer for second grade competition.

At the commencement of the 1915 half of this season when we returned to school, we were confronted with four or five vacancies in the ranks of the First XI. The most important of these were A. Reid, last year's captain, and J. Wesney. Reid was an all-round good cricketer. He could always be relied on to make a stand, and at the same time to pile on the runs. He was also one of the principal bowlers. One of our deficiencies which was made evident in the Otago match was lack of bowlers. We had no one whom we could rely on to keep a good length with a slight turn if necessary, nor had we a good fast bowler like Wesney. This bowler at his best was somewhat erratic, but he was generally sure to get some wickets. As a bat, he was a failure this season, for the simple reason that he did not take any trouble to time the ball. A swiper is often all right. But an indiscriminate swiper is useless.

Cupples also had left us. This player was once a really good bowler and a fair bat, but last season he could not be relied upon for either. However, even the greatest cricketers have their off seasons. We heard a rumour lately that Sam had gone off to the war. If so we wish him all the best of luck and an early return to Southland cricket.

Stuck was another loss to the first XI. He was a batsman of the punishing sort, and could generally manage to make a few runs, especially on No. 1 ground. We owe to him and to A. Jackson our first win over Y.M.C.A. These two put on an unfinished partnership of 70.

We had lately to record still another loss to the team. This was due to Gordon Corbet's entering J. G. Ward's office in town. He was available for club matches, but unfortunately, he could not get off to play against Otago.

Once again, however, the excellence of the Southland Schools' Cricket Association has been made apparent to us. Last year we were able to place a first year boy in the First XI. That boy was Jackson who, during the season and a-half that he has played for the

school, has batted and bowled consistently well. It will be noticed that he is at the top of the batting averages for this season. This year we secured for the seniors a first year boy in the person of Jack Mayo. He has played for us only half a season, but is second on the batting averages—a truly remarkable performance for a boy in his first year. He also has done well with the ball. When we mention that these last two years our juniors have defeated the Otago Juniors by substantial margins, and that the victories were in great part due to first year boys, it will be seen that the Southland Schools' Cricket Association is deserving of all praise.

Another rather remarkable feature of the 1914-15 season is the number of fairly big partnerships to be recorded. The following is a list of the partnerships, and the opposing team; considering that each innings lasts only 1½ to 2 hours, it will be seen that they are fairly satisfactory.

V. Wairongoa—Reid (48) and Wild (30) put on 72 for the second wicket. Jackson (40) and Fraser (11*) put on 45 for the 6th wicket.

V. Appleby—Reid (41) and Fraser (10) put on 55 for the 1st wicket. Wild (29*) and Lopdell (27) put on 51 for the 4th wicket.

V. Y.M.C.A.—Jackson (40*) and Stuck (29) put on 70 for the 5th wicket.

V. Waikiwi—Lopdell (51) and Jackson (56*) put on 46 for the 2nd wicket.

V. Y.M.C.A.—Fraser (51*) and Jackson (19) put on 45 for the 2nd wicket. Fraser (51*) and Mayo (26*) put on 68 for the 3rd wicket.

There are some good partnership scores here, which makes it evident that our batting has not been very bad. On the contrary, it has been good throughout the season. On looking up the partnerships registered by our opponents in club matches we discover that the highest is 37, and then come two partnerships of 32 each. It is an interesting fact that these were all made by Wairongoa who came third in the competition. Even the redoubtable Otago-ites could muster only 29 runs for their highest partnership, while Jackson and Lopdell put on 30 for the second wicket in our first innings. Evidently our bowling, though nothing "special," was not "cheap."

Our endeavours to secure a pitch to play an Old Boys' team this year were fruitless, as Rugby Park was occupied every Saturday afternoon by the Saturday Competition teams. It is unfortunate that this match could not be brought off, for in addition to the fact that we ourselves get a good practice game before the Otago match, it keeps

the Old Boys interested in school cricket. A strenuous endeavour should be made next year to make this an annual match.

It is very pleasing to note the number of Old Boys and present members of the First XI., who play on Saturdays. Some teams have six or seven Old Boys in their ranks; while of the First XI., Lopdell, Wild, J. Fraser, Jackson, Cameron, R. Fraser, and Pope played fairly regularly. This is excellent practice; some very good scores were put up also. Lopdell, indeed, had an average bordering on 30 at the end of the season. There does not seem much reason why the school should not enter a team in the Saturday Competition. With the help of a few Old Boys, we should put up a fairly good performance. Perhaps this may be considered next season.

The following is a detailed account of all our club matches played this season:—

NOVEMBER 11th, 1914.—V. WAIRONGOA.

This match was played on High School No. 1 ground. Wairongoa batted first, making 132 runs, to which total one player contributed 93. Lopdell took 3 wickets for 38, Wesney 4 for 39, Reid 1 for 15, Holz 1 for 14.

School then batted, and at the call of time had lost 5 wickets for 85. Reid 48 and Wild 30 were the chief scorers. Towards the end of February, Wairongoa became anxious to finish this match, as a win would materially benefit their position in the competition. Their prospects certainly looked rosy. However, Jackson and Fraser, the not out men, got going, and took the score to 126 before Jackson was caught after a sterling innings for 40. He made 36 that day, during which time Fraser scraped together 4. The latter was doing very well, however, and kept up his wicket to the end. Mayo joined him and these two took the score to 143* for 6 wickets, when Wairongoa decided that they had had enough. Poor Wairongoa! We were really sorry for them, but we give them credit and our best thanks for being the first to cheer when we beat Appleby in the final.

NOVEMBER 25th, 1914.—V. APPLEBY.

Appleby batted first, and were disposed of for 88 runs. Reid took 6 for 23; Lopdell 1 for 10; Wesney 2 for 48.

