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Southland Boys' High School.

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School Prefects : R. Page (Head), J. Dakin, M. Rodger, D. Blue, T. Plunkett, C. Rout, D. Manson.

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Team.	Captain.	Deputy-Captain.
1st XV.	R. Page	D. Blue.
2nd XV.	R. Hanan	C. McDonald.
Juniors (8.7)	A. Mennie	A. Irving.
Juniors (6.7)	C. Smith	R. Hallamore.

CRICKET.

Team.	Captain.	Deputy-Captain.
1st XI.	D. Blue	R. Page.
2nd XI.	R. Baird	R. Pollok.
Juniors	A. Mennie	H. McKenzie.

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EDITORIAL.

Few will doubt that the outstanding event in the history of our island home during the current year has been the passing of our beloved Prime Minister, and it is but fitting that we young New Zealanders should pay some small tribute to the memory of one of the greatest of that distinguished roll of statesmen who have made our country "the envy of less happier lands." If we were to seek for an explanation of his greatness we would find it, I think, in the sterling character of the man himself. For "Bill Massey"—as he was affectionately called—was above all things else a man whom Nature had endowed with a magnificent physique and an unusually large amount of sound common sense, and both these gifts he spent unstintingly in the service of his country. During one of the most critical periods in our nation's history, his devotion to duty, his unwavering loyalty and his ardent Imperialism won for him a worldwide reputation such as falls to the lot of few statesmen. Yet he sought no honour or distinctions. Personal fame was to him an unworthy goal in comparison with his country's interests or the Empire's welfare.

It is perhaps almost trite to speak of his invincible optimism, yet that, like his infectious smile, was characteristic of the man. His confidence in the future of our land and of our Empire was one that all the gloomy prognostications of pampered pessimists

could not shake. It was a faith that surely should inspire in us a fiery patriotism and an ardent determination to live up to the greatness of our noble heritage. The lines of Browning may not inaptly be applied to our departed leader, for was not he

"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break.
Never dreamed, though Right were worsted,
Wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake?"

The last summer vacation was unusually prolonged, on account of the outbreak of infantile paralysis in the North. Although Southland was practically immune from the disease, it was considered advisable that all the schools should remain closed. The school year, beginning on April 20, has consequently been very short, and has been divided into two terms only, the first ending on August 7, and the second beginning on August 31.

At first the prevalent feeling was one of joy; but after a time the enforced idleness became irksome, and the companionship of friends began to be missed, so that the return to school seemed even desirable. As a relief came a system of tuition by correspondence, which was taken up with enthusiasm. Everywhere the response was good, ninety-five per cent. of the school pupils submitting work. Then, when school re-opened, a thing hitherto unknown, unheard of, had come to pass—boys were returning to school actually anxious for work!

It is now some years since it was announced that work on the new school had been begun. "This will be welcome news, particularly to those who are just beginning their school course." Those young beginners have become men, growing beards, and we have not yet seen the inside of our new sanctum. But the building is completed, and the work of levelling and preparing the grounds proceeds apace, so it is almost certain that we shall be installed next year.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Board of Governors.—In July Messrs J. T. Carswell and R. M. Strang were re-elected for two years to the Board of Governors as parents' representatives. At the end of August Mrs J. A. Hanan resigned and Mrs N. McD. Weir was appointed by the Government in her stead.

Presentation of Prizes.—The annual prize-giving ceremony was held in the Municipal Theatre, on Friday, December 19, the Chairman of the Board of Governors (J. T. Carswell, Esq.) presiding. There was the usual large attendance of the public. A splendid programme of singing by the girls under the conductorship of Mr Charles Gray, and the ever-popular gymnastic display by the boys under Mr Page was given prior to the prize-giving ceremony.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman referred to the good record of the school during the year, and said that the breaking of six records on sports' day was a memorable event on the athletic side. He also said that the trustees of the Invercargill Savings Bank had decided to give a scholarship tenable to the Otago University, and he commended their example to other wealthy institutions in their midst. By the end of next year, they expected to see the boys in their new school at Gladstone.

Rev. J. Collie, a former dux of the school, presented the prizes. Dealing with education, he said there was a certain danger in a mere professional training. One should have more than a detailed knowledge of one's profession or trade. He also said the mental training given by the classics had been said even by business men to give a finer breadth of culture than could be gained from a purely commercial education. In conclusion, he hoped that when the boys went into the new school, their work would go forward with even greater efficiency than in the past.

The Dux Medal, the gift of the Old Boys of 1916, was won by I. Rout. The Deschler Cup, awarded for merit both in the classroom and on the playing field, went to J. R. Page; and the Auckland Southlanders' Trophy, for the best all-round athlete in the school, was awarded by the staff to H. W. Shirreffs.

Staff.—It is with great regret we record the departure, after five years' service at this school, of Mr J. B. Mawson, to take the position of first assistant master at St. Andrew's Presbyterian College, Christchurch. He was liked by the whole school, and particularly by all those who came under his special sway. Not only

did he prove himself a capable master in school, but by his excellent coaching he brought the 1st XV to such a degree of efficiency as it has rarely reached. He was also the commander of the school cadet corps, which under him was also raised to a very high standard. He was a keen sportsman, no seeker after the limelight, and a fine gentleman. In his final address to the school, he drew before our notice these two guiding principles—"Play the Game," and "Noblesse Oblige," which he thought was best translated, "Honour demands it!" We need no reminder how well he himself played the game. On the eve of his departure, the school presented him with a set of Dickens' works, in token of esteem, and subsequently he was met by the staff and presented with a fishing rod and line.

Mr Drees is the new member of the staff, taking Mr Cameron's place, while Mr Cameron is now occupying the position left by Mr Mawson.

Last year we had the further misfortune of losing Miss J. Mackay, who for six years had exercised great influence over the junior boys. As a lady teacher, she did much to soften their rough manners and inculcate ideas of chivalry and gentlemanliness, and many look back with affection to the time spent under her tuition. In her unobtrusive way, she did much for the school—it is to her we owe the tasteful wreath that hangs beside the War Memorial, and we all greatly regret her departure.

We hear with great alarm of the coming departure of our popular Science Master, Mr J. G. Anderson, who has been appointed Science lecturer at the Otago Training College. For many years he has been one of our most popular and brilliant masters; school will not be the same without him.

Messrs Butchers, Cameron and Deaker are sitting Degree examinations of the N.Z. University in November. Mr Butchers for LL.B.; Mr Cameron for M.A. in French; and Mr Deaker for Diploma in Social Science.

In February, at the request of the Southland Inspectors, the Rector addressed assembled teachers of primary schools on Discipline; Mr Anderson, assisted by Mr Flannery and Mr Deaker, took them in Science.

The Annual Ball.—This function was celebrated early in August in Ashley's Hall, and despite the wintry condition of the elements, a large number of enthusiastic notaries of Terpsichore congregated from far and near and chased the glowing hours with flying feet—as the poet hath it. Our thanks are due to Mesdames Dakin, Anderson, Page and Deaker for acting as chaperons and assisting with the necessary arrangements for supper; to Mrs H. A. Macdonald

for supplying the excellent music; and to Mr Flannery who sat at the receipt of customs, and contributed in no small measure to the financial success of the evening.

Departures.—W. Broadbent to the office of Mr Hall-Jones; W. Strang, of Waimatuku, to the Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill; A. McKenzie to the Government Life Insurance Department, Invercargill; N. Hamilton to the Public Service, Wellington; A. Cushen to the Deeds Office staff in Invercargill; D. Mitchell to Dunedin; K. Robbie to J. G. Ward and Co.'s office; H. Shirreffs as P.T. to South School; N. Murray to Otago University (Arts); Ian Rout to Otago University (Medicine); Oswald Rout to Otago University (Dentistry); R. Stephens to Otago University (Law); A. R. Ross (Browns) to Otago University; W. Maher to L. Webb, surveyor; H. B. Macdonald to Survey Department, Invercargill; D. Deacon, fourth assistant at Edendale P.S.; R. Griffiths, P.T. at Winton; J. McKinnon and G. Poole to reporting staff, "Southland Times"; W. Barclay to E. R. Wilson, architect; G. Mitchell to Manures Department, Wright, Stephenson and Co., Auckland; A. Paterson to Thomson and Co., manufacturers of aerated waters; G. Wallace to Wright, Stephenson and Co., Crescent; F. Connolly (iii) to Carswell and Co.; H. F. Tilley to Bank New South Wales, Invercargill; C. H. Gordon to Tourist Department, Wellington; C. Graham to Mr Keddell, surveyor; L. Brash to Wright, Stephenson and Co.; M. Henderson to National Bank, Invercargill; J. G. Gough to Booth, Macdonald and Co.; C. Bailey to National Bank; A. Brown to "Southland Times" literary staff; M. Hutton Potts and J. Brokenshire to the "Southland Daily News" reporting staff; A. J. Dillon, of Pahia, and his brother Fred, to the staff of the National Bank of N.Z., Riverton; J. M. Hamilton (Bluff) to National Bank, Invercargill; James Hamilton (Bluff) to Bank of Australasia, Invercargill; C. W. Rout to Dalgety's, Invercargill; T. Birss (Browns) to Palmerston North; V. Gregory to Southland Building Society; H. Lea to Engineering School, Canterbury College; A. Tylee to Engineering School, Canterbury College.

As Anzac Day fell on a Saturday, the school could do no more than keep it a "holy day." On the Friday afternoon speakers appointed by the Returned Soldiers' Association delivered spirited addresses before the assembled school, exhorting us to uphold the traditions that have been established at such cost.

On Monday, May 9, the death of the Prime Minister, Mr Massey, was announced. After a short but telling address by the Rector on his life and work, school was dismissed; and on the following Thursday there was also a public holiday.

During the first term, many of us had the pleasure of hearing Professor J. C. Newlands, a master of elocution. Those meeting him for the first time had a very enjoyable experience, and those who had already heard him found that he even excelled their memories of him.

Quite a number of boys from school attended the camp at Burnham during the Christmas holidays; we hear with sorrow that all did not go too well with them.

The Cocoa Club held its usual successful session round the little stove during the winter months.

We see that a northern school claims the Public Schools Long Jump record of New Zealand with a jump of 20ft. 9in. In recent years R. C. Morgan, of our own school, jumped 21ft., and even this effort fell a foot short of the record established by Millard in 1908. It is likely that this record will stand unbeaten for many years.

A word with regard to football. This year, instead of half-a-dozen representative fifteens—1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on—being selected, the whole school, with the exception of the 1st, 2nd, and junior fifteens, was divided into four groups, each having an expressive appellation. Each group weekly selected a team, and a tournament was held, which lasted the whole season. Far more boys were thus playing, many being those who otherwise would not have troubled to do so, and the crowds round the notice boards every week were sufficient evidence of the great interest taken. The winning team was entertained at the Federal by the Rector at the end of the season.

Last year, through the generosity of an enthusiastic Old Boy, a prize was offered for the best original contribution to the "Southlandian." We would like to thank the donor for repeating the offer this year. The response has been again fairly encouraging, though whether it is to be attributed to a praiseworthy zeal for the school magazine or to "auri sacra fames" is a debateable point. Our best thanks are due to Rev. J. Collie, M.A., for adjudicating.

This award was:—1st, T. P. Davin—"Among the Rushes"; 2nd, P. Carman—"A Night with the Elements."

Apropos of the "Southlandian," we would like to congratulate the enterprising editors of a rival publication—the "VB Waffler." So far but one issue has faced the light of day, and this, at the price of 2d for pupils and 3d for the more affluent members of the staff, was readily and enthusiastically disposed of. We are eagerly awaiting the appearance of the second edition. Elsewhere we re-

produce (by kind permission of the owners of the copyright) some extracts which speak for themselves.

First Aid certificates were won last July at the St. John's Ambulance Association classes by G. Todd, W. G. Collett, H. R. Keown, A. Compton, D. A. Blue.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University National Scholarship—Ian D. Rout.

Matriculation—W. de R. Barclay, J. M. Butler, P. C. Carman, J. R. Cairns, Gord. A. Carswell, L. P. Clark, W. G. Collett, H. C. Dillon, J. C. Dakin, B. A. Ford, R. J. Griffiths, G. R. Hanan, H. R. Keown, H. W. Lea, H. B. Macdonald, G. N. Macdonald, D. T. Malcolm, R. B. McKay, J. R. Page, A. Pont, M. Rodger, O. Rout, C. Scott, H. W. Shirreffs, W. Tuck, A. Tylee, G. Wallace.—27.

