

The Southlandian



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Southland Boys' High School

Herbert Street, Invercargill



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H. W. SLATER, M.A., B.Sc.
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Physical Education :

J. PAGE.

Woodwork:

N. F. SANSON.

Singing :

H. KENNEDY BLACK, F.T.C.L., L.R.S.M.

Dancing :

ALEX SUTHERLAND.

Caretaker and Groundsman - - - - - R. LEPPER, M.B.E., D.C.M.

School Officers, 1952

Head Prefect :

J. R. MURRELL.

Prefects :

O. BEADLE, J. C. BRAITHWAITE, J. A. DEAKER, L. FAMILTON, W. P. HOLLOWAY,
R. R. McNABB, W. A. POOLE, S. W. SLATER.

Captain of Games :

Rugby.—1st XV: H. W. D. ANDERSON; 2nd XV: D. G. RUSSELL; 3rd XV: J. D. LINDSAY;
4th XV: H. E. JOHNSON; 5th XV: D. B. MARSHALL; 6th XV: L. J. JENKINS;
7th XV: D. N. HOWIE.

Cricket.—1st XI: W. P. HOLLOWAY; 2nd XI: C. H. LINN; 3rd XI: J. D. LINDSAY;
4th XI: N. E. CLARK; 5th XI: W. J. COATES.

Hockey.—1st XI: W. A. POOLE and S. W. SLATER; 2nd XI: A. D. PAY; 3rd XI: N. L.
WYETH.

Indoor Basketball.—“A” Team: A. J. TAIT; “B” Team: N. R. THOMPSON.

Athletics: H. W. D. ANDERSON (Senior); W. P. HOLLOWAY (Intermediate); J. C.
TURNBULL (Junior).

Harriers : D. G. HOLLOWAY.

Swimming : L. W. A. RONALD.

Tennis : L. G. FRANCIS.

Life-saving : J. A. DEAKER.

Rowing : J. D. SHAW.

Magazine : VI B.

Bulletin :

O. H. GIMBLETT, C. H. LINN, G. F. REA, J. D. SHAW.

Library :

J. M. SIMMERS.

Photographic Club :

R. K. COOK.

Bookbinding :

B. MURRELL.

Chess Club :

J. M. MASTERS and S. W. SLATER.

School Council :

Chairman : J. M. MASTERS. **Vice-Chairman :** C. H. LINN. **Secretary :** P. J. RIDDICK.

Prize List, 1951

FORM IID :

Certificate of Merit: W. J. THOMPSON—1st Woodwork.

Prizes for Merit: D. J. RETTER—1st Social Studies, 1st General Science, 2nd Commercial Practice, 1st equal Aggregate. S. I. MURRELL — 2nd Social Studies, 2nd Woodwork, 3rd English, 1st equal Aggregate. G. R. FARRANT—2nd Mathematics, 2nd General Science, 3rd Aggregate. G. F. DUSTON—1st English, 1st Art (Third Form).

FORM IIIC :

Certificates of Merit: B. H. CHRISTIE—1st Commercial Practice, 3rd Social Studies. C. H. FROBARTH—1st equal Mathematics. G. W. KITSON—3rd equal Social Studies, 3rd equal Mathematics, 3rd Latin. P. J. McKAY—1st Woodwork. R. J. SANGSTER—2nd Commercial Practice, 3rd equal Mathematics, 3rd Book-keeping. J. C. TURNBULL—1st equal English, 3rd Agriculture.

Prizes for Merit: R. G. STROUD—1st Social Studies, 1st equal English, 1st equal Mathematics, 2nd General Science, 2nd Woodwork, 1st Aggregate. K. C. CALVERT—1st General Science, 2nd Social Studies, 2nd equal Aggregate. A. J. HARVEY—2nd Latin, 3rd English, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Woodwork, 2nd equal Aggregate.

FORM IIIB :

Certificates of Merit: B. S. BEAL — 1st equal English, 2nd Book-keeping. G. B. JOHNSTON—1st Book-keeping.

Prizes for Merit: J. L. CATTO—1st Mathematics, 1st General Science, 3rd English, 1st Aggregate, 1st Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize). R. T. PETERS—1st equal English, 1st Latin, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Social Studies, 2nd Aggregate. I. P. POWLEY—2nd Mathematics, 3rd General Science, 3rd Aggregate. G. H. NICHOLSON—1st Woodwork (best in Third Form). J. M. B. SMITH—1st Social Studies, 2nd General Science, 2nd Agriculture.

FORM IIIA :

Certificates of Merit: R. H. FERRAR—1st Woodwork, 3rd Mathematics. M. R. J. STEVENS—1st General Science.

Prizes for Merit: M. K. ROBERTSON—1st Latin, 1st Mathematics, 1st Social Studies, 2nd French, 2nd equal English, 2nd General Science, 1st Aggregate. W. J. CONLEY—1st French, 2nd Latin, 2nd equal English, 3rd General Science, 2nd Aggregate. D. CHRISTIAN—1st English, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd French, 3rd Social Studies, 3rd Aggregate.

FORM IVD :

Certificates of Merit: D. J. GIBSON—2nd equal English, 2nd General Science. J. R. WILSON—1st Woodwork.

Prizes for Merit: R. R. PARRY—1st Mathematics, 2nd Woodwork, 3rd equal Social Studies, 3rd equal General Science, 1st Aggregate. J. WOOD—3rd Mathematics, 3rd equal Social Studies, 2nd Aggregate. O. R. CLOUSTON—1st General Science, 3rd Aggregate. I. R. MACPHERSON—1st English, 1st Social Studies.

FORM IVC :

Certificates of Merit : W. A. CRAIG—1st General Science. K. C. HAWES—1st English.

L. KEAST—2nd Woodwork, 2nd Mathematics. C. J. ROBERTSON—1st Woodwork.

Prizes for Merit : R. C. PAINE—1st Social Studies, 2nd English, 1st Aggregate. D. I. MILLAR—2nd Social Studies, 2nd General Science, 2nd equal Aggregate. D. B. KING—1st Mathematics, 2nd equal Aggregate.

FORM IVB :

Certificates of Merit : W. H. B. MITCHELL—1st Agriculture. R. B. SUTHERLAND—1st Woodwork. N. R. THOMPSON—1st Mathematics, 3rd equal General Science.

Prizes for Merit : R. F. NIND—1st General Science, 1st Commercial Practice, 2nd Social Studies, 2nd Mathematics, 1st Aggregate. R. C. SCOBIE—2nd General Science, 2nd Aggregate. D. H. DUSTON—1st Social Studies, 1st IV Art, 3rd Aggregate.

FORM 1VA :

Certificates of Merit : A. G. Henry—2nd Social Studies, 3rd English, 3rd Latin. R. F. KING—1st Latin, 3rd Mathematics. J. L. LOCKYER—2nd Mathematics, 2nd Woodwork.

Prizes for Merit : P. J. RIDDICK—1st English, 1st Gen. Science, 2nd Latin, 1st Aggregate. G. C. HAYWOOD—1st French, 1st Social Studies, 2nd Aggregate. D. M. EXEL—2nd English, 3rd equal Gen. Science, 3rd Aggregate. A. N. CARNAHAN—1st Book-keeping, 1st Commercial Practice, 2nd equal Social Studies, 3rd equal Science. H. N. CUTTRISS—1st Mathematics, 2nd Gen. Science, 1st IV Form Woodwork. D. F. HURLE—1st IV Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize).

FORM VB :

Certificates of Merit : N. K. JOHNSTON—1st equal Mathematics.

Prize for Merit : R. D. BELL—1st English, 1st Gen. Science.

FORM VA :

Certificates of Merit : J. W. EDGINTON—2nd equal History, 3rd French. L. G. FRANCIS—1st French, 2nd equal History. J. R. NEIL—2nd Mathematics, 2nd French. J. N. SIMMERS—1st Chemistry. H. B. WILSON—2nd English, 2nd Gen. Science.

Prizes for Merit : H. J. BROOKLAND — 1st Book-keeping, 1st Commercial Practice, 3rd equal English. J. A. DEAKER—1st Gen. Science, 1st Mathematics, 1st Geography, 3rd Latin, 3rd Chemistry. W. P. HOLLOWAY—1st equal Geography, 2nd Chemistry, 3rd equal English. G. F. REA—1st English, 1st History, 1st V Latin, 3rd Mathematics.

FORM V UPPER :

Certificates of Merit : A. R. GOOMES—1st V Art, 2nd English. W. H. JAMES—1st V Agriculture (McKinnon Trust Prize), 2nd Gen. Science. M. R. NAYLOR—1st Mathematics. R. D. PARSONS—1st Gen. Science. R. G. ROBSON—2nd Geography, 2nd V Art. I. Y. WILLS—2nd Agriculture, 3rd Mathematics.

Prizes of Merit : W. H. BOYES—1st English, 1st Geography. A. H. HOWE—1st VB History, 2nd Book-keeping, 2nd Commercial Practice.

FORM VIB :

Endorsement of School Certificate : H. W. D. Anderson, G. C. Barnett, A. J. Baxter, O. Beadle, D. R. Binney, J. C. Braithwaite, J. R. Brash, D. T. A. Brown, A. P. Bruce, M. K. Buxton, D. E. Couling, B. Edmondston, L. Familton, L. J. Forde, O. H. Gimblett, A. P. Holcroft, G. H. C. Hughes, D. S. Ker, A. J. W. Lamb, J. R. A. Liddell, C. H. Linn, J. M. Masters, R. Matheson, L. W. Moore, J. B. Morton, J. R. Murrell, R. J. O'Brien, W. A. Perkins, W. A. Poole, T. T. Ryder, J. D. Shaw, L. F. Simpson, D. N. Smith, L. G. Sullivan, I. J. Watson.

Certificates of Merit: D. T. A. BROWN—1st French. B. EDMONDSTON—1st Latin. J. R. MURRELL—3rd Chemistry, 3rd Electricity and Magnetism, 3rd Add. Mathematics. T. T. RYDER—2nd Latin, 2nd equal English. D. N. SMITH—1st English.

Prizes for Merit: A. P. HOLCROFT—1st English, 2nd History, 3rd Latin. J. B. MORTON—1st Chemistry, 1st Electricity and Magnetism, 1st Heat and Light, 2nd English, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Add. Mathematics. J. A. PERKINS—1st History, 1st Geography, 1st Accountancy. W. A. POOLE—1st Mathematics, 1st Add. Mathematics, 2nd Accountancy, 2nd Chemistry. R. G. WOOD—2nd Heat and Light, 2nd Electricity and Magnetism, 2nd Mathematics.

FORM VIA :

Higher School Certificate: G. D. Alabaster, P. G. Boyd, D. R. Keane, M. W. Left, R. R. McNabb, S. W. Slater, A. W. Smith, C. W. Squires, A. E. Wilson.

Certificate of Merit: C. W. SQUIRES—2nd Mechanics, 3rd Mathematics, 3rd Add. Mathematics.

Prizes for Merit: D. R. KEANE—1st History, 1st Geography. M. W. LEFT—1st French, 2nd Latin, 2nd equal English. A. E. WILSON—1st Latin, 2nd equal English, 2nd French. S. W. SLATER—1st English, 1st Chemistry, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd Add. Mathematics, 2nd Electricity and Magnetism, 2nd Heat and Light. Proxime accessit to Dux.

DUX OF THE SCHOOL: ALFRED WILLIAM SMITH—1st Mathematics, 1st Add. Mathematics, 1st Electricity and Magnetism, 1st Heat and Light, 1st Mechanics, 1st Chemistry. (Old Boys' Assn. Book Prize).

SPECIAL PRIZES, 1951 :

Swimming—Junior Champion (Cup), N. F. HAMILTON. Senior Champion (Wilson Cup), L. W. A. RONALD.

Athletics—Junior Champion (Cup and Miniature), W. H. MITCHELL. Intermediate Champion (Borne Cup and Miniature), H. W. D. ANDERSON and C. W. DAWSON 1st equal. Senior Champion (Len Hanan Memorial Cup and Sports Trust Miniatures) J. M. MASTERS, R. MATHESON 1st equal, 880yds Senior Championship (Sutherland Cup), R. MATHESON. Records Broken: (Certificates) 120 yards Senior Hurdles, R. M. JOHNSTON (16 1-5sec). Broad Jump, Intermediate, H. W. D. ANDERSON (20ft). Round-the-Park Races (I.A.A.C. Cups)—Junior, A. D. PAY; Intermediate, W. P. HOLLOWAY; Senior, D. G. HOLLOWAY. Round-the-Park Interform Shield VIB, L. SIMPSON. Inter-house Relay Race (Auckland Old Boys' Cup) RED HOUSE, Captain, G. D. ALABASTER. School Harrier Club Races (Junior), J. O. MORGAN; (Book Prizes), (Senior), D. G. HOLLOWAY. Otago-Southland Secondary Schools' Athletics. Oswald Smith Shield (Intermediate Grade), SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, Captain, J. M. MASTERS. Relay Race Batons—Junior, S.B.H.S. 1, Captain, W. H. MITCHELL; Intermediate, S.B.H.S., Captain, J. M. MASTERS; Senior, S.B.H.S., Captain, R. MATHESON; Christopher Memorial Shield (Old Boys v. School), SCHOOL, Captain, R. MATHESON.

Fives (Book Prizes)—Junior Singles, R. F. RONALD. Junior Doubles, A. D. PAY and N. R. THOMPSON. Senior Singles, G. C. BARNETT.

Lawn Tennis—Secondary Schools' Annual Tournament: Senior Singles (Cup), G. D. ALABASTER. Senior Doubles (Books), L. G. FRANCIS and E. D. JACKSON, Junior Singles (Cup), J. O. MORGAN. Junior Doubles (Books), J. O. MORGAN and R. PETERS. Junior Teams' Competition (Cup), SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, Captain, J. O. MORGAN.

Gymnastics—Junior Champion (Book), K. G. DALEY. Intermediate Champion, W. L. YEOMAN. Senior Champion, J. C. BRAITHWAITE.

School Boxing Championships (Cups)—Senior Champion, T. A. SPENCER. Most Scientific Boxer, B. BICKERSTAFF.

Rugby Football—S.R.F.U. Competitions: 6th Grade, S.B.H.S., Captain, M. S. MacPHERSON. 7th Grade, S.B.H.S. "A", Captain, B. J. ROBB. Aggregate Cup (R. M. Isaacs Cup), S.B.H.S. Football Captain, H. W. D. ANDERSON.

Hockey—Southland Hockey Association: Senior "B" Grade (Lewis Shield), S.B.H.S. 1st XI, Captain, D. R. KEANE.

CADET AWARDS :

Shooting—Junior Champion (Cup and Certificate), W. T. CLAYTON. Senior Champion (Shield and Certificate), W. T. MAYSTON. .303 Competition (Shell Case), O. BEADLE. Inter-form Shooting (Ritchie Shield), VIA Captain, G. D. ALABASTER.

Drill—Platoon Competition (Cup), No. 5 Platoon Headquarters, Sergeant, A. E. WILSON. Best N.C.O. (Cup), Sergeant, A. E. WILSON.

Band Prizes—Senior Drummer, G. D. BROWNLIE. Junior Drummer, W. T. McDougall. Senior Bugler, R. A. BARRON. Junior Bugler, D. EXEL.

Inter-house Competition—(Athletics, Games, Shooting—Uttley Cup): RED HOUSE. Captain, D. R. KEANE.

Public Speaking—Junior (Late Professor John Collie's Prize), G. R. FARRANT. Senior (T. D. Pearce Memorial Prize), G. F. REA.

Singing—Junior (Mr W. H. Farley's Prize), J. BRUCE 1; (Mr Kennedy Black's Prize), N. WYETH 2; (Mr Ritchie Fraser's Prize), H. AITCHISON 3. Senior (Old Boys' Prize), L. FRANCIS 1; (Mr Kennedy Black's Prizes), T. RYDER and R. WOOD 2 equal; (Mr Ritchie Fraser's Prizes), A. BRUCE and H. HOWE, 3 equal.

Orchestra Prize—For outstanding assistance—S. W. SLATER.

Chess Championship Cup (Presented by Mrs M. A. Thomson of Invercargill Chess Club)—J. A. DEAKER and S. W. SLATER, 1st equal.

Magazine (Contributions to the Southlandian)—Prose, G. F. REA; Poetry, S. W. SLATER; Light Verse, H. B. WILSON; Photograph, R. K. COOK.

Essay—Invercargill Savings Bank Secondary Schools' Competition: J. A. DEAKER 2.

Oral French Contest for Otago and Southland Secondary Schools—(Dunedin French Club's Prize): M. W. LEFT.

Special Prize for Effort—(Anonymous Donor): B. L. TAYLOR.

Best All-round IVth Form Boy—(1950 Prefect's Cup): D. H. DUSTON, IVB.

Physical and Scholastic Improvement—(Deschler Cup): D. R. KEANE.

Head Prefect—(Award on basis of character and leadership): A. W. SMITH.

The Break-up ceremony at which these prizes were presented was held in the Hall on Thursday, December 13, 1952, at 8 p.m. The Hall was packed with visitors and the stage fully occupied by the official party and the masters of the School. The chairman was Mr D. A. McDonald, chairman of the Board of Governors. The speaker for the evening was Mr A. G. Linn, Senior Inspector of Primary Schools under the Southland Education Board, and he chose as his subject the integration of the efforts of the modern school with the modern world. The ceremony was arranged as economically as possible with the result that the proceedings ended at not too late an hour. It was a satisfactory conclusion to a not unsuccessful year's work both inside the School and out.

The Dux of the School, A. W. Smith, who had been also the Head Prefect for the year, was given the traditional congratulatory reception.

School Roll, 1952

FORM VIA

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| Anderson, H. W. D. | Chin, P. | Morton, J. B. |
| Beadle, O. | Edmondston, B. | Murrell, J. R. |
| Binney, D. R. | Familton, L. | McNabb, R. R. |
| Braithwaite, J. C. | Masters, J. M. | Poole, W. A. |

FORM VIB

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| Barron, R. A. | Davis, G. G. | Howe, A. H. |
| Beale, D. R. | Deaker, J. A. | Hughes, G. C. |
| Bell, P. J. | Dunlop, C. M. | Jackson, E. D. |
| Bell, R. D. | Edginton, J. W. | Jackson, W. R. |
| Boyes, W. H. | Edie, J. G. | Johnsen, R. O. |
| Brash, R. J. | Edmondston, K. | Johnston, N. K. |
| Brookland, H. J. | Fisher, E. D. | Ker, D. S. |
| Brown, J. A. | Flahive, N. E. | Latham, J. G. |
| Brownlie, D. G. | Francis, L. G. | Linn, C. H. |
| Bruce, A. P. | Gimblett, O. H. | Mayston, W. T. |
| Cole, F. A. | Holloway, D. G. | McMillan, D. G. |
| Cook, R. K. | Holloway, W. P. | Neil, J. R. |

FORM VM

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| Adam, W. A. | Duston, D. H. | O'Connor, J. E. |
| Andrew, E. G. | Henderson, R. D. | Officer, K. A. |
| Bremer, E. W. | Hughes, R. G. | Oram, J. W. |
| Christie, L. J. | Mitchell, W. H. B. | Patton, J. D. |
| Cowan, A. G. | McCallum, R. | Read, R. J. |
| Dale, L. G. F. | McDonald, W. H. | Russell, D. G. |

FORM VA

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| Aitken, D. G. | Exel, D. M. | Lockyer, J. L. |
| Ashby, C. J. | Galt, J. G. | Little, N. C. |
| Carnahan, R. M. | Haywood, G. C. | Mills, D. J. |
| Cole, G. E. | Henry, G. A. | Moir, J. D. |
| Cuttriss, H. N. | Jenkins, L. J. | Munro, J. B. |
| Duncan, I. S. | King, R. F. | Nind, R. F. |

FORM VB

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| Bews, J. W. | Ericson, R. N. | King, D. B. |
| Bickerstaff, B. | Hamilton, R. R. | Marshall, D. A. |
| Brass, C. E. | Hawes, K. C. | Matheson, A. C. |
| Broad, D. A. | Lindsay, J. D. | Millar, D. D. |
| Clayton, W. T. | Jenner, W. H. | Morgan, J. O. |
| Craig, W. A. | Jones, S. J. | Murrell, B. |
| Elliot, T. A. | Keast, L. | McKissock, R. G. |

FORM VC

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| Adamson, C. W. | Hamilton, N. F. | Middlemiss, L. |
| Clouston, O. R. | Hill, H. J. | McGregor, D. |
| Davies, B. K. | Howe, J. S. | Macpherson, I. R. |
| Eastlake, M. R. | Hurd, N. E. | Parry, R. R. |
| Gibson, D. J. | Jensen, H. M. | Pay, A. D. |
| Graham, C. G. | Kennard, C. R. M. | Robertson, C. J. |
| Gunther, G. M. | Maitland, A. S. | Saville, N. W. |

