

—Second Round.—
 Johnson beat Stevens, D. Corbet beat Morrah
 Lopdell, a bye.
 —Semi-Final.
 Lopdell beat Corbet Johnson, a bye
 —Final.—
 Lopdell beat Johnson. A good ding-dong game.

SECOND YEAR.

Secretary : N. MURRELL.

SINGLES.

—First Round.—
 L. Greig beat E. Cupples C. Greig beat R. Ronaldson
 C. Soar beat A. Timpany A. McDonald beat J. Southern
 N. Murrell defaulted to E. Stuck.

—Second Round.—
 C. Greig beat L. Greig A. McDonald beat C. Soar
 C. Stuck, a bye.

C. Greig beat A. McDonald C. Stuck defaulted
 Winner, C. Greig.

DOUBLES.

—First Round.—
 R. MacCredie and R. Ronaldson lost to Mehaffey and A. McDonald
 J. Southern and C. Stuck beat L. Greig and C. Greig
 E. Cupples and C. Soar beat N. Murrell and S. Lamont

—Second Round.—
 Mehaffey and A. McDonald beat E. Cupples and C. Soar
 J. Southern and C. Soar, a bye.

—Finals.—
 A. MacDonald and Mehaffey beat J. Southern and Stuck
 Winners, Mehaffey and A. MacDonald.

The Juniors are particularly keen on the game this year, and ought to provide some close contests later on. They must remember to keep the ball low, not sky it, and to cultivate the use of both hands. The rainy summer has damped the ardour of the Seniors somewhat; no doubt their enthusiasm will return in the spring.

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School Officers November, 1913.

Prefects : C. L. Carter, G. Reed, A. Reid, E. Cameron, V. Raines, A. Brass.

Cadets : O.C., Major Pearce.

No. 6 Co., Captain, Mr J. B. Struthers; Senior Sergeants, C. Carter, V. Raines; Colour-sergeant, E. Cameron; Sergeants, Duncan, Millar, H. W. Smith, G. Reed; Buglers, Sanders, Leckie.

No. 7 Co., Captain, Mr P. Edmondson; Senior Sergeants, G. Wild, H. Ryburn; Colour-sergeant, E. Marshall; Sergeants, Marris, Stuck, Jackson, Watson; Buglers, W. Ryburn, N. Smith.

Cricket : Seniors—Capt., V. Raines; Deputy-capt., A. Reid; Secretary, G. Wild; Committee: Raines, Carter, A. Reid.

2nd XI.—Capt., C. Greig; Deputy-capt., J. Southern.

3rd XI.—Capt., C. Stuck; Deputy-capt., J. E. Fraser.

Juniors—Capt., Kingston; Deputy-capt., Howie; Secretary, Critchfield.

Football : 1st XV.—Captain, E. Cameron; Vice-Captain, C. Carter.

2nd XV.—Captain, P. Rice; Vice-Captain, Treseider.

Secretaries—J. Wesney, L. Lopdell, H. Ryburn, W. Ryburn.

Tennis : Secretary, A. Brass; Committee, Brass, A. Reid, Carter.

Fives : Seniors—Secretary, J. Wesney.

1st year—Secretary, H. Jefcoate.

2nd year—Secretary, L. Lopdell.

Library : Librarian, E. Marshall; Assistant, J. Millar.

Southlandian : C. Carter, E. Marshall, A. Brass, A. Reid, G. Reed, V. Raines, J. Wesney.

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Enlarged Photos of Former Rectors.

At the successful re-union of Old Boys last July a suggestion was made that photographs of former rectors should be procured, and after enlargement, placed in position on the school walls. We are pleased to state that the Rector, Mr Pearce, has taken up the suggestion, and thanks to loans from Mrs Wade and Mr G. G. Burnes, and a photograph (specially taken) from Mr Fowler himself, has these enlargements now in process of being made by Mr Campbell of Tay street. In due course they will adorn the walls where these gentlemen formerly reigned, and will thus act as links between the present and the past. These former rectors are, of course, Messrs Blanchflower, Highton and Fowler. G. W. Blanchflower, B.A., was headmaster during the years 1881-1885; A. H. Highton, M.A., during the years 1886-1893; H. L. Fowler, M.A., from September, 1893 to 1903.

Out of several applicants for the position of Gymnastic Instructor, the Board selected three for personal interview and demonstration. The result was that Mr John Page, formerly associated with gymnastic clubs in Dunedin, was appointed, and began duty on 1st July.

Senior Free Places.

The following have been awarded Senior Free Places as from the 1st January next:—E. N. Allan, J. G. Anderson, W. Anderson, E. H. Barber, J. A. Beck, T. R. Burt, J. L. Cameron, A. H. Cochrane, G. M. Corbet, W. M. Dawson, H. E. Dyer, J. M. Findlay, T. A. Fleming, J. E. Fraser, W. Grant, D. M. Greig, L. G. Gimblett, F. Haigh, C. C. Harris, D. M. Henderson, R. A. Heron, C. F. N. Hiskens, E. Hoare, A. D. Horwell, L. M. Johnson, D. F. Leckie, C. M. Lipscombe, R. L. Lopdell, T. L. Macdonald, F. H. McDowall, I. T. J. MacGibbon, L. M. Rogers, W. M. Ryburn, A. N. Smith, L. F. Soper, R. Stephens, W. D. Stevens, M. Summers, A. Timpany, D. Watson, C. A. Young. E. Mills gets an extension of his Junior Free Place.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Once again we are coming to the close of a school year; once again we are looking, with mixed feelings, to the weeks that are to be spent in the exam. hall, and once again we cast our eyes over the days that are past to see if there are any events worthy of recording. Last term was characterised by its dull, boisterous weather, and we are all hoping for a good cricket season, to make up for the bad weather conditions that seemed to haunt almost every football match.

The term has been singularly devoid of incidents. There were several inter-pro. football games played here this year, but, owing to their taking place on Saturdays for the most part, it was not necessary for the school to get away to see them.

While speaking of football matters, we must congratulate Mr Edmondson on his securing a place in the Southland team for several matches. Injuries caused him to be a spectator in some matches which would, we are sure, have worn a very different aspect had he been able to play. We must also congratulate Mr Struthers on his being placed in the Southland Soccer team in their match against Otago. Mr Struthers was one of the selectors for the season just past.

During the Beautifying Society's Carnival, a team from the school gave an exhibition on the horse. That their efforts were appreciated was shown by the hearty applause accorded them by the

large gathering. The following composed the team:—Millar, Duncan, Bingham, H. Ryburn, McCaw, A. Timpany, T. Macdonald, Wesney, C. Greig, under the charge of Mr Page.

After our last publication our gymnastic instructor, Mr Galloway, left us to take up a position in the new physical training scheme for schools. He still takes a warm interest in the school, however, and we were pleased to see him at our annual sports. His place has been ably filled by Mr Page, who has shown that he is a thorough sport, and who has become a great favourite with all.

One Wednesday, in the third term, the school was granted some time off to see the Southland-Canterbury hockey match. We are sorry to relate that very few availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the best of this sport.

Owing to the forgetfulness of our prefects, Dominion Day was not observed in the school. On the following Friday, however, a half-holiday was given to mark the opening of the cricket season in the school. Though so early in the season, good form was, however, shown. On Labour Day the school had a holiday. Several squads competed in the Military Tournament, held here, but did not succeed in winning anything.

The week assigned to the sports meeting turned out most unfavourably as far as the weather was concerned, and in consequence the sports were postponed till the following Monday, when a most successful day was spent. On the previous Friday the school was entertained at a concert in the gymnasium. This passed off well and was altogether a most successful function. A concert was given at the end of the first term, but it was very difficult coaxing performers to come forward. No concert was given during the second term at all, probably owing to football's claims upon leading performers.

Several of the Forms have recently held social evenings at some of the tea-rooms. This should meet with hearty support, as by this means a feeling of good comradeship is instituted and a closer bond springs up between members of a form.

We frankly confess that we were disappointed in the "New Zealand's" visit. Great preparations were made, and we went to the Bluff at 8 a.m. on June 3rd. On arrival we had to wait two or three hours as the ship was a long way out. Even when she did lie off the Point we were not permitted to board, but were only taken round her. Of course she had the sign of the bull-dog breed stamped all over her, but yet the mere sight of her scarcely made the trip worth while.

Finally, as usual, the school is sending up a large number of candidates for the public exams. We all wish them success, and remind them that if they play the game and, especially, answer the

questions correctly, there will be no fear of the school not holding the proud position it has held in years past.

When the Rector told us one July morning that Ralph Moncur, who had been absent three days, was dead, we received a shock. Ralph had had a severe attack of influenza and had come back to school, not wholly recovered. A relapse set in with a supervening of meningitis, to which he quickly succumbed. A wreath was sent to his sorrowing parents and most of IV. B accompanied the Rector to the grave-side. The Rector afterwards received a note full of gratitude from the parents for the school's manifestation of sympathy.

TERM CONCERT.

This term a considerable amount of enthusiasm was aroused for that noble institution, the term concert, and it was decided to elect a committee to look after the interests of the concert and make it as far as possible a success. The committee consisted of V. Raines (president), the prefects, and two representative from each form.

The concert was held on a Friday afternoon, October 31st, in the Gymnasium, with V. Raines in the chair, a position which he filled very creditably.

We have space to record here only the more remarkable items, as a detailed account of the whole would run into several pages. Perhaps the best feature of the afternoon was the Sixth Form variety entertainment, in which the sixth-formers paraded in various costumes, with some very ludicrous results. For instance, it is rather an amazing sight to see a sixth-former and a prefect dressed up as a ballet-girl, with crimson stockings, a pale blue skirt, a blouse, and an altogether indescribable piece of headgear. All the costumes were, however, very artistic, and very striking, from Ryburn's door-mats, sombrero, and toy pistol, to Bingham's kilts, plaid, bottle and corkscrew. The Sixth Form rendered "Macnamara's Band" very finely, and gave a very clever recitation of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," in which each member gave a separate line. Then Arthur Reid recited, and Gordon Reed gave a beautiful sermon. A. Cumming tickled everyone with his humorous lectures, "Geography" and "The Cow." The Fifth Form attempted to sing "Bluebell" and another song, but Wesney's voice was the only one that could be heard. Wesney, Cole and Millar, however, sang "The Man that Hath plenty of Peanuts," with great effect, introducing a little topical matter by the way. For the rest, items deserving special commendation were: "His Day's Work was Done," by H. Ryburn; Holz's violin solo; an orchestral item by A.

Cumming (piano), Mehaffey (violin), Smith and Treseder (cornets); and, last, R. G. Stevens's recitation, which was a good selection and well rendered.

SCHOOLROOM HUMOUR.

V.

"CAN THE ETHIOPIAN . . . ?"

A Fifth-former has at last solved the problem. He translates "A vouloir blanchir un negre, Le barbier perd son savon," as follows: "If a barber wishes to whiten a nigger, he must use shaving soap."

"Johnson was a water-drinker, and Boswell was a wine-bibber, and, indeed, little better than a swot." A passage from Macaulay, as read by a fifth-former.

Puddin' objects to slang of any kind. He was given the following to criticise: "This bit of goods was knocked down for twenty dollars," and he pointed out that "dollars" is an "Americanism" that will not do in good English.

IV. A.

Geography.—One of our number recently made the interesting scientific discovery that horses and cattle are completely neutralised in America. We suppose he meant naturalised!

Extracts from Examination Paper—Geography—"The United Kingdom is traversed over 3000 miles by canals." How interesting!

History—"Pitt resigned because his colleagues refused to go to war with Spain." "Bute retired after effacing the treaty of Paris."

Chemistry.—Master: "Plants get carbon from the air. How do animals get carbon for their tissues?" Dull Pupil: "By eating the plants."

Latin.—One of our masters translates "Proxima nocte de tertia vigilia" as "Next night, about three o'clock in the morning."

French.—A highly respected member of our community has invented a new method of translating French prose. The following extract will be enough to show the style: "Un endroit desert de bois." "A place full of wood."

Chene ou Chien. J. D. translating "Un chene au tronc enorme." "A dog with a big trunk."

Describing a railway accident one told us that "Mme. Dubois etait evanouie" means "Mrs Dubois had vanished."

IV. B.

We possess a number of modern Solomons in our form, one of whom during the French period translates "ours et ourses" as "bears and bearesses."

Another budding philosopher informs us that Calcutta is in India. On being asked where it is in India he replies that it is in the south-west, up at the top.

Even great men made mistakes and our teacher is no exception to the rule. One day he told us to remember that the curve on the board was a straight line.

"Woolly mowing-machines" fairly puzzled A. B., but at last he ventured on "flocks of birds." Was he thinking of keas, or hawks, or starlings?

"The Valhalla of the worn-out" was explained by a weary boy as "the bedroom" (S. T.).

"A White Australia" is thus explained by C. L.: "White Australia is the country inhabited by white people around the coast, while the black fellows have the interior."

The "White Man's Burden," according to E. H., is "the burden of keeping his own moral character and qualities pure and good, and thus doing his share to keep the white nations pure and good."

III. A.

About the middle of the second term our worthy Latin master decided to examine us on the declining of Latin nouns. Accordingly a boy was sent to the blackboard to decline "Miles." This is the first attempt: Miles, Milere, Milsi. After having been gently informed that "Miles" was not a verb, he made a second attempt with little better success.

One English Period the master asked what a large crack in a tree was called, whereupon the wag of the class retorted, "A split infinitive."

Suffixes are very peculiar things, so one of our number must be pardoned for saying that "pious" means "full of pie."

III. B.

We are informed by "Birdie" that a windmill is used to water the ground.

According to another: Reindeer are used to convey the logs from one place to another in the timber industry.

Extract from an essay by Archie: "The kauri trees are planted to provide wood for our ancestors."



OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

After an interval of several years the Old Boys again met in a successful re-union at Invercargill. A special report will be found in this issue.

Again we are indebted to two Old Boys for interesting articles; to Mr Frank Simon for a description of the famous Dublin Horse

Show of 1912, and to Mr Frank Acheson for a description of a cruise in the South Sea Islands. Again we commend the example of these to other old boys of the school. Such contributions are always heartily welcomed. Please, sir, a little article, please! Just for "Auld Lang Syne"!

Frank Simon is doing well in literature at Trinity College, Dublin. He has won the University Philosophical Society's medal in aesthetics, open to all members of not more than eight years' B.A. standing. He is the first undergraduate to win the medal. He chose for his essay "The Decline of Architecture." He has also won the only medal given by the Neophyte Society, open to all men in their first three college years. The medal is for Oratory. Surely Frank has discovered the famous "Blarney" stone. We congratulate the youthful St. Chrysostom.

Norman and Oswald Gilmour have settled down as sheep farmers at Purikireki, 18 miles from Clinton.

Erasmussen of the Bluff is now settled in Christchurch. Reg. Hawkins is still with Mr Todhunter in the City of the Plains, buying and selling grain.

John Scouler of Edendale is now to be found in Bank of New Zealand, Timaru.

E. Reynolds has been transferred to Supreme Court, Dunedin. Rev. H. Clarke, B.A., is now stationed at Enfield.

Charles Reid, after being on the sick list for two months, went north in May last to the P.O. Savings Bank, Napier.

It was our Charlie Macan who was reporter for the Otago Daily Times at the Sutton Camp last May. Charlie received the ducking because his report did not please certain members of the camp. When police court proceedings were taken, the defendants pleaded guilty, alleging that C. M. had grossly exaggerated the complaints for the sake of "copy." We sympathise with Charlie and admire his heroic prosecution of those whom he was trying to assist. Ungrateful Territorials!

Fred. Miles, M.A., was a much feted old boy before he quitted the shores of New Zealand. Not only was he honoured by his old school, but also on two occasions by his Varsity, at the capping dinner, and also by the Arts Faculty. We have been shown a very fine programme of the latter meeting in which, amid other apposite quotations, Miles has beneath his name "sic itur ad astra" and "at pulchrum est digito monstrari et dicier, 'hic est.'"

S. C. Sutherland has received promotion in the office of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., and is now their agent at Otautau.

Fred. Wilson, also, of the same firm, is now out on the roads, as a traveller.

D. Bonthron has been on a visit to his home, but returns soon to Nelson, to continue fruit-farming.

J. Donnelly, of the N.Z. Insurance Co., Wellington, was in town recently on a flying visit.

C. S. Brown is now practising in Feilding.

Jim McDonough has come to town from Wyndham, in the N.Z. Loan and M. Co.'s office.

E. R. Wilson's plan for beautifying the Queen's Park attracted much attention at the Carnival held in October.

W. Welsh, of the Civil Service, was in town recently on a trip from Wellington, looking well. Married life agrees with him.

Harry Deschler, who served his apprenticeship in Johnson's foundry, after five years with William Brown and Co., of Glasgow, some five years ago began on his own account to practise as a buying and consulting engineer in Glasgow.

Jas. Moore, of Winton, is surveying around Gisborne.

E. R. McKillop, writing from Te Kuiti in the King Country, does not find rainbow trout as inviting a fish as the brown trout of Southland.

Ian R. McKenzie has been transferred from the Bluff to Grey-mouth, in the office of the U.S.S. Co.

W. D. Cowie, who has been acting for some months in Pahiatua as auctioneer to the N.Z. Loan and M. Co., has received his transfer to Invercargill.

We regret to hear that last year's dux, Lindsay Bennet, had a nervous breakdown in the spring and at the doctor's orders had to retreat from the University for the rest of the session.

Messrs H. A. Macdonald and F. J. Tipping entered into partnership as barristers and solicitors last month. Mr Macdonald has been in business for more than twenty years, while Mr Tipping, a few years ago, began to practise as a solicitor in Invercargill. We wish the new firm success.

At the beginning of the cricket season these two old boys gave a practical evidence of their interest in the old school by donating a first-class bat and a set of pads to the Cricket Club.

Nelson Saunders left in August to take charge of Whaka Road School, near Taihape, under the Wanganui Education Board.

J. H. Murdoch, M.A., received promotion last September from Napier to Gore High School, there to be first assistant.

N. Gilchrist has been appointed 14th assistant at the South School.

S. Jackson is now in charge of Mokotua School.

Capt. J. G. Fullarton is retiring from the teaching profession, to take up fruit-farming in Havelock North, Hawkes Bay.

Mervyn Mitchell has left the office of Messrs Watson and Haggitt

and has begun practice on his own account as a solicitor. Address, Hallenstein's Buildings.

Harry McKay was in Invercargill as a member of the touring Wellington XV, playing a sterling game this season.

Mr W. Quinn has closed his old established business in Conon street. We understand he contemplates starting as an indent agent.

R. N. J. Fraser has been gazetted as Captain N.Z. Defence Forces.

A. M. Gilmour has been transferred from the local office to the Ashburton branch of the Bank of New Zealand. Before leaving he was the recipient of marks of esteem from the staff and from friends in rowing, hockey, and golfing circles.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

At the Otago University Inter-Faculty sports on October 4th, the following Old Boys gained places:—J. M. Boyne broke the record with the 16lb hammer, making a throw of 120ft 7in. He won third place with putting the shot. R. L. Christie won the 100yds in 10 2-5secs, establishing a new record. He came second in the 220yds. J. G. Anderson was placed third in the long jump, clearing 19ft 3in.

FOOTBALL.

Mr Edmondson captained Southland against Canterbury.

Mr Struthers represented Southland in Association football this season.

We regret to hear that Will Alexander suffered a fracture of an arm while playing football at Dannevirke this season.

Eric Cockroft played brilliantly for South Canterbury, captaining it against Canterbury last August and playing one of the best back games on the ground, and placing four goals with a muddy ball. He had to decline the invitation to be a member of the New Zealand team visiting California.

Norman Stead and T. Baird represented Southland in the back division this season.

Cecil Webber played for Timaru Pirates with E. Cockroft this season, both in $\frac{3}{4}$ line.

G. A. Fortune again represented Otago in Rugby football.

Among the Southland Hockey representatives for this season were R. L. Paull and Dr Baird, of Wyndham, and W. Sampson and C. Lewis, of Invercargill.

Four Old Boys are at Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln, Jock McQueen, Dav. MacGibbon, Rob. Hawke, and Stan. MacGibbon. McQueen is hon. treasurer of the Clubs' Management Committee, while Hawke is secretary of the same. We understand that Jock goes to

Otago University next year to complete his B.Sc. in Agriculture, while his brother, Jim, takes his berth at Lincoln. Ewen Cameron also enters Lincoln next year.

J. P. Hewat was editor of the Otago University Review this year and a member of the Students' Executive.

Mr Will Brownlie, M.A., B.Sc., did very well in his winter session at Edinburgh University this year, gaining first place in a class of 170 students in Anatomy, with a medal and first class honours; he also gained the same three distinctions in a class of 200 students in experimental practical physiology. He also took first class honours in Junior Practical Anatomy and Practical Physiological Chemistry, with 2nd class in Physiology.

Frank Acheson, LL.M., is working up a thesis on ancient Maori land tenures for his degree. Some must be pretty ancient!

Norman Churton, of Melbourne, looking more cherubic than of yore, paid a brief visit to Invercargill in June, and again delighted his friends with his songs.

We extend the sympathies of old boys to Lindsay Bennet, last year's dux, and Frank Adamson, on their ill-health during term time. We hope they have both regained their normal poise by this time.

WELLINGTON NOTES.

Harry McKay has been a prominent member of the Wellington Reps. right through the season, receiving a very good hearing in the Press for his fine play.

D. S. Smith has joined Mr C. B. Morrison, K.C., as a partner in the legal firm of Morrison and Smith.

Lance Bush captained Christ College football team in the annual college tournament, held this year at Wellington, playing very fine games as wing-forward.

Albert Acheson, head professor of the Mechanical Engineering School of Syracuse University, New York, was recently offered the position of Superintendent of the City Gas and Electricity Department at a big salary, but decided not to give up his University post, with which he is able to combine much outside consultation work.

Eric Ryburn was in the Otago Hockey Reps this year and came north with the team to try and wrest the championship away from Wellington.

Frank Acheson was awarded one of the Jacob Joseph Scholarships, valued at £60, for being one of the two highest honours graduates of the year at Victoria College. He is at present busy writing a thesis for the scholarship and also for the L.L.D. degree.

DEATHS.

THORNHILL.—Charles C. B. Thornhill, died in Australia at the beginning of this year, at the age of 19 years.

MONCUR.—Ralph M. Moncur, after a few days' illness in July, died at the age of 16 years.

MATHESON.—Farquhar Matheson, second son of the late D. L. Matheson, and partner in Messrs Matheson and Co., Dee street, after a long and lingering illness, succumbed on May 11, at the age of 39 years. Farquhar was a pupil of this school for 5 years, 1884-1888, and ever cherished a warm affection for it. His early demise cast a gloom over the mercantile community as well as over his contemporaries. Universally respected for his probity and welcomed for his geniality, he gave every promise of being one of our leading citizens. Our sympathy goes out to his surviving brothers and sisters.

MARRIAGE.

GILMOUR-VEAL.—At Dunedin on May 30th, Norman Gilmour to Miss Veal, of Ravensbourne.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY—TERMS EXAMINATIONS, 1913.

Class Certificates.

H. A. Wild—2nd Advanced Latin; 3rd Junior Mental Science; 3rd Senior Mathematics.

J. G. Imlay.—2nd Senior Latin; 3rd Constitutional History and Law.

A. J. Petrie.—2nd Senior Latin; 2nd Senior English; 2nd Senior Mathematics.

W. W. Millar.—2nd Senior Latin; 3rd Jurisprudence.

C. S. Brown.—3rd Senior Latin; 2nd Junior Mental Science; 2nd Jurisprudence.

J. P. Hewat.—3rd Senior Latin; 1st Senior English (James Clark £5 book prize); 1st Advanced English.

E. M. Ryburn.—3rd Senior Latin; 3rd Senior Mathematics; 3rd Jurisprudence; 3rd Constitutional History and Law.

R. G. S. Watson.—3rd Senior Latin; 3rd Junior Mathematics.

W. H. Pay.—3rd Junior Latin; 3rd English Composition and Rhetoric; 3rd Junior Mathematics.

D. A. Frew.—1st Junior Greek; 1st Senior Mathematics.

G. Cody.—3rd Senior English; 2nd Senior French; 2nd French Phonetics.

C. L. Bennet.—2nd Advanced French.

- W. Cody.—2nd Senior French; 2nd French Phonetics; 1st Honours Electricity and Magnetism, Lectures and Laboratory; 3rd Advanced Chemistry.
- J. M. Boyne.—2nd Senior French; 3rd French Phonetics; 2nd Political Economy; 2nd English History.
- H. R. Fraser.—3rd Senior French; 3rd French Phonetics; 3rd Senior Mathematics; 3rd Mechanics.
- S. C. Millar.—2nd Junior Mental Science; 1st Education; 2nd Jurisprudence.
- J. Welsh.—2nd Junior Mental Science; 3rd Education; 3rd Senior Mathematics.
- J. Stobo.—2nd Senior Mental Science; 2nd Political Economy.
- H. G. Sprout.—3rd Education; 3rd Political Economy.
- J. W. Hinton.—1st Senior Mathematics; 1st Junior Physics, Lectures and Laboratory; 2nd Junior Chemistry Lectures; 1st Practical Inorganic Chemistry.
- L. J. Wild.—3rd Mechanics; 2nd Junior Physics, Lectures and Laboratory; 1st Practical Organic Chemistry; 1st Junior Chemistry Lectures; 1st Biology; 2nd Practical Biology.
- C. H. Thompson.—3rd Mechanics; 1st Senior Mining; 1st Applied Mechanics; 1st Mechanical Drawing; 2nd Senior Assaying; 3rd Petrology.
- J. G. Anderson.—2nd Advanced Electricity and Magnetism, Lectures and Laboratory; 2nd Advanced Chemistry.
- A. F. Baxter.—3rd Practical Inorganic Chemistry; 3rd Biology.
- W. H. Young.—2nd Senior Anatomy; 2nd Senior Physiology; 3rd Junior Surgery; passed First Professional.
- R. L. Christie.—3rd Junior Anatomy; 3rd Junior Physiology.
- T. L. Ritchie.—1st Pathology; 1st Pathological Bacteriology; 1st Medical Jurisprudence; 1st Junior Medicine; Passed 2nd Professional in 3 subjects.
- B. H. Gilmour.—2nd Senior Surgery.
- H. Rattray.—Clinical Dental Surgery; Clinical Surgery; 3rd Dental Pathology; 3rd Bacteriology.
- F. J. Mulholland.—Pass in Physiology for 1st Professional.
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OLD BOYS' RE-UNION.

Committee.—Messrs T. D. Pearce, T. D. A. Moffett, C. S. Brown, G. McKenzie, F. Lopdell, W. Grieve.

Hon. Secs. and Treas.—Geoff. Henderson and Bruce Macgregor.

Hon. Pianist.—G. Pope.

