

S.B.H.S. STAFF, 1911-1912.

STANDING.

(Left to Right)

I. Galloway
(Gymnastics).

J. S. Dickson
(Drawing).

J. B. Struthers.
(2nd Science and
Mcs.).

J. S. McGrath
(Languages).



SITTING.

(Right to Left)

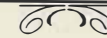
F. Edmond
(Languages).

J. P. Dales
(Languages
Mcs.).

T. D. Peck
(Rector).

J. Williams
(1st Science
Mcs.).

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School Officers, May, 1912.

Prefects : C. L. Bennet, C. L. Carter, D. A. Frew, J. W. Hinton, J. G. Imlay, J. P. Lawrie, R. R. Macgregor, G. Tangney.

Cadets : O.C., Major Pearce; No. 6 Co., Capt., Mr J. B. Struthers; Senior Sergeants, Hinton, Frew; Col. Sergt., Raines; Sergts., Cameron, Mabson, Millar, Bennet; Bugler, Kingsland; No. 7 Co., Capt., Mr P. Edmondson; Senior Sergts., Carter, Macgregor; Col. Sergt., Miske; Sergts., Wild, Dobie, Marshall, H. Ryburn; Bugler, Murdoch; Sergt. of Signalling Squads, Sergt. Imlay.

Cricket : Seniors—Capt., R. R. Macgregor; secretary, Q. Christophers; Committee, Macgregor, Christophers, Raines. Middle School : A Team, Capt., R. Mabson; B Team, Capt., C. Lopdell; C Team, Capt., J. Millar; Combined Juniors, L. Lopdell. Juniors—A Team, Capt., L. Lopdell; B Team, Capt., Corbet; C Team, Capt., E. Scandrett.

Football : Seniors—Capt., J. P. Lawrie; Deputy Capt., D. Frew; Selection Committee, Mr McGrath, Cameron, Macgregor, Lawrie, Frew; Secretary, J. Hinton. Middle Grade—A Group, Capt., Dobie, Deputy Capt., Melvin; B Group, Capt., N. Lamont. Deputy Capt., Bennet. **Train Boys :** Secretary, F. Grant.

Hockey :

Tennis : Secretary, Q. Christophers.

Fives : Seniors—Secretary, E. Cameron; 2nd year—Secretary, H. Dobie; 1st year—Secretary, E. Scandrett.

Library : Librarian, L. Bennet; Assistant, E. Marshall.

Southlandian : Bennet, Frew, Hinton, Imlay, Macgregor, Christophers, Cameron, Millar, E. Scandrett, E. Marshall, Harris.

"Non scholae sed vitae discimus."

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Editorial.

Hon. Josiah Hanan, Minister of Education and of Justice, particularly deserves the congratulations of this school on his appointment to the Ministry of the Dominion. So far as we are aware, Hon. Mr Hanan is the first Old Boy of this school to have the distinction conferred on him. Mr Hanan was enrolled here in 1884; in 1889 was admitted to practice as a solicitor and soon afterwards as a barrister. He rapidly took a prominent place in the public affairs of his native town, becoming a member of the Education Board and the High Schools Board, and being honoured with the mayoralty of Invercargill. He has worthily represented Invercargill as M.P. since 1899, being always solicitous for the welfare of his district. For some years he has acted as chairman for various committees in the House, particularly of the Education Committee. In education he has always evinced a deep interest and is well known to us as a speaker at our annual prize distributions. On behalf of present and past pupils we congratulate him on his preferment and express the wish that he may long enjoy the post to which his industry and devotion to public affairs have promoted him.

Success of Old Boys—The distinctions won by merit of ex-pupils of the school naturally are a source of pleasure to all interested in the Southland Boys' High School. Professor A. R. Acheson's appointment

in Syracuse University, New York, with a staff of ten teachers and professors under him, is splendid testimony to the grit of Southlandians. Then we have the fresh honours of the two Alexander brothers, of Doug. Anderson, and of Fred. Miles. For two Southlanders, Will Alexander and Fred. Miles, to be successful in coming out first in two Senior Scholarships of the New Zealand University is very gratifying indeed to us, as well as honourable to themselves. In the case of Miles, his distinction is all the more gratifying as it is twenty-seven years since a Senior Scholarship in Pure Mathematics was won by Otago, and the first occasion since the institution of the Senior Scholarship in 1906 in Applied Mathematics. Mat Alexander, though an Otago student, was given the £100 Research Scholarship in physics, by Victoria College, Wellington, while Doug. Anderson won the open scholarship in his class at Lincoln Agricultural College. May these honours be an incentive to present Southlandians! "Southland has a big reputation up North," says an Old Boy correspondent of this month. Let us maintain it.

Site for New School.—The Board of Governors, realising the expansion of the school and its lack of suitable playing areas, has, according to the Press, secured a fifteen acre site, part of the Collegiate Reserve, abutting on and lying to the north of the Queen's Park. When the Coronation Avenue runs through to Herbert street, Gladstone, the boundaries of the new site will be this Avenue on the west, Elles Road on the east, the Park on the south, Herbert street on the north. This is welcome news, even if we shall not be there to enjoy the spacious grounds. Future Southlandians will be envied by us of to-day when we see them disporting on spacious green turf for football and cricket.

Local Sporting Bodies.—Invercargill is developing an interest in the Southland Boys' High School and realising that out of it come its future councillors and commercial magnates. Last year, thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of Dr Ritchie Crawford, a fourth grade was instituted in Rugby football. Then the Cricket Council awoke to the desirability of encouraging junior cricket. This year the Tennis Association generously donated trophies for the encouragement of school tennis. And lastly, owing to the holding of the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Society's championships in Invercargill, a boom took place in amateur athletics. Pleasing reference was made to the good work done for years past by this school in its amateur Sports Meeting in October. And finally an amateur athletic club was reorganised. We rejoice at its establishment. We have seen so many of our athletes become professionals and live to regret it. Now there

will not be the same temptation, for they will have an opportunity of competing still on an amateur basis. We wish the club every success, and will be happy, if they so desire it, to put a race or two on the school's sports programme, for the benefit of its members. We notice that school boys may become members at the nominal fee of one shilling; we hope the senior boys will join and uphold amateur sports.

Leaving Certificates.—The Education Department has decided to issue, on the Rector's recommendation, Leaving Certificates, (1) a lower certificate, certifying to a three years' course; (2) a higher certificate, certifying to a four years' course, reaching matriculation standard.

Matriculation.—The matriculation examination is gradually extending its influence and becoming the standard of a fair education. We notice that during 1911 the University authorities, on behalf of the New Zealand Institute of Accountants, conducted examinations in accountancy; and that the Surveyors' Institute has specified matriculation as an entrance examination. We understand also that the Architects' Institute is moving in this direction. This common standard of an entrance examination to the various professions is an excellent step. It is what they are aiming at in England, but are experiencing the greatest difficulty in reaching. Fortunately for New Zealand there are no vested interests to fight. Standardisation makes for ease as much in examinations as in machinery of motor cars and bicycles; after all, examinations are only part of the educational machinery of the country.

Wanted, A School Song.—At the annual distribution of prizes last December, an innovation was introduced, the rendering of their school song by the girls. We congratulate the girls on their achievement. So much was our Chairman of the Board of Governors taken by it that he there and then offered a prize for a song for the boys. We hope it will be forthcoming in time for next December. Most schools have their song; why not Southland? Here is a chance for some boy, past or present, to enrol his name on the scroll of fame, by presenting us with a rousing school song. It must be topical, simple, and musical. It must be "a catch" so that it will at once leap into popularity and retain it. First the words; the music will follow. We shall be pleased to publish any suitable efforts in our next number. Don't be too modest; try, and send your song along for the Red, White and Blue.

DECEMBER EXAMINATIONS, 1911.