FORM IVA

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| Christian, D. | Eggers, E. McL. | Johnson, A. G. |
| Condie, G. A. F. | Ferrar, R. H. | McHarg, M. F. |
| Conley, W. J. | Gee, C. J. | McNaughton, B.A. |
| Cook, K. C. | Hall, J. R. | Marshall, D. B. |
| Currie, D. G. | Hargraves, J. E. | Michel, A. F. |
| Dunlop, N. J. | Hitchcock, D. J. | Robertson, M. K. |

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| Ryder, T. T. |
| Slater, S. W. |

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| Parsons, R. D. |
| Rea, G. F. |
| Ronald, L. W. A. |
| Rowley, C. J. R. |
| Roy, E. B. |
| Shaw, J. D. |
| Simmers, J. M. |
| Tait, A. J. |
| Watson, I. |
| Wilson, H. B. |

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| Spencer, T. A. |
| Thompson, N. R. |
| Webb, W. J. |
| Wesney, N. |

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| Noble, G. S. |
| Riddick, P. J. |
| Robertson, S. B. |
| Scobie, R. C. |
| Smith, E. M. |
| Welsh, K. O. |

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| Paine, R. C. |
| Rawlins, B. C. |
| Robb, B. J. |
| Sutherland, R. B. |
| Treeby, B. W. J. |

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| Stewart, R. M. |
| Tyrie, W. A. I. |
| Wilson, J. R. |
| Wood, J. |
| Woodward, M. G. |

FORM IVB

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| Alcock, L. | Clark, C. G. | Mitchell, J. L. | Robb, R. R. |
| Anderson, R. D. | Clark, N. E. | McCorkindale, N. J. | Smith, J. M. B. |
| Auld, W. A. | Cook, W. E. | McLeod, B. A. | Smithies, R. J. |
| Ballantyne, D. L. | Goldsworthy, R. T. | McVay, E. J. | Weir, S. C. |
| Barr, A. J. | Hunter, J. P. | Nicholson, G. H. | Williams, B. H. |
| Beal, B. S. | Hutchinson, J. R. | Peters, R. T. | |
| Boyce, P. T. | Johnston, G. B. | Pollock, V. J. | |
| Catto, J. L. | Millar, D. P. | Powley, I. P. | |

FORM IVC

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| Aitchison, H. M. | Fraser, B. I. | Kitson, J. W. | Stroud, R. J. |
| Blomfield, S. J. | Frobarth, C. H. | MacKay, P. J. | Turnbull, J. C. |
| Calvert, K. C. | Gieseg, A. P. | Officer, E. J. R. | Weir, E. J. |
| Christie, B. H. | Gordon, G. H. | Robson, I. D. | White, T. C. H. |
| Clent, J. C. | Harvey, H. A. | Sangster, R. J. | |
| Dick, P. J. | Kennard, N. R. | Shaw, D. J. | |
| Francis, D. R. | King, W. H. M. | Stevens, S. C. | |

FORM IVD

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| Barron, I. B. | Dawson, B. M. | Howie, D. N. | O'Rorke, L. F. |
| Baxter, N. I. P. | Dawson, B. P. | Latham, H. D. | Pope, I. D. |
| Bennet, J. M. | Duston, G. T. | McDonald, W. R. | Retter, D. J. |
| Boyer, J. A. | Familton, N. | McDougall, W. T. | Wright, C. M. |
| Branthwaite, I. F. | Farrant, G. R. | Murrell, R. M. | |
| Bruce, J. C. | Flowers, R. J. | Murrell, S. I. | |
| Cockcroft, A. J. | Gray, L. E. | Neil, C. F. | |

FORM IIIA

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| Allison, G. J. | Cook, E. W. | Jacquier, R. W. | Tait, J. K. |
| Anderson, A. J. | Denham, W. S. M. | Knight, R. J. | Taylor, B. H. |
| Brady, R. D. | Fleck, R. S. | Leask, O. R. | Thompson, L. R. |
| Branks, D. R. | Fleming, N. F. | Logan, B. A. | Thompson, W. J. |
| Brommhall, R. J. | Galt, J. A. | Mayston, R. | Williams, C. P. |
| Broughton, W. G. | Haywood, F. R. | Ogle, W. D. | Woodfield, B. M. |
| Butt, T. J. | Heenan, M. R. | Osborne, H. R. | |
| Cartwright, J. E. | Hill, I. K. | Smith, J. A. | |
| Clark, L. E. | Imlay, L. B. | Speers, P. | |

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| Alcock, R. G. | King, W. G. | McLees, J. F. | Spencer, N. R. |
| Blue, J. A. | Lodge, N. T. N. | Parry, R. J. | Tapper, J. C. |
| Boylan, L. C. | Mackie, A. V. | Philpott, R. | Thomas, D. R. |
| Clayton, R. F. | Mackie, C. G. | Reid, B. | Tilly, I. D. |
| Earl, M. J. | Masters, D. B. | Reid, G. D. | Troon, N. H. W. |
| Fraser, R. P. | Mitchell, J. McG. | Rutherford, B. D. | Tyrrell, M. F. |
| Harris, T. E. | Mollov, R. G. | Singleton, G. R. | Webb, C. E. |
| Irwin, N. R. | McCallum, B. A. | Smithies, J. B. | White, G. V. F. |
| Kidd, D. | McLay, C. S. | Somerville, J. W. | Woodward, R. R. |

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| Anderson, G. A. | Hamilton, A. I. | Ness, G. | Soper, C. L. B. |
| Boult, R. | Harris, A. G. | Peterson, R. J. | Speden, I. C. |
| Broad, A. J. | Insall, A. R. T. | Pope, A. R. | Spencer, D. S. |
| Burns, A. J. | Jenkins, R. A. | Price, E. O. | Spencer, G. G. |
| Coats, W. J. | Johnstone, D. R. | Rice, R. H. | Swart, H. W. F. |
| Crane, A. J. | Lawrence, P. R. | Robertson, G. B. | Tait, J. R. |
| Dennis, J. R. | Metzger, W. F. | Rout, J. B. | Thomson, D. A. |
| Fraser, D. J. | McDougall, J. H. | Smith, R. G. A. | Zimmermann, W. J. L. |

The School Year, 1952

EDITORIAL

The year 1952 will go into our history as one of the quiet years. It is true that the new science block is up to the second storey in parts and will make an imposing addition to our buildings; it is also true that the improvements to the Hall have brought a vast change there for the better and that the news of scholarship after scholarship won by old boys added to the proof that we have clung with successful obstinacy to the need for maintaining our academic standing; it is apparent, also, that no grave and persistent derelictions of discipline have given evidence of serious falls from grace, while the suggestions made by the newly-inaugurated School Council have created endless spates of argument and brought some innovations here and there in our daily life.

The doings of the first XV during the middle of the year were a curious mixture of success and failure. The team played very good football throughout its grade matches and sometimes performed excellently with touches here and there of individual brilliance. It won the third grade competition by eventually defeating in a special match an opponent who had won a narrow victory earlier in the season. This was a matter for congratulation even if the standard of play in school games did not mature according to earlier promise. The young pack of forwards found the going hard with the result that a fast and dangerous back-line did not enjoy much ball to work on. Public attendances at the two home matches were very poor but that, as well as a certain seeming indifference on the part of the School spectators, is certainly curable if obvious remedies are applied in good time next year.

The "Bulletin" ran on the rocks several times during the year, a stage being reached during the winter when it seemed possible that there would not be any really satisfactory salvage possible but the trouble was due more to lack in organization than to dubious enthusiasm in the School and there, once again, easily applied remedies can be used against any repetition of the trouble. The issues were very popular indeed, the paper having grown some strong roots in the affections of the subscribers. It is a topical and accessible mouthpiece for those who wish to use it and has doubtless saved more than one spirited soul from blowing up with frustration. Whatever may be right or wrong with the "Bulletin," the fact still is that demand exceeded supply during the year.

The School found a good deal of money for various purposes during the year, the concert and the United Nations Children's Appeal making heavy demands, but producing excellent results. The decision was thus made that, instead of inviting contributions for the year's purchase of a New Zealand painting, the picture would be paid for out of concert money. (The School's art collection is thus growing slowly but, in a measurable time, will be big enough to demand some thought on its proper display). The general standard of the concert performances rose above the expectations of the Jeremiahs, it was staged with reasonable efficiency and did not eat into very much school time. The result is a sum of money which can be called upon when needed for those extras difficult to supply through normal revenues.

Since our last issue a new playing-field has been brought in east of the School and immediately adjacent to the new block now being built. There the old broom and gorse-infested horse paddock has been levelled to the point where it has a very gentle slope only from east to west, ploughed, harrowed and sown. The fates were kind to the contractor and an excellent sole of grass is already established remarkably free of weeds. So far the new field has not been used—except on odd surreptitious occasions—but it will relieve the growing congestion on our playing areas next year while part of it, at least, will eventually enjoy considerable shelter from trees or buildings. There should be no drainage problem with the new ground which is more than can be said for other parts of the School domain. There is palpably something seriously wrong in the fives courts area where it

now takes much less than a heavy downpour to create a lake with the appearance of excellent electrical generating possibilities. However, we console ourselves with the thought that ready, daily access to the new science block will be essential in the near future and that, perhaps, will lead to the solving of the problem of drainage.

The year has been a remarkable one for the vast array of motor vehicles often to be found in and about the front drive. Those without respect for the achievements of modern industry have preferred the word "ironmongery." What with mechanical hoists, trucks and concrete mixers milling round the new building and power bicycles, miniature motor-cycles, alleged motor-cars and motor-cars proper lined up in front of the main building, evidence both of a power age and of prosperity have been only too obvious. There are, however, a few people who still use their legs to walk on—even if the number is swiftly decreasing.

The School grounds have never been pleasanter to the eye and we are fortunate in our possession of a caretaker who combines endless physical energy with the ability to organize us, himself, and his staff of one in such a way as to produce such happy results. If our interior is shabby and getting a bit grimy, he is the last man to be blamed for that. As far as good care can keep a big building in scrupulous order, that is constantly applied and, when our interior decoration is improved, so will the work of our caretaker show up in a still better light, if such indeed, can reasonably be expected.

Mr Page's Retirement

LONG CAREER OF SERVICE.

The retirement of Mr Page from the position his skill and personality have adorned since 1913 is the news of the year which will be received with universal regret even though he enters his retirement with so long and so happy a record of successful teaching behind him that few men can be cited with whom to draw a parallel. If the School has been lucky in much else as well during the past 40 years, it has enjoyed no better fortune than having as its gymnastic and physical instructor a man whose example and personal powers have been such that precept and practice have had no discernible gulf to separate them.

Mr Page was born in Queenstown where he first went to school. A family migration to Scotland made him a pupil of two schools there—in Dundee and St. Andrews, the home of the "Royal and Ancient" game of golf. Not remaining in Scotland, however, as the intention had been, the family returned to New Zealand settling in Dunedin where Mr Page attended both the Union Street and the High Street schools. He later began to work as a clerk for a Dunedin timber merchant and, about the same time discovered that he not only took the greatest delight in gymnastics but that he had been blessed with a high degree of skill for that pursuit. Thanks to the thorough tuition he had from Mr W. Matthews, of Dunedin, and his own constant practice at it, Mr Page became one of the foremost gymnasts of his day and more than qualified to apply for the instructor's post advertised as vacant here in the year 1913. It was being in such excellent physical "trim" that saved him from the worst results of a serious accident which befell him about this time.

Mr Page, for many years, spent part of his week at the Girls' High School, so that he has seen a remarkable array of Principals and Rectors pass across his scene. They have come and gone; he has remained, asking no one to do what he could not do himself, giving the physical education of this School a unique character and becoming year by year part and parcel of the stuff of which legends are made. At the Girls' School Misses Jobson, King, Drennan, Johnston, Samuel, Eastwood and May in turn passed to him the responsibility of the girls' physical training, while at the Boys' School Messrs T. D. Pearce, T. R. Cresswell G. H. Uttley, M. Leadbetter and D. G. Grant have found Mr Page an unwearying exemplar of "A job worth doing well is worth doing perfectly."

He had the advantage, of course, of being able to demonstrate in the gymnasium standards of skill and adventurousness which the bulk of his boys regarded almost with awe and a few emulated. What made it all the more infuriating, so many of them have said, was the fact that the onset of the years did not seem to make any difference! At last, however, the day of retirement has come and with it a withdrawal from football, athletics, basketball, softball and cadet training—all of which have had Mr Page's help and enthusiasm as well as all kinds of physical displays big and small, and entertainments galore. Needless to say, Mr Page has worked at all these interests beyond the School's sphere having had a hand in the general development of Athletics as President of the Invercargill Amateur Athletic Club and as a handicapper and starter. It is easy to believe, too, that his work as a visiting instructor at the Borstal must have had especial value.

Mr Page's realm, the gymnasium, has been put to many uses for training purposes by himself and his colleagues and nowhere has his enthusiasm in recent years reaped a greater reward than with basketball. More than mere chance is responsible for three of Mr Page's boys (G. S. McKenzie, M. A. McDougall and J. C. Alabaster) being selected for the New Zealand men's basketball team of 1952, although it would scarcely be logical to suggest that the flying sashcord guaranteed all the speed that boys acquired in the "gym." (Among all the pairs of conventional black and tan shoes solemnly displayed by masters assembled in prayers, too, Mr Page's white ones have been singularly distinctive as has been his perennial reference to the machinery of the human body not quite at balance on the horizontal bar.)

For 40 years the boys of the School have had full value from Mr Page. His colleagues have had the pleasure of a cheerful, good-humoured companion and a good friend ready to help with anything that might be asked of him. His influence for good has been incalculable. He has been a fit man teaching the virtues of fitness, his spare and lean body, erect bearing and firm voice and hand suggesting with unusual appropriateness that here was the right man at the right post. Whatever manliness may have become part of the virtues of a boy of this School, some part of it has come from Mr Page. His retirement marks the end of an era at the Southland Boys' High School every member of which, from 40 years past, will join as one voice in wishing Mr Page a long, comfortable and happy retirement.

A Place Of Memorial

Visitors to the School often express great surprise that so little has been done to the interior since the building was erected, but even greater surprise that such drab and dreary walls should ever have been decided upon in the first place. In a sunless climate and in face of modern knowledge about the helpfulness of coloured interiors, this implied criticism is not to be wondered at. There is now one place, however, where that criticism is stilled and where colour and dignity have been combined with a considerable degree of success. The Hall nowadays is very different from the gaunt barn that was expected to serve as an inspiring meeting-place for the whole School at ordinary times, and for the School and its visitors on State occasions. Thanks almost entirely to the Old Boys' Association, the Hall is now a very satisfactory (if a stronger term cannot fairly be used) place for the eye of the beholder, as a memorial to the Old Boys of two wars and as a place of general utility in the daily life of the School.

To achieve these three ends has been a difficult and expensive task in which there have been three collaborators: the Old Boys' Association, the School, the Board of Governors. Most of the money has been found by the Association, with the boys of the School contributing several hundred pounds. When it was obvious that the work could not be properly finished for the sum in the bank, the Association, by the energetic effort of a few men, collected the necessary money; while the board, through its architect, arranged certain structural work, which was to be done in any case, to fit into the adopted scheme.

Basically, therefore, in deep cream, deep red and the richness of Southland Beech panelling, the project is finished although much detail remains to be added. Chairs on the stage, a few more suitable pictures, and doors in keeping with the newly-created atmosphere, will provide the completing touches.

It must not be overlooked, too, that the three honours boards grouped on the rear wall allowed the School's academic distinctions to be properly and fully grouped for the first time, and this has been made possible by the gift of Mr and Mrs Leadbetter before they left Southland for Waitaki. It will be necessary to add to the Dux and the University Scholarships boards some permanent recognition of valuable and attractive gifts, now, thanks to leaping costs and prices, irreplaceable except for an astonishingly large sum of money. The Anzac Day service of dedication was an impressive occasion not likely to be forgotten soon by those who took part in it. There were present very many people, relatives of the men whose names appear upon the Memorial Plate, who were glad of the chance to put flowers at its base in remembrance of young men whose families were destined never to have them about again in the ordinary happy traffic of family affairs. The mounting tiers of flowers were a beautiful tribute from people not always able to subdue their emotions. This service of dedication thus offered a valuable opportunity for everyone present to take part in an act of remembrance in surroundings appropriate to the occasion.

The order of service was as follows: An introduction to the ceremony by the Rector, an address by Mr T. R. Pryde, the unveiling of the Memorial Plate by Mr H. R. Willcox, a prayer of dedication by the Rev. A. D. Robertson, a member of the Board, the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille," and the placing of the flowers about the Memorial. The Hall was entirely filled by the School and its visitors for the day, who listened closely to Mr Pryde's short and nicely-judged address, the core of which was "Memories."

"We pay a tribute to their memories. It is the emotion of memory that makes a school, a family, and a nation. By memory the British Empire achieved greatness. By memory other emotions, such as courage and fear, are inspired. Today, let our memories wander and think of the great deeds of our departed loved ones. Some of us do not feel the loss of those who died in the last war as much as others, but it is my sincere hope that all loved ones will feel some compensation by this day of remembrance.

"The record of the School in the two World Wars is a fine one, and we are justly proud. We remember that brave company of men that will not return."

Some Notes On Scholarship

To the question, "What crowns the process of education?" there never has been a final answer at the end of argument, although, curiously enough, most people know well enough what they mean when they say, "There goes an educated man." Such a man has about him an air, possibly defying definition, but carrying conviction and authority all the same. We can say, however, that one of the crowns of the educational process is the achievement of scholarship, it being with some pride that we record here some of the names of men of this school who have given proof of undeniable scholarship during 1952.

Only a short time after the announcement of M. W. Left's award of a University Scholarship, came the further news that he had won the London Girdlers' Company Scholarship for the first time that the award was available. Not only did Left thus make a little history; he also won a valuable scholarship (of sufficient value to set him free of all monetary difficulties during its tenure) allowing him to chose either Oxford or Cambridge for his undergraduate studies in any subjects he pleased. Gifted in languages, Left thus had opened for himself, by his talents and immense working capacity, the doors of a great place of learning, with the Continent of Europe within easy distance, should he wish to pursue his studies among the foreign peoples whose culture he might like to share at first hand. Scholarship had brought, in this case, early rewards.

The second success of high importance to be announced during the year, was that won by Dr E. W. Poole, M.B., Ch.B., who, after completing his medical degree at Otago University, had continued at research work to sufficient effect to be nominated for a Nuffield Research Scholarship, allowing him to follow further his work in England. Himself a University Scholarship winner in 1943, Poole had always shown an unusually fine talent for the pursuit of the problematical, a command over fine detail and a pleasure in hard work, world's removed from the priggish. To add the quality of quiet, unruffled patience is but further to indicate the born researcher. It would have been a poor school unready to take pride in a second scholarly achievement of the highest merit.

The third announcement was again remarkable. Eric R. Hill, who won, in his case, a University Scholarship in 1939, had already pleased and perhaps startled the University world by being awarded the Jebb Scholarship in Classical studies, tenable at Cambridge. The word "startled" is not wholly out of place, since the Jebb Scholarship is renowned for the great names, many internationally known, of its winners, and New Zealand is not accustomed to numbering its sons among the elite of the students of Greece and Rome. For a young man (with his wife and family) to take up the Jebb award in Cambridge and crown it with remarkable success, is no easy matter, but Hill finished his work there with first-class honours with distinction, and thus joined a select band of whom there are said to be no more than some 48 who have done just that during the fifty-two years of this century. On the opening and staffing of the new Staffordshire University, Hill was given an appointment in the face of intense competition. Again it must be repeated (no matter how monotonous the sound of it), that Hill combined fine talents with immense working power and immense care with detail, no better illustrated than in the cases of the examination papers set him at this school, when a mark of 100 per cent. could not be denied. He was a good singer, an excellent Rugby forward, and a sterling prefect. May he enjoy his third scholarship travelling in Greece.

The fourth award has been that of a Doctorate conferred upon Desmond W. Crowley at Aberdeen University. Winning a Leverhulme Studentship after his M.A. year in New Zealand, Dr Crowley went to England to study history, and he, too, has crowned his efforts with honour to himself and to the school, which takes satisfaction from such achievements won in the name of sound scholarship. It is at least one of the crowns of the process of education and may often be its greatest. That will depend upon the scholar's contribution to the world at large.

Library Notes

The library contains 7000 to 8000 books classified on the Dewey System, and this year Accessions during the same period have been, fiction 95, non-fiction 306, a total of 401 books. Accessions during the same period have been, fiction 95, non-fiction 306, at total of 401 books. Of these, 40 have been presented by Old Boys and other friends of the School.