Partial Matriculation—C. F. Barham, H. K. Carswell, R. M. Hutton-Potts, N. G. Lennon, W. S. Maher, G. I. Mayhew, G. T. Mitchell, H. Waymouth, W. Wright—9.

Ex-pupils—W. N. Allison, A. D. C. Grindlay, D. J. Grindlay, E. Ottrey, W. A. Race, J. E. Willett, B. Hirst—7.

Senior National Scholarship—J. C. Dakin, R. B. McKay, W. G. Collett, G. N. Macdonald, G. D. Anderson, W. C. Currie.

Senior Free Place—M. Bleakly, W. Butchers, G. Cox, Eion Gough, Rob. Gough, E. Sargison, C. Thomas.

Junior National Scholarship—R. Wise.

SCHOOL ROLL.

VI.

Anderson, G.
Butler, J.
Carman, P.
Carswell, H.
Clark, L.
Collett, J.
Dakin, J.

Keown, H.
Macdonald, G.
McKay, R.
Page, R.
Rodger, M.
Scott, C.
Tuck, W.

Wright, W.

Chamberlain, J.
Compton, A.
Foley, S.

SCHOOL ROLL.

VA.		
Birss, T.	Henderson, M.	Maxted, C.
Blue, D.	Henderson, R.	Nichol, E.
Collie, J.	Jackson, V.	Rhind, D.
Fraser, E.	McDonald, C.	Robertson, I.
Grant, N.	Macpherson, H.	Rout, C.
Hall, C.	Murchison, G.	Todd, G.
Hannah, E.	Myron, J.	Tattersfield, W.
Hughes, J.	Manson, D.	

VB.

Anderson, A. T.	Horne, A.	Sargison, E.
Beadle, F.	Littlejohn, A.	Shiels, R.
Bleakly, M.	Matthews, J.	Stevenson, I.
Brass, D.	McCurdy, M.	Strang, D.
Brodie, J.	McGrath, I.	Stuck, E.
Butchers, W.	Murray, J.	Taylor, F.
Cox, G.	Pollok, R.	Trotter, L.
Dobbie, A.	Plunkett, T.	Tuck, R.
Hanan, R.	Reed, K.	Wilson, A.

VC.

Atley, W.	Gough, R.	McNeill, E.
Bailey, C.	Green, S.	Provan, A.
Bird, J.	Hamilton, John	Raines, L.
Buxton, N.	Hamilton, James	Scott, R.
Calder, A.	Hormann, M.	Smith, L.
Cameron, A.	Homer, S.	Watson, C.
Cameron, C.	Lyons, B.	Woodnorth, G.
Forde, J.	Maher, P.	Weymouth, F.
Gough, I.	Maloney, J.	

IVA.

Barclay, B.	Henry, G.	Smith, C.
Boyes, P.	Hynd, J.	Spencer, T.
Buckingham, O.	Kempton, B.	Tennant, B.
Cassels, S.	Kent, C.	Ussher, H.
Caughey, W.	Ligget, C.	Webb, J.
Featherstone, R.	McBean, A.	Wise, R.
Gilchrist, P.	Morrison, L.	Watts, H.
Giller, H.	Pryde, N.	Yule, O.
Guise, J.	Richards, J.	
Hallamore, R.	Ross, H.	

IVB.

Boyce, A.	Lennie, R.	Tapper, J.
Broad, K.	McKenzie, G.	Tapley, E.
Butler, G.	McNaughton, N.	Taylor, M
Dennis, R.	Moffett, W.	Thomson, T.
Derbie, N.	Porter, W.	Tilley, N.
Fletcher, T.	Rout, E.	Treeby, C.
Garden, N.	Smillie, A.	Wilson, A
Hill, E.	Squires, F.	Wilson, J.
Hubber, R.	Stewart, J.	

SCHOOL ROLL.

IVC.		
Baker, H.	Grant, A	Shaw, N.
Baird, R.	Hamilton, M.	Thompson, H.
Blyth, E.	Harvey, J.	Tinker, W.
Brash, J.	Holloway, C.	Trotter, E.
Davidson, J.	Kersc, B.	Wale, O
Dickison, R.	Liddell, A.	Williamson, L.
Elliot, E.	Mackenzie, A.	Wilson, J.
Fraser, S.	Rewcastle, T.	Wright, G.
Gilmour, D.	Strang, R.	

III.A.

Allott, Law.	Crowe, T.	Hay, A.
Allott, Lem.	Davin, T.	Lynch, P
Bell, H.	Exell, W.	Lynch, J.
Blue, R.	Foster, G.	Mackay, J.
Blakie, W.	Golden, K.	McHardy, J.
Bonifant, O.	Gawn, R.	McKillop, M.
Caddie, G.	Gregory, V.	O'Malley, P.
Carswell, D.	Gilbert, J.	Roy, E.
Couling, A.	Horne, J.	Rout, G.
Clifford, A.	Haslam, E.	Scully, L.

III.B.

Ayers, W.	Hannah, J.	Shirley, V.
Arthur, C.	Hutson, G.	South, G.
Barracough, W.	Jack, N.	Smith, J.
Boyes, H.	McKenzie, H.	Turnbull, W.
Brass, J.	McKenzie, R.	Verity, R.
Brash, S.	McLauchlan, K.	Wallace, C.
Cooper, A.	Mennie, A.	Watson, J.
Crozier, W.	Murray, N.	Wilson, N.
Hawke, E.	Paul, L.	Young, F.
Hamilton, R.	Shand, I.	

IIIC.

Black, F.	Hamilton, K.	Matheson, T.
Clark, L.	Hammond, E.	McDonald, J.
Crowe, A.	Hanson, H.	McGrath, F.
Cunningham, C.	Hinsley, R.	Murdoch, J.
Davis, O.	Hughes, L.	Raines, R.
Double, H.	Irving, A.	Sherborne, G.
Drummond, W.	Jones, L.	Swale, W.
Ewan, J.	Lea, M.	Wills, R.
Gardner, R.	Liddell, W.	Wyeth, G.
Gardner, S.	Matheson, H.	Wesney, P.

Total; 263

CRICKET.

Captain—D. Blue. Deputy-Captain—R. Page.

At the end of the 1924 season the school team was probably stronger than it had been for a number of years. Shirreffs and Gordon were outstanding, while Page, Hanan, Anderson and Blue were boys of considerable ability. An excellent season climatically had done much to raise the standard. At the beginning of 1925 the opening of the school was in doubt but, as the Otago match was considered likely to be held, practices were commenced at the Show ground. These were held, generally twice a week, during the epidemic period, and were well attended by both seniors and juniors. This year the team is not doing very well as yet, the loss of Shirreffs, Gordon and Hamilton has been keenly felt in the bowling department. The annual meeting of the cricketers was attended by about sixty boys. The first eleven is playing in the second grade competition, and the second eleven and first year team are playing in the third grade competition. Blue was elected captain of the first eleven and Page deputy-captain. A pleasing feature is that a number of the juniors show promise. The Union Club have been good enough to offer a trophy to this school for progress in cricket. It is pleasing to see the interest thus taken by an outside club. Mr Drees, who joined the staff this year, is a keen follower of the summer game, and will be of much help in assisting the struggling players.

OCTOBER 24 v. BLUFF.—Lost by 62 runs.

OCTOBER 29 v. UNION.—Won by 6 wickets and 97 runs, School 140 for 4 wickets—Blue (59), Shirreffs (57), both retired. Union 43 runs. Blue 4 for 25, Shirreffs 3 for 10, and Hanan 3 for 5.

OCTOBER 31, 1925 v. WAIKIWI.—Won by 126 runs. School 202 for 7 wickets. Page (56), Dickison (44), T. Anderson (41). Waikiwi made 76 runs. Murchison 4 wickets for 14, Dickison 3 for 31, Blue 2 for 13.

NOVEMBER 5 v. APPLEBY.—Won by 5 wickets and 7 runs. Appleby 91. Blue 4 for 27, Shirreffs 3 for 19, School 98 for 5 wickets. Shirreffs (36), Tapley (16), Stephens (15).

NOVEMBER 19 v. UNION.—Won by 7 wickets and 87 runs. School 179 for 3 wickets—Shirreffs (retired 67), Stephens (28), Blue (24 not out), Hanan (22). Union made 92. Shirreffs 4 for 13, Connolly 3 for 20.

NOVEMBER 26 v. APPLEBY.—Won by 7 wickets and 42 runs. Appleby made 68 runs. Blue 6 for 22, Shirreffs 3 for 33. School 110 for 3 wickets—Stephens (47), Shirreffs (35 not out), Anderson (14).

NOVEMBER 29 v. WINTON.—Won by 122 runs. School 165 for 9 wickets—Shirreffs (106 not out). Winton 43 runs. Blue 4 for 27, Shirreffs 6 for 6.

DECEMBER 3 v. MARIST.—Lost by 6 runs. School 87—M. Deaker (32), Anderson (14), Tapley (12). Marist made 93 runs. Shirreffs 6 for 18, Hamilton 3 for 52.

DECEMBER 18 v. UNION.—Won by 94 runs. School 165 for 7 wickets—Hanan (33), Anderson (26), Page (26). Union made 71. Dickison 2 for 4, Shirreffs 5 for 21, Hanan 3 for 15.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

Captain—J. R. Page. Deputy-Captain—D. A. Blue.

The football season this year was a fairly successful one as far as the first fifteen was concerned. Although defeated on two occasions in club matches they were not disgraced at any time, and put up some very creditable performances against much heavier and older opponents.

We began the 1925 season with a nucleus of six members and two emergencies from the 1924 team. The return to school of Foley, D. Manson and Plunkett completed a set of eleven who were fairly certain of inclusion from the beginning. After some experimenting the remainder were found in Chamberlain, Hughes, Morrison, Bird, Jim Hamilton, Dakin and Squires.

Before the tournament the team had sustained two casualties which became permanent. The loss of Hughes necessitated a reshuffling of the backs, while Blue's illness brought Squires into the wing-forward position.

Among the backs Page showed himself to have improved even on his form of the previous two years. On defence and on attack he was always the mainstay of the backs and proved himself an admirable captain. Of the other backs Chamberlain turned out to be the greatest find. Starting the season as a novice in the half-back position he was from the first a demon for defensive work, and

towards the end of the season displayed plenty of initiative on attack, his best game being against Christchurch. McCurdy also showed considerable improvement on his 1924 form.

To all the forwards unstinted praise must be given for the fine games they played against almost invariably heavier packs. They packed splendidly and showed up particularly in dribbling and short passing rushes. Their best game was against Timaru, when they hammered at a much weightier pack to the last moment. It is possible to single out only one forward for special mention: Foley, one of the lightest forwards, was invaluable by reason of his experience and qualities of leadership.

Mr Mawson, who coached the first fifteen for the past five years, has now taken up a position at St. Andrew's College. Mr Cameron has taken his place, and has proved a worthy successor. He spent much time and trouble with the team and his interest, there is no doubt, kept up their enthusiasm throughout the season.

The following are the results of the Club matches:—

SCHOOL v. SOUTHERN.

Won—15 to 12.

This, the first match of the season, was rather a ragged game, neither side showing much combination. Tries were scored by Rout (2), McCurdy, Jas. Hamilton, and Blue.

SCHOOL v. WAIKIWI.

Won—23 to 5.

Waikiwi had only eleven men, but put up a determined resistance. School was unable to strike form and played patchily. Plunkett (3), Foley (2), McCurdy scored and J. M. Hamilton converted one try and kicked a penalty.

SCHOOL v. BLUFF.

Won—12 to 8.

This match was played at Bluff. The local team was heavy and fast, and although School had the advantage of a heavy wind in the first spell they were unable to score. From the opening of the second spell, however, School began to throw the ball about with the result that Thomson and McCurdy scored unconverted tries in rapid succession. Bluff pressed hard and goaled from a penalty. Shortly afterwards they scored a converted try. Towards the close of the game Plunkett scored and School pressed till the final whistle.

SCHOOL v. INVERCARGILL.

Drawn—6 all.

A very solid game, in which the play swung up and down field. Blues scored and Rout for School goaled in the first spell, while in the second Jas. Hamilton scored and Blues kicked a penalty.

SCHOOL v. MAKAREWA.

Won—8 to 6.

Play was very even in the first spell and no score was registered. From the beginning of the second spell Makarewa scored twice in quick succession. School pressed, however, and from a ruck Pont scored and converted. Shortly before time Page worked the gap with McCurdy and scored.

SCHOOL v. STAR.