School compiled 142 for 6 wickets, thus winning easily by 4 wickets and 55 runs. Reid contributed 41; Wild 29 not out; Lopdell 27; Wesney 11; Fraser 10. It was, as is evident, an easy win. At this stage, High School were not recognised as being likely to have anything to do with the Washer Cup, in view of the approaching holidays.

DECEMBER 2nd, 1914.—V. Y.M.C.A.

Although Y.M.C.A. were undoubtedly the weakest team in the competition, still they gave us the most anxiety. The following are the scores:—

Y.M.C.A., batting first, compiled only 46 runs. Wesney took 3 for 3; Reid 1 for 2; Lopdell 3 for 10; Kingston 1 for 7; Holz 1 for 2. School went in full of confidence; the nasty wind and cold intermittent drizzle, however, must have had an evil effect on them. The first wicket fell at 2; the next at 5, and the third at 11. The 8th wicket went down for 38. We were still 8 runs behind and 2 wickets to fall; apparently an easy task. Yet it was only by some pushing that the total was eventually passed. The ninth and tenth wickets fell at 48. We had a lead of 2 on the first innings. Our chief scorers were: Wild 22 and Reid 12. The remainder kept consistently between 2 and 4, with a few 0's to relieve the monotony.

In the second innings, Y.M.C.A. did slightly better, compiling 68 runs at the expense of Holz 5 for 17; Lopdell 4 for 25; and Reid 1 for 24. School started off well, the first wicket falling at 24. The next, however, also fell at 24. The fifth wicket succumbed with the score at 37. Thirty to make to win, and all the best men out! Y.M.C.A. were beginning to look quite happy in the rain. But Jackson and Stuck nobly stuck to the crease and added 70 runs—an unfinished partnership. Jackson scored 40 not out; Stuck 29 not out; Reid 14; Lopdell 10.

On our return to school this year, we were put down to play Wairongoa on the 3rd February. It was a bad day; but we commenced the game. Wairongoa making 59 for 3 wickets. We had then to stop. Subsequently we found out that the other Junior fixture had not been played, so we do not consider this match.

FEBRUARY 24th, 1915.—V. WAIKIWI.

This match, our first against Waikiwi, eventuated on No. 1 ground. Waikiwi batted first, making 62 runs. Mayo, in his first game for the school, distinguished himself by taking 5 wickets for 22 runs; Corbet 1 for 4; Jackson 2 for 10; Kingston 1 for 10.

School succeeded in knocking up the required runs, and 83 to spare, making a total of 145. Jackson contributed 56 not out, the highest individual score this season. Lopdell, on gaining the coveted 50, immediately swiped, and was clean bowled with his score at 51. Other double figure scorers were—Wild 11, and Fraser 10. Jack Wesney of last year's 1st XI, took 7 of the school's wickets for 48.

MARCH 3rd, 1915.—V. APPLEBY.

Our interest in the competition was now sufficiently roused to make us wish to beat this team—and also to make us feel rather unsure of the result. School batted first compiling 123. Mayo notched 29 runs; Lopdell 22; Fraser 14; Corbet 12 not out; and Wild 12.

Appleby must also have been rather nervous, for they got only 63 runs. Holz was the "destroying angel" in this match; he obtained 5 for 13. Lopdell 2 for 11; Wild 1 for 15; Mayo 1 for 16 were the other bowlers.

MARCH 10th, 1915.—V. Y.M.C.A.

School won the toss from a weak Y.M.C.A. team, and batted first. After about an hour and a-half, we had 118 runs on the score sheet for the loss of only 2 wickets; at this stage we declared and put our opponents in, in order to get a 3-point win. Y.M.C.A. were all out for 43 in the first innings, and 27 in the second. School thus won by an innings and 48 runs. Batting for School, Fraser got 51 not out; Mayo 26 not out; Jackson 19; Lopdell 8; while Mr Extras made the rest. In Y.M.C.A.'s first innings Holz took 4 for 18; and Mayo 3 for 24. In their second, Mayo took 5 for 16, and Holz 2 for 11.

MARCH 17th, 1915.—V. WAIKIWI.

This match was set down to be played on Rugby Park. In view of the fact that we were only 1 point behind Appleby, the Rector kindly allowed us off the last period. Waikiwi, however, failed to put in an appearance, so we got our three points without any unnecessary bother.

MARCH 24th, 1915.—V. APPLEBY.

The season had really ended on the previous Wednesday, but in view of the fact that Appleby and High School were equal in points, we were granted a play-off. This took place on Wairongoa's ground in the presence of a fairly large crowd.

We were unused to the ground, so that probably accounts for our small score of 68. We started badly, Fraser losing his wicket at 4 to an l.b.w. decision. Jackson then went in, but with his score at 2 and the total at 13 he was caught. At 18, Mayo was bowled by a ball which he did not even attempt to play. Wild succumbed with the total at 23 for 4 wickets. Lopdell was the next to go. He had gone in first with Fraser and had batted confidently. 31—5—20. Holz and Pope then became associated, and by dint of patient playing by the latter, and hard slogging by the former the score was taken to 55 before Holz was bowled with his score at 20. A new bowler then came on and quickly disposed of the remaining 4 batsmen. Pope carried his bat for 10.

Appleby apparently had a soft thing on; but they were sadly mistaken. Lopdell was on the spot, and quickly rattled through the first 8 men, the total standing at 28. Some splendid catches were taken by the school players. Jackson caught one in the slips and another brilliant one-hander at mid-on. Wild also snapped one up

behind the wickets, and Corbet took one with the sun in his eyes. Appleby's 9th wicket, however, put on no fewer than 26 runs. The last man evidently decided to make things lively, for he quickly ran up 7 runs; but he was then thrown out by a splendid return of Fraser's. The last stages of the game were very exciting. Lopdell finished with the splendid figures of 7 for 20; Holz 2 for 23.