Present.—E. Bonthon, A. Bain, Butt, E. B. Brooke, J. Burt, J. W. A. Bannerman, C. S. Brown, Q. Christophers, S. Cupples, G. Cuthbertson, J. T. Carswell, R. Dalziel, E. Dobbie, Chas. Davies, Cec. Davies, I. Findlay, J. Ferguson, W. Grieve, R. J. Gilmour, J. C. Griffiths, C. Hamon, D. Hewat, R. Hay, Reg. Hay, Lance Hay, J. Huffadine, G. Henderson, S. Irving, C. Irving, A. Jones, R. F. Keast, T. Lewis, F. Lopdell, H. Macalister, M. Macalister, H. A. Macdonald, M. Mitchell, R. R. Macgregor, D. B. Macgregor, G. Munro, L. Mair, S. Mackie, J. Matheson, G. Macindoe, G. McChesney, K. Mills, F. Miles, T. D. A. Moffett, G. McKenzie, J. Oughton, F. Pilcher, G. Pope, Eust. Russell, W. A. S. Robertson, G. Richardson, J. H. Reed, A. S. Reid, L. Smith, Eric Scandrett, N. Stead, W. J. Stead, W. Sampson, C. Thomson, H. Williams, T. Watson.

The chairman read apologies from several Old Boys who were unable to be present.

(This report was culled from those of the "Times" and the "News".)

Old pupils of the Southland Boys' High School, to the number of nearly eighty, assembled at the Federal Tea Rooms on the evening of 4th July for the double purpose of re-union and of bidding farewell to Mr Fred Miles, the country's Rhodes scholar for 1913. Mr T. D. Pearce, the present Rector, occupied the chair, while there were in attendance also the teaching staff and Messrs R. A. Anderson and J. C. Smith, representing the Board of Governors. The affair was excellently managed, and several speeches stood out strongly in substance and delivery from the usual run of utterances which bear the dignified designation of "speeches." Those of Messrs J. H. Reed and R. J. Gilmour were oratorical efforts which were delightful to listen to.

The principal toast of the evening was "The School," proposed by Mr J. H. Reed, who in the course of his remarks mentioned that the school was first started in Ramsay's Buildings, on the Tay street site now occupied by Messrs Thomson and Beattie. Mr Peter Goyen was first rector, and doubtless many in the room would remember him in his later-day position of Inspector of Schools. Mr George William Blanchflower would be affectionately remembered by the boys of 1882. Associated with him were "Jerry" Stewart and Mr McLean. Mr Reed then went on to relate some schoolboy reminiscences of Mr McLean's boardinghouse run in connection with the school. He urged the

Board of Governors to build an up-to-date boarding establishment when the new school was erected. The school had a notable record for its comparatively short term of existence. The Rector and staff had to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts, which compared more than favourably with the success of the other secondary schools of the Dominion. He would like to see on the walls of the school photos of the past rectors and of the boys who occupied distinguished positions in the world. The scholars would thus be constantly reminded of the responsibility which lay upon them of maintaining the high traditions of the school, and would be stimulated towards an emulation of the efforts of the old boys who had become successful. The speaker went on to speak in laudatory terms of the work done and interest shown in the school by Mr Wm. Macalister, himself an Old Boy. On the Board of Governors should be at least one Old Boy. Nowadays a great comradeship existed between masters and pupils, and the two were able to fraternise without there being any loss of respect to the teacher.

The toast was responded to at some length by Messrs T. D. Pearce and R. A. Anderson. Mr R. A. Anderson, in the course of his remarks, said that the Board of Governors had, long ago, come to the conclusion that the old school had served its purpose. The erection of an up-to-date building, with grounds, so as to be self-contained, had occupied their attention for the last three years. Unfortunately, they had not been in a strong enough financial position to carry out the scheme or to undertake heavy engagements. Their surplus revenue was only £1000 a year, and they would have to depend on a Government subsidy to help them along. A scheme, the conditions of which could not now be disclosed, had been formulated for the disposal of the old school, and a site, containing fifteen acres, had been secured at the end of the Park. That would be ample space for all requirements, including the erection of a boarding establishment for country boys, as had been urged by Mr J. H. Reed in his speech. Last week the Board had made a start with the scheme by placing the work for the preparation of six acres in the hands of the contractor. This would provide adequate playing grounds for the time being. If the Board's ideas came to fruition, a start would be made, in the near future, with the remaining portion of the scheme.

"Masters, Past and Present," was the toast proposed by Mr J. T. Carswell. The old saying that "Every man is architect of his own fortune" was but half a truth, as the successful man was invariably indebted to those who had the guiding of his educational career. Mr T. D. Pearce had helped to shape the career of the most brilliant student that had gone through the school, and of whom all Old Boys were justly proud. Mr Carswell then traversed the list of the old masters, sandwiching in here and there breezy little anecdotes of the

associations of some of our foremost business and professional men with their teachers. His telling of how Mr W. E. T. Austin was dubbed "Boney" because the lower form boys believed his name to be derived from "os," a bone, was received with roars.

Mr J. S. McGrath, when rising to respond, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering, led by the large body of ex-pupils of this popular sporting pedagogue, who were present. His remarks were typical of Mr McGrath, a brief reference which will indicate their nature and burden to those who have come into contact with his breezy personality.

Mr R. J. Gilmour proposed the toast "Our Guest, the Rhodes Scholar for 1913." When he first knew that the toast had been placed in his hands, he felt that to him had fallen the honour of proposing the principal toast of the evening. The institution, however, was always held in greater admiration than was any member of it, and whenever old pupils of the Southland Boys' High School were gathered together, the principal toast must ever be "The Old School." The occasion was unique. An honour had come to the school such as they could not look to have repeated for many years to come. They had with them that night the Rhodes Scholar of the year, and had met to do him honour. When he went to Oxford he would continue to distinguish himself, so that soon again they would have reason to meet to celebrate some new achievement of his at the ancient seat of learning. Mr Miles might feel there like a stranger in a strange land, but he could rest assured when entering into scholastic or sporting competitions that the shades of the Old Boys would gather about him in their invisibility to silently cheer him on. When he was successful their grosser bodies would gather in Invercargill to celebrate that success. There was no need to dwell on the great scheme which had had its origin in the mind of the mighty Imperialist by whom had the opportunity been given to Mr Miles to attend one of the greatest institutions in the world. Mr Rhodes, in establishing these scholarships, had shown, as he never perhaps had shown before, his individuality of mind and breadth of vision. They all felt that in sending Mr Miles to Oxford, they had selected the type of man Cecil Rhodes wished to bring out and enlist in the services of the Empire. He was loth to let the toast pass without referring to the personality of Mr Miles. The latest number of the "Otago University Review" that he had seen summed up the Scholar's character. After a period of uninterrupted success at the Southland Boys' High School Mr Miles went, in 1909, to the Otago University with a good scholarship. There he carried all before him, his success being phenomenal. He emerged with double first-class honours in mathematics, English and French, a feat rarely accomplished in the annals of the University; only once before has such a distinction been gained since the University of

New Zealand was established. He was to the fore in the football and cricket fields, and represented the province at tennis. The "Review" then went on to pay a splendid tribute to Mr Miles' character. His personality was such as to engender esteem and respect in the minds of his fellowmen. He was a man of resource in time of crisis. In conclusion, the "Review" stated that Mr Miles carried with him to Oxford the country's best wishes for a glorious consummation to a brilliant career and for a long and happy life. Mr Miles possessed, continued Mr Gilmour, that solidity of character which was necessary to carry him to high positions in the world. It was their pleasure to know that their old school stood in the reflected light. Considering the school's size it was somewhat extraordinary that it should produce a Rhodes scholar. Other longer established and much larger institutions had no Rhodes scholar on their lists. That was all the more honour to the S.B.H.S. His advice to Mr Miles was to add further glory to himself and the school by taking a "double blue" in sport. Only once or twice in half a century was such a distinction attained. Mr Miles was going to the university of which the Prince of Wales was an undergraduate, and was entering Balliol, the college which had sent them Mr H. L. Fowler, a former rector of the school. If Mr Miles' idea was fame, he would find it more readily in athletics than in scholastic achievements. Examination results were to be found stowed away in the back pages of the newspapers, alongside the church notices, but the men in the college boat or in the first fifteen were called by their Christian names by the sporting writers and were greeted as heroes by the small boys. If anyone wished to make money quickly he would be better advised in becoming a champion pugilist than in aspiring to be Prime Minister of England. The High School at Invercargill had been advertised the wide world over by an Old Boy, Mr "Billy" Stead, the brilliant five-eighth and vice-captain of the famous "All Blacks." Mr Gilmour then, on behalf of the Old Boys of the school, presented Mr Miles with a pair of field glasses. The glasses were for bringing objects nearer. Whatever would be Mr Miles' object in life, he could rest assured that if good wishes counted for anything, success and distinction would be brought nearer to him.

Mr Miles' uprising was the signal for a loud outburst of applause. He thanked the proposer of the toast of his health, the members for the good-will they had shown in their reception of it, and expressed sincere gratification for the present that had been given him. He looked upon it now, he said, as one of the most fortunate events of his life when he was cast upon these shores. The warmth and kindness of all more than compensated for the rigours of climate. It would be impossible to be received with more consideration than had been shown him, notwithstanding the opinions of some that the New Zealander was cold and reserved. He paid a sterling tribute to the

masters of the school, and referred to the high standard set in athletics, in scholastic duties and in the moral surroundings. The strong man of lofty ideals turned out from it bore a stamp of good character that was not effaced by the passing of the years. After again extending sincere thanks Mr Miles resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause.

"Absent Old Boys" was in the able hands of Messrs Eust. Russell and T. D. A. Moffett, both of whom did justice to the toast in a richly reminiscent vein, calling up the shades of those absent from Southland and revealing incidentally how Old Boys are spread far and wide in both hemispheres.

"Athletics" was discussed by Messrs J. W. A. Bannermann, W. J. Stead, and Syd. Reid. The first speaker was responsible for the statement that in days gone by the school record for 100yds was $9\frac{1}{4}$ secs. (?) Challenged, he gave the name of the hero as Wade. W. J. Stead told us how he had attended Oxford and seen the rampages of a "night out" by the students. Syd. Reid dealt with performances on the track by Southlanders.

Two other toasts were honoured. Mr H. A. Macdonald as one of the oldest Old Boys proposed the health of the Board of Governors and urged a progressive policy for the school. He was responded to by Mr J. C. Smith on behalf of the Board. The concluding toast, drunk with musical honours, was proposed by the Chairman, "The Secretaries and the Pianist." He warmly eulogised their good work, the evidence of which was clear to all in the success of the function.

Musical items were contributed by Messrs J. B. Struthers, D. B. MacGregor, J. S. McGrath, T. H. Watson, C. S. Brown, and J. Crosby Smith. Proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW.

The gods have been auspicious to-day, and have lavished their softest sunshine upon our ways. Grafton Street is bathed in it, and the crowded sidewalks are eloquent of its benign influence. Every face smiles, and the main thoroughfares are filled with a nation making holiday. For this, be it known, is Dublin's day of days, the annual gala which draws every Irish lover of horseflesh to the capital. Strangers call it "Horse Show Week Thursday," and to them it may not at first signify much, but to an Irishman—well, will you come with me and see for yourself?

Perhaps we had best start from the upper end of Grafton Street, Dublin's Bond Street, and well known to all readers of Lever. Always much frequented by the beautiful and the handsome of a well dowered race, it is to-day a very galaxy of the elite. There is little shopping

going on, for that must wait if it has not been done earlier in the week, but there is much talk of horses, hounds, and the prospects of the Show; much plying of outside cars—otherwise Irish jaunting cars—in spite of the multiplicity of motors; much good-humoured banter among rival jarveys and chauffeurs; an all pervading spirit of indolent activity so characteristic of the better class Irishman on holiday.

But to-day we cannot linger long, even in Grafton Street, and now we are in College Green. Look well, for there is but one College Green, as there is but one Dublin! It is Ireland epitomised. On the right is the noble facade of Trinity College, the ancient "silent sister" of the trinity of which Oxford and Cambridge are the predominant partners. Ireland is prouder of Trinity than of all her other University colleges put together—so proud, indeed, that the Nationalists never cease to turn greedy eyes and clamorous voices towards it, for it is the stronghold of Unionism in the capital. But to few Universities is it given to produce such literary giants as Berkeley, Ussher, Burke, Goldsmith, Swift, Lever, Moore and Lecky; such patriots as Emmet, Wolfe Tone, Gratton, Flood, to say nothing of the present political antagonists, Redmond and Carson! Facing the College is the Bank of Ireland, once the Irish Houses of Parliament, massive, and boasting a simple grandeur unequalled by many of the classic Greek architectural triumphs. There is no doubt that when Home Rule comes, the Irish representatives will again be housed in the buildings endeared to every true son of Erin by old associations and great traditions. As if to emphasise Nationalism, the statue of Gratton, hand raised aloft as of yore, stands in the centre of the converging streets, flanked by the scene of his triumphs; while the claims of Unionism are upheld, with a more silent, but not less effective, eloquence, by the great College on the one hand, and the triumphant statue of William of Orange on the other, some little distance up Dame Street.

Again we have forgotten the fleetness of time, and must hurry with what speed we may to Ballsbridge, home of the Royal Dublin Society, under whose management the Horse Show is run. Perhaps another day will find us wandering round the city. With difficulty we catch a tram, for a strike is in progress, and the service is somewhat curtailed. Along Nassau Street and Lower Mount Street we speed, and now we are at the gates of the Society's grounds.

We pay our florin apiece, and enter the great Hall through one of the numerous turnstiles. Here are displayed the most varied industrial and commercial exhibits, ranging from the most delicate Carrickmacross and Limerick laces to Irish-made saddlery and grand pianos. The long galleries are filled with tea parties, and the tout ensemble is reminiscent of some vast bazaar where the fair vendors have ceased from troubling their unfortunate male visitors. (It is

but fair to state that I have no knowledge of any such bazaar beyond a dream-experience after attending one of the usual kind).

