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Illustration: School Camp.

" Non scholae sed vitae discimus."

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EDITORIAL.

At the N.Z. University Senate meeting last January there was considerable discussion over Matriculation results. What The Matriculation all the rumpus was about we do not know. It let Course. two more of us through, and those two are of course grateful. It seems that the standard of of the pass was raised without any warning, with disastrous results to the weaklings. But was it not patent that the standard ought to be raised? In any case, it has now been raised. 1910 is the last year under the present regulations; 1911 will see Matriculation stiffened considerably, with fewer options than in the past. It therefore behoves everybody desirous of matriculating this year not to fool, but to work hard and not let slip his opportunities. Perhaps we ought to explain the impending changes that are to come into operation with 1911. Now one does not need to take Algebra and Geometry; in 1911 they will be compulsory. Now the alternative is French or Latin; in 1911, Latin must be a subject of Matriculation for anyone desirous of securing a University degree. In 1911 you may still take only French for Matriculation, but then you cannot proceed to the B.A. degree. We point this out because there will be budding teachers in our midst who eventually may desire to take an Arts degree. Again, if in 1911 and afterwards you do not take Latin, but French instead, then you

must take a Science; at present the sciences are optional. At present there are only two compulsory subjects Arithmetic and English, with a large range of options; in 1911, English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Latin or French, and a Science will be compulsory. Further in 1911 there are to be two papers in English, including a little political Geography and English History; and two papers in Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geometry). English and Mathe matics count only two subjects; Latin or French makes a third; three more may be taken, and you must pass in two. In short you may take six subjects, you must pass in five. Of course you may take both Latin and French. To sum up candidates will probably take English Mathematics (three subjects included in the group), Latin, French one or two Sciences. History and Geography will still be options. We hope we have succeeded in making the matter clear for 1911 candidates, as it is very important to them. In the meantime once more let us counsel 1910 candidates to leave no stone unturned to secure a pass this year.

Besides, the standard is to be raised. Said the Senate:—"The standard of Matriculation is too low and should be raised so that the whole examination should represent the reasonable result of four years' training in a Secondary School, and the examiners are to be so instructed."

With the disappearance of the three cottages from Conon street and the erection of a substantial fence on the street

Enlargement of frontage, the grounds are considerably enlarged.

School Yard. When the levelling has been completed, we hope to see an additional asphalt tennis court laid down, which will provide more accommodation for players and also be useful for drill purposes. Twenty or thirty boys who have left us are frequently to be seen on the Fives and Tennis Courts. We are glad to see them there and hope they will continue to love their Old School, and support it at all times.

The School Camp was voted by one and all a great success. The weather was glorious, the catering was good, the association with the staff was pleasant, the site was well chosen—in short, we hope it will prove an annual affair. It leaves pleasant memories from the skirmishing and sham fights down to the sing-songs around the Camp Fire. We returned to town a browner, healthier, happier lot of boys ready for a Rip Van Winkle sleep and with a greater appreciation of home delicacies. With this pleasant experience we cannot but contrast the unsatisfactory catering at the Forbury Camp on the occasion

of the review by Lord Kitchener. Fortunately that was of short duration or some of us might have been seriously ill with that stew. Oh, that stew!

On behalf of the School, we desire cordially to thank a donor, who does not wish his name disclosed, for the presentation of Thanks. Poole's Historical Atlas of Modern Europe. This is a magnificent work covering the whole range of European History, beautifully printed and well bound by Oxford University. It has already proved its value in settling some disputed points. We also desire to thank Professor Albert Acheson, of Syracuse University, New York, for the contribution in this number, entitled "Impressions of Life in America." It will be found interesting from first word to last.

We desire to commend to our Old Boys the example set by Professor Acheson. Contributions are always welcome; please send them along.

Mr C. McCarthy was selected by the Board of Governors for the position of sixth assistant. He entered on his duties at the beginning of the year. He is an ex-pupil of the Christchurch Boys' High School and comes to us with good credentials. We welcome him to Southland and hope that he will soon be quite at home with us.

Mr P. Edmondson, B.A., at present on the staff of Nelson Boys' College, at the beginning of next term takes the place vacated by Mr Munro. Mr Edmondson, as a Nelson College boy, proceeded to Canterbury College with a University Scholarship and there graduated. He joined the staff of his old school in 1907, and has taken a prominent part in school athletics, playing both cricket and football. He has also been an enthusiastic officer in the Cadets. He captained the Old Boys' Football Club in 1908-9 and represented Nelson Province in interprovincial matches. We extend to him on behalf of the School a hearty welcome.

Mr J. L. Watson who has sat on the Board for many years has found it necessary to resign from this as from other public Board of bodies. We regret very much the necessity of this step, Governors, for Mr Watson always took the warmest interest in the welfare of the School. We are pleased to hear that his health has again been restored. Mr Longuet, member of the Board as Mayor of Invercargill, also withdraws with the lapse of his Mayoralty. Mr R. A. Anderson, who distributed the prizes and addressed to the School such excellent advice last December, takes Mr Watson's place. Mr Anderson has in the past evinced an interest in us; we are sure it will be continued.

DECEMBER EXAMINATIONS, 1909.

Senior National Scholarship: F. Adamson.

University Scholarship, Credit List: W. Cody, J. Hewat, G. Cody,

Matriculation, Medical Preliminary, and Solicitors' General Knowledge, J. G. Anderson, J. Collins, R. Hall, J. Mayer.

Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge: T. Baird, L. Christia H. Fraser, H. Gray, R. Hawke, J. G. Imlay, W. Millar, W. Pay, A Petrie, E. Ryburn, J. Prentice, W. Young, G. Seddon.

Civil Service.—Senior: R. Angus, C. Hamon: 4 subjects, C. Reid.

Junior.—With Credit (i.e. 60 per cent.), in order of merit: R. Hall, Boyne, D. Frew, L. Smith, A Cavell.

Pass: N. Adamson, E. Fisher, C. Davies, A. Ballantyne, J. Mahonev, P. Wilson, J. M. King, A. Milne, G. Tweedie, E. Bonthron, H. Gimblett, R. Traill, D. Hamilton.

Free Place Examinations: Senior: J. Hinton, N. Saunders, J. Anderson. L. Christie.

Senior Southland Scholarship: 1, J. G. Anderson; 2, L. Christie.

Senior Free Place (won on Rector's recommendation and Inspectors' examination):—A. Macalister, J. Houston, J. C. Thomson, R. Brooke, J. Donnelly, I. Findlay, A. Hawke, J. Jameson, R. McIntyre, D. MacGibbon, S. MacGibbon, S. McNaughton, G. Tangney, R. Watson.

Junior Free Place Extension (won on Rector's recommendation and Inspectors' examination):—M. Cosgriff, N. Lamont, R. R. Mac-Gregor, J. Sawers.



SCHOOL NEWS.

Entrances.—57 boys entered the School for the first time this term.

Departures.—F. Keast, McClure, and L. Smith have joined the local staffs of the Banks of Australasia, N.Z., and National respectively.

G. Tweedie and Mayer have found places in the National Bank of N.Z. at Dunedin; while Roy Traill has entered the local branch of the

Union Bank of Australia; Mayer in the National, Port Chalmers.

B. Brooke has entered the employ of the National Mortgage.

Stan. Hanan is in the N.Z. Railways at Christchurch.

Rupert Hall is in the Advances to Settlers Office, Wellington.

Doug. Anderson has gone to Lincoln Agricultural College.

Prefects for 1910.—J. P. Hewat, J. Boyne, G. McKenzie, E. Dobbie, J. Collins, J. McQueen.

Prize Distribution Night .-

After much crowding and crushing in Victoria Hall it was a great relief to find that the Theatre had been taken for the break-up of the School last year. The Governors were all present and made some very interesting and amusing speeches. Mr Crosby Smith referred to the instability of women teachers who had that bad habit of marrying and thus giving up their positions. The prizes were then presented and Jack Hewat was warmly cheered as he went to receive his Dux Medal. Some belated spirits endeavoured to wail "He's a jolly good Fellow," but with only mediocre success.

Re-opening.

When School re-opened many old faces were sadly missed during the first day or two. Gradually however, we made new friendships and resumed our School existence in its infinite variety. There was the usual compliment of new boys who had to undergo their initiatory ceremony at the hands of the old pupils. This provided ample amusement for the first day, and after that routine of work and play set in.

Science Room .-

During the summer holidays the walls of the Science Room were painted, greatly improving its appearance.

valedictory.-

At Easter Mr Munro left us to take up a more important position in the Timaru High School. During his comparatively short sojourn with us, Mr Munro took a keen interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of the School, so we felt that we could not allow him to go without expressing in some tangible manner our regret at his departure and our appreciation of his work. The Rector, on behalf of the pupils, presented Mr Munro with a stud-box, and two silver entree dishes. Mr Munro, in accepting the gift, thanked the School, and expressed his regret at having to sever his connections with a School to which he had become so attached.

Social Evening .-

On the eve of his departure Mr Munro was also entertained at a supper given by a few of the senior pupils of the School. After justice had been done to the many tempting dishes on the table and after the King had been duly honoured, Hewat favoured the company with a selection on the piano, after which he was called upon to propose a toast to the School. In proposing this toast, Hewat remarked that while he had been a pupil of the School, he had become greatly attached to the institution, and that though of late the School had experienced some reverses and defeats (groans from the cricketers). yet he felt confident that soon victory and success would await her (applause from the footballers). After Boyne had suitably responded to the toast, the company rose en masse, and lustily sang that good old song, dear to every boy, "There's just one School." When the echoes of this song died away McQueen gave a splendid recitation, describing in a humorous way, the adventures of two Frenchmen seeking a meal in England. In proposing the health of the guest of the evening, Hewat spoke at length on the many good qualities of Mr Munro, both as a teacher and a director of sport. Tennis had flourished, and C Co. of Cadets had become more efficient under Mr Munro's supervision; and he further added that during his short stay with us, he had gained the good-will of every pupil. In reply, Mr Munro expressed his regret at leaving us, and said that, though his stay with us had been short, yet it had not been too short to engender in him an affection for the School and for the pupils. As Mr Munro sat down, strains of "He's a jolly good Fellow" filled the room.

The Cricket Association gave two bats for competition in the Junior Grade in which we had two teams entered. Houston secured the best bowling average but lost it to the next, who was Sawers, as Houston was over the required age. However, the Rector presented Houston with a medal for his meritorious performance. The batting average was obtained by a Middle School boy.

As there was a growing tendency amongst some of the scholars to support outside games and clubs, the Rector took it upon himself to announce emphatically that Rugby was the School game and he would not have the School divided by the admission of two new games—Hockey and Association Football. It is to be hoped that his announcement will have its desired effect and that all will loyally support the School institutions.

Special Prizes .-

During the last term the Navy League donated a prize for the best Essay on "The expansion of the British Empire under the reign of Victoria." This was secured by James Boyne.

Two annual tickets were donated by the Athenaeum authorities for boys who showed an interest in literary work. These were secured by J. Jameson and R. Dalziel.

During last year an ex-Southlander, Mr King, presented a medal for the best Essay on "The current events of the last two years." A goodly number competed and must have presented some very enjoyable reading for the generous donor. Each competitor had to write under a nom de plume, a condition being also that the result was to be kept secret until prize distribution night. The prize was presented

to "Bacchus" (F. F. Adamson). This certainly must have been something of a consolation for him as he was very close to Jack Hewat in the competition for the Dux Medal.

Staff.-

An addition was made to the School staff this year when a junior teacher, in the person of Mr McCarthy, was added. He has already proved himself an able Captain of the Cadets, and he is rapidly "licking his recruit company into shape."

