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Editorial.

Southland has experienced a dry summer. Watercourses, creeks, and rivers have been lower than they ever were in the history of this southern portion, and we have just passed our Jubilee. With the genial warmth of summer, we have much missed the opportunities for bathing and for swimming lessons. Southland abounds in rivers, but, unfortunately, our School is not on the banks of one. And the estuary is not inviting. However, the City Fathers are boring, boring, boring, to strike that underground river that is to be a boon to us. For we must have public swimming baths, once the water is obtained. It is surprising the number of boys who are unable to swim. What a delight they miss! Swimming is the most gloriously exhilarating of all exercises; perhaps because as an exercise it is unique, in that nearly all the movements and combinations are such as are rarely used otherwise. Its stimulus for heart and lungs is most wholesome and beneficial. Let us hope that next summer may see some start made in the direction of the provision of swimming baths for young and old. Other schools have their baths; we cannot have them even if we would, in the absence of water. Has anyone a divining-rod?

Prize Distribution, 1910.

We are indebted to the "Daily News" for the following, the concluding remarks of Rev. J. W. Shaw, M.A., who had been invited by the Board of Governors to address the school:—

He remembered how some seven years ago they had heard that an obscure high school in the south had decided to try conclusions with the Otago High and how a match eventually came off on Carisbrook ground. Southland High were defeated by something over 40 points to nil and everyone considered that Southland had been vanquished altogether. But the sequel came on Rugby Park where, alas, for his patriotism, the Southland boys won the day and won it well—(applause). Well, he thought that that just about represented the development which had taken place in the Southland High School. No longer was the institution "an obscure school in the south," but one which could uphold its head amongst the very best in the land—(applause). There was an abundance of evidence. too, that the advancement was not confined to athletics alone but to educational attainments as well. He saw from the prospectus the ex-pupils of the school had been gaining very high distinction in the class work of Otago University, and those men who took first-class passes in the classes were the men who would take double first-class degrees in the course of time. That all showed that the grounding had been good. They could not build up a superstructure if the foundations were weak and the parallel was that they could not go through the University like that were not the public school good in the first place.—(applause.) They would see, therefore, that the school had attained just as high a standard in its indoor work as in its outdoor work. Now that they had achieved so much, they had set themselves a standard—a standard that was a penalty—but they would have to maintain it. How were they going to do it? There seemed to him at present to be a danger of boys coming to the school for only a year or so; and in a keen business town like Invercargill, there was a temptation to use the school as a stepping stone to work in the shop or the office. Boys would learn very little in two years that would be of any use to them. They should remain longer. During the first two years of conjugations and declensions, a boy often came to the conclusion that Latin meant absolutely nothing, but as he got up a bit he came into the atmosphere of the school and became a typical representative of the school. It was only when they had been there four or five years that the school gave them the true type and the true interest in the institution, and it would not say much for the school which did not set the school mark and character upon its pupils He exhorted them, if they wished to maintain the standard they had set themselves, they should remain at the school. They had set a standard, a strong minded, courageous intellectual type and he would exhort them to try and maintain it—(applause). To those of them who were leaving he would ask them always to be worthy of the traditions of the school. In regard to those who were coming back, he hoped that next year they would have the best year they had ever had in either examinations or games—(applause)—and to all of them he wished them, during the ensuing two months, a most pleasant and happy holiday—(cheers).

December Examinations, 1911.

Senior National Scholarships: C. Paterson, J. Hewat, W. Cody. Credit List (Scholarship Examination): J. G. Anderson, G. H. Seddon.

Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge: J. M. Burt, C. L. Carter, E. A. Dobbie, J. S. Ferguson, I Findlay, J. W. Hinton, J. A. McQueen, J. Welsh, F. Wilson, A Chrystal, R. Dalziel, H. Gray, E. Ryburn, D. A. Frew.

Senior Southland Scholarships: 1 C. L. Bennet, 2 J. W. Hinton. Junior Civil Service, with credit: G. H. Seddon, J. M. Burt, J. S. Ferguson, I. Findlay.

Junior Civil Service, pass (in order of merit): R. Watson, W. McBride, S. Slocombe, W. A. McCaw, R. Macgregor, J. K. Jameson, C. Thomson, D. McNaughton, E. Dobbie, E. McKillop, J. Houston, L. McCaw, E. Brodie, J. Donnelly, R. Neas.

Senior Free Place Examination: B. Baxter, A. Cumming, A. S. Hewat, J. H. Lang, G. Munro, G. Reed, M. Robertson.

Senior Free Place (on recommendation): J. Catto, N. Stead, E. Cameron, C. Davies, J. Forrester, C. Lynch, J. Matheson, R. McKenzie.

Extension of Junior Free Place: L. Ballantine, S. Cole, A. Miske, A. Brass, Q. Christophers, J. Huffadine, J. Ibbotson, A. Reid, E. Stevens, G. Stewart.

SCHOOL NEWS.

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

Stan. Hanan, running at the Invercargill Caledonian Sports on New Year's Day, annexed the 100 yards from scratch and the 220 yards from the 4 yards mark. He also won from scratch the 100 yards at Fortrose.

Stewart Irving won seven prizes in Drawing at the Mataura Show this year.

Harold Smith secured second class in Model Drawing, Science and Art Examinations, Board of Education, London.

J. P. Hewat gained the highest marks in English by a margin as 40 in the 1910 University Scholarship Examination.

Entrances and Departures.

As usual, most of the departures have been amongst the Seniors. of last year's V and VI only four heroes are left. On the other hand there seems to have been a great influx of Juniors (68), and for a week or so new faces seemed to meet one at every turn. The time-honoured custom of initiating the newcomers was enthusiastically observed, and at quite an early hour tub, soap, and water were going merrily. It takes a smart chap to evade the eyes of the watchers for "newies" on the first morning, and some were lucky to escape with one immension. Outside the V and VI D. MacGibbon and Jock McQueen will be greatly missed from the football team. These two have joined Doug Anderson at Lincoln College, so that S.H.S. is now well represented there. Anderson last year played both in the College XI and XV, and was sub-editor of the magazine. McQueen and MacGibbon have already being doing well at swimming, each of them captaining a water polo team. We hope to see these three in the College XV this year.

We desire to congratulate the Scholarship winners, viz. Paterson. Hewat, and Cody, on their results.

Paterson is now on his way back to Scotland; but Hewat and Cody intend taking courses at the 'Varsity. "Inky" Seddon and "Jimmy" McDonald have gone to Wellington. "Drew" Chrystal has gone to Sydney where, if successful in finding a billet, he will remain. Collins has gone to Canterbury Engineering College; Gray to the Otago Mining School: Boyne to Otago University.

Commerce has claimed Dalziel, Ferguson, Drury, A. Hewat, R. Mc-Kenzie, Jameson (2), T. Wilson, F. Wilson, Ibbotson, McConechy, Willcox. E. Stevens. Munro.

Welsh is teaching; W. McCaw is engineering; Brodie, R. McIntyre, and McDowall are "on the land."

On Saturdays a School team will enter Junior Grade Hockey. A committee consisting of E. Ryburn (capt.), E. Dobbie (secretary), and J. G. Anderson, will control the affairs of the Club. We wish the new club success.

Prefects for 1911.

G. D. McKenzie, E. A. Dobbie, J. G. Anderson, E. M. Ryburn, R. L. Christie, and N. Stead. The first two have been re-appointed from last year.

Congratulations to Mr McGrath on the attainment of his University degree.

Re-naming of the Forms.

A change that has taken place with the new year is the re-naming of the Forms. In place of the old I, II, IIIA, and IIIB, there are now IIIB, IIIA, IVB, IVA, and instead of the ancient IV, V, and VI, we now have V, VI B, and VI A. This is the means of naming the Forms adopted by most of the New Zealand secondary schools, and the change has been effected to bring our School into line with them.

The School Dress.

The Rector has this year rightly insisted on the wearing of the school cap, badge and stockings. No restriction is placed, as in some schools, on the kind of shirt or coat and trousers, and it is by no means too much to ask everyone to support loyally the School by wearing the badge and the stockings. It is to be hoped that this year the distinguishing colours of the School will be worn with a becoming At present there is a consistent loyalty conspicuous everywhere.