The bookbinders have fully bound 33 new books, done major repairs on 20 and minor repairs on 200. Thus, a total of 253 books has been placed back on the shelves with a possible saving of £50 to £80 to the library at current prices. A small group of boys also places covers on the magazines.

The new bookcase added to the equipment has eased the congestion on the shelves and, along with the handsome new tables, has added much to the appearance of the library.

Two good reproductions of famous pictures have been bought and framed, two paintings of School interest—the Pavilion and Coldstream—are at present hanging in the library and, during the year, we have had two good reproductions on hire from the Dunedin Public Library.

The Concert

To raise money to pay for the considerable work involved in lettering the new honours boards from 1881, and bringing others up to date, a concert was held in the Hall for two nights, on Monday and Tuesday, August 4 and 5. The sum of over £100 was cleared as nett profit; the debt already incurred was paid; a painting in oils was bought to add to the collection of New Zealand artists, and a small sum has thus been left for use in any especial direction not provided for by normal revenues.

The concert programme was as follows:-

PART I.

1. String Group—
Sonata by Henry Purcell.
 - (a) Grave.
 - (b) Largo.
 - (c) Adagio.
 - (d) Allegro.
 - (e) Allegretto.
2. Sketch—"Education For Democracy."
3. Up And Over—By the Gymnastic Squad.
4. Magical Moments—with Colin Linn.
5. The Choir—Choral Fantasia.

This Choral Fantasia on Gounod's Opera "Faust" in Part I was arranged for boys' voices by Mr Kennedy Black.

Faust, an elderly doctor of law, tired of life, is about to take poison.
Recitative, "Years, how many are now behind me" - Six Baritones

He is interrupted by chorus of villagers.

"Careless idle maiden." - - - - - Sopranos
Recitative, Faust—"Goblet so often drained" - - Three Baritones
Chorus of reapers, "Come forth ye reapers." Basses and Baritones.
Full Chorus. "Rejoice and pray" - - - - - Choir.

Faust, having sold himself to Mephistopheles, is transformed into a young man. Drinking chorus of soldiers outside Tavern.

"Red or white liquor" - - - - -
"Young girls, ancient castles" - - - - -
"Each Sunday brings the old story" - - - - - } Choir

Valentine (L. Francis) about to leave for war, enters into a solemn part-ing scena with Wagner (J. B. Morton) and Siebel (T. Ryder).

"Fond gift of my sister, sanctified by her prayer."

Valentine's farewell.

Cavatina. "Loving smile of sister kind" - - - Six Baritones.

Mephistopheles breaks Valentine's sword in a quarrel, but Valentine and the soldiers defy him by holding up the cross, formed by their sword hilts.

Chorale
"Gainst the powers of evil" - - - - -
"Whilst this blest sign we wear" - - - - - } Choir

Mephistopheles replies with a short, sarcastic recitative, "We shall meet again."

Gay waltz scena.

"Light as air at early morning." Choir, with Mephistopheles, Faust and Siebel, and the meeting of Faust and Marguerite.

GRAND FINALE—

"Glory and love to the men of old" - - - - - } Choir
"The Soldiers' Chorus" - - - - - }

Accompanied on 2 pianos by Mr Kennedy Black and L. Francis.

PART II.

1. The Septet—
 - (a) "Song of Waiting" - - - Ellen Wright.
 - (b) "A May Morning" - - - Denza.
 - (c) "Weeping, Forsaken" - - - Handel.
 - (d) "From Far Cohoes" - - - Kerker.
2. Living Statuary—
 - (a) The Dying Gladiator.
 - (b) The Discus Thrower.
 - (c) The Shot Putter.
 - (d) The Javelin Thrower.
 - (e) The Slave.
 - (f) The Archers.
 - (g) The Footballers.
 - (h) The Wrestlers.
3. Sketch—Interior Decoration.
4. Soprano Solos—by John Bruce.
"When Daisies Pied" - - - - - Arne.
"The Lass With the Delicate Air" - - - - - Arne.
5. Magical Moments—With Colin Linn.
6. Sketch—Alphonse Abdicates.
7. The Choir—
 - (a) "Little Jack Horner" - - - Diack.
 - (b) "The Lord's My Shepherd" (with soprano descant). Air: "Crimmond."
 - (c) Chorale from "Pirates of Penzance"

Sullivan.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

The whole of the singing numbers of the programme were under the control of Mr Black; the orchestra was prepared and conducted by Mr Partridge; the sketches were designed and produced by Mr Pickard; the Stage Manager and General Factotum was Mr Dunlop; seating and advertising fell to Mr Blaikie, and a considerable amount of gear was willingly lent by the Invercargill Repertory Society.

Orchestra Notes

With its numbers reduced to seven at the beginning of the year, the orchestra did not pretend to be other than it was—a chamber music group. The arrival of the group's own piano helped to complete this combination, and by working hard for the first half of the year the players were able to perform Purcell's A Minor Sonata (for two violins, and cello *ad lib*) at the school concert. For the rest of the year the group has been working at arrangements of piano preludes by Chopin, with glances at other pieces.

A school orchestra has a heavy casualty list at the end of each year. Though there were few survivors this year, they have combined to produce a certain standard of music, and have enjoyed it.



This year the School entered seven teams in the Rugby Union's competitions, one in each of the third, fourth, and fifth grades, and two each in the sixth grade and seventh grade mid-week competition.

FIRST FIFTEEN

With a nucleus of six from last year's team, prospects for a good season looked brighter than usual. In early club games this promise was borne out. The backs were very fast, and functioned smoothly, while the forwards, though somewhat light, held their own and secured a fair share of the ball. This winning (or losing) of the ball from set play, and to a smaller degree from loose play, was to prove the vital factor all season. The inside backs were essentially an attacking combination, but, when possession was lost through lack of weight or strength in the forwards, it was here that our weakness lay. Waitaki capitalised heavily on this weakness, but surprisingly Otago, with a ninety per cent. possession, failed to take advantage of it, and only superb defence by the three-quarters and covering forwards saved a heavy defeat. When the forwards did outmatch their opponents, some phenomenal scores were recorded. Most of the points came from tries scored mainly by the three-quarters after good combined work. A lamentable weakness in goal kicking was shown. Anderson himself managed this department later in the season, and his success was surprising.

Some notes on the players are customary:—

Thomson was a safe full-back if a trifle slow in his movements. McNabb is a determined runner and is rapidly developing finesse. His tackling is deadly. Anderson has all the attributes that a wing three-quarter needs, except one—sufficient determination. Beadle with his sound defence and straight running is an admirable centre. Mitchell, though young and rather small, is remarkably quick on his feet, and has the makings of a first-class attacking back. Tait is also rather small to be playing close to a light forward pack. His sure handling and accurate kicking are valuable attributes. O'Connor, always sound, was at his best behind a losing pack. We all admire his courage. Brown was a fine forward leader who, with Beale and Andrew, shouldered most of the hard work. Howe at the beginning of the season was a promising three-quarter, but should develop into an even better forward. Deaker is at his best in line-out work. More ruggedness in his play will improve him. The same applies to Christie. Wilson, Christie and Andrew were always close to the ball, Wilson in particular playing a real terrier type of game. Holloway has developed into a first-class all-round forward. W. R. Jackson, who had to play most of his games with the second XV did play against Timaru when Beadle was stood down through injury. He played a fine game with brilliant patches and was unlucky not to find an earlier and permanent place in the firsts.

Brown, Howe, Beadle, McNabb and Andrew represented Southland in the third grade representative match against Otago.

Results of Club games:—

- v. Old Boys: Won 28-0 (pre-season game), drew 8-8, won 9-8, won 16-3.
- v. Invercargill: Lost 3-8, won 6-0, won 11-9.
- v. Borstal: Won 11-6, won 15-0.
- v. Star: Won 30-0, won 44-0.
- v. Collegiate: Won 15-0, won 6-3.
- v. Pirates: Won 22-11.
- v. Marist: Won 21-0.

Summary Club games:—Won 13, lost 1, drew 1. Points for, 245; points against, 56.

The first XV's School games, in which they were captained by H. W. D. Anderson and coached by Mr Tuck, were played as follows:—

v. GORE HIGH SCHOOL

This was the first match of the season and the first played away from home. The Gore team had given us some surprises and heavy defeats in the immediate past with the result that this game was awaited with keen interest, the School's first XV being anxious to make a flying start at the season's School games. As it happened, Gore were in the process of building a new team so that the inexperienced members of their side found the attacking pace of our backs rather more than they could cope with. There were many tries scored, five of them by Anderson, the captain. The score at half-time was 20 to nil, while the second spell was again prolific in points. The School converted only three of its 13 tries.

School 45, Gore 0.

v. OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Played on the Littlebourne ground on June 24, this game ended in a win for Otago by 9 to 6. A dropped goal right on time concluded a dull game in which constantly attacking Otago forwards did not succeed in breaking down the Southland defence. In spite of ball possession measurable at about 90 per cent., the Otago backs did not make nearly as much progress as might have been expected. "The determination of the Southland defence," said a newspaper line, "cannot be overpraised." Beadle kicked a penalty goal for School about three minutes after the game started and just before the Otago team settled down to camp on the Southland goal line, Mitchell made an opening, the try being scored by Beadle while Chetwin and Jarvis scored for Otago. The whole second spell consisted of vain Otago attempts to breach the defence until, with only seconds to go an Otago wing-three-quarter found himself with the ball in a favourable place for a dropped goal. His kick succeeded and the game was over.

Otago 9, Southland 6.

v. WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

The first and second XV's went to Oamaru this year, travelling by train, on July 8, and playing the games at the Oamaru showgrounds the following day. The first XV was heavily defeated. Waitaki owed their success to the dominance of its solid forward pack which gave plenty of ball to the inside backs, allowing R. Bews to reveal his ability and make him a handful for the School side to manage. At half-time the score was 11 to nil against School and the second half opened with Waitaki keen to drive home all their advantages. However, the scoring rate slowed down considerably thanks to grand efforts by the School forwards, it not being until the closing stages of the game that Waitaki took obvious control. This was a heavy scoring period and, in that time mainly, the eleven-point deficit grew to 29 points. A superior rucking forward team had once again controlled a game of Rugby.

Waitaki 29, School 0.

v. KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

This was the first home match of the winter, played on Rugby Park, the game being a sound display of "many movements on both sides which would have done credit to any senior team. From the beginning of the game it was obvious that the standard of football was going to be good. Southland seemed determined to attack at every opportunity, but the defence broke the movements up." By half-time the score was 3 to nil in School's favour, Anderson having scored an unconverted try while many good runs were brought to nothing by the King's tackling. During the second spell it looked as if our pack might just stand the strain long enough to give the backs the chances they were eager to accept but, at the end of 25 minutes' play King's climbed on top and School's backs were forced into errors. The passing movements slowed up and the chance of victory faded and disappeared.

King's 13, School 3.

v. TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

The pleasant aspect of this game was that School's forwards at last had some reward for their continuous heavy work during the season. It was the last school match of the year and the team had not such a good record that it could step out confidently on to Rugby Park with an assurance of victory an hour and a-half later. On this occasion the pack quickly subdued its heavier opponents letting the backs in for some good runs. Tries by Mitchell, Jackson and Anderson (2) came in the first half and by Tait, Jackson and Mitchell in the second. The Timaru tackling was faulty, the School backs breaking through more easily than ought to have been the case, and the game ran out to its inevitable end.

School 29, Timaru 11.

SECOND XV

The prospects for a successful season seemed far from bright when the second XV lined out for the first time this year. The backs were younger and lighter than usual and players with previous experience were lacking for some key positions. The forwards were light, but even in ability and showed some signs of developing into a fair combination.

The season began badly, more games being lost than won in the first round of the competition. Shortly after this, however, an improvement occurred and the team started to show some promise. The forwards developed into a solid eight, rucking and scrummaging well and usually gaining more than an even share of the ball. With the inclusion of Jackson in the backline the backs improved greatly.

In the forwards Beale, Davis and Binney were usually in the forefront of rucks working hard for possession. Rae and Craig also played well in the tight with Henry, McDonald and Dawson showing up in loose play.

In the backs Wood and Russell, the captain, were sound on defence. These two, with Robertson, were slow on attack and concentrated mainly on getting the ball to Jackson at centre who supplied the necessary thrust to the backline. The wings, Scobie and Dawson, ran well and scored some good tries. At full-back Braithwaite was extremely safe and could always be relied on to gain ground with long touch-finders.

In club games the team finished fourth in the competition and showed a late improvement to beat both top teams in the last two club games of the season.

The Waitaki match was lost 11-3. In this game the forwards were beaten for possession by a heavier, better pack. The backs made the most of their opportunities and the team defended well.

The Otago match was lost 12-3. Although short of several of their usual players, the team gave a disappointing display.

FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade team finished the season runners-up in this competition.

Although beaten by Invercargill in the first few games, the team improved and were unbeaten for the rest of the season. But Invercargill had a good lead in points and we could not catch them.

The improvement in the team half-way through the season was mainly due to the forwards, who played with much more fire and dash. Of them Howe, Keast, Duston and Hunter were fast, and Spencer worked well in the tight. There was not much thrust in the backline, and the backs made few scoring movements. Their defence was good. Turnbull on the wing, made some fine runs, while Lindsay at full-back and Nicholson at half-back were reliable.

The players were:—Keast, Howe, G. Spencer, D. Duston, B. Christie, McMillan, G. Cole, McDougall, Hunter, Nicholson, Rutherford, Kitson, S. Murrell, Turnbull, King, Gibson, McPherson, Lindsay, Masters, Tyrrell, and Denham.

SIXTH GRADE A

The close of the season saw this team at the top of their grade. Their record was: Played 11, won 10, drew 1. Points for 184, against 3. In addition, it had the distinction of going through the season without its line being crossed.

The team relied on teamwork throughout the season and the hard-running three-quarters notched most of their points, Boulte, Neil, and Johnson being the most prolific scorers. Ballantyne, at half-back, fed the back line well, while McNaughton and Smith led the forwards who gave the backs a fair share of the ball.

The team was as follows:—Price, Boulte, Read, Johnson (captain), Branks, Neil, Dunlop, Ballantayne, Shaw, Smith, Marshall, McNaughton, Barron, Beal, Jenkins, Robertson and Tait.

Much of the team's success can be attributed to the keenness of the players, and to many valuable hours of assistance given by the coach, Mr Gilchrist.

The Sixth Grade "B" team reports in "poetry" entitled, "To the Sixth Grade B's, God Bless 'em, or an Ode on the Noble Art of Organized Murder":

As up and down the field we tore
Forever spurred by our dear coach's roar,
We heard the sound, that made us all howl
And told us some fool had committed a foul;
He was offside, by accident, the referee ruled,
So we made a new scrum as we'd often been schooled;
And the cries and the groans of the poor suffering pack
Were borne on the breeze to our sleeping full-back,
Who, roughly being torn from his favourite repast
Recovered in time to see a winger streak fast;
With the agonies finished we limped from the fray
Spared, to be murdered on a more profitable day.

Hockey Notes

The School hockey teams again showed what a force they are in the local competitions by winning both of the grades in which teams were entered. The 1st XI, by playing better hockey and combining more closely than their opponents easily carried off the honours in the Intermediate grade, thus gaining for the School the Lewis Shield. The team was never very hard pressed and in winning all 11 club games they scored 84 goals, and had only 12 scored against them. The 2nd XI played in the Junior grade and here they also proved much too strong for their opposition winning all 10 games played by substantial margins. Their win in this grade brought the Lithgoe Cup back to the School for yet another year. This cup has been won by the School every years since it was donated in 1947. The 3rd XI also played in this grade, and gained a fair amount of success, winning five of the nine games played. At the beginning of the season a 4th XI was also entered, but it was withdrawn on July 17, partly to obviate the need for a bye, and partly because of difficulty in finding enough players. Two house teams played on Thursday afternoons, and these players, although they could not in any way be called skilful, seemed to enjoy their little bit of exercise.

The First Eleven.—This year's 1st XI should have been one of the strongest which the School has had for many years, as eight of last season's team were back again, but they failed at all times to reach the standard expected of them as a team. Individually their play was good, and at times brilliant, but lapses of concentration and poor passing cost them a lot of goals. At centre-half K. Edmondston was one of the mainstays of the team, and this diminutive player set an example of stickwork and positional play that could well have been copied by other members of the team. W. A. Poole, the captain, was playing very well at the beginning of the season, but he was forced to drop out because of illness. After he went the defence became the weakest part of the team, and its lack of a reliable leader was shown up very clearly in the match against Otago Boys' When Poole went, S. W. Slater, the centre-forward took over the captaincy. His play was at all times steady, and his shrewd generalship contributed much to the team's success. He was top scorer for the team with a total of 34 goals. Second to Slater in the scoring was O. H. Gimblett, the left wing. His play was rather inconsistent, but when on form he was the most dangerous attacking forward in the team. He was chosen to play for the Southland Senior team which played North Otago in Oamaru. R. A. Barron, the left-half, gave some good displays, his defence being a feature of his play. The left-inside, J. Anderson, was the first third-former to play for the first XI since 1935, and with young players like him to fall back upon, the School may look forward to some very good teams.

The Otago Game.—The ground was in good condition, and the weather was perfect for this game, which was played on our own ground. School attacked from the opening bully, but the Otago defence held. The Otago team then settled down, and for the rest of the half Southland was rarely out of its own half of the ground. Hero of this half was the Southland goalie, I. S. Duncan, who played a magnificent game although he was not supported by his full-backs. In the second half Southland began with a tremendous rush, and the forwards swept all before them for Slater to get Southland's first goal, Southland again attacked, and gained a penalty corner. Gimblett received the ball, beat several men, and passed through to Anderson, who hit in a high shot. But this effort was too much for the Southland team, and when Otago attacked the defence crumbled, and then collapsed completely. Otago's forwards took new heart, and when the final whistle blew they were scoring almost at will. The final score was 12-2.

The King's Game.—This game was played as a curtain-raiser to the Otago-Australia match, and the large crowd of spectators obviously unnerved some of your younger players. The ground was fast, but a little greasy on top due to rain the night before. School had a territorial advantage for most of the game, and had numerous chances to score, but lack

of concentration and finish in the circle robbed them of many goals. Gimblett scored for School early in the first half and Slater scored two goals in the second half. The result, a draw, was not a true indication of the play, which was definitely in favour of Southland.

During the year several of the School team were picked to play for Town against Country, and S. W. Slater (once), A. J. Anderson, O. H. Gimblett, B. Edmondston and K. Edmondston (all twice) played for the Southland Junior team against Otago.

The Second Eleven.—The 2nd XI played their annual match against Gore 1st XI early in the season, and was beaten by an older and fitter team by 6 goals to 1. The game was played at a fast pace throughout, and the seconds were run off their feet.

During the season Mr A. E. Dakin lavished both time and knowledge on the teams, and was the driving force behind them. His patience and energy were an example for all to follow, and we cannot end our hockey notes without thanking him very much for the excellent job which he did for still another year.

The Boxing Tournament

Friday, the 17th of October, saw a number of boys at School with an assortment of black-eyes, cut lips and swollen noses, with two Prefects creeping around (as someone aptly said) looking as if they'd had a fortnight of football trips. However, the School Boxing Tournament had been held the night before, providing a Roman holiday for the masses, so perhaps this explains it.

This year the tournament was held in the School Hall, with a large attendance of parents and boys. Thanks to Mr Braithwaite's and the Prefects' organization, the spectators were treated to an almost non-stop programme of boxing. Apart from one technical knock-out, all the twelve bouts were decided on points, which speaks highly for the coaching and the fitness of the boxers.

In the final of the under 7st 6lbs class, G. Anderson boxed well, using lefts and crossing with hard rights, and appeared to have the bout well in command. White improved over the last two rounds, but Anderson won a clear points decision.

After giving an impressive display of scientific boxing in beating I. Barron in the under 8st 12lbs class, B. Bickerstaff was unable to meet G. H. Nicholson in the final. A broken thumb in the second round of his first bout stopped what promised to be the most entertaining bout of the evening. Nicholson was awarded the cup for the most scientific boxer.

In the under 9st 10lbs class, G. Keast, a southpaw, proved too rugged for his opponents. In the final, Keast's unorthodox style, and swinging rights soon had R. Ferrar tied up, and although Ferrar landed some hard punches in the last round, Keast emerged a clear winner.

The final of the 10st 7lbs class opened with very hard punching over the first two rounds. When the pace had slowed down in the third round, D. Miller used left jabs to take a narrow decision over J. Hunter.

In the first round of the Senior Championship, C. J. Rowley's superior reach enabled him to gain a narrow points verdict over S. W. Slater. Slater boxed gamely, forcing the fight over most of the bout, but could not effectively counter Rowley's left jab.

