

*"Non scholae sed vitae discimus."*

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THIS term yet another of our teachers has left us—Mr Hilgendorf. He was with us only two years, yet in that time, he has done more than enough to make his memory a cherished one, and it is but befitting that we should here speak

**Mr Hilgendorf, M.A., B.Sc**

of one who has identified himself so much with the School.

Two years ago Mr Hilgendorf came to take up the position of science and mathematical master, a position he has held with conspicuous success. His Science teaching will be long remembered. Many a time can we remember him explaining to us phenomena which were then causing attention—earthquakes; new theories about volcanoes; something strange in astronomy or zoology. In astronomy and agriculture he was an enthusiast, and many will remember the lectures he has frequently given on these subjects. During the past two years he has taken the meteorological observations of the town, and so in more ways than one he will be missed, not only by us, but by the town as well.

But what we wish to speak about more particularly here, is what concerns us, if anything the more—the life outside of school work. Given a good teacher in school, and one that takes an interest in school games and institutions and we have what we—and we think most schoolboys—call an ideal master, and it will be seen how Mr Hilgendorf approached this ideal.

He had always a keen sense of the uses of sport and, we may say, its abuses. Lessons with him were, and we think rightly, of paramount importance. He had no sympathy with him who carried sport to excess, yet he seemed to have ever before him "*mens sana in corpore sano*," and into that he read, not as some appear to read, that sport is everything, but that sport and study should go hand in hand.

In all our games and institutions he has taken a warm interest, and in some a very active part. To swimming in particular he has devoted himself. Here he has spared no trouble in teaching swimming and life-saving, and in arranging sports. As might be expected his efforts have been very successful, more successful than the most optimistic could have wished for. He leaves this institution, which was peculiarly his and Mr McKay's, in a flourishing condition, and doubtless in the coming season they will be greatly missed. We owe them both a great debt of gratitude indeed.

Hardly less has been his work in other branches of sport. He has helped in no small way in putting the school sports on a better footing. In football and cricket his interest has always been appreciated. In cricket he has taken an active part, and while not doing so in football yet his face has never been missed from our matches.

Mr Hilgendorf has always been greatly interested in natural history, and he has from time to time endeavoured to bring home to us the wonders and the pleasures of this science, and if he has inspired in any a love for it he has done good work, and done his share to the removing of the stigma that we know nothing about, and care less for, the wonders of nature. It was with this end in view, we think, that he conceived the idea of a school museum. Other schools have their field clubs and similar institutions for fostering this study, and it remained for Mr Hilgendorf to found ours. May it long live and keep green the memory of its founder.

Mr Hilgendorf proceeds to Lincoln College, where he intends again to devote himself to agricultural and botanical instruction. It is pleasing to learn, as one has remarked, that this is where he came from to us, and that in going to Lincoln College he is going where he is well known. We one and all wish him success in his chosen work.

At the end of the first term one of the junior boys, David McLaren, died at the early age of 14. Though physically very weak

**Death of a Pupil.** he worked hard and stood first in his form, and constantly carried a bright and cheery manner. We sympathised with his frailty, we admired his manly bearing and we felt that his very presence amongst us breathed of a tenderness that boys are sometimes inclined to forget. We can learn from him—short though his life was—to bear the trials and discouragements of our lot manfully and cheerfully,

and when work awaits to tackle it in the spirit that prompts "whatever thy hands find to do, do with thy might."

Our sympathy is with his parents and friends in this bereavement.

School football this year has had a record similar to previous seasons, at first losses, afterwards wins. This season the first three matches were lost and the rest, with one exception, won. It

**Football.** would be interesting to know the cause of these losses at the beginning of the season. It may be lack of training in the first part of the year, it may be lack of combination; but whatever it is, this year it has probably lost us the flag. Match after match we have won by default, and if we could have won these first few matches we might have come out on top. Still we hope for better next season.

The second fifteen have been hardly treated this year. At the first of the season they were excluded from competing for the school pennant. This however cost much in the end, for not being allowed to compete for the flag, they were debarred from playing for the province as schoolboys, and so Southland has been deprived of some clever players. The second fifteen have won all the matches played—even beating the schools' representative team by a large margin. They have shown very good form and are to be congratulated on their successes.