Senior National Scholarships.—J. G. Anderson, L. Bennet (resigned), R. L. Christie.

Matriculation.—E. Cameron, R. G. Watson, W. McBride, G. Reed, A. F. Baxter, H. Gimblett, E. Ryburn.

Completed Engineering Preliminary.—J. C. Collins.

Senior Southland Scholarships.—J. M. Bingham, H. Ryburn, A. Reid.

Junior Civil Service, with credit.—A. Brass, J. Bingham, D. Hamilton, W. McBride.

Junior Civil Service Pass.—(In order of merit)—S. Thompson, N. Lamont, G. Tangney, C. Thomson, J. Huffadine, J. Houston, L. Ballantine, W. Cockcroft, R. Marris.

Senior Free Place.—Q. Christophers, E. Marshall, G. Wild, A. Witting, O'Donovan.



SCHOOL NEWS.

What gaps the annual exodus makes in a school! Not a single prefect of 1911 remaining, not a single subaltern of the cadet corps! And only four out of ten sergeants! They must move on; it is for life, not for school, we are learning. The gaps must be filled; so let us step into the shoes of the departed and worthily fill them, or as well as we can. *Il n'y a pas d'homme nécessaire.*

Departures.—J. G. Anderson, A. Baxter, E. Ryburn, R. L. Christie, and E. Dobbie have gone up higher, to the halls of the University. A. Baxter and Christie are for medicine; the rest for the Arts course. Bonthron, Watson, Milne are budding teachers. Laidlaw and Catto are farming. Hamilton, Houston, McBride, and C. Thomson have entered the Civil Service, the first two in Wellington. Stead has become a banker. Gimblett, L. Ballantine, Forrester, McDonough, Dale, A. R. McKenzie are in commercial life. McNaughton is recruiting before returning to his arduous work next term. O Smith and G. Reed have left us, requiring a change of scene. Ross, A. McKenzie, Ford, and Col. Macdonald found life too strenuous here and have sought an easier bed where foreign languages trouble them not. Good luck to one and all!

One hundred and seventy-six boys have been in school this year. Six have left during the term, leaving a roll for April of 170, the largest roll the school has attained. Of these 83 are in school for the first time, 87 have returned. This is the largest entry the school has had in any one year, and as a consequence, III A and III B are larger classes than usual, being respectively 41 and 42. Ten years ago the school numbered in April, 116; to-day, 170.

Mr J. Crosby Smith has taken the place of Mr W. N. Stirling on the Board of Governors.

R. L. Christie topped the Dominion in French in the recent University Scholarship examination.

Eric Marshall was top of all the Southland candidates in the Senior Scholarship examination in English and Latin; Bingham in Mathematics.

Prefects for 1912.—C. L. Bennet, C. L. Carter, D. A. Frew, J. W. Hinton, J. G. Imlay, J. Lawrie, R. R. Macgregor, G. Tangney.

Amateur Athletics.—Christie has been acquitting himself well on the track this year. He was chosen to represent Southland over the 100yds and 220 yds in the recent Amateur Athletic Championships of New Zealand, and put up a good performance. Running later at Gore, he cut out the 100yds in 10 seconds.

At the request of the Committee of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Society, the school was granted a half holiday on the 21st February in honour of their annual meeting. Although there were several heavy showers, those who availed themselves of the opportunity to attend were, we are sure, impressed by the events, a feature of the day being Keddell's performance in the hurdle championships.

Running in the 120yds flat handicap at the recent St. Patrick's sports, L. Greig (6yds), carried off the first place and J. Millar (scr) the third.

We extend our sympathy to our caretaker, who, we believe, has been laid up with a severe illness. We hope he may soon recover.

Opening of the Tramway System.—To commemorate the opening of the Invercargill tramway system the school was allowed a period off on the afternoon of the 26th March. We have no doubt the takings on that occasion were materially increased by the pennies of the pupils.

The School Picnic.—Many Western District boys wished to make the annual picnic take the form of an excursion up the Aparima, but as the train arrangements were unsatisfactory, the suggested innovation fell to the ground, and the school repaired as usual to the Back Beach at Greenhills. This secluded spot has been chosen for our picnic for many years, and is always increasing in popularity. The distance of the beach from the railway preserves the privacy of the gathering, and furnishes a walk which, if taken leisurely, is a source of great pleasure. The picnic this year was quite up to the standard of previous outings and the weather, which was threatening at the outset, made no check upon the day's enjoyment. Various sports were indulged in throughout the day, bathing being the favourite. The ubiquitous sand-fly was, as usual, much in evidence and proved a great hindrance to the operations of our photographer. It

was suggested that to remedy the evil the Government Tourist Department should send a staff of trappers and poisoners to exterminate the pest. Towards train time the tired picnickers made their way back to the station thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing.

Our congratulations to Mr Edmondson. Towards the end of last year we learned that he was about to be married, and to commemorate the occasion, Anderson, on behalf of the school, presented him with a handsome travelling rug as a mark of our good will. The staff also suitably commemorated the occasion by giving him a handsome clock.

Under the new Defence regulations, part of the time formerly devoted to gymnastics is taken up by Swedish drill. The innovation has not been attended with great popularity, and many would prefer the handspring to dorsal, abdominal and other exercises with painful after effects.

Prize Distribution Night.—The annual distribution of the prizes took place on the evening of December 11th, in the Theatre and was, as usual, attended by a large number of parents and friends. James Anderson received an enthusiastic ovation on going up to receive the dux medal.

Miscellaneous.—The area of the school ground under asphalt has been steadily increasing for the last few years, and during the Christmas holidays, a new tennis court was added to that already existing, making the grounds cleaner and more useful both for playing and for drill.

The usual Hospital Saturday collection was taken in the school and the proceeds forwarded to the Association.

Mr Edmondson has been elected captain of the Invercargill Football Club (the Blues), while Mr McGrath is honorary coach to the same.

Schoolroom Humour.

Overheard in the Club room.

1st FIFTH FORMER : How many sides has a circle ?

2nd Ditto : Two.

1st Ditto : What are they, dummy ?

2nd Ditto : The inside, and the outside, of course.

POEM.

Only a brazen image,
Only a "Brassy" name,
Is all that we have of Bleriot,
And his wonderful aeroplane.

The behaviour of a certain member of this form has been regarded as "Lamontable."

Poor old Donk had a bad attack of swelled head (mumps) during the term.

IV B : "An optimist is one who cares for the eyes scientifically."

To produce Positive Electricity rub a piece of glass with gun-cotton.

IV A : Brian of the 'corrugated brow' informs us that a zoophyte is a fight in the zoo between two small animals. Who prompted him ?

We had often heard of "ducky darlings" but never of "ducklet tones" until Porky mentioned them some time ago in the course of his reading.

Someone wanted to heat a mixture of potassium chlorate and sugar. We are thankful to say that he was detected in time.

"Anon came Pyramus, sweet youth and tall." How beautifully has Shakespeare delineated our own fair Freddy in this simple line!

III A : Our Latin scholar translates "Deorum statuæ et aræ non solum templa sed etiam foras viasque ornabant" by the following: "The images of the gods and altars adorned the temples; they perspired outside, but not on the ground."

III B : We are glad to have in our midst a humorist who can write such a composition as he produced the other day. The subject was "A Hunt in the Jungle." In this remarkable essay, one of the characters "makes away" with half a German sausage, the smell of which attracts a lion, who is promptly tickled away. His roars attract the rest of the party, who "bag" it. Soon after, the owner of that part comes up and fines them for hunting on his land, etc.

Scene, Laboratory. Dramatis Personæ, Instructor and persona incognita in front row—

INSTRUCTOR, (holding bottle of colourless acid); "Now, apart from the name on the bottle, how would you know this wasn't water?"

PERSONA INCOGNITA : "Give it to the cat."