In the other first round bout H. M. Aitchison, using his superior weight and reach, delivered punishing blows to McNabb's face in the first round. McNabb's covering then improved, and his superior speed enabled him to retaliate effectively, gaining the verdict by a t.k.o in the third round.

In the first round of the final of the School Championship, McNabb carried the fight to Rowley, but Rowley kept him out with lefts. McNabb closed in in the second round scoring well to Rowley's body in the in-fighting. Boxing impressively in the final round McNabb chased Rowley around the ring scoring well to the head and body, gaining the

Before the final bout the Rector thanked the Southland Boxing Association for the assistance it had given in providing the ring, the seconds and the referees. Special thanks were extended to Messrs R. Baker and C. McKenzie, who gave much of their time in the weekly coaching classes.

Our thanks also go to Mr Braithwaite for the interest he has shown in his Wednesday evening classes, and for his efficient organization of the tournament.

Detailed results were:-

Under 7st 6lbs: G. Anderson, 7.2 beat T. White, 7.6, on points.

Under 8st 12lbs: A. G. Harris, 8.6 beat E. O. Price, 8.2 on points. G. H. Nicholson, 8.7 beat Harris on points. B. Bickerstaff, 8.11 beat I. Barron, 8.12 on points. Final: Bickerstaff defaulted to Nicholson.

Under 9st 10lbs: G. Keast, 9.10 beat B. P. Dawson, 9.9 on points. Final: Keast beat R. Ferrar, 9.5 on points.

Under 10st 7lbs: D. D. Miller, 10.7 beat C. G. Clarke, 10.7 on points. Final: Miller beat J. Hunter, 10.5 on points.

School Open Championship: C. J. B. Rowley, 11.5 beat S. W. Slater, 11.6 on points. R. R. McNabb, 11.1 beat H. M. Aitchison, 13.2 on a t.k.o. in the third round. Final: R. R. McNabb beat C. J. Rowley, on points.

Fives Notes, 1952

Had Mr Hazlitt lived in our age, and had he come to this School looking for a champion Fives player on whom to mould his famous essay, I fear he would have journeyed north, a most dispirited essayist. (My apologies to any potential Fives champions who may be concealed in our midst.) However, it remains a fact, that even the tremendous zeal shown by members of the junior school in and around the Fives courts, does not nearly compensate for the mediocre talents displayed by the better senior exponents of the game. Despite this state of affairs, which can largely be attributed to a lack of enthusiasm among our School players, reasonably large entries were received for doubles and singles, both senior and junior.

In the senior doubles it seemed that Tait and Brookland would have little trouble winning the event, after having beaten Ryder and Brown in a close game in the second round. But it was only after three closely contested games with Pay and Thompson that they finally won the championship.

The junior doubles champions were Clark and Hall, who emerged triumphant after some six rounds had been played.

No start has been made with the singles as yet, but those with the most promise in the senior section are Tait, Ryder, Thompson, Brookland and Brown. In the junior section, Johnson, a hard-hitting youngster, Clark, who shows a fair knowledge of some of the finer points of the game, and Kitson, a methodical player, appear to be the strongest contenders.

According to one astute judge in V.I.R., these junior lads are quite capable of restoring the fallen prestige of the noble sport of Fives. It is sincerely hoped that this is true.

Basketball Notes

Despite the distinct disadvantage of having no very wide support, the school's two basketball teams again competed in the Y.M.C.A. League and performed creditably. In particular, the A team, which were runners-up to Star, maintained the tradition of teams of past years. A school side has never actually won a city championship, and this fact can largely be attributed to the lack of a coach to consolidate on the fundamental training Mr Page gives to the juniors. Basketball always has been popular, and if more interest were taken in the school's senior teams, and perhaps an annual inter-school fixture arranged, the game would quickly reach the high position it undoubtedly deserves among the school's winter sports.

No. 1 Team : A. Tait, T. T. Ryder, L. Familton, W. A. Adam and J. C. Braithwaite.

Ryder and Tait were the only members of last year's No. 1 Team still playing, and their experience proved invaluable at the beginning of the season. However, as the season progressed, it was noticeable and pleasingly so, that the team possessed no soloists but favoured concerted play. As a result, a brilliant combination evolved, which in almost every game dealt with the opposition convincingly.

Tait, at centre, displayed excellent court-work, and indeed, his passing and general handling could rarely be faulted. His speed and elusiveness enabled him to make some excellent interceptions, and although his shooting lapsed periodically, he contributed a large proportion of goals in every game.

Familton, who started the season at defence, showed his best form in that department. He was later moved to right forward, and although he shot some glorious baskets from the "deep," his lack of speed prevented him from making the most of his opportunities.

Adam, the other forward, improved with every game, and his untiring work under the basket was exemplary to the rest of the team. He was the most prolific scorer and thoroughly deserved the points he gained for his side.

Ryder, veteran right guard, warmed up to his work quickly, and his defending and general court play were of a high standard. He jumped very well under the basket, and used the skip pass to good effect, but like Adam, some of his work was wasted by being, on occasion, a little too vigorous.

Braithwaite, the other guard, would have played better basketball had his game had the same vigour as that of his team mates. He is a cool player of more than average ability, but an inclination to watch on, marred some of his play.

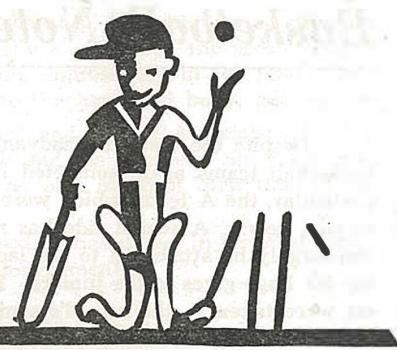
No. 2 Team : Gibson, Thompson, Russell, Familton, Barron and Johnson.

This team was made to realise early in the season the uselessness of Rugby tactics on the basketball court, and after settling down, played some really enterprising games.

Gibson at centre, was an extremely mobile player and linked well with his forwards. Unfortunately, he left school just when he was playing at his best, and the team suffered because of the loss. However, the side was compensated when Johnson, another promising young player, joined up late in the season. Thompson, right shoot, was always trying, and played two or three solid games for the "B's." Russell, left shoot, is an improved player, but still persists in moving too far on his own. The defences, Barron and Familton, were a little too gentlemanly at times, but they should improve with experience.

It can be said that 1952 has been a successful year for Southland Boys' High School basketball, and even better things are hoped for in 1953.

CRICKET



Written by W. Holloway.

The 1st XI competing in the Intermediate A Grade finished as runners-up to Bluff.

Until Christmas the team, under the captaincy of G. D. Alabaster, consisted of L. Familton, H. W. D. Anderson, A. J. Tait, W. A. Adam, T. T. Ryder, D. R. Keane, A. J. Lamb, N. R. Thompson, W. P. Holloway and Mr Pickard. Of these three, Alabaster, Thompson and Familton were selected as Brabin Shield representatives. Mr Pickard, with Familton's assistance, bore the brunt of the medium-paced bowling, although both Adam and Ryder could be relied on when the former two were not among the wickets. Mr Pickard proved very inexpensive, leading the bowling averages and he could tie up one end while other bowlers were tried. Alabaster bowled consistently; his googly being well concealed among his leg-breaks.

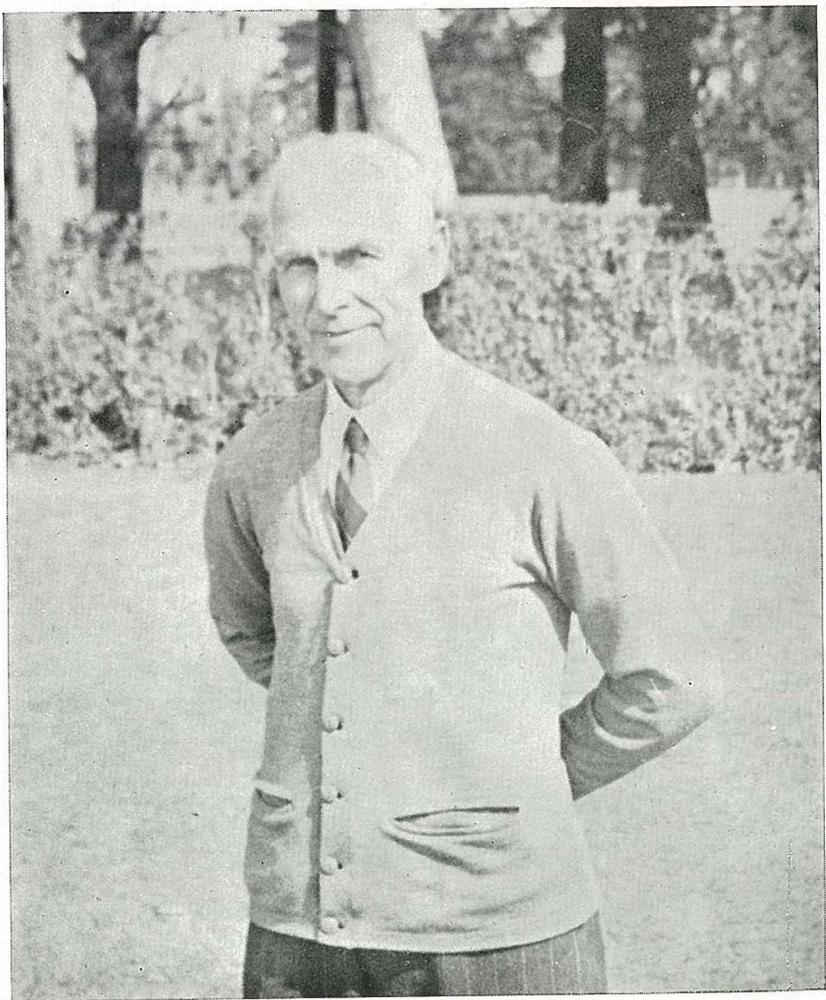
Anderson was the mainstay of the batting, scoring sixties and seventies until he reached the cricketer's dream, a century, which he scored against Union. Both Alabaster and Thompson were consistent, but were not prolific scorers. When the occasion demanded, Mr Pickard, Familton, Adam, Tait and Holloway could all get among the runs; consistency was not their virtue, however.

When School resumed there were three vacancies, Alabaster, Keane and Lamb having left; Mitchell, Kitson and Bickerstaff filled the gaps. Of these three Kitson showed great promise; he had the determination and concentration necessary in a good batsman. Bickerstaff, handicapped by his height, tended to bowl short. As a batsman Mitchell did not have a successful season but his fielding at cover was excellent. The team lacked an experienced spin bowler, Holloway being the only one, but thanks to the success of the medium-paced attack, the loss was not severe.

The fielding with few exceptions was not up to standard; too many chances were lost in slips. At short leg Tait was brilliant as was Mitchell at cover. Thompson, the wicket-keeper, was rather slow in his movements.

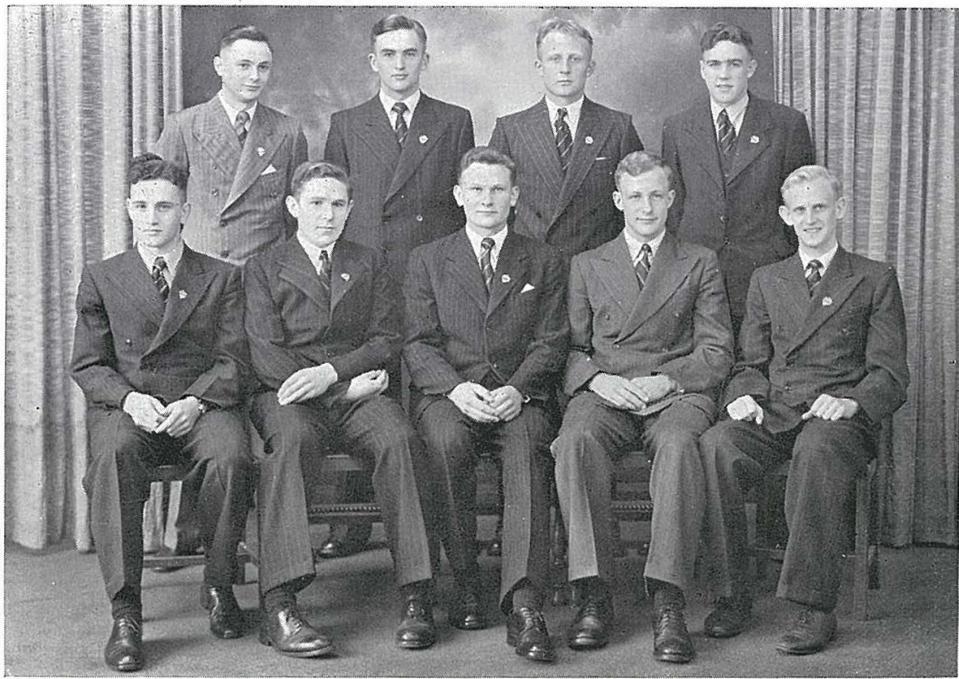
INTER SCHOOL GAMES v. KING'S AT DUNEDIN

This game was notable for two fine opening partnerships, poor batting by the middle, and vigorous, enterprising batting by the so-called tail-enders. Of the bowlers Holloway, Familton and Ryder were steady. On a wicket much faster than our own Ryder beat batsmen by sheer pace while Holloway's chief virtue was his consistency. The openers, Anderson and Thompson scored 24 out of 121 in the first innings and 58 out of 127 in the second; ample proof of their value. Adam was the star of the tail-enders, with Ryder, Bickerstaff and Johnson not far behind. All of these batsmen batted like champions. The