Annual Pienic .-

Our annual School picnic took place as usual at our favourite seaside resort, the back beach at Greenhills. This is a splendid site for a picnic as it is remote from the busy town, from school worries, in fact, from everything to remind us of work and lessons. There is nothing but an expanse of sandy beach, big rolling breakers, and bushclad and tussocky hills; but in its solitude alone rests one of its greatest charms.

We left town by an early train which was crowded with happy and expectant holiday makers, and after half-an-hour's uneventful train journey, we reached our destination. After disembarking we all set out for the beach—which is about two miles from the station. The track to the beach wends its way over hill and dale, through bush, bramble, and biddy-bid, but these obstacles rather add to than detract from the pleasure of the journey. The biddy-bid was the plant most studied; it reminded us of that Biblical text, "He sticketh closer than a brother."

At the back beach we indulged in all kinds of sport, but the one that was most eagerly sought after was surf bathing. whole day crowds of bathers could be seen confiding to the briny their sorrows and troubles, and receiving no end of sympathy from the murmuring waves. Cricket, football, and running all received due attention during the day. Another interesting function was the boiling of the billy. Various theories were put forward for the accomplishment of this task, but no one seemed to have any practical method at all. Dick Seddon who was equipped with a billy of such gigantic proportions as would have sufficed to make tea for a company of thirsty soldiers tried one method, and at the end of about two hours succeeded in getting a billy of boiling, sandy, half-smoked water from which he made a brew he called tea. It was very different from the tea which we are accustomed to drink, but Dick swore it was tea, and, placing our faith in his statement we refreshed ourselves with the liquid, which, after all, wasn't so bad when you got used to it,

During the day, the Rector, while indulging in some youthful games received a severe wrench to his left knee. We wish to express our deepest sympathy with him, and we sincerely hope that, before long, he will have recovered from his injury.

About seven o'clock the picnic train steamed into Invercargill bringing back the tired picnickers who, I am sure, were all thoroughly satisfied with their day's enjoyment.

THANKS.—During the term, we were presented with Poole's "Historical Atlas of Modern Europe," a large, well-bound and complete work. We wish to thank heartily the anonymous donor for this munificent gift.

S. Irving of the II Form won first prize at Mataura recently for an exhibition of Crayon Drawing, pen and ink sketch, and coloured map; and second prize for shaded drawing and ornamental penmanship.

Scholarship.—

With much pleasure we have to congratulate Frank Adamson on securing a Senior National Scholarship. He was the only one to secure a coveted place; but Walter Cody was offered one. He, however, could not accept as he had not reached the age required by the University Senate.

Swimming.—

Owing to a stoppage in the supply of water at the Baths, we were unable to continue our swimming practices this term. This was a great disappointment to us as swimming is one of our favourite pastimes, and the tournament generally affords us much excitement and interest.

As is usual we have been having a few relaxations from studies in the shape of a half-holiday occasionally. We secured a half to go to see the I.A.S. sports; which we enjoyed inasmuch as it rained almost incessantly. For this indulgence we had to forego the Tuesday after Easter Monday, which some of us seemed rather to resent as a goodly crowd was seen assembled in the Rector's room on the following Wednesday to expiate their sins of taking "off" the Tuesday. The indignation at the loss of their liberty rapidly cooled under the guidance of the Rector. On Monday, the 4th of April, we had two periods off to go to the ceremony of the official welcome to the Governor. Alas, how few seemed to be interested in Vice-Royalty! On the Friday before Easter we secured a period off to allow the prospective "campers out" to get ready their paraphernalia and catch the evening train.

Tennis is a game that has greatly increased in popularity lately. This is no doubt due to the fact that there are frequent matches with

the girls. These matches occur about once a fortnight when Skipper seddon marshals his team and they stroll gaily along to the fair battleground. We also have it on good authority from the skipper that they indulge afterwards in some "unofficial" matches of which no record is taken.



SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1909.

Prefects—J. P. Hewat, J. Boyne, G. McKenzie, J. Collins, J. McQueen, E. Dobbie.

Cadets—O.C. Battalion, Major Pearce. Adjutant-Captain Pow. Battalion Bugler, J. Ferguson.

A. Coy.-Captain McGrath.

Lieutenants-J. Boyne, G. McKenzie.

Sergeants—Color-Sgt. J. McQueen, Sgts. D. McGibbon, Christie, N. Stead, F. Wilson.

Corps.—A. McCaw, Hinton, Baxter, Chrystal. Bugler—I Findlay.

B. Coy.—Capt. McCarthy.

Lieuts.—J. Hewat, E. Dobbie.

Sergeants—Color-Sgt. J. Collins, Sgts. N. Adamson, C. Carter, J. Catto, L. McKenzie.

Corps. Houston, Brodie, Imlay, G. Reed. Bugler-Barlow.

Cricket (Seniors)—Captain: J. P. Hewat; Dep.-Capt.: J. Collins; Secretary: E. Ryburn.

Juniors A.—Captain: Houston; Committee: MacGregor, Davies.

Juniors B.—Captain: Sawers; Committee: Q. Christophers, C. Carter.

Football.—Secretary: D. MacGibbon; Assistant: S. MacGibbon. Practice Group Committees:—

A-Captain: D. MacGibbon; Committee: J. Hewat, E. Dobbie.

B—Captain: J. Ferguson; Committee: C. Carter, J. McDonough.

C—Captain: A. Reid; Committee: C. Davies, J. Huffadine.

D—Captain: J. Wesney; Committee: Millar, Lamont.

Fives—Secretary: N. Stead; Committee: J. Hewat, A. Chrystal.

Tennis—Sec.: G. Seddon; Committee: Angus, Dobbie, Seddon.

Swimming—Secretary: J. McQueen.

Navy League-Secretary: G. Seddon.

Library-Secretary: W. Cody.

Magazine-J. Hewat, G. Seddon, A. Chrystal, W. Gray, J. Collins,

Old Boys' Column.

J. E. Bews has resigned from the secretaryship of the Acclimatisation Society and the Flourmillers' Association, to join the staff of Messrs Fleming and Co., Flourmillers.

Bruce Baird, B.Sc., has graduated as M.B.Ch.B., Glasgow, He remains in Great Britain to take his F.R.C.S. London.

N. Forsyth has been transferred to Addington Workshops, and is attending classes at Canterbury College.

Dr. J. H. Baird is to be congratulated on the great success he has achieved in the captaincy of the Wyndham Cricket Club. He has infused into his leadership such an enthusiasm as has led his eleven to many a victory and has made it known for its prowess outside of its own little valley.

Alex. Lindsay, eldest son of the Rev. G. Lindsay, of Invercargill, has graduated as Bach. of Engineering at Montreal, Canada.

James Guy, on leaving Bluff for Dunedin, was the recepient of two presents, from the Bluff Tennis Club, and from the Bluff cricketers.

Mr Eric Macalister, son of Mrs C. H. Macalister, late of Invercargill, but now of Wellington, has passed his final examination as a chemist. Mr Macalister and another were the only two who passed out of twenty-three candidates who sat for examination in Wellington centre. Considering that Mr Macalister is still under nineteen his success is noteworthy. He is perhaps the youngest chemist in the Dominion.

R. J. McKay, B. Engineering, is at present in the employ of the Auckland Harbour Board.

J. and H. McKay, of Nelson College staff, spent their Christmas holidays in Invercargill.

A. W. Traill, well-known as an enthusiast in Invercargill boating circles, has been transferred to the Greymouth branch of the National Bank.

Mr F. J. Tipping, on leaving Wellington to enter into practice as a solicitor in Invercargill, was presented with a case of pipes by members of the Civil Service Club.

A chance rencontre.—Professor A. R. Acheson, of Syracuse University, New York, while on his honeymoon in England last July, had the very great pleasure of meeting his old Rector, Mr H. L. Fowler; both were sight-seeing at Warwick Castle.

R. H. Turton has resigned from the Magistracy in the Wairarapa with the object of going into private practice.

Dr. J. M. Mehaffey returned to N.Z. in February last, and will probably begin the practice of his profession at Nightcaps.

Southlanders are becoming numerous at the Otago University.—
The following are known to be in attendance this session:—H. Clark,
F. Simon, F. Miles, F. Adamson, S. Reid, F. MacGibbon, B. Gilmour, F.
Mulholland, N. Millard, K. G. Fraser, M. Alexander, W. Alexander, C.
Lindsay, J. Prentice, J. Watson, L. Wild, A. Bain, J. H. Murdoch, A.
Taylor, F. Joyce, H. Rattray, A. B. Spite. The first eight are residents
of Knox College.

Congratulations to John H. Murdoch on his brilliant feat in being placed first for two Senior Scholarships, English and Mental Science. Our former dux has well upheld his reputation for hardwork.

H. Fraser has joined the Valuation Department in Invercargill; Alex. Hall has been transferred to Wellington in the same Department. Ced. Smith is now in Gore, with Mr Blakie, Surveyor.

We congratulate W. Robinson on his complete recovery from his recent illness. We are glad to see him to the fore again with the rifle.

C. Macan has followed his family to Dunedin, joining the staff of the Otago Daily Times.

Stan. Millar has left Cromwell to study law at Otago University.

G. McCkesney has joined Messrs J. G. Ward and Co.'s staff at Invercargill.

F. O. V. Acheson has been transferred from Napier to the Deeds Office, Dunedin.

MARRIAGE.—At Knox Church, Masterton, by the Rev. L. Thompson, of Carterton, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Gibson Smith, M.A., the Rev. A. T. Thompson, B.A., B.D., to Robina Isabella Cameron, of "Sherwood," Masterton. The newly married couple left on a honeymoon trip to England.

DEATH.—At Auckland, November, 1909, Alexander Craig, a pupil of the School in 1902, of appendicitis. The late Mr Craig was on the staff of the "Auckland Star."

Dux Medal Fund.—The Rector acknowledges gratefully the services of F. Simon and F. Miles in collecting subscriptions for this Fund. 'Further subscriptions are acknowledged from E. Cochrane, E. Stout, R. Traill, C. Webber, H. Fraser, W. Sampson, A. Dawson, F. Williams, E. Butt, R. Spencer, E. Cockroft, D. Cameron, H. Christophers, L. Macartney, P. Wild, C. Thornhill, C. Reid, S. Reid, F. Miles, F. Simon, H. Macalister.

N.Z. UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

ARTS AND SCIENCE.

J. H. Murdoch was awarded the Senior Scholarship in Mental Science, being also bracketed equal for the Scholarship in English

B.A. Degree-J. H. Murdoch, L. J. Wild.

B.A. (First Section) -M. Alexander, H. Clark, K. G. Fraser.

B.Sc. (First Section) -M. Alexander, K. G. Fraser.

B.Sc. Degree-W. Brownlie, M.A.

L.L.B. Degree-A. L. Dolamore.

Certificates of Proficiency (B.A. Standard) in Economics, Mental Science, and Education-J. A. Henry.

Education Department, Teachers' Examinations, Partial Pass for n Certificate—N. Gilchrist, F. Londell, L. A. McKenzie, J. Stobo.

Special Mention, D. Exam. in Arithmetic, Geography—E. Cockroft, D. -E. Cockroft, M. Leith. C.-M. Leith.

G. Macindoe has passed his Engineering Entrance Exam. and has won an Engineering Scholarship for five years.

Henry Clark, Knox College, has been awarded the No. 2 Innes Fueran Scholarship of £25 for three years.

SOUTH KENSINGTON EXAMINATIONS, 1909.

Claud Hamilton, first class in Freehand and Model Drawing.

A. Dawson, second class Freehand; first class Model.

G. T. Griffiths, second class Model.

N.Z. UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Medicine.—Intermediate Medical (all subjects)—F. Mulholland; in Biology and Inorganic Chemistry, F. O. MacGibbon; in Biology, F. Simon.

First Professional in Medicine—B. H. Gilmour.

Dentistry.—Intermediate Dental.—In Organic Chemistry and Dental Anatomy.-A. B. Spite.