But it is not in the main hall that the interest lies to-day—it is in the jumping enclosure. Here are to be decided two competitions within three hours, and half of Ireland—certainly half of aristocratic Ireland—is congregated around the enclosure or in the grandstand. Literally in thousands they come, and here, as would be possible nowhere outside the Green Isle, peasant from the bog rubs shoulders with scion of nobility, Connemara lace-girl with leader of fashion, Belfast Orangeman with Nationalist from Cork. Distinctions of class, creed and faction vanish when men are united in the bonds of a common love and admiration, and here the bond is the Irish hunter. How many of the less well-to-do raise the entrance-money, let alone the railway fare to Dublin, passes comprehension!

The chief interest of the afternoon centres in the champion jumping competition, limited to hunters of over 15 hands that have won a prize of £10 or more for jumping at this or any other Show. To-day there are 43 competitors, the course is a difficult one, and consists of (1) bank and ditch, (2) ditch and bank, (3) stone wall at least 4ft 6ins high, (4) double bank, (5) water jump, and (6) hurdle 4ft high. The competitors ride in pairs, and are distinguished by wearing respectively red and white bands across the shoulder.

But the crowd stirs, and then sways forward. Conversation ceases, and all attention is focussed on the first pair of horses, both magnificent bays, whose grooms have just led them to the starting post. Almost immediately their riders appear, make some final harness adjustments, and mount. A moment, the judge's flag falls, and they are off. Together they clear the first obstacle, but the red forges ahead, and is first to negotiate the second, with white at his heels. And now comes the real test—the stone wall. Without the slightest hesitation red clears it, but the rider has lost control, and is unable to turn his mount soon enough to take the double bank. While he endeavours to check his too willing steed, white, having cleared the stone wall after once refusing, takes in turn the bank and the water jump, and finishes by clearing the hurdle in fine style. Red, once more in the course, finds no further difficulty, and comes home close behind his rival. The crowd give vent to their feelings in loud applause. The jumping has commenced.

Pair succeeds pair, and the interest of the crowd never flags. Here a young huntsman rides with rein overlong, and an excited veteran from the back of the crowd shouts in willing treble advice which has no chance whatever of reaching its intended destination. The crowd laugh sympathetically. They, too, love horses. ken hunting lore, are well up in the secrets of the saddle. A raw-boned roan falls, and his rider is thrown heavily. Much shaken, he picks

himself up disgustedly, and his disgust is mirrored in the faces of the onlookers. They, too, have doubtless been thrown in their time.

But we draw to the end of the third round, and speculation as to the winners is rife. Only seven horses remain in, and among them two are ridden by girls. Pair by pair, they take the course, until but a single horse is left to run. "Miss Cavanagh on Starlight," runs the catalogue. A fiery black of 16½ hands, bestridden by a dark Irish beauty, seemingly no less fiery, sidles up to the post. Up to the present he has jumped well, but can hardly hope for first or second place, though the crowd hope he will get third. His fair rider, conscious of the myriad-eyed gaze, waits for the starting signal with lips compressed and muscles tense. It comes. Stung by unexpected spur, Starlight bounds forward, takes the first obstacle with irresistible rush, and, before he has time to slacken, is half lifted, half goaded over the formidable wall. With bit now between his teeth, he hurries on at a pace unequalled in the competition. Responding ever so slightly to the frantic efforts of his mistress to keep him in the course, he stumbles over the double ditch, clears the water jump seemingly in his stride, and, rising grandly to the last hurdle, finishes the most exciting run of the day amid frantic applause. Ere the shouts have died away, his number goes up as winner of third prize. When, a minute or two later, all five prize-winners approach the judge's box, there is no louder shout conceivable than the many-throated tribute to beauty, sex, and courage, which goes up as Starlight and his mistress receive the coveted rosette; nor no prouder girl in Ireland than the said mistress as she receives the congratulations of her four rivals.

But I have shown you enough for one day. Could I always arrange for so pleasing a picture to terminate your sight-seeing, you would never have cause to hold me other than an excellent cicerone.

FRANK SIMON.



THE ISLANDS OF THE BLEST.

Hurrah! Six weeks' leave after months and years of hard work and harder study. So we packed up a few things and caught the U.S.S. "Maheno" at Auckland, en route to Sydney and the South Sea Islands. Apart from the birth of quaint little cubs to the lioness of Wirth's circus on board, the voyage was uneventful until we ran into a regular cyclone just out of Sydney. One can realise now why vessels sometimes are never heard of again. Vivid blue lightning flashed almost continuously, and the waters were lit up for miles. Truly a great sight.

At Sydney the writer stayed at the Y.M.C.A., a very fine place, finding in the General Secretary, Mr W. Gillanders, an old Victoria College friend. The usual sights were visited, and we were fortunate enough to strike the huge Sydney A. and P. Show, with its attendance of about 100,000 people, and its many fine exhibits.

Then for a few days the Blue Mountains claimed us, and never could one wish to see more glorious panoramas—so misty and mysterious—so very blue—a land to stir the imagination of the dullest of mankind. Katoomba is a lovely town within easy striking distance of all the chief sights of the district.

We stayed at the fine Imperial Hotel on Mt. Victoria and motored out to the famous Jenolan Caves in one of the huge and luxurious cars of the Itala Company, the best on the road. No one should miss the Caves trip. The sights there are astounding and in lavish profusion Nature here displays before our eyes the result of thousands, perhaps millions of years of incessant and patient toil. What pen can adequately cope with and describe the grandeur of the natural cathedral in the Lucas Cave or the dainty beauty of the grotto "Gem of the West," for which an American millionaire is said to have offered the Government £25,000? What tongue can tell of the exquisite loveliness of the Mafeking Cave and of the Coral Grotto and of the countless other grottos set here and there in wondrous variety throughout so many of the caves.

We arrived back in Sydney in time for the ferry strike. I would not care to be a New South Wales politician—this city of theirs is far too big to be properly handled by a young country. One hardly knows whether to sum Sydney up as being a place with a lovely harbour and a fine tram service, or to class it as a city of strikes and antiquated water carts.

We left Sydney in the U.S.S. "Atua" at night-time and our steamer formed a good target for the searchlights of the harbour forts as we passed out to sea. A slow trip and uneventful brought us to Lautoka in Fiji, where there is the biggest sugar mill in the Southern Hemisphere. Here a party with a Fijian guide visited a native village—

so clean and nicely kept. What magnificent physique these Fijians have, and what a happy race they are! We visited the Indian coolie lines also and can understand now the turmoil and discontent the British have to face in India. In conversation with two lawyers practising in Fiji the writer found that your Indian Coolie is a most litigious sort of person and thinks nothing of paying away enormous sums in solicitor's fees and law costs on the off chance of winning some trivial point in dispute. Perjury is rife, and in some parts the Magistrates almost make a practice of sending one or other of the parties to gaol for a few months to reflect on the virtues of telling the truth in Court.

We had only an hour or two of daylight in which to view the sights of Suva, but a cab drive round the coast and back over the hills through the Indian rice fields and the native villages was a delight apart.

We left Suva at midnight and were off Levuka by daybreak, entering through a very narrow gap in the reef. What memories of our boyhood days and exciting tales of adventure these wonderful coral reefs conjure up. Levuka itself is a dream of tropical loveliness. Shall we ever forget that first drink of the real cocoanut milk—so clear and cool and refreshing? There is a great school here and with much courtesy were we shown round the place by the headmaster. Wonder followed upon wonder as we saw the young lads building fine boats and turning out high-class furniture, as we saw their elaborately fitted up engineering shop and smithy, their type-writing, telephone and wireless plants, their miniature rifle-shooting butts, their armoury, their Morse, semaphore, war lamp and other signalling apparatus and many other things that easily explain why the Government and the local authorities are so anxious to secure the services of such highly trained boys.

From Levuka we had a fair passage to Apia in Samoa, so well known to the outside world through the writings of Robert Louis Stevenson. The harbour looks a most dangerous one and we could easily picture the scene at the time of the great hurricane of 1889, when there were a number of warships in port and H.M.S. Calliope escaped—alone. Apia is a veritable Garden of Eden so far as the works of Nature are concerned, but only so far. It seems a very free and easy place—very free indeed. Many most interesting sights are to be seen about Apia, notably the various waterfalls, and the tomb of R. L. Stevenson on the top of Mt. Vaea, and his old home of Vailima, now the residence of the German Governor. The native villages are much cleaner than those of our New Zealand natives, and are well laid out. The Samoans themselves are very like our Maoris. A party of us arranged for a big native dance to be held in a chief's house and it was quite an experience. The chief, whose name was

Amituanai or Sitione, had been an old fighter against the Germans, and R. L. Stevenson had nursed him back to life when badly wounded. The scars on his shoulder and arm told their own tale.

Quite one of the strangest things seen on our trip was the way in which a cinematograph entertainment at Apia finished up with an impromptu dance and the other attributes of a German beer-garden. Imagine our surprise when the whole affair ended with the playing of the British National Anthem. This in a German port. But the fact is that Samoa is German only in its administration, and the bulk of the white people are British. Even the natives themselves always speak in English to a white man, and it is a pity Britain did not annex these Islands long ago. The Germans are not a colonising race—it does not seem to be in their blood.

As the steamer left Apia for Tonga, the natives sang their plaintive farewell song "Tofa ma Feleni" (Good-bye my friend), and, coming to us across the still waters, the melody was strangely sweet. This song is the favourite one of the Tongans also, and when their deep rich voices are heard, one is content. Nowhere else in all the earth are there singers like unto these Tongans—the deep sonorous boom of even a few voices reminding one of a great organ in some cathedral town.

We arrived at Vavau in the Tonga Islands by break of day. Nowhere in the Southern Pacific is there any harbour to compare with this, so beautifully wooded to the water's edge, so well protected from the long Pacific swell, and with a strange resemblance to Sydney Harbour itself. Some day this Vavau will be a haven secure and safe for the mighty Australasian fleet that is to be, and well it is that this group of islands is under British protection, though nominally it is the only independent kingdom remaining in the Pacific.

The ship's launch took us down to see "The Swallows' Cave" and we would not have missed it for anything. What work of man can compare with this natural cathedral in the little isle of Vavau? One is held spellbound as the Tongan boat-boys sing a few hymns in such a sanctuary as this—and we felt it was good to have been there.

Haapai was the next port of call, and here the reefs are so dangerous that vessels do not attempt to enter or depart at night. Ashore we could see the effects of the disastrous hurricane of about two years back, and trade all through the Islands is still very slack on account of it.

A few hours' run brought our steamer to Nukualofa, the capital of the Tongan Islands, and the place of residence of the King. Tonga has aptly been described as a comic opera kingdom, for though the inhabitants do not number more than 21,000, it has an hereditary monarch and a Parliament of its own, while its affairs are administered with a solemnity and a dignity befitting one of the great nations of

the earth. The Tongans are undoubtedly a fine race of great natural ability, and Nukualofa looked far more civilised and better administered than did Apia in German Samoa. But it certainly is somewhat amusing if rather pathetic to see the way in which this isolated brown race is striving to carve out for itself a place under the sun and a position among the nations.

Then we said good-bye to the "Islands of the Blest" and set out for "home," seeking in the colder seas of the South that second Britain, where our fathers have laid the foundations of a nation that will be strong and great, peopling a land flowing with milk and honey, and imbued with the Imperial spirit of the race that rules the seven seas. Oh, Ao-tea-roa, greatly do thy sons love thee, thou choicest of all the Islands of the Sea.

F. O. V. ACHESON.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

"Postponed from the last Wednesday in October owing to the rain, the annual sports of the Southland Boys' High School were held on 3rd November and were favoured with ideal conditions, both overhead and underfoot. Owing to there being no holiday, the attendance of adults was necessarily not so large as is customary at such gatherings. There was, however, a fair sprinkling of the fair sex, and pupils were there in strong force, all manifesting a keen interest in the doings of the various competitors. The programme was a lengthy one, but the officials in charge carried out their duties with all expedition. All events brought forth good entries, and though in the running events no new records were established, there were several fine finishes. In the Old Boys' races, it was again to be noticed with regret that the fields were small, though entries were numerous. As the result of the day's fixture three records went by the board, and by a coincidence it was the holders in all cases who were responsible for the new figures. A. Reid, in the half-mile walk knocked 1 2-5sec off his time in the same event last year, and in putting the 13lb shot T. Cody sent the sphere 3ft 7in further than in 1912, while J. Wesney sent the cricket ball farther than before in his throw of 87yds 2ft. Championship honours were annexed by L. Greig, who hails from Waikiwi, his wins being in the 100yds, 220yds, and 440yds. In the junior events the only record which was threatened was the long jump of 17ft 8in achieved by R. L. Christie in 1908. Hay, the winner of this event, cleared 17ft 4in, but he was unable to better the holder's figures. Afternoon tea was superintended by the wives of the staff, while the newly-formed South School Drum and Fife Band was also in attendance, and rendered several highly appreciated selections."

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Judges—Messrs J. E. Taylor, L. Wild, Syd. Reid, W. Grieve, ...
F. Lopdell, V. Raines.

Ground Steward—Mr J. S. McGrath.

Press Stewards—S. Thompson, G. Wild.

Clerk of the Course—Mr J. B. Struthers. **Starter**—Mr J. Page.

Timekeepers—Messrs J. Williams, J. P. Dakin, P. E. Edmondson.

Handicappers—Messrs Struthers, A. Reid, R. Duncan, J. Millar, Old Boys' Events: Messrs N. Stead, Q. Christophers, E. Bonthon.

Committee—The Rector, Messrs J. Williams, J. P. Dakin, J. S. McGrath, J. B. Struthers, J. Page, P. Edmondson, A. Reid, L. Greig, E. Cupples, F. Vella, D. Hay, J. Howie.

Hon. Sec. Old Boys' Events—Messrs N. Stead, Q. Christophers.

Hon. Secretaries—J. Millar, R. Duncan.