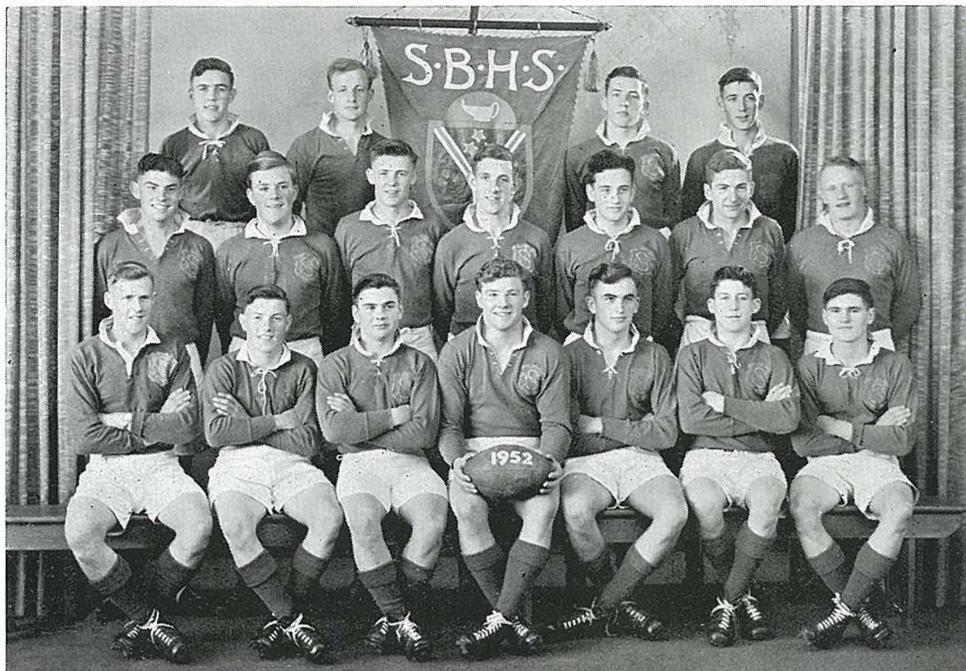
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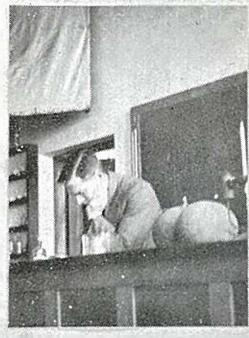
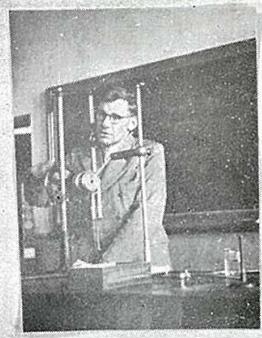
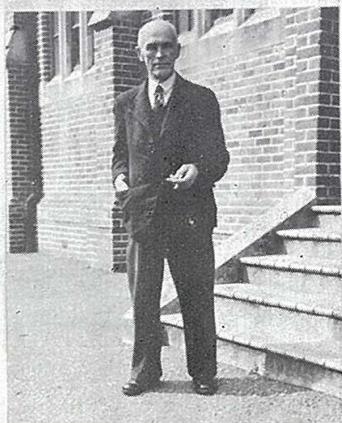
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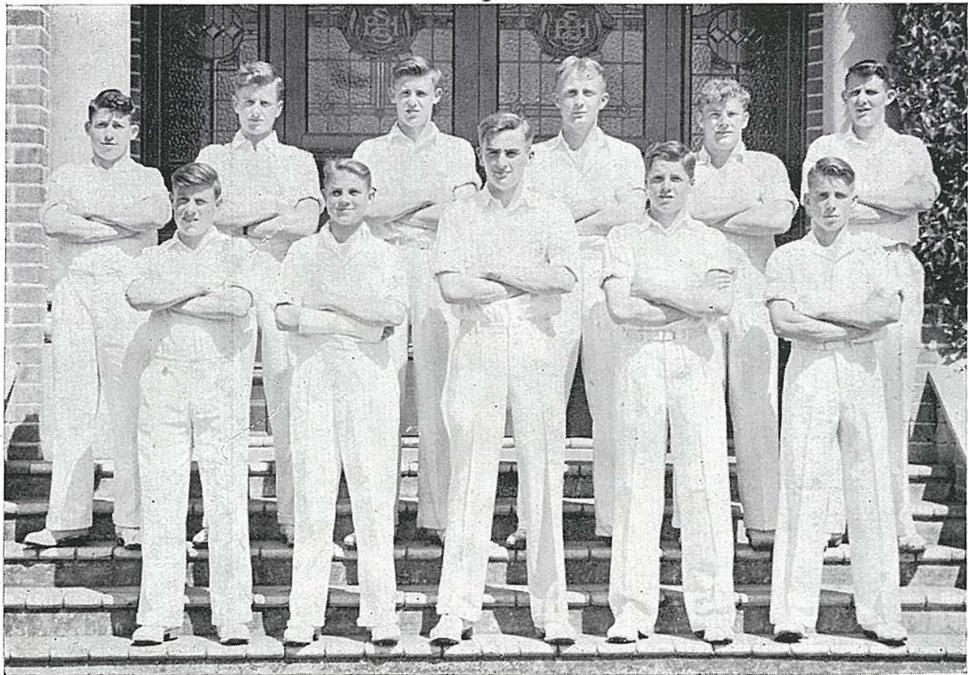
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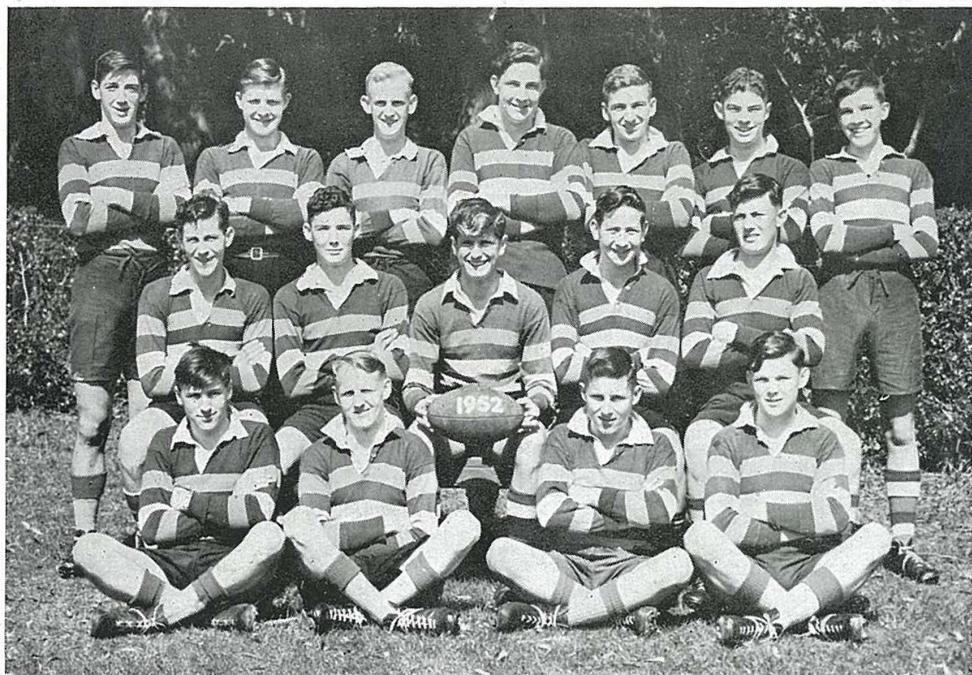
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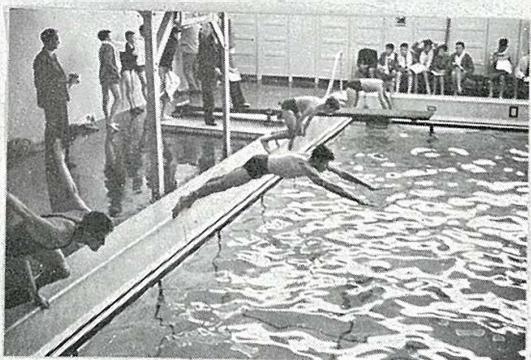
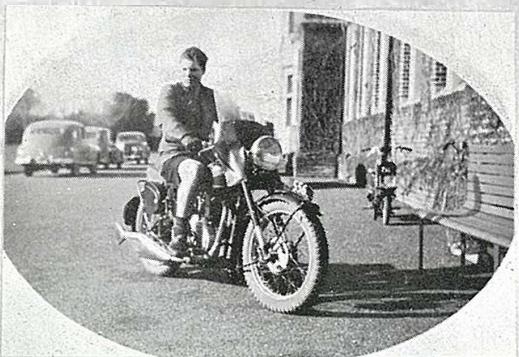
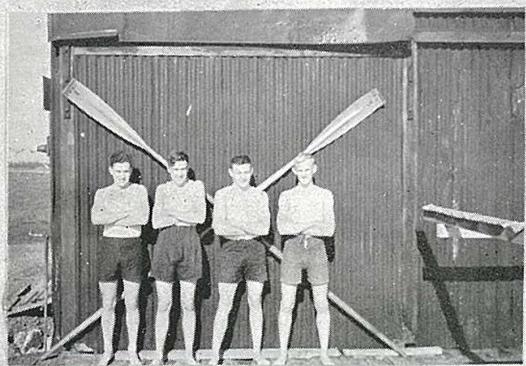
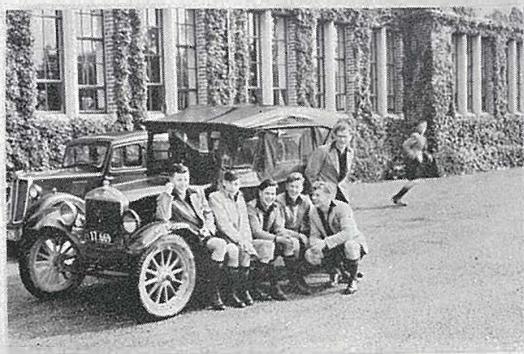
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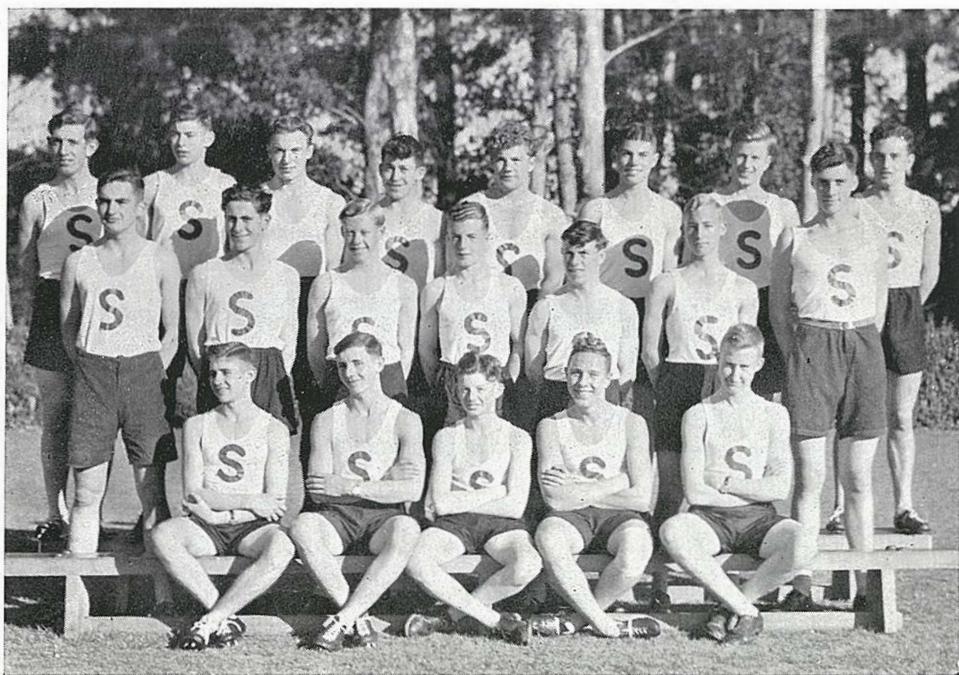
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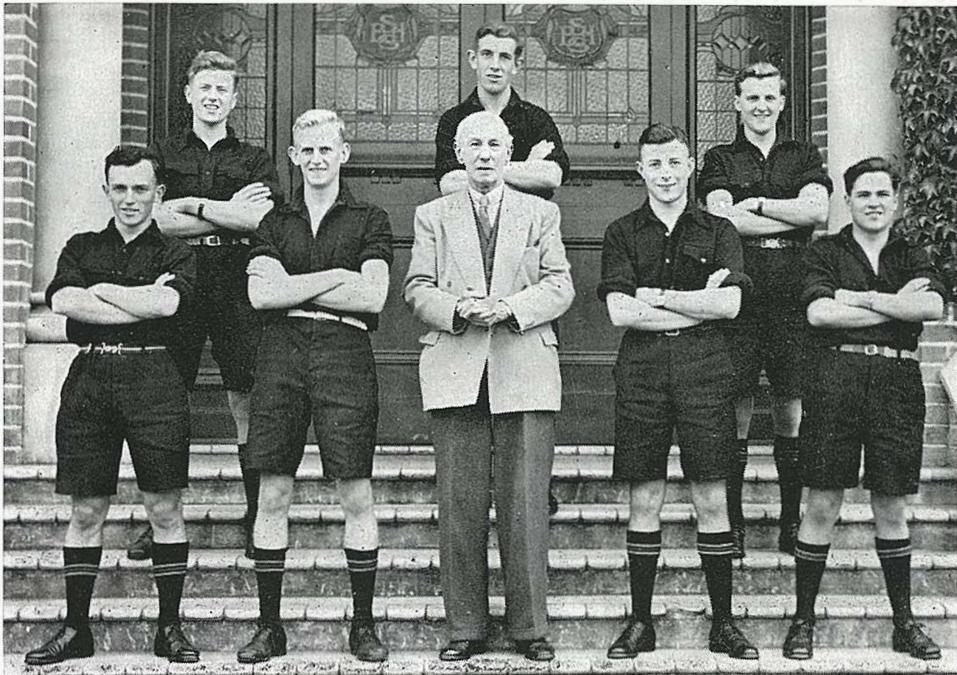
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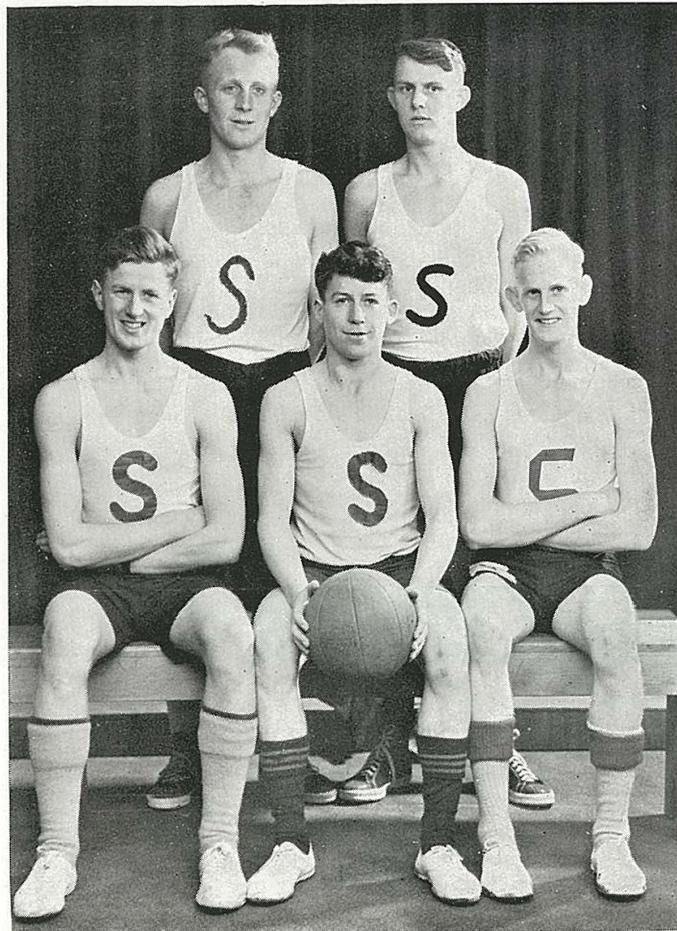
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W. H. B. MITCHELL, D. H. DUSTON, H. M. AITCHISON
Front Row : D. R. BRANKS, J. C. TURNBULL, G. H. NICHOLSON, D. A. BROAD,
H. J. HILL



SCHOOL SEPTET, 1952

Back Row : T. T. RYDER, A. H. HOWE, L. G. FRANCIS
Front Row : R. K. COOK, J. C. BRAITHWAITE, H. KENNEDY BLACK, A. P. BRUCE,
J. B. MORTON



BASKETBALL FIVE, 1952

Back Row: L. FAMILTON, W. A. ADAM
Front Row: T. T. RYDER, A. J. TAIT, J. C. BRAITHWAITE

fielding as in the Otago game was excellent, Tait again being outstanding. The fine batting and wicketkeeping of Long, the King's captain, was a feature of the play.

Result:—King's: First innings, 145; second innings, 160.

Bowling for Southland:—

Ryder, 4 for 38; 3 for 37.
Holloway, 3 for 19; 4 for 45.
Hamilton 1 for 37; 3 for 26.
Adam, 2 for 38; 0 for 36.
Bickerstaff 0 for 12.

Batting for Southland:—

| KING'S | 1st | 2nd |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| Thompson | 11 | 34 |
| Anderson | 13 | 24 |
| Hamilton | 11 | 3 |
| Kitson | 2 | 9 |
| Tait | 2 | 1 |
| Holloway | 2 | 8 |
| Adam | 31 | 15 |
| Mitchell | 2 | 0 |
| Ryder | 10 | 22 |
| Johnson (N.O.) | 15 | 1 |
| Bickerstaff | 12 (N.O.) | 3 |
| Total | 121 | 127 |

A win for King's by 57 runs.

v. OTAGO AT INVERCARGILL

Otago won the toss and elected to bat on a firm wicket, but owing to fine bowling by Hamilton, Adam and Ryder, and excellent fielding, especially by Tait, the team was out for a very modest 91. Of the openers for Southland Tait went quickly; this allowed Thompson and Anderson to form another worthwhile partnership. Then Holloway and Kitson brought the score along steadily until both were out in quick succession; Kitson batted very well and Holloway showed a welcome return to form. Adam was the only other batsman to show any initiative.

With a lead of 19 runs on the first innings, Southland was in an attacking position, but because of a fine 84 by Home and 39 by Wing, Otago scored a good 189. Hamilton, Ryder and Adam again bowled well, but with less fire, while Bickerstaff and Holloway added variety. The Southland second innings was pathetic, except for fine displays by Anderson and Adam, and gallant, determined batting by Bickerstaff and Johnson, who forced a draw, a very lucky Southland eleven.

Otago—1st Innings : 91.

Otago—2nd Innings : 189.

Bowling for Southland:—

| | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hamilton | 4 for 33 | 4 for 60 |
| Ryder | 3 for 28 | 1 for 23 |
| Adam | 2 for 16 | 3 for 55 |
| Holloway | 0 for 12 | 2 for 34 |
| Bickerstaff | | 0 for 11 |

Batting for Southland:—

| | 1st | 2nd |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Anderson | 25 | 37 |
| Tait | 4 | 1 |
| Familton | 2 | 11 |
| Kitson | 16 | 0 |
| Holloway | 21 | 5 |
| Mitchell | 0 | 0 |
| Adam | 9 | 22 |
| Thompson | 19 | 10 |
| Ryder | 3 | 0 |
| Bickerstaff | 5 | (N.O.) 0 |
| Johnson | (N.O.) 2 | (N.O.) 0 |
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| TOTAL | 110 | 92 for 9 |

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Mr Pickard, who helped us out in club matches and spent many hours coaching at the nets. If and when the time comes that he retires from the game of cricket, Mr Pickard's absence will be a heavy blow to the game in Invercargill. It is not easy to recall anyone who has given more to the game and done so much to keep it alive in a rather difficult cricketing climate.

Apart from the First Eleven, the cricket teams and groups playing at the various, less august levels, enjoyed their season as far as a good deal of poor weather would allow. They all had their share of help from masters devoting long hours to the game, as well as from Mr A. E. Dakin. His enthusiasm and selflessness provided a spur to many a player, the whole school once again owing him its thanks.

'THE COLTS'

The Colts competed in the Junior B grade competition and, although they did not win, they performed quite creditably being runners-up to Marist. At the beginning of the season the team was reasonably strong. But during the season the team lost Mitchell, Kitson, Bickerstaff and later Johnson to the first XI. This loss enabled several new members to join the team which did not much strengthen it.

Although the batting of the team was erratic at times, the Colts usually made worthwhile scores. J. Wood and J. Lindsay headed the batting averages. The bowling lacked a fast attack, but N. Familton and R. Scobie, the medium paced bowlers, were successful in opening the bowling. C. Ashby, the only real slow bowler, took many wickets. However, they usually came at a fairly high cost. B. Robertson and D. Russell were useful change bowlers when they could settle on a length.

A. Johnson performed with credit as wicket-keeper and was reliable with the bat. The fielding of the team was not up to standard, which did not amuse the bowlers.

Towards the end of the season Mr Grant was relieved of his coaching duties by Mr Gilchrist. Both coaches put in many hours of valuable work.

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A cricketing feat which was reported throughout the country during the third term was that performed by C. H. Linn, who took five wickets with five consecutive balls, all his victims being clean bowled. He took two of these at the end of an over and completed the triumph in the following one. His average was eight for 19 in the innings, and ten for 22 for the match.

The Athletic Sports

The track could not be called a fast one on sports day, rain having fallen on the two days prior to the sports and on the day itself. However, conditions could not have been bad underfoot since B. M. Dawson ran the intermediate 440 yards championship in 56 4-5 seconds breaking a record established by Neil Prentice fourteen years ago. Dawson, who proved to be the intermediate champion over the half-mile as well, led the field all the way, finishing strongly to head off W. P. Holloway in a fighting finish. The latter's challenge must have had a good deal to do with the breaking of the record although Dawson has the natural ability to make a fine runner.

In the senior championship section H. W. D. Anderson won both the sprint and the broad jump, D. G. Holloway scoring in the mile and the half-mile. (He ran extremely well in very good company over cross-country runs during the winter and showed that he is among the province's best). The senior group had among it no "star" runner capable of first class times under almost any conditions (W. R. Jackson's 440 in 55sec was a good run) and in the high jump particularly, the standard was much below that of previous years.

Turnbull, Branks and Hill kept showing up in the junior championships and they—especially the first two—should be capable of making good athletes out of themselves with more time, training and experience.

Mr Page's organization of the day's events stood up to the test without any signs of break-down. The graded principle rather than that of handicaps was adhered to as in several recent years and seems to be by far the most satisfactory way of guaranteeing a good day's fun for everybody. The fields in middle distance events could scarcely have been bigger in a number of races. It would probably be worth considering lightening the programme by the inclusion of a few events of a more frolicsome kind after the fashion of the sack, potato and obstacle races. As far as the House Competition goes, the Reds were, at the end, ahead of the Whites by over 100 points, Red victories being signalled with monotonous frequency.

The following are the results:—

OPEN FIELD EVENTS

Shot Putt: A Grade.—J. M. Masters (W) 1, T. T. Ryder (R) 2, J. A. Brown (R) 3. Distance, 33ft 8in.

Shot Putt: B Grade.—A. J. Tait (S) 1, D. J. Hitchcock (W) 2, N. K. Johnson (W) 3. Distance, 29ft 6in.

Shot Putt: C Grade.—L. W. A. Ronald (S) 1, R. A. Barron (W) 2, L. J. Murrell (B) 3. Distance, 26ft 9½in.

Javelin Throw: A Grade.—T. T. Ryder (R) 1, A. G. Cowan (W) 2, W. A. Adam (B) 3. Distance, 124ft 2in.

Javelin Throw: B Grade.—B. Bickerstaff (R) 1, H. M. Aitchison (S) 2, S. Blomfield (B) 3. Distance, 103ft 8½in.

Javelin Throw: C Grade.—G. H. Nicholson (B) 1, B. R. Dawson (R) 2, J. H. B. Smith (W) 3. Distance, 89ft 6in.

SENIOR EVENTS

100 Yards: A Grade.—H. W. D. Anderson (R) 1, A. J. Tait (S) 2, W. R. Jackson (R) 3. Time, 11sec.

100 Yards: B Grade.—O. Beadle (S) 1, W. R. Boyes (R) 2, G. C. Hughes (S) 3. Time, 11 3-5sec.

100 Yards: C Grade.—B. Edmondston (R) 1, J. A. Brown (R) 2, D. Ker (W) 3. Time, 12 3-5sec.

220 Yards: A Grade.—H. W. D. Anderson (R) 1, W. R. Jackson (R) 2, A. J. Tait (S) 3. Time, 24 4-5sec.

220 Yards: B Grade.—W. R. Boyes (R) 1, G. C. Hughes (S) 2, E. C. Andrew (W) 3. Time, 27 4-5sec.

440 Yards: A Grade.—W. R. Jackson (R) 1, O. Beale (S) 2, D. G. Holloway (R) 3. Time, 55sec.

440 Yards: B Grade.—T. T. Ryder (R) 1, W. A. Poole (R) 2, R. A. Barron (W) 3. Time, 60 4-5sec.

880 Yards: A Grade.—D. G. Holloway (R) 1, A. H. Howe (R) 2, C. H. Linn (R), 3. Time, 2min 12sec.

880 Yards: B Grade.—J. C. Braithwaite (W) 1, C. J. B. Rowley (S) 2, Morton (W) 3. Time, 2min 23 3-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles: A Grade.—R. R. McNab (R) 1, D. G. Aitken (W) 2, N. J. Dunlop (B) 3. Time, 17sec.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

100 Yards: A Grade.—W. P. Holloway (S) 1, W. H. B. Mitchell (W) 2, R. N. Carnahan (B) 3.
Time, 11 1-5sec.
100 Yards: B Grade.—L. J. Christie (W) 1, W. H. Webb (B) 2, King 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.
100 Yards: C Grade.—R. F. Nind (W) 1, Watson (R) 2, Summers (S) 3. Time, 12sec.
220 Yards: A Grade.—W. P. Holloway (S) 1, W. H. B. Mitchell (W) 2, R. M. Carnahan (B) 3.
Time, 25sec.
220 Yards: B Grade.—R. F. Nind (W) 1, I. J. Watson (R) 2, D. B. King (W) 3. Time, 27sec.
220 Yards: C Grade.—B. J. Treeby (W) 1, J. M. Simmers (S) 2, H. N. Cuttriss (S) 3. Time,
30 3-5sec.
440 Yards: A Grade.—B. M. Dawson (S) 1, W. P. Holloway (S) 2, A. G. Henry (W) 3. Time,
56 4-5sec (a record).
440 Yards: B Grade.—D. G. Russell (B) 1, G. Haywood (S) 2, L. S. Robertson (B) 3. Time,
62 4-5sec.
440 Yards: C Grade.—D. D. Millar (W) 1, E. W. Bremner (R) 2, N. R. C. Little (R) 3. Time,
65 2-5sec.
880 Yards: A Grade.—B. M. Dawson (S) 1, A. G. Henry (W) 2, A. D. Pay (R) 3.
880 Yards: B Grade.—D. Patton (S) 1, D. G. Russell (B) 2, R. C. Scobie (S) 3.
880 Yards: C Grade.—R. Parry (B) 1, Adamson 2, M. Eastlake (B) 3.
90 Yards Hurdles: A Grade.—D. H. Duston (W) 1, B. M. Dawson (S) 2, D. G. Brownlie (B) 3.
Time, 15sec.
90 Yards Hurdles: B Grade.—H. M. Aitchison (S) 1. Time, 14 4-5sec.