Law.-LL.B Sections.-F. O. V. Acheson, passed in Contracts, Property I. Evidence, and Criminal Law.

R. Kennedy: Property I, Evidence, Criminal Law, Procedure. Property II.

H. Macalister: Evidence, Criminal Law, Torts.

N. Millard: Contracts, Criminal Law, Torts.

D. S. Smith: Evidence, Procedure.

E. Martin: Contracts.

F. J. Tipping: Property II, Evidence.

Senior Civil Service.—Full Pass: S. Millar, J. A. Salmond. Pass in Five Subjects: C. Salmon; in 4, N. Forsyth; in 3, F. Joyce; in

2. H. Adamson, O. Reynolds.

Watriculation: E. Cockroft.

Engineering Preliminary: G. Macindoe.

TEACHERS' MOVEMENTS.

K. G. Fraser was teaching at Allandale, near Fairlie, during the University recess.

G. Cody has been appointed pupil teacher in his third year at Winton; T. Baird, at Waihopai; while Alex. Milne starts probationer at Woodlands.

M. Leith has been relieving at Springhills, Invercargill Middle, and Rimu.

A. S. Reid on leaving the Waihopai School for the Training College was the recipient of a case of brushes, etc., from his pupils as an acknowledgment of his instruction in outdoor sports, more particularly in swimming.

D. Brown was appointed first teacher at the new school at Te wae Wae.

James A. Henry has been appointed first assistant at Winton, as Colin Lindsay has gone to the Training College.

Hugh McChesney takes A. Bain's place at the South School, while the latter attends Otago University.

Leon. Wild has resigned from the staff of the Middle School to study for honours at Otago University. While there he infused fresh life into Primary School cricket, making a model secretary.

G. T. Griffiths has removed from Flint's Bush to Wild Bush School.

EXAMINATIONS.

Passed C:-M. Leith.

Passed D:-G. Griffiths, H. D. Pritchard, E. Cockroft.

ATHLETICS.

Syd. Reid writes to correct the Sports Records, pointing out that he won the 100 yards under 15 in 1906, in 11 secs. Syd. Reid has gone in for shot putting. At Riverton last November he put the shot 33ft. 8in., winning the event. He was also placed first at Tapanui later in the year. At the March meeting this year of the Dunedin Amateurs' Club, his putt was 35ft. 5in., gaining him with a handicap, second place. He has not left the track, coming second in the 100 yards at Riverton and carrying off the 135 yards Youths' Race from scratch at Tapanui.

H. S. Strang has achieved fame early in life by annexing the great prize of the professionals' running track in Invercargill, the St Patrick's Sheffield Handicap for 1910 (135 yards). With a seven and a half yards start, he won easily in 13 1-5th secs. He came third in the 75 yards Flying Handicap; but won the 220 yards from the five yards mark in 23 secs. We understand that he is the youngest Sheffield winner, being just over eighteen years.

The N.Z. University Colleges Tournament was held at Christchurch at Easter. Norman Millard and Will. Alexander represented Otago in the Jumps. Millard won the Long Jump Championship with 20ft. 1in and came second in the High Jump with 5ft. 3in., being beaten by three-quarters of an inch.

Football: International Honours.—Bonar Lindsay, of the London Hospital First Fifteen, was chosen by Scotland as half-back in the recent match against Ireland. He also represented Scotland in February against England. A London critic, commenting on the personnel of the Scottish team, said on February 21st:-"Lindsay is a New Zealand Scot, who has made his mark in the London Hospital team, and who has been deservedly honoured. He is a quick, resourceful half, clever at the feint, a good passer-out, and keen in defence."

Christie is to be congratulated on his winning the 220 yards Amateur and running second in the 440 yards at the Irish Athletic Society's sports. In a youths' race, Catto also distinguished himself by securing a first. In this race Cody ran, but was unsuccessful. At the Otautau sports, Saunders secured a second in the 100 yards, and at Clifden, won the Sheffield. On St. Patrick's Day, Millard again made his appearance in town, but did not uphold his reputation in the 220 yards.



FORM NOTES.

V. & VI.

During this term, which has been one of strenuous toil, no one has had any time to establish himself as a Form wit. Occasionally, however, some one breaks the monotony of solid graft by making some ridiculous joke or some blunder, thus turning upon himself the laughter of the class.

Our "J.P." has been studying Zoology to some purpose, for the other day he informed the class that snakes have feet. In his version occurred the following:—"Serpens pedibus progressus."

We are at present studying one of Shakespeare's best dramas, 'Macbeth.' If the author could only hear some explanations of passages

of the play as given by members of our Form, he would rise and curse the whole school. For example:

"The queen that bore thee

"Oftener upon her knees than on her feet,

"Died every day she lived."

These are two paraphrases: "She lived in so close communion with God that she was practically dead."

"She wanted to die quick to get to Heaven quick."

Lady Macbeth bids Macbeth "Get on your nightgown." asked what would be said in modern speech Alec. promptly replied: "Put on your pyjamas."

Mixed metaphors are not uncommon in our Form. A rather good one occurred when someone, in trying to explain the pangs of conscience felt by Macbeth, said: - "My conscience doth so bump up against my ribs."

Rector: "What happened in B.C. 31?"

Big Jimmy: "Birth of Christ, sir."

In an essay on the camp at Forbury Park, A.P. wrote: "A photographer took moving pictures of the Cadets. He also took moving pictures of the stew."

"Panses Mandarinales"-Chinese pansies.

Jimmy has become a great punster. He gets a bad attack of punning on an average once a week, and lesser attacks twenty or thirty times a day. A bad attack is usually preceded by indigestion and nervous troubles, and followed by ---- (guess!).

IIIB.

Master: What is the meaning of anchovy? B.B.: Please sir, it's a kind of vegetable. Master: What do you mean by a "play?"

E.M.: A farce, sir.

(Overheard in the playground.)

R.S.: Did you see the comet last night?

H.M.: No. did you?

R.S.: Yes.

H.M.: Where about was it? R.S.: On the top of the theatre.

(Collapse of H.M.)

The 2 J.Ms. went to sleep in history.

"Porky" failed to catch the escaped prisoners.

Big Jim failed to do the hand spring. Were his feet tired, or were they too heavy?

Terry's winning smile failed for once.

The subject was literature, and it had just been explained that

to cremate meant "to burn a corpse." It was then said that the ashes were placed in vases and kept in the homes of the relations of the deceased. One genius stood up and anxiously inquired: "Wouldn't they stink after a while?"

The brain power of certain persons is simply amazing. Jimmy was asked at chemistry what would remain in a bucket of water if the Hydrogen were taken out. A deep silence followed the question, but was broken by the answer: "Water." The question was carefully repeated and this time a hope that "Jimmy" would think was expressed. But, alas! like a flash came the answer. "The bucket!"

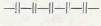
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SCHOOL HOWLERS.

(From I.) The Career of Marlborough—"Marlborough had a very good career. He was a man of wit with plenty of brains. He was also very good at commanding an army. He fought and defeated the French army at the battle of Waterloo. . . . For defeating the French at this battle, Marlborough was given the name of the Duke of Wellington. At the present day there are boots named after the Duke called Wellingtons."

(From IIIB.) Epigram—"There is a meaning of ignorance underneath it." Habeas Corpus Act—"The Habeas Corpus Act was an Act passed in Charles II.'s reign enabling, in short, people to have the right to bury their relatives in any public cemetery and not to be confined to any particular one."

French Translations.—L'eau frisonne encore du contact du fer: "The water still bristles." Et de vous convertir au vrai Dieu": And to convert you into a real God." Un tas enorme de cornes de boeufs (a) "An enormous amount of corned beef"; (b) "An enormous amount of corned beef steak." L'or de la sagesse: "The gold of the wise lady.' Vous ne prendrez point racine en ce pays: "You will not take even a twig in this country."





SENIORS:

Captain: J. P. Hewat; Deputy-Captain: J. Collins; Hon. Secretary: E. Ryburn.

We hesitate to place the season just concluded in the category of successful seasons. This season's matches have been for the most part a series of defeats. The school eleven seems to have been

pursued by an unkind fate which continually turned the luck against it. We cannot say that the standard of cricket in the school has deteriorated, but in consequence of the abolition of the third grade we have been compelled to play against men of much greater experience than ourselves, and often against men who should be playing senior grade. Against such players we could not hope to make a very stubborn resistance; it is not exactly encouraging to go on to the field with the knowledge that your opponents are superior, and that you must perforce accept the inevitable.

However, we have spent an enjoyable season, even if we have not been too successful. Mr McGrath and Mr Galloway have once more sacrificed a great deal of time for our benefit, and for that we desire to heartly thank them. Two or three evenings a week they have been with us on the field controlling and improving our practices.

When we returned to school this year it seemed that almost all the first eleven had left us. D. Anderson was no longer to be found in our ranks. He was undoubtedly our most reliable bat. A pretty bat on the off, and the possessor of a profitable leg glance, he was a player who could invariably be relied on to credit his side with a goodly number of runs. As a wicketkeeper he was exceedingly good, and often fitted the position with great credit to himself and his side. As a bowler, too, he was not to be despised, since he could send down a very nasty ball.

Crozier, too, left us at the end of the year. He was our fast bowler—a much-needed quantity at present. In addition he was a splendid bat, forcing and aggressive, always eager to go for the bowler, and sometimes inclined to be a little rash.

Another of our old players was Mackie, a very useful bowler in times of stress. Unfortunately, he had "off days," but when he found his length he had the batsmen at his mercy. As a batsman, Mackie represented the good old type of hitter, whose main object was to place the ball in the garden across the road.

So much for last year's players. But we still had a few of the old team to do battle for us again.

Collins, who in his position of Deputy-Captain has shown a commendable interest and proved himself in every way worthy of the position, was again in his place. Collins was the stonewaller of the team, and invariably kept up his wicket and in addition broke up the enemy's bowling. He is one of our very few left-hand bowlers, and with his slow breaks often had the batsmen in his toils. Besides, Collins is an excellent field; along with Stead he can be counted

our best field. His fielding, both catching and ground fielding, as well as his throwing, was always a treat to watch. He never m_{ade} a mistake, and covered an immense amount of ground.

McKenzie, last year's captain, again proved his worth as an all-round player. He is a slow bowler with a puzzling delivery and occasionally a swerve. He is a very steady, reliable bat, always in the mood to score.

In bowling the school is fairly strong. McKenzie, Colling, Crozier, Mackie, Baird, and Hewat were always on the spot, and could invariably keep down the score of the other side. Last year we had Crozier as fast bowler; this year we have none, and time and again this need has been exemplified. In the younger players, too, we have several bowlers of promise. A. Hewat, a left-hander, player once for the first eleven, and bowled well, and with practice and experience should prove an acquisition to the team. Houston, too, is a really good bowler, and uses his pace to advantage. He has already gained some honours in the bowling line, obtaining a splendid average in junior cricket. With all this talent, the school should never experience great difficulty in getting rid of the opposing side.

Below are appended the averages.

BATTING.

	No. of	N-t O-t	Highest	No. of	
	Innings.	Not Out.	Score.	Runs.	Average.
L. Smith	. 5	1	31	61	15.25
G. McKenzie	10	3	27*	71	10.1
C. Hamilton	5	1	30*	40	10.0

BOWLING.

			Ma	itches.	No. of Wickets.	No. of Runs.	Average.
Crozier	24.14		4.50	4	6	37	6.1
G. McKenzie				12	36	324	9.0
J. Hewat			***	3	5	54	10.8
T. Baird				4	4	45	11.25
J. Collins	200	**		10	16	186	11.6

1st XI v. I.C.C.—Lost by 21 runs.

This was really only a practice match for the beginning of the season, consequently the form shown was not of a very high order. The I.C.C. batted first, making 94. Collins took 3 wickets for 7; McKenzie 2 for 19. The school on going to the wickets totalled only 73, of which Ryburn made 16. I.C.C. therefore won by 21 runs.