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP; school record 10 2-5th sec.—1 L. Greig, 2 J. Millar. Cody and Cole were left on the mark. Won by 5 yards. Time, 10 4-5th sec.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP (under 15); school record 17ft. 8in.—1 Hay (15in.), 18ft. 7in.; 2 Macdonald (12in.), 17ft 4½in.; 3 Cameron (scr.) and Vallance (21in.) equal. Eight competed.

100 YARDS (under 15); school record 11sec.:—1st heat, 1 Macdonald (4yds), 2 Cameron (scr.). Time, 12 1-5th sec. 2nd heat, 1 Hiskens (5yds), 2 Fraser (1yd). Time, 12 3-5th sec. 3rd heat, 1 Hay (5yds), 2 Vallance (4yds). Time, 12 1-5th sec. Final—1 T. Macdonald, 2 Hay, 3 Cameron. Time, 12sec.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP; school record 22ft.—1 Cupples (15in) 20ft. 6in., 2 A. Reid (15in) 19ft. 8in., 3 Cole (scr) 19ft. 2½in. Eight competed.

LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP (taken in conjunction with handicap)—1 Cole 19ft. 2½in., 2 Les. Greig 18ft. 1in., 3 Cody 17ft. 10in

220 YARDS (under 15)—1 D. Hay, 2 T. Macdonald; eight started. A fine race, won by half a yard. Time, 26sec.

100 YARDS OPEN: 1st heat—1 Cupples, 2 Brass. Time, 11 4-5th sec. 2nd heat—1 Timpany, 2 Duncan. Time, 11 2-5th sec. 3rd heat—1 Mehaffey, 2 Barber. Time, 11 1-5th sec. 4th heat—1 Dyer, 2 Reid. Time, 11 2-5th sec. Semi-final: 1st heat—1 Mehaffey, 2 Reid; time, 11 1-5th sec. 2nd heat—1 Cupples, 2 Duncan; time, 11sec. Final—1 Mehaffey, 2 Cupples. Time, 11 1-5th sec. Mehaffey surprised the handicappers.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP (under 15): school record 4ft. 8in.—1 Stevens (4in) 4ft. 3½in., 2 T. Macdonald (1in) 4ft. 2½in., 3 Hay (3in) 3ft. 11½in. Five competed.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP; school record 5ft. 2¾in.—1 McCredie (3in) 5ft. 0½in., 2 McCaw (1in) 4ft. 11in., 3 C. Greig (4in) 4ft. 10in. Seven competed.

HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP (taken in conjunction with handicap); same record—1 Cody 4ft. 6in., 2 Millar 4ft. 5½in., 3 L. Greig 4ft. 4in.

220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP; school record 23sec.—1 L. Greig, 2 Millar, 3 Cole. Only starters. Won by a couple of yards. Time, 25sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES; school record 18sec.: 1st heat—1 Duncan, 2 Cupples. A fine race; won by a yard. Time, 20 3-5th sec. 2nd heat—1 C. Greig, 2 Cody. Time, 21 3-5th sec. 3rd heat—1 Cole, 2 Brass. Time, 21 1-5th sec. Final—1 Duncan, 2 C. Greig. Time, 19 2-5th sec. Duncan subsequently attempted to lower the record, but was unsuccessful.

SACK RACE—1 Lopdell, 2 Forde. Four heats and a final.

440 YARDS (open)—1 Cupples, 2 C. Greig. Time, 58 3-5th sec. Many competitors; a good race.

220 YARDS (under 14)—1 Forde, 2 Hiskens, 3 Kingston. Seven started. Time, 28 2-5th sec.

FORMS' RELAY RACE—1 Form V. (Cole, Duncan, McCaw, Millar) (scr.), 2 Form IV. A (b) (Findlay, Cameron, Young, Dyer) (25yds). Seven starters.

POTATO RACE—1 MacGibbon, 2 Taylor. Five heats, a close contest.

440 YARDS (under 15)—1 Fraser, 2 Hay. Time, 65 3-5th sec. Six started.

440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP; school record 55sec.—1 L. Greig, 2 Millar. Time 62 1-5th sec.

PUTTING 13lb SHOT; school record 32ft.—1 T. Cody (scr) 35ft. 7in., 2 Cole. A new record, Cody beating his own record of last year.

HALF-MILE WALK (decided on Oct. 23rd); school record, 3min. 58 2-5th sec.—1 A. Reid, 2 Findlay. Reid broke his own record, winning by a nose from Findlay. Only three starters, however.

THROWING CRICKET BALL (decided on Oct. 24th)—1 Cody (20ft) 89yds. 3ft. 4in., 2 Holz (10ft) 89yds. 2ft. 4in., 3 J. Wesney (scr) 87yds. 2ft. Handicaps reversed actual throws. Record for last ten years.

MILE HANDICAP AND CHAMPIONSHIP (decided on Oct. 23rd)—

1 J. Fraser, 2 Leckie, 3 Millar. Record 4min. 56sec. Time, 5min. 19 sec. Poor time; 22 starters; a great spurt well sustained for last half lap, but too long in coming for good time.

WRESTLING: Under 7st.—1 Haigh, 2 W. Ryburn. Over 9st.—1 A. Reid, 2 H. Brown.

220 YARDS (open) 1 Duncan (scr), 2 Barber (16yds). Duncan cut his field down nicely, and won by a yard. Time, 25 1-5th sec. Thirteen starters.

OBSTACLE RACE—1 Vallance, 2 Hannah. Five heats and a final. Vallance won in the barrel.

HALF-MILE (open)—1 J. Fraser (85yds), 2 Leckie (25yds) and Cupples (31yds) dead heat. Time, 2min. 26 2-5th sec. Fraser got too liberal a handicap.

OLD BOYS' EVENTS.

100 YARDS—1 Hain, 2 Bonthon. Six starters; a good race; time, 10 4-5th sec.

440 YARDS—1 A. Rowe, 2 S. Reid. Time, 62sec.

HALF MILE—1 W. Smellie, 2 Forrester. Four starters. Time, 2min. 32 4-5th sec.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP, 1913—1 Les. Greig 22pts, 2 J. Millar 17pts, 3 S. Cole 8pts.

TODD MEDAL for most points in running handicap events—1 Cupples and Fraser (equal) 10 points, 2 Duncan 6 points.

JUNIOR HANDICAP MEDAL for most points in events under 15 —1 Hay 17 points, 2 T. Macdonald 15 points.

Apologies for absence were received from several parents and Old Boys who were unable to attend on the Monday, but would have attended on the Wednesday.

The Committee acknowledges with thanks the receipt of donations to the Prize Fund from the Board, Messrs R. Macdonald, A. J. McCredie, G. C. Todd (gold medal), J. J. Hiskens, T. F. Macdonald, Syd. Reid, Rob. Hawke, and J. Matheson.

SOME NOTES.

Despite the inconvenience of the day, it was gratifying to see such a large number of Old Boys present at the sports.

We hear that the little band of South School boys put up a great record at the refreshment rooms.

More programmes might have been sold, to the benefit of the fund.

All are agreed that Jock and Bob made good working secretaries.

The only race that failed to secure five competitors was the walk. Is it worth while retaining it?

FOOTBALL.

Captain: E. CAMERON.

Vice-Captain: C. CARTER.

Selection Committee: Cameron, Carter, Millar, Duncan.

Secretaries: J. WESNEY, H. RYBURN

Team: 1st XV.—Cameron, Reid, Marris, Cupples, Duncan, Millar, Greig L., Brown, Cole, Carter, Cody, Smith, McCaw, Meffan, Raines.

Reporters: G. Reed, J. Wesney.

The season just closed has been a very successful one as regards school football. Although opening somewhat badly, yet the members of the team improved so much in their play that they managed at the end of the season to defeat their old rivals, the Otago Boys' High School. Another proof of the great improvement made is shown in the fact that the only matches lost were at the immediate beginning of the season with the exception of the match against the Timaru Boys' High School, in which they had to contend against a much bigger team than those encountered in Southland. This Timaru match, moreover, was an entirely new departure in the football of the school, but a departure which, if made an annual institution, will be for the benefit of both teams.

Owing to the confusion in football circles consequent on the partial observance of Saturday as a holiday in some quarters, the Saturday competitions, which were more important than the diminished Wednesday competitions, did not allow the school team to appear at its full strength. This was due to the fact that the country boys, who form a large percentage of the team, could not stay in over the Friday night, and as there was practically no competition on Wednesdays, the school fifteen was often hard put to it to raise a match. Since it was only on Wednesdays that the school could muster its full strength, any lack of combination that the team might have displayed in its more important fixtures, namely, those against other secondary schools, can be put down to this confusion about the half-holiday.

The weather throughout this season was anything but favourable, so much so that it was a most unusual thing to have a fine day for a match. The wet and sodden grounds accounted in no small way for the great success achieved by our forwards throughout the season. But in spite of these adverse conditions the backs performed very creditably, perhaps those deserving of special mention being Reid and Marris.

The thanks of the school are due to the Winton team and to the Old Boys for providing practice games on Wednesdays. On one occasion the school took a trip to Winton, an outing which was en-

joyed by all. The loyal Old Boys valiantly turned out on a tempestuous day and showed that, even if they lacked some of Mr McGrath's good training, yet were they as dashy as ever. After this muddy match our Rector restored the team's exhausted energies by a cup of steaming cocoa.

At the beginning of the season, it was thought that the team would be weak owing to the loss notably of McGregor, Lawrie, Huffadine, and Frew. This year Mr Galloway's services as line umpire proved hard to fill, in addition to the valuable physical training he gave the team. Captain Cameron was absent for the greater part of the season, but returned in time to give great help in the inter-school matches. In spite of all adverse circumstances, the team came out very creditably, as the following reports show:—

SCHOOL v. INVERCARGILL.

Lost, 6—3.

In the first spell School had the better of the game, but did not manage to score till just before half-time, when some good passing enabled Millar to score in a good position. Duncan's kick at goal was unsuccessful. On resuming, the opposing side displayed more dash, and they quickly equalised matters with a try that was not converted. Then, still playing well, Invercargill registered another try. School then tried hard to even things up, but they were not successful. The game then closed with the score standing 6 to 3 against School. Considering that this was the first game of the season, the standard of play was high, there being some good passing among the School backs, especially in the first spell. Everyone played a good game, Brass being the pick of the forwards, while Hiskens and Millar were always conspicuous in the backs.

SCHOOL v. SOUTHERN.

Lost, 6—3.

In this, their second match, the First XV. met the Southern team on the Eastern Reserve and were beaten by 6 points to 3. School started off well and a few minutes after the start Brass managed to score, Carter's kick failing. After very even play, the scores remained unchanged at half-time. On resuming, Southern got away determinedly and it took School all their time to keep them from scoring. Soon after, however, Southern scored from a passing rush. The kick at goal failed. School then made desperate efforts to pull ahead. Shortly after Southern again got in and scored from a pass. No goal resulted. Lightning rushes were made by Millar and others to try to even up matters, but it was of no use and the whistle sounded soon after. The swamp-like state of the ground made good football impossible though, by wearing gloves, several players might have

taken the ball better. School were up against a very weighty combination, but all played keenly, McCaw, Cody, and Brass in the forwards, and Marris and Millar in the backs playing very good games.

SCHOOL v. INVERCARGILL.

Lost, 8—7.

This match saw School again defeated by the narrow margin of 8—7. In the first spell play was fairly even, although the Blues had a much heavier team than School. The first try of the match was scored by Invercargill from a scramble on the line. The kick at goal was unsuccessful. After this score Invercargill seemed to "liven up" and just before half-time was called they scored another try that was converted. On resuming, School, encouraged by a few enthusiastic supporters, rallied. After keeping the Blues hard-pressed, a pretty passing rush, in which Hiskens showed out prominently, enabled Millar to dash across the line and opened the School's scoring account. Reid's kick at goal did not bear fruit. Following on this, the School players put more heart into their play, and after a time, while play was in front of the Invercargill goal, Marris who was handling the ball well behind the scrum passed out to Millar, who, seizing his opportunity, dropped a neat goal from the field. Shortly after this time was called, leaving the School losers in a hard-fought game.

SCHOOL v. SOUTHERN.

Won, 9—5.

School gained their first victory this season by defeating Southern by 9 points to 5. Right from the start, School had the better of the game, and soon after play commenced, Millar scored a try. Carter did not convert. Shortly after this again, a passing rush enabled Duncan to score three more points, Carter again failing with the kick. The first spell then ended with School 6 points to the good. On resuming, School again pressed Southern, and Lopdell, who was playing excellently, scored a try near the corner-flag, after a fine run. The kick at goal again failed. From this stage onward Southern rallied somewhat, and just before time was called they scored an easy try from a line-out. The try was converted. For the School all the back played well, especially Lopdell and Millar, while Carter and Meffan were the pick of a hard-working pack.

SCHOOL v. STAR.

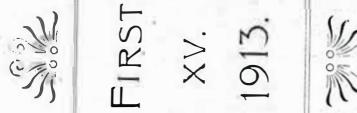
Won, 11—3.

This was the first time this season that School met Star and succeeded in defeating them by 11—3. Shortly after play commenced, while School were attacking, a Star player kicked hard past the School backs and as the result of good following up a try was gained. The kick at goal was unsuccessful. From the kick-off School once



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BACK ROW: MEFFAN, COLE, L. GREIG.
SECOND ROW: H. SMITH, BRASS, T. CODY, RAINES, C. CARTER, J. WESNEY (Hon. Sec.).
THIRD ROW: BROWN, A. REID, MILLAR, CAMERON (Capt.), L. MCCAW, CUPPLES, DUNCAN.
FOURTH ROW: Sitting—C. HISKEINS, R. MARRIS.

more attacked, and Millar scored a try after some excellent passing by the School backs. The kick failed. After this play was fairly even, although School held the advantage, and just before half-time was called Carter marked in a good position. Reid made no mistake with the kick. In the second spell the Star team rallied, and once or twice they came near scoring. However, School held them in check, and towards the close of the game they had Star defending. Then from a scrum close to the line Marris passed the ball out to Millar, who dashed across and scored in the corner. Reid's goal was an excellent effort. Soon after this play ended with School still attacking. Of the forwards, Meffan, Carter and McCaw were the pick, while Reid and Hiskens were the pick of the backs.