Won—11 to 10.

Star attacked strongly and Mayhew drop-kicked a neat goal. School forced and Rout goaled from a penalty. Just before half time J. M. Hamilton scored a converted try. In the second spell Star renewed the attack and scored. Then Bird romped over. On the call of time Star again scored.

SCHOOL v. MARIST.

Won—32 to 7.

The School team gave their best display since the opening of the season, and both forwards and backs played well. Tries were scored by J. M. Hamilton (4), Page (3), Rout (2), McCurdy, Bird.

SCHOOL v. PIRATES.

Won—25 to 3.

School attacked all the first spell and scored rapidly. In the second spell however, their play went off and they had some anxious moments. Page (2), Blue (2), Manson (2), Foley and J. M. Hamilton scored.

SCHOOL v. SOUTHERN.

Lost—13 to 11.

This match was played on Rugby Park. From the kick off a movement by Maher, Checketts and McMillan ended in the last scoring a converted try. School attacked and Manson scored, Page converting. After the opening of the second spell, Page scored from a passing rush. Immediately afterwards Checketts scored and Jack

converted. School attacked and Page cut in to score. The game seemed to be decided, but just on time McMillan again scored. School thus suffered their first defeat.

SCHOOL v. WAIKIWI.

Won—17 to 3.

Waikiwi did not have a full team but managed to "ring in" a few players who had come in to watch. J. M. Hamilton, Page, Morrison and Bird scored tries, while C. Rout kicked a penalty and converted once.

SCHOOL v. BLUFF.

Won—9 to 8.

School had five emergencies playing but managed to defeat a strong Bluff team. Morrison scored the first try but Bluff equalised soon after. Before the close of the spell Jas. Hamilton, following up fast scored a good try. In the second spell Bluff were kept on the defensive and Jas. Hamilton again scored. Bluff, however, were not to be denied and just before time they scored a converted try.

SCHOOL v. MAKAREWA.

Drawn—9 all.

School were tired after the tournament and could only play a draw with a strong Makarewa fifteen. Page scored and dropped-kicked a goal from a mark, while Maher also scored.

SCHOOL v. INVERCARGILL.

Lost—25 to 11.

In the first spell the score stood 17—0 against School. Had they played as well in the first spell as in the second they would perhaps have made a better showing. Thomson, Squires and Page scored.

THE TOURNAMENT.

The 1925 tournament was held at Christchurch, and as the dates fixed fell during Fleet Week, the fortunate members of the first fifteen had an extremely eventful and enjoyable time. Unfortunately climatic conditions were most indifferent and the first day's matches had to be postponed until the following day, when they were contested at the Christchurch High School grounds.

In the first match Timaru asserted their superiority over Southland by 19 to nil. School forwards put up a good fight against a much heavier and excellent pack, and though defeated they gave an

excellent exhibition of hard determined play. Foley, Plunkett and Squires were the best of the forwards. The backs as a whole were rather disjointed, Page, the first five-eighth, played a very sound game particularly on defence, while Chamberlain as half-back and J. M. Hamilton at full-back also played well.

The school team was as follows:—

Bird 10.2.	Foley 10.5.
Thomson 12.0.	
Plunkett 11.8.	Hamilton 10.1. Manson 12.0
Rodger 10.0.	Dakin 10.8.
Squires 10.1.	Chamberlain 9.7.
Page 10.8	Rhind 9.10.
McCurdy 10.7.	Morrison 9.9
Rout 11.8.	
Hamilton, J. M., 10.4.	

School kicked off with the sun behind them. For about ten minutes play was carried on near Timaru 25. Timaru retaliated and kept School on defence, but were unable to score. From a ruck in midfield Mangos made a determined get-away, but J. M. Hamilton tackled him well. Jones, nevertheless, gathered the ball and scored a try which was converted by Lindsay. Timaru 5, Southland 0.

On resuming play Timaru backs indulged in some fine passing movements, which resulted in tries being scored by Lindsay, W. Arnold, Mangos, McConnell. Lindsay converted once. Southland were thus defeated by the substantial margin of 19 to 0.

Mr L. W. Guiney refereed.

SECOND DAY.

The finals were played at Lancaster Park and on a heavy greasy ground—for the most part resembling a quagmire—both games provided a capital exhibition of hard forward play. Timaru defeated Otago by 11 points to nil and to them we would extend our heartiest congratulations on the well-deserved win.

School played a much better game against Christchurch, and after a hard struggle ran out winners by 13 points to nil. As in their previous match, the School pack gave an admirable display of concerted work and shone out in all departments of the game. The backs also showed up to more advantage and without being brilliant, played very soundly under anything but ideal conditions for good back play.

Shortly after the kick off Thompson secured from a serum on Christchurch line and scored—3—0. School were attacking strongly and Rout secured the ball from a Christchurch back tackled by Rhind, and after hesitating, scored wide. Rout converted his own try with a fine kick—8—0.

Immediately on resuming play, School pressed hard, and from a ruck in Christchurch territory, Page sent out a forward pass to Rout, thus missing a sure try. Fifteen minutes before full-time, Page brilliantly ran through the Christchurch team for a try. Rout converted—13—0. Christchurch were guarding their line on the call of time. Southland 13, Christchurch 0.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

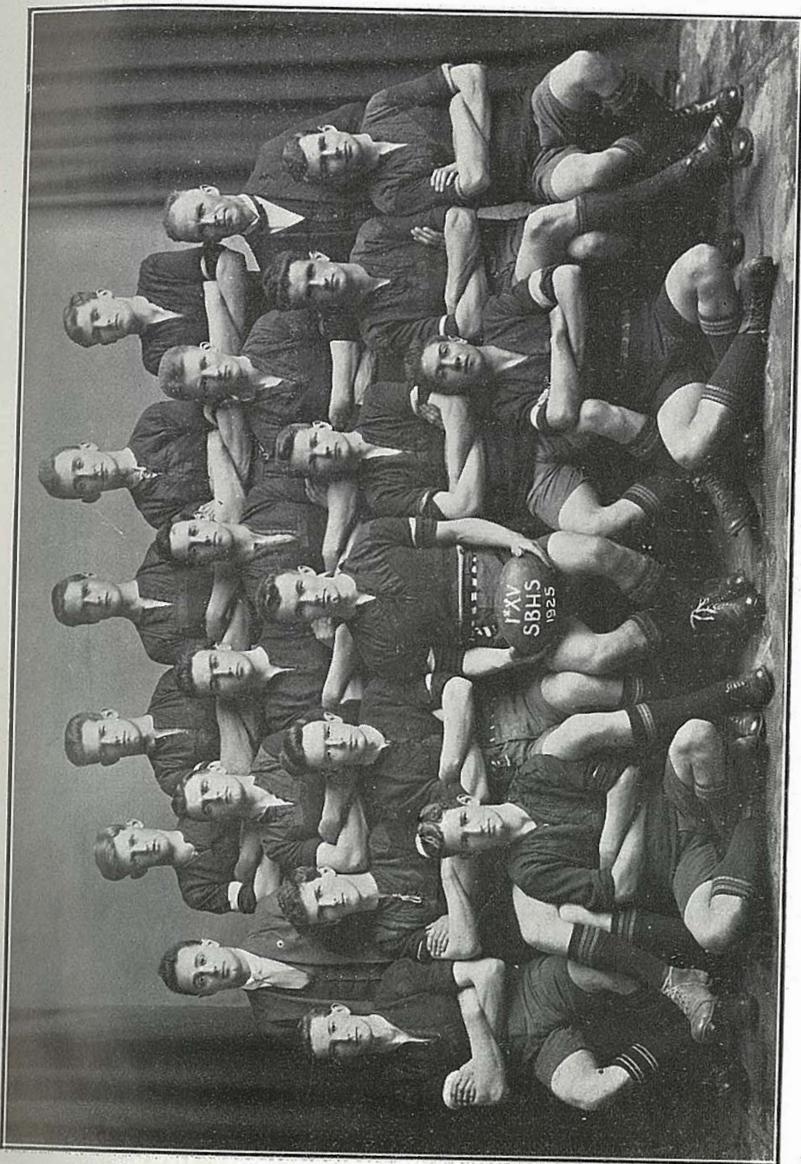
This year there were several accidents to the first fifteen, causing vacancies that had to be filled by members of the second fifteen. The latter team suffered in consequence; the results shown below are, therefore, scarcely a fair indication of its merits. The forwards though light could hold their own in most of the matches; but the backs, though good individually, displayed little combination. H. Keown was the best forward while, in the backs, P. Maher and G. McDonald showed promise.

The following are the results:—

Match.	Result.
v. STAR	Lost 25—0
v. PIRATES	Lost 25—0
v. SOUTHERN	Won 15—11
v. WAIKIWI	Lost 20—0
v. TECHNICAL	Lost 12—0
v. INVERCARGILL . . .	Lost 19—3
v. BLUFF	Lost by default.
v. MAKAREWA	Won by default.
v. INVERCARGILL . . .	Lost 34—0
v. STAR	Lost 28—3
v. GORE HIGH SCHOOL	Lost 28—3

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

This year the Juniors entered two teams in the School Competitions. The winter season was a particularly good one and many enjoyable games were played. Owing to the Group fixtures requiring the Herbert street grounds the Juniors transferred their



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1925.

Back Row—J. Chamberlain, T. Thomson, P. Maher, F. Waymouth, J. McCurdy.
Middle Row—Mr. J. L. Cameron (coach), T. Plunkett, J. Dakin, F. Squires, J. M. Hamilton, Mr. J. Pages (trainer).
Front Row—D. Rhind, J. Hughes, D. Blue (Dep. Capt.), R. Page (Capt.), J. A. Hamilton, D. Manson, M. Rodger.
In Front—J. Bird, L. Morrison.
Absent—S. Foley, C. Rout.

Matches played 16. Won 11. Lost 3. Points for 244. Against 148.

practices to the Tweed street ground. The majority of the Juniors practised very keenly. The bigger team which played under 8st. 7lbs. was successful in the Senior Competition. In this team were a number of boys who will do well in future years at the school. Mennie, the captain, was an excellent centre on attack and defence, and his two wings, Crowe and Ewan, were always dangerous. Hawke, behind the scrum, played many clever games. In the forwards, Gardner, R., Irving, and Jack were generally most conspicuous, though Rout, Paul and Drummond played consistently.

The following are their results:—

v. WAIHOPAI	Won	...	17—9
v. TECHNICAL	Lost	...	8—7
v. MIDDLE	Won	...	15—0
v. MARISTS	Won	...	16—3
v. SOUTH	Won	...	29—0
v. WAIHOPAI	Won	...	21—0
v. TECHNICAL	Won	...	9—8
v. MARISTS	Won	...	19—0
v. MIDDLE	Won	...	21—3
v. SOUTH	Won by default.		
v. GORE HIGH	Lost	...	12—11
v. GROUPS' TEAM	Won	...	9—0

The "midget" team, led by the hardy annuals, Hallamore and C. Smith, again entered in the Grade II Primary Competition. A number of the boys were new to the game, but after a few weeks the team played with some combination. The game with North on Rugby Park was a good game and keenly fought out. North School had a very clever team this year and the three matches played with our juniors in which the honours were even, were good games of football. Other boys who did good service through the season were Couling, Blue, and Shirley in the backs, while Brash, Clifford, Matheson, and Roy were good workers in the forwards.

The results are:—

v. NORTH	Draw	...	3—3
v. MIDDLE	Won	...	19—0
v. ST. GEORGE	Won	...	29—3
v. NORTH	Lost	...	16—5
v. MIDDLE	Won	...	21—0
v. ST. GEORGE	Won	...	3—0
v. NORTH	Won	...	8—6

INTRA-SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

This year an innovation was tried in Junior football and judged by this season's results proved an unqualified success. With the exception of the first and second and junior fifteens, the rest of the school were arranged in four groups, each distinguished by some more or less intelligible epithet. Weekly contests were held and were keenly looked forward to by the eager participant. Thursday during the season was the one really important day of the week. The winning team, which only once suffered defeat (and then probably on account of an oversight by the referee) bore the distinctive appellation of Bruisers and were ably captained by Henderson. The other teams were Sokdolagers—Captain W. Tattersfield; Springboks—Captain C. Cameron; Rovers—Captain C. McDonald.