As this was our most important club match we reproduce the detailed scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Lopdell, bowled Faircloth	20
Fraser, J. l.b.w., Faircloth	1
Jackson, caught, b Lilley	2
Mayo, bowled Faircloth	2
Wild, caught, b Lilley	1
Holz, bowled Groves	20
Pope, not out	10
Kingston, caught, b Agnew	0
Jefcoate, caught, b Agnew	0
R. Fraser, caught, b Agnew	6
Corbet, hit wicket, b Agnew	0
Extras	6
Total	68

APPLEBY.

Mapletoft. l.b.w., Lopdell	4
Martin, bowled Lopdell	3
Agnew, bowled Lopdell	2
Donaldson, bowled Lopdell	5
Faircloth, bowled Lopdell	0
McKenzie, c Wild, b Holz	5
Leggat, c Jackson, b Lopdell	0
Lilley, not out	16
Groves, c Jackson, b Holz	1
Edwards, c Corbet, b Lopdell	13
Wildermoth, run out	3
Extras	9
Total	61

As a result of this match we were awarded the Washer Cup.

THE OTAGO MATCH.

Our annual match against the Otago Boys' High School was played in Invercargill on the 26th and 27th March. The northerners arrived by the second express on Thursday, the 25th, and were met by the 1st XI. and the hosts.

The game commenced on Rugby Park at 10.30 the next morning; it was agreed to play from 10.30 to 12.15, and from 1.45 to 6. It was a cloudy, calm day. The wicket was easy, and in good order. This could not be said of the outfield, however, which was in an abominable state. The grass was quite long, and, thoroughly drenched as it was by a heavy dew, it soon rendered the ball greasy, and the feet of the fieldsmen decidedly damp. In fact, the ball became so sodden that a portion of the leather was knocked off after less than 50 runs had been scored.

The teams were as follows:—

OTAGO.—Cameron, Fea, Harraway, Holmes, Hutcheson, Jones, Lockhart, McNaught (captain), Peake, Pilling, Somerville.

SOUTHLAND.—Cameron, J. Fraser, R. Fraser, Holz, Jackson, Jefcoate, Kingston, Lopdell, Mayo, Pope, Wild (captain).

Wild won the toss and decided to bat. Lopdell and J. Fraser opened to Lockhart and McNaught. Runs came slowly. Lockhart's first 3 overs were maidens. Fraser got a couple of singles and then cut one high over the slips for 4. Lopdell then had a life, but immediately afterwards sent one to leg for 4. Next over Fraser played one back to Lockhart. 11—1—6. Jackson went in, and two maidens followed. Lopdell had another life in the slips. Runs came in singles chiefly through beautiful cuts by Jackson, which beat the fielders every time. One of these went to the boundary for 4. With the score at 41 Jackson was bowled by a beauty from Holmes. 41—2—18. The partnership had added 30. Mayo partnered Lopdell, who had been playing steadily; only 5 runs were added when Mayo was bowled. 46—3—2. Wild was the next in. He and Lopdell batted steadily until the latter, making too easy a stroke at a ball which swerved to leg, was caught off Holmes. 55—4—23. He had given two chances, one right into a slip's hands, but his innings was otherwise very steady and safe. An adjournment was here made for lunch. At 1.45 Wild and Holz went to the wickets. The outfield was by now considerably drier, and the ball was more easy to hold. This partnership added 19 runs. Holz hit hard, getting a 4 and two 2's in his total of 11. He was eventually caught off Lockhart. 74—5—11. Pope was next in, but almost immediately Wild was caught by a mishit to leg off McNaught. He had batted steadily for 8, all of which were singles. 76—6—8. Pope, Kingston, and Jefcoate all quickly returned to the pavilion, victims to the skill of McNaught. The first and the last of the three were plainly tempted to hit. Cameron hit a 2 and a 1, and then R. Fraser was bowled by Lockhart. 85—10—0. Although the last 4 or 5 batsmen quickly went out, nevertheless they were shaping confidently at the wickets.

Otago followed on immediately. McNaught and Cameron were the opening batsmen; Holz and Lopdell the opening bowlers. The batsmen played confidently from the start quickly running up 17. At

this stage McNaught was clean bowled by a beauty from Lopdell, 17—1—11. Jones was the incomer, and he and Cameron quickly took the score to 46, when the latter also fell a victim to Lopdell, 46—2—22. Holmes was next. He was missed early by Fraser, and then made 22 by hard swiping. Jones was run out with the score, 70—2—23; and then Lockhart was caught by Jefcoate off Kingston, who was bowling in place of Lopdell, 71—4—0. Holmes was out in the same way at 82—5—22, and Pilling was bowled by Holz with the score at 89—6—6. Hutcheson and Peake fell victims to catches off Kingston. Harraway, Otago's left-hander, had been whacking up the score all this time, and was unbeaten at the end with 24 to his credit. The last wicket put on 14, all due to Harraway. Otago's total was 124.

Southland went in again with about an hour to play. Lopdell and Fraser again opened to Lockhart and McNaught. The former's first ball struck a lump in the middle of the pitch, and striking Lopdell's bat high up, went into the air, and was caught by the wicketkeeper. The batsman could not have had worse luck. 0—1—0. Cameron joined Fraser and went for the bowling in true Cameronian style, but he was beaten by Lockhart, 10—2—8. Jackson, the next man, helped Fraser to take the score to 18 before he also was caught off Lockhart, 18—3—6. Mayo was next man. With the score at 31 Fraser was caught off Hutcheson; he had batted very well, though slowly, 31—4—13. Wild was run out through not seeing a man behind the wicket-keeper when attempting a run, 39—5—3. Holz was clean bowled by Holmes immediately afterwards, 39—6—0. Pope was run out through attempting too much, 45—7—3. Mayo now began to liven up, realising that it would take hard hitting to reach a respectable total. Soon after, Kingston fell to Hutcheson, 53—8—3. Jefcoate went in but shortly afterwards play was stopped for the day with the score at 55.— Mayo 15 not out.