The Cambrian Visit.

On the occasion of the visit of the H.M.S. Cambrian to Bluff, a day was set apart on which the ship was open for inspection to the schools. A half-holiday was granted to us, and a contingent from the School journeyed to Bluff to take advantage of an opportunity to see over one of Britain's warships. The representative cricket match, Otago v. Southland, was started the same day, and in the afternoon advantage was taken of the half-holiday by not a few to see the game.

The Jubilee of Southland was marked by a half-holiday on Wednesday, 29th March.

Term End Concert.

In place of the usual term end concert last term a cricket match was played against the Juniors. The result of the match will be seen among the Cricket News. On the whole we think it is a pity that these concerts should be abandoned, but the matter is in the boys' own hands, and if they will not provide items, the concerts must necessarily fall through.

Dancing.

The attempt to establish a Dancing Class in the School has failed —the more's the pity. Do some imagine they can go through life without this accomplishment? Life is imaginable without it; but with it life is all the richer and fuller. By and by it will dawn on the minds of some gawks that they neglected an opportunity of getting rid of awkwardness and of acquiring a gracefulness of carriage eminently to be desired.

Miscellaneous.

In consequence of broken skylights and windows resulting from kicking the football in the school yard, the Rector has forbidden any such practice in the ground, and the intervals are now given up to passing rushes and scrambles known to all but the uninitiated as "mobbing."

Congratulations to Hanan on his running in the Caledonian Sports, especially as regards winning the Sheffield.

One afternoon the prefects sallied forth bravely to interview Miss Jobson (the new Principal) with a view to giving the G.H.S. a half-holiday on the occasion of our cricket match with O.B.H.S. As a result, quite a number of girls were present at the afternoon's play

It was noticeable how many High School boys spent their Christmas vacation camping out at Stewart Island. This place and this form of holiday cannot be too warmly recommended to others.

1910 Boys, Attention! When you have finished the perusal of that interesting book you lately purchased, kindly remember others and pass it on to the School's Library for circulation among your old mates. "It is better to give than to receive." Good luck to you!

The School Picnic.

Our annual picnic was held as usual at the back beach at Greenhills. This is an ideal place for a picnic as it is far from "the madding crowd," far from school worries, indeed, far from everything in the daily routine. There is an extensive samdly beach with large rolling breakers, and a number of tussock-clad hills; but what is more attractive is its solitude.

We left town by the 9.10 train and after three quarters of an hour' train journey, we reached our destination. After detraining and raiding the Greenhills' store, we all set out for the beach. The track to the beach, goes through bush, which has a bounteous undergrowth of bid-a-bids that rather add to the day's enjoyment. At the beach we indulged in all kinds of sport, but the one that was mostly participated in was surf bathing. Football was not indulged in owing to one of the small six formers having too great a lung capacity. Cricket, shooting and running were some of the pleasures of the day; but there was no end of minor amusements such as tobogganing, modelling and jumping.

During the day a race was arranged among the masters, which added greatly to our amusement. Our school wit has reported the race thus:—Mr Edmondson started before the gun, Ergo, he easily won.

The weather was ideal until four o'clock, then it began to rain, but no one minded this as it cooled the air and made us hurry to the station. During our stay at the station a number of smaller

boys wandered away from the fold; and it is reported that the lives of some of the inhabitants were endangered. About seven o'clock the picnic train steamed into Invercargill bringing back the tired picnickers who, we are sure, were thoroughly satisfied with their day's enjoyment.

Cricket Dinner.

After the cricket match against Otago both teams dined together in the Federal Tea Rooms. When the dainties had been partaken of, the Rector welcomed the Otago boys and congratulated them on their win. Messrs Kingsland and Hartley, who had so kindly umpired for us, addressed us on the play of the day. Their addresses were eagerly listened to by both teams, and will no doubt encourage us in our cricket. We wish to express our appreciation of the gentlemen for giving up so much of their valuable business time for our sake. After the customary toasts had been honoured, Mr Patterson returned thanks on behalf of Otago.

Prize Distribution Night.

The annual distribution of the prizes took place on Friday, pecember 8th, in the Theatre, in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. Some very interesting speeches were made during the evening. Mr Crosby Smith again favoured us with one of his witty speeches appertaining to the instability of women teachers. Walter Cody was heartily cheered on going up to receive the Dux Medal. A feature of the evening was Mr Shaw's address; it was interesting from start to finish, struck a manly tone, and was in every way commendable in its harmony with the occasion.

Form Notes.

VI.—During this short term of hard work none of our industrious youths has had time for witticisms to any extent. Sometimes, however, a joke or a blunder is made agreeable, breaking the monotony of hard graft.

J.A. states in his essay on "The Ocean," that: "Many people reverence the ocean, and I have seen them kneel on the deck and yield tribute to Old Father Neptune in the form of various undigested meals."

While reading one day, Aggar informed us that words denoting female relations, such as father, uncle, etc. (General collapse).

In the course of Miranda's pretty little speech in "The Tempest," she says, "I am your wife, if you marry me." One youth wished to know if it were leap year.

Our master complains that during the first period in the afternoon the French class seems very heavy, and he is unable to account for it.

A slight discussion was raised one day about a certain metal While looking up the dictionary our master informed us that he was getting "rusty on his metals."

IV A FORM NOTES.

Is the handspring harder than it used to be? Or are the feet of the rising generation overgrown?

The Roman pro-consul, who, in a year or two, squeezed out of a province the means of rearing marble palaces and baths on the shores of Campania, of drinking from amber, of feasting on singing birds, of exhibiting armies of gladiators and flocks of camelopards, was now outdone. Our diminutive friend, Bob, probably actuated by humane motives, enquired whether the birds sang while the pro-consul ate them; furthermore, the sarcastic "Porky" expressed a desire to know what marble palaces are reared upon. We don't profess to know much about this, but we certainly know enough to relieve any anxiety he may have on the score of his daily bread. They weren't reared on acorns.

We suppose that Mr Galloway's ruler is an advertisement for trousers from the strong affinity it shows for the same.

We think Macaulay's "Essay on Clive" ought to be taken up by those looking for light reading during the term holidays.

Echoes from lavatory one sunny day: "Oh-oh-oo-er! oooer!! You wottahs!!!" "Souse him well!" "Give him all he wants!!" Then gurgles and splashes till the bell rings.

Some misinformed footballers say that "Bunter" "shins," but we all know that he doesn't. -:0:--

School Officers, 1911.

Prefects: G. McKenzie, E. Dobbie, E. Ryburn, R. L. Christie, N. Stead, J. G. Anderson.

Cadets: Lieuts.; A Coy.; G. McKenzie, R. Christie: B Coy; E. Dobbie, J. Hinton.

Colour Sergeants; S. Hanan, N. Stead.

Sergeants; (A) Frew, Bonthron, Carter, Ryburn:

(B) Anderson, Imlay, Catto, Forrester.

Buglers: Findlay, Cockroft, Kingsland.

Cricket; (Seniors); Captain: E. Ryburn; Secretary: J. G. Anderson.

(Juniors); IIIB M. Macdonald; IIIA Dobie. IVB A. Reid; VIA C. Davies.

Football: Grade I: Practice Captains, Stead, Christie.

Grade II; Practice Captains, A. Reid, J. Imlay.

Grade III; Practice Captains, C. Davies, F. Dixon.

Grade IV; Practice Captains, Smellie, H. Ryburn.

Secretary; D. Frew: Juniors, Lamont (ii),

Fires and Tennis: Secretary, N. Stead.

Navy League: Secretary, L. Bennet.

Library: Secretary, L. Bennet. "The Southlandian": J. G. Anderson, G. McKenzie, E. Ryburn, R. L.

Christie, L. Bennet, J. G. Imlay, E. Dobbie, N. Stead, C. Davies.

Hockey: Captain, E. Ryburn; Secretary, E. Dobbie.

Old Boys' Column.

In response to our enquiry for back numbers for Mr Robert McNab's collection of School Magazines, we have received from Mr P Wild the 1904 number. There are still wanting the issues of 1902 and 1903. Can anyone supply these for so praiseworthy an object?