IV B boys like to twit the other forms.

Thus J. B. of the Intellectuals : "He didn't mean all he said, surely?"

"We had our annual picnic at the Back Beach, at Greenhills. As soon as some got there, they commenced boiling the billy. H—— dived into the water up to his ankles, and, I believe, if it hadn't been for Mr ——'s clever swimming, he would have been drowned." What a billy !

"After dinner we had swimming; B—— went in right up to his knees. He tripped on a ripple, and I had to dash out to rescue him.

He got his arms around my neck, and was saved. He is not fond of a trip like that, he says."

On Amundsen and on Scott: "The party surpassed all rivals, and secured a great scoop," and "They yoked the ponies," (and eggs 1s 9d a dozen!)

"We came on to a cattleyard, the fence of which was so strong that it would have kept in a herd of elephants. Yet a particular Bluff boy broke it; he just sat on it."

QUERIES.

What IV A boy would sooner write on Liverpool than on "The Picnic"?

What fifth form boy said he had a continual dinner at the picnic?

Who won the battle of Waterloo, and lives at Kew?

What were "Bunter's" pies doing to the carving knife?

Who became unwell after the prehistoric peppermints?

What school Latinist had made all verbs to be of the first conjugation?

How did Hay lose his camera glass?

Why does C—— Major think it incumbent of him to study the dictionary so keenly?

What III B boy hid behind his lunch?

What fifth form composition had two paragraphs on the day before the picnic?

Who chummed up with the big hamper boy and helped to lighten the load?

Old Boys' Column.

Most of our Old Boys are very good about sending along their subscriptions for the Southlandian, a florin a year. A few distant ones have paid no attention to accounts sent out yearly for some years, that at last in despair we have in self defence struck their names off the list of subscribers. We do it with regret but we cannot see any other course of action open to us. If the sentiment of attachment is dead, it is to be supposed that the sense of a subscriber's obligation dies with it.

J. P. Hewat, E. Cockroft, L. McKenzie represented Otago University in cricket against Canterbury at the end of last year.

H. D. Smith, for twelve years dispenser at the Southland Hospital, purchased a chemist's business in Balclutha last December.

R. Tapper, junr., is now member for Waiau Riding in the Wallace County Council.

Jas. Macdonald (son of Mr J. M., N.Z.R. Traffic Office), is with Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., Wellington.

Doug. Anderson took a gold medal at Lincoln recently for knowledge of Agricultural implements.

1911 Boys.—Charlie Thomson (of Riverton) has joined the Survey Office, Invercargill; Doug. Hamilton, Advances to Settlers, Wellington; Jack Houston, Tourists and Agriculture, Wellington; A. Roy McKenzie to N.Z. Loan Co.; Jim McDonough to N.Z. Loan Co., Wyndham; N. Stead, Bank of N.Z.

Geo. Cochrane has left the employ of Messrs Black and Co., Melbourne, and has entered the office of the Southland Frozen Meat Co.

Geo. Tothill has opened a branch in Melbourne, representing Sutton and Sons' seeds.

Bert Christophers spent a fortnight in Invercargill recently, before retiring to the wilderness at Okahune, N.Z.R. Engineer's Department.

R. J. Christophers after five years' experience in America, returned to N.Z. in January and began the practice of his profession as surveyor and civil engineer in Masterton, N.Z.

Stan. Hanan has entered the service of the United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, Dunedin.

W. Brownlie, M.A., B.Sc., after two years' service as science master at Dunedin Technical School, resigned at the end of 1911, with a view to further study in Great Britain. On the occasion of his departure he was presented by the staff with a substantial travelling kit.

A. Rowlands, for so many years with Messrs J. G. Ward and Co., has begun business in Dunedin.

Professor A. R. Acheson, a former dux of the school, was recently appointed professor in charge of the mechanical engineering department of Syracuse University, New York, U.S.A., with ten assistant professors and lecturers under him. Syracuse ranks as one of the leading universities in the United States, and its students number about 4000.

Robert Kennedy, M.A. LL.M., recently started practice on his own account as a partner in the firm of Luke and Kennedy, barristers and solicitors, Wellington. Old Boys of Southland Boys' High School seem to do well at law as in other professions, as witness the success of Leslie Dolamore (of Gore), D. S. Smith and others.

Frank O. V. Acheson, barrister and solicitor, completed the LL.B. degree last year, getting highest marks for New Zealand in both international law and conflict of laws. He is now working up these

two subjects and three other English law subjects for the Master of Laws degree and honours.

Frank Acheson has recently been transferred to the Land and Deeds Registry at Wellington on promotion and finds another Old Boy in G. H. Seddon there in the same room.

Henaghan is at present in Dunedin practising as a dentist in charge of the London Dental Rooms. He ran across F. Acheson the other day and each was surprised to find that the other was married. So it is time Old Boys sent more notes to the magazine.

Archie Delargey is at present stationed in Dunedin in the Bank of New Zealand there.

Mr J. A. Fraser, a former dux of the school, was last year promoted to be assistant land registrar at Napier, and has lately been acting district land registrar there.

George Mears has lately been rustivating up Otago way, recovering from an unfortunate breakdown in health after too much study. What tigerish rushes Mears and Henaghan used to make on the football field about ten years ago at the head of a fine team of forwards.

A. R. Dawson has commenced the practice of his profession as an architect at 70, Esk street, Invercargill.

E. Leggatt, of Messrs Bing Harris and Co., has been transferred to the Wellington branch.

Morell Macalister was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court at Wellington in March. He is now in the office of his uncle in Invercargill.

Mr Thomas Neave, B.A., L.L.B., who has held the position of Crown Law Officer under the scheme by which the legal work of the Crown was two years ago taken up by the Crown Law Department, has resigned that position. Mr Neave has accepted a partnership in the legal firm of Brown and Dean, of Wellington.

Mr Alf. Scandrett, after an absence of eleven years, ten in Durban, South Africa, one in Singapore, representing N.Z. Insurance Co., has been on furlough in Invercargill for six months. He returns to Singapore in May.

Osy Reynolds has been for the past six months senior switch board assistant at the power house, Waipori Falls, supplying Dunedin with electricity.

R. Neas has left the service of Messrs Watson and Haggitt for the Public Works Department.

Tom Ferguson, of Spey street, has gone for a trip to England with his father.

Oswald Gilmour has left the N.Z. Insurance Co. to take up farming.

C. S. Brown, of Eltham, has been admitted as a solicitor at New Plymouth.

Hugh Fraser, after leaving the Civil Service, matriculated and became a pupil teacher. Continuing his studies, he sat last month for the Beverley Scholarship, valued £45, and tenable for three years at the Otago University, and succeeded in winning it.

A. L. Dolamore has entered into partnership with Mr Smith, of Gore, the new firm being styled Smith and Dolamore, barristers and solicitors.

Cec. Webber is now chief clerk to Mr Walton, solicitor, Timaru.

Athletic Sports.—University Easter Tournament at Dunedin. Syd. Reid beat his own record in putting the 11b shot by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Distance, 37 feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Again, in the hammer throwing from a seven foot circle, he beat the previous record by 3 feet 2 inches, and his own of 1911 by 12 feet 6 inches. Distance, 107 feet 5 inches. Jas. Boyne put the 16lb shot 30 feet 9 inches.

R. L. Christie, at the Gore Sports on February 28, won from scratch the 100yds and 200yds for amateurs. At the Otautau Sports on the 7th February he won the 75yds, with N. Saunders second. He also won the 220yds. At the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Meeting on February 21 at Invercargill, he represented Southland in the 100yds, 220yds and 440yds. In the 100yds he won his heat and was third in the final, two feet behind. N. Saunders represented Southland at the same meeting in the 100yds and 220yds. He won the 220yds handicap with a start of one yard. Alex. Macdonald was a Southland representative for the 440yds and the half mile.