SCHOOL v. SOUTHERN.

Won, 17—0.

Once more victory was recorded to School when they defeated Southern on their own ground by 17—0. From the kick-off School attacked, and a series of passes, in which Scandrett figured prominently, enabled Hiskens to score. The kick at goal was unsuccessful. Soon after this a dribbling rush by the forwards nearly gained a try, but a mark relieved Southern. However, School kept their opponents defending, and Hiskens scored a try beneath the posts. The try was not converted. Two or three minutes after this again, Hiskens once more scored beneath the posts, the kick again failing. In the second spell Southern were seldom out of their own twenty-five, and eight more points were added to the School's score, Marris and Lopdell being responsible with a try each, while Carter converted one of them. Marris, Scandrett and Hiskens were the best of the backs, while Timpany, Smith and Brass were the pick of the forwards.

SCHOOL v. WINTON.

Won, 12—3.

School met and defeated Winton on the Eastern Reserve on this occasion by 12 points to 3. From the kick-off Winton took the aggressive and after about five minutes' play they scored a try in the corner. The kick at goal failed. After this score, however, School carried play into Winton's twenty-five, and a penalty kick awarded to School enabled Reid to kick a goal. From this stage to half-time the play was fairly even. In the second spell School attacked the visitors' line vigorously, and despite the greasy nature of the ball the School backs started some passing rushes. As the outcome of this two tries were scored by Duncan, the kicks at goal being unsuccessful. Then towards the close of the game a try was scored by Rice from a scramble on the line. The kick again failed. When the whistle sounded for time School were still attacking. This match was char-

acterised by the fearless and plucky stopping of rushes by the School players, every one of whom played excellently.

SCHOOL v. WINTON.

Won, 9—0.

For the second time the School beat Winton, winning by 9 points to nil. This game provided a disappointing exhibition by the School backs, especially in the first spell. This half was characterised by forward rushes in which Winton rather held the advantage, although several good openings to score were spoilt by faulty play in the School rearguard. Early in the second half, however, Brown scored a try in the corner from a scramble near the line. The kick at goal failed. Some time after this Hiskens marked, Reid making a good though unsuccessful attempt to goal. Following on this, Cole scored a try as the result of the first good passing rush of the day. The kick again failed. From the kick-off Winton made a vigorous rush for the School line, but the ball was kicked out at the School's 25. On the line-out the ball was kicked hard past the Winton backs, and Smith scored a try after following up and dribbling excellently. The kick at goal once more failed. Shortly after this play ended in neutral territory. Smith, Cody and Brown were conspicuous in the School forwards, while L. Greig was the pick of the backs.

SCHOOL v. STAR.

Won, 28—6.

This match resulted in a win for School by 28 points to 6. The team was somewhat weak, as our second fifteen were at Gore, but a fast, open game gave our backs a chance to show their merit. Star opened by scoring a try within the first five minutes, but our team soon settled down and began to attack. Tries were scored by Millar (3), Greig (2), Meffan, McCaw, and Carter. Reid converted two tries. Cameron and Meffan showed up frequently in the vanguard, while Reid and Greig played well in our back division.

SCHOOL v. WAIKIWI.

Lost, 6—5.

These two teams met on the Eastern Reserve, Waikiwi winning by 6 points to 5. School started with thirteen men and was pressed right from the start. About five minutes after starting, a Waikiwi player scrambled over the line, the kick at goal failing. The Waikiwi team's dribbling was unable to be stopped by School. Shortly after, Waikiwi again got over, their man running right through the School backs from about half-way. Millar and Raines arrived at this stage and the game was opened up. A good passing rush brought School near their opponents' line, but C. Greig threw away an almost certain

try. The scores were unaltered at half-time. On resuming, School attacked vigorously and Lopdell almost succeeded with a drop kick. Waikiwi, on getting the ball, dribbled right down to School's line, but C. Greig forced. School again attacked, and Cameron, a yard in front of goal, most unselfishly gave the ball to Hiskens who managed to score. Reid's kick was successful. School now attacked till call of time, Brass and L. Greig making good attempts to score. Out of a lamentably poor back display, Millar's and Reid's performances showed up best, while Brass, Meffan, and McCaw were the pick of the forwards.

SCHOOL v. GORE HIGH SCHOOL.

This year the Gore High School, who have previously challenged only our second fifteen, thought that their team was sufficiently strong to put up a good fight against our 1st. Though the first spell was very even, our boys showed their superiority in the second half, where they thoroughly over-ran their opponents to the tune of 14—3. Gore opened up almost immediately with a good passing bout which failed to finish, and from that on the visitors were mainly on the defensive, stemming attacks from the other backs. The town rearguard broke down almost always at the second five (Millar) who failed to find his centre. One fair movement was lost through Hiskens (wing) dropping the ball when over the line. The first spell ended with no score. The home team started from the kick-off in the second stretch, and attacked practically all the time, securing four tries and converting one. The Gore scored the finest try of the game from a set scrum, their centre propping and cutting out the town backs, then running straight in. The town first and second fives were too far away at times from the feed, and the centre, too. Had the Gore got a third of the ball Southland received, they would have won or made a better game of it, though their ground defence was weak. McGregor (half) and Waddell (centre) stood out for the visiting backs, and Marris (half) and Duncan (centre) for home. The winning forwards outclassed the losers and in heeling back were excellent, the whole game coming from lines and scrambles. The Gore secured most ball in the set scrums, the town being minus their hooker (Brown), but they made use of it seldom. Referee Dey made the game fast and whistled judiciously. After the match the visiting team was entertained at the Federal Tea Rooms, and afterwards the first fifteen showed the Goreites the innumerable beauties of Invercargill.

THE GRAND TOUR.

This year the first XV. started out on a scalp-hunting expedition, but it was a case of the scalper scalped when they reached the beautiful town of Timaru. At Dunedin, however, they secured an

ever-welcome victory over their old rivals, the Otago Boys' High School. Appended is a description of the match:—

1st XV. v. OTAGO.

Won, 8—0.

Once again these two teams met on the Carisbrook ground which, after the rains of the previous week, had been covered, here and there, with patches of sand, a state of affairs which did not help the players. A mist, which made the ball very slippery, overhung the whole game. School kicked off and immediately followed the ball into Otago's territory. Play was near the latter's line for some time until they rallied and carried play into our twenty-five. Otago marked near School's line and had a kick at goal, but were unsuccessful. School now instituted a fine dribbling rush which looked deadly had it not been for the Otago full back. Otago once again rallied and carried all before them, but Millar managed to save and a good kick by Cole evened up matters. At this stage, Cameron carried the ball close to Otago's line, but it was kicked over. The full back did not force but attempted to kick. Greig, however, who was following up well, got the ball and scored on the rebound. Soon after, when play was in Otago's territory, Millar was passed the ball and dashed over and scored. Reid's kick failed. Otago now attacked vigorously and seemed almost certain of scoring. The School defence was too good, however, and by a series of scrums, managed to keep the enemy out. School were compelled to force down once. A mark was taken by an Otago boy and a pot at goal was tried, but fell short. Half-time was called soon after with the score 8—0. On resuming, Otago made a vigorous onslaught on our line, School being compelled to force. Soon after the ball was kicked over and another force was necessary. School now rallied and carried play to half-way, where very even play took place for some time. Otago, however, again bore down upon School's line and another force down resulted. Our boys soon rallied and dribbling by Meffan and Carter carried the ball up to Otago's line, but a force was all their reward. School now occupied Otago's territory for some time, but were brought back to their own line through an Otago man slipping through their ranks. The other side looked very dangerous, but a line kick by Reid saved. McCaw now got away and dribbled well up the line. Soon after Cupples saved and dribbled well. Otago, however, came on again and scrum after scrum took place near our line. Reid's kicking, however, was too good and the defence kept the Otago boys out till time was called soon after, the scores unaltered, Otago 0 Southland 8.

The match was exciting and a most interesting game to watch.

All the forwards played well, getting their weight in, and it would be a most difficult matter to pick and choose between them.

Of the backs Marris and Reid were the outstanding ones, although the others were all good. After the match the team was entertained at the Leviathan and went to the South Canterbury-Otago match in the afternoon as guests of the Otago Rugby Union. During their stay in Dunedin, the team was very hospitably treated by the Otago boys, although, sad to relate, not by the weather.

TRIP TO TIMARU.

On the Monday following the Otago match the team received a pleasant surprise, on assembling at the station, on hearing that landslips on the northern line had dislocated the traffic. Their pleasure was justified on receiving from the Rector a telegram telling them to go on, come what may. This meant that an extra day had to be spent at Timaru, and great was the rejoicing thereat. After a long, tedious journey to Timaru, the team was met by Timaru boys and was very cordially welcomed. But all their pleasant dreams of more laurels were nipped in the bud at the sight of their titanic foemen. After the match, however, all were thankful that a much larger score was not knocked up against them.

1st XV. v. TIMARU.

On Tuesday, the 26th August, these teams met on the Timaru Athletic Ground. The ground was very wet and, in several places, there were unpleasant-looking pools. The Timaru boys (or men) were very much bigger than our boys who, however, put up a good fight, their opponents admitting after the match that it was the soldest game they had played through the whole season. Timaru kicked off and Cupples, who got the ball, started a rush and so brought School into Timaru's territory. Our forwards were packing well, but their weight was not as good as that of the Timaru scrum. For a short time School was attacking well and looked like scoring, but Timaru soon evened up matters and brought play to half-way. School again attacked and was awarded a free kick. Reid made a splendid effort, but fell a little short. Play was now carried into our territory, but Cupples saved well. The Timaru boys now pressed on School's line, and, from a pass, a player dodged through School's ranks and scored. The kick was successful. Timaru 5, School 0. Carter now showed to advantage in a dribbling rush, carrying the ball well up the line. Timaru, however, attacked again, a player running in and scoring unopposed. The kick failed. Immediately after another Timaru rush took place, and, through the failure of School's full-back to save, another clear score resulted. The kick fell short. At this stage, Duncan very pluckily got down to a fearsome rush and was badly laid out. Half-time was called soon after with Timaru attacking, the scores being, Timaru 11, School 0.

On resuming, Hiskens replaced Duncan. At the start Timaru attacked furiously, and School again saw a player run in, practically unopposed. No goal resulted. From now onward School had the best of the game and seemed fully determined to retrieve their waning fortune. Our boys were much oftener in their opponents' territory than the Timaru boys were in School's. Again and again vigorous onslaughts were made on the Timaru line, and several times a score seemed imminent. School, however, lacked a good scoring man, although Reid made a very good run and passed most of the backs, but was not followed up. Then Timaru rallied and brought the ball right up to our line. Reid saved and made a gallant run down the field, but again the School's men were much too slow in following up. Timaru soon retaliated and School's backs saw a pretty try right behind the goals. The goal was easily kicked. A good dribbling rush by our forwards brought play into Timaru's 25. Rush after rush was instituted, but were all stopped by the bigger team. Time was called soon after, with the score, Timaru 19, School 0.

The game was very interesting and fast, but our boys were up against a very weighty, clever combination. The forwards put up a great fight, but several of the backs did not come up to expectations, though Marris, Reid and Cupples stood up to their work like men.

After the Otago match several of the Old Boys showed that they still had a warm corner in their hearts for their school by sending telegrams congratulating the School on their victory over Otago.

One great factor in the success of the team must not be forgotten, and this is the careful and paternal coaching that Mr McGrath lavished on the School 1st XV. It is largely to our respected master that the victories of our team are due.

A CRITICISM OF THE TEAM.

Cameron, E. (Capt.)—Kept his team well disciplined. As wing-forward opened up the game. Fine tackler and clever dribbler.

Reid, A.—First five. Worth his place for tackling, kicking, and rush stopping. Had much to do with any success the team achieved.

Marris, R.—Half. Shared with Reid the "brains" of the team. Though light he never funkied. Varied the passing well.

Cupples, E.—Was taken from full to play second-five. Tackled excellently, gave a good pass, and generally justified his inclusion.

Duncan, R.—Fast and fearless. Fair kick and sound tackler. Was unwell on the tour and did not show to advantage.

Millar, J.—Wing three-quarter. Dashy and bustling; kicked strongly at times. An improving player.

Greig, L.—Fast wing three-quarter; took ball well and dashed for line with some success. Tackling improving. With weight should be a good scorer in his position.

Cole, S.—Played at full-back towards the end of the season, and showed improvement in taking and kicking. Fast.

Brown, H.—Front row of some experience. Got ball for his backs; foot work good, tackling fair. Was unwell during the later matches.

Carter, C.—Line and loose work good; followed up well. Front row success marked. Did well even when over-weighted by opposing teams.

Cody, T.—Lock, and a faithful one. Good on line and in every pack. Tackled with excellent results.

Smith, H. W.—Fast loose forward; dribbled and followed up excellently.

McCaw, L.—Powerful worker on line; good at breaking away; tackling showed a marked improvement; good scoring forward.

Meffan, J.—Speedy, bustling forward; tackled well at times; foot-work very fair.

Raines, V.—Line play very well executed; his dribbling was a model for his fellow scrummers. Tackled well, and picked up with judgment.

SECOND XV.

Captain: P. RICE.

Vice-Captain: J. TRESEDER.

Secretary: L. LOPDELL.

SECOND XV. v. THIRD XV.

In this match, which was the first of the season, the Second XV. secured a win by 65 points to nil. For the Thirds, Dyer and Cameron were the best of the forwards, and Lamont and Wild were the pick of the backs. All the Seconds played well.

SECOND XV. v. THIRD XV.