#### INTRA-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT.

What we consider the outstanding feature of the past football season was the institution of an Intra-School Tournament for the juniors. The result was most gratifying in its success. Four regular playing teams were in the field weekly, in addition to the 1st XV. This means that 90 boys were playing football during the season. The tournament, with its two rounds of matches, evoked the greatest enthusiasm among the juniors, and indeed among all. If we can continue this, we need have no reason to fear for our future first XV's. Talent was revealed in unexpected quarters, and many boys awoke to find for themselves a new interest in school life. The division into town and country was not a perfect one, but sufficed for the season. In future the weekly boarders had perhaps better classed with the country and not with the town, so enabling a better balance to be preserved.

#### School News.

The outstanding event of the term has been the departure of Mr Hilgendorf. Before he left us he was presented with a case of pipes by the boys, and by the staff with several volumes of Huxley and Darwin. His successor is Mr Stuckey, M.A., B.Sc., to whom we bid a hearty welcome. Says The Wellingtonian, "Mr H. O. Stuckey, who has been with us for nearly three years, leaves at the end of the term to take up an important position as Science and Mathematics Master

at the Invercargill Boys' High School. Mr Stuckey will be greatly missed at the School, where he has done much good work. He has always taken a keen interest in the school institutions. During last year he coached the second fifteen, while he was largely responsible for the success of last swimming sports. We feel that the Invercargill High School is to be congratulated on receiving the services of a keen and capable master."

This term football has been the game, though hand ball has had its devotees. Much enthusiasm has been displayed in the junior matches, though we could wish for a larger attendance of "barrackers" at the matches of the First Fifteen.

Besides the First Fifteen four football teams were this season picked from the school. Every week two matches were held, and these were subjects of more than ordinary interest. In the final match Town B won after a splendid game. This team played well throughout the season, and the captain is to be congratulated on the way he has kept his men, or rather, boys, together, and piloted them to a successful finish. We hear they have had their reward.

Every Wednesday on which there was an interprovincial match, the School was let out early to see it. Many availed themselves of this opportunity, and the result has been a keener interest in the game.

On August 10th we were given a holiday, the occasion being the visit of the British footballers to Dunedin. Very few went, although at first a large number expressed their intentions of going, and those few that did go did not see all that was to be seen. Poor consolation for their trip—and school next day!

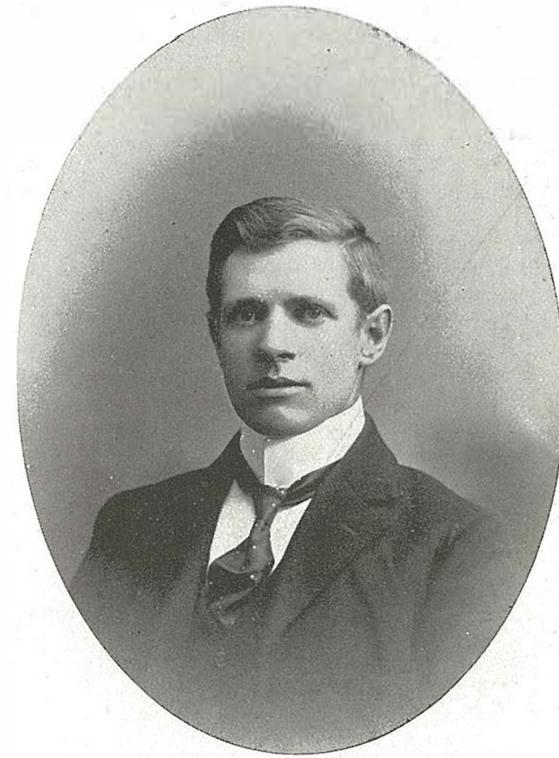
At the end of the previous term the Rector, according to his promise to give a lecture on some great naval event, treated us to one on Commodore Anson's three years' voyage round the world. The lecture was very interesting, and we look forward to others.

Shortly after the formation of the branch of the League, the League map was received, and it will certainly prove of use and interest.

The League magazines are regularly received, and to keep up the interest in the institution, the branch is offering two handsome prizes for the best essay on a chosen subject.

Perhaps the thing of most interest, to boys at anyrate, of last term was our entertainment. An account of which appears elsewhere £13 was netted for School funds.