Syd Reid won the 16lb shot put, with 36 feet 8 inches. Martin Kean won the 16lb hammer throw with the excellent throw of 121 feet 9 inches.

Millard and Reid also represented New Zealand at Wellington in the Australasian Amateur Athletic Championship Meeting last Christmas.

University News.—K. G. Fraser, M.A., with 2nd class honours in English and French. M. Alexander, M.Sc., with 1st class honours in Heat, 2nd class in Electricity, £100 Research Scholarship in Physics at Victoria College, Wellington. W. Alexander, B.Sc., and Senior Scholarship in Heat, also in Geology. F. Miles, B.A., and Senior Scholarship in Pure Mathematics, also in Applied Mathematics. A. Bain, B.A. N. Millard, B.A. A. M. Palmer, B.A. J. P. Hewat, Hugh McChesney, L. McKenzie, J. Prentice and S. Reid, 1st Section B.A. Walter Cody, 1st Section B.Sc. Frank Acheson, L.L.B. C. H. McKay, 1st Section L.L.B. M. McCartney, 1st Section L.L.B. D. L. Cameron and J. C. Collins, Engineering Entrance (except French). Geo. McIndoe, 1st Section B.Sc. in Engineering. H. Rattray, Dentistry Intermediate (organic chemistry).

Art Examinations (Education Department, London).—R. Brownlie, 1st class Freehand Drawing. Arthur R. Dawson, 1st class Freehand Drawing; also in Geographical Drawing. Geo. Agnew, 1st class Model Drawing. E. Stewart Irving, 1st class Light and Shade. Claud Hamilton, 2nd class Light and Shade. P. Roy Angus, 2nd class Applied Mechanics (material and structure).

Commercial Examinations (N.Z. University Commerce Committee)—Passes in the following subjects: Book-keeping and Accounts (elementary), Auditing (elementary), Rights and Duties (elementary).—W. Agnew, J. F. Miller, G. C. Oughton, P. Wild.

Music Examination.—W. W. Millar obtained his licentiate of the Associated Board of Music last December.

Glasgow Medical School.—Thos. Wyllie, 2nd professional.

Otago Medical School.—T. R. Ritchie and W. H. Young, intermediate medical in Biology and Physics.

City of London Guilds.—A. R. Dawson, 1st class in Building Construction and Drawing (highest stage).

Senior Civil Service.—A. Hay, Chas. Reid and Wallace King, completed.

Doug. Anderson, Scholarship at Lincoln Agricultural College.

Mervyn Mitchell has passed another stage of the Barristers' Examination.

Teachers' Examinations.—Jas. Henry, B Class. G. Griffiths, L. McKenzie, J. Prentice and J. Watson, C Class. H. Fraser, N. Gilchrist, W. Grieve, E. McKay, A. Petrie and J. Welsh, D Class. N. Gilchrist and J. Stobo, C Class, 3 subjects. E. Cockroft, F. Lopdell and A. Rowe, Partial C. D. Brown, J. Galt, W. Pay and H. Sproat, Partial D. W. Grieve, C Class, 2 subjects. G. Agnew, C Class, 1 subject.

Teachers' Appointments.—Hugh McChesney, headmaster of Waikaka School. Hugh Fraser, 2nd assistant, Nightcaps. John Prentice, headmaster, Waikaka Valley. Syd. Reid, 1st assistant, Waihopai. Nelson Saunders, temporary assistant, Aparima. Alex. Milne, pupil teacher, Edendale. E. Bonthron, pupil teacher, Park School. Lionel McKenzie, 4th assistant, Gore. John Watson, 2nd assistant, Makarewa. T. Baird, temporary assistant, Technical School. James A. Henry, 1st assistant, Invercargill Park. John Murdoch, M.A., assistant Napier Boys' High School. K. G. Fraser, M.A., assistant Napier Boys' High School. N. Millard, B.A., assistant, Wellington College.

MARRIAGES.

FLEMING—GRAHAM.—On February 10, in Yorkshire, Dr Thos. S. Fleming, M.B. Ch.B., Glasgow, to Annie Graham, of Pollokshields, Glasgow.

JONES—STIRRAT.—At Easter, A. W. Jones, to Miss Stirrat, both of Invercargill.

WILD—CHURTON.—On December 21st, 1911, Leonard Wild, M.A., of Blenheim, to Doris Churton, of Invercargill.

MILLARD—BAYLIS.—Norman Millard, B.A., Wellington, to Olive Baylis, Invercargill.

ACHESON—MCGREGOR.—On 1st June, 1910, Frank Acheson, formerly of Riverton, to Flora McGregor, of "Cherrybank," Wanganui.

BIRTH.

ACHESON.—At Syracuse, New York, U.S.A., on 29th September, 1911, to Professor and Mrs A. R. Acheson, a son.

DUX MEDAL, 1911.

Twenty-two Old Boys subscribed to the fund last December, thus reviving the practice of former years of having the Dux Medal presented by the Old Boys of the school. A balance is carried forward of £1 6s for the 1912 medal.

The following were the subscribers: B. Basstian, J. T. Carswell, H. Carswell, J. S. Ferguson, J. Gilfedder, R. J. Gilmour, S. Irving, T. Meredith, H. Macalister, W. Macalister, H. A. Macdonald, A. M. Macdonald, P. B. Macdonald, T. D. A. Moffett, F. Matheson, D. Morton, Dr Mehaffey, H. McChesney, Eric Russell, Cec. Reid, T. Watson, E. R. Wilson.

On behalf of the Dux and the school we desire to thank the above for their continued interest in the S.B.H.S.

THE ACTIVE MIND.

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SOME EXTRACTS.

A Curse of the Age.

"It is a common sight on a Saturday afternoon, to see twenty or thirty thousand people watching a football match with the keenest excitement. Not an individual there but will criticise the play of any of the twenty-two or thirty players, and pass judgment upon him. Not an individual there but ought to blush with shame to be content

watching other men strive for athletic distinction, instead of being out doing something himself. The Battle of Waterloo may have been won on the playing fields of Eton; it could certainly never have been won at Stamford Bridge or the Rectory Field.

The great curse of the age is the habit people have of watching others instead of doing things themselves. It is better to do a thing enthusiastically and do it badly than to do nothing at all. The only excuse for watching another person doing anything is that we may learn how to do it better ourselves. England is great because of great deeds. The looker-on is a feeble creature who is no good to anybody. He will tell you how to run the Empire—from the depths of his armchair; but confront him with the simplest task and he becomes like the sailor who said: "I eats well, I drinks well, and I sleeps well; but as soon as I sees a bit of work, I goes all of a tremble."

Play Well and You Work Well.

No man can work well unless he can play well. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Better dig in a garden than watch a football match. You will be exercising your muscles while you drink in the good fresh air, and your daily work will be all the better for it. Clever business men recognise the value of healthy play.

A vigorous mind detests inaction. It drives its possessor to do things. . . . The man who does work grudgingly, who loafs about during his leisure in watching others engage in strenuous exercise, is neglecting his duty to himself and to his country.

Moral Helps and Hindrances.

We cannot be mentally efficient unless we are sound in body. The Greek ideal of "A sound mind in a healthy body" ought to be the motto of every Englishman. You must get into the habit of doing things. Get out of bed in the morning and have your bath. It is easier to slip into your clothes without it on cold mornings, but the bath has a good moral effect, because you have done something that was unpleasant at first, and you have the double reward of having done something you didn't want to do, and the vigorous, clean, warm feeling that is worth the temporary shiver.

Penalties of Inaction.