Outstanding Subscriptions. - Will Old Boys please remember that there is no profit on the "Southlandian," and accordingly not allow years to roll by without the forwarding of subscriptions!

Norman Millard has been having a great time with the rainbow front at Lake Taupo. He reports that they are great fighters, often breaking tackle, and always game. We hope he will favour us with an article.

Our heartiest congratulations to K. G. Fraser, B.A. and M. Alexander, B.Sc. on their honourable successes in carrying off a Senior University Scholarship each. They won class prizes side by side, could not be separated for the Dux Medal, and now again they are equally successful.

Jas. Henry, after a trip to Scotland, has returned to Southland, and is on the staff of the Riverton school,

John C. B. Griffith (1894-5) has joined the staff of the "Southland Times."

In cricket, D. Hamilton has established a solid reputation. His 110 against Rangitiki at Christchurch was an excellent performance. J. W. H. Bannerman also did well in that match, both with bat and ball. L. McKenzie reached the Trials for the Southland team.

F. H. W. Traill, formerly in the South British Insurance at Gisborne, has left for the office in Adelaide.

Lieut, Robert Fraser, teacher at Knapdale school, as a result of his attendance at the instruction camp in the North Island, has been appointed to an Infantry Adjutancy in Otago District, 4th Regt. and is officer in charge of Area Group XIII.

Reginald Hay is now in the employ of Messrs Dalgety and Co., Invercargill,

Mr M. Mehaffey, B.Sc. in Engineering, is now in employ of Auckland Harbour Board as a draughtsman.

Of the McNabs, Duncan M. is now in Liverpool; Dr Angus M. is practising as an eye specialist in Harley Street, London; John is settled in Aderdeen.

Mr Cuthbert Whitaker, for thirteen years on the staff of the "Southland Times," has just left to join the staff of the "Auckland Star."

Mr C. E. Borne left the employ of Mr Tothill last February and is now in business in the Crescent on his own account as Commission Agent, Accountant, and Auditor.

Mr H. A. Wild of the Customs Department has been transferred from Auckland to Invercargill.

Mr H. A. Price has been transferred from Balfour to Edendale branch of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Company, there to act as manager. Mr Ian Macrae joins him as book-keeper.

Mr F. Simon, Medical Student, left in January for Trinity College Dublin, there to proceed with his medical course.

M. A. W. Traill, for ten years in the National Bank, left in January, with the intention of taking up agricultural pursuits. He was the recipient from the staff of a handsome pair of field-glasses.

Roy Traill has also left the Union Bank and is farming at Waimahaka.

Mr Archie Walker, for six years in the local office of the U.S.S. Co., has been promoted to a position in the Melbourne branch.

Mr C. J. Brodrick is President of the N.Z. Institute of Architects for 1911.

R. G. MacGibbon, youngest son of T. MacGibbon, Mataura, has gone to London to complete his training as an electrical engineer He afterwards proceeds to America.

J. E. Maud, accountant for the last six years with J. Mill and Co., Bluff, has been promoted to the managership of the Wellington branch.

J. D. Spiers is now with Mr Dickson at Waikouro, farming.

Robert Hawke has abondoned Law for Agriculture, which he is now studying in the Drummond District.

R. Kennedy, LL.M., and Horace Macalister, LL.B., have been admitted to Supreme Court Practice. The former is working with Mr John Wilkinson, Dunedin, the latter, with his father.

Morell Macalister has returned to Invercargill, entering the office of his uncle.

E. Reynolds has returned to the Courthouse, Invercargill,

Mr Doug Anderson is sub-editor of the Lincoln Agricultural He came second out of twenty three first year students Magazine. last year.

A. L. Dolamore LL.B. has joined Mr E. C. Smith in legal practice

in Gore.

At the Easter Tournament of the University College, J. N. Millard and A. S. Reid, representing Otago University, performed splendidly, winning the Inter-University Athletic Championship for their alma mater.

N. Millard established two records in the High and Broad Jumps, while S. Reid broke the record for Putting the Shot. N. Millard, 22it 81/2 inches in Broad Jump, and 5ft 61/2 in. in the High Jump. He also came second in the 100 Yards Flat. S. Reid, 37ft 1/2 in. in Putting the Shot, 93ft 11in. in Hammer Throwing.

A. W. Jones has severed his connection with the local Municipal Offices to enter Mr W. A. Ott's office.

Teachers' Movements-

E. Cockroft, J. Stobo, N. Gilchrist, W. Grieve have entered the Training College, Dunedin.

Appointments: Hugh McChesney, first assistant, Park School; L. Wild M.A., first assistant, Blenheim District High School; J. Henry, assistant, Riverton; J. Welsh, third year P. T. Riverton.

Examination Results-

O. Findlay and J. G. Findlay passed the final Pharmacy Examination last December.

Dr Bruce Baird has obtained the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. England. He is now qualifying for F.R.C.S. and acting as House Physician in the Kent and Canterbury hospital.

Dr Thomas R. MacGibbon (Mataura), recently practising at Hawera, has obtained his F.R.C.S., England.

Teachers-

Class D: T. Baird, G. Cody, C. Lindsay, F. Lopdell, J. Prentice,

J. Stobo.

Partial D: G. Agnew, W. Grieve.

Class C: C. Lindsay, J. Prentice, J. Watson, 4 subjects each;

F. C. Lopdell, 3 subjects.

Partial C: N. Cowie, G. Griffiths, L. A. McKenzie, A. S. Reid. Special mention in C subjects: A. S. Reid, French, Mathematics. Science and Art Department, Board of Education, London: R. Brownlie, first class in Model Drawing and Geometrical Drawing; second class in Freehand.

A. Dawson, second class, Stage III, Building Construction and Drawing.

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Senior Civil Service, 1911: C. Salmon, Auckland, full pass; O. Reynolds, Dunedin, four subjects.

University News-

N.Z. University Degrees :-

R. Kennedy, honours in Law and LL.M.

J. H. Murdoch, M.A., with second class honours in English, French, Mental Science.

L. Wild, M.A., with second class honours in Geology.

M. Alexander, B.A., and Senior Scholarship in Electricity.

K. G. Fraser B.A., and Senior Scholarship in French.

J. S. McGrath, B.A.

H. Clark, B.A.

H. Macalister, LL.B.

A. Bain, F. F. Miles, F. F. Adamson, C. H. Mackay; First section of B.A.

N. Millard, first section B.A. and LL.B.

M. McCartney, first section LL.B.

G. Macindoe, W. Alexander, first section B.Sc.

University of Otago, Medical School, Summer Session Classes:

T. R. Ritchie, 1st class P. Histology; F. Mulholland, 2nd class; B. H. Gilmour, 2nd class, Ophthalmology.

MARRIAGES.

McKay—Bath.—R. J. McKay, B.Sc. in Engineering, Auckland Harbour Board, to Frances Ella Bath.

Craig—Brown.—S. Craig, printer, to Miss Brown, of Dunedin.

Morton—Withers.—D. Morton, Messrs J. H. Kirk and Co., to Miss Withers, of Dunedin.

Grigor-Gardner.-W. J. Grigor, to Miss Mary Gardner.

DEATHS.

Selby.—At 48, Grace Street, Appleby, 25th November, 1910, after a long and painful illness, Ralph (Rol) Selby, fourth son of the late C. W. G. Selby; aged 22 years.

Fullarton.—At Wallacetown, as the result of an accident, Dr James Fullarton. on January 11th, 1911; aged 43 years. It is with great regret that we chronicle the unfortunate death of Dr Fullarton. Dr Fullarton was widely known in Southland as a leading medical practitioner

and skilful surgeon. He took a keen interest in sport, particularly in the Southland Racing Club, of which he was a past President. He was dux of his school in 1885, gained a Junior University Scholarship and attended Otago University. He took his B.A. and then studied medicine at Dunedin and at Edinburgh, graduating in 1892, and carrying off several medals. He returned to Southland about two years later and soon established a large practice. We extend our sympathy to his brothers and parents.

Early History of Cricket.

ORIGIN OF NAME.—(1) From O. Fr. criquet, a stick used as a marker in the game of bowls; (2) Saxon cric or cryk, a crooked stick.