JUNIOR EVENTS

100 Yards: A Grade.—H. J. Gill (R) 1, J. T. Turnbull (R) 2, R. D. Branks (B) 3.
100 Yards: B Grade.—Peters (R) 1, Boyes 2, G. Robertson (S) 3. Time, 12sec.
100 Yards: C Grade.—C. L. Soper (B) 1, N. Baxter (R) 2, Gordon 3. Time, 12 4-5sec.
220 Yards: A Grade.—J. T. Turnbull (R) 1, H. Hill (B) 2, R. D. Branks (B) 3. Time, 26 4-5sec.
220 Yards: B Grade.—Peters 1, B. D. Masters (R) 2, Boyer 3. Time, 28sec.
220 Yards: C Grade.—C. L. Soper (B) 1, Goldsworthy 2, Mitchell 3. Time, 29 1-5sec.
440 Yards: A Grade.—J. A. Turnbull (B) 1; A. T. Broad (S) 2. Time, 60sec.
440 Yards: B Grade.—B. A. McNaughton (B) 1, Hutchison 2, R. F. King (S) 3. Time, 65 3-5sec.
440 Yards C Grade.—Peters 1, Masters 2, Howie 3. Time, 65 3-5sec.
880 Yards: A Grade.—B. P. Dawson (R) 1, W. G. Coats (S) 2, G. Boyer (B) 3. Time, 2min
32 3-5sec.
880 Yards: B Grade.—Hutchinson 1, King 2, B. A. McNaughton (B) 3.
880 Yards: C Grade.—Peters 1, R. S. Fleck (S) 2, Stevens (W) 3. Time, 2min 35 1-5sec.
880 Yards: D Grade.—Howie 1, A. F. Mitchell (R) 2, G. Gordon (S) 3. Time, 2min 35 2-5sec.
80 Yards Hurdles: A Grade.—R. D. Branks (B) 1, G. H. Nicholson (B) 2, N. J. Dunlop (B) 3.
Time, 12 2-5sec.
80 Yards Hurdles: B Grade.—Neil 1, J. S. Howe 2, R. D. Brady (W) 3. Time, 13sec.
80 Yards Hurdles: C Grade.—G. V. White (R) 1, Peterson 2, Gordon 3. Time, 14sec.

SECOND DAY RESULTS

SENIOR EVENTS

One Mile: A Grade—D. Holloway 1, H. Howe 2, C. Linn 3. Time, 5min 1 2-5sec.
One Mile: B Grade—Hutchison 1, D. Patton 2, L. Middlemass 3. Time, 5min 32sec.
One Mile: C Grade—A. D. Pay 1, D. Howie 2, R. Parry 3. Time, 5min 22sec.
One Mile: D Grade—Q. R. Philpot 1, A. J. Crane 2, _____. Time, 5min 43sec.
High Jump: A Grade—R. Barron 1, D. Aitken 2, R. R. McNabb 3. Height, 4ft 7in.
Broad Jump: A Grade—H. W. D. Anderson 1, A. J. Tait 2, H. Howe 3. Distance 19ft 9in.
House Relay: Red House 1, Blue House 2, White House 3.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

High Jump: A Grade—P. J. Bell 1, H. M. Aitchison 2, A. J. Brownlie 3.
Broad Jump: A Grade—W. P. Holloway 1, W. Mitchell 2, N. Thomson 3.
Broad Jump: B Grade—D. H. Duston 1, A. J. Brownlie 2, D. B. King 3.

JUNIOR EVENTS

Broad Jump: A Grade—R. T. Goldsworthy 1, W. S. Denham and N. J. Dunlop 2, equal.
Broad Jump: B Grade—R. F. King 1, Middlemass 2, J. B. Rout 3.
Broad Jump: C Grade—C. L. Soper 1, J. R. Hall 2, D. B. Marshall 3.

FINAL HOUSE POINTS

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| RED 218 | WHITE 115 | SCHOOL 112 | BLUE 87 |
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TOURNAMENT IN DUNEDIN

The 1952 Boys' Secondary School Sports were held on the Caledonian Ground, Dunedin, and on a track slow after recent rain. The day's results showed that it was Otago's year and that school won the Senior and Intermediate Shields easily. Our own teams fared badly partly because they just were not strong enough and partly because very bad weather made utterly impossible the task of working them up to concert pitch. They thus arrived in Dunedin hoping for the best.

Among the juniors Turnbull won the 440, and Branks was second in the 80 yards hurdles. In the Intermediate section W. P. Holloway was third in the 100, second in the 220 and second in the broad jump. Dawson was third in the 440. Our only points in the senior competition were scored by W. R. Jackson who won the 440 in 56.2sec—an event he had won on his home ground in 55sec. Altogether, we did not distinguish ourselves, but that was not for the want of trying as the future will show when fortune runs for us, as well, a little more generously than in 1952.

Swimming in 1952

Although life-saving activities appear to have dwindled somewhat, the school's swimming standards have been maintained at a good level. So much so, in fact, that, in spite of the establishment of a good record in the 50 yards' senior championship some years ago, it was this year reduced by 2 2-5secs., being swum by N. Hamilton in 31 seconds. That was the only one broken this year and, if some of the others are to go in the future, some freestyle swimmer will need to be in an exceptionally high class, for the school's records are sterling ones. That boy will turn up, of course, probably sooner rather than later.

The year 1952 will also need to be recorded here as that year in which the fullest attempt has yet been made to try to ensure that every boy entering the school is able to swim before the year is out. All Third Form boys, during the third term, have had the privilege of spending one period a week in the water to achieve the end in view, and it will be interesting to see if the system bears fruit.

The results of the swimming sports, controlled by Mr Blaikie, were as follows:—

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

50 yards junior championship.—Heat 1: B. D. Masters 1, J. B. Smithies 2, B. Reid 3. Time, 27sec. Heat 2: J. Barr 1, J. Crane 2, A. Burns 3. Time, 38 3-5sec. Heat 3: J. Hutchison 1, A. J. Cockcroft 2, E. Eggers 3. Time, 33sec. Heat 4: W. Thompson 1, H. M. Aitchison 2, D. R. Francis 3. Time, 36sec. Final: Hutchison 1, Cockcroft 2, Thompson 3. Time, 35sec.

50 yards senior championship.—N. Hamilton 1, T. A. Spencer 2, B. Bickerstaff 3. Time, 27 4-5sec. 33 1-3 yards junior grades.—A grade, heat 1: B. D. Masters 1, A. J. Cockcroft 2. Time, 22 1-5sec. Heat 2: J. Hutchison 1, H. M. Aitchison 2, E. Eggers 3. Heat 3: O. Clark 1, J. Fleming 2, B grade, heat 1: M. F. Tyrrel 1, B. D. Rutherford 2, R. M. Murrell 3. Time, 23 2-5sec. Heat 2: A. P. Gieseg 1, T. C. White 2, C. G. Gee 3. Heat 3: W. Thompson 1, K. C. Hawes 2, King 3. Time, 23 4-5sec. C grade, heat 1: Crane 1, Burns 2, Harris 3. Time, 25 4-5sec. Heat 2: Robson 1, McHarg 2, K. Osborne 3. A grade, final: Hutchison 1, Masters 2, Clark 3. B grade, final: Hawes 1, Thompson 2, Tyrrel 3. C grade, final: Robson 1, McHarg 2, Crane 3.

33 1-3 yards open.—A grade: N. Hamilton 1, B. Breeby 2, C. H. Linn 3. Time, 19 1-5sec. B grade, heat 1: D. G. Russell 1, E. G. Andrew 2, D. Beale 3. Time, 20 2-5sec. Heat 2: H. W. D. Anderson 1, R. Sutherland 2, H. M. Jensen 3. Time, 19 1-5sec. C grade, heat 1: S. W. Slater 1, W. A. Poole 2. Heat 2: R. D. Henderson 1, R. Stewart 2, N. Hurd 3. Time, 25sec. B grade, final: Anderson 1, Jensen 2, Russell 3. C grade, final: Poole 1, Slater 2, Rea 3.

100 yards medley, junior championship.—R. Knight 1, E. Eggers 2, M. F. McHarg 3. Time, 1.24 1-5sec.

100 yards medley, senior championship.—S. A. Spencer 1, J. Deaker 2, J. C. Barron 3. Time, 1.24 3-5sec.

100 yards junior championship.—R. Knight 1, A. J. Cockcroft 2, D. R. Francis 3. Time, 76 2-5sec. 100 yards, senior championship.—N. Hamilton 1, T. A. Spencer 2, J. B. Morton 3. Time, 64 4-5sec. 66 2-3 yards freestyle, junior grades.—A grade: B. D. Masters 1, L. Clarke 2, A. J. Cockcroft 3. Time, 53sec. B grade: W. J. Thompson 1, N. J. Dunlop 2, J. V. Smithies 3. Time, 51 3-5sec.

66 2-3 yards open handicap.—A grade: B. Treeby 1, G. Davis 2, J. Braithwaite 3. Time, 44 3-5sec. B grade: D. Anderson 1, R. McNab 2, J. Barron 3. Time, 49 4-5sec. C grade: W. Poole 1, E. Andrew 2, H. Jensen 3. Time, 48 1-5sec.

50 yards backstroke, junior championship.—M. Hamilton 1, B. D. Masters 2, A. J. Cockcroft 3. Time, 37sec.

50 yards backstroke, senior championship.—N. Hamilton 1, W. J. Webb 2, J. Deaker 3. Time, 31sec (a record).

33 1-3 yards breaststroke, junior grades.—A grade: H. Swart 1, B. I. Fraser 2, I. Robson 3. Time, 27 4-5sec. B grade: G. Spencer 1.

33 1-3 yards breaststroke, open.—A grade: G. Spencer 1, J. Deaker 2, J. Bickerstaff 3. B grade: J. G. Latham 1, Pay 2, J. Barron 3. Time, 28 4-5sec.

33 1-3 yards backstroke, junior grades.—A grade: A. J. Cockcroft 1, E. Eggers 2. Time, 26 2-5sec. B grade: D. Francis 1, M. F. McHarg 2.

33 1-3 yards backstroke, open.—A grade: N. Hamilton 1, J. Deaker 2, W. J. Webb 3. Time, 20 1-5sec. B grade: B. Bickerstaff 1, B. Rawlins 2, Linn 3. Time, 28sec.

Interhouse relay.—Red 1, Blue 2, White 3.

DIVING

Novice dive.—B. I. Fraser and G. H. Nicholson equal 1, J. Deaker 3.

Junior championship dive.—B. I. Fraser 1, R. Thompson and Nicholson equal 2.

Championship dive.—Bickerstaff 1, I. B. Barron 2, R. F. Barron 3.

Ribbon dive, open.—W. A. Adam 1, P. D. Patton 2, Nicholson 3.

The city swimming clubs are still strongly supported by boys of the School, a number of them being of high enough quality to win provincial titles in all grades and some performing with distinction in the New Zealand National Championships for 1952. We offer our congratulations to them on the success accompanying their talent and hard work.

Notes About Rowing

1951 marks an epoch for several boys of the school, as this was the year they were introduced to rowing; in fact the really ardent ones will insist it is a disease or even a religion. From a bunch of greenhorns that kept him in constant fear of catching pneumonia, Mr Braithwaite, with patience, was able to mould together two crews that could keep a good swing with only slight variation in balance. The first essentials were practised in the hall on machines specially constructed by Mr Sansom. Many a passerby may have been puzzled, at seeing boys seriously engaged in swinging their arms around, and sliding backwards and forwards on a silly little seat. After several practices in the last term of 1951 and first term of 1952, two crews were chosen to represent the School in an interschool race on the Oreti River. Although they practised hard, on the day they failed probably through lack of "battle experience".

The new season has started well with most of last season's crews rowing again and several new recruits showing good aptitude.

A Crew: Stroke, J. D. Shaw; three, J. R. Murrell; two, J. C. Braithwaite; bow, J. A. Deaker; cox, M. Kennard.

B Crew: Stroke, G. Hughes; three, B. Murrell; two, G. Clark; bow, D. Millar; cox, T. White.

The Year's Singing

The year has been a busy but successful and very enjoyable one for musical activities, the main event being the presentation of a fantasia on Gounod's "Faust" by Mr Black, the small choir and L. G. Francis as extra pianist. It is quite evident from the success of this presentation that Mr Black has once again shown his remarkable energy and patience in training the boys for this ambitious work.

It is not generally realized how much work is entailed in transposing the score of a grand opera to suit boys' voices and in the writing out of many parts for soloists. Mr Black should have felt amply rewarded by his singers' enthusiasm and the three cheers given for him by the choir on the second concert night was a sincere gesture of thanks. "Faust" was sung at the Orphans' Club also, where the choir were delightfully entertained by the friendly members of that club.

The School Septet, J. B. Morton, A. H. Howe, J. C. Braithwaite, A. P. Bruce, R. K. Cook, T. T. Ryder and L. G. Francis, again had a full and enjoyable year, having performed at the St. Andrew's Society, The Young Musicians' Club, the Borstal, the Orphans' Club, the concert at School and at a gathering of St. Catherine's Old Girls.

The annual singing competitions, which were held on Wednesday, October 22, were again judged by Mr Alfred Walmsley who dealt with the competitors' efforts in a crisp and sound critical fashion helpful to everybody. We owe him our thanks for his time and attention to our needs. His placings were:—Senior section: L. G. Francis ("The Curfew") 1st, T. T. Ryder ("Lolita") 2nd, A. P. Bruce ("Trooper Johnny Ludlow") and R. K. Cook ("For England") 3rd equal. Junior section: D. Millar ("Ship of Arcady") 1st, J. Bruce ("A Heart That's Free") 2nd, H. Aitchison ("Up From Somerset") 3rd.

All accompaniments were played by Mr Black.

(We cannot allow these notes to leave unmentioned the help given to the year's music by L. G. Francis. His evident enthusiasm for music and his hard work at it, combined with his ability to do justice to a wide range of music have allowed him to make an unusually valuable contribution during the year.—H.K.B.)

Chess Club Notes

In 1727 chess was described as: "An ingenious game, played or performed with little round pieces of wood, on a board divided into 64 squares, where art and address are so indispensably requisite, that chance seems to have no place, and a person never loses but by his own fault." Despite the crudity of this definition, any member of the school chess club would joyfully snatch at it in preference to Sir Walter Scott's curt denunciation: "Surely chess is a waste of time!"

At an evening arranged by the town club last year, a trophy for the best player was presented to the school. This was won jointly by Deaker and Slater, so duplicate cups were made.

This year, urged on by the enthusiasm of Slater, the organiser of the club, new members flocked into Room 13, all eager to become champions. Eight new chess sets were bought to cope with the expanding numbers and the club settled down to a year in which both the playing strength and the keenness of the members have increased considerably. In the middle term school players were entertained at a chess evening organised by the town club. This was warmly welcomed by those who wished to gain experience against more advanced players than those in the school.

In the third term a ladder competition was rather belatedly set up; the ten first boys on this will play off for the club championship. The highlight of the year in the school-boy chess world were the inter-school competitions held in Dunedin and Masterton. School was represented there by W. A. Poole, who says:

The Otago-Southland Schoolboys' Chess Championship began in Dunedin on Friday, 22nd August. The play was to be five rounds of Swiss System—players with equal points play each other, with the first round draw to be decided by chance.

Slater was drawn against Gabriel while Poole played Barrowclough. Play had been in progress for only about a quarter of an hour when Steel of McGlashan asked the umpire "What do we do when we are finished?"—he had already completed his win!

After a give-and-take struggle Poole established definite superiority in position and material over Barrowclough who resigned after two and a-quarter hours. Slater's game took slightly longer since he had to checkmate Gabriel.

On completion the games were analysed by the secretary of the Otago Chess Club. He found that Slater's game was very sound but Poole had taken risks which could have quickly lost him the game.

The second round was played on Saturday morning with Slater to play Steel of the quick win and Poole to play Glass, who was second in the N.Z. Championships in 1951. Slater had little trouble in beating Steel, while Poole, with assistance from his opponent, played the best game of the tournament to force Glass to resign at the 25th move. At this stage Slater, Poole, and Armstrong of King's, were the only players with two wins. For the next round Poole was to play Armstrong while Slater was to play a one-pointer, Hughes.

Through a miscalculation Slater lost considerable material and gave up after two hours. Poole was having an even game against Armstrong but was gradually improving his position until after an hour and a-half he won a pawn with even better position. After two and three-quarter hours Armstrong realised he could not do better than lose and resigned. This left Poole the only player to win three games at this stage.

The fourth round was played on Sunday afternoon. Slater and Poole were drawn against each other while Glass was to play Hughes. Glass won comparatively quickly, but the match between the two Southlanders became a very exhausting affair. Slater gained the upper hand early and spent most of the game trying to find the correct point to break

through. Poole weakened himself with positional errors which cost both material and position after Slater had found a weak point on which he exerted so much pressure that Poole resigned, after three and a-half hours' play, on the thirty-eighth move.

That evening Slater had to play Glass and Poole met Hughes. Play commenced at seven and Slater and Glass adjourned at ten thirty with Glass with material advantage, but inferior position; however, Slater was unable to finish the game and resigned later. Meanwhile Poole had run into the same trouble as had lost him equality in the opening against Slater. By exchanging off most of the pieces he overcame this difficulty and left himself a slight material advantage with which he tried to win. He improved his position so that Hughes could win only through a blunder on Poole's part but this, coupled with the fact that little material was left on the board, left Hughes a chance of drawing, either by evening the material or by forcing Poole into repetition of moves when he was trying to hold the material. At quarter-past eleven Hughes made a disastrous blunder on his 67th move and was checkmated immediately.

Thus the fifth round left Glass and Poole even on points but Campbell who had lost his first game to Hughes and had been playing among the losers had also scored four points. It was decided to hold an extra round to try to break this tie. Poole played Campbell while Glass played Barrowclough. Glass won fairly easily but Poole, still tired after the $7\frac{3}{4}$ hours hard play on the Sunday, offered a draw when he thought he had an inferior position though the material was even. Campbell immediately accepted.

The winner of the tournament was Glass with Poole runner up by Sonneburn Count. The Dunedin Evening Star published the score of the game between Slater and Poole but Poole won the prize for the best game with his win over Glass.

NEW ZEALAND TOURNAMENT

The schoolboys to compete in Masterton met in Wellington on Sunday, 31st August, to travel on that day. The eight players had been selected by tournaments, similar to that held in Dunedin, played in the four main centres. The Aucklanders were Belton and Hill. Wellington sent Hosking, of New Plymouth, and Stock. Berry and Larking came from Christchurch. Glass was over age for the New Zealand championships, so Armstrong, of Dunedin, and Poole, of Invercargill, were sent on from Dunedin.

The tournament's play was arranged so that there was a period between the rounds for adjourned games. Thus the first round was played on Monday morning and the second was started on Monday evening. Play in the first round was very solid, very little risk being taken by any player. Larking, the youngest player—he had his 14th birthday in Masterton—moved with terrific speed and though his game against Hill was the longest in the first round it was the first finished, a draw being agreed after one and a-half hours. A little later Stock forced a draw by repetition on Belton, who had to accede or lose the queen. Poole, having missed a win against Hosking, agreed to draw half-an-hour afterwards. Within a few minutes Berry completed his win over Armstrong, to be the only winner in the first round.

The players had been divided into two minor round robins in which each played all the others before starting on the other group.

In the second round much of the "I must not lose" air of the first round was gone and all were prepared to be more enterprising to get a whole point instead of being content with a half. Berry maintained his lead by defeating Hill, while Larking beat Armstrong. In the other group Hosking obtained a win over Belton. The only draw of the round was between Stock and Poole. Stock had a winning advantage in material, but Poole tricked him into a position which left him only a draw.

Berry carried on his winning sequence in the third round by beating Larking, his partner from Christchurch. Armstrong caused a good deal of amazement by resigning to

an apparent checkmate in 1, when he had possibilities of checkmate in 3. The other group kept themselves well behind Berry by drawing both games. Hoskin's drew with Stock, but Poole could not match Belton's strong end-game and his material advantage was made useless.

The breaking in the minor round robins for the fourth round caused more general interest than any other than the first. Berry defeated Hosking and gave himself a two point lead over his nearest rivals, Belton who had taken advantage of Larking's inexperience to win quickly, and Hill and Stock, who drew after removing most of the material. Poole, having forced the pace for most of his game against Armstrong, made an error when he was on the point of winning enough material to win, and resigned.