This match resulted in a draw, there being no score on either side. The Thirds in the first spell had the better of the game, but in the second spell the Seconds held the advantage. Treseder, Lopdell and Cole played well for the Seconds, while Marris, G. Reed and Brass played brilliantly for the Thirds.

SECOND XV. v. THIRD XV.

This match resulted in a win for the Seconds by 24 to 10. For the Seconds scores were made by Young (2), Lindsay, Leckie, Johnson and Lopdell. For the Thirds scores were made by Findlay and Lamont, Findlay converting both tries. For the Seconds Holz kicked three goals. Both teams played short handed.

SECOND XV. v. GORE FIRST XV.

Lost, 16—3.

The following constituted the team:—G. Scandrett, C. Greig, His-

kens, Smith, Watson, Lopdell, Lindsay, Treseder, Rice, Findlay, Dyer, Young, Leckie, Cameron, E. Timpany.

The 2nd XV. journeyed to Gore, where they played a match with a team of the local High School's 1st and 2nd players. The grounds were very soft and muddy and all through the game a strong side wind blew. School kicked off, and after a few minutes' play in our territory, the Gore half-back cut in and scored, no attempt being made to stop him. The try was converted. Play was even for a time until N. Smith made a great dash up the line. He was stopped, however, after which Gore occupied School's territory till another score and goal brought their total up to 10. School made a vigorous attack to score before half-time. The outstanding features of this spell were two good runs of Smith's and the feeble display of our backs. On resuming, School gradually approached their opponents' line. Gore, however, got out of danger through their superior passing. Hiskens got the ball and started a good run, but the others did not follow up. Gore again came up and from a scrum on the line, got another score, which was not converted. School again attacked and Treseder succeeded in diving over. Rice's kick failed. Shortly afterwards Rice ran away from the Gore team, but was caught near the line, no School player being near at hand. One more score brought Gore's total up to 16 points to School's 3. Hiskens, Smith, Lindsay and Rice gave the best displays. The team arrived at Invercargill at 1.30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

SECOND XV. v. OTAGO.

Lost, 40—3.

Team.—Rice, Cameron, E. Timpany, Southern, Findlay, Critchfield, Treseder, Leckie, Lindsay, Watson (in), Lopdell (out), C. Greig, Johnson, N. Smith, H. M. McDonald; Emergencies—Forward, Dyer ; Back, Lamont.

Southland won the toss and elected to play eastwards. After some play in front of Southland's goal Lindsay kicked the ball over the scrum, Otago marking and securing a neat goal. In the first spell the score reached 19, Otago's three-quarter line breaking through our backs again and again. In this spell Rice's line kicking was a notable feature. On resuming play Otago again scored and then the forwards seemed to wake up a little, Findlay getting away well down the field, but was checked by the quickness of the visitors' backs. Several more scores had been made by Otago when Southland got away, Lopdell nearly succeeding in potting a goal from the field. The game after this became closer, only two scores being made, bringing the score up to 40. In the back division Smith was easily the pick, Lopdell and Johnson playing good games, while in the forwards Rice, Critchfield, Treseder, Leckie, Cameron and Findlay played well.

Mr Frank Lopdell kindly consented to act as referee, and proved himself efficient.

The following boys kindly consented to act as hosts:—Rector (2), Haigh (2), Critchfield, Stout, Scandrett, Lopdell, Train, Smith, Timpany A., Treseder, Macdonald T., Rice, and Fleming.

After the two teams had dined together at the Federal Tea Rooms, the Otago boys left for home by the second express, well satisfied with their crushing victory.

THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The 3rd XV. met and defeated Technical School on No. 1 ground by 14 to 9. In the first spell Technical were attacking most of the time, and scored six points to School's nil. A penalty goal and a try. In the second spell, however, School rallied and succeeded in scoring 14 points, while Technical added another try to their credit. The School backs gave a very poor display, with the exception of Watson. The forwards, however, held their own, Dyer, Cameron and Leckie being conspicuous.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Keen interest in football was shown this season by some of the juniors, though for the most part our playing ability was not on a level with our liking for the game. It was early seen that the main strength of the Combined III. A and III. B team lay in the forwards, of whom Critchfield and R. McDowall were the outstanding members. Forde and Hay played some good games, while Cody, Murison, Royds, Stout, and Galbraith could usually be depended on to play away solidly. At times the line out work was fair, the forwards packing round quickly, but too often we allowed our opponents to come through with the ball. Our scrum work was not very good, all our best breaks coming from loose play.

Our backs were not very effective either on attack or defence. Certainly they did not get a great deal of the ball, but that does not explain the break-down of promising rushes. Our inside backs could not learn when to pass or where to back up in readiness for the ball. Howie was our only dependable back, better on defence than in attack. Melvin was nippy and will be clever when he gains in strength; at present he is not fond of defence. Kingston is cool and handles the ball well. He likes open play and has no relish for solid work. Stevens made a good full-back, kicking and handling the ball exceptionally well. Vallance was our handy man, able to play anywhere, quick on his feet and with plenty of courage. McQuarrie is cool and a good kick. Jefcoate could play a fair game either back or forward. Bell and Trapski were only fair as half backs, while Hiskens occasionally showed form.

During the season III. A and III. B played each other twice, each winning one match. A pleasing feature of these inter-form games was the vigour shown by some of the smaller members of the teams. In outside matches we were too gentle, holding up our opponents from falling, but taking care to dump our adversaries in inter-school games.

We played three practice matches against South School. Even without Critchfield, barred as being too strong, our forwards were rather better than South, though we were often beaten on the line. Both sets of backs were inclined to speculate on defence, while on attack South showed better knowledge of the passing game. Our back attack was feeble, except for an occasional run by the wing three-quarter on the blind side. The games resulted in a win each and a draw.

Against Technical College we did badly. They held us in the forwards, and outclassed us in the backs. Knowing our weakness behind the scrum, we tried two wing forwards, but they were not clever enough to stop the opposing back attack on every occasion. We lost the first match by 10 to 0; the second by 20 to 3.

A team picked partly from the Lower, partly from the Middle School met the Southland Primary Schools' rep. team, but lost after a good game by 3 to nil. We put in some bigger forwards and a fresh set of backs, but the primary team kept control of the ball and gave our backs no chance to attack.

CADET NEWS.

During the winter term the two companies went through a course of squad and company drill. Owing to the inclement weather, on several drill days, musketry instruction was given indoors. Towards the end of the term we had two half-day parades, the drill consisting of squad and company drill and route marching. On Saturday mornings the town boys got off their miniature range shooting in the gymnasium. Owing to a misunderstanding most of the boys fired 73 rounds, but it was all good practice.

The first year boys are at last provided with uniforms, although many have to hitch up their pants with a piece of string, owing to the Defence Office running out of belts. These have now been requisitioned.

In the early part of the 3rd term the train boys fired off their gym. practices, so that all the miniature range shooting is finished. We still have to fire 45 rounds apiece on the range. The competition for the champion shot, senior and junior, will also be held this term.

The cadet companies have put in consistent practice during the third term and the company drill has thereby been developed. The weather conditions being good, the drill period has been enjoyable to all ranks, and the companies have also taken an interest in extended order drill, which has served as a welcome change from the routine work.

The Bugle Band has improved and has been augmented with some new players. We anticipate a combination next year that will be a credit to our school and an alarm to the neighbourhood.

The event of the term so far as the cadets were concerned was the Military Tournament, held on Labour Day. We loyally supported the venture by sending in teams for most of the events open to us, and although we were not so successful as we could wish, still, the extra practice that was required benefitted the participants very much and gave us experience by which we should improve. Sergeants Millar and Duncan of No. 1 Company, and Col.-Sergt. Marshall and Senior-Sergt. Ryburn of No. 2 took up the competition keenly and by their own unaided efforts brought their squads to a very creditable standard indeed. Our signallers and buglers also turned out and did very well under the circumstances. Our champion relay team (L. Greig, Duncan, Hiskens, Millar) easily carried off the prize from the Territorial team, much to the latter's surprise and chagrin. Credit is due to the squads and their officers for their enthusiasm and for the time they spent training to represent us on that occasion. We look to them to undertake the responsibilities of office next year and diffuse their enthusiasm through the school.

CRICKET.

SENIORS.

Captain: S. V. RAINES. **Deputy-Captain:** C. CARTER.
Secretary: G. WILD.

Committee: RAINES, CARTER, WILD and REID.

Though our football season for 1913 closed with the second term, we did not open the cricket season, officially, as it were, until about a week after the commencement of the third term. We were given a half-holiday on Friday, 26th September, and no less than six teams, totalling about 78 players, took the field. The weather was perfect, and a very successful opening resulted.

At first, owing to the inability of the seniors to get immediately on to their wicket at Rugby Park, interest was somewhat slack in the first and second elevens, but they have now settled down at the Park and No. 1 ground respectively.

It is to be hoped that every one of our seniors will make full use of the turf wicket provided for their practice: it is much pleasanter to play on than asphalt; it gives the batsman greater confidence; it adds to the interest of both bowling and fielding, and generally tends to provide better cricket all round.

It is very gratifying to note that the S.C.A. has instituted a 3rd grade competition. This provides a very necessary incentive for our middle school cricketers. The middle school furnishes our second eleven, and it is from the middle school that the seniors are recruited at the beginning of each year. Middle school cricket has hitherto been so mediocre that it has been almost impossible to make a decent player out of the recruits, in the few weeks intervening between the commencement of the year and our annual match with Otago.

We should like to see instituted an annual second eleven match with Otago instead of the present match for first year boys. The Otago match is the most important agent in exciting enthusiasm and in improving play that we have. If the 2nd eleven received the benefits that are obtained from an annual match with Otago, there would not be such a wide gap between the levels of play in the first and second teams as there is at present. This season is opportune for the inauguration of such a match. If a second eleven from Otago visited us in 1914 we would have a very convenient alternation of matches, viz., In March, 1914, our senior eleven is due to visit Otago; the same month a second eleven from Otago could visit us; in August the Otago 1st XI. play in Invercargill, while our second XI. play in Dunedin.

At the beginning of the season we received a bat from Mr F. J. Tipping and a pair of pads from Mr H. A. Macdonald for the immediate use of the club. Each of these gentlemen also promised to donate a bat at the end of the season for the player showing the most all-round improvement and for the one with the best batting average. Every senior player who has attended a certain percentage of the set practices is eligible to compete for these trophies. Our best thanks are due to Mr Tipping and to Mr Macdonald for their generosity, and for the interest they take in our welfare. It is not often that we have such practical illustrations of the interest that Old Boys take in our cricket, and the salutary effects of such generosity are therefore greater, as likewise is our appreciation.

The cricket season was opened on Friday, 26th September, in splendid weather. On No. 1 ground Reid's team beat Raines's team by 48 runs. The totals were 102 and 54 respectively. For the winners Wesney made 24 runs, Cupples 20, Reid 14, and McCaw 14 not out. Marris took 1 wicket for 1 run, Wild 2 for 3, Rice 2 for 3, and Reid 3 for 8. For the losers Raines 12 not out, Lopdell 11, Carter 10, Cole

4 and Sanders 3 were best scorers, while the bowling honours fell to Soar with 6 for 19, Raines 2 for 19, and C. Greig 1 for 10.

On No. 2 pitch IV. A met and defeated IV. B by 15 runs on the first innings. The scoring was low. T. Macdonald, Holz and Vella did well with the ball.

There is every prospect of a good season if players will only remember that cricket is a game requiring daily practice. The practice wicket in the school yard has been handy for off moments, but is not for real solid practice. That must be on the pitches. Teams must practice fielding. It is not pleasant for bowlers to see easy catches missed or runs being got through bad fielding.

There is room for all now that four pitches are available. With the first at the Park, the second, third and junior elevens should practise consistently, making use of all fine afternoons.

It is perhaps rather early to attempt a criticism of the first eleven, but as an expected criticism was inadvertently omitted from last season's notes, we make the best amends possible:—

1. Carter.—Fast bowler, with an occasional off break. Has a habit of taking surprise catches at fine slip.

2. Cupples.—Promising batsman; good field; bowls a good-length straight ball with a deceptive delivery.

3. L. Greig.—A Hard hitter; smart field; inclined to careless cricket.

4. Holz.—A keen recruit; good field; promising bowler; rather fond of hitting.

5. Lopdell.—Very promising left-handed batsman; bowls good-length straight ball consistently; fair field.

6. T. Macdonald.—Another recruit; fair bat; bowls a good ball that "comes in" nicely from leg; fair field.

7. V. Raines, Captain.—Keen on practice and in matches. Good length bowler, and steady bat. Has the confidence of his team. As a fieldsman is a model for his players.

8. A. Reid.—Good medium-paced break bowler with plenty of spin off the pitch, and a consistent length. A stone waller invaluable in breaking down attack; good field.

9. Soar.—Good left-handed bat with strokes all round the wicket; good right-handed leg-break bowler; good field.

10. Wesney.—Companion stone waller to Reid. Bowls a fast clippy ball that "comes in" with the arm; good field.

11. G. Wild.—Keen left-handed batsman; inclined to leg play; fair bowler; promising wicket-keeper.

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

The match on 12th November, First XI. versus Y.M.C.A. "seconds," was unfinished. School lost the toss and batted first, making 127 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. Reid 51 not out, Raines 50 and Cupples

5 not out made most of the runs. School then declared and Y.M.C.A. had 40 minutes left to make the required runs. They put up 68 for three wickets. Cupples took 1 for 8, Soar 1 for 25, Lopdell 1 for 33. The match was brought to a finish a week later, School winning easily.

2nd XI. v. Y.M.C.A.