SUPPRESSION.—As in football, many efforts were made to suppress the game. Edward III. declared it unfit for any but the lower classes, and Edward IV. made it illegal. A person who allowed it to be played on his grounds was liable to three years in prison and £20 fine, and players to two years in prison and £10 fine, the implements to be burned. Despite these severe penalties, the game survived. Not until 1748 was it declared by law that cricket was "a very manly game, not bad in itself, but only in the ill use of it by betting more than £10 on it."

EVOLUTION.—In the infancy of the game the stumps did not exist; a circular hole in the ground took their place and the batsman was put out either by being caught or, when running, by the ball being returned into the cavity before he could place the end of his bat in it. This led to unseemly tussles, and from records we learn that the first wicket to take the place of the hole was only a single stump. Then somewhere in the 18th century another stump, with a cross piece, was added. In 1775 the third stump was added. In the earliest known picture of modern cricket, 1743, the stumps were two feet wide and one foot high, the bats were old-fashioned curved shapes, and the score was kept by notching each run on a stick.

CRICKET.

SENIORS.

CAPTAIN—E. Ryburn. HON. SECRETARY—J. G. Anderson. COMMITTEE—E. Ryburn, J. G. Anderson, E. Dobbie.

On looking over the past season, we cannot altogether pronounce it an unsuccessful one. With the collapse of 3rd grade cricket, we were playing a grade higher than we should otherwise have been, and were frequently pitted against men of much greater experience than ourselves. Considered, then, in this light, our record for the season does not compare so unfavourably with that of past years. Of the eleven matches played, we succeeded in winning four, which shows a decided improvement on the previous season's form.

On our return to school after the Christmas vacation, we discovered the first eleven had been greatly weakened by the departure of several of its best players. Hewat, our popular captain, was no longer with us. He was undoubtedly one of our most reliable batsmen, and possessed a forceful and attractive style, particularly noticeable in his off-play. As a bowler, too, he was of great service to the team, although at times he was somewhat erratic. In fielding he was exceptionally brilliant, his throwing-in being admirable, while in practice he was always keen and enthusiastic.

In losing Collins, last year's Deputy Captain, we lost another fine all-round cricketer. Collins was the stonewaller of the team; he always assisted materially in breaking up the bowling, and could be invariably relied upon to score a good number of runs. His slow breaks frequently troubled the batsmen, while his fielding was in every department considerably above the average.

D. MacGibbon has also left us, and his fast bowling and sure fielding were greatly missed. In addition, he was a steady batsman, and knew exactly how to treat loose bowling. R. McKenzie, although not brilliant, yet justified his inclusion by his patient and careful batting, while A. Hewat was a valuable left-hand bowler, his good length, combined with his natural break, making him at times unplayable. Gray and Fred Wilson were also promising players; they were full of vigour and enthusiasm and threw all their energy, not only into cricket, but into every phase of school life.

Nevertheless we still possessed some good material. Of last year's players, Ryburn, McKenzie, Anderson, Stead and Houston once more took their places in the team, and, along with Dobbie and Christophers, proved the mainstay of the eleven. Ryburn, in every respect showed himself to be an able and efficient captain. The averages appended below show that, both in batting and bowling, the school performances are fairly creditable. The form shown in practice was generally good, yet, either through nervousness or ill-luck, this form was seldom repeated in our grade matches, and in consequence victory was the exception rather than the rule. We are accustomed to defeat, it is true, but even the consciousness that we are opposed to superior players should not justify the conclusion that we must inevitably be defeated. Let us play the game, even though we are playing against tremendous odds.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. Innings.	Not Out.	Highest Score.	No. Runs.	Average.
Stead	7	2	72*	215	43
Dobbie	9	2	26*	99	14.1
McKen	zie 9	0	39	98	10.9
Christo	ophers 9	0	33	96	10.6
Housto	n .13	1	30	125	10.4

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
Stead	14	4	28	6	4.6
McKen	zie 68	12	201	26	7.7
Bonthr	on 61	17	152	13	11.7
Housto	n 94	12	284	16	17.7

Stead, it will be noticed, heads both averages, while McKenzie and Houston also occupy prominent positions. They are fine allround players, and should make a name for themselves in the cricket world. Dobbie has shown himself to be an aggressive and forcible, if not a scientific batsman, and Christophers and Bonthron promoted from the Junior ranks, have also earned distinction in batting and howling respectively.

Following is an account of the club matches played during the season:—

1st XI. v. I.C.C.—WON BY 40 RUNS.

Although this was the first match of the season, yet the School showed very creditable form, and eventually won by the comfortable margin of 40 runs. Thanks to the splendid bowling of McKenzie and MacGibbon, I.C.C. were disposed of for 30 runs, the former taking 6 wickets for 10 runs, the latter 3 for 5. The School replied with 70 runs, to which Hewat, who gave a delightful exhibition, contributed 30.

1st XI. v. BLUFF.—LOST BY 2 WICKETS.

On arriving at Bluff, the School found themselves opposed to a very powerful combination, the Bluff team considering it quite within the limits of fair play to strengthen their side by the inclusion of four Senior players. The School, losing the toss batted first and reached the total of 70. R. McKenzie, who scored 9 runs, batted very well and materially assitsed in breaking up the bowling; Houston played a splendid innings for 28 not out, his gliding to leg in particular being a treat to watch. MacGibbon batted solidly for 10 runs, and with Houston put on 28 runs for the last wicket. Bluff compiled 92 for the loss of 8 wickets, and of this score three Senior men made 76. McKenzie was again the best of the School bowlers, obtaining 4 wickets for 13 runs, while MacGibbon secured 2 for 31, and A. Hewat 1 for 22,

1st XI. v. WAIKIWI.-WON BY 8 WICKETS.

Waikiwi could raise only a very weak team, and, on batting first, were dismissed for 52 runs, of which S. Mackie, an ex-School player, was responsible for 18. For the School, A. Hewat took 3 wickets for 11 runs, G. McKenzie 5 for 21, and Houston 1 for 5. The School had no difficulty in playing the bowling of their opponents, and in 40 minutes knocked up 84 runs for the loss of 2 wickets, the principal scorers being—Collins 27 not out, Hewat (retired) 16, Ryburn 14.

1st XI. v. APPLEBY B.—WON BY 61 RUNS.

This match was played while the University examinations were in progress, and, as half the team was absent, the School was somewhat justified in playing two of the masters. Appleby, on going to the wickets, reached only 50 runs, to which the School replied with 111, thus winning by 61 runs. Collins, McKenzie and MacGibbon were the best of the School batsmen, while Collins, with 4 wickets for 4 runs and MacGibbon, with 2 for 13, divided the bowling honours.

1st VI. v. APPLEBY A.—LOST BY 96 RUNS.

This was perhaps the strongest team to which the School had been hitherto opposed, and, considering that hardly any of the eleven had had any practice because of the exams., the match resulted, as one would naturally expect, in a victory for our opponents. Appleby batted first and reached a total of 173, Mr McGrath taking 3 wickets for 34 runs, and A. Hewat 4 for 50. The School were then dismissed for 77 runs, to which Mr Galloway contributed a valuable 22, while Ryburn 13, and McGibbon 10, also reached double figures.

1st XI. v. Y.M.C.A. A.—LOST BY 2 WICKETS.

This match was played immediately on our return to School, and consequently the form shown was not of a very high order. The School, batting first, totalled 89 runs, the chief scorers being—Anderson 23, Ryburn 17, Collins 16 and Dobbie 11. Y.M.C.A. A followed on, and on call of time were exactly even for the loss of 8 wickets; the School captain, however, agreed to continue the match, and, in the next over, Y.M.C.A. secured the required run, thus winning an exciting game by 2 wickets. Houston, with 4 wickets for 25 runs, and Collins. with 3 for 40, were the best of the School bowlers.

1st XI. v. APPLEBY A.—LOST.

As in their previous match with Appleby, the School again suffered defeat. The School innings realised only 71 runs, of which Dobbie played confidently for 21 runs, while Anderson 14, McGregor 12 and Ryburn 11, also batted well. Appleby appeared to treat the School bowling with contempt, and when stumps were drawn had compiled 154 runs, Houston taking 3 wickets for 54. Bonthron 2 for 25, and McGregor 1 for 22.