We are made in the image of our Creator, and are intended to deify that image. We cannot keep our bodies pure and vigorous by watching other people work and play. In the primitive state man had to work before he could eat. The penalty of inaction to-day, even if it is not hunger, is a loss of physical and mental power. We must either advance or degenerate. If we are not advancing intellectually by using our mental powers and training them to higher effi-

ciency, we are debasing the gift that the Creator gave us. If we are not keeping our bodies fit, by physical exercise, we must suffer loss of physique and be weaklings, and a blot upon the greatness of our Imperial heritage.

The Value of Sport.

The habit of play, for instance, is valuable to a man's daily life. To master a game calls for patience and perseverance, and demands all those qualities that make for success. Sport, in its best form, calls forth the finest spirit of a man. It teaches him to accept life's ups and downs with equal serenity. You cannot learn patience and perseverance by watching football matches. You can learn them by playing yourself. When you can take a physical blow with a smile, you will know how to take a set-back in business with undaunted courage. Your country, your friends, your relations, have need of men—sportsmen—who can do things, who can do them when fate seems against them as well as when fortune smiles. You are one of those men. Are you keeping yourself in perfect condition for your high endeavours, by action, or are you going to degenerate into a drone by preferring to watch other people? There is only one answer possible to a man, but, in the words of a business motto that is placed in many offices, 'Do it now.'

Cricket.



SENIORS.

Captain : R. R. MACGREGOR. **Secretary :** Q. G. CHRISTOPHERS.

Committee : MACGREGOR, CHRISTOPHERS, V. RAINES.

The cricket season for 1911-12 is over, and although it has not been quite as successful as could be wished, yet we have enjoyed many a good game, both with outside clubs and amongst ourselves. On our return to school, after the Christmas holidays, we found that most of our good players had left us. Among those who had departed were N. Stead, J. H. Ouston, A. Baxter, E. Bonthron, L. Christie and E. Dobbie.

In losing Stead, we lost a fine all round cricketer. Stead was the bat of the team; he could be invariably relied upon to score a good number of runs. In fielding also he was very safe. He was also a good change bowler.

The departure of J. Houston was another heavy loss to our team. He was a brilliant bat and a remarkably good bowler. As will be seen from the averages, he heads both lists. It was always a treat to see "Jock" driving or leg-glancing.

Bonthron was a very good bowler with a peculiar flight and sometimes with a swerve. Although he made no big scores, he was an improving bat.

The others all helped, in some way or other to promote the healthy game of cricket amongst us.

This year we had only three of last year's team back, Macgregor, Christophers and Ryburn; but we have had a new arrival in the person of V. Raines who has been a valuable asset both to the bowling and batting of our side. In consequence of the loss of old members, we had to import several of last year's juniors. These have acquitted themselves very creditably, especially A. Reid, J. Wesley and C. Soar.

This year we also lose the services of E. Ryburn, last year's captain. He is leaving for the University, where, we hope he will meet with nothing but success.

The following is a detailed list of our matches this season:—

1st XI v. Y.M.C.A.—Won by 87 runs.

This was our first club match and as the Y.M.C.A. proved to be a weak team, the school won rather easily. Y.M.C.A. in going in were dismissed for 38 runs, Houston taking 5 wickets for 15 runs, Bonthron 3 for 17, and Macgregor 2 for 0. The school's batting was much superior to that of their opponents and resulted in the total of 125 runs. Anderson (30), Ryburn (retired 21), Stead (retired 20), Christophers (15), Macgregor (retired 13), Houston (11). The fielding of the school was good.

1st XI v. APPLEBY.—Won by 42 runs.

This was the strongest team in the junior grade competition, and included several players of undoubted merit, yet the school team were again successful, owing to the splendid bowling of Macgregor, who took 6 wickets for 9 runs and to Houston, who compiled 47 runs after a delightful exhibition of batting. Other scores were Christophers 19, and other bowlers to obtain wickets were Houston 3 for 25, and Wild. a promising junior, 1 for 0. Stead and Christophers each brought off two good catches.

1st XI v. I.C.C.—Lost by 94 runs.

In this match the school, for the first time this season, encountered defeat. Batting first, school could compile only 35 runs; none of the batsmen played with any degree of confidence on the turf wicket. The chief scores were Houston 10, Christie 9. I.C.C. then ran up the total of 129 runs, thus achieving an easy win by 94 runs. Macgregor took 6 wickets for 54 runs, Houston 2 for 34, Bonthron 2 for 36.

1st XI v. BLUFF.—Won by 19 runs.

In this match, which was played on our own ground, low scoring was the order of the day, the only one to reach double figures being Ryburn who compiled 30 runs by beautiful cricket. School batted first and made 71 runs, Ryburn 30, Macgregor 9. Bluff replied with 52 runs. The best school bowlers were Houston 7 for 18 and Bonthron 3 for 21. School thus won by 19 runs.

1st XI. v. Y.M.C.A. (B)—Won by 20 runs.

This was the first match on our return to school, and we were consequently not at our best; nevertheless we managed to win by 20 runs. Winning the toss, school batted first and made 108 runs, Baxter 25, Christophers 23, Reid 12 and Bonthron 11, being the chief scorers. Y.M.C.A. replied with 80 runs. Wesley bowled extremely well for his first match, taking 6 wickets for 32 runs. Other Bowlers were Bonthron 3 for 27, and Reid 1 for 3.

1st XI v. APPLEBY.—Lost by 5 runs.

In this match our opponents were out to revenge the defeat they suffered at our hands last year. Appleby batted first and made 76 runs. The most successful school bowlers being Macgregor 3 for 16, Reid 3 for 26, Wesley 2 for 15 and Wild 1 for 0. School replied with 71 runs, Macgregor being top scorer with 25, while Carter made 11. School thus lost by the narrow margin of 5 runs, after a very exciting game.

1st XI v. BLUFF.—Lost by 2 wickets and 13 runs.

This match was played at Bluff and the 1st XI suffered defeat at the hands of a team they had defeated last year. School batted first and made 82 runs, the feature of the innings being the batting of Soar who made 23 runs, while Reid made 13 and Macgregor 12 not out. Bluff replied with 95 for the loss of 8 wickets. The only school bowler who bowled well was Macgregor, who took 5 wickets for 24 runs.

During the season we had several matches with the Junior XV and on March 6th we suffered defeat at their hands. The Juniors made 89 runs, L. Lopdell 28 and A. Macdonald 13. The Seniors made only 74 in reply, Ryburn 19 and Christophers 14. The Juniors thus won by 15 runs. On March 11th, however, to show what we were made of, we challenged the Junior XV on the turf wicket at Doon street. The Seniors batting first made 147 for 4 wickets, Macgregor 74 not out. Ryburn 54 not out. In reply the Juniors made 42 runs. The best Senior bowlers were Raines, 7 wickets for 17 runs, Macgregor, 6 for 24 and Ryburn, 1 for 1. The Seniors thus won by 6 wickets and 115 runs.

THE OTAGO MATCH.

This, of course, was the most important match of the season and as Otago had defeated us by only 80 runs last year, we had thoughts of lessening that number this time. But our hopes were once again dashed to the ground. The team practised very hard and we are greatly indebted to Mr McGrath for his efficient coaching and continued interest in us. After many debates and cross-questionings re what express we were to travel by, we eventually started for Dunedin by the first express on 22nd March. Although all were very sleepy, we all managed (with one exception) to get to the station in time.

We were boarded out in Dunedin and the whole team are of one opinion, that they were right royally treated by the Otago boys.

The Otago team was as follows :—Pilling (captain), Ryan, Greenslade, J. Hutchinson, F. Hutchinson, Spedding, Fitzgerald, White, Park, Paulin and Woods.

The Southland Team was :—R. Macgregor (captain), V. Raines, Q. Christophers, E. Ryburn, J. Hinton, C. Carter, J. Wesley, C. Soar, L. McCaw, A. Reid and N. Lamont.