1st XI v. Y.M.C.A.-Lost by 30 runs.

This was another practice match and did not show much improvement in the School's cricket. Still we were glad of the opportunity which the Y.M.C.A. were kind enough to give us, in participating in a friendly game. Y.M.C.A. batting first made 105. Collins bowled well. taking 4 wickets for 31. In the School's first venture they secured but 75 runs. Hamilton gave a delightful exhibition for 30 not out. The Y.M.C.A. thus won by 30 runs.

1st XI v. APPLEBY.-Lost by 38 runs.

This match was played on the Appleby ground, and one thing noticeable about the match was that Appleby played, as a junior, one who was admitted to be "a valuable addition to Southland first grade cricket." This, too, was the first match of the competition. Its result made the outlook for the School's chance in the competition anything but bright. Appleby went to the wickets first, making 106. of which three of them (two recognised seniors) made 92. McKenzie was the only School bowler to trouble the batsmen. He took 3 wickets for 20. The school's exhibition was miserable, the only bright spot—and it was good—being D. Anderson's 25. The total was 68. Again we lost, this time by 38 runs.

1st XI v. I.C.C.-Unfinished.

Once more we met the I.C.C., this time in the competition matches. When the game stopped things were in a favourable position for the school. School was sent into bat. A vast improvement was noticeable in the batting on the previous matches. Most of the players batted confidently and the score of 132 was reached. Of this Crozier made 12 not out. His was a very forceful display. Other batsmen to reach double figures were Hewat (10) and Collins (10). When stumps were drawn I.C.C. had lost 3 good wickets for 53 runs.

1st XI v. WAIKIWI.—Unfinished.

This match was played while the University Scholarship and Matriculation examinations were in progress, consequently about half of the team were absent; yet those who represented the school did exceedingly well, for they despatched Waikiwi for 51 runs. Mc-Kenzie's bowling was considered admirable. He took 7 wickets for 20. Mackie, too, bowled well, having 3 wickets for 28 to his credit. Dykes's fielding was excellent. He had the hardest place in the field for a match in which the ball is wet, namely, the slips. School as was naturally expected, did not make a very good stand, and when stumps were drawn 7 wickets had fallen for 21.

1st XI v. Y.M.C.A.—Lost by 12 runs.

This match was played just after the examinations were over. Hardly one of the eleven had had a practice for a fortnight, because

of the exams, so the result was what we expected. School batted first, making 62; Baird 20 and Ryburn 17. Y.M.C.A. replied with 74. Crozier ended with the excellent average of .3, taking 3 wickets for the run. So Y.M.C.A. won by 12 runs.

1st XI v. APPLEBY A.

This was our first match after the holidays. Appleby batted first and made 134, McKenzie taking 2 for 31. School could Only reach 50, McKenzie's score being 12. Appleby won easily by 84 runs

1st XI v. WAIKIWI.

In contrast to our last match with Waikiwi, our opponents this time had the upper hand, beating us by 56 runs. Before the last Waikiwi wicket went, they had reached the total of 125. Collins took 4 for 35, and McKenzie 5 for 45. Sixty-nine was the score attained by the school. McKenzie was top scorer with 27 not out Smith batted vigorously, making 15.

1st XI v. APPLEBY B .- Unfinished.'

A great improvement was here noticeable in the play of the school, who finished the day's play in an extremely favourable position. Appleby compiled 134 runs, McKenzie taking 5 for 46. School had only 6 wickets down for 112, with at least two reliable bats yet to be put out. Smith contributed 31 by hard hitting. Stead, who was not out, had made 18 in good style. Baird made 11 and McKenzie 10. It may be seen that the school had the match well in hand.

1st XI v. I.C.C.—Unfinished.

This was our last of the club matches for the season. I.C.C. made 99 runs. Miles batted patiently for 31 runs, before McGibbon dismissed him by a magnificent catch at square leg. Collins took 2 wickets for 5; A. Hewat 3 for 23. McGibbon set an example in fielding by bringing off 3 wonderful catches. The remainder of the team could not be, by any means, proud of their display of fielding. School batted and had made 72 for 9 wickets when time was called.

THE OTAGO MATCH.

All this year we had been thinking of a match with the Otago Boys' High School. So when arrangements were completed all were jubilant. Every day after we knew that the match would eventuate full musters at practice were the order of events. The I.C.C. had been kind enough to give us the use of their wickets, so that we could become accustomed to the turf.

We left Invercargill on the Friday afternoon in charge of Mr McGrath, and commenced the match at an early hour on Saturday on O.B.H.S. ground.

The Southland team was as follows:—J. Anderson, T. Baird, J. Collins (Deputy-Captain), C. Hamilton, J. Hewat (Captain), J. Houston, D. McGibbon, G. McKenzie, E. Ryburn, L. Smith, W. Stead.

Southland won the toss and put Otago in to bat, McGibbon opening to Baxter. Two runs were scored from the first over. McKenzie powled at the other end. Runs came slowly at first, but neither bowler being able to keep a good length, the batsmen soon scored quickly off them. When Alloo was 4, and the total 16, he gave a chance to Ryburn in the long field, which was not accepted. He showed his appreciation of the let-off by quickly running up a score of 50. Hewat took the ball from McGibbon, and got Baxter caught by McKenzie at leg. He had given a good exhibition for his 27. Young came, only to be clean bowled, Lomas filled the vacancy, but soon lost Alloo who was caught at long-off by McKenzie off Baird, who had a little previously gone on instead of McKenzie. Black was the next patsmen, and he and Lomas batted freely till McGibbon with a splendid catch dismissed Lomas. McKenzie replaced Hewat, and, after a few overs of slow scoring, Stead caught Gilbert off McKenzie, Nicholson came next, but when his score was 10 was cleaned bowled by Baird. Remnity and Le Cren then set up a profitable partnership. Collins and then Houston had a turn with the ball, but still runs came, till Remnity was bowled by McKenzie. Reid came and went, caught at the wickets by Smith. McCallum, last man, swiped wildly at a straight ball and was bowled. The innings realised 155 runs.

Southland then went to the wickets, Hamilton facing the bowling of Baxter. With the score at 5, Hamilton was bowled by a shooter. Baird followed to be almost immediately bowled by Young. Hewat filled the vacancy, but did not last long, being caught and bowled by Baxter. McKenzie came next, but lost Collins, who had been batting very patiently. Stead followed only to see McKenzie foolishly run out. Smith took his place, and after hitting two boundaries and a single succumbed to a straight ball from Baxter. Houston and Anderson lasted but a short time; Ryburn made a short stand, but could get nobody to remain with him, the innings closing for 42 runs.

We then adjourned for lunch, and were the guests of the Otago team at the Leviathan.

Southland commenced their second innings at two o'clock, Ryburn and Collins being the pioneer batsmen. This time Ryburn did not last long, getting his leg in front to Young. Hamilton followed and played freely till he lifted one into the long field and retired. McKenzie followed, and he and Collins batted carefully till the latter was caught at leg.—Smith filled the vacancy, but once more McKenzie was run out. Hewat came only to lose Smith, whose place was filled by Baird. These two kept up their wickets till Baird was caught at point. Stead

followed and commenced a free innings. Boundaries were frequent, and his defence sure. He soon lost Hewat, who was given out 1.b.w. to Young. Houston followed, and he and Stead gave a good exhibition, Houston's cutting and Stead's pulling being delightful. When Stead's score was 17, he hit one up to Lomas. He was warmly applauded on his return for his excellent display. Anderson followed, and kept up his wicket while Houston did the scoring. The latter, however, was caught by Reid. He too had played very well, and received an ovation. McGibbon followed, but, after making 2, was cleaned bowled. The innings closed for 56.

O.B.H.S.—1st Innings.	
Baxter, caught McKenzie, bowled Hewat	27
Alloo, caught McKenzie, bowled Baird	50
Lomas, caught McGibbon, bowled Hewat	14
Young, bowled Hewat	0
Black, caught Ryburn, bowled Baird	6
Gilbert, caught Stead, bowled McKenzie	8
Nicholson, bowled Baird	10
Remnity, bowled McKenzie	3
Le Cren (not out)	25
Reid, caught Smith, bowled McKenzie	0
McCallum, bowled Hewat	6
Byes	1
Total	155

Bowling Analysis:—McGibbon, 0 for 25; McKenzie, 3 for 47; Baird, 3 for 41; Hewat, 4 for 23; Collins, 0 for 10; Houston, 0 for 10.

S.H.B.S.—1st Innings.

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Hamilton, bowled Baxter	2
Collins, l.b.w., bowled Young	7
Baird, bowled Young	
Hewat, caught and bowled Baxter	5
McKenzie, run out	0
Stead, bowled Baxter	0
	6
Houston, bowled Baxter	2
Anderson, caught Nicholson, bowled Baxter	0
Ryburn (not out)	8
McGibbon, caught McCallum, bowled Baxter	3
Byes	4
Wides	4
Total	42
Bowling Analysis:—Young, 2 for 11; Baxter, 7 for 21.	6

S.B.H.S .- 2nd Innings.

Ryburn, l.b.w., bowled Young	 0
Collins, caught Black, bowled Baxter	 2
Hamilton, caught Gilbert, bowled Baxter .	 2
McKenzie, run out	 0
Baird, caught Gilbert, bowled Baxter	 4
Smith, bowled Young	 5
Hewat, l.b.w., bowled Young	5
Stead, caught Lomas, bowled Alloo	17
Houston, caught Reid, bowled Young	10
Anderson (not out)	4
McGibbon, bowled Alloo	5
Byes	 4
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Total	 56

Bowling Analysis:—Baxter, 3 for 19; Young, 4 for 12; Alloo, 2 for 17.

We were fairly outclassed. Our batting was very weak. Our bowling and fielding, however, was on the whole good. Still the experience has been a great benefit to us.

We returned by the second express on Saturday, and beguiled part of the time by reducing the stock of provisions purchased with the Rector's donation to the funds. All were in good spirits, quite pleased with their short stay in Dunedin, only wishing that the result had been somewhat different.

We must tender our most hearty thanks to Mr Smith of the Bluff and Mr C. Kane of the Appleby Club, also to the I.C.C.

Mr Smith was so good as to bind our bats, in a perfect manner, and so made them last longer than they would otherwise have done.

The Invercargill Cricket Club deserve our sincerest gratitude for allowing us free use of their turf wickets for practice prior to the Otago match. Some members of the Club were so self-sacrificing as to tender their valuable services for our benefit.

Finally we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr C. Kane, who has devoted much of his spare time to coaching us in an energetic and untiring manner. Every senior has undoubtedly profited by Mr Kane's teaching—a teaching which displayed an excellent store of knowledge. In addition we must thank him for the use of his material. Indeed, much of the enjoyment we have experienced during this season, has been due to Mr Kane's praiseworthy efforts among us.

- J. HEWAT (Captain)—Energetic in practice; forceful bat; good change bowler.
- J. COLLINS (Deputy Captain)—Keen in field; bats carefully; bowls left hand.

G. McKENZIE—Best bowler throughout Grade matches; also did $well\$ with the bat.

CROZIER—Only bowler with a fast one; free bat when going.

- T. BAIRD—Slow lob bowler; very keen between wickets; promising bat.
- C. HAMILTON-Good bat, when in form; fair round-arm bowler.
- L. SMITH—Keeps wickets steadily; the "Bonnor" of the team.
- D. ANDERSON—Good length bowler; fair bat; was missed in second round.
- N. STEAD—Always bats freely; excellent field and sure catch.
- S. MACKIE—A smiter; when scoring soon makes the total large.
- E. RYBURN—Has more strokes than any of the rest of the team; asphalt does not suit him.
- J. HOUSTON—A coming batsman and bowler; earned his promotion.
- D. McGIBBON—The surest and most heady field in the team; always to be relied on for bringing off a difficult catch.
- J. ANDERSON—Has improved very much both in batting and in fielding.
- A. HEWAT—A left -hand bowler with a natural break-back.
- F. WILSON-Hard-hitter; is keen and should make a cricketer.
- H. GRAY—Another hitter; made a good catch or two in Grade matches.