Next morning Mayo and Jefcoate continued their innings; 15 runs were added before Jefcoate played on a fast one from Lockhart, 70—9—6. R. Fraser was run out foolishly by himself, with the total at 75. Mayo was 27 not out, made by splendid cricket. This was the highest score of all 4 innings.

Requiring 37 to win Otago sent in Cameron and Lockhart. The School's catching proved execrable, three fairly easy catches being dropped off Mayo. Eventually Kingston held one off that bowler, the victim being Lockhart, 18—1—8. Jones was next, but played more carefully than in his first innings. Cameron was finally caught in the slips by Wild off Lopdell, 28—2—13. Holmes went out to hit and sent Kingston over the fence for 6; but it was all he got, for last ball of the match, he was smartly stumped by Pope. Otago had 45 runs on the scoring sheet, so they won by 7 wickets and 9 runs.

The following are the detailed scores:—

S.B.H.S.: 1st innings.					
Lopdell, c Jones, b Holmes	23
Fraser, J., c Lockhart, b Lockhart	6
Jackson, bowled Holmes	18
Mayo, bowled Hutcheson	2
Wild, c Lockhart, b McNaught	8
Holz, c Holmes, b Lockhart	11
Pope, c Hutcheson, b McNaught	2
Kingston, c Somerville, b McNaught	2
Jefcoate, c Jones, b McNaught	4
Cameron, not out	3
Fraser, R., bowled Lockhart	0
Extras (byes 4, 1-byes 1, wides 1)	6
Total	85

Wickets fell:—1/11, 2/31, 3/46, 4/55, 5/74, 6/76, 7/78, 8/79, 9/82, 10/85.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Lockhart ..	23	9	29	3
McNaught ..	14	5	16	4
Hutcheson ..	16	6	22	1
Holmes ..	8	1	13	2

O.B.H.S.: 1st innings.					
McNaught, bowled Lopdell	11
Cameron, bowled Lopdell	22
Jones, run out	23
Holmes, c Jefcoate, b Kingston	22
Lockhart, c Jefcoate, b Kingston	0
Pilling, bowled Holz	6
Hutcheson, c Cameron, b Kingston	4
Peake, c Holz, b Kingston	6
Harraway, not out	24
Fea, 1.b.w., b Wild	4
Somerville, bowled Wild	0
Extras (byes 1, 1-byes 1)	2
Total	124

Wickets fell:—1/17, 2/46, 3/70, 4/71, 5/82, 6/89, 7/89, 8/105, 10/124.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Holz ..	12	3	40	1
Lopdell ..	9	2	20	2
Mayo ..	4	0	25	0
Kingston ..	11	2	28	4
Wild ..	5	1	9	2

S.B.H.S.: 2nd innings.

Lopdell, c Harraway, b Lockhart	0
Fraser, J., c Pilling, b Hutcheson	13
Cameron, bowled Lockhart	8
Jackson, c Fea, b Lockhart	6
Mayo, not out	27
Wild, run out	3
Holz, bowled Holmes	0
Pope, run out	3
Kingston, bowled Hutcheson	3
Jefcoate, played on, Lockhart	6
Fraser, R., run out	1
Extras (byes 4, wides 1)	5
 Total	75

Wickets fell: 1/0, 2/10, 3/18, 4/31, 5/39, 6/39, 7/45, 8/53, 9/70, 10/75.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Lockhart	16	6	18	4
McNaught	9	1	25	0
Holmes	12	5	14	1
Hutcheson	6	1	13	2

O.B.H.S.: 2nd innings.

Cameron, c Wild, b Lopdell	13
Lockhart, c Kingston, b Mayo	8
Jones, not out	15
Holmes, stumped Pope, b Mayo	6
Extras (byes 2, l-byes 1)	3
 Total (3 wickets)	45

Wickets fell: 1/18, 2/28, 3/45.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Lopdell	6	0	13	1
Mayo	8	1	22	2
Kingston	2	1	7	0

The 1st XI. are indebted to Mr J. A. Doig for the coaching he gave them during the last 3 or 4 weeks of the season. Of course, not much apparent good could be done in such a short time; but Mr Doig has indicated his intention of taking us in hand early next season, so we thank him in advance, and also thank him for the trouble and time he has already spent on us.

The following are the best averages for the season:—

BATTING.

Name.	Innings.	N.O.	Total Runs.	H.S.	Average.
Reid	4	0	115	48	28.75
Jackson	10	2	196	56*	24.50
Mayo	7	3	96	27*	24.00
Fraser, J.	9	2	120	51*	17.14
Lopdell	10	0	163	51	16.30
Stuck	3	1	31	29*	15.50
Wild	9	1	117	30	14.62

* Signifies not out.

Reid and Stuck left at Christmas.

BOWLING.

Name.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Lopdell	163	24	6.79
Reid	64	9	7.11
Holz	160	21	7.62
Mayo	146	17	8.58
Kingston	67	7	9.57
Wesney	90	9	10.00

Congratulations to Lopdell and Mayo on their position in the averages. Lopdell, though only 4th in our batting list, was probably the most consistent scorer.

JUNIOR CRICKET.

Last season we entered two teams in the Southland Schools' Senior Competition the "A" and the "B" team. Both teams did excellently, the "A" team winning the competition and the Stevenson Challenge Cup for 1914; while the "B" team were third. The "A" team played ten matches, all of which were three-point wins. One of their matches, that against the Technical, was won by default. The batting and bowling averages of the "A" are given below.

"B" v. SOUTH SCHOOL A.—November 21.

This was won by the latter by an innings and 40 runs. School batting first compiled 39 runs. South replied with 120. In the second innings School made 37, Brash 20 being the chief scorer. Two of the School's best players were absent.

"B" v. MIDDLE SCHOOL "A."—October 4.