1st XI. v. I.C.C.—WON BY 3 RUNS.

This was our second match with I.C.C., and the School were again rictorious. The School gave a miserable exhibition of batting, Christophers 33, Houston 14, and McKenzie 12 being the only batsmen to play with any confidence. The School bowling, however, showed a decided improvement, and McKenzie and Houston, whose averages were 6 for 46 and 4 for 19 respectively, dismissed the I.C.C. for 82 runs.

1st XI. v. Y.M.C.A. A.—LOST BY — RUNS.

Y.M.C.A. A again proved too strong a combination for the School. The School, batting first, reached the total of 84, Houston playing a splendid innings for 30, while Dobbie and Hanan, with 12 each, also gave a very fair exhibition. Y.M.C.A. on call of time, had compiled — runs for the loss of — wickets, Collins, with 3 wickets for 56 runs, being the most successful of the School bowlers.

1st XI. v. Y.M.C.A.—UNFINISHED.

This was the last of our club matches, and the School play showed a vast improvement. The School were at the wickets all the afternoon, the innings closing for 204 runs. Stead, who gave an excellent display, contributed 58 runs, and, along with McKenzie, whose score reached 39, registered what is believed to be a School record partnership for the first wicket, viz. 75 runs. Baxter added a serviceable 27, and was batting confidently when he had the misfortune to be run out.

Besides the fixtures with outside clubs, the 1st XI. played three matches against The Rest of the School during the course of the season. These games, as well as affording a pleasing change from the accustomed net practice, materially helped to improve the fielding of both Seniors and Juniors, and gave several of the players an excellent opportunity of improving their batting and bowling averages.

The first of these matches was played on the day of the School break-up for the Christmas vacation. The Juniors made 40, Reid 8, while the Seniors totalled 82, MacGibbon 37 and Anderson 10 being the only batsmen to reach double figures. In this game Bonthron and Wesney came to light as bowlers, the former securing 6 wickets for 34 runs.

In the next match the Juniors were fortunate in obtaining the services of three of the School masters, and, batting first, reached the respectable total of 120, of which Mr Galloway compiled 36 and Mr Edmondson 35. The best of the School bowlers was Stead, who took 3 wickets for 9 runs. The Seniors, following on, scored 133 runs, Stead batting brilliantly for 53, while Dobbie 26, Ryburn 19, and Christophers 10, also played very consistently. The fielding of the Juniors was very creditable, while Mr Dakin's exceptional fielding at square-leg greatly minimised the total of the Seniors,

The last of these matches was played on Rugby Park, when the Seniors, on a treacherous wicket, compiled only 95 runs, the chief scorers being: Christophers 29, McKenzie 17, Anderson 14 and Stead 12. The Juniors were dismissed for 35, Wild 9, Bonthron taking 7 wickets for 11 runs. In their second innings, the Seniors lost 9 wickets for 106 runs; Stead 72 not out, the highest individual score of the season, Hinton 13, Ryburn 12. The Seniors were thus victorious in all three matches.

THE OTAGO MATCH.

This was to us by far the most important match of the season, and, needless to say, it was looked forward to with the greatest of interest. We entertained no very sanguine hopes of success, but we determined to make a better showing than we did in the previous match. The team practised assiduously. We are greatly indebted to Mr McGrath for his painstaking and efficient coaching.

The Otago team. in charge of Mr Paterson, arrived by the late express on Wednesday, 22nd March. and the match was commenced at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday morning on the Rugby Park wicket, kindly placed at our disposal by the Southland Cricket Association. Messrs Kingsland and Hartley, who officiated in the interprovincial fixture, acted as umpires, and their decisions met with universal approbation.

The Southland team was as follows:—E. Ryburn (captain), G. McKenzie, J. G. Anderson, E. Dobbie, N. Stead, J. Houston, A. Baxter, Q. Christophers, R. McGregor, E. Bonthron, L. McCaw.

McKenzie and Stead opened for Southland against the bowling of Reid and Nicholson. McKenzie scored 8 off Reid's first over; Stead snicked a single off Nicholson, whose next ball proved fatal to Mc-Kenzie, 15-1-8. Ryburn followed, but the next over Stead, who was batting confidently, was foolishly run out. 21-2-3. Houston succeeded and contributed a well hit 16, being eventually caught and bowled by Nicholson. 47—3—16. Christophers was bowled by Black without further addition to the score. Ryburn and McGregor then added a useful partnership, both playing freely. Ryburn gave an easy chance at square leg, which was not accepted, and shortly afterwards Nicholson shattered his bails. 65—5—18. Anderson followed and played out the over, McGregor, after adding a single to his score, was caught at mid-off by Fitzgerald. 66-6-11. Anderson, after playing carefully to Nicholson, was clean bowled in misjudging a good length ball, while Bonthron and McCaw were dismissed without any alteration in the total. Nicholson, who throughout the innings had maintained a splendid length, thus performed the hat trick, and was loudly applauded. Dobbie and Baxter made a good stand for the last wicket: Dobbie was particularly forceful and gave a chanceless exhibition. At this stage an adjournment was made for lunch, and on

resuming the gaine Nicholson took Baxter's wicket in his first over, the innings, which had lasted 100 minutes, thus closing for 85.

Black and Wilson faced the bowling of Houston and McKenzie. the former having the advantage of a strong wind. Both batsmen were aggressive and showed greater confidence than the Southlanders. Runs came freely, and boundaries were frequent, until, with the score at 48, Black, in trying to pull a short ball from McKenzie, was caught by Bonthron. 48-1-27. Spedding followed, and the half century appeared after 40 minutes' play. Wilson drove McKenzie three times to the leg boundary, but Spedding was clean bowled by Bonthron, who in the same over also dismissed O'Shea. 3 for 59. After adding a single, Wilson whose score included four boundaries, was given out 1 h.w. to Houston. 60-4-25. Laurence and Nicholson then became associated until the latter in attempting to hit a badly pitched ball from McKenzie, lost his wicket. 99-5-28. The century occupied 95 minutes, and at 106 Lawrence returned one into McKenzie's hands. 106-6-12. An adjournment was here made for refreshments, and. on resuming play, Reid was caught and bowled by Stead. 130-7-12. Pilling and Ryan then scored freely. Ryan was a little later bowled by Houston, and Fitzgerald, after adding 2, was caught by Stead off the same bowler. 160-9-2. Park, the last man, succumbed to a straight ball from Bonthron, Pilling carrying his bat for a well hit 25. The innings realised 172 runs, and as rain steadily set in, stumps were drawn, Otago thus winning an interesting match by 87 runs.

S.B.H.S.—1st innings.

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85

Bowling Analysis.—Nicholson, 7 for 33; Black, 2 for 16; Reid, 0 for 25.

O.B.H.S.—1st innings.

Wilson, l.b.w., bowled Houston	25
Black, caught Bonthron, bowled McKenzie	27
Spedding, bowled Bonthron	2
O'Shea, bowled Bonthron	0
Nicholson, bowled McKenzie	28
Laurence, caught and bowled McKenzie	12
Ryan, bowled Houston	15
Reid, caught and bowled Stead	12
Pilling, not ont	25
Fitzgerald, caught Stead, bowled Houston	2
Park, bowled Bonthron	2
Extras	22
Total	172

Bowling Analysis.—Houston, 3 for 52; McKenzie, 3 for 43; Bonthron, 3 for 44; Stead, 1 for 6; McGregor, 0 for 5.

The Otago team deserve to be highly complimented on their meritorious victory. Both in batting and bowling we were easily outclassed, although in fielding there was perhaps not so much difference between the two teams. The batting of Black in particular, was decidedly attractive and forcible, while Nicholson, whose bowling throughout was excellent, obtained a splendid average.

Although the batting of Southland was certainly weak in comparison, yet a vast improvement on last year's form was noticeable. In judging of the respective merits of the two teams, one should not altogether lose sight of the fact that the Otago team have a splendid ground and in addition the services of a professional coach, both of which facts would largely tend to raise the standard of their play, whereas we are inconvenienced by a small ground. On the other hand, we do not on any account wish to detract from the glory of their victory by attributing our defeat to these disadvantages. We were fairly outclassed; and we can but hope that, with consistent practice, success will at last crown our endeavours.