The match was played on the Carisbrook Ground at 3.30 on Friday. The wicket was excellent except towards the latter part of the afternoon, when rain set in. Otago went to the wicket first and batted all Friday afternoon. The following is a list of individual scores :—

OTAGO, 1st Innings.

F. Hutchinson, caught and bowled Macgregor	12
Ryan, bowled Macgregor	25
Fitzgerald, l.b.w., bowled Carter	4
Greenslade, bowled Raines	17
Pilling, bowled Carter	1
White, bowled Macgregor	72
Park, bowled Raines	0
J. Hutchinson, caught Raines, bowled McCaw	44
Paulin, caught Christophers, bowled Macgregor	7
Spedding, not out	2
Woods, bowled McCaw	0
Extras	8

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Bowling analysis :—Macgregor 4 for 43, McCaw 2 for 16, Raines 2 for 31, Carter 2 for 36, Reid 0 for 10, Lamont 0 for 20, Wesley 0 for 26.

Southland went to the wicket on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SOUTHLAND, 1st Innings.

Reid, caught and bowled Paulin	5
Wesney, caught and bowled Greenslade	34
Christophers, run out	1
Ryburn, bowled Woods	13
Macgregor, caught Hutchinson, bowled Woods	0
Raines, bowled Paulin	12
Hinton, bowled Paulin	2
Carter, bowled Pilling	3
Soar, caught and bowled J. Hutchinson	5
McCaw, run out	6
Lamont, not out	2
Extras	6

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SOUTHLAND, 2nd Innings.

Reid, l.b.w., bowled J. Hutchinson	0
Raines, caught and bowled J. Hutchinson	10
Christophers, stumped Ryan, bowled Pilling	31
Ryburn, caught Ryan, bowled White	0
Macgregor, bowled White	1
Wesney, run out	0
Hinton, caught and bowled Woods	0
Carter, caught and bowled Pilling	2
McCaw, l.b.w., bowled Pilling	0
Lamont, not out	2
Extras	3

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Otago thus won easily by an innings and 39 runs. After changing, we were entertained at dinner by the Otago boys, and after enjoying ourselves thoroughly, we had about three hours to spare to see Dunedin. Some of us, with the kind permission of the Rector, went through the Otago High School, and every one of us said what a fine building it was. At 4.25 we all assembled at the station and after saying good-bye to our hosts, we gave them three hearty cheers, and then settled down to amuse ourselves in the long journey to Invercargill.

The 1st XI wish to thank Mr Struthers for so kindly coming up with us and we are sure that it was owing to his untiring zeal that we had such a good time going and coming from Dunedin.

We also wish to thank Mr McGrath for his interest in us, and the I.C.C. Club who so kindly put their pitch and material at our dis-

posal. We are sure that the practices we had on their turf wicket were very enjoyable and instructive.

The following are the batting and bowling averages for the season :—

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	No. innings	Not out	Highest score	No. runs	Average
Houston	4	0	47	73	18.2
Stead	3	1	20	27	13.5
Christophers	8	0	31	101	12.6
Soar	4	0	23	47	11.75
Macgregor	9	2	25	71	10.1

Raines played one match and made 12 and 10.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	No. overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Averages
Houston	40	9	90	16	5.6
Macgregor	74	11	149	25	5.9
Bonthron	42	8	105	13	8.0
Wesney	38	7	97	10	9.7

Wild bowled 2 overs, taking 2 wickets for 0.

Houston is thus top of both averages and we expect to hear more of him in the cricket world, if he keeps on playing as he has done. Congratulations to last year's juniors, Soar and Wesney, on their position in the averages.

JUNIOR CRICKET.

All junior cricket matches commenced this term on the 24th February. There was a competition of four teams, A, B, C and D, the last being a combined team of A, B and C.

	Captain.	Deputy Captain.
A	L. Lopdell	Middlemiss
B	Corbet	—
C	E. Scandrett	Hiskens
D	L. Lopdell	E. Scandrett

The winning team was :—L. Lopdell, Middlemiss, Dawson, Vella, Lipscombe, G. Scandrett, Peace, Greig, E. Marshall, Murray, R. Stephens.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.
A Team	3	3	0	6
B Team	3	1	2	2
C Team	3	2	1	4
D Team	2	1	1	2

E. Scandrett and L. Lopdell did the hat trick in intra class matches.

On the 22nd March, 1912, a team of Juniors went up to Dunedin to play Otago B.H.S.

SOUTHLAND v. OTAGO.

TEAMS.

Otago :—Austin, Jeffery (capt.), Uglow, Jefcoate, Duncan, Watson, Penrose, Hutchinson, Fea and Stevenson.

Southland :—Dobie (capt.), L. Lopdell, E. Scandrett, Wild, Southern, H. McDonald, Stuck, G. Scandrett, Lamont, Ronaldson, A. McDonald.

In this match Otago won by 16 runs, in the first innings. Southland batted first, compiling 52 runs, H. McDonald 19, Wild 9, Dobie 8, being the chief scorers. Otago then batted, making 68. Lamont took 1 wicket for 11, E. Scandrett 4 for 21, and L. Lopdell 3 for 21.

Southland in their second innings compiled 73 runs, E. Scandrett 20, Dobie 22 (not out) and L. Lopdell 11. Otago's second innings was not finished. They had to make 58 to win, and at the call of time they had lost nine wickets for 50. In all probability Southland would have won if the match had been played out. In this innings Lamont took 3 wickets for 13, Lopdell 2 for 12 and Stuck 1 for 8. The weather, on the whole, was good. The Southland boys were entertained to a "bust-up" in the Leviathan Hotel.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1911-12.

Senior Grade.

R. Mabson, played 3, not out once, total 42, average 21.

Junior Grade.

	Name.	Played	Not out	Runs	Average
1.	C. Soar	10	1	221	27.6
2.	A. McDonald	8	3	83	16.6
3.	L. Greig	10	0	89	8.9
4.	Dobie	10	1	80	8.8

MIDDLE SCHOOL CRICKET.

On our return to school cricket was again commenced. A competition was inaugurated in which four teams, A, B, C and D, took part. D team was composed of the pick of the first year teams. As the result of an election, Mabson was made captain of A team, C. Lopdell of B and Millar of C, while L. Lopdell skippered the colts. Owing to the inclemency of the weather only two matches were played by each team. The following is the result of these efforts :—

Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost	Points.
A	2	2	0	4
B	2	1	1	2
C	2	1	1	2
D	2	0	2	0

February 28th. A v. B.

A won by 19 runs. A—1st innings 69, A. McDonald 25, Lindsay 18. B—1st innings 50, Southern 12, C. Greig 7. C. Lopdell took 5 wickets for B. Lindsay and Mabson 5 each for A.

February 28th. C v. D.

D won by 36 runs. C—1st innings 24, Marris 6, Millar 5. D—1st innings 60, Middlemiss 28, E. Scandrett 11. For C Treseder took 3 for 8.

March 13th. A v. C.

A won by 4 wickets and 18 runs. A—1st innings 44 for 6 wickets, Mabson 25 (not out). C—1st innings 26, Cupples, Cole and Millar 6 each. Mabson batted well, hitting several boundaries.

March 13th. B v. D.

B won by 33 runs. B—1st innings 64, Stuck 13, C. Lopdell 12. D—1st innings 31, L. Lopdell 7, Corbet 5. For B Huffadine took 7 wickets and C. Lopdell 3. For D L. Lopdell and E. Scandrett each took 4 wickets.

The winning team was :—Mabson (captain), Lindsay (his understudy), Ronaldson, C. Marshall, A. McDonald, Rice, Lang, A. Timpany, Mehaffey, F. Grant and A. Brass.

To eke out last year's material it was found necessary to purchase several new bats and wickets. We don't know whether it was the quality of these new bats, or the force behind them, but somehow or other the balls this term mysteriously disappeared.