The School team won by 9 wickets. Middle, batting first, made 24. School replied with 41. Middle in their second innings scored 46. School made the necessary runs for the loss of one wicket. Jackson 5 for 11, and Coutts 5 for 13, were the best bowlers.

"A" v. MARIST SCHOOL.—November 28.

This match was won by the High School by default, Marist having received no notice, refused to play.

High School "A" team's batting and bowling average for 1914:—

BATTING.

Name.	Matches Played In.	Innings Played In.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Not Out.	Games Aver.
Dykes	8	12	160	50	4	20.0
Pope	9	12	174	37	2	17.4
Sheehan	9	13	91	20*	4	10.1
R. Fraser	8	11	82	25	2	9.1
T. Mitchell	9	15	103	32	2	8.0
Ed. Smith	9	13	93	25	1	7.7

* Signifies not out.

Innings

Name.	Bowled In.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
R. Fraser	17	141	47	170	59	2.8
Dykes	15	73	17	150	38	4.0
Mitchell	9	17	2	57	12	4.7
Pope	4	8	1	20	4	5.0
Smith	14	64	15	140	25	5.6

SOUTHLAND v. OTAGO JUNIORS.

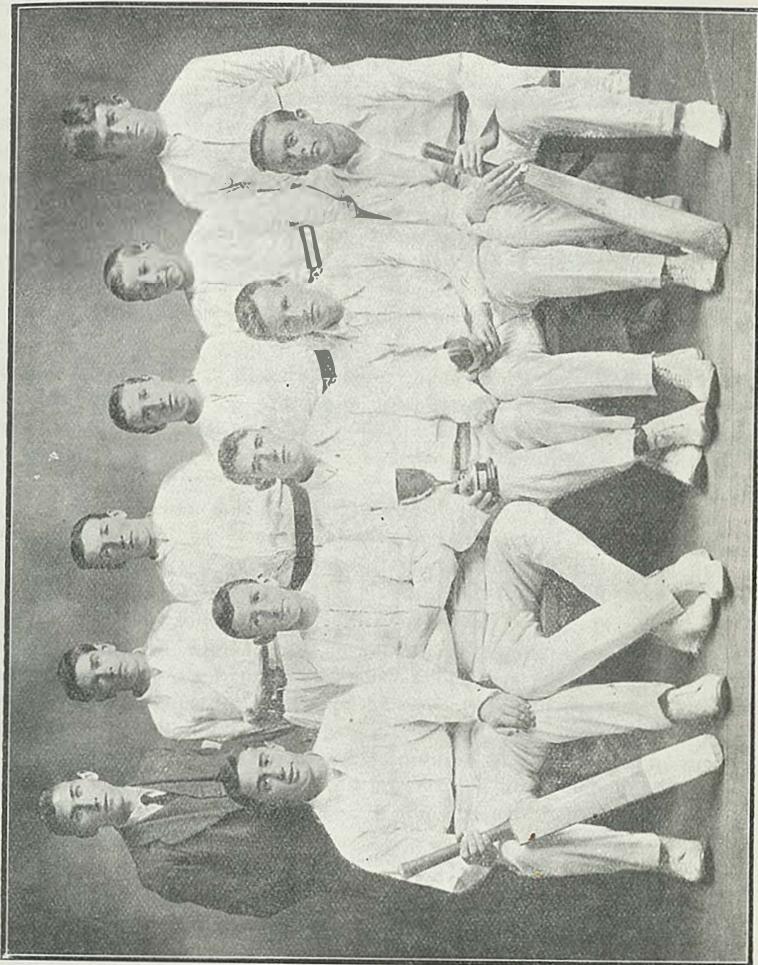
Played at Dunedin, 26th and 27th March.

In the Junior game against Otago, the School won the toss and went in to bat on a splendid wicket. Sheehan and Marshall opened and the former saw 3 wickets fall before he himself was caught after a shaky innings for 18. Petrie then came to the wickets, and by careful cricket carried his bat with an excellent score of 35, mostly compiled by singles forced through the slips. Of the others, Firth and Cameron looked like scoring, but ultimately Wallace accounted for both wickets. Sheehan and Cameron gave chances which were missed. Southland 86.

The Otago bowling did not look very difficult; Wallace took 5 for 27; Ingram 1 for 3.

The Otago batsmen took the field, and Petrie opened the bowling, taking a wicket in the first over. In a few minutes Sheehan (wicket-keeper) had Smith run out, and Bushill had an l.b.w. decision, the score being 3 for 14. Mahony then made a good catch at mid-wicket, and the chances of a win looked rosy until the eighth wicket partnership took the score to 64, when Moody, the Otago slogger, was bowled by Sawers. Carroll carried his bat with a well compiled 17. Moody played good forcible cricket for 21, and Ingram and Grove both reached double figures.

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Cricket
XI.

Back Row: H. Dyer, A. Jackson, D. Holz, J. Mayo, H. Jeffcoate, R. Fraser.
Front Row: L. Cameron, G. Wild (capt.), L. Lopdell, G. Corbett.

Bushill kept a good length, and Sawers was dangerous, when he did not try to force pace at the expense of length. The ground fielding was not particularly good, and two catches were dropped by Sawers early in the game. Running between the wickets by both teams was weak. The first innings was won by the School by 4 runs. Otago 82.

The second innings was started on Friday at 5.30, when the light seemed to cause the batsmen some trouble, and twenty minutes later stumps were drawn, the score standing at 3 for 18. Sheehan and Cameron resumed and gave a splendid exhibition of cricket until the former was caught after scoring 49 without giving a chance. The score was 4 for 66. Cameron saw other two wickets go down, and then fell at 24. Sawers and Oughton then made a stand, scoring 17 and 15 not out respectively, mostly by singles. The innings closed for 114. Firth did not bat as he had injured his hand, fielding, early in the first innings.