Towards the end of the season several of the more promising group players were promoted to the second fifteen. We trust that the institution of these intra-school games will form a permanent feature of school football.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The following account is taken from the "Southland Times":—

Officials : Mr W. Murdoch (senr.), judge of wrestling; Messrs J. L. Cameron and K. C. McDonald (Ground Stewards), Messrs J. Page and A. Deaker (Starters), Messrs J. P. Dakin, J. Flannery and A. McFarlane (Timekeepers), Messrs J. Page, A. Deaker, T. Thomson and H. McKenzie (Handicappers).

The annual athletic sports of the Southland Boys' High School were held on the Rugby Park grounds on Wednesday, 28th October. The weather was excellent and all the events were completed under good conditions, the ground being in very fine order.

The attendance was very gratifying, especially in the afternoon, when the grandstand was generously filled with shouting school boys, parents and friends and an unusually large percentage of feminine enthusiasts from the girls' school, who displayed in no uncertain manner their approval of the results.

One of the most meritorious performers was L. Clark who, besides carrying off the junior championship, broke two of the existing school records, the junior high jump and the 440 yards handicap under 15, in the former event clearing 4ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins, and in the latter doing the distance in 62 1-5 secs., and beating the previous

record by 1 sec. The senior championship was won by T. Thomson, who put up a very good all-round performance, qualifying in every event. Page, who was successful in the short distances, was runner-up, being only two points behind the winner. A week later Rodger succeeded in lowering the three mile record to 18 min. 3 1-5 secs.

The results of the various events are as follows:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 Yards—Page 1, Plunkett 2, Thomson 3. Time, 11 secs.
 220 Yards—Page 1, Thomson 2, McDonald 3. Time, 25 secs.
 440 Yards—Page 1, Thomson 2, McDonald 3. Time, 56 secs.
 Half Mile—Thomson 1, McDonald 2, Page 3. Time 2 mins. 22 secs.
 Mile—McDonald 1, Thomson 2, McCurdy 3. Time, 5 mins, 10 3-5 secs.
 High Jump—Thomson 1, McCurdy 2, McDonald 3. Height 4ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
 Long Jump—Page 1, Thomson 2, McCurdy 3. Distance, 17ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 Yards—Clark 1, Yule 2. Time, 11 2-5 secs.
 220 Yards—Clark 1, Yule 2. Time, 28 3-5 secs.
 440 Yards—Clark 1, Yule 2. Time, 62 2-5 secs. Record.
 Half Mile—Clark 1, Yule 2. Time, 2 mins. 34 secs.
 High Jump—Clark 1, Yule 2. Height, 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Record.
 Long Jump—Clark 1, Yule 2. Distance, 14ft. 10 inches.

TODD MEDAL HANDICAPS.

100 Yards, Open—Plunkett (ser.) 1, Reed (8yds) 2, Anderson, G. (5yds) 3. Time, 11 secs.
 220 Yards, Open—Hughes (20yds) 1, Carman (14yds) 2, Plunkett (ser.) 3. Time, 25 secs.
 120 Yards Hurdles, Open—Carman (10yds) 1, Hannah (15yds) 2, Plunkett (5yds) 3. Time, 18 secs.

BEWS MEDAL HANDICAPS.

440 Yards, Open—Anderson, T. (20yds) 1, Anderson, G. (20 yds) 2, Garden (30yds) 3. Time, 57 secs.
 880 Yards, Open—Anderson, T. (30yds) 1, Rodger (30yds) 2, Wilson (20yds) 3. Time, 2 mins. 19 secs.
 1 Mile, Open—Rodger (80yds) 1, Scott (120yds) 2, Carman (55yds) 3. Time, 5 mins. 10 3-5 secs.

JUNIOR HANDICAPS.

100 Yards—Crowe (3yds) 1, Gardiner (5yds) 2. Time, 12 secs.
 220 Yards—Henry (12yds) 1, Gardiner (10yds) 2. Time, 28 secs.
 440 Yards—Gardiner (20yds) 1, Broad (30yds) 2, Crowe (14
yds) 3. Time, 63 secs.
 880 Yards—Crowe (20yds) 1, Couling (30yds) 2.

High Jump—Brash (9ins.) 1, Watts (8ins.) 2. Height, 5ft.
 Long Jump—Gardiner (18ins.) 1, Cunningham (18ins.) 2. Dis-
tance, 15ft.

HANDICAPS (15—16).

100 Yards—Garden (8yds) 1, Calder (1yd) 2, Cox (scr.) 3.
Time, 11 2-5 secs.
 220 Yards—Garden (8yds) 1, Rout (8yds) 2, Pryde (3yds) 3.
Time, 28 2-5 secs.
 880 Yards—Strang (20yds) 1, Pryde (scr.) 2, Mennie (10yds)
3. Time, 2 mins. 27 4-5 secs.

OTHER EVENTS.

High Jump, Open—Maher (4ins.) 1, Irving (3ins.) 2, Carswell
(5ins.) 3. Height, 5ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Long Jump, Open—Irving (18ins.) 1, Bailey (24ins.) 2, Mundy
(12ins.) 3. Distance, 17ft. $0\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Wrestling (under 7st.)—McKenzie, R. 1, Paul 2, Smith 3.
 Wrestling (under 9st.)—Blyth 1, Webb 2.
 Wrestling (over 9st.)—Plunkett 1, Todd 2, Bird 3.
 Potato Race—Bailey 1, Irving 2, McHardy 3.
 Sack Race—Roy 1, McLauchlan 2, Blue, R. 3.
 Half Mile Walk—Tilley (40yds) 1, Bird (40yds) 2, Clark (40
yds) 3.
 Relay Race—1VB (Thomson, Squires, Smillie, Tilley), 35yds, 1;
VI (Page, Macdonald, Dakin, Anderson, G.) scr., 2.
 Putting Shot—Page (18ins.) 1, Plunkett (scr.) 2, Maher
(36ins.) 3. Distance, 32ft. 2ins.
 Throwing Cricket Ball—Bailey (15yds) 1, Black (20yds) 2,
Hamilton (18yds) 3. Distance, 89 yards 2 ft. 7 ins.
 100 Yards A.A.C.—Harrington (5yds) 1, McClymont (8yds) 2,
Morgan (scr.) 3. Time, 10 secs.
 Tug-of-War, Senior—VI 1, VB 2.
 Tug-of-War, Junior—IVB 1, IVA 2.
 Three Mile Road Race—Rodger 1, Dakin 2, McCurdy 3, Car-
man 4. Time, 18 mins. 3 1-5 secs. Record.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	100 yds.	220 yds.	440 yds.	880 yds.	1760 yds.	High Jump.	Long Jump.	Tl.
Thomson	1	3	3	5	3	5	3	23
Page	5	5	5	1	—	—	5	21
Macdonald	—	1	1	3	5	1	—	11

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	100 yds.	220 yds.	440 yds.	880 yds.	High Jump.	Long Jump.	Tl.
Clark	5	5	5	5	5	5	30
Yule	3	3	3	3	3	3	18

TODD MEDAL.

	100 yds.	220 yds.	120yds. Hurdles.	Tl.
Carman	—	3	5	8
Plunkett	5	1	1	7
Hughes	—	5	—	5

BEWS MEDAL.

	440yds.	880yds.	1760yds.	Tl.
Anderson, T.	5	5	—	10
Rodger	—	3	5	8
Anderson, G.	3	—	—	3

MUNRO MEDAL (3 Mile Run)—Rodger.

FORMS COMPETITION.

(Highest total of Points scored in all events).	
VI, 75 points	1
IIC and IVB equal, 58 points	2

FORMS' CHALLENGE SHIELD.

(3 Mile Run).

VI (Rodger, Dakin, Carman, Macdonald)	1
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S.B.H.S. RECORD LIST.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 Yards—A. Harrington (1922), 10 1-5 secs.	
220 Yards—T. Baird (1908); G. Kingston (1917), 23 1-5 secs.	
440 Yards—R. L. Christie (1909), 55 secs.	
Half-Mile—I. Manson (1924), 2 min. 19 4-5 secs.	
Mile—T. Baird (1909), 4 min. 56 secs.	
High Jump—C. Rout (1924), 5ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	
Long Jump—N. Millard (1908), 22ft. 2ins.	

OPEN HANDICAPS (Won off scratch).

100 Yards—R. Morgan (1922), 10 1-5 secs.
 220 Yards—R. L. Christie (1911), 23 1-5 secs.
 440 Yards—T. Baird (1909), 53 1-5 secs.
 Half-Mile—T. Baird (1909), 2 min. 11 1-5 secs.
 120 Yards Hurdles—J. Moore (1906); N. Millard (1908), 18 secs
 (from 15 yards behind scratch); R. Morgan (1923), 17 secs. (from scratch).

Half-Mile Walk—A. Reid (1913), 3 min. 57 secs.

Putting the Shot (13lbs.)—G. Kingston (1917), 37ft. 9ins.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—H. Shirreffs (1924), 106yds. 3ins.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (under 15).

100 Yards—S. Reid (1906), 11 secs.
 220 Yards—A. Kingsland (1917), 25 secs.
 440 Yards—J. Millar (1911), 60 2-5 secs.
 Half-Mile—G. Macdonald (1924), 2 min. 25 secs.
 High Jump—L. Clark (1925), 4ft. 10½ins.
 Long Jump—J. Forde (1914), 17ft. 10ins.
 Three-Mile Road Race—M. Rodger (1925), 18 min. 3 1-5 secs.

CADET NOTES.

Any notes written on the subject of this year's cadet work must necessarily be brief, for progress in this line has been considerably retarded by the late opening of the school. For this same reason we have had to forego the week's drill which has of late years had such beneficial effects on the company's standard of efficiency. Nevertheless, nothing has been neglected. Uniform parades have been held every week for the last two months. Special classes have been instituted for the n.c.o.'s. The Lewis gun squad, which is ably instructed by Serget.-Major Stewart, will soon be ready for its annual firing practice. The whole company has fired for the Imperial Challenge Shield and the company firing is now in progress.

On 14th September Major Weir inspected the company in connection with the Riddiford Cup Competition and chose the school to represent Southland in this competition. This will necessitate another inspection by Colonel Young. On the occasion of his visit Major Weir delivered a short address, which he concluded with the

presentation of the shooting cups—the senior cup to W. Tattersfield, the junior to W. G. Collett.

Captain Cameron has proved himself a worthy successor of Major Mawson, of whom we still cherish pleasant memories. During January about 18 of the school attended Burnham for 10 days' camp. Judging from the following rather terse description, a thrilling time was spent.

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TENNIS.

Tennis continues to be probably the most popular of the summer pastimes, and the school courts are well and constantly patronised. The annual meeting was held early in October, when Mr Deaker delivered a very instructive address on "Advice to Young Players." His hints on all branches of the game were particularly valuable and timely and should have a very beneficial effect on raising the standard of our play.

The weekly games arranged by the Southland Junior Tennis Association commenced on October 24—school entering 3 teams of approximately equal strength. On Saturday, November 7, a very enjoyable "Yankie tournament" was played with a team from St. John's Girls' College.

Last year's tournament resulted as follows:—

Singles—

Senior—Hughes beat Page, 6—3, 6—1.

Intermediate—J. M. Hamilton beat Horne, 9—7.

Junior—Treeby beat Baird, 9—7.

Doubles—

Intermediate—Horne and McCurdy beat J. M. and J. A. Hamilton, 9—7.

Junior—Rout and Treeby beat Pryde and Tapley, 9—8.

FIVES.

The Fives Championship resulted as follows:—

Singles—

Senior—Shirreffs beat Page, 21—1.

Intermediate—Bird beat Hamilton, 21—9.

Junior—Dickison beat Gilchrist, 21—19.

Doubles—

Senior—Shirreffs and Maher beat Anderson and Stephens, 21—13.

Intermediate—Bird and McMillan beat Hamilton and McCurdy, 21—14.

Junior—Gilchrist and Treeby beat Yule and Tapley, 21—3.

GYMNASIICS.

The annual Gymnastic competition took place at the end of November, Mr H. C. Foster acting as judge. Following were the results:—

Senior Championship—Wallace, G., 122 points. Tattersfield, W., 112½, Rout, A., 110½, McPherson, H., 108, Anderson, G., 106½, Hamilton, N., 103, McKenzie, A., 90.

Second Year Championship—Littlejohn, R., 79½, Thomson, T., 74½, Bailey, C., 72½, Maloney, J., 63½.

First Year Championship—Usher, H., 110, Wale, O., 102½, Watt, D., 93.

The result of the Forms' competition in connection with above was:—

IIIA 378½ points, IIIB 367½, IIIC 299½.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AMONG THE RUSHES.

(First Prize).