In their match on 12th November Y.M.C.A. defeated the 2nd XI. by the narrow margin of three runs. Y.M.C.A. batting first declared their innings closed after making 93 runs for the loss of nine wickets, L. Greig taking 3 wickets for 19 runs and Holz 2 for 15 runs. School then went in and made 90 runs, of which Vella contributed 37 and Fraser 14 not out, Y.M.C.A. thus winning by 3 runs. In this game chances of securing wickets were lost by bad throwing in.

In their match, 5th November, against the Technical 1st High 2nds tied, each side making 74 runs. For School C. Greig made 23 runs and Dyer and Hiskens 9 runs each. D. Greig took 2 wickets for 15 runs, and C. Greig 3 for 13 runs.

THIRD XI.

The High Thirds defeated the Technical Seconds on No. 2 ground on 5th November by 16 runs. School went in first and compiled 37 runs, W. D. Stevens 11, Dawson 11, R. Stephens 7 being the chief scorers. Technical then went in and compiled 21 runs. Bowling for School Fraser took five wickets for 9 runs, Stevens two wickets for 3 runs, and Stuck 2 wickets for 3 runs.

III. A and III. B v. MIDDLE SCHOOL.

On 15th October a team from III. A and III. B met the Middle School on No. 2 ground, and defeated them by 3 runs. The middle school went in first and made 55 runs. Taylor took 2 for 12, Kingston 4 for 15, while Stout, Stevens and Critchfield each got 1 for 1. III. A and III. B then went in and made 58. Critchfield made 19, Jefcoate 12, and Taylor 11. Forde caught three men out in Middle's innings.

III. A v. III. B.

III. A met and defeated III. B on No. 3 ground on 5th November. III. A went in first and made 48 runs, Howie taking 5 for 18, Kingston 14, Forde 8 and Jenkins 6 being the chief scorers. III. B replied with 26 runs. Forde 6 for 9 (hat trick), Kingston 3 for 9. MacQuarrie with 10 runs. III. B went in again and made 30. Kingston 4 for 12, Forde 4 for 14. III. A thus won on the first innings by 22 runs.

JUNIORS v. SOUTH, Lost by 9 wickets.

In the first innings School was dismissed for 26 runs. Jefcoate 12, and Taylor 6 were the chief scorers, while in South's first innings they made 60 runs, Kingston taking 5 wickets for 17 runs. In School's second innings things turned out much better, and after batting for

one and a quarter hours made 97 runs. Critchfield 32, Millar 24, Taylor 14, and Kingston 11 made the most runs. South then opened up their second innings, having to make 63 runs to win, but after one wicket had fallen they made the required runs, South thus winning by 9 wickets. Played on Saturday, 1st November.

TENNIS.

Secretary: A. BRASS.

Committee: REID, CARTER, BRASS.

Tennis is growing in popularity in the school, there being over forty members of the club, many of whom are juniors, while the number is continually increasing.

Balls continue to disappear at an alarming rate, but of course no one knows where they go. It was found necessary to change the locker in the pavilion, as boys had a habit of breaking in to get racquets and balls.

The girls' team was entertained one Saturday afternoon, but as it had rained all the morning, conditions were not so pleasant as they might have been. Combined doubles were played, and in the finals Reid and Miss Pay beat Millar and Miss Stout.

The annual championships, senior and junior, will be played this term, and they promise to be very interesting. The committee has graded the players as follows :—

Seniors: Brass, Carter, C. Greig, Lopdell, Mehaffey, Millar, Raines, Reid, H. Smith, Wesney, Wild.

Juniors: Cole, Cupples, Duncan, Dyer, Fleming, Fraser, Galbraith, L. Greig, Haigh, Henderson, Jefcoate, Johnson, Kingston, Leckie, H. Macdonald, T. Macdonald, McCredie, Reed, H. Ryburn, W. Ryburn, Scandrett, N. Smith, Soper, Taylor, Thompson, Treseder, Vallance, Wilson, C. Young, D. Young.

Owing to bad weather the handicap tournament, commenced during the first term, was postponed, and was finished early this term.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

—First Round.—

Carter (rec. 8) beat Wild (rec. 9)	60—47
Cameron (rec. 23) beat Raines (rec. 10)	60—38
Henderson (rec. 13) beat Treseder (rec. 21)	60—48
L. Greig (rec. 11) beat Fleming (rec. 19)	60—56
Brass (rec. 6) beat Young (rec. 15)	60—45
Lopdell (rec. 13) beat Stewart (rec. 19)	60—50
Thompson (rec. 25) beat W. Ryburn (rec. 18)	60—56
Southern (rec. 23) beat Reed (rec. 25)	60—28

H. Ryburn (rec. 18) beat Dyer (rec. 11) 60—55
 Haigh (rec. 12) beat Cupples (rec. 20) 60—43
 Corbet (rec. 12) beat Scandrett (rec. 11) 60—56
 Wesney (rec. 3) beat C. Greig (rec. 4) 60—41
 Reid (scr) beat Marris (rec. 24) 60—41
 Smith (rec. 11) beat A. Cumming (rec. 20) 60—29
 Murrell beat McCredie by default.
 Millar beat Duncan by default.
 Mehaffey beat Bingham by default.
 H. Macdonald, a bye.

—Second Round.—

Lopdell beat L. Greig	60—43	Haigh beat H. Ryburn	60—48
Wesney beat Henderson	60—39	Reid beat Murrell	60—42
H. Smith beat Corbet	60—55	Mehaffey beat Brass	60—47
Millar beat Southern	60—58	Carter beat Thompson	60—57
H. Macdonald beat Cameron by default.			

—Third Round.—

Lopdell beat Mehaffey	60—44	Wesney beat Haigh	60—47
H. Macdonald beat Millar	60—59	Carter beat H. Smith	60—53
Reid, a bye.			

—Fourth Round.—

Wesney beat Lopdell	60—54	Reid beat H. Macdonald	
Carter, a bye.			

—Semi-Final.—

Reid beat Carter	60—48	Wesney, a bye.	
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—Final.—

Reid beat Wesney, 60—54.

The Southland Lawn Tennis Association has again decided to give its annual trophies to the winners of the Junior and Senior Championships. Our grateful thanks are due to the Association for its continued interest in school tennis.

**FIVES.**

1913 SECRETARIES.—Senior: J. Wesney. Second Year: L. Lopdell. Junior: H. Jefcoate.

Owing to the bad state of the weather during the last week of the first term, our annual handicap tournament was unavoidably postponed. However, the finals were played early this term, the winners of the various grades being:—A. Reid, Seniors; L. Johnson, Second Year; and H. Jefcoate, First Year.

Judging by the closeness of the games and the keenness of the players, some good games should eventuate in the championships to be held this term.

The following are the results of the handicap,—

SENIOR.

—First Round.—

L. Greig 4 beat Lindsay 5.	Reid 1 beat Carter 4.
Wesney 2 beat C. Greig 5.	Wild 6 beat Duncan 6.
Cole 4 beat Cupples 4.	Sanders 8 beat Brass 7.

—Second Round.—

Reid beat Wild.	Cole beat L. Greig.	Wesney beat Sanders.
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—Semi-Final.—

Reid beat Cole.	Wesney, a bye.
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—Final.—

A. Reid 1 beat J. Wesney 2,	21—20.
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SECOND YEAR.

—First Round.—

Scandrett 4 beat D. Greig 5.	Haigh 7 beat Mills 9.
Leckie 6 beat Lipscombe 7.	Holz 6 beat Hiskens 4.
Cameron 5 beat L. Stevens 8.	T. Macdonald 5 beat Irwin 8.
Soper 3 beat R. Stephens 7.	Anderson 8 beat Allen 8.
Fraser 3 beat Harris 10.	Corbet 1 beat Fleming 6.
Lopdel scr. beat Vella 6.	Johnson 1 beat Henderson 8.

—Second Round.—

Leckie beat Scandrett.	Holz beat Haigh.
Cameron beat Soper.	Anderson beat T. Macdonald.
Lopdell beat Fraser.	Johnson beat Corbet.

—Third Round.—

Lopdell beat Leckie.	Anderson beat Cameron.	Johnson beat Holz.
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—Semi-Final.—

Johnson beat Lopdell.	Anderson, a bye.
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—Final.—

L. Johnson 1 beat W. Anderson 8,	21—8.
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FIRST YEAR.

—First Round.—

Galbraith 5 beat Critchfield scr. Kingston 3 beat Hiskens 4.
 Stout 4 beat Whitmore 7. Jefcoate 3 beat Preston 3.
 Taylor 2 beat Melvin 5. Wilson 4 beat Bell 5.

—Second Round.—

Stout beat Galbraith. Taylor beat Kingston. Jefcoate beat Wilson.

—Semi-Final.—

Jefcoate beat Stout. Taylor, a bye.

—Final.—

Jefcoate 3 beat Taylor 2.



LIBRARY NOTES.

Secretaries: E. MARSHALL and J. MILLAR.

There are now 736 volumes in the Library. The following were added in the second term:—"Malcolm," by George Macdonald; "The Spoilers," by Rex Beach; and "Pictures from the Balkans," (these three being presented by Mr J. G. Anderson). "Uncle Bernac," by Conan Doyle; "Typhoon," by Joseph Conrad; "Micah Clarke," by Conan Doyle, (these three presented by Mr B. Baxter). "The Silver Horde," by Rex Beach, also presented by Mr J. G. Anderson; "The Land of Footprints," by S. E. White; "The New World of the South," by W. H. Fitchett; "Boy Wanted," by Waterman and Bumby; "Peeps at the Heavens," by J. Baikie; "The Boy Fancier," by F. T. Barlon; "A New Self-Help," by E. A. Bryant.

In the course of this term were added:—"Eugene Grandet"; "Old Goriot," by Balzac; "Romola"; "The Mill on the Floss," by George Eliot; "The Conscript and Waterloo," by Erckmann-Chatrian; "The Forty-Five," by Dumas; "Chicot the Jester," by Dumas; "Tartarin of Tarascon and Tartarin in the Alps," by Daudet; "War and Peace," in 3 vols., by Tolstoi; "Ungava," by Ballantyne; "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," by Jules Verne; "The Boy Hunters of the Mississippi," by Maine Reid; "Anna Karenina," 2 vols., by Tolstoi; "French Revolution," 2 vols., by Carlyle; "The Annals," by Tacitus; "Agricola and Germania," by Tacitus; "History of Rome," by Merivale; "Select Orations of Demosthenes"; "The Koran"; Spinoza's "Ethics"; "Apologia pro Sua Vita," Newman; "The Percy Reliques of Ancient English Poetry"; Shakespeare's Comedies; Shakespeare's Historical Plays, Poems and Sonnets; Shakespeare's Tragedies; "The Canterbury Tales," by Chaucer; "The Fairie Queene," 2 vols., by Spenser; "Piers Plowman"; "A Volume of Heroic Verse"; "Literary and Historical Atlas of

Asia"; Dictionary of non-Classical Mythology"; "The Fall of the Nibelungs," translated by M. Armour; "Legends of Charlmagne," by Bulfinch; "The Story of Burnt Njal," translated by Sir E. Dasent; "History of the Kings of Britain," by Geoffrey of Monmouth; "Cook's Voyages of Discovery"; "The Travels of Mungo Park"; Hakluyt's "Voyages" in 8 vols.; "The Modern Egyptians," by Lane; Marco Polo's "Travels"; "Anson's Volages"; "The Spectator," in 4 vols.; "The Tale of a Tub, etc," by Swift; "Theology in the English Poets," by S. Brooke; "Among my Books," by J. R. Lowell; Plutarch's "Lives," in 3 vols., translated by Dryden; "The Bayard of India," Capt. L. Trotter; "Hodson of Hodson's Horse," by Capt. L. Trotter; "Flying and Some of its Mysteries"; "Mechanics and Some of its Mysteries"; "Chemistry and Chemical Magic," by Johnson; "Shackleton in the Antarctic," by Shackleton; "The Hambleton Men," by E. V. Lucas.

TRAMPING.

By Harold Dorning.
 (B.O.P., June, 1913).

There are fellows who rave about biking
 And the joys of a ripping spring ride,
 There are those who confess to a liking
 For a run in a car—seat inside ;
 Just to sprawl on the cushions—at leisure,
 That's delight for some chaps—of a stamp ;
 But such fellows don't know half the pleasure
 To be found in a jolly day's tramp.

Tramping on the highway, tramping up the hill,
 Trudging down a by-way, past a sparkling rill,
 Drinking in the ozone, learning Nature's ways,
 Piling up a store of health on tramping days.

Lots of fellows have been jolly lazy,
 Since the mo-bike and car came to stay ;
 If you ask them to walk you are crazy,
 They just gaze at you—then turn away ;
 But, please, give me a chum staunch and trusty,
 And no weather my ardour can damp ;
 Set us off on a road not too dusty—
 You may ride if you will, but I'll tramp.

Tramping through the woodland, tramping by the mere;
Tramping o'er the moorland where 'tis lone and drear;
Listening to the wild birds sing their Maker's praise,
Gaining lots of useful lore on tramping days.

Past the sweet-smelling meadows we wander,
With light hearts and our minds free from care,
To the dim purple hills showing yonder,
On we swing at a pace that is fair;
We are not out to do record breaking,
When we feel rather tired we will rest;
But for vigorous health we are making,
By an exercise known as the best.

Tramping through the heather, tramping by the sea,
In all kinds of weather, happy, gay and free;
Resting on the uplands in the noon-day haze,
Such a jolly life we lead on tramping days.

Oh! here's freedom and joy on the highway,
There are birds and the woods with their charm;
There's the al fresco meal down a by-way,
There's the jolly fine tea at a farm;
There's the sunset—but twilight is falling,
Home we turn to the fire and the lamp,
Spring is here,—and the road is a-calling,—
Stop your slacking—and go for a tramp!

Tramping in the fenland, tramping o'er the downs,
Tramping through the glen land, far from noisy towns,
Cheeks that glow like roses with our healthy craze,
Best for keeping fit and well for tramping days.

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