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

Congratulations to the "B" team on winning the Schools' Championship of 1909-10, also to Sawers, the skipper of the victorious eleven, which by the way is:—Sawers (Capt.), Barlow, Carter, Lamont, Rigg, Christophers, Wesney, Wild, Millar, McCaw L., and Cameron.

The "A" team was a close second and in most of its matches played better cricket than the winners, who had a stroke of luck in defeating the "A" team in their first match.

After seeing most of the matches we have no hesitation in stating that our bowling and batting were decidedly superior to those of any other team in the competition; our fielding on the other hand was not so good—many were the easy catches missed. The "B" team were the culprits in this respect. The best fielding team was the South School.

Owing to our shooting practices taking place on Saturdays all matches were played on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This allowed of one innings being played on each side, and in our opinion the innovation suits us since some of best country boys can get a game.

Houston, the captain and mainstay of the alert "A's," headed the bowling average in the Competition, and was second in the batting; but as he was over age (14½ years), the bat presented to the bowler

with the best average, passed to Sawers. Houston's averages were 28 wickets at a cost of 3 runs each, and a batting average of 41.3. Sawers' bowling average was 22 wickets at a cost of 3.5 runs. Houston was presented with a small trophy in commemoration of his prowess on the field.

The batting average (and a bat also) was won by Grant of the Middle School with the truly magnificent average of 104! Southland reps take note. Grant, by the way is a brother of Brodie Grant, who was a good all-round player in our Junior team of last year.

A noteworthy match (to unearth embryo Spofforths and Bonnors) was played at the beginning of the year between the I and II Forms. Form I made 46 (Wesney 18), whilst Form II could only get 3 on their score books. Wesney and Compton were the 'destroying angels.'

Most of the matches were played on our two pitches; consequently we had to find the material for both matches on two or three occasions. We hope that a larger supply of material will be allotted to the Junior cricketers next season, or failingthis, that the Seniors will lend us some of theirs ungrudgingly.

SCHOOLS' CRICKET COMPETITION.

It was with the utmost satisfaction that we learned that the Schools' Cricket Association had wakened up from its sleep and that a programme of matches had been drawn up. Six teams entered, viz., Middle, South, Marist, Boy Scouts, and two teams from our School. To encourage the game, Mr Martin, of the Southland Cricket Association, kindly donated two bats, one for the best bowling average and the other for the best batting average, for boys 14½ years and under. We thoroughly enjoyed our games, and we believe our "A" team made a School record when it compiled 234 for 5 wickets against the Middle School. The winners of the Competition was our "B" team, which won all its matches; our "A" team was a good second, with one loss. The following is a list of our matches:—

FEB. 21st.—High A v. High B.

High B won by 6 runs.

High A—1st Innings, 52. Houston, 13 (not out).

High B-1st Innings, 58. Carter 20.

Houston, 5 wickets for 24; MacGregor, 4 for 20.

FEB. 24th-High A v. Scouts.

High A won by 36 runs.

High A-1st Innings, 80. Ferguson 23, Macgregor 18.

Scouts—1st Innings, 44. Houston, 7 wickets for 11.

FEB. 24th-High B v. Middle.

High B. won by 6 runs.

High B-1st Innings, 74. Barlow 32.

Middle-1st Innings, 68. Sawers, 5 wickets for 12.

MARCH 3rd-High A v. South.

High A. won by 3 runs.

High A.—1st Innings, 47. Compton 9.

South—1st Innings, 44. Houston, 7 wickets for 11.

MARCH 3rd-High B. v. Scouts.

High B. won by 73 runs.

High B-1st Innings, 91. Carter 18, Lamont 26 (not out).

Scouts-1st Innings, 18. Sawers, 7 wickets for 7 runs.

MARCH 10th-High A. v. Middle.

High A. won by 5 wickets and 158 runs.

High A—1st Innings, 234 for 5 wickets. Houston 62 (not out), Macgregor 56, Davies 26.

Middle-1st Innings, 76. Houston, 8 wickets for 24.

MARCH 10th-High B. v. Marist.

High B. won by 7 wickets and 2 runs.

High B—1st Innings, 55 for 3 wickets. Barlow 27, Sawers 16 (not out).

Marist-1st Innings, 53. Sawers, 5 wickets; Carter 4.

MARCH 14th—High A. v. Marist (unfinished.)

High A—1st Innings, 5 wickets for 123. Houston, 39 (not out), Findlay 55.

Marist-1st Innings, 15 for 4 wickets. Ferguson, 3 wickets for 0.

MARCH 14th-High B. v. South.

High B. won by 8 runs.

High B-1st Innings, 55. Lamont 13.

South-1st Innings, 47. Sawers, 4 wickets for 18.

To show how the members of our two teams performed we append the following tables:—

BOWLING AVERAGES.

No.	Name.	Team.	Runs.		Wickets.		Average.
1	Houston	High A	86	132	28		3.
2	Sawers	High B	77		22	***	3.5
3	Wesney	High B	28		8	*3*3	3.5
4	Battin	South	85		24	10.50	3.54
5	Raines	Scouts	60		15	214	4.
6	Carter	High B	72	14040	13	*341	5.5

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Name.	Team.	Runs.		Innings.		Average.
No.	Grant	Middle	104		1	14	104
1 2	Houston	High A	124	000	3		41.3
3	McGregor	High A	94		5	55	18.8
4	Lamont	High B	45	100	3		15
5	Barlow	High B	73	5/6//55	5	104	14.6
6	McCash	South	42	13.57	3	55	14

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FOOTBALL.

Much interest has already been displayed with regard to the coming football season. Enthusiasm is everywhere evident. Surely our respected Rector's enthusiastic spirit has had a good influence on the school in general! Already the club-room is in the intervals a scene of uproarious turmoil. Every interval the seniors are engrossed in scrum practice or in passing practice. But very few real practices have yet been held in consequence of the adverse weather. However, as the club matches commence in a fortnight it behoves all seniors to get all possible practice.

The school has this year been divided into four groups. About a fortnight ago, these groups elected their practice captains and committees. These elections caused much excitement and no little amusement. The results are as follows:—

A GROUP-Captain: D. MacGibbon.

Committee: D. MacGibbon, J. Hewat, E. Dobbie.

B GROUP-Captain: J. Ferguson.

Committee: J. Ferguson, C. Carter, J. McDonough.

C GROUP-Captain: A. Reid.

Committee: A. Reid, Davies, Huffadine.

D GROUP-Captain: Wesney.

Committee: Wesney, Millar, Lamont.

For some years past the school has been at the disadvantage of being able to play only one team in the club matches. This state of affairs has deprived all except the first fifteen of weekly matches. So, this year the Rector made representations to the Rugby Union to try and inaugurate a fourth grade to allow the school to place two more fifteens in the field. This project does not seem to be viewed favourably by the other clubs, who aver that they would experience difficulty in getting a fourth grade team. But if this proposal should fail, the Union has consented that the school itself should run a fourth

grade competition, that it would be officially recognised by them, and the winning team receive some reward.

There are now at school a number of boys much too small to participate in this competition. So the Rector suggested to the Union that the school be allowed to play one or two teams of small boys in the public school competition. After much discussion, the decision was that the school teams be not admitted to the competition. football is well catered for; it now rests with the boys themselves to put forth all their energies to make the season as successful as possible.

The first fifteen will this year be very light. Our losses have been severe. Brown, last year's captain, and Baird, one of our best backs, have both departed, while the absence of Carmichael and Smith will be especially noticeable in the forwards. Still the forwards are a willing lot, and by paying attention to Mr McGrath's advice, should acquit themselves creditably. The backs will be weak in picking, and only continual practice can remedy that.

For the senior footballers, extra practice at gymnastics has commenced on Thursdays under Mr Galloway's able tuition. We hope that the team will show their appreciation of Mr Galloway's praiseworthy efforts in a loyal attendance at these practices.

Without systematic practice the team can do nohing; with it we hope they will have a successful season.

TENNIS.

COMMITTEE: E. Ryburn, Dobbie, Angus, Seddon (sec).

We can safely say that the tennis of this term has shown a marked improvement on that of the preceding term. An increased number of boys have taken up the game, and all last term's players have shown a decided improvement. Several Old Boys have joined the club, thus bringing the membership up to twenty-six. The courts are always crowded, but we hope to have that remedied shortly, when the new court is made. We were very sorry to lose Mr Munro, who was a very enthusiastic and able player. Three matches with outsiders were played during the term. In the first match against a team of Old Boys our local cracks—Seddon, Stead, Macdonald, Ryburn, Dobbie, Ferguson—did not play up to form; Stead and Ryburn were the only ones to win their games. The Old Boys were represented by Miles, Bannerman, Simon, H. Christophers, C. Macan and C. Reid. In our next match against S.G.H.S., owing perhaps to the afternoon tea, we did not lose a single set. A combined tournament was then played, of which Seddon and Miss Lovett were the winners. A few days later the return

match was played. In the tournament this time Stead and Miss Bain came off victorious. The team enjoyed these games very much. Next time, however, our place will be taken by the B team.



FIVES.

Secretary: N. Stead. Committee: J. Hewat, A. Chrystal.

In the annual championships at the close of last year, the following were the results:-

Junior Singles-E. Cameron.

Senior Singles-D. Anderson.

Junior Doubles-C. Dykes, A. Reid.

Senior Doubles-T. Baird, J. Hewat.

1910.—Fives has again been very popular this term. As usual, a handicap tournament has been held. The results to hand are as follows:-

WINNERS, SECOND ROUND.

Junior Singles: A. Reid (scr.), Q. Christophers (2), J. Wesney (7), Wild (8), F. Mitchell (7).

Junior Doubles: Reid and Christophers (scr.); Wesney and O. Smith (7): Mabson and Lindsay (12).

Senior Singles: McGibbon, D. (8), N. Stead (scr.), Seddon (4), J. Hewat (scr.), H. Gray (2), Collins (2).

Senior Doubles: Stead and McGibbon, D. (2); Collins and J. Hewat (scr.).

WINNERS, THIRD ROUND.

Junior Singles: Q. Christophers, A. Reid.

Junior Doubles: Reid and Christophers, Wesney and O. Smith.

Senior Singles: D. MacGibbon, Seddon, N. Stead.

Senior Doubles: Stead and D. MacGibbon.

WINNERS, FINAL ROUND.

Junior Singles: A. Reid (scr.).

Senior Doubles: Stead and D. MacGibbon.

Junior Doubles: A. Reid and Christophers.

Senior Singles: G. H. Seddon.



GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual gymnastic championships were held as usual in the last week of November. Mr Galloway had introduced some new movements, making the competition still keener. Mr F. Liggins again kindly acted as judge, his final decisions coinciding with the popular anticipation. In both competitions there was keen rivalry, making it difficult to be certain what the final result would be. In the Seniors the order of the highest four was: 1, Carmichael; 2, Boyne; 3, Christie; 4, L. Smith. In the Juniors, Catto was placed first; 2, Sutton and Oughton; 3, Barlow; 4, L. Ballantine.





The officering of our Battalion from the opening of School till the beginning of April was:—Major Pearce, O.C.

Captain Pow, Adjutant.

Captain McGrath, Lieuts. Boyne and McKenzie in charge of A Coy.

Captain McCarthy, Lieuts. Dobbie and Collins in charge of C Coy.

Consequent upon the change of drill, our three Companies have been formed into two under the following officers:—

Major Pearce, O.C. Battalion.

Adjutant-Captain Pow.

A Coy-Capt. McGrath, Lieuts. J. Boyne, G. McKenzie.