The splendour of mid-summer sunshine is once more over all the earth; the air is hot and still and the quivering heat seems to radiate from the ground. The morning is so absolutely perfect as to leave nothing to be desired save the low musical lapping of water. So once more flannels are put on and the boat is in readiness for a long dawdling day upon the river.

How delicious is this sense of life as the boat glides smoothly through the gently-flowing river! How joyous are the larks as they mount singing into the hazy blue, and the atmosphere seems filled with the drowsy murmur of myriad armies of insect life. In the deep, green translucent water are reflected the delicate white flowers that grow luxuriantly on the bank in their settings of green reeds and rushes. Through the drooping boughs of the trees streams the sunshine, making dancing golden lights on low-growing cresses and on the little rippling splashes round the stones and hollows of the bank.

Suddenly the rudder is turned sharply and the boat forces its way through the vines and lo ! we are in a beautiful little lake girdled with bushes. How cool and fragrant the air is, in this dim shut-in hollow in the woods. The boat is floating on the deep silent pool, that mirrors the dense foliage and the deep over-hanging banks where amid the damp water weeds, and mossy stones, grow perfect green ferns. What a charm there is in the silence and solitude where the boat is moored, and only the slow slumberous lap of the river is heard just a few yards away, to gaze into the dark pool or up into the tangle of boughs and leaves through which can be seen a glimpse of far-off sunny blue.

But the river has a greater fascination so we sit and idle away dreamy hours, watching the swirling brown eddies foaming along the banks; the graceful reeds and rushes and grasses are swaying with every little puff of wind and seem as if listening to the tiny ripples of the boat.

Now the glory of sunset light has begun to fall across the hills and woods, the distant purple shadows grow deeper and a grey mist steals up the river. Gradually the crimson sun has dropped to the under-world and in the faint after-glow hangs a single golden star. The boat reaches the landing steps and our day among the rushes is over.

"And the tall trees murmur slowly,
Strange old dreamings, half-awake,
As we glide beneath them slowly,
O'er this forest-girdled lake."

—T.P.D. (III.A.)

A NIGHT WITH THE ELEMENTS.

(Second Prize).

I wonder how many it has struck that the elements are like human beings. Take Silver for instance. Never did a nastier female exist, for, when one sends Oxygen over to entice away that bore, Lead, she promptly swallows the former and spits him at you. And, what's more, she gilds the pill by decking herself out in a most pleasing array. She deserves the name of the ancients, Luna, for she is a typical woman. Silver has two brothers, Copper and Mercury. The former is a jolly, sunburnt-looking fellow, who, when he is at his purest, shows signs of being a little fonder of Continuance than he should be. His character is by no means dependable, for he can be bullied into anything you like. The M.C. of the dance which is described lower down named this trait of his Malleability

and Ductility. It sounded all right, but I don't think it excuses him. But, for the most fickle of all, we must take Mercury. Did ever a more changeable fellow exist? It is very well to be able to adapt oneself to any condition, but it is rather awkward to find that he will never stick to one condition. He is a big, fat, heavy kind of chap, dressed much like his sister Silver, but, for all his weight, beware of leaning upon him, for you will find he is never there.

On going to their Scholarship Ball the other night, I gained perhaps the greatest insight into their social life. Their M.C. was a chemistry-master in torn, acid-stained gown, a dashing character, once described, I believe, as a "bold, bad man." He kindly consented to introduce me to all present there and to describe their characters. He explained that it was a very select ball, only a few families being invited and, in some cases, not the whole family. First he introduced me to the Halogen Family, which has as its members Fluorine, Chlorine, Bromine and Iodine. They were all very interesting, but the last three were, except for dress, almost as alike as three blades of grass. Chlorine was, however, slightly more popular than Bromine, and Iodine was the least so. Thus, in the Change Partners Dance, Chlorine was forever ousting the others from their partners. This changing partners, I must say, is very common in their town. One daren't introduce two couples to one another without standing a good chance of finding they have changed partners. Indeed, so common is it, that they have a polite term for it, to wit, Double Decomposition. Chlorine's process of taking something for nothing is called Single Decomposition. Fluorine does not seem to resemble the others so much. He is much flightier and is extremely popular. It is very hard to find him without a partner.

Before introducing me to any more, the M.C. explained some of their customs and habits. He said there were two big divisions. These were the aristocrats, called the non-metals, as the Halogen Family, and the democrats or metals, as the Silver Family. All differences were, however, forgotten for that night. Love there is called Affinity and, as shown above, if the members of two couples find greater affinity each for the other's partner, there is no scandal when they change. Another interesting condition is Allotropy. He pointed out an instance.

"See that bright fellow, Carbon, over there. Well, on ordinary days you would never recognise him. He loses all his distinctive brilliancy and becomes an ordinary, dull, useful citizen. All the same, he is worth studying, for his relations with Hydrogen, Oxygen and Nitrogen can be studied with as much interest as all the others together."

He then showed me a dismal, though brightly-arrayed, figure near us. He was moving slowly about, crying with every movement.

"That is Tin," said my guide. "He is very fragile. If we were to let him go out on a cold day, an awful disease would overcome him, gradually turning all his brightness into a dirty, unhealthy grey, besides weakening him so much that very shortly he would die."

Turning a corner, we came upon the belle of the ball. Crowds were around her, clamouring for her next dance.

"Oxygen is enjoying herself," said my companion. "She will dance with anyone, metal or non-metal. Carbon, however, can usually be guaranteed to win her from the others, but he has limits. Aluminium, a metal, is a little stronger; but strongest are Sodium and Potassium who can even win her away from Hydrogen, her most faithful lover."

He then drew me to the other side of the room, where amongst others was a very interesting family playing cards. The members present were Nitrogen and Phosphorus. It seems that they belong to a very versatile family and each is interesting in his own way. Nitrogen is a non-metal. When alone, he is one of the dullest of beings; but let him get into the company of Oxygen, Carbon, or Hydrogen, and all his latent brilliancy comes to the surface. He is a very devil of a fellow and is responsible for many high-explosives. Phosphorus is also a non-metal, and a most fiery one. It is utterly unsafe to leave him with Oxygen, for so heated becomes their discussion that it is safest not to meddle with them. If you do, you will find that your reward will be an insult that rankles a long time before it is finally healed. Let Phosphorus vent his spleen in the absence of Oxygen, and then at his hottest send Iodine over to him, and he calms down to an entirely different fellow, who simply will not quarrel unless greatly provoked. All the same, the effects of his rage last, for he remains red in the face. Arsenic, Antimony and Bismuth also belong to his family, but they had not been invited. Arsenic, I believe, is a rail-sitter in politics, while the others are pronounced metals. Both Phosphorus and Nitrogen pretend to be metals in company with Hydrogen.

My friend then drew me over to another table where sat another family, Iron, Nickel and Cobalt. They are metals; but all the same they are very proud, for they are the only elements which possess a magnetic attraction. Iron is rather a soft, silvery person, but contact with almost any other element hardens his nature.

At the next table sat a Family of misanthropes, the Argon Family. They were seated there in silence, refusing to join in the dancing and doing their best to cast a wet blanket on the evening. We did not tarry long with them.

I should have mentioned that the democratic party was in power and, before I left, I was presented to the Premier and his wife, Gold and Platinum. They have a numerous family, I heard, but they are not very sociable and little is seen or known of them besides their names.

It was now getting late, so I bade the M.C. farewell, saying I was sorry not to have seen more of these interesting folk, and thanking him for his kindness.

—P.C.

THE ROAD OF EDUCATION.

The Road of Education is not level. On the contrary, it rises so high that it ends on the top of a high mountain. All around it are mountains, all of which can be reached from the main highway by means of the branch roads which lead off throughout its whole length.

The first part of the Road of Education which is called the Primary is wide and smooth, and along it people pour in a constant stream. At first the traveller notices no roads that lead off, but soon he sees a wide and long branch which tends in the direction of the mountains. This is the Avenue of Manual Labour which leads right to the summit of Mt. Premier. This mountain is accessible from all branches of the Road of Education; but few have reached the top for the last climb is almost perpendicular. After this point the diverging roads become more frequent and people continually leave the main road by them.

But what is this? The traveller stands aghast. Built across the way is a huge wall—the Wall of Proficiency. It is not an easy wall to scale, for it bristles with broken Arithmetic Glass and Spelling Nails. Many of the voyagers cannot climb the wall and they are forced to take one of the many roads that branch off here. One is the Road of Commerce which leads to Tradesman's Plateau. This road is easy as far as the plateau, but beyond that the ascent to M.P. Peak is made difficult by the perilous Political Glacier. Another road, the Way of Clerks, also leads to Tradesman's Plateau and another goes back to join the Avenue of Manual Labour.

Beyond the Wall of Proficiency, where the road is called the Secondary, the numbers are still further reduced by more branch roads which are more smooth and inviting than those before the wall. One leads to Mechanic's Heights, whence there is a secret

way (found by very few) to the top of Mt. Inventor. Another goes to Civil Service Ridge and another doubles back to the Manual Labour Avenue. The Secondary is not free from obstacles, for no sooner does the traveller resume his journey than he is confronted with the formidable Free Place Thicket. This is a sinister place in which the unwary traveller falls prey to the many beasts that lurk in its shades. Of these the most dreaded are the Historical Hippopotamus, the Geometric Gorilla and the Unseen Serpent. For those who fail to get through this thicket there are roads which lead off to Tradesman's Plateau and the Mercantile Highlands, which are topped by Magnate Peak.

After the thicket the road is stony and steep. Another obstruction awaits the wayfarer in the form of the River of Matriculation, a rushing torrent in which are the Whirlpool of French, the Snag of English, the Mathematic Rapids and the dread Cataract of Science. The bank is lined with folk who have failed to get across and who are now recuperating in order to attempt the crossing again. Such as do not care to try again may take the various roads that here diverge in the direction of the Mercantile Highlands and towards Marine Mount, the summit of which is known as Admiral's Cone.

Those who have succeeded in crossing the Matriculation River find themselves on a part of the Road of Education termed the University. The way here is so uneven that those people who want to push on further prefer to make a detour along a continuation of the Secondary before venturing on the arduous University stretch. Most of those who have crossed the stream, however, go to either side along the many roads that deviate here. There is Law's Causeway which ascends to that snow-capped pinnacle called Ben Judge. Other roads lead to Surveyor's Sierra, Engineer's Cone, Teacher's Tableland, and Chemist's Range. The University stretch is irregular and after the B.A. Bog and the M.A. Chasm are passed it becomes so ill-defined that only Poets and Philosophers can pick out the way to the top of the mountain that ends the valley. The majority quit the Road of Education and take clearly marked branches such as Doctor's Lane, Professor's Path and Dentist's Track.

It will be seen that those that leave the main road early start out towards the mountains on a lower level than those who follow the Education road further and so there is less possibility of their attaining the top. Thus it is in life, for the more thoroughly educated man will have a better chance than he who is almost illiterate.

—J.C.D.

"THE WANDERER'S RETURN."

Although I had been absent from the land of my birth for more than forty years, a wanderer in foreign climes, I immediately recognised, upon my return to Invercargill, the old Southland Boys' High School. There it lay, hidden in the gloom and obscurity of the shadows cast by mighty skyscrapers towering over it. Everything was as I had last seen it and the old grey tower still reared itself defiantly to the sky. I knocked timidly at the main door, disturbing the accumulated dust and cobwebs of nearly half a century. With a rasping noise, the bolts were withdrawn and the door creaked open. As I blinked into the darkness within I discerned a mighty fellow whose slight movement had disturbed the plentiful coating of dust sprinkled over him. "Ho!" roared the giant, for such he was, "you want to see the old school, do you? I'm Monsieur de Tention. Once," he added with pride, "I was a mighty power in the school, feared by all, but now," and with a touch of pathos in his voice, poor fellow, he continued, "I'm reduced to a common janitor. Well, come on in."

I entered and followed him through the musty corridors where scampering rats disturbed the silence with faint rustlings. The giant halted at a door. "Here is the Science Room," he said, laying his finger on a brass plate inscribed, "In Loving Memory of the Science Room, S.B.H.S., 1881-1925, A.D." The giant opened the door. All inside the room was chaos—reeking fumes filled the air—in the foreground broken desks loomed mistily through the haze. As if this sad sight was too much for him, my friend slammed the door with such violence that he brought down the worm-eaten walls. As we hurried away from the rising clouds of dust the giant remarked in his booming voice, "Science has changed. In those days 'viscous' was a term applied to a slow-moving liquid. Now it is applied to the movements of High School boys as they pass the Girls' School during interval." He halted again—"Room 2," he announced sonorously. I peered in at the scene of my childhood days. Even as I gazed, the portrait of Medusa, who reigned over a kingdom of bats, beetles and dust, fell with a crash to the floor and smashed into a thousand pieces amongst the accumulated rubbish. The tears starting to our eyes, we rushed away with the noise of falling debris in our ears. In Room 4 we saw the tears coursing down the visage of Burns behind his glass protection, as he surveyed the ruin before him. A kindly spider hid, with silvery threads, the awful sight from the eyes of the poet as we stood reverently there.