Lack of enthusiasm was the outstanding feature of the middle school grade, but then cricket is never so brisk in the first term as in the third, probably because in the third term we are glad of a spell from the long football season, but on our return after the holidays have effectually mastered such feelings and are expectantly awaiting the advent of the next season. (Evidently written by an ardent footballer.—Ed.).

FOOTBALL.

Much interest has already been displayed with regard to the coming football season. The enthusiasm, everywhere evident, augurs well for the success of the school representatives in the various grades. Mr McGrath is already devoting much of his time to instructing the seniors, while Mr Edmundson is thoroughly coaching the juniors. The efforts of these gentlemen are greatly appreciated.

The school will again enter one team in the third grade competition and two teams in the fourth grade.

The election of officers for the seniors resulted as follows :—Captain, Laurie; deputy captain, Frew; selection committee, Laurie, Frew, Macgregor, Cameron and Mr McGrath; secretary, Hinton.

Laurie has already met with rather a serious accident. We trust he will speedily recover.

This year the first fifteen will be very light. Our losses have been severe. Stead, last year's captain, and Dobbie, our speedy three-quarter, have both departed, while the absence of Catto and Christie from the forward line will be especially noticeable.

Last year Mr Galloway held extra gymnastic practice for senior players. We hope that he will be kind enough to do so again; for undoubtedly we derived much benefit from that training.

It will not be long now before the grade matches start, so let us remember that without systematic practice, we can't hope for success; with it, there is every prospect of a successful season.

Practice groups below the first and second fifteens have been established. In A group, Dobie captain, Melvin deputy captain, and Lindsay, form the Committee. In B group N. Lamont captain, Bennet deputy captain, and H. Ryburn are the committee.

The juniors have also formed two Practice Groups.



(From the B.O.P.).

PLAY UP, SCHOOL.

A RUGGER SONG

By R. R. Morgan, M. Litt., L.C.P.

1. When the teams are standing ready,
And the ball is on the ground,
Every player at attention
As he waits the whistle's sound;
In the hush before the tumult
Ere there's time to break a rule,
Comes a murmur quickly swelling
To a chorus, "Play up, School!"

CHORUS.

Play up, School! School! School!

Play up, School!

Every man must play the game and not the fool.

He's a member of the team,

And he's bound to put on steam,

When he hears the rousing chorus

"Play up, School!"

2. Now the game's begun in earnest,

And the ball flies to and fro,

Here a "scrum" and there a "line out"

Then the threes are on the go.

Hand to hand the ball is flashing,

Every player calm and cool.

Till beneath the post it's grounded

'Mid the shouts of "Well played, School!"

CHORUS.

Play up, School! School! School!

Play up, School!

Every man must play the game and not the fool.

Though he may not have much luck,

Yet he's bound to show his pluck

When he hears the rousing chorus

"Play up, School!"

3. When your schooldays are behind you

And the Game of Life's begun,

When hard knocks are quite as common,

And there isn't half the fun;

Play the game and play it cleanly,

That's the only golden rule,

And remember you are playing

For the honour of the school.

CHORUS.

Play up, School! School! School!

Play up, School!

Every man must play the game and not the fool.

As the years go fleeting by

Comes an echo of the cry,

"Play up School! School! School!"

Play up, School!"

Gymnastic Championships, 1911.

The usual gymnastic competitions were held near the end of the year, the competitions being divided, as in 1910, into three classes, first year pupils, second year pupils and competitors for the Open School Championship. The championship of the first year boys was decided on 24th November, and the middle school and open championships on 1st December. There were eighteen entries for the first year championship, six for the second year championship, and six for the open championship. The competition amongst the juniors was very close, but C. Marshall managed to secure first place after a hard struggle with the two McDonald's, whom he defeated by the narrow margin of two marks. In the middle school competition, R. Mabson won easily, the only two who came anywhere near him being Melvin and H. W. Smith. The senior championship was very keenly contested and the work was of a high standard of excellence throughout. The result of the competition was that Christie and Catto were declared joint champions for the school. The school is deeply indebted to Dr Ritchie Crawford and Dr J. G. Macdonald for their kindness in acting as judges in these competitions and in presenting gold medals to the champions.

UPPER SCHOOL (Maximum, 120 marks).

1. L. Christie and J. Catto, equal	101½
2. E. Ryburn	98
3. D. Frew	95

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Maximum 110).

1. R. Mabson	96½
2. E. Melvin	87
3. H. W. Smith	86½

LOWER SCHOOL (Maximum 100).

1. C. Marshall	79
2. A. McDonald and M. McDonald equal	77

FIVES.

1912 Secretaries.—Senior: Q. Christophers. 2nd Year: H.

Dobie. 1st Year: E. Scandrett.

At the end of last year the weather was very broken and hindered the progress of the championship tournament exceedingly. However, in fine weather, the courts were well attended, and, as is generally the case, the first year players were the most energetic in the matter of practising. The entries were on the whole good, and the competition in most of the games was keen and close.

The handicap tournament of the present year is now in progress, and as the weather is very favourable, very little delay is likely to be experienced in getting the event off.

The following were the results of the championship tournament held last December :—

1st YEAR SINGLES.

First Round.

Harper beat Pay.	Dobie beat Murrell.
McDonald, A. beat Timpany, E.	Swale beat Greig C.
Marshall C. V. beat O'Brien	Lopdell beat McDonald, H.
Stuck beat McKay.	Greig, L. beat Irving, C.

Second Round.

Swale beat Stuck.	Lopdell beat Timpany, J.
McDonald, A. beat Greig, L.	Dobie beat Marshall, C. V.
Harper, a bye.	

Third Round.

Lopdell beat McDonald, A.	Swale beat Harper.
Dobie a bye.	

Semi-Final.

Dobie beat Swale.

Final.

Dobie beat Lopdell.

1st YEAR DOUBLES.

First Round.

Lopdell and Harper beat Swale and Dewe.
Dobie and Pay beat McDonald, A. and Soar.
L. Greig and McKay a bye.

Second Round.

L. Greig and McKay beat Lopdell and Harper.
Dobie and Pay a bye.

Final.

Dobie and Pay beat L. Greig and McKay.

2nd YEAR SINGLES.

First Round.

Lindsay beat Sanders.	Cockroft beat Wild.
Melvin beat Smellie.	Smith, O. beat Marshall, E.
Wesney beat Grant, W.	Rice a bye.

Second Round.

Wesney beat Smith.	Cockroft beat Rice.
Lindsay beat Melvin.	

Third Round.

Wesney beat Cockroft.

Final.

Wesney beat Lindsay.

SENIOR SINGLES.

First Round.

Bonthron beat Lamont.	Miske beat Baxter, B.
Christophers beat Davies.	Macgregor beat Ballantine.
Stead beat Imlay.	Cameron beat Baxter, A.
Reid beat Cole.	Anderson a bye.

Second Round.

Bonthron beat Miske.	Christophers beat Anderson.
Stead beat Reid.	Cameron beat Macgregor.
	Final.
Stead beat Cameron.	Stead beat Christophers.
Christophers a bye.	

SENIOR DOUBLES.

First Round.

Reid and Wesney beat Stead and Macgregor.
Cameron and Christophers beat Anderson and Bonthron.
Ryburn and Christie beat Templeton and Grant, F.
Imlay and Ballantine a bye.

Second Round.

Reid and Wesney beat Ryburn and Christie.
Cameron and Christophers beat Imlay and Ballantine.
Final.

Reid and Wesney beat Cameron and Christophers.

TENNIS.

This season has been one of the most successful of seasons. A new court was laid down in the Christmas holidays and the old one was top-dressed and moved a yard to the north, so as to be well away from the hollow by the pavilion. It was intended not to mark out the new court till the spring, but as the surface is quite hard enough, it will be prepared immediately. As it was, beginners used to practise on it, but now with two good courts one will nearly always be able to get a good game.