After the match, both teams sat down to a well-earned dinner, after which several appropriate speeches were delivered.

The Otago team returned by the first express on Friday morning.

We desire to tender our hearty thanks to Mr McGrath, who so ungrudgingly sacrificed so much of his time in coaching us. We wish also to place on record our appreciation of the generosity of the Southland Cricket Association in allowing us one practice and the match on the Rugby Park wicket, and also to thank personally the caretaker for the obliging services he rendered us.

Finally, we are greatly indebted to S. Mackie, secretary of the Waikiwi C.C. for the use of some of their material. As all Old Boys should, Mackie still takes a warm interest in the outdoor life of the School.

JUNIOR CRICKET, 1910.

With the opening of the 3rd Term, cricket was again commenced.

A competition was inaugurated in which four teams—A, B, C and D—
took part. C. Davies was made captain of A team, Reid of B, N.
Lamont of C, and G. Stewart of D. The result of the competition
was:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.
1st B	6	5	1	10
2nd A	6	3	3	6
3rd C	6	2	4	4
3rd D	6	2	4	4

The winning team was: Reid (captain), Wesney, Hall, Christophers, E. McKenzie, Cameron, Rice, Dixon, A. McDonald, Graham, Catto, Rowe. By consistent practice the batting, fielding, and bowling greatly improved.

There was plenty of good material, and the Juniors made good use of it all through the term.

On the last day of the term a match was played, Seniors v. Juniors. The teams were:—Seniors—J. 'Hewat (captain), A. Hewat, Collins, McKenzie G., McKenzie R., Ryburn, McGibbon, Houston, Paterson, McGregor, Anderson J.

Juniors.—Reid, Lamont, Davies (captain), Stewart G., Irving, Christophers, Bonthron, McCaw, Wesney, Dawson, Cameron.

The game resulted in a win for the Seniors on one innings, by 35 runs. The Seniors made 80, MacGibbon 3; and the Juniors 45, Reid 9.

A few days after the first term began cricket was started, and the field was well crowded every fine afternoon. Some of last year's players had left us, some to go to work, others to play for the Seniors. Their places were taken by other boys who came to the School this year. This year a new competition was set on foot; each form up to IV A had a team, and games were played every week. IV A proved the winners.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points
IV. A	6	5	1	10
IV. B	-	2	4	4
III. A		4	2	8
III. B	6	2	4	4

A. Reid skippered IV. A team, Dawson IV. B, Dobie III A., and McDonald M., III B.

'The winning team was: Reid (captain), Wesney, Davies, Huffadine, O'Donovan, McCaw (afterwards promoted to Senior ranks), Wild Smellie, Cockroft, Cameron, McKillop, H. Ryburn.

Reid and Wesney each did the hat trick in intra class matches.

In the latter part of the season the Juniors received word that Otago B.H.S. were sending a team of Juniors to play ours.

SOUTHLAND v. OTAGO (JUNIOR).

The teams:—Otago: Arthur, Hutchison (captain), Satterthwaite, White, Thomas, McPherson, Dawson, Gregory, Nutting, Lockhart, Southland: Soar, O'Donovan, Davies, Lamont, Wild, Reid (captain), E. McKenzie, Wesney, Huffadine, Dobie, Dawson.

Otago, batting first, compiled 140 runs, Dick 41, Hutchison 29, White 21. Wesney took 4 wickets for 37, Soar 3 for 9, Wild 2 for 9.

Southland on going in made only 20, O'Donovan 9, Wesney 3 not out. Seven of the team made "ducks." Dick took 6 wickets for 8, and Lockhart 2 for 10. On resuming after lunch Southland again batted, making 65, Lamont 23, Reid 20. Dick again bowled well, taking 3 wickets for 15, Lockhart 3 for 31, While 2 for 14, Satterthwaite 2 for 2.

Otago thus won by an innings and 55 runs.

In Southland's second innings Reid and Lamont stayed the tide of disaster, but the latter was unfortunately bowled after an exhibition of hard hitting. The local boys were evidently nervous, judging by the display of fielding and batting, many easy catches being missed by usually reliable players. The Otago boys' fielding was all that could be desired, hardly a catch being dropped.

The visitors were billeted by members of the team and other boys. They were entertained at a dinner at the Federal Tea Rooms in the evening.

WAIRONGOA v. JUNIORS.

School made 55, Reid 13, Wild 8 and 86, Reid 23 not out, Wild and Huffadine 10. Wairongoa made 31 and 64. Reid took all the wickets in the 2nd innings, 9 for 22. In 1st innings Reid took 5 wickets for 19, and Wesney 5 for 12.

The Juniors are to be congratulated on their splendid attendances every afternoon during the season. It promises well for the future cricket of the school. The Juniors are especially indebted to Mr Edmondson for the able manner in which he coached them and brought them to their present high standard. His sound advice was taken by all and proved fruitful.

FIRST XI.

RYBURN: Captain. Very faithful at practice; stylish bat, fielding greatly improved.

McKENZIE: Forceful bat; good medium bowler.

ANDERSON: Keen player; improved field.

DOBBIE: Hitter; fair in field.

STEAD: Very punishing bat; good change bowler; excellent field.

HOUSTON: Very good bowler; good style bat.

MACGREGOR: Change wicket-keep; improving bat; fair change howler.

CHRISTOPHERS: Wicket-keep; at times batted fairly on the off.

BAXTER: Patient bat; fielded fairly well latterly.

BONTHRON: Good high-flight bowler; fielded well in Schools' match.

McCAW: Keen and hard-working in field.

Hewat J., Hewat A., McKenzie I., and MacGibbon D., were keen, all-round players. Their loss after the Xmas vacation was very keenly felt, the play of the team suffering considerably until towards the end of the season. However, the new eleven are to be complimented on their up-hill fight against such a cleverly coached team as the Otago boys proved themselves to be.

FOOTBALL.

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Although the footballseason has scarcely yet begun, great enthusiasm has been shown, and every interval an excited crowd may be seen racing up and down the school yard in pursuit of a football. The school has again been divided into four grades, and the members of each grade have elected two practice captains, as follows:—

1st GRADE.

Grade.	Captain.	DepCaptain.
I.	N. Stead	L. Christie
	2nd GI	RADE.
II.	A. Reid	J. Imlay
	3rd GR	RADE.
III.	Davies	Dixon
	4th GI	RADE.
IV.	Smellie	H. Ryburn

Frew has been appointed secretary to the first fifteen.

About half of last year's first fifteen have returned, so there will not be so many places to fill as there were last year. Many players

however, have gone, who will be greatly missed by us, such as D. MacGibbon, J. Hewat, and F. Wilson in the backs, and McQueen and McCaw in the forwards. MacGibbon and McQueen have gone to Lincoln College, where they will be playing football this season. Hewat has gone to Knox College, and will no doubt be playing in one of the University Fifteens. McCaw and T. Wilson have joined the Blues.

The opening practices have been held with excellent musters. Every night after school there is a ball out on Number I ground, and a fair number turn out to take a kick at it. It will not be long before the Third Grade matches commence, so the Firsts cannot commence practice too soon. Mr McGrath will again take charge of the team, and it is to be hoped that under his capable instruction they will have as successful a season as they had last year.

During last football season Mr Galloway held practices on Thursday afternoons after school for the Senior footballers. We hope that this class will be resumed this season, as undoubtedly we derived much benefit from it.

FIVES.

Fives has always been one of the most popular games in the school, and this year has proved to be no exception. The courts were top-dressed during the vacation, and the Juniors have readily availed themselves of them. They are occupied, morning, dinner-time and after school. There is, however, one thing lacking. That is, a serving line, and a dividing line between the two courts. These lines have for a long time been missing, and it would be a great convenience, not only to the players, but also to the umpires, if this were rectified. It is to be hoped that they will be put in as soon as possible. Last term, the school diverted from the usual custom of having two grades in the tournaments, and three grades were instituted instead (first year pupils, second year pupils) and seniors. The championships last term were productive of some very fine play, especially the final of the first year players, Millar and Wesney. The secretaries were:—Seniors, N. Stead; 2nd Year, A. Reid; 1st Year, J. Wesney.

SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (1st Round)-

Wilson, F., defeated McCaw. Fray defeated Anderson. Reid defeated Christophers. Collins defeated Hewat, J. Stead defeated Cameron. Seddon defeated Ferguson. D. MacGibbon a bye,

SECOND ROUND

Seddon defeated MacGibbon (15—7).
Stead defeated Wilson, F. (15—0).
Collins defeated Gray (15—14).
A Reid a bye.

SECOND ROUND-

Seddon defeated Collins (15—14). Stead defeated Reid (15—7).

FINAL

Stead defeated Seddon (15-12).

1st YEAR—SEMI-FINAL— Wesney defeated Edwards Millar a bye.

FINAL-

Wesney defeated Millar (15—14) after the best struggle in the tournament.

2nd YEAR—SEMI-FINAL— Christophers defeated McDonough. Reid a bye.

FINAL-

A. Reid defeated Q. Christophers.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (DOUBLES)—1st ROUND—
Seddon and Cameron defeated McQueen and McCaw (15—1).
Stead and MacGibbon defeated Gray and Wilson (15—8).
Reid and Christophers defeated Hewat and Collins (15—10).
Christie and Ryburn a bye.

SECOND ROUND-

Stead and MacGibbon defeated Reid and Christophers (15—0). Seddon and Cameron defeated Christie and Ryburn (15—8).

FINAL-

Seddon and Cameron defeated Stead and MacGibbon (15-14).

TENNIS.

On account of the distractions of Fives and Cricket, the Tennis Court has not been used very much lately. However, some of the players have taken the opportunity of having a few games on Saturdays. The Tennis enthusiasts are somewhat disappointed at not getting a match against the S.G.H.S. this year. On November 17 of last year a team from the school tried conclusions with the girls.

The team—Seddon, Stead, Ryburn, Dobbie, MacGibbon D., and Christie managed to defeat the girls, but their play was not of a very high order. This was due perhaps to the lack of practice. In the combines, Miss Doris McHutcheson and Ryburn proved too strong a combination for the others, and finished up without a defeat. It is to be hoped that a match will be arranged with the girls early in the beginning of next season.

Gymnastic Championships, 1910.

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Last November the gymnastic championships were decided in the presence of Doctors Crawford and Macdonald as judges. An innovation was the decision to make three grades instead of two as before, First Year Pupils, Second Year Pupils, Open School Championship. The feeling that brought about the change was that the large annual entry of First Year Pupils was practically excluded from the Lower Grade or Junior Championship. With the establishment of three grades there are three nearly equal divisions in the School. Fourteen competed for the Open Championship; eight (too few) for the Middle; eighteen for the Junior. The competition was very close in the Senior Division, one mark separating Christie from Boyne, and one Boyne from D. MacGibbon. Boyne ought to have won, but, for some reason or another, went completely off his usual form in several exercises. Catto was easily first among the Two-year-olds, and Mabson among the Colts. In the Colts, a class competition was also held, the First Form defeating the Second by an aggregate of 711 to 703.

1	. R. L. Christie 10	0
2	2. J. Boyne 10	0
3	D. MacGibbon 10	0
4	F. Wilson 10	0
MIDDLE	SCHOOL (Maximum 110)—	
	. J. Catto 8	8
2	L. Ballantine 7	7
3	M. Robertson 7	7'
LOWER	SCHOOL (Maximum 110)—	
1	. Mabson 8	38
2	. Ryburn 8	3
3	. Wesney	3

4. A. McKenzie

UPPER SCHOOL (Maximum 130 Marks)-

EXERCISES (Upper School) --

Horizontal Bar-

- (1) Circle over and under, return to hang, and pull to chest four times.
- (2) Upstart and off to front.
- (3) Right leg between hands, turn, shoot on top and hock swing off.

Parallels-

- (1) Straddle forward sinking to bent arms and cut off end.
- (2) Straddle and show 2 short arm balances and handspring.
- (3) Travelling pump and hollow back lift.

Ladder-

- (1) Front march.
- (2) Double march backwards.

Ropes-

Hand over hand (feet off).

- (1) Feet outside hands.
- (2) Right vault.
- (3 Handspring.

Long Horse-

(1) Between hands.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

. Horizontal Bar-

- (1) Right leg outside and clear.
- (2) Circle over and under.
- (3) Pull to chest 6 times.

Parallels-

- (1) Back straddle and back cut off.
- (2) Pump swing in centre and vault to side.
- (3) Front straddle down to bent arms and handspring.

Horse-

- (1) Outside hands.
- (2) Handspring
- (3) Straddle over long horse.

Ropes-Climb pair ropes.

Ladder-Single march backwards (bent arms).

LOWER SCHOOL

- 1. Backboards.
- 2. Ropes.
- 3. Side Rings.
- 4. Ladder-(1) Along the rungs.
 - (2) Along the side with bent arms.

- 5. Parallels-(1) Rear Vault.
 - (2) Back roll off.
 - (3) Front straddle and handspring.
 - (4) March backwards.
- 6. Horse—(1) Clear off both feet together.
 - (2) Between hands.
 - (3) Handspring.

CADET NEWS.

As is usual in our April number, we append the names of our Battalion officers.

Major T. D. Pearce in command.

A Coy.—Capt. Pow; Lieuts. McKenzie and Christie, Col.-Sergt Hanan S., Sergts. Frew, Bonthron, Carter and E. Ryburn. Corporals Hamilton D., Bennet, Mabson and Cameron. Lance Corporal A. Baxter, McDonough, Millar, A. Reid,.

B Coy.—Capt. Edmondson; Lieuts. Dobbie and Hinton; Col.-Sergt. Stead, Sergts. J. Anderson, Imlay, Catto and Forrester. Corpls. Huffadine, Dixon, Davies, G. Reid. Lance Corpls. Lamont, Miske, Cole, Ryburn.

Battalion Buglers.-Findlay, Cockroft and R. Kingsland.

Lieuts. Boyne and J. Hewat, of last year's Battalion officers, proceed to the 'Varsity this year. They intend joining the Officers' Training Corps—good luck to them.

The following physical requirements for the ten appointments from New Zealand to the newly-instituted Military College in Australia are interesting:—The 10 places are to be free, but, to be eligible, a candidate's 16th birthday must fall on or before March 1, 1911, and his 19th birthday after that date. He must be in good health, and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with his military duties.

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17		62 to 72	101	110 to 130		34	to 351/2	600	2	to 21/2	
18		62 to 72		110 to 130		34	to 351/2		2	to 21/2	
19	*/**	62 to 72		113 to 145		35	to 361/2	12.00	2	to 21/2	

JOTTINGS FROM OUR NOTE-BOOK.

Early in January there passed away one of our popular Drill Instructors. We refer to the early death of Warrant-Officer W. Grant, who was extremely well liked by everyone in our Battalion. He had received instructions on the Thursday to proceed along with the other

Staff-Instructors to the camp of instruction held near Wellington. The first symptoms of an illness were felt that morning, so he was unable to proceed. On Saturday he underwent a severe operation, and early on Monday morning he died. His funeral, on the Wednesday following his demise, was the largest military funeral ever seen in Southland, a testimony to the dead soldier's popularity. For explaining the intricacies of drill, he was the most painstaking officer we ever had; nothing was too simple, and nothing too difficult; everything was clearly explained. During the winter of 1908 the deceased conducted a class of instruction for the junior officers of our Battalion; this class was a complete success. To express our heartfelt sorrow we forwarded a wreath to be placed on our Instructor's grave. The deceased officer was a member of the Diamond Jubilee Contingent of 1897, and was a Sergeant in the 1st N.Z. Contingent in South Africa.

It was mentioned last year that as we had had signalling instruction at our camp in 1909, that branch of military service would be kept up. This year four of the best signallers from last year's primary schools have been appointed to the Battalion, and we hope that they will prove a credit to their training. The signalling squad is: Ptes. A. Hannah, Mehaffey, Chapman, and Ramsay.