I felt I could bear no more. As I parted from the old giant I ventured a question: "And the gym?" At this the poor old fellow

broke down completely and wept copiously into his red handkerchief. I was affected likewise when he gulped tragically, "They turned it into a fowl-house"

As I passed out of the grim, grey gates I looked back and saw him dimly silhouetted against the ruins, a tragic picture. Thinking sadly of the days long gone by, I stepped out into the busy thoroughfare and the old school was lost to sight . . . perhaps for ever.

S.C. (IVA).

PASSERS-BY.

And so they come and go! Young folks and old folks, hurrying, and scurrying, hither and thither; endlessly rushing, ceaselessly streaming; never a pause in the day's weary length. I often wonder what they have to do. They seem so preoccupied—some happy and whistling, erect and free from care, others gloomy and sullen, bent and weighed down with sorrows as if all the afflictions of the world were on their poor narrow shoulders. Some shabby and unkempt, others smartly dressed and elegant. Some self-conscious, others conceited—especially the bewitching damsels who gaze beautifully into the plate-glass windows to see if their hats are on straight. Yes, every type walks before us every day.

But, sitting on a bench in the park, if I let my imagination run riot, I can trace out many a life in a panorama, as it were. Down the street there comes the go-cart and the joyous mother. In it a fair-haired baby boy, as innocent as the dawn, cooing and laughing. He gazes about with twinkling eyes. How happy he is, and how proud is his mother.

And then the breezy schoolboy hastening from his irksome hours in school to play to his heart's content in the grassy fields set apart for him. Brown-skinned by his days in the life-giving sun, he makes a fine little picture—bright ingenuous face above an open neck, brown legs uncovered by needless stockings, small feet encased in dusty sandals.

Now he comes once more, but altered now. Lanky and gawky and embarrassed, he awkwardly threads his way through the crowd. His face is changing; he is losing the happy-go-lucky air of boyhood and taking on a more serious countenance. For more serious thoughts have come—his future, his career. I wonder. Will he take the turning for good or for evil?

Ah! who is this? a bit of a dandy now, but still with the same upright carriage and the clear complexion. Surrounded by his companions he treads his way along, eager for praise and willing to work. It is the time when the way of life parts. Will he go to the right and continue his onward progress? Will he fulfil all the promise that he has shown? Or, alas! will he turn to the left and go down, forgetting all his fine resolutions? Will he surrender to the tempter and be carried away by his passions? Yes, it is a perilous time, pray God he is not weak.

Ah! here he is again. As sprightly as ever, and sharp-eyed, too, although he must be nearly forty now. No wrinkles yet, however, and there is a springiness in his stride which betokens the one-time athlete who has continued his daily exercise. Suddenly round the corner amid shrieks and flying legs come his children. Happy and dancing, they pull him hither and thither, they cling to him, they tug him and he laughingly obeys their wayward whims. At last, he pushes down along the road to meet his wife who smilingly awaits them at the gate of his neat little bungalow. What a happy family!

But down the street further—a young-old man staggers uncertainly along—an inveterate drunkard. He pushes past a creaking, broken-down gate and slowly walks up the ill-kept path. No children to welcome him home, no smiling wife—she died long ago, worn out by his incontinence. Only a dusty kitchen and dirty linen, unwashed dishes and unmade bed, empty bottles and Highlander milk. His foolish face, blotchy and lined, shows off his watery eyes and shifty gaze which, wandering vacantly round, at last rests on the bed. Down he flops there to sleep off the effects of his revelry. And so he will go on, and die, and no one will mourn for him.

And thus all day long the stream of human souls goes on.

—J.R.P. (VI.)

A SUNSET.

As the day is drawing on towards its close, a man, shabby, worn and battered by the storms of life, though not old in years, may be seen passing slowly down the foreshore. Here, in a spot so desolate, rugged, windswept and so near to civilisation that none save those who love artistic surroundings may appreciate it, he finds a familiar nook and sits there waiting dreamily as the last of the gulls slip gently homeward to the south.

Gradually a stillness settles as the sun sinks lower towards the horizon. A golden glow steals into the sky and the tinted clouds show dully in the water beneath. The clouds blaze up as the sunset grows apace; the hills draw closer, there, set in a bluish haze that melts into the distant shadows they gleam faintly in the delicate western sky.

The stillness becomes more intense as the colours deepen to a last blaze of glory; orange and scarlet form the sky's new setting, and fit reflected across the silvery waters. The pines, clothed in a golden radiance, cast cold, blue shadows over the bright carpet of needles. To the east the town, with its roofs and windows, gleaming and scintillating like a great jewel, becomes no longer a common work of man's, but a picture as fanciful as any in Nature's great masterpiece.

Almost suddenly the whole scene changes. The colours fade; a greyish hue settles over all, whilst the hills are lost in the distance. A gentle breeze ripples the steely surface of the water and rouses the lone watcher, who, buttoning up his tattered coat, slips quietly away into the shadows and leaves the silence, the last remaining spell, unbroken.

—M.B. (VB.)

MIXED FARES.

"It ain't such a bad job," said the old bus-conductor, turning his head, and spitting thoughtfully at a piece of orange peel in the gutter. "If yer 'osses is alright and yer've got a decent driver, there ain't a job I'd ruther 'ave. S'long as yer 'osses is fed well, they don't gen'lly give yer no trouble, but if yer don't feed 'em well, the beggars is everlastin' breakin' dahn on yer. I noo a chap as was allus too mean to give 'is 'oss ('e drove a keb) a good feed, and one dye I appened to see 'im feedin' the 'oss on shavin's, while the 'oss was wearin' a pair of green spectacles. " 'Otcher feedin' 'im on shavin's fer, 'Arry ?" I asks.

"Shut up, yer blasted fool," 'e sez to me, "'e thinks it's grass.'"

"Drunks," he said in answer to a question of mine, "Yus, we 'as a few drunks on an' orf, but they don't worry us none. I remembers one torf wot we picked up late one night. 'Strewth ! I've never seen a bloke so drunk! Soon as 'e got aboard, 'e sez to me, "'Ave a drink, ole sport," 'e sez, "'Ave a drink,' and pulls a big bottle of whisky aht of 'is pocket.

"Not to-night," I sez, "I'm on duty."

"Qui' ri', too," sez 'e. "Drinksh cursh, cursh of drink ruinsh thousandsh." Then 'e wags 'is finger in my face and ses very solemn, "Wine ish smocker, and shtrong drink ish a raging lion, which goeth 'bout sheeking what may devour," and wi' that 'e ups wi' the bottle and 'eaves it aht on to the road. Then "Shtop," 'e shrieks aht to me mate, oo was drivin' the bus, and afore me mate can stop, 'e jumps orf and falls flat on 'is fyce. Then 'e picks 'isselv up and rushes over to where the bottle 'ad fell. "Poo' li'l bo'l," 'e sez, "all broke, all gone." Then I'd just sung aht to my mate to drive on, when 'e comes rushin' back, climbs on the bus, and yells at me. "Wha' did you break my bo'l for," 'e shahts. "My poo' li'l bo'l." But I cools 'im dahn, and 'e goes inside and goes orf to sleep. I wakes 'im up when 'e'd rode 'is full distance and 'e gets orf the bus quite quiet. Then 'e walks up to a copper as was standin' at the corner, and quicker than wink, 'e catches 'im a clout on the 'ead with 'is umbrella, and knocks 'is 'elmet orf. Then awye dahn the road 'e goes as 'ard as 'e can lick, screechin' aht, "Votes for Women! Votes for Women!" wi' the cop arter 'im—

Just then, however, I reached my destination and our pleasant little conversation had to be broken off.

—G.M. (VI.)

A WAYSIDE STREAM.

A road was winding o'er the hill,
A rippling stream ran by,
It was a pleasant shady rill,
With bushes growing nigh;
While in the tall green trees
A murmur'ring, whisp'ring breeze
Did gently blow.

The birds sang there in sweet refrain,
A fluttering, cheerful song.
They sang it once and then again,
In notes so sweet and long;
While down the bush-clad hill
The winding, trickling rill,
Ran all the day.

W.B. (III.A.)

VAULTING AMBITION.

There was a youthful Science fiend.
Alas! he is no more.
And the manner of his going
Grieved all his comrades sore.

This youth had great ambition.
He fondly hoped to be
One of the world's great scientists.
No modest violet he!

"I'll find a new explosive,"
He chortled in his joy.
There is no doubt about it,
He was a brainy boy.

He saw himself grow famous,
His head began to swell.
He spent his night in study,
His days in smoke and smell.

He paved the floor with test tubes,
With beakers and retorts.
As deeper grew the acid
His longs were turned to shorts.

He found that high explosive;
There's nothing more to say—
The dust-cart came next morning
And took the bits away.

G.M. (VI.)

THE WAFFLER.

EDITORIAL.

Gentlemen of Vb,—

There may be some of you who will agree with me that there is not quite enough co-operation or understanding among the members of our form. This is a fault shared, it is true, by many other forms in the school, and may easily be remedied by a little concentrated effort.

A form newspaper, for example is quite a new idea as far as this school is concerned, and a new idea seldom wins through unless backed up by the steady resolution and co-operation of all those producing it.

Here is the crux of the matter—in the task of running a newspaper, as in sport, lessons, and every other department in which we have a chance of distinguishing ourselves, we must pull together if we are to extract the fullest enjoyment from our effort. Pulling together in this case means that every chap in the form with a spark of talent or originality in his make-up should put forward a contribution. The more sets of brains applied to the effort, the better will be the quality of the contents.

In sooth, it is hard to drive a lot of sheep through a gate, even when the sides are padded for them. However, I am wandering off a little.

Herein our form has a chance to excel above all others and blaze the way in the arts of humorous prose, rhyme, and sketching, and make the "Waffler" a standing institution which will be a credit to our form.

Sincerely Yours,

THE EDITOR.

LA LECON FRANCAISE.

(With apologies to France).

Scene:—Room 5, Form Vb starting French.

Enter Monsieur De La Bon Cameroon en disant:—"Maintenant, mes Galopins, nous aurons nos lecons par la bouche en lieu d'ecrivant."

Le Petit Brass, aside:—"Mon Dieu, un detention pour moi."

M.D.L.B.C. : "Le Petit-Jean, qu'est une mule?"

Le Petit-Jean—"Oui, oui mon vieux carma-dans-le-mudde, certainement. Une mule est un bete avec une queue. Aussi deux oreilles. Il pouvez courir tres bien, mais souvent il s'arrete et il ne bougerai pas, pendant que le monteur continuez devant."

M.D.L.B.C.—"Tres bien. Parbleu. Dieu. Diable. Palme de Dieu. A prepos, Monsieur de la Rouge Strang, avez-vous vu un ane?"

M.D.L.R.S.—"Oui, mongsewor, vous etes un ane."

M.D.L.B.C.—"Ventre bleu! Feu de Diable. Supot de Satan. Infernal de Tripot. Sac a papier! Diable. Diable. Vous etes naudit garconez. Allez-vous en chambre de detention."

(Le cloche Sonne).

M.D.L.B.C.—“Hurrah. Que diable! nous avons finis. Tres bien, mes amis de Vb. Adieu, merbleu. (Walks out of room). Rest of form suddenly wake up and follow suit.

TOOTHACHE.

(A. Wilson).

I have lately been afflicted with this dread malady—hence the effusion. But it has not turned my brain, I assure you. I am writing this to test a theory.

It has been said that by giving expression to your feelings you will find relief. Do not glance down the page to see if you can supplement your vocabulary—I am not given to strong language. The only expression I ever permitted myself to use was “enamel it.” Oddly enough, I did find a certain relief in thus venting my feelings, because it started me on an interesting train of thought. Probably that was what my tooth required. But no matter, the relief obtained by so trifling a thought was transitory, and I am still faced with the problem: give expression to my feelings. I am no Shakespeare; I cannot find a channel in drama. I am no Reynolds; I cannot paint the tortures of the wretched. I can try verse, and probably sincerity itself will give it the true ring of poetry:—

Oh would some blest millenium might come
When by the mercy of all-powerful Jove
Far from those regions of a brighter sun
All maladies might seek a darker grove.
O that in such a Heaven I might dwell,
Pursued by darts of Nemesis no more;
O that he might forever roast in H—L.