B Cov-Capt. McCarthy, Lieuts, J. Hewat, E. Dobbie,

We welcome Capt. McCarthy to our midst as he is an enthusiast in Cadet matters. He has had considerable experience among Cadets in Christchurch, and already he has knocked the rough edges off No. 3 Company, which is composed of recruits.

We are also sorry to part with Captain Munro. He did very well with No. 3 Coy. last year, and was doing good work with No. 2 Coy. up to the time of his departure. Captain Munro was always keen on gaining information about Cadet work, and we hope that his stay with us will help him to make his Company in Timaru a complete success.

We have also lost one of our Buglers (Macalister), but the others under Sergt.-Bugler Ferguson are doing tip top work just now. They were our admiration (and of some other Companies too) at the Kitchener camp for their splendid bugling. Without a doubt they (Ferguson, Findlay and Barlow) are the best buglers that have ever been attached to our School Companies. This is the result of last winter's regular practices.

We are glad to see that Ptes. Chrystal, Gray, Baxter and McCaw have been appointed Non-Coms.—they are the veterans of the Battalion.

A Coy's Non-Coms. are Col.-Sergt. McQueen, Sergts. McGibbon, Christie, Stead, Wilson, Corpls. McCaw, Baxter, Ryburn, Anderson, L-Corpls. Hinton, Chrystal, McGregor, T. Wilson.

B Coy's Non-Coms. are Col.-Sergt. Collins, Sergts. Adamson, Carter, Catto, McKenzie, Corpls. Houston, Brodie, Imlay, G. Reed, Lance-Corpl. Cavell, A. Reid, Miske, Lamont.

At the Kitchener camp our Adjutant-Captain Pow was appointed Brigade Major or Staff Officer to Major McDonald, the officer in charge of the Brigade.

At the Kitchener Review the following represented No. 2 Battalion Otago Defence Cadets:—

Major Pearce in charge, and Captain-adjutant Pow and Captain McCarthy, Quarter-master.

A Company Southland High School—Captain McGrath, Lieutenants Boyne and McKenzie, and 48 cadets.

B Company Southland High School—Captain Munro, Lieutenants Hewat and Dobbie, and 38 cadets.

Mataura Boys' Brigade-Lieutenant Anderson and 25 cadets.

Gore Defence Cadets—Captain McClymon, 2 lieutenants, and 30 cadets.

Gore High School Cadets—Captain Hunter and about 20 cadets. And about 30 cadets from the Port Chalmers High School.

THE CAMP AT HAZLETT'S.

The railway journey and trek to the local Railway Station presented an animated scene one morning early last December. Our Battalion was then entraining—not for the front—but for Hazlett's away out in the Western District about 23 miles from the School. The baggage had been sent down early in the morning and when we got down to the station, we found everything on board—we said everything, we must correct ourselves, because on the march to the station, a large number of No. 3 Coy. was noticed to have a bit of a lean in the right direction—their haversacks, worn on this side, were heavy, but their hearts were light as they mused on what was going to happen that night in camp.

The entraining of the Battalion (125 all told) was carried out quickly and quietly, and soon after we left for our long-talked-about camp. We resolved to enjoy this camp because all our grind and exams were over, and enjoy it we did thoroughly. We arrived at Hazlett's Station about 10.30 a.m., and immediately we moved off to the site of the camp about a mile away, leaving the baggage guard to load up the waggons.

By 3 o'clock all the tents and marquees were pitched, and as a plentiful supply of straw arrived shortly after we soon had everything snug for the week under canvas.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CAMP SITE.

The site was an ideal one. Behind us and on our flanks were low undulating hills, which served as splendid country for manoeuvring. At the base of the said hills were a nice piece of level ground and the famed Jacob's or Aparima river. It was on this piece of level sward that our tents were pitched, and the gravel area between our tents and the river (it was very low at the time of the camp) formed our handy but rough assembly ground. Our Major had evidently noted this as a suitable camping site when on one of his fishing expeditions in this district.

A DAY IN CAMP.

Reveille was sounded every morning at 6 a.m. From 6.30 till 7.15 we had Semaphore Signalling under Sergt-Major Bishop.

8 a.m.—Breakfast.

9.30 a.m.—Tent Inspection.

10 a.m.—Battalion Parade.

12 a.m.—Dinner.

2.30 p.m.—Battalion Parade.

5 p.m.—Tea.

6.30 p.m.—Parade.

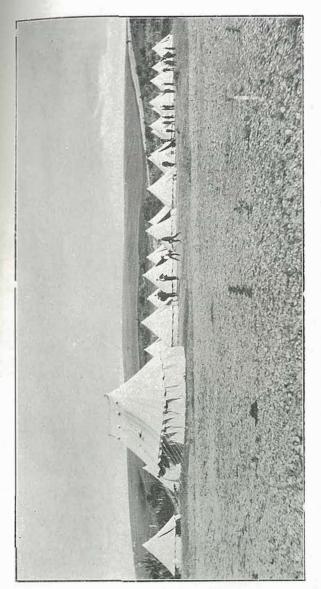
10 p.m.—Lights Out.

The above routine was strictly carried out. Orders (for the following day) were issued by the Major and promulgated by the Orderlies of the Day.

Mess Orderlies were also appointed each day to look after the wants of their comrades-in-arms—hard work it was found to be, especially when dainties such as jellies and plum-qudding were on the bill of fare.

A main guard was also mounted every night at 6; it remained on duty for about two hours.

Two of the most interesting pieces of work in our estimation were advance guard work on the Monday afternoon, and an attack on a ring of outposts on Tuesday morning. The latter was a most instructive and most interesting piece of work. Captain Pow with No. 3 Coy. acted as the enemy, and he moved off towards Flint's Bush. The rest of the Battalion after sending out its outposts and patrols, took up a strong position on some hills about three miles out of camp. The reconnoitring patrols never came into contact with the enemy, who soon drove in our outposts. The enemy advanced splendidly across country and came into contact with the left flank of the rest of the Battalion and a



ding-dong battle took place. The main body was in too strong a position to be beaten; so for practice in defence, they commenced a retreat of about a mile, fighting all the time. It was really a fine sight. All hands had an 'extra-special' dinner that day and right well did they deserve it.

THE INSPECTION BY CAPTAIN HICKEY, D.S.O.

The camp was early astir on the Thursday morning as we were informed in the orders of the evening before that Captain Hickey was to inspect the Battalion at 6 a.m. Punctually to the minute he arrived on our parade ground, after having tramped up the railway line from Thornbury where he had stopped over-night. The Captains of the three Companies were tested first, then the Subalterns, and then the Non.-Coms. Owing to the early hour we didn't do ourselves justice, nevertheless we came out of the ordeal creditably—the extended work being very good. After the drill was over Captain Hickey examined the camp very carefully, especially the sanitary arrangements. After partaking of breakfast he cycled to Thornbury en route to Invercargill by the 9 a.m. train—a good morning's work for the genial Captain.

The following extracts are taken from his official report sent to our Major:—

DRILL—Close Order Movements: Fairly good. Rifle Exercises: Good. Good positions with precise movements. Firing Exercises: Very good.

MANOEUVRE—Extensions and passing of orders: Very good. Mutual support: Fairly good.

DISCIPLINE-Fair.

PHYSIQUE & APPEARANCE-Fair.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The Corps has been much improved by the exercises in camp, tents were clean and tidy, as was also the camp ground. Destructors were erected; the cooking places and latrines were exceptionally clean. The knowledge of camp routine of Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers was very good.

OUR LAST DAY IN CAMP.

We were up early again on the Friday morning (4.30 a.m. Reveille) as we had to strike camp and march down to the Railway Station in time to catch the morning train to Invercargill. After striking camp we had breakfast 'al fresco,' and we thoroughly enjoyed it. As our waggon driver was late in appearing we shouldered our swags and marched off, sorry at leaving the pleasant little spot which had been our home for a week. We quickly entrained and arrived safely in town about 9.45. On the journey most of us were talking of a good sleep and a good bath when we got home, the rest were indulging in the former on the train.

This outing which was pleasant and instructive will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to participate in it.

CAMP COMPETITIONS.

Prizes of £1 for each Company were offered by Major Pearce for the best kept tents during camp week. There was exceedingly keen competition in the three Companies, and the Inspection Officers (Major Pearce and Sergt.-Major Bishop) had a stiff job before them. When the allotted marks were added up at the end of the week it was found that Col.-Sergt. McKenzie's tent, Sergt. Hamilton's and Sergt. Mackie's had tied for 1st place in A Coy., with 58 points each out of 60. In B Company, Col.-Sergt. Carmichael was 1st, with 54 points, while in C Company, Col.-Sergt. Stead was 1st, with 55 points.

During camp week our Major was handed a silver watch by an enthusiastic Volunteer Officer for competition among the Non-Coms. of the Battalion. Thursday morning was the time chosen for the test. Every Non-Com. in the Battalion entered, and after a series of tests, the winner proved to be Col.-Sergt. McKenzie of A Coy., with Sergt. Oughton of C Coy. second. The tests were:—

- 1-Squad Drill.
- 2-Explanation to Squad of Firing Exercise.
- 3-Extended Work.
- 4-Moving men to a certain place in a certain formation.
- 5—To bring them back in a different formation.
- 6-Explanation to Squad of how to arm.
- 7—Tactical Scheme—how to cross under fire an unfordable river over a small bridge and to open fire on the enemy.
 - 8—Duties in Camp.

Although this examination took three hours, it was enjoyed by the officers-in-charge (Major Pearce, Captain Pow and Sergt.-Major Bishop), as the Non-Coms. as a whole did very well. The examining officers were not a little surprised at the amount of commonsense displayed by the lads whose ages ran from 14 to 17. The same problem was afterwards given to some of the Volunteer Non-Coms. and they confessed their ignorance.

CAMP NOTES.

We were extremely fortunate in having Mr Brookes as caterer, as he is a first-class cook, and he gave us plenty. Our Major gave him a good recommendation, and since then he has been cooking at two other camps. In our opinion, the food for both officers and men could not be surpassed and could hardly be equalled when the numerous little drawbacks in camp cooking are taken into consideration.

The three Col.-Sergts. (McKenzie, Carmichael and Stead) took turn about as Battalion Orderly-Sergt., and they did their work exceptionally well. This counted in the test for the silver watch.

Sergt. Oughton, who was second in the Non-Coms. Test was presented with a silver trophy, kindly donated by a friend of the School.

 $_{\mbox{\scriptsize Two}}$ courts martial were held for trivial offences. Who were the accused?

We all voted Sergt.-Major Bishop a white man before camp was over, and in recognition of his valued services we made him a presentation the eve before we broke up.

Two camp fire concerts were held, and some talent was shown by various members. Pte. S. Hanan acted as M.C., and brought down the house with one of his conjuring tricks. Millar's violin playing was also much enjoyed.

Two privates were sentenced to walk into Thornbury as fatigue duty. One commandeered a horse (and was sore after), the other a bicycle—both out of sight of camp, mind you—and rode to and from the township. Who were they?

It is rumoured that Mr Hamilton, the owner of the farm on which we were camped, wants us back next summer to make another clean sweep of his rabbits. All the rabbits in the paddocks where our fighting took place (with blank!!) died of heart disease, but pea-rifles and the digging out of rabbits' nests (!!) killed not a few. If we go back we are going to ask for extra (rabbit) capitation.

Pte. Neas of B Coy. is evidently the naturalist of the School. One dark night he found a young ferret; he took it to the camp, but it died during the night presumably of a broken heart at being taken away from its mother, who barked loudly at Neas while catching the young one. The same boy went to the same spot next night to try his luck—this time he found a nest of young hawks.

Swimming sports were held one afternoon in a bend of the river below the camp. Nothing sensational happened, except that one boy troubled with cramp sank once or twice in a deep hole. J. McQueen jumped in and speedily brought the unlucky bather back to a place of safety. In the Tent Competitions the totals for the three Companies were.