Both companies should be very efficient this year. So far, rain has interfered only once with open-air drill, and on that occasion use was made of the Gymnasium, where the recruits were instructed in the manual exercises. Owing to the hot weather which prevailed for a considerable time, the members of No. 1 Company drilled without coats—a privilege much appreciated. The ordinary work done was company drill, and the work was done very creditably, although the sergeants would do well to remember that orders should be given sharply and clearly.

In S. Hanan No. 1 Company possesses on of the best coloursergeants that the School has had for some time. Although promoted somewhat highly from last year, he has the makings of a really good officer, and he will undoubtedly turn out to be this with experience.

We are sorry to learn of the departure of Sergeant-Major Bishop from Invercargill. He was a remarkably efficient officer, how efficient those of us at camp with him in 1909 can testify. Though strict he was very painstaking, and if anything was not clear he always took the greatest possible pains to remove all doubts. We wish him every success in his new sphere of work in Gisborne. The first day we saw the "big 'un" we knew that he meant business. He was successful in that business. His successor is Sergt.-Major C. Wright, an able drill instructor from the Permanent Artillery.

There is talk of a new uniform for the Battalion. According to Defence Regulations, the Defence authorities intend supplying uniforms

to companies in lieu of capitation allowance. In our case they will supply a scout uniform only; each boy must procure his own belt, stockings, and haversack. To secondary school companies the Defence authorities offer an alternative. If a company decide on retaining a distinctive uniform of its own, they will allow in cash payment an amount equal in value to the aforesaid scout uniform—the company to make up the deficit. We hope that our O.C. will decide on the latter method of uniforming his Battalion, i.e. of having a distinct uniform. We don't think the discarding of the "blue and red" will give anyone the "blues" or "red" eyes with tear shedding.

After the November issue of "The Southlandian" drill was carried out in the usual systematic way; the only event of much importance being the inspection of the Battalion by Col. Smyth, O.C.D., on Thursday, November 11th. The inspection was, we thought, too hurried, and the result was far from representing the true efficiency of the Battalion.

The Battalion buglers — Findlay, Cockroft, and R. Kingsland — are improving fast. They are going to make a bold bid to beat those of last year. Again we ask "Where is our drummer boy gone?"

A. Hannah, our diminutive signaller, is evidently a "Multum in Parvo." He was the smallest boy competing in last year's signalling competition held by the Navy League, yet he gained first prize with the possible marks. Other good signallers competing were Chapman and J. Hannah from Bluff and B. Mehaffey and Ramsay from the Middle School.

BULLSEYE NOTES.

We always have plenty of shooting towards the end of the year; 1910 was no exception.

The most important match was the championship of the school. The conditions were 7 shots at 200 yards and 7 shots at 500 — on three different days — thus 21 shots at 200 yards and 21 shots at 500 yards had to be fired and counted up before the 1910 champion was revealed. This match was keenly contested throughout. Corporal W. McCaw won on the post from Col.-Sergt. McQueen, thus obtaining the coveted gold medal and the possession of the Challenge Shield for 1911.

The Navy League donated £1 as a shooting prize for the best 10 men team in the Battalion. A Coy. won easily. The winning team was Col.-Sergt. McQueen, Sergt. Stead, Corpl. W. McCaw, Ptes. Dalziel, McQueen J., Hanan S., Forrester, Frew, Ryburn, and Bugler Ferguson. Dividend, 2s. The Rifle Association also donated £1 as a prize; our Battalion did likewise. The entries for this match totalled 57, so four

classes were made — under 15, 15-16, 16-17, and over 17. The following were the prize-earners:—

Over 17-1 Sergt. Collins, 2 Lance-Corpl. Chrystal.

16-17-1 Pte. T. Wilson, 2 Pte. James McQueen.

15-16—1 Pte. Fotheringham, 2 Pte. G. Stewart.

Under 15-1 Pte. F. Stewart, 2 Sergt. Brodie.

The N.Z. Clothing Factory and Mr Hyndman kindly donated trophies as shooting prizes. We fired off for these trophies simultaneously with our Marksman's Match. The Clothing Factory's trophy, given to the best shot in A Coy., was won by Col.-Sergt. Collins, while Pte. F. Stewart obtained possession of Mr Hyndman's trophy, given to B Co's best shot. Other prize winners in this match were Sergt. Carter, Ptes. Forrester, James McQueen, and F. Dixon.

We did not compete in the Secondary Schools Match this year owing to the rough weather on the date we had chosen for shooting. Wellington College won this match with a score of 510 — an average of 63.75 out of 70.

Our annual shooting match with Otago fell through this year owing to the difficulty in getting a suitable range midway between the two towns. We fired this match at Gore last year, but the Gore range was engaged for the dates we suggested for our match. The Balclutha range also was unobtainable; hence the cancelling of the match.

The members of our Battalion were very keen on shooting last year. Our range prizes and our trophies evidently did their duty.

For their kind donations to our shooting, we thank the Navy League, the Rifle Association, the N.Z. Clothing Factory, and Mr Hyndman. More power to them.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Although we expected that more boys would take advantage of the small subscription, the number of subscribers, especially as regards the juniors, is highly satisfactory. During the term 25 books were added, so that we have now on the shelves over 470 well-bound volumes, engaging almost all the accommodation at present provided for them.

We gratefully acknowledge from Mr Dickson the presentation of a handsome volume by Gordon Home, entitled "Yorkshire Coast and Moorland Scenes"; from Mr T. McKenzie, Waimatuku, "A Young Man's Questions."

During the term the following volumes have been added: "Hearts in Exile," by John Oxenham; "Allan Quartermain," by H. Rider-Haggard; "At Last," by Charles Kingsley; "The Pilot at Swan Creek," by Ralph Connor; "The Emigrant Ship," by W. Clarke-Russell; "Barracks, Bivouacs, and Battles," by Archibald Forbes; "The Relief

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Dancing and Boxing.

Extracts from Professor Stanley Hall's "Youth."

"Dancing is one of the best expressions of pure play and of the motor needs of youth. Perhaps it is the most liberal of all forms of motor education. Dancing is, perhaps, not excepting even music, the completest language of the emotions and can be made one of the best schools of sentiment and even will, inculcating good states of mind and exorcising bad ones as few other agencies have power to do. Right dancing can cadence the very soul, give nervous poise and control, bring harmony between basal and finer muscles, and also between feeling and intellect, body and mind. It can serve both as an awakener and a test of intelligence, predispose the heart against vice, and turn the springs of character toward virtue."

BOXING.

"Perhaps next to dancing in phyletic motivation come personal conflicts, such as wrestling, fighting, boxing, fluelling, and, in some sense, hunting........... Repulsive as are these grosser and animal manifestations of anger, its impulsion can not and should not be eliminated, but its expression transformed and directed towards evils that need all its antagonism. To be angry aright is a good part of moral education, and non-resistance under all provocations is unmanly, craven, and cowardly. An able-bodied young man who cannot fight physically, can hardly have a high and true sense of honour, and

is generally a milk sop, a lady-boy, or a sneak. He lacks virility, his masculinity does not ring true, his honesty cannot be sound to the Hence, instead of eradicating this instinct, one of the great problems of physical and moral pedagogy is rightly to temper and direct it. Sparta sedulously cultivated it in boys; and in the great English schools, where for generations it has been more or less tacitly recognised, it is regulated by custom, and their literature and traditions abound in illustrations of its man-making and often transforming influences in ways well appreciated by Hughes and Arnold. It makes against degeneration, the essential feature of which is weakening of will and loss of honour. Real virtue requires enemies, and women and effeminate and old men want placid, comfortable peace, while a real man rejoices in noble strife which sanctifies all great causes, casts out fear, and is the chief school of courage. Bad as is over-pugnacity, a scrapping boy is better than one who funks a fight, and I have no patience with the sentimentality that would here "pour out the child with the bath," but would have every healthy boy taught boxing at adolescence if not before. At its best, it is indeed a manly art, a superb school for quickness of eye and hand, decision, force of will, and self-control."

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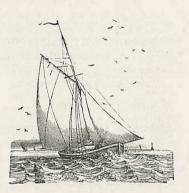
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