Otago again made a disastrous opening, two wickets going down for 0, but Smith steadied the team until Ingram joined him, when he was caught after scoring 17. The batsmen then made a better stand, and at luncheon adjournment the score was 6 for 44, with Moody and Norman at the wickets. These resumed and played steadily until 53 went up, when Moody played on his wicket a ball from Petrie. Norman was missed by Reed in slips when his score was 6. The only other batsman to stand was Baird, who was dismissed by Petrie who bowled intelligently at an opportune time. Norman was bowled by Bushill when he had 25 to his credit.

Bushill, Sawers, and Petrie shared the honours with the ball. Two easy catches were dropped when the score was 81. Otago made 84 and the School thus won both innings by a total of 34 runs.

We were hospitably treated by the Otago boys, who made the visit most enjoyable. Weather ideal. Applause, if not impartial, was often given to our boys. Several old boys rolled up to encourage the juniors, among them A. Reid, Imlay, R. R. McGregor; and J. Hinton kindly acted as umpire.

2nd (A) and 3rd (B) XI's.

The following constituted the "A" team:—Coutts, Dykes, Ryburn, Greig (captain), Dyer, Sheehan, Cameron, Johnson, Lipscombe, Sawers, R. G. Stevens.

The following constituted the "B" team:—Petrie, Bushill, Taylor, Soper (captain), R. Fraser, E. Smith, N. Smith, Leckie, Fleming, Brash, Trapski.

SECOND XI. v. BLUFF.—December 2.

This was played on No. 2 ground, and resulted in a draw. School going in first made 136 (Dykes 32. Scandrett and Mitchell 17, Pope 15).

Bluff had 7 wickets down for 56 when they had to leave to catch their train. Fraser and Ed. Smith shared the bowling.

SECOND XI. v. BLUFF.—February 10th.

This was played on No. I ground, and resulted in a win for School by 64 on 1st innings. School, going in first, made 126 for 9 wickets, and declared. Mayo played very good cricket for his 46, as did Pope for his 29.

Bluff made only 64, R. Fraser and Mayo getting most of the wickets.

HIGH "A" v. BLUFF.—February 24th.

Bluff defeated the "A" team by 8 wickets and 4 runs. School, batting first, made 31—Dykes 11 and Johnson 6 being chief scorers. Bluff replied with 49. Dykes taking 3 wickets for 10. In the second innings School made 26, of which Johnson compiled 11. The match thus ended by Bluff winning with 8 wickets and 4 runs.

HIGH "A" v. TECHNICAL.—March 3rd.

The "A" team defeated the Technical College by 51 runs. School lost the toss and batted first, compiling 75 runs; Ed. Smith 21 and Johnson 17 being the chief scorers. Tec. then batted, making 24 (Cameron 5 for 9 and Greig 5 for 14), when time was called, the School thus winning on the first innings.

HIGH "A" v. BLUFF.—March 17th.

In their match against Bluff the "A" team was defeated by 12 runs. Batting first, School made 20, of which score Ryburn made seven. Bluff then went in and made 38. Wickets were taken by Cameron (5 for 16) and Greig (5 for 17). In their 2nd innings, School made 44. Dykes being chief scorer with 11. Bluff then replied with another 38, Dykes 4 for 4 and Johnson 2 for 5 were the best bowlers. The Bluff thus won by 12 runs. Dyer fielded well.

SCHOOL "B" v. BLUFF C.C.—March 25th.

This match was played at Bluff, and resulted in a win for Bluff by an innings and 22 runs. In the 1st innings School made 10 (Ed. Smith 4) and in 2nd innings 30 (Taylor 5 and Soper 5). Bluff made 52. In Bluff's innings Smith (4 for 23) and Petrie (6 for 22) were the chief bowlers.

HIGH "A" v. TECHNICAL.—March 25th.

In their match against Tec. the "A" team was defeated. Tec. batted first and had compiled 120 runs when they declared. The best bowler for School was Dykes (2 for 25). School then went in and made 46. Dykes 13 and R. G. Stevens 7 were the chief scorers. Time was then called, Tec. thus winning on the first innings by 74 runs.

B TEAM.

The match between the Technical College and High School "B" was won by the School by default on 13th February.

HIGH "B" v. TECHNICAL.—February 24th.

In this match the "B" team was defeated by 5 runs on the 1st innings. School went in first and made only 13, Bushill (5) being chief scorer. Technical then went in and compiled 18 runs. Petrie took 6 for 6. R. Fraser 4 for 12. School again went in, and had made 20 for 8 wickets when they declared. Smith 10, Stephens 6. Technical went in again and batted till time was called at the fall of the 2nd wicket. The School fielding was good.

HIGH "B" v. BLUFF.—March 3rd.

In the match against Bluff the "B" team was defeated by an innings and one run. Bluff won the toss and put the "B" team in. "B" team in the first innings made 14—Taylor 5, Fleming 3. Bluff then went in and compiled 50 runs—Fraser 5 for 18, Petrie 1 for 11. Bushill 2 for 10. In the second innings "B" team made 34. Leckie slogged an excellent 10. Taylor played well for 6, Firth 4. being the chief scorers.

"B" v. MIDDLE.—March 20th.

The match played at Rugby Park between the Middle and High School "B" resulted in a win for the High School by 22 runs on the first innings. In the first innings the High School put up 39, while the Middle School compiled 17. The bowling averages were:—Bushill 2 for 4. Hartley 2 for 4, Wilkins 3 for 2. In the second innings High School compiled 60, Bushill 20 not out, and Hartley 13.

CADETS.

The following are the officers for the present year:—Company Commander, Major Pearce; Second in Command, Mr J. B. Struthers; Platoon Commander, Mr W. Cody; Artillery, Mr J. Stobo. Company Sergeant-Major, P. Rice; Platoon Sergeants, H. Ryburn, G. Wild, L. Cameron, H. Dyer; Section Commanders—No. 1 Platoon, Fraser, Leckie, Henderson, Findlay; No. 2 Platoon, Manson, Johnson, Soper, Horwell; No. 3 Platoon, Berndtson, Paterson, Brash, R. Fraser; No. 4 Platoon, Gardner, Donald, Sheppard, C. Fraser.