At the beginning of the season a match was arranged with the S.G.H.S., but owing to the weather it was postponed, and we have heard no more about it.

Soon after school started, we received a challenge from the O.B.H.S., but as we were occupied with cricket then, it was thought that the match should be played at the end of the year. After the trip to Dunedin with the cricket team, we tried to get the match arranged for Easter, but were unsuccessful. It now remains for us to practise on every possible occasion during the winter, to show that

we are keen on tennis, and also to improve ourselves for the match. I do not suppose we could beat them for a few years; but it would make a great difference to tennis at this school.

Some time ago the Southland Lawn Tennis Association got up a handicap tournament, open to boys in the Invercargill schools, and promised two prizes, valued at a guinea and half a guinea respectively. The tournament was left entirely to High School boys and I am sorry to say there were only eight entries, although twice that number should have entered. There is a large number of beginners this year. After some very exciting games, the scratch man, Q. Christophers, beat one of the limit men, C. Marshall, in the final.

The following are the results :—

First Round.

C. Marshall (rec. 13) beat J. Hinton by 50—47
A. Reid (rec. 10) beat R. Mabson (rec. 5) by .. 50—24
Q. Christophers (scr.) beat H. Dobie (rec. 13) by 50—42
C. Greig (rec. 10) beat Stevens (rec. 13) by default

Semi-Final.

Q. Christophers beat A. Reid by 50—46
C. Marshall beat C. Greig by 50—49

Final.

Q. Christophers beat C. Marshall by 50—43

Next year we ought to form a club to provide balls, as a few enthusiasts have to provide balls for the rest of the players. A code of rules is also necessary, as some boys would like to play all day, while others are waiting for a game.

CADET NEWS.

The following are the officers for the present year :—

A COMPANY.—**Captain:** J. B. STRUTHERS. **Senior Sergeants:** HINTON, FREW. **Colour-Sergeant:** RAINES. **Sergeants:** CAMERON, MABSON, MILLAR, BENNET.

B COMPANY.—**Captain:** P. EDMONDSON. **Senior Sergeants:** CARTER, MACGREGOR. **Colour-Sergeant:** MISKE. **Sergeants:** WILD, DOBIE, MARSHALL, RYBURN. **Signalling Squad:** SERGEANT IMLAY.

As usual at the beginning of the year there is a large number of recruits in the ranks. For this reason the greater part of the term's work has consisted of instruction in squads, without arms. Some weeks ago the rifles were distributed and steady progress is now being made in the more advanced work. A shortage of rifles necessitated the forming of a large signalling squad, which was placed in charge of Sergeant Imlay.

Under the regulations for compulsory training, one hour's drill has to be done every week. In addition each cadet must attend two three-hour parades during the term. As there have been frequent interruptions throughout the term, it was decided to hold these parades during the last week of the term, to prevent any further interference with the school work.

The new drill books distributed early in the year have been a great aid to the sergeants. The matter in these books is arranged in tabulated form; many illustrations are given, and the instructions are simply and plainly expressed. They are a great advance on any former edition.

We have not seen a single instructor of the Permanent Force this term. Evidently they have their hands full elsewhere.

No word has been heard of uniforms from the Department. As the Senior Cadets outside schools are no better off, we cannot grumble.

Shooting practices are to begin soon on Saturday mornings.

The O.C. has decided to give prizes in each company to the best sergeant and to the best squad. A competition, with outsiders as judges, will be held in the third term. The items will be based on the ordinary routine work.

SHOOTING.

The annual competitions were held in November, on the Grasmere range. For the Open Championship there were 16 entries. The conditions were three days' shooting, seven shots and a sighter at 200 and 500 yards each. In the aggregate Sgt. D. Frew came out first, carrying off the Challenge Shield and the gold medal. Sergt. Carter secured second prize, Sergt. Forrester third prize.

In the case of second year cadets and first years cadets, the aggregate on two days' shooting was held to suffice, with seven shots at 200 and seven at 300 yards on each day. Among second year cadets, Private O. Smith came out first, with Private H. Smith second. Among first year cadets, Private N. Murrell was first, Private E. Timpany and C. Greig tying for second place.

In the secondary schools competition for 1911, King's College made the best score, with an average of 64.5, Auckland Grammar School coming second, with an average of 64 per cadet. Bugler Combes of King's College made 68 out of 70, a remarkably fine performance.

Some promising shots exhibited their prowess at the school picnic last February. Bottles did not long survive the ordeal.

Hints in Business.

FOR EMPLOYEES.

According to the "Sunday at Home" a Canadian business man has put the following notice up in his office. We think it may interest present and past pupils, hence its insertion:—

"1. Don't lie. It wastes my time and yours. I am sure to catch you in the end, and that is the wrong end.

"2. Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short; and a short day's work makes my face long.

"3. Give me more than I expect, and I will give you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you increase my profits.

"4. You owe so much to yourself you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt, or keep out of my shops.

"5. Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, never see temptation when they meet it.

"6. Mind your own business, and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.

"7. Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. An employee who is willing to steal for me is willing to steal from me.

"8. It is none of my business what you do at night. But if dissipation affects what you do the next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hoped.

"9. Don't tell me what I'd like to hear but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet to my vanity, but one for my dollars.

"10. Don't kick if I kick. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples."



Library Notes.

Great interest is being taken in the Library, and the membership is an easy record. The juniors have always stood well by the institution, but this term we are pleased to notice the increased patronage of the seniors.

The Library should be subscribed to by every boy in the school. It contains a large number of books, carefully selected to suit all ages and all requirements, and there is no one who will not benefit by being a member of it. There are some who plead an excess of home work as an excuse for non-membership, while others are too much engrossed in games to give any of their spare time to reading. The Library contains books that might be read with profit by both classes—books that will add to the learning of the former, and im-

prove the fielding of the latter. Most of the books on our shelves are, of course, standard works of fiction, and as a knowledge of these is expected in the public examinations, they should receive special attention from the middle school.

During last year so many new books were purchased that the addition of another set of shelves became imperative. The new shelves, which are similar in appearance to the previous set, allow of a more effective display of some of our volumes.

This year we are subscribing to "Harmsworth's Popular Science," an excellent periodical which is attracting a great deal of attention.

We are indebted to Archdeacon Stocker for the presentation of "The Book of Cricket," by P. T. Warner, and to Mr Williams for several copies of the Strand magazine.

During the term the following new books have been placed on the shelves:—"Lorna Doone," by R. D. Blackmore; "Nights with Uncle Remus," by Joel C. Harris; "Jess," by H. Rider-Haggard; "Bunce, the Bobby and the Broads," by Fitz Zorn; "Fifty-two Stories of Classic Heroes," by Francis Storr, B.A.; "Fifty-two Stories of the Sea," by Commander E. R. Statham, R.N.; "The Students' Manual," by John Todd; "Home Fun," by C. H. Bullivant; "Mighty Hunters," by Russan; "Field and Forest Handy Book," by Dan Beard; "Briton's First Duty," by G. F. Shee; "Shakespeare Land," by Walter Jerrold; "The Making of a Frontier," by Col. Durand; "In India," by G. W. Steevens; "Mexico as I saw It," by Mrs Alec. Tweedie; "Cast up by the Sea," Baker; "The Man-eaters of Tsavo," Patterson; "Unbeaten Tracts in Japan," Bishop; "The Japs at Home," by Douglas Sladen; "Papua," by Dr R. F. Jones; "Rome," by F. Warde-Fowler; "Modern English Literature," by Mair; "The Romance of Modern Chemistry," Turner; "Caesar," Froude; "Gainsborough," by A. B. Chamberlain; "Holbein," by F. M. Hueffer; "Leonardo da Vinci," Dr Georg Gronan.



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