Alas, no! I have let my sincerity carry me too far. I must confine myself to prose. But why should this sadden me? Prose can be made as beautiful as verse. Witness the Psalms. Consider the figures thereof. Mark the rhythm (not with your feet, boy). Prose can indeed be made as beautiful as verse, but only in the hands of an expert. (Please note that prose is in no way like Plaster of Paris). What does it profit a man if he expresses his feelings without beauty? Nay, then my lot must be one of endurance since my feelings must remain pent. Let me at least turn to the poets, these men who have suffered in the past as we are suffering now, and who have the expression of their feelings in compositions that will never be forgotten.

Let me find one who has suffered from toothache and who has given his feelings some lasting and immortal expression. Ah! Here we are! The homely bard has left in his usual brief, simple, compelling doric a poem on toothache:—

“The H—L o’ a’ diseases.”

VB CLACK.

(By “Brassius.”)

A charming little dance was given last week by Mr F—in honour of his two pupils, Masters B—— and McG——. He manipulated the cane so skilfully that the youthful dancers enjoyed the step immensely. The beautiful baritone singing of the pupils brought roars of laughter from the lookers-on, who appreciated the fine wit. The room was daintily decorated with paper and ink, which showed Mr F——’s sweet taste. Despite the coldness in the air, the dancers warmed up to their exertions and the step became quite lively. We hope that this will not be the last dance of the season.

At a meeting of Vb in room 6 last Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. twenty-six members of the form were present. A very pleasant half-hour was spent by the company throwing chalk and nice soft, mushy bits of paper at each other in childish glee. Some enthusiastic members even went as far as taking down a few problems. When the happy boys grew a little tired of this strenuous work, Mr F—— delighted the company by handing out some cards of honour to some of the members who modestly pretended to dislike such publicity. Amid much applauding Mr F—— gave the form an exercise to keep them amused till next meeting.

Some there are who collect menus, stamps, and cigarette cards. For myself, I am a collector—and I must say that every assistance has been given me by interested well-wishers—I am a collector of detention cards, those chaste oblongs of pasteboard whose every word is wrought in blood and ransomed in tears.

He was grey, threadbare, and of venerable antiquity. When the master introduced him a titter ran round the class. One felt that he had been laughed at in his youth, but that must have been long ago. He was a “chestnut.”

FOR SALE—A bicycle. Good tyres and brake. Frame in one piece. Only done 10,000 miles. Has had some use in school quadrangle barging into people with owner making an ass of himself. Apply, “Second Year Brat,” Form IVa, S.B.H.S.

WANTED—Boy for dictionary work in Room 4. Must hunt up meaning in two seconds and sing it out with the correct inflexion of the voice. Black eyes or camouflage distasteful to advertiser. Must be prepared to stand any amount of abuse and be as thick-skinned as a rhinoceros.

NOTICE—A death warrant has been issued for Murison's appendix. Anyone in possession of this gentleman please post him hither with appendix complete.

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B.A. (First Section)—W. J. Lennon, T. D. A. McFarlane, D. S. Pickford, I. Cameron, A. Harrington, J. E. Stevens.

Diploma in Social Science—H. O. Jefcoate, M.A.

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TERM EXAMINATIONS, 1925.

E. R. W. Stephens—3rd Latin.

A. D. Horwell—3rd Junior Greek, 3rd Education, 3rd Economics.

A. J. Sligo—2nd Honours English, 1st Honours French.

R. F. Crane—3rd English.

A. R. Howie—3rd English, 3rd French.

W. J. Lennon—3rd English.

S. E. Kettlewell—3rd English, 3rd French.

A. N. Murray—3rd English, 2nd French.

J. E. Stevens—3rd English, 3rd Education.

S. Talbot—3rd English, 3rd French.

G. M. Cameron—1st Special Honours French.

H. L. McKinnon—1st Psychology, 2nd Ethics, 2nd Education, 2nd Advanced History.

H. D. Morgan—3rd Psychology, 3rd Ethics, 2nd Advanced Education (second year).

H. C. Cullen—3rd Education, 3rd Economics.

W. C. S. Templeton—3rd Education, 3rd Economics.

C. L. Matthews—3rd Education.

D. S. Pickford—3rd Education, 1st History.

W. C. Cleine—3rd Education, 2nd Mathematics.

R. A. Kidd—3rd Education.

R. D. Cox—3rd Education.

R. S. Johnstone—3rd Economics, 3rd History.

H. B. Laytham—3rd Economics.

R. P. K. Kania—3rd Honours Mathematics.

A. G. Harrington—1st in Second Advanced Mathematics, 1st in Advanced Physics (I), 2nd Chemistry.

I. D. Cameron—1st Mining, 2nd Mineral Analysis, 2nd Mineralogy, 2nd Applied Mathematics, Ore Dressing, 1st Strength of Materials, 2nd Graphic Statics, Mining Geology, 1st Hydraulics, 1st Mines, 1st Surveying (I).

C. W. Lea—3rd Applied Mathematics.

C. C. Roberts—2nd Advanced Chemistry (II.), 2nd Geology.

E. N. J. Hannah—2nd Chemistry, 3rd Geology.

A. Lowrie—1st class Applied Mechanics, 2nd Metallurgy, 1st Assaying, 3rd Advanced Geology.

A. T. Howie—3rd Biology, 2nd Inorganic Chemistry, 1st Organic Chemistry, 2nd Physics.

A. R. Ross—3rd Biology, 3rd Physics.

G. R. Hanan—3rd Inorganic Chemistry, 3rd Organic Chemistry, 3rd Physics.

- O. E. L. Rout—3rd Inorganic Chemistry, 3rd Physics.
 M. M. Macdonald—2nd Conflict of Laws, 3rd International Law.
 E. H. J. Preston—2nd Jurisprudence, 2nd Roman Law.
 D. A. McDonald—3rd Torts.
 M. B. Scully—3rd Property (I).
 C. E. Webber—2nd Trustees, 2nd Accounts (Advanced).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

- Sir George Grey Scholarship—C. C. Roberts.
 George Young Scholarship—G. M. Cameron.
 James Clark Prize for History—A. J. Campbell.
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TERMS RESULTS.

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 A. Tylee—2nd Physics, 2nd Chemistry.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

(For C and D Certificates.)

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TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS.

H. D. Morgan, B.A., is on the staff of McGlashan College, Dunedin.

C. Beck, The School, South Wyndham.

J. Ewart, The School, Waituna.

T. A. D. McFarlane, The School, Waikawa Valley.

G. Agnew, returned from Samoa service, is now Headmaster at Dipton School.

Ernest H. Diack, First Assistant at Alexandra District High School.

R. Kitto, Assistant Gore School.

Hugh Brown, The School, Tokonui.

- Edmund Brown, The School, Quarry Hills.
 Frank Bigwood, 3rd Assistant, East Gore (April).
 Aubrey Witting, 3rd Assistant, St. George.
 James G. Leckie, First Assistant, Toko District High School, Milton.

Ivan Findlay has resigned from the staff of the Port Chalmers D.H.S.

C. S. Slocombe B.Sc. (N.Z.), has gained the degree of Ph.D. of London University; his thesis was on mental testing in Education. He was appointed in October Vice-Principal of the Training College at Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

A. Campbell, B.A., was chosen to represent Otago University Debating Society at the Easter Tournament at Christchurch and subsequently to debate against Oxford and Cambridge representatives in Dunedin. He is teaching at Forbury School, Dunedin.

Ernest Squires is sole teacher at Waikawa.

Eric Cockroft, M.A., B.Sc., was apointed in October first assistant at his school, the Timaru Boys' High School. By the way, he produced a small manual of advice on Rugby Football at the beginning of the winter. Needless to say, that advice was sound and based on experience.

D. S. McNaughton, B.A., has been appointed to the Little River School, W. Canterbury.

A. G. Linn, The School, Limehills.

ATHLETICS.

At the Otago Amateur Atheltic Championship meeting last February, the following positions were secured:—

880 Yards—Walter Bews 1; 2 min. 7 4-5 secs.

100 Yards—R. C. Morgan 1, B. Geddes 2, H. D. Morgan 3.

440 Yards—R. C. Morgan 1.

16lb Shot Put—H. D. Morgan.

16lb Hammer Throw—J. G. Leckie.

120 Yards Hurdles—H. D. Morgan.

R. C. Morgan was selected by the Otago Centre for the N.Z. meeting.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FACULTY SPORTS.

The Barnett Cup (for most points in the championship events)—H. D. Morgan (for the second time).

H. D. Morgan—First in 440 Yards Hurdles Championship, First in 120 Yards Hurdles Championship, second in 220 Yards Championship, second in 100 Yards Championship, second in Long Jump Championship (20ft. 5in.), second in Shot Putting, 16lb (33ft. 9½in.).

C. C. Hornann—Third in 880 Yards Championship, second in 440 Yards Championship.

Ramsay Howie—Third in One Mile Walk Championship.

Jas. Leckie—First in Hammer Throwing (120ft. 1in.).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES EASTER TOURNAMENT AT CHRIST-CHURCH.

Otago University Reps.—A. Campbell, J. Leckie, H. D. Morgan. Victoria College Reps.—C. B. Allan.

The Athletic Shield was won by Otago.

H. D. Morgan—First in 440 Yards Hurdles, 58 2-5 secs—a record; first in 120 Yards Hurdles, 15 4-5 secs—a record; second (equal) in Putting the Weight; second in Relay.

J. Leckie—First in Hammer Throwing (124ft. 5in.).

C. B. Allan—Third in 880 Yards, first in Relay Race, second in 440 Yards.

N. Z. Amateur Athletic Championships held in Wanganui in March—R. C. Morgan, 220 yards, dead heat with L. A. Tracey.

As members of the Southland Interprovincial Rugby Team were in the back division—G. Cleland, E. Ottrey, F. Kilby, T. Preston and R. Bell, and in the forward division, Cecil Mills and P. Rice.

O. A. B. Smith gained representative honours as a forward for South Canterbury.

R. S. Johnstone played half-back for the Otago representative fifteen.

Archie Strang captained the South Canterbury touring team.

A. Buckingham, Bach. Eng., is with the Ashburton Power Board.

R. T. Dalziel left Suva eighteen months ago and has his headquarters now with the U.S.S. Co., Melbourne. He is Publicity Agent in Australia for Pacific Tours, travelling around to their various branches.

H. I. Macpherson, B.A., formerly of Lumsden, has joined the staff of "The Sun" newspaper, Christchurch.

Dr. G. Kingston commenced practice at Queenstown last March.

A. A. Sanders has settled down in England as a chemist. Address—Brierley, Sanders, Ltd., 831 Hollins Road and 4, Barker street, Oldham, England.

L. Hensley was admitted as a solicitor last January, in Christchurch. He is still with Duncan and Cotterill.

E. H. J. Preston (with Stout and Lillierap) was admitted to practice as a solicitor in May.

M. Macdonald (with A. M. Macdonald) was admitted at the same time.

C. Irving, Editor of Wright, Stephenson and Co.'s Farm Journal, Wellington.

K. Stout, of N.Z.L. and M.A. Co.'s staff, has been transferred to Gisborne.

Dr. R. F. Roberts was appointed last March as Resident Medical Officer, The Hospital, New Plymouth.

Robert Kennedy, M.A., LL.M., is President of the Wellington Law Society for 1925.

Ruskin Howie has been transferred to Auckland branch of Wright, Stephenson and Co.

A. Cleland has joined the staff of Wright, Stephenson and Co.

Hugh R. Williams, agent for Dalgety's in Western District for the past seven years, is now auctioneer for the firm at Gisborne.

James Ferguson (from Bluff), Bank of N.Z., Christchurch.

J. Connolly is on the staff of Bank of N.Z., Invercargill.

Harold Brass (of Avenal) is with A.M.P. Society, Wellington.

Rev. Harry Clark, M.A., M.C., accepted a call last March to Alma Road Presbyterian Church, St. Kilda, Melbourne.

R. M. Firth became Tourist Agent in Invercargill for his Department, last March, coming from Greymouth.

W. G. McKenzie, of the Stamp Duties Department, was transferred to Blenheim last March.

Maurice Royds is now manager of Southland Farmers' Co-operative, Gore.