A Coy.: 311 points.

B Coy.: 304 points. C Coy.: 279 points.

Well done, ye noble heroes of No. 3 Company.

Boxing, eel fishing, trout fishing and rabbit shooting helped many of the boys to spend a few minutes of recreation between parades.

Who was in charge of the fatigue party's cart when the horse walked out of its harness in the middle of the Aparima? (1) What happened to the cart, (2) to those in the cart?

THE KITCHENER CAMP.

"We go North to-morrow by a special leaving Invercargill at 12.40 p.m." quoth our Major on the afternoon of Wednesday, 17th February. At last we were told something definite; we had received so many orders and so many other orders that we were wondering if we would get to Dunedin at all. As No. 3 Cov. was composed entirely of recruits. our Major wisely formed last year's Cadets into two companies, and allowed the recruits to go with their former School companies. En route we picked up the Mataura Boys' Brigade, the Gore High School Cadets and the Gore Defence Cadets. As subsequent events proved they were real good train mates. We arrived at Caversham about 7 and we immediately moved off for Forbury Park, a distance of about three miles. When we got there we were allotted our tents and straw, so we proceeded to make things comfortable for our two nights' sojourn in the famed trotting grounds. As tea was not ready when we were, most of us went up town to procure a snack as we were hungry. We were all back to camp about 9.30, and with the exception of some wild heroes from Mataura and from the Oamaru Defence Cadets, we all settled down to a good night's rest in anticipation of the morrow, for weren't we to be inspected by England's greatest soldier? We were up early making the camp spick and span, and in the morning from 10 to 12 we practised in conjunction with the Junior Cadets, the March Past under the guidance of Major McDonald. As eleven Battalions were present—a total of almost 3000 in 13 companies—it was a magnificent spectacle, and the March Past was a thorough success. We looked forward to a similar display in the afternoon.

After dinner, everyone from the Major down to the Buglers, was cleaning his uniform and accoutrements; and the camp received its final brush up. At 2.30 the Brigade paraded in line of Battalions ready to receive our distinguished visitor. A few minutes before 3 a car was

seen threading its way through the packed lawn in front of the grand-stand. "There he is," passed along the Brigade, and everyone stiffened himself and looked quite military. At 3 o'clock, precisely, he walked on to the parade ground, and we received him with presented arms. He then made a tour of inspection round the whole Brigade, and we felt a thrill pass through us as the Conqueror of the Soudan and South Africa passed in front of us—he was truly a magnificent specimen of "One of England's Heroes."

He then presented colours to the Otago Boys' High School, and spoke a few words of advice to them. But as this function was proceeding, the crowd, wishing to see and hear as much of 'K of K' as it could, left the precincts of the lawn, pushed the few policemen aside and hurriedly crossed the parade ground to see what 'K. of K.' was doing. The fat was in the fire. The crowd was in possession of the parade ground, and there they remained till driven back by the leading companies of the Battalions. This spoiled the March Past, and what promised to be the best Cadet display in Dunedin ended in chaos! The companies marched past as best they could, and reformed in line of Battalions to advance in review order, but as the crowd was still in possession, the General hurriedly left, disgusted not with the review, but with the outrageous conduct of the mob.

Nevertheless, Major McDonald saw the whole programme through, for we advanced in review order and saluted the Flag.

After that we were thanked and dismissed, and being granted general leave, we again wended our way up town to those same restaurants where we had spent an enjoyable half-hour the night before. We were up early on the Saturday morning striking camp before breakfast. After partaking of that savoury (?) meal, we trekked to the Dunedin Railway Station, a distance of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. At 20 past 8 we left for home after spending a short but enjoyable time under canvas in Otago's Capital.

SHOOTING NOTES.

We congratulate Corpl. L. Smith of A Coy. on winning the Championship of the School. He holds the 'Victory Challenge Shield for a year, and claims possession of a beautiful gold medal. The runner-up was Lieut. R. Hawke of C Coy., who shot very well towards the end of the season.

The members of A Coy. fired two matches for trophies towards the end of the year. The shooters were divided into two grades—A and B. Although the distances were 300 and 400 yards, creditable scores were made. The winners of the matches were: A grade, Sergt. L. Christie, and B grade, Pte. C. Hamon.

Our class-firing is already well advanced. The range-prize winners so far are Sergt.-Bugler Ferguson, Ptes. H. Ryburn, Jas. McQueen, G. Stewart and E. Melvin.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCH.

The match for High School Cadets held under the auspices and as part of the programme of the above body was fired on 25th November on the Grasmere range. Conditions, seven shots at 200 yards. Prize money £1 donated by the Association, £1 donated by the Battalion, and all entry money. Prizes were distributed pro rata. There were 40 entries for the respective grades, and some excellent marksmanship resulted. The top score for the match was made by Lieut. Hawke with 31 in the A grade class; Sergt. Adamson, C grade, was second with 30; and Sergt. Hamilton, Corp. Millar (A grade), and Priv. Ferguson, Priv. McCaw, and Sergt. Christie (C grade), each scored 28. As will be seen from the score sheet, the shooting was extremely creditable to the Cadets and the Battalion to which they belong. Appended are the scores:—

A Grade: Cadets over 17.—Lieut. R. Hawke 31, Sergt. Hamilton 28, Corp. Millar 28, Corp. Keast 25—7 entries.

B Grade: Cadets 16 to 17.—Sergt. Carmichael 26, Priv. Young 23, Priv. McQueen 19—6 entries.

C Grade: Cadets 15 to 16.—Sergt. Adamson 30, Priv. Ferguson 28, Priv. McCaw 28, Sergt. Christie 28—9 entries.

D Grade: Cadets under 15.—Sergt. Carter 25, Priv. Conway 23, Sergt. Willcox 23, Priv. Baxter 23—18 entries.

Sergt. Carter of B Coy. put on the possible at 200 yards—a good performance for a boy of 14 years.

Teams representing the Otago High School and the Southland High School competed at the Gore Rifle Range on Saturday, victory resting with the Otago representatives by 122 points. Seven shots were fired at both the 200 yards and 500 yards ranges. Lieut.-Col.

Bowler, O.C., presented a medal for the highest score made, and this was secured by Lieut. Scott, of the Otago High School—a son of Mr A. A. Scott, of Gore. The scores were:—

OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL.

	500	500	Total
	300	300	Total
Lieut Scott	29	31 -	- 60
Captain Reid	27	32 -	- 59
Bugler McCallum	27	29 -	- 56
Sergeant Haworth	26	28 -	- 54
ColSergeant Stevens	28	25 -	- 53
Private McInnes	. 28	25 -	- 53
Private Park	. 26	26 -	- 52 *
Private Fairmaid	. 27	25 -	- 52
Private McDougall	. 25	23 -	- 48
Sergeant Brent	. 24	22 —	- 46
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	267	266	533

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

	200	500 Total	
Sergeant Hamilton	20	29 — 49	
Sergeant Hawke	25	23 — 48	
Corporal Smith	22	25 — 47	
Sergeant Carmichael	22	22 - 47	
Sergeant Adamson	20	23 — 43	
Private Millar	20	20 — 40	
Sergeant Christie	25	12 - 37	
Corporal McQueen	18	16 — 34	
Sergeant Adamson	22	7 - 29	
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	216	195 411	

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MATCH.

We fired the above match on Nov. 25 and again we experienced wretched weather, hence our low scores. We append our scores and

those of Nelson College (the winners), to let our readers see $h_{\rm OW}$ they do things in the north.

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Name.	* ;	S.	200yds.	T.	S.	500yds.	T.	Total.	
Hawke, R., Lieut.		2	5435435	29	0	2555345	29	58	
Hamilton, C., Sgt.		4	4454344	28	5	2423223	18	46	
Millar, W., Privt.		3	2434424	23	2	5343045	24	47	
McCaw, W., Prvt.		4	4433343	24	0	4255220	20	44	
Ferguson, T., Prvt		5	2244342	21	0	4540542	24	45	
Young, W., Prvt.		4	4443433	25	0	4533553	28	53	
N. Adamson, Sgt.		4	3432444	24	2	4402254	21	45	
Christie, R., Sgt.		3	4332344	23	4	5254244	26	47	
Smith, L.; Corp		3	4244455	28	0	2442324	21	49	
Carmichael, CSgt		3	3533423	23	0	2423334	21	44	
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	Tot	al .		248			232	480	

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1909.

As already notified in the Press, the result of the Competition for 1909 is as follows:—

School.	Av. Age.	200	500	Total.
Nelson	17.2	298	308	606
Wellington	16.6	301	285	586
Waitaki	16.9	299	285	584
A'kl'nd Grammar	17.2	308	260	568
Otago	15.9	274	290	564
St. Johns	16.0	277	272	549
Ashburton	16.7	289	258	547
Wanganui	17.2	272	255	527
Marlborough	17.1	273	244	517
Southland		248	232	480
Palmerston	15.11	227	226	453
Whangarei	16.3	235	198	433

Twelve schools competed as against 16 last year. There were four 64's, viz.: Ballinger (Nelson), J. C. Williamson (Wellington), Reid and Park (Otago). There were 5 range scores of 34, and 7 of 33,

The average value of each shot was 3.8. Last year the highest score was 585, the lowest 356. Nelson's score sheet is given:—

Sergt. Baigent	44454545—31	12.2	35355544—31	62
Bugler Ballinger	44544544—30		55555554—34	64
Sergt. Jennings	43454544—29		35555334—30	59
Lieut Deck	53454444—28	* *	35544535 - 31	59
Sergt. Bell	44444445—29		44453554— 30	59
Private Duncan	45344544—29	14.97	55545544 - 32	61
Private Monro	55544454—31	4.4	45545435 - 31	62
Corporal O'Connell .	45544555— 33		44534355—29	62
Private Usher	44443445—28	200	33544444 - 28	56
Private Jordan	54444554 - 30		24545455 - 32	62
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	298		308	606
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LIBRARY NOTES.

This has not been a very successful term in membership, the exceptionally fine weather keeping us out of doors, and indisposed to reading. We have much pleasure in recording a grant of £5 towards the library by the Schools' Board. The number of volumes is gradually increasing and will ere long necessitate extra shelves. Members at present do not make use of the liberty granted them of making suggestions as to suitable books. Boys are surely the best judges of the best books for boys; the library would be the better for suggestions from its members.

The following books have been added since last issue, thus bringing the total up to 400:—

"Get On or Get Out," and "The Secrets of Success," by Peter Keary; Scott's "Waverley," "New Zealanders and the Boer War," by a New Zealander; "The Red True Story Book," and "The Crimson Fairy Book," by Andrew Laing; "Arabian Night's Entertainment"; "Popular Fallacies," by A. S. E. Ackermann; "English Wayfaring Life in the Middle Ages," by J. J. Jusserand; "The Human Boy Again," by Eden Philpotts; "Our Village," and "Cy Whittaker's Place," by Joseph Lincoln; Coleridge's "Essays and Lectures on Shakespeare"; Virgil's "Aeneid," translated by E. Fairfax Taylor; "Characters of Shakespeare's Plays," by William Hazlett; "Myths and Legends of Greece and Rome," by E. M. Berens; "Shakespeare, Life and Work," by Furnivall and Munro;

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A FEW IMPRESSIONS OF LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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These great United States of America, with their millions of inhabitants, and varying climates and numerous industries—who can in a short letter adequately describe them? Instead of attempting to do so, I shall give a few impressions gained after three years' sojourn in the Eastern States; but in three years one does not gain lasting impressions; one's ideas change year by year.