Although it is only five years since there was a change in infantry drill, the Defence authorities have seen fit to make yet another change, and it remains for time to show whether it is for the better or the worse. The Platoon System has superseded the old section formation, and instead of two companies in the School, there is now only one.

The School has taken another step towards the defence of the Empire; we are now the proud possessors of a Battery, consisting of two six-pounder q.f. Nordenfeldts, and twenty picked men. A gun-shed equipped with the latest artillery appliances has been erected alongside the Fives Courts. This enterprise promises to be a huge success, as the members of the Battery are attending assiduously to their work.

We have a fair number of recruits this year, and though some of them are very small, the standard of their drill promises to be up to the usual. The prompt supplying of uniforms to the new boys has enabled us to have uniform parades practically from the start of the drill season. A few of our older Cadets requiring larger uniforms have not yet received them, and consequently have the privilege of appearing on parade in mufti.

Only a few of last year's N.C.O.'s have returned, but worthy substitutes for the vacant positions have been found.

We have been fortunate this year in having a regular attendance of the staff sergeant-majors. The bugle band has a larger membership than usual, and judging by the volume of sound proceeding from the Gardens every drill day, it should prove a valuable asset to the corps.

In the mid-winter recess those who are not out of town will receive training in bayonet fighting, and jiu jitsu from Captain L. McLaglen, and, under him, will give an exhibition on the 21st May in connection with Carnival Week.

Uniforms.—There seems a misunderstanding about the issue of uniforms. The Department issues only one uniform to Cadets; that has to see them through the Cadet stage. The Department does not recall the uniform: once it is issued, it is the property of the Cadet. If he outgrows it or wears it out, he is expected to replace it. There is a scale of charges for each new part, from belt to hat. These are procurable from the storekeeper at the Defence Office, and not from the school. The uniform does not belong to the School Cadet Corps. If a boy leaves, he takes the uniform with him to the external Senior Cadet Corps that he must join until he is old enough to pass into the territorials.

CAPTAIN LEO. McLAGLEN'S VISIT.

This expert in bayonet fighting and jiu jitsu arrived at the end of the term and drilled about half of the School for an hour a day for a fortnight. As the weather was fine, we enjoyed the novelty of these exercises in the open air. At the end of the period of training we, along with other Senior Cadets, gave a display in the A. and P. Show grounds before the huge public gathering there. Both Mr Struthers and Mr Page quickly acquired the new exercises, and after the first week, really trained us. The simplicity, yet efficacy of the

exercises appealed to all. We were glad to assist in making Carnival week a success, and feel physically better for the training. By this practical experience we know how the clever Jap. is able to hold his own against a giant.

BOXING.

Boxing classes, with Mr Jarvis as instructor, were resumed this term. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening in the gymnasium at 7 p.m. We would take this opportunity of commanding to the boys of the school the noble art of self-defence. A fair number of boys have already joined, but we should like to see a thoroughly representative membership of the school.

At the close of last year it was arranged to hold a tournament and give medals to the winners. Unfortunately, however, we did not discover until too late that the law prohibited prizes, as the giving of such brought the tournament within the definition of a boxing contest under the Public Offences Act, and we had reluctantly to abandon it at the last moment. We hope, however, this year to make arrangements that will enable us to hold a tournament, but keep within the law. Twenty-eight entries had been received, ranging in weight from bantams to heavy-weights. The school was grateful to Mr John MacGibbon for the interest he was taking in the tournament.

The Southland Boxing Association is holding a patriotic tournament in June, and is placing three exclusive events on the programme for us—8 stone, 9 stone, 10 stone. It is to be hoped that the school will loyally support this meeting.

LIBRARY.

This term has been very busy, probably owing to the large number of new books added.

The following volumes have been placed on the shelves since last term:—"Gold," S. E. White; "Britain as Germany's Vassal," General von Bernhardi; "The Graphic"; "Germany's Great Lie," D. Sladin; "Fighting Lines," H. Begbie; "Great Battles of the World," S. Crane; "Germany and the Germans," "Price Collier; "Aircraft in the German

War," H. Massac Buist; "Atkins in War," J. Kilpatrick; "The Campaign Round Liege," J. M. Kennedy; "Germany and Her Colonies"; "A History of Germany"; "A History of France"; "The Weavers," Gilbert Parker; "Princess Mary's Book," "The Gridiron," Hilaire Belloc; "Micah Clarke," Conan Doyle; "For the Admiral," W. J. Marx; "Peter Trawl," W. H. G. Kingston; "Young Buglers," S. A. Henty; "Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe; "The Coral Island," R. M. Ballantyne; "Sea Dogs," M. Roberts; "Harry Lauder," Harry Lauder; "Out on the Pampas," G. A. Hentley; "The Cruise of the Snark," Jack London; "The Tragedy of Korosko," A. Conan Doyle; "Captain Cook's Voyages"; "Lord of the Seas," Herbert Strang; "Tomaso's Fortune," H. Seton Merriman.

A large number of magazines has also been added.

GYMNAStic CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Gymnastic Championships for 1914 were held as usual early in December. Mr P. Israel acted as judge in the three grades. There were five entries for the Senior Championship, the first three positions being secured by H. Ryburn, Archer, and T. Macdonald. In the Middle Grade there were six entries. Gardner secured first place with Prain second and Hay a close third. The Junior Grade had its usual large entry of twenty. Berndtson of IIIB was first, Reed of IIIA and Junker of IIIB second (equal), and Sheehan of IIIB fourth. The ten competitors from IIIB compiled a total greater by 39 than that of the remaining ten from IIIA.