Douglas Irving is agent at Otautau for Wright, Stephenson & Co. Eric Greenwodd is with Mackerras and Hazlett.

Dr. Alex. Cumming is on the staff of the Napier Hospital.

Ian Miller is in the Deeds Department, Gisborne.

R. Romans was transferred to Bank of N.Z., Dunedin.

J. S. Ferguson is on staff of Bank of N.Z., Christchurch.

Geoff. Broughton is in the office of Messrs Mitchell and Broughton, solicitors.

L. G. Ramsay passed his master's examination in Sydney, and is now an officer on the U.S.S. Co.'s "Essex."

J. R. Mills has been appointed to National Bank, Cromwell.

Frank Perrelle was transferred to Bank of N.Z. Invercargill.

Geo. Kelly, LL.B., has entered J. B. Callan's office, Dunedin.

Ernest H. Smith (formerly of Clifton), has gained by examination, the first from this school, the Associateship of N.Z. Institute of Architects. He is on the staff of Public Works Department, Victoria.

J. M. Mackenzie ("Onside Mac" of the Southland Times staff) resigned his position in October to stand for Parliamentary honours in the cause of Labour for the Wallace electorate.

Peter Gilfedder, solicitor, also stood for the same electorate in the Liberal interests.

A. M. Burns is manager of the Christchurch "Press."

Victor White, who was in Sydney on "The Sun," is chief sub-editor of the Christchurch "Press."

D. M. Greig, of Survey Department, was transferred to Wellington last July.

Robert G. McDowall M.A., delivered the first and last addresses of the Face-the-Facts Campaign held in Dunedin by the Otago University Christian Union. He has left to continue his studies at Edinburgh University.

W. T. Green left for Sydney in July to join the staff of Parke, Davis and Co., manufacturing chemists.

Rex Murray has left the Bank of N.Z. and has gone to Sydney.

T. L. Macdonald is farming on the Rankleburn, Pomahaka.

Ernest Kerr, chemist, is now with Mr Waters, Princes street, Dunedin.

A. Strang is on the staff of National Mortgage and A. Co., Timaru.

Allan T. Hunter, of Wyndham, joined the Auckland staff of Wright, Stephenson and Co. in October.

Seddon McKenzie (from East Road) is Assistant Dairy Manager, Taupiri.

Dr. Lyall Christie is practising in Apia, Samoa.

Herbert A. Price, for some years local manager at Edendale, was transferred as manager to Gore, in the employ of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co.

Fred McDowall. M.A., who has been doing research work on Ngaio oil at University College, London, has been awarded a grant of £200 by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Allan McNaughton began business for himself as a chemist and optician.

Reg. Lee has been transferred in the Bank of Australasia to Masterton.

G. A. U. Tapper (1887-89), Manager of Bank of N.Z., Christchurch, is retiring from the service.

Dr. A. A. Reid after four years' practice in Milton left for Dunedin in October. At Milton he had actively associated himself with cricket and football teams, heading the batting average for the South Otago Cricket Association.

Ian Rout had to abandon University classes half-way through the session owing to illness.

Wilfred M. Dawson, Ashburton Technical School, is achieving fame in amateur wireless circles in connection with long distance low-power reception.

Alex. and Duncan McNab, at School 1882-1886 and 1882-1887 respectively, the last holders of the Knapdale Estate, near Gore, were honoured at a banquet last July by a host of friends around the Gore district. Knapdale had been in the possession of the family for 66 years, having been purchased by their father in 1859. Appreciative references were made to the family's interest in local affairs. Mr Alex. McNab presented 70 volumes to the Gore High School at the dispersal of their effects from their old home.

Thos. Meredith was re-elected President of the Southland Rugby Union for 1925. W. Carswell and J. Stobo were elected on the Committee.

Fred Ball is Chairman of the Gisborne Power Board.

C. J. Brodrick, Architect, left last April on a trip to England. He was made presentations by the Southland League and the Invercargill Club, of both of which institutions he was President.

Roy Trail was appointed in May as caretaker of the reserves and sanctuaries at Stewart Island by the Land and Survey Department.

Ernest George (formerly of Bluff) was appointed last May out of 26 applicants as Engineer and Clerk to Vincent County Council. Alton Squires has taken up a sheep farm at Kamahi.

Herbert Galt abandoned the teaching profession last August for storekeeping at Thorntby.

Jack Ferguson returned from Auckland in September, 1924, and is now an accountant in the "News" office.

Arthur Kingsland left for Britain in October to gain business experience. He will be absent for two or three years. He is with Duncan and Co., manufacturing confectioners, Edinburgh.

In March last William Macalister, LL.B., retired from the office of Crown Solicitor at Invercargill. Horace Macalister, LL.B., his son, was appointed as his successor.

Hon. J. A. Hanan, member for Parliament for Invercargill for twenty-five years, 1900—1925, is not seeking re-election. He has gone to reside in Dunedin. He retains the title of Honourable from his holding the portfolios of Education and Justice.

We acknowledge the receipt from Mr McIndoe of the biographical account of his son George, given in the Roll of Honour published by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, England. In addition to a photograph, a full account is given of his part in the Great European War. He was the most popular signaller in his battalion.

Lancee Rigg joined the staff of the "Ashburton Guardian" last July.

Dux Medal Fund.—The Dux Medal of 1924 was the gift of the Old Boys of 1916. 46 Old Boys contributed. With the balance the Rector was able to give several Form prizes and a small balance to the Sports Fund.

MARRIAGES.

HUFFADINE—METCALFE.—At Invercargill, on 12th November, 1924, John H. Huffadine, of Gala street, to Eleanor Metcalfe.

DEAKER—VICKERY.—On 14th January, A. J. Deaker, M.A., to Olive Vickery, of Invercargill.

KIRKER—EWAN.—On April 6, Peter Kirker, of Bank of N.Z., Hamilton, to Nita Ewan. Present address: Pukekohe.

DUNCAN—MILLAR.—On February 4, Robert Duncan, of National Bank, Christchurch, to Lilian Millar, of Avenal.

IMLAY—MACLEAN.—On 17th March, at Bluff, W. S. Imlay to Agnes Maclean.

KINGSTON—RAMSDEN.—On 25th March, George R. Kingston, M.B., Ch.B., to Helen Ramsden, of Dunedin.

GIBBON—IRWIN.—On 25th March, Robert E. Gibbon, of Invercargill (formerly of Nightcaps) to Annie Irwin, of Mataura.

NICOLSON—SMITH.—On 25th March, Donald Nicolson, of Winton, to Edith Smith, of Winton.

BUSH—RAPLEY.—In March, at Wellington, Lance T. T. Bush to Meta Rapley.

GILMOUR—POST.—On 26th March, at Wellington, Lindsay Gilnour to Linda Post.

TRAILL—MOFFETT.—Roy Traill, Stewart Island, to Dorothy Moffett.

SQUIRES—MUIR.—On 19th August, Allon Squires, Farmer, Kamahi, to Dorothy Muir, of Temuka.

MCNAUGHTON—BROWN.—On 19th August, at Gore, D. S. McNaughton, B.A. (Waianawa), to Irene Brown, of Gore.

DONALD—HOULD.—On September 10, at Awarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, John P. Donald, M.B., Ch.B. (Mataura), to Sophie Hould, of Wellington.

HARTLEY—MCQUARRIE.—On October 7, at Bluff, Cyril Howard (Mick) Hartley to Bessie McQuarrie.

MURRAY—PRINTZ.—At Invercargill, in August, Rex Murray to Isabel Printz. Present address: 12 Roslyn Flat, Koorawa Avenue, Coogee, Sydney.

DEATHS.

BRASS.—At Invercargill (accidentally drowned) on November 16, John Brass; aged 16 years. [1922-23.]

HAMILTON.—At Auckland, on April 14 (suddenly), Don. Hamilton, chemist, lately of Bluff; aged 41 years. [1896-8.]

HARTLEY.—At Dunedin, after a long illness, Norman Ernest Hartley; aged 27 years. [1912.]

HYDE.—At Motootuo, Samoa, on December 13, Albert Hyde; aged 27 years. [1910-11.]

TOWNSHEND.—At Wallacetown, by accident, Ernest Galbraith Townshend, on 31st March; aged 18 years. [1922-23.]

QUINN.—At Invercargill, on 10th November, William Quinn; aged 54 years. [1885-87.]

LIBRARY.

Two donated by Rector—The Maori, 2 vols. (Elsdon Best).

Three donated by Hamilton—The Way of an Eagle (Ethel M. Dell), Paddy-the-Next-Best-Thing, Wuthering Height (Emily Bronte).

Twenty-one donated by Mr Rigg—Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea (Jules Verne), The Moon Voyage (Jules Verne), The Secret of the Island (Jules Verne), Abandoned (Jules Verne), Dropped from the Clouds (Jules Verne), A Journey to the Centre of the Earth (Jules Verne), The Mysterious Document (Jules Verne), Dreadnoughts of the Dogger (Robt. Leighton), Life of Nelson (Robt. Southey), Adventures Ashore and Afloat, The Last of the Sea Kings (David Ker), The Old Lieutenant and His Son, 2 copies (Norman McLeod), The Last of the Mohicans (Fennimore Cooper), The Wreck of the "Wager" (The Hon. John Byron), Sketches and Poems on Land and Sea (A. Robertson), The Dog Crusoe (R. M. Ballantyne), Coral Island (R. M. Ballantyne), Through Fire and Water (T. S. Millington), Evelyn's Key Note (Edith Kenyon), The Great Fight for Canada (Henry Frowde).

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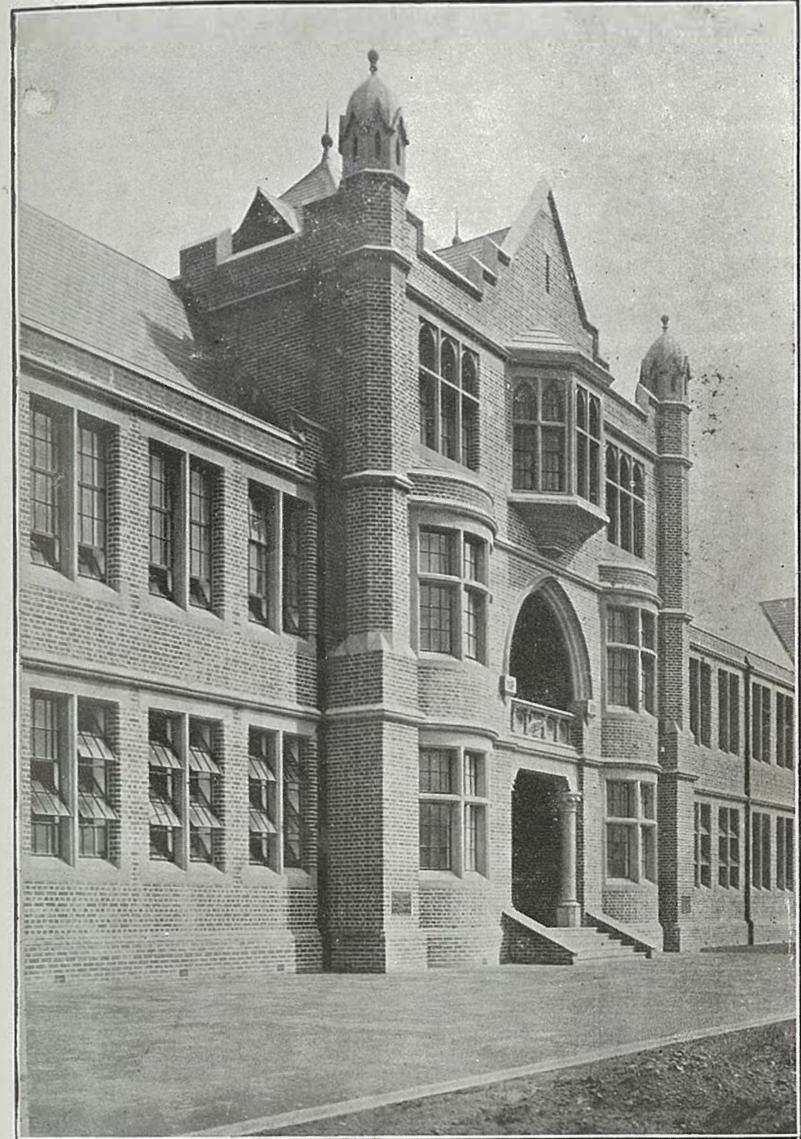
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