On landing, the Colonial immediately notices that the manners are different from what he has been used to; the Americans speak so abruptly that at first the visitor is repelled, but on closer acquaintance he finds that, while the Americans do lack in politeness, yet they are kind and obliging. The first time you hear "reach the butter" you are astounded, but after a time you find that it is said just as politely (almost) as "pass the butter, please." Much of the apparent rudeness is due to the directness of speech of the American, such directness being largely due to the use of slang. One has to admire the American slang, it has a meaning and expressiveness not found in the ordinary English language. Thus "rubber neckers," for a certain class of tourists who need such necks; "to make good" for "to give satisfaction in your new work and be retained." The same cause which brought about the extended use of slang also accounts for the common departure from the ordinary rules of grammar and spelling. It grates on a Colonial's ears to hear "it don't matter" and "he got a raise" of so and so in his salary. Americans as a class are poor

spellers; what sort of a language would it be if phonetic spelling were adopted? And how long would it be before books written in the north would have to be translated for the southerners, who pronounce words so differently? Thus a northerner rolls his "r's," a southerner drops them. The northerners use a short "o" which Colonials do not use; for several months when I heard a Yankee say "top" I thought he said "tarp"; but Colonials have their twang also and special ways of pronouncing; when we say "a" the Americans hear "i." Colonials joke at the Londoner and his "rileroad" for "railroad," but it is well to rememher that the Americans hear the Colonials saying exactly the same thing. There is a queer little expression much used here-"where am l at"-meaning "how far have I got in my work." A Londoner after visiting the States returned to London and said: "I can't understand those Americans, they use such queer grammar; they say "where AM l at" instead of "where IS my 'at." After all, the surprising thing is that the English language has been kept as pure as it has over this vast extent of country.

The New Zealander visiting America will find that he has little to "unlearn"-that he has been reliably informed at school and by the press about life and conditions over here. We may especially be proud of our New Zealand newspapers, which are clean and reliable, terms which cannot be applied to most American newspapers. One quickly learns not to trust the newspapers here; the editorials are inspired or are worthless comment; those on foreign politics are especially misleading. With such literature it is no wonder the average American has false notions of what is happening abroad. A contributing cause is the poor training in history given at the schools; the American history books are, as a class, absolutely prejudiced and as a result "spread eagleism" is rampant. President McLean, of Iowa University, when urging a body of 3000 students to resist this spirit of "spread eagleism" told the following: "When I matriculated in a German University and enrolled myself as "American," the registrar said "From South, Central, or North America?" The reply came with a tone of finality, "North America," and immediately the question was put: "From British America?" I said, with humbled pride, at last having learned the name of my country, "The United States of America." However, there is a good excuse for using the word American, because there is no other short word to use. Similarly we often use "Englishman' for "Britisher," because the latter word has not yet ceased to be considered slang.

In New Zealand, the people of the United States are considered to be most friendly disposed towards the British, but one has only to live here a short time to find that the friendly feeling is nearly all on our side.

The press here delights in belitting England, tells of Australia just on the point of a revolution, and grossly misrepresents conditions in India. True, it is the press; but then the press suits its opinions to those of the mass (where no special interest is at stake). The "yellow streak" is predominant in the American press. I am informed that the feeling has been much warmer towards England since the Spanish American war, when England gave the United States good moral support. History as taught at school is too often a record of a nation's wars; hence England was destined to be considered America's enemy. Now Spain will share that honour. The bitter feeling towards England, where it exists, is due to the Irish and German settlers in this country; but it is noteworthy that the better educated people have distinctly friendly feelings towards England, on a par with ours for the United States.

Coming from New Zealand to the United States one comes from an insular climate with its small temperate changes to a Continental climate with extremes of heat and cold. I am speaking now of the northern so-called temperate zone of the United States, for "down south" they do not suffer from cold, though the heat is oppressive. Whereas the ordinary open fireplaces are sufficient in New Zealand private houses, here, where about five months of really cold weather going down as low as—20deg. Fahrenheit are experienced, better methods of heating are required. With the ordinary open fire in this climate, your face might be warmed whilst your back was freezing. Hence the rooms have to be heated uniformly, and this is done with hot air, steam, or hot water. In all three cases a fire is made in a furnace in the basement, with which all American houses in the north are provided. In the case of heating with hot air, all the rooms are connected by means of galvanised iron pipes, about three inches in diameter, with the furnace in the basement. The air in the pipes is heated by the furnace fire on the outside of the pipe and rises and flows through gratings in the floor and keeps the room at about 70deg. Fahr. In the case of steam and hot water heating, steam or hot water is piped from the basement furnace to radiators placed in the different rooms and these radiators with their extended surface give off the heat. No huddling round a fire on a cold winter's night; no dread of leaving the warm sitting room to go to a cold bedroom. Colonials object to the high temperature maintained in the American houses, and where landlords have objected to the windows being opened thus wasting heat, have preferred to turn off the heat and keep the windows open. The American houses are as a rule more convenient than the average Colonial house, but what they gain in convenience they lose in cosiness. Furnace heating keeps you warm, but one misses the cheery open fire.

A few mats on a polished floor render the room more readily cleaned, but not so homelike as a good carpet.

The city houses have the usual conveniences, electric light, gas stoves, hot water service as a matter of course. The buildings are usually "frame" (wooden) ones and resemble very much the Colonial houses which are often modelled on American types. Instead of a pretty flower garden in front, enclosed by a fence, the American home simply has a green lawn, well kept, and no fence. As a result there is no privacy outside the house (and very little inside either, as the blinds are seldom drawn down at night). In the suburbs the streets are invariably lined with shade trees, usually elms or sycamores, and these with the 50 feet of green unfenced lawn on either side of the "side walk" (footpath) make beautiful streets which might well be imitated in some New Zealand suburbs.

Snow may be expected any time after November up till May, and often lies a foot deep. It is great fun to see the school children sliding down the sloping streets on "sleds." On steep hills any hard material will do for a seat; I have seen children slide down sitting on a shovel, but last year beat all. A heavy frost, following on a thaw, froze the crust of the snow and we donned our skates and skated over the main streets and in the parks. On a nearby hill, University students were coasting down, sitting on any available material, from a regular sled to a bread board; some girls even sat on the tops of hat boxes and dinner plates!

The great difference in the winter and summer weather has had its influence on the fashions in clothing; every man must have his light summer suit as well as his heavy winter one and numbers have a spring suit as well. I rather like the American method of dressing in summer—two-piece suits are invariably worn, the waistcoat being discarded. On extra warm days the men have no hesitation in walking along the street, coat over arm; of course pretty neglige shirts and belts are worn on these occasions. At a big baseball game when you see a crowd of "fans" (barrackers) on the "bleechers" (sun baked seats), hardly a man wearing his coat, you might think you were looking at so many ladies in coloured blouses (or "waists" as they call them there). Personally I think it a sensible custom, conducive to great comfort.

It came as a great surprise to find the Americans the victims of customs. Thus custom states that a straw hat may not be worn before June 1st or after September 15th. If one is worn in opposition to this custom, the crown is liable to be knocked in by passers-by. At present custom says loose fitting clothes must be worn, and it is amusing to see to what extremes this fad is carried. I remember a London paper very aptly hitting off this fad when it described some

Americans as being conspicuous in their "elephantine" suits.. Apart from the extremes, however, I think the Americans dress ever so much better than the average Englishman or Colonial. Here they claim this is due to the greater skill of the tailors, but probably it is due to the willingness in this country to pay more for clothes. The same applies to the ladies; Lady Plunket wondered at the dress of the New Zealand girls. What would she say of the American girls?

It is astounding the money spent on clothes; although the cost, for the same quality, is about double that in New Zealand, yet people have far more changes. As a result the working man saves but little money in spite of the high wages he receives. Americans as a rule are far from being thrifty; hence when the panic came in 1907 some who had been living "well," were reduced to poverty and had to join in the bread-line (for free distribution of bread). The same class of man in New Zealand would have had a bank account to help him over the trouble. There is so much natural wealth in this country that people have not been forced to save; but the horizon is none too clear and some predict stormy days ahead, with trouble between the labourers and the capitalists. This reminds me of the only thing New Zealand is well known for in this country—that is its progressive government—often wrongly classed as socialistic. Apart from socialists and students of constitutional history, the great mass of the people know practically nothing of our fortunate isles. Some think New Zealand is in Australia, some confuse it with Newfoundland. Most think New Zealand is overrun with blacks and that schools and railroads are non-existent. I have been congratulated on learning to speak English so quickly; but probably what follows is "the limit." Two ladies were speaking of a New Zealander in this city who was to be married. One asked the other whom he was to marry. "A New Zealand girl" was the reply. "O-oh! What colour?"

Do the Yankees hustle as much as they are said to? Yes, they do; they are much quicker in their movements. As far as technical or manual skill goes they are behind the Englishman, but in business methods they surpass the British.

The hustle of Americans is often a case of nervousness. Americans rarely sit still in a chair—they rock, rock, rock—if not rocking, then the American is whittling a stick. There is no worker like the American, he works the whole day and then again in the evening. As a result you notice the numbers of young men with streaks of grey appearing. America is no place for the retired man. We all know how, in the States, young men are given responsible positions—young men of 30 being at the head of huge concerns. There are splendid opportunities here for the man of exceptional ability.

Though quickly developing, yet the Americans remain boyish till well on in years—it is rather amusing to find a party of grown-ups playing "consequences."

The Americans are adepts at the art of story-telling; get a crowd of young men together and you will hear humorous stories by the score—all pithy and well told. Abraham Lincoln has many imitators along this line.

In New Zealand reports are published of dreadful train wrecks and fires in the United States, and we are often inclined to discount them: but unfortunately these reports are nearly always true; it is astounding how cheaply life is held over here; but there is an agitation for better safety devices for the protection of the public.

Then everyone knows of the "grafting" (underhand methods of making money). Out in New Zealand we could not credit the newspaper reports; but "grafting" is so common here that people have grown to expect it and the grafter is not an outcast as he would be in New Zealand, but instead is considered a smart man and still holds his place in society. This spirit of graft prevails in all spheres of work and acts pass unnoticed which would be severely condemned at home. Again in the land which boasts of its freedom. There are two laws, one for the rich and another for the poor; the conduct of trials is a disgrace to the powers that be; President Taft himself said so, whilst in most things Americans look down on England, yet invariably they admire the way justice is meted out in the English courts.

In connection with this we might mention the lynchings which are quite common occurrences in the South and Middle West. If the courts had been in the habit of deciding a question promptly instead of dragging it out over several years, a good deal of this lynching would have been prevented. Still one only needs to talk to a Southerner who has suffered by the atrocities of the negroes to know that lynching, after a trial by responsible men of the spot, has much to commend it.

Having touched on some of the undesirable attributes of American life it is well to mention those which are drawing hundreds of thousands of immigrants to these shores. Undoubtedly the chief attraction is the employment under satisfactory conditions. These immigrants, most of them coming from Southern Europs from homes where cleanliness is not very noticeable, where life is not very secure, where home comfort, as we know it, is non-existent, where wages are low, to a land where everything is just the reverse are naturally very much benefited. Even the immigrant from Northern Europe finds that he has greater earning power and enjoys comforts he lacked in the Old Country. Moreover he finds that though "pull" (influence)

has a magic power here as well as in the Old Country, yet a man can advance on his own merits; there is room for both the man with "pull" and the man without it.

The case of the Colonial is different, he has been used to comfortable and clean homes and in most lines of work has been able in obtain satisfactory employment. All the same I think it is much easier to get work here than in the colonies; though having obtained work in the colonies one can more readily save for a rainy day. Con. ditions of life in New Zealand are more desirable, as a whole, than Whereas America's great advantage, that of those in America. readier employment, is due to the large population coupled with vast natural resources and a handy market, New Zealand's great advantage of better social conditions, better administration of the law, better labour laws, etc., is due to its small homogeneous population free from the influence of the poorer classes of Europe. In most respects the conditions in New Zealand are intermediate between those of England and those of the United States.

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