Berry's two point lead meant that he had to lose two of the remaining three games to give his nearest rivals a chance to win the tournament. He won a pawn position from Poole when the latter tried to capitalise too quickly on some weak play on Berry's part. Later, Poole found the opportunity to set a trap and Berry blundered straight into it, suffering ruinous loss of material and having to meet a variety of mating threats, in the face of which he resigned. Armstrong again surprised the spectators—this time he offered Hosking a draw when he had a mechanical win in eleven moves. While Stock lost to Larking, Belton made himself leading challenger by beating Hill.

What was virtually the final was played in the sixth round between Belton and Berry. Berry had to win to be sure of the Cup, and Belton had to win to have a chance of winning the Cup. Berry's rather negative style cost him a lot of material, but a series of subtle sacrifices and exchanges permitted him to promote a pawn and win. As soon as it became obvious that Berry would win the others relaxed. Poole, who had been fighting a losing battle against Hill was checkmated quickly. Larking had earlier retired, suffering from a nervous breakdown and an adjudicated win for Hosking was the result of his game. Stock seemed incapable of completing a win, and had his fifth draw of the tournament against Armstrong.

With Berry in an unassailable position, play became more lighthearted in the last round. Berry again won, as did Belton and Hill, while Poole beat Larking by default.

On the Friday evening prizes were presented to Berry, as the winner, and to Belton and Hill, as joint runners-up. A demonstration five minute tournament was played by the tournament contestants, who were divided into the President's team: Belton, Hill, Poole and Armstrong, and the Secretary's team: Berry, Hosking, Stock and Larking. The President's team won, Berry beating Belton, Hill beating Hosking, Poole and Stock drew, and Armstrong beat Larking. The President's team then played a five minute tournament against a team from the Wellington Club, winning all four games. After supper a match between the Secretary's team and another visiting club ended the tournament.

Round-the-Park Races

According to an excellent theory which seems to work well in practice, the races round the Park were again held at the end of the football season in the last week of the second term. Again, too, big fields lined up for the three grades. D. G. Holloway won the senior grade proving his ability as a cross-country runner once again while Red House further emphasized a superiority which it had shown during the earlier part of the year.

The full results were as follows:—

Senior.—D. G. Holloway 1, W. P. Holloway 2, E. G. Andrews 3. Time, 12min 28sec.

Intermediate.—A. D. Pay 1, Parry 2, J. Turnbull 3. Time, 13min 5sec.

Junior.—O. D. Leask 1, R. Peters 2, W. Coats 3. Time, 15min 20sec.

Form Championship.—VIB, 184pts, 1; IVB, 80pts, 2; VM, 71pts, 3.

House Points.—Red 230 pts, 1; School 199pts, 2; White 168pts, 3; Blue 147pts, 4.

The Cadet Training Year

The organization of the Cadet Battalion followed the pattern of past years. Officers and N.C.O's were distributed as follows:

Commanding Officer: Major J. C. Braithwaite, E.D. R.S.M.: J. R. Murrell. Adjutant: S. W. Slater.

Headquarters Coy.: O.C.: Captain R. C. Tuck. C.S.M.: J. B. Morton. Artillery: Sgt. E. D. Fisher. Signals: Sgt. H. W. D. Anderson. Mortars: Sgt. G. C. Hughes. Infantry: Sgts. J. A. Deaker, H. C. Linn, T. T. Ryder.

A Coy.: O.C.: Captain A. R. Dunlop, E.D., Lt. J. R. Caldwell. C.S.M.: R. R. McNabb. Platoon Sgts.: H. B. Wilson, K. A. Officer, L. W. Ronald, R. D. Henderson.

A.T.C.: O.C.: Major A. J. Deaker, E.D., Mr L. V. Blaikie. Warrant-Officer: O. Beadle. Flight-Sergeants: W. A. Poole, W. R. Jackson, G. F. Rea.

Armoury: Mr A. G. Pickard. Staff-Sergeant: J. B. Munro.

The year began with five days barracks in good weather and an invigorating atmosphere of military enthusiasm—at least among the lower orders who found their new experiences enjoyable and their N.C.O's dangerous looking. Once the initial period was over, however, Thursday afternoons settled down into a monotonous run of half-days either too wet or too disagreeable for useful work outside. The device of switching to last period on Friday afternoons was used during the third term and this had a good deal of success. It was also very pleasant to spend the closing hour of the week outside in the sun and fresh air. In fact, there is something to be said for the idea as a permanent institution.

Captain R. Spence took the closing parade at barracks week while Brigadier J. T. Burrows (Officer Commanding the Southern Military District) paid an informal visit to the School during the third term.

Those boys who have enjoyed their shooting practices on the School range have asked that a special vote of thanks be passed to Major Braithwaite for the opportunities he has given them. For him it has meant long hours at the firing mound, scrappy meals (or none at all) and plenty of tiresome work. The boys concerned are very grateful to him for his help.

The platoon competition, held at the beginning of November, resulted as follows: No. 5 Platoon 1, No. 2 Platoon 2, No. 4 Platoon 3. The sergeants were placed thus: Sergeants C. H. Linn 1, J. A. Deaker 2, T. T. Ryder and H. B. Wilson, equal, 3.

THE BAND — 1952

Drum-Major : L. Familton.

Bugle-Sergeant: A. H. Howe.

Drum-Sergeant: A. A. Barron.

Very few of the seasoned members left the Band at the end of last year and this year's Band had no really serious setback to overcome. Once again the Band was present at the Anzac Day service and the full Band was present at the Thornbury service while two members attended the Riverton function. Several members also played "Last Post" and "Reveille" at servicemen's funerals.

A few Friday night parades were held in the town and the public were very pleased at the marching and playing of the Band. One of these parades was in support of a Princess Carnival and the Band proved an excellent and popular attraction. It is indeed a pity that the Band could not perform at more functions of this type.

At the beginning of the third term the Band underwent a reformation. Practises are now held during school singing periods and boys have to make a choice between the Band and singing. This reform has proved very successful and the Band membership now numbers forty-five, but there is still room for keen juniors who are willing to put plenty into the Band and, when they become seniors, pass on their knowledge to the oncoming juniors.

Although the year has not been an outstanding one as far as the number of parades are concerned, the Band has given excellent performances at the parades it has attended. During the first and third terms the Band once again proved indispensable to the efficiency and impressiveness of the school Battalion Parades.

Photographic Club

The Photographic Club has on the whole had a satisfactory year. Only in one particular instance has its activities been curtailed. Unlike last year, no club competitions were held, and this, we feel, has been a serious lapse. Several reasons could be advanced for this, but we hope that, with the development of individual and group confidence, this will in future not recur.

There have been several highlights in the club's work this year, however. The acquiring of a masking frame for the enlarger has resulted in an easier and better enlarging technique. For the beginners, an interesting lecture and demonstration on the principles of photography was given by Mr Martin.. The senior members, may it be recorded, were too proud to come along.

One important innovation this year has been the inauguration of an insurance scheme whereby broken equipment is replaced only half the cost being met by the offending member. This scheme has already helped the pocket of one impecunious member.

Many of our members have acquired better cameras and are doing good work. The club would like to see more juniors with "boxies," picture hunting and developing. To conclude, the club would like to thank D. S. Ker VIB, W. A. Craig VB, H. Cutriss VA for providing illustrations for this edition, and in particular our organiser and secretary, R. K. Cook of VIB.

Annual Speaking Contests

The speech competitions, as they are popularly known, were held in the Hall on the last Wednesday afternoon of October. There had been a very good initial entry but, thanks to severe cases of cold feet and mental inertia, the contestants eventually facing the judge and audience were eight—four in each section. The senior contest was won by G. F. Rea for the second time, and the junior by G. R. Farrant—also for the second time. This was the first time that this kind of “double” had been recorded, although the printing of the results in the newspaper caused someone to remember that W. W. Baillie had won the junior section in successive years (1944-45) and then the senior in successive years (1946-47).

The speakers and their subjects were as follows: Senior: S. W. Slater, “Mathematics and Common Sense,” G. F. Rea, “Interplanetary Travel,” C. L. Linn, “Houdini,” J. B. Deaker, “James Boswell.” Junior: J. E. Clent, “Our Giants of the Sea,” A. J. Anderson, “Major-General John Glubb,” B. M. Woodfield, “Shackleton’s Last Journey,” G. R. Farrant, “Fiji.”

The judge for 1952 was Mr G. M. Broughton, to whom we express our thanks.

Examination Results

University Scholarships: Maurice W. Left.

Credit List: A. W. Smith, S. W. Slater.

University Entrance: H. W. D. Anderson, A. J. Baxter, O. Beadle, D. R. Binney, P. G. Boyd, J. C. Braithwaite, D. T. A. Brown, P. Chin, B. Edmondston, L. Familton, L. J. Forde, A. P. Holcroft D. W. Kelaher, A. J. W. Lamb, J. M. Masters, R. Matheson, L. W. Moore, J. B. Morton, J. R. Murrell, J. A. Perkins, W. A. Poole, T. T. Ryder, L. F. Simpson, D. N. Smith, L. G. Sullivan, L. R. Wilson, R. G. Wood.

School Certificate: R. A. Barron, D. R. Beale, P. J. Bell, R. D. Bell, W. H. Boyes, H. J. Brookland, J. A. Brown, D. G. Brownlie, D. C. Buckingham, F. A. Cole, A. T. J. Cook, R. K. Cook, G. G. Davis, J. A. Deaker, C. M. Dunlop, J. W. Edginton, J. G. Edie, K. Edmondston, N. E. Flahive, L. G. Francis, A. R. Goomes, N. J. Hardaker, D. G. Holloway, W. P. Holloway, A. H. Howe, E. D. Jackson, W. R. Jackson, W. H. James, R. O. Johnsen, R. M. Johnson, N. K. Johnston, J. G. Latham, A. I. Lindsay, D. G. McMillan, W. I. Mayston, R. D. Miller, M. R. Naylor, J. R. Neil, R. D. Parsons, G. F. Rea, L. W. A. Ronald, C. J. B. Rowley, E. B. Roy, J. M. Simmers, L. K. Sutherland, A. J. Tait, C. R. Walker, L. J. Walker, I. Y. Wills, H. B. Wilson, J. D. Wood.

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Old Boys' Notes

ANNUAL REPORT

Meetings.—Meetings of the executive were held monthly, and were well attended.

Christmas Party.—This annual function was held at Elmwood Garden, and was well attended. Our heartiest congratulations go to the Social Committee who made this evening an unqualified success.

Annual Ball.—The Annual Ball was its usual success, socially, but the attendance was not up to the standard of the previous year.

War Memorial.—The Memorial scheme at the School Hall is now completed, and we are well content with our effort, knowing that the school has one of the finest halls possible, and a fitting tribute to those in whose name our appeal was made. Our thanks go out to all those whose unfailing efforts made the completion of the scheme possible.

The Memorial plaque was formally handed over to the school at the Anzac Day observance ceremony.

Membership.—In the past year a special membership committee was set up with a view to increasing the number of financial members. This small committee of energetic executive members was instrumental in raising the number of members from 95 to 386. The executive also felt the need to meet boys leaving school and, to this end, members of your executive and representatives of the affiliated clubs visited the school, entertained the boys, and discussed Old Boys' activities.

AFFILIATED SPORTING CLUBS

Rugby Football.—Four teams were entered in the local competitions, of these the seniors had a poor season, the seconds and fourths finished runners-up in their respective competitions, and the third grade side also had a very successful season. Two outside games were played, one in Dunedin against the Otago High School Old Boys, and one in Invercargill, against Training College, Dunedin.

P. Beadle, P. Burns, R. Harrington, B. Mason, and I. Rance played against Otago in the Southland second grade side, and D. Smith and D. Hay represented Southland in the third grade. Two teams of primary school boys were sponsored by the club, and entered in the seventh and eighth grade competitions.

During the season a scrummage machine was installed in the High School pavilion.

Hockey.—With the closing of the season, the Old Boys' Hockey Club has completed its sixth and most successful season to date. Although the club only finished third in the senior competition, it was by no means disgraced as a "play off" decided first and second places, and the club finished only two points behind the leading team. The intermediate team was again unable to prove itself better than High School, and finished second in their grade.

Two players, H. R. Eastwood and P. T. Robinson, gained places in the Southland senior team, while H. Moyle, G. Robertson, H. Jensen, A. Jensen, and I. Broomhall gained places in the Southland junior team.

During the season a team travelled to Dunedin to play a United team, winning by three goals to nil.

Softball.—For the seventh year in succession, the club's first Division team won the Calder Mackay Shield, while our second first Division team again took second place. In the second Division, our third team played well, but failed to take any honours. In all senior representative games, the club had seven players on the diamond, while in one game eight of the nine players were members of the club.

At Christmas, a club team, with a number of supporters, chartered a bus, and during the first two weeks toured the North Island, playing a number of games, all of which they won. In the third week, they competed in the New Zealand championships, at Auckland, and performed creditably.

Representatives.—South Island: A. Bell. Southland: A. Bell, M. Harrington, D. Goodson, M. Hillstead, L. Bell, J. Lyall, R. Anderson, R. Walker, J. Noble (coach). Southland Juniors: R. MacMillan, B. Tall.

Cricket.—Three teams were again entered in the Southland Cricket Association's competitions, the senior team winning the Woolbrokers' Shield for the third year in succession. The Intermediate and Junior A teams, while not winning their grades, had many interesting games.

Representative honours in the Southland team were gained by S. Richardson, A. Gilbertson, I. Gilbertson, M. Gavan, and M. Watson. R. A. Harrington was a member of the South Island Brabin Shield team, while A. W. Gilbertson was selected as a member of the Otago Plunket Shield team. The bat awarded by the president for the first century scored during the year was won by M. Gavan. Our congratulations go to these players on their success.

Thanks must go to the High School Board of Governors for the use of their grounds, and to the Rector and Groundsman for their assistance during the year.

Swimming.—The Swimming Club again record a busy and successful season. Unfortunately difficulties have again been experienced in running the club hour due to the lack of senior swimmers. The clubs is fortunate in having among its members many very promising juniors, who, if given proper coaching, should develop into Southland, if not New Zealand champions, but, unless some of the older members are prepared to give up some of their spare time to keep on this work, they may be lost to the club.

The full burden of running the club hour has fallen on the shoulders of two or three officials, and it has been found quite impossible to run club races, carry out coaching of swimming and diving, or do any teaching of non-swimmers with this small number.

On the whole, the attendance at the club hours has been good throughout the season, and the club races which were held before Christmas were keenly contested. Our club carnival this year was extremely successful, from both a financial and competitive point of view, the feature of the fixture being the large entries and the closely fought out finals.

To those who won titles at the Southland championships our congratulations are extended.

LIFE MEMBER

For his work as honorary auditor, and for other activities, Mr H. R. (Sam) Willcox (1909-10) was elected a life member of the Southland High School Old Boys' Association at the annual meeting in September.

OLD BOYS IN SPORT

E. C. Isaacs (1917-19).—Swimming is a full-time activity with Mr E. C. ("Teddy") Isaacs, president of the Otago Swimming Centre, whose record stands unequalled. He was secretary of the Otago Swimming Centre for 21 years, and has been its president since 1948. But his work for swimming—as an administrator, guide, driving force, and enthusiastic and capable coach—cannot be measured in years or encompassed in aspect. It is a lifetime of tireless and selfless service, and that is how it will always be.

For 18 years, "Teddy" was secretary of the Kiwi Amateur Swimming Club, and he has been president for about eight years. Added to this record, he is a life member of the Kiwi Club, the Otago Centre, and the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association. He was manager of the New Zealand swimming team at the British Empire Games at Sydney in 1938.

But "Teddy's" chief joy now lies in teaching youngsters to swim. He has been doing that for the past 26 years, and although he has kept no numerical records, he believes that he must have instructed more than 2,000 children.

Indoor Basketball.—New Zealand representatives: M. A. McDougall, J. C. Alabaster, G. S. McKenzie. South Island: McDougall, Alabaster, McKenzie, B. J. Bradley, I. D. Payne. Canterbury: McDougall (captain). Otago: Alabaster (captain), McKenzie, Bradley, Payne. Southland: R. Goodson, G. Wilson, B. Dalton, B. Tall.

Hockey.—B. R. Fraser, G. G. Haase and A. E. Bainbridge played for Otago during the 1952 season. Haase also represented New Zealand University. D. B. Semmens played for the South Island Minor Unions' team. I. Kerr (now at Wellington College) played for the New Zealand Schoolboys' eleven that met the touring N.S.W. schoolboys' team. K. Hamilton is a member of the executive of the New Zealand Hockey Association.

Badminton.—New Zealand representative (against Australia): P. D. Skelt.

Rugby Football.—H. S. Strang, (1905) has been elected a life member of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

Cricket.—With an enviable list of provincial badges to his credit, the former Southland batsman, K. F. M. Uttley (1930-31), while still a young man, is establishing a record for the number of provinces for which he has played. He is still going strong—he scored at the rate of a run a minute to compile 21 in the second innings of Wellington's game against Otago in the Plunket Shield series. Since he first gained representative honours as a youth—he played for Wairarapa against Arthur Gilligan's eleven in the 1929-30 season—he has played for five other provinces. They are Southland, Otago, Canterbury, South Canterbury and Wellington. He is now also a New Zealand selector.

Rowing.—Stan Adamson, a life member of the Southland Association, together with J. C. Braithwaite, an erstwhile member of Queen's Drive and now of the Invercargill Railway Club, are doing fine work. During this season they have coached 52 High School boys on the estuary at Invercargill and as a result started two crews of four oarsmen at the Southland championships held on the Oreti River.

Golf.—Old boys who represented Southland at golf during the season included: L. V. Blaikie, I. R. P. Douglas (captain), G. C. Halligan, D. S. McLennan, A. T. Skelt, T. M. Stout, and H. A. Walker (Tuatapere).

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

W. A. C. Smith (1924-29).—Mr W. A. C. Smith, M.Sc. (formerly dux and on the teaching staff of the Southland Boys' High School and later of Cambridge University) who is at present science and mathematics master at Palmerston North, has written a new treatise on the study of logarithms. His book will be published next year by Smith, Hicks, and Wright, a London firm. There is a strong possibility that the work will become a standard text book on logarithms in New Zealand schools, as it has already been favourably received by educators who have seen the manuscript.

C. L. Bennet (1908-12).—Professor C. L. Bennet, of the Department of English Literature of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been on a visit to his mother's home at Gore, and New Zealand university colleges.

Professor Bennet has had a brilliant academic career. While at the Southland Boys' High School, where he was dux, he won both junior and senior national scholarships before attending Otago University. He went overseas with the First Expeditionary Force and served in France.

On completion of his war service, he was awarded an Expeditionary Force scholarship which enabled him to study at Cambridge University, where he took his degree of Master of Arts. After completing his studies in England, he was appointed to his present position at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

R. L. Diarmid (1932-35).—A senior journalist in the Government Tourist and Publicity Department, he was the Government's Press representative on H.M.N.Z.S. Bellona's recent cruise overseas.

J. S. Marshall (1903-05).—Mr J. S. Marshall was elected unopposed president of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand at the society's annual meeting this year. His elevation to office is not only the reward for long service, but also a mark of the confidence in his ability and knowledge of farming matters.

During his service extending over 20 years with the Southland A. and P. Association, he was vice-president at the time of the Royal Show at Invercargill in 1939 and for the next two years was president. He was president again in 1948-49 for the last Royal Show in the city. For the past few years he has been vice-president of the New Zealand society. He has also been a prominent breeder of Shropshire and Romney sheep, which he has exhibited with success at shows of the Southland circuit.

J. W. G. McIntyre (1888-89).—Mr McIntyre, of Tuatapere, celebrated his eightieth birthday at Tuatapere this year. Mr McIntyre is well-known in sawmilling circles, and many of his relatives, friends, and former employees attended a function held in his honour. Speakers included the Rev. H. G. Bartlett, Mr J. H. Williams, and Mr J. D. Suddaby. The cake was carried in on a circular saw, and Mr McIntyre cut it with a bushman's axe.

C. K. Saxelby.—Squadron-Leader Clive King Saxelby was honoured in the Queen's Birthday list with the award of the Air Force Cross. Squadron-Leader Saxelby was born at Woodlands and was the younger son of the late Mr and Mrs J. K. Saxelby. He was educated at the Woodlands School and the Southland Boys' High School. He trained as a pilot at Wigram before the outbreak of the Second World War and later went to England, where he joined the R.A.F. and where he has since lived with his wife and one son. During the war he was shot down while returning from a mission to Europe and was for a time a prisoner-of-war.

E. R. McKillop (1909-11).—Mr McKillop was created a C.M.G. in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Born at Avenal in 1895, he was a pupil at the Southland Boys' High School in 1909-11, after which he graduated from the School of Engineering, Canterbury University College. He served in the First World War from 1915 to 1919 and was promoted to Second-Lieutenant, N.Z. Field Artillery. He was twice wounded. Mr McKillop also served with the 2nd N.Z.E.F. in the Pacific and in the Dominion with the rank of colonel.