SENIOR.

1. H. Ryburn	96	4. J. Fraser	63
2. K. Archer	71	5. D. Holz	46
3. T. Macdonald	70		

SECOND YEAR.

1. Gardner	68	4. Vallance	51
2. Prain	55	5. McCaw	48
3. Hay	54	6. Forde	45

JUNIOR.

1. Berndtson IIIB	84	12. Mills IIIB	58
2. Junker, IIIB	74	13. Ayling IIIA	56
Reed IIIA	74	14. De Castro IIIA	55
4. Sheehan IIIB	67	15. Galbraith IIIB	54
5. Manson IIIA	65	16. Lindsay IIIA	53
Howie IIIA	65	17. Sawers IIIB	52
Coutts IIIB	65	18. Allan IIIB	50
8. Gardner IIIA	62	19. Melhop IIIA	48
9. Prendergast IIIB	61	Fraser, R. IIIA	48
10. Smith IIIB	60		
Cowan IIIA	60		

Totals—IIIB 625; IIIA 586.

TENNIS.

Although little interest was taken in tennis last year, the annual Championship Tournament was held as usual in the 3rd term. The Southland Tennis Association awarded the prizes valued at one guinea, senior, and half a guinea, junior. Messrs Callender and Tennant attended the senior finals, in which Reid defeated Dyer. In the junior finals. Kingston v. Jefcoate, the latter proved the victor.

1914 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SENIOR.

—First Round.—

Dyer beat Cupples, 50-36.
Wild beat Corbet, 50-15.
Reid beat Johnson, 50-31.
Thompson beat Wesney, by default.
Haigh beat Ryburn, 50-37.
Lopdell a bye.

—Second Round.—

Reid beat Haigh, 50-32.
Thompson beat Lopdell, by default.
Dyer beat Wild, 50-45.

—Third Round.—

Dyer beat Thompson, 50-35.
Reid a bye.

—Finals.—

Reid beat Dyer, 50-29.

JUNIORS.

—First Round.—

Jefcoate beat Leckie, 30-20.
 Fleming beat Trapski, 30-14.
 Smith, N., beat Henderson, 30-15.
 Kingston beat Donald, 30-12.
 Lipscombe beat Prain, 30-22.
 Taylor beat De Castro, 30-22.
 Scandrett beat Vallance, 30-8.
 Soper beat T. Macdonald, 30-26.

—Second Round.—

Kingston won by default.
 Jefcoate beat Taylor, 30-22.
 Smith, N., beat Lipscombe, 30-18.
 Fleming beat Soper, by default.
 Scandrett a bye.

—Third Round.—

Kingston beat Smith, by default.
 Scandrett beat Fleming, 31-29.
 Jefcoate a bye.

—Fourth Round.—

Jefcoate beat Scandrett, 30-26.
 Kingston a bye.

—Final.—

Jefcoate beat Kingston, 30-24.

This year has seen a greatly increased interest in tennis. At a general meeting the following were elected as a committee for the Tennis Club:—G. Wild, L. Lopdell and H. Ryburn (secretary). Subscriptions have enabled the committee to buy club balls. The Club has been provided with a new locker in the new bike-shed. This has proved very useful. The Rector has also had the courts re-painted and has provided a new net for which the Club is very grateful. The committee had hoped to arrange a match with the S.G.H.S., but bad weather and other circumstances have hindered negotiations. However we hope to arrange the match before the year is out. The Club had the misfortune to lose four balls from the pavilion, whence they mysteriously disappeared one night. The criminal has not yet been run to earth, and to all appearances will not be for some time.

FIVES TOURNAMENT.

The annual Fives Championship was held as usual towards the close of the last term. The Seniors had not been taking much interest in the game during the term, consequently the entry list for the Senior Championship was not very full. Despite the lack of practice, however, the players showed that they had not lost all the skill, and some very interesting games resulted. Appended are the results of the various rounds:—

FIRST ROUND.

Thompson 15 v Wild 7; Lopdell 15 v. Holz 10; Macdonald 15 v. Cameron 8; Murrell 2 v. Johnson 15; Fraser 8 v. Wesney 15; Ryburn 15 v. Archer 6; Reid a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Reid 15 v. Lopdell 5; Wesney 15 v. Johnson 7; Ryburn v. Macdonald. Ryburn by default; Thomson a bye.

THIRD ROUND.

Thomson 6 v. Reid 15; Ryburn 10 v. Wesney 15; Reid 15 v. Wesney 14. A. A. Reid. champion for 1914.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIVES.

SINGLES.

First Round.—Kingston (lost) v. Taylor (won); Jefcoate (lost) v. Prain (won); Trapski a bye.

Second Round.—Prain (lost) v. Taylor (won); Trapski a bye.

Third Round.—Trapski (lost) v. Taylor (won). Taylor won.

DOUBLES.

First Round.—Stout and Taylor (lost) v. Kingston and Prain (won). Hiskens and Jefcoate a bye.

Second Round.—Hiskens and Jefcoate v. Kingston and Prain. Kingston and Prain won.

FIRST YEAR FIVES.

First Round.—Pope 15 v. Cowan 7; McCredie 15 v. Mitchell 7; Fraser 15 v. Smith 7; Jackson 15 v. Laing 0; Dykes 15 v. Garmson 4; Coutts 15 v. Howie 4; Sheehan v. Horne by default; Brash a bye.

Second Round.—Pope 15 v. Fraser 7; Jackson 15 v. Brash 7; Coutts 15 v. Sheehan 14; Dykes v. McCredie by default.

Third Round.—Jackson 15 v. Dykes 12; Pope 15 v. Coutts 14.
In the final, Jackson defeated Pope in a good game by 15 to 12.

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First Round.—Dykes and Brash 15 v. Cowan and Melhop 7; Jackson and Smith 15 v. Pope and Howie 5; Oughton and Laing a bye.

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