After joining the Public Works Department he gained his associateship in the Institute of Civil Engineers and from 1923 to 1926 was engaged on the Lake Coleridge electrical installation, and for the following two years on similar work at Lake Waikaremoana. Later he was attached to the city engineer's department in Wellington and in 1935 was appointed deputy city engineer.

In 1945 he was made deputy commissioner of works, controlling military and defence works and the same year was appointed Commissioner of Works. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1942. He lives in Wellington.

L. J. Wild (1903-04).—Created a C.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, Mr Wild was at the Southland Boys' High School in 1903-04. He was champion shot of the school in 1904, and a member of the School XI. He was a pupil teacher at the South School and graduated B.A. in 1909 and M.A. in 1910 at Otago University, where he won the Ulrich Memorial Medal, and where he gained his B.Sc., in 1913.

He taught at Marlborough High School, at Wanganui Collegiate School, and was lecturer successively at Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln and the Christchurch Training College in chemistry and science respectively. He was the foundation headmaster of the Feilding Agricultural High School, a position from which he retired in 1946.

He is at present pro-chancellor of the University of New Zealand. Mr Wild, who is the author of a number of books, has held the office of president of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand. He is the holder of the Jubilee Medal and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1945. His present address is Otaki.

A. F. Tylee (1921-24).—Mr Tylee, who is now director of the Swinburne Technical College, Victoria, was born in Invercargill in 1908. He received his early education in Dunedin and attended the Southland Boys' High School from 1921 to 1924. He then went to Canterbury University College, where he qualified for the degrees of B.Sc. and B.E. (Civil), and to Auckland University College, where he studied arts. An Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, London, he had 13 years' experience as a professional engineer before taking up his present appointment, including four and a-half years as an engineer officer in the New Zealand Army.

H. K. Carswell (1922-25).—Mr Carswell was elected president of the Invercargill R.S.A. at the annual meeting of the association this year.

J. L. Thompson (1937-42).—News of the progress and activities in London of John Thompson, promising baritone who began his singing in Invercargill and who gave several recitals here last year before leaving to take up his scholarship, is contained in a letter to Mr Kennedy Black, of Invercargill.

Mr Thompson has had encouraging reports on his work at the school, and he hopes to be doing more auditions this term for various companies in preparation for possible employment next year. "I hope to have two or three roles learnt off by the end of the year, which may be of some benefit in this direction. Work is not easy to get here; one must be very good and work very hard if one is to gain an entrance into the singing profession."

Taking full advantage of his stay in London, Mr Thompson has seen a great deal of opera. "It is," he writes, "a thrill and joy to be doing as a student in the morning what some fine professional is doing in the evening. It not only clarifies one's ideas, but adjusts one's standards. I have been to as many operas as possible, both at Sadler's Wells and Covent Garden."

M. W. Mehaffey (1899-1900).—Mr Mehaffey, a son of the late Mr W. G. Mehaffey, for many years headmaster of the Invercargill Middle School and an outstanding personality in the community, revisited Invercargill during the year after an absence of 40 years.

Mr Mehaffey now lives in retirement in Sydney not far from the Captain Cook dock which was constructed under his direction at a cost of £11 million. He was at one time Director of Lighthouses for Australia, and also served the Commonwealth as Director-General of Works and during the Second World War as Deputy-Director-General, Allied Works.

G. H. Geddes.—A former master at the school, Mr Geddes has been appointed secretary of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association. He succeeds Mr J. A. Nodwell, who has filled the position since 1947. Mr Geddes has a first-hand knowledge of track and field. He represented Canterbury College as a quarter-miler and was a member of a relay team which set a medley record. He is secretary-treasurer of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

G. S. Cox (1923-27).—Mr Cox, New Zealand Rhodes Scholar and political correspondent of The News Chronicle (London), arrived in Invercargill this year on his first visit to New Zealand for 19 years. Before returning to England he spent six weeks collecting material for radio broadcasts and newspaper articles on New Zealand.

Mr Cox, who is writing a volume of the New Zealand war history on the 1941 desert campaign, also took advantage of his visit to confer with Major-General Sir Howard Kippenberger, Editor-in-Chief of the War History Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs.

D. H. Brass (1923-26).—Mr Brass, of The Herald, Melbourne, was to have represented Australian afternoon newspapers on the Press section to accompany Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their postponed tour of Australia. He was to be among the correspondents to join the Royal party in Nairobi, travel with it to Kenya and then out to Australia in the liner Gothic. Mr Brass entered journalism in New Zealand, attended Canterbury College in 1929-30, and has since worked for Australian newspapers, mainly in Melbourne.

R. F. Wilson (1917-23).—Dr Wilson, director of tuberculosis services at the Dunedin Public Hospital, left New Zealand at the end of last month to study modern methods in the treatment of chest diseases in British and Scandinavian hospitals. Dr Wilson intends to be overseas for about eight months. Dr Wilson received his appointment at the Dunedin Hospital in 1950, when he was senior physician at the New Plymouth Public Hospital. Graduating M.B., Ch.B., in 1929 at the Otago University Medical School, Dr Wilson was on the resident staff at the Dunedin Hospital until 1932, when he went to New Plymouth and then to London for post-graduate experience.

His first major appointment was as resident medical officer at the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, but in 1936 he returned to New Zealand to become senior medical officer at the Auckland Public Hospital. Dr Wilson held this position until 1939, when he joined the army and went to Fiji as a senior medical officer. He later served at Army Headquarters and was discharged in 1943, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Dr Wilson then went to New Plymouth, where he was senior physician and also tuberculosis officer to the New Plymouth and Stratford Hospitals.

T. D. Spencer (1924-27).—Mr Spencer represented the New Zealand Underwriters' Association at the annual conference of the New Zealand Traffic Institute in Invercargill. He is a son of Mr L. W. Spencer, who was manager for the Union Steam Ship Company in Invercargill, and who, after retiring from that position, was in business on his own account in the city for a number of years. Mr Spencer began his working career as an office boy in the Standard Insurance Company office in Invercargill. He is now assistant general manager of the company, which has its headquarters in Dunedin, and it is there that Mr Spencer now lives. He served his company for a number of years in Australia, four in Sydney from 1937 to 1941, and 10 in Adelaide, from 1941 to 1951, when he returned to New Zealand.

Parents' Association.—Officers on the S.B.H.S. Parents' Association who are Old Boys, include:—V. W. Boyes (1921-24), G. A. Stevens (1927-28), F. N. Mitchell (1924-25), C. Clark (1920-23) and C. A. Masters (1917-20).

J. C. Dakin (1922-26).—Mr Dakin has recently been appointed Director of Community Development in Uganda, Central East Africa. Address: P.O. Box 142, Kampala.

T. G. McKELLAR (1881-83)

Dr Thomas George McKellar, who died in Dunedin on October 31, in his eighty-eighth year, was a son of Mr Peter McKellar, a well-known Southland pioneer and run-holder. As a boy, Dr McKellar lived with his parents on the Glenure Station at Balfour. He began his medical education at the Otago Medical School, and completed his degree in Edinburgh in the early 1890's. Returning to New Zealand, he practiced in Dunedin. He was married to a daughter of Sir John Sinclair.

Dr McKellar retired from practice a number of years ago. He is survived by his wife and son, Dr Peter McKellar, who is a member of the staff of the Aberdeen University.

J. T. CARSWELL (1887-90)

One of Southland's most prominent businessmen for many years, Mr John Thomas Carswell died in Invercargill on November 30, 1951. Well known in the city for his work in many organizations and in the country for his interest in farming, Mr Carswell was highly respected. He was aged 78 years.

Mr Carswell was born at Pine Bush and was educated in Invercargill. He was a prominent track runner and a keen Rugby football player, being a member of the Invercargill Club.

Mr Carswell was a member of many organizations. He was chairman of the Southland Electric Power Supply at the time it was taken over by the Government—about 1935. He was a city councillor, and was a member of the finance committee for some years. He was chairman of the Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools Board for a number of

years, a director of the Southland Building Society for 20 years, an honorary life member of the Real Estate Institute, of which he was a foundation member, a member of the Museum Board, chairman of the Philatelic Society, a member of the Stock Exchange, a member of the Progress League, and a member of the Grain and Seed Merchants' Association.

G. W. STEWART (1912-13)

The death occurred suddenly in Wellington in May of Mr Geoffrey William Stewart, youngest son of the late James and Margaret Stewart of Invercargill. He was 53 years of age.

Mr Stewart was a member of a popular party of entertainers in Southland during the First World War. They raised large sums of money for patriotic purposes. Mr Stewart was a dancer and musician. He was also prominent in athletics in his youth, and twice in successive years he won the Old Boys' mile at the Southland Boys' High School sports.

At his death Mr Stewart was sales manager for W. T. Avery and Co.

J. G. MACALISTER (1905-06)

Mr John Gibson Macalister, who died in Invercargill in November of last year, at the age of 59, was the second son of the late Mr and Mrs William Macalister. He was born in Invercargill and educated at the South School and the Southland Boys' High School. After leaving school he spent a number of years as a cadet learning farming on various stations throughout Southland.

In 1914 he enlisted and went overseas with the 5th Reinforcement, joining the artillery. He saw service at Gallipoli and later in France, where he was wounded. He was invalided home in May, 1918, and discharged in January, 1919.

After his discharge he took over the Cone Peak station, Kauana, which he farmed for 30 years. While farming at Cone Peak he was actively interested in racing and hunting. He was on the executive of the Winton Racing Club for 15 years, serving a term as president. He raced a number of horses of his own with some success.

In 1949 he sold Cone Peak, and he spent his short retirement in Invercargill.

R. RICHARDSON (1901-02)

The death occurred in Invercargill in April of this year, at the age of 64 years, of Mr Robert Richardson, one of the best-known members of the building trade in Southland.

Mr Richardson was apprenticed to the building trade in Wyndham, and spent some years there before continuing in the industry in Cambridge and Timaru. He returned to Wyndham about 1917, working in that district until 1935, when he made his home in Invercargill and built some of the big public and business places in the city and in other parts of the province. He was responsible for the erection of churches at Waikiwi, Glenham and Wyndham, for the building of part of the Southland Hospital at Kew, and for the Tweedsmuir Intermediate School, the miners' hostel at Ohai and for a big number of Government houses.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of many sporting activities including Rugby, cricket and athletics and served as a vice-president on the Southland Amateur Athletic Association and of the Old Boys' Cricket Club.

L. J. TAYLOR (1914)

Mr Lindsay James Taylor, who died in Christchurch in July, received his first commercial training as clerk to the Royds' Estate. Later, he became teller in the Bank of New Zealand.

During 1917-1920, Mr Taylor held the positions of pipe major and, later drum major of the Southland Caledonian Pipe Band. In competitive piping, he was graded A, which is the highest grade in pipe music in New Zealand. Later, he was second-in-command to Pipe Major David Robinson in the Burns Pipe Band in Dunedin.

G. M. NICHOL (1891)

A member of a New Zealand brass band which toured Britain about 50 years ago, Mr George Muir Nichol, of Glenfoyle, Ocean Beach, was 75 years of age. He died in August of this year. Mr Nichol was a champion cornet player.

Born in Greymouth, Mr Nichol was educated at Bluff and Greenhills and the Southland Boys' High School. After leaving school he took up a position as part-time accountant at Nichol Bros., Bluff. He followed this occupation for some time before taking up farming at the Glenfoyle homestead at Ocean Beach, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Mr Nichol found his recreation as a member of the Bluff Brass Band.

P. E. RICE (1910-15)

Well-known as a businessman, sportsman, and churchman, Mr Percy Edric Rice, of Duke Street, Invercargill, died suddenly at the age of 55 years.

Born in Invercargill in 1897, Mr Rice was educated at the Park Primary School and entered the Southland Boys' High School in 1910. After five years at high school, he acted as a relieving junior science master at the school in 1916. Soon afterwards he joined the New Zealand forces and during the First World War rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He played for the Boys' High first XV while at school.

When war ended Mr Rice did not resume teaching, but went into business with his two brothers, Cyril (who is dead) and Oswald. They formed Rice Bros., Ltd., confectioners, in Tay Street.

Although he did not enter public life very often, Mr Rice was a president of the Waihopai Tennis Club, an official of the Waihopai Sports Centre, and in later years a vice-president of the Waihopai Bowling Club. He was a prominent member of the All Saints' Church.

Mr Rice had several sport associations and was prominent in the Rugby game 30 years ago. He was a member of the Invercargill Football Club and represented Southland from 1921 to 1925 as a hooker. After his playing days, he represented his club on the Southland Rugby Union for four years from 1927 to 1930. He was elected a vice-president of the union in 1930.

A. D. ANDERSON (1907-09)

The death occurred suddenly in Dunedin at the age of 59 years, of Mr Allan Douglas Anderson, of "Blairmore," Thornbury. Mr Anderson was the second son of the late Sir Robert and Lady Anderson, Victoria Park, Waikiwi, and was educated at the Invercargill Middle and Southland Boys' High Schools. Upon leaving school he spent three years at Lincoln College, where he was student gold medallist in 1912. As an athlete he was equally successful and he won many medals on the sports field.

He took up farming on a 1000-acre block at Hokonui until he left New Zealand in 1916 with an armed services reinforcement and joined the Auckland Regiment of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles in Egypt.

Mr Anderson's ability as a Rugby full-back was considered by those who later became New Zealand Rugby selectors, as equal to anything the country has produced.

At the end of the war he was selected as a member of the Army football team which successfully toured France and England.

When he returned to New Zealand Mr Anderson took over a 500-acre farm at Thornbury.

R. T. MEREDITH (1896-98)

The death occurred suddenly, in his 69th year, of Mr Robert Thomas Meredith, who was one of the best-known legal and sporting personalities in Invercargill.

Mr Meredith, who was a son of Mr and Mrs Robert Meredith, was born at Riverton and came with his parents as a child to Invercargill, where his father for many years conducted a grocery business in the building now occupied by R. Hannah and Co., Ltd.

After being educated at the Middle and Southland Boys' High Schools he worked for the firm of Macalister Brothers and later joined the firm which is now Russell, Meredith and Smyth, where he worked until the time of his death.

Mr Meredith, who played Rugby for the Waikiwi Football Club as a young man, helped to promote the welfare of many sports in the city and further afield, and devoted almost the whole of his leisure to working in their interests.

He was a past president of the New Zealand Rugby Union at the time the main grandstand at Rugby Park was built. Mr Meredith was also actively interested in the promotion of the Sports Trust art union of the Rugby Union and was chairman of the Sports Trust Council.

He was a past president of the Southland Cricket Association and of the Southland Bowling Centre. Mr Meredith was a foundation member of the Southland Wrestling Association and its first president, and also a member of the Southland Boxing Association and a judge for the Invercargill Amateur Athletic Association.

W. C. BELL (1895)

The death occurred in January of Mr William Cotterell Bell, aged 72 years. Mr Bell was well known in business circles in the city having retired about two and a-half years ago from the position of accountant to Broad, Small and Company, Ltd., a position he held for more than 50 years.

G. R. Hanan (1923-24).—Mr Hanan returned recently from an eight-month visit to Britain and Europe. During his visit Mr Hanan attended the eleventh international dental congress in London, the British dental conference at Bristol as a representative of the New Zealand Dental Association, and also other dental conferences, including the Southern Counties' dental conference at Brighton.

The sudden death of L. R. Lopdell during the year removed another Old Boy and prominent Invercargill citizen from the scene of his life's activities. As a young man he played football for Southland, 1920-21-22, and was a provincial selector in 1928-29-30. Of later years he had been an indefatigable worker for the R.S.A.

E. S. Grenfell, who has been working hard at short-story writing, has had several of his stories published during the year. They have been well worth it.

H. C. Rowley, who represented New Zealand against Australia last year, must be one of the most peripatetic Rugby representatives in the country. He now has some half-dozen provincial "caps" to his record. His brother, Peter, has been doing aerial top-dressing in the South Canterbury district where he had the great misfortune to pile up his new aircraft.

Dr F. O. MacGibbon, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., died in Invercargill during the year after a long illness. He was at School 1903-04 where, in spite of his stature, he played fine football for the First XV. He gave the community a life-time of unbounded service, and the announcement of his death was received with deep regret. All his life he took a keen interest in the doings of the School. (His son, John, has for some years been a stock and station agent in Taumarunui.)

We noted with interest the following newspaper comment appearing in print early in November:—

"Two former Southlanders, both Old Boys of the Southland Boys' High School, were mentioned as 'internationally known surgeons' by the eminent obstetrician and gynaecologist, Mr J. A. Stallworthy, of Oxford University, who is visiting his parents at Auckland after an absence of 19 years.

"These two men, who left New Zealand early in 1826, are Charles Read, of London, and C. McIntosh Marshall, of Liverpool. Mr Marshall is a brother of Mr E. C. Marshall and Mr H. M. Marshall, of Invercargill.

"Mr Stallworthy said that Mr Charles Read was director of the post-graduate Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in London and one of the outstanding international figures in women's surgery.

"Mr C. McIntosh Marshall, he added, was also internationally known and had been invited to America to give this year's Joseph Price Oration for the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynaecological and Abdominal Surgeons."

About the same time also, an officer of the Public Service retired in Auckland, and the Press message ran:—

Many tributes were paid yesterday in Auckland to a former Southlander. He is Mr Charles Eric James Price, who has retired from his post as Government district architect in Auckland.

Mr Price, who was born at Riverton, attended the Southland Boys' High School from 1907 to 1909. Later, as Public Works representative, he played a part in the building of the present Southland Boys' High School in 1923-25, being responsible for many little improvements in it.

Mr Price was with the Ministry of Works for 40 years as an architect and, before going to Auckland, was stationed in Wellington.

Yesterday, says a Press Association message from Auckland, many high tributes were paid to Mr Price's personal qualities and his work for Auckland. His ability, fine temperament and tactfulness had been responsible for the huge wartime building programme for the New Zealand and American forces going so smoothly, said Mr W. L. Bell, District Commissioner of Works. "I think Auckland largely has Mr Price to thank for the inception of the Civic Square scheme," Mr Bell said.

A cablegram from London announced recently the success of Wing-Commander M. V. Blake, D.S.O., D.F.C., in the Norwegian amateur golf championship. He beat the leading golfers of Oslo's international colony as well as outstanding Norwegian players.

Minden Blake was at School from 1928 to 1930, when he matriculated. He went to the Christchurch Boys' High School and attended Canterbury College. He was a first-class gymnast and was captain of the college gymnastic team for several years. In 1934 he was nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship, and a similar honour was given the following year, although he did not qualify. He took honours in mathematics at college, and was responsible for several inventions, the most well-known being a mechanical egg-grader. He won the New Zealand pole vault championship with a height of more than 11ft. in 1936, and also scored in the New Zealand Universities championship in the same year with a height of 10ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. He went to England on a short service commission before the war and rose to the rank of wing-commander. He fought in the Battle of Britain and was later a prisoner of war.

Stuart Craig, who was blinded in Korea and who is now studying Physiotherapy at St Dunstan's College, England, has been proclaimed St Dunstan's "Sportsman of the Year." His sporting activities and athletic prowess were the subject of an article which appeared recently in the News of the World, a London Sunday newspaper with a circulation of several millions.

The article says that Stuart Craig "found that at St Dunstan's sport plays a major part in the lives of the trainees, and his enthusiasm was renewed. Though unable to participate in all games as before, he quickly realized his capabilities. He ran and jumped well. In addition, he could throw the discus, put the weight, throw the javelin.

"He spent much of his free time in the gym. and on the sports field.

"Then came the centre's annual sports day, and Stuart Craig, the first Korean casualty to train at St Dunstan's, entered many events. And what a glorious day it was for him.

"He won the 70 yards for the totally blind, returning a time of 8.2 seconds. In the standing long jump he made a leap of 8ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. In each event he added to his points total, and at the finish he was awarded the Victor Ludorum Trophy and proclaimed the St Dunstan's 'Sportsman of the Year'—an honoured title, worthily won by a man of superb courage."

J. N. Millard (1904-08) Headmaster of the Hutt Valley High School (and still holder of the School long jump record) retired during the year. He was widely feted in Wellington for his work for many sports, particularly Rugby football, which he has served energetically for many years.

L. S. Connolly and J. T. McKenzie played a lot of "big" football during the winter, the former proving conclusively that he is still a power to be reckoned with, and the latter that his half-back play at its best is not often excelled in most parts of the country.

A. Ramsay Howie, Mus. Bac., until recently lecturer in music at Ardmore Training College, Auckland, has been granted an Imperial Relations Trust Fellowship. He thus left for England last July where he will follow a course in music, beginning at the nursery school stage, and running on to the University level of requirements. He was gym. champion in 1922.

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