We are told that this is not an age of poetry. If quantity is taken as our criterion, our output would seem to contradict this; on the quality, however, we do not venture to express an opinion. The term has brought several of these modest poets to light. Although at present the poetry is chiefly satirical, we believe that something worthy of the school will be produced when they turn their thoughts to something higher—probably some great national epic.



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Unseens as usual furnish their comicalities, but, unfortunately many of these titbits are lost. It has been suggested that we should follow the example of a northern college and appoint two boys in each form to supply two jokes weekly. The suggestion will be considered, and will very likely be introduced.

Who was it that thus translated, "Ora modis attolens pallida mires," "Speaking and raising his wondrous winding sheet?" Probably "Mc," will explain. Historians certainly owe much to Form iv. The latest is: "Pygmalion Tyri regna *germinus* habebat." "Pygmalion a *German*, held the Kingdom of Tyre." Heard that "trajecta pectora nudavit," being translated is, "it laid bare the cattle placed upon the altar." Was this, too, from the fourth form? "Portantur avari Pygmalionis *opes pelago*," "The *hopes* of the miser Pygmalion were taken to sea."

Next year, we shall probably have a new school cap. Last year a school appropriated our colours, but on remonstrance changed it. This year, several town schools have got colours, some being so like ours, as to be almost indistinguishable. Because of this and other reasons, a new cap is desirable. The School colours for straw hats are stocked by Messrs Herbert, Haynes & Co., and Messrs Thomson and Beattie.

Handball may again become popular. Challenges have been received from outsiders for a match between the best of the school and the challengers. Some are even agitating for a handball tournament, though at present the interest does not warrant this.

No paper chases were held this season, as no one seemed eager for them.

One or two of our junior fellows have made discoveries recently. One worthy ascertaining that there are four "sauces" from which ivory is obtained. Another in quest of information concerning the locus of a point, found that it had reference to a certain creature which sometimes causes great devastation; while third, in seeking to square the circle found that it was still "round." The candle flame has been found to possess a "comb." We'll have brushes next.

The following boys left this term to take up positions in Invercargill and elsewhere:—Macalister, H. (National Bank); McDonough (Lands Office); Walker (U.S.S. Co.); Oughton (B.S. & Co.); Anderson, H.; Frain; Faris (Christchurch).



### An Amusing Incident.

One very frosty morning as a certain class was working long toots the teacher observed one boy looking off his book, and naturally expecting the answer to be ready, says "What have you got?"

Boy. Test tube, sir.

Teacher. Beg pardon.

Boy. Test tube, sir.

(Class, boy and teacher wreathed in smiles.)

T. Where did you get it?

B. Up there, sir?

T. Where is it now?

B. Down here, sir.

T. What have you in it?

B. Strong sulphuric acid and water, sir.

T. What are you going to do with it?

B. Warm my hands, sir.

T. Your ingenuity deserves a pardon; put it away.

### Museum.

We have to record many additions to the school museum. Mr Hilgendorf has kindly classified them, and we are awaiting the time when we shall have the whole school to ourselves, and then we are assured that, if needed, we shall have a whole room for the collection alone. There are now collected about one thousand five hundred specimens, some of them by no means common. So we must not lose our ardour, for there is a better time coming.

During the term three books on natural history were sent down by the Government. One treats of butterflies, the other of flies, the third of N.Z. flora. The first two are beautifully illustrated with plates, and should prove instructive and pleasant to anyone who takes an interest in these insects.

### Bible Class.

Towards the end of the first term of this year we were visited by Mr Holmes, agent of the Australasian Student Christian Union, who invited us to form a Bible Class, which class might at some time become a branch of the Union.

At a meeting held a few days later it was decided that a class should be formed to meet weekly, Mr McKinnon acting as superintendent. This plan has been kept to, and the class is now fairly started in its study of the life of Christ, the subject chosen for the year. The class began with seven members but gradually has increased to 21; included in this number are almost all the senior boys of the school, many of whom have entered most heartily into the work of the class. We commend this new institution to the junior

school, and trust that the study of that noble life may be conducive to the development of true manly characters. We wish the class a prosperous career. We have had some difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply of the text book, but this will be overcome next year. We acknowledge receipt of two copies of Australasian Intercollegian.

### Football.

Captain : B. H. Gilmour.

Secretary and Treasurer : H. Christophers.

Committee : B. H. Gilmour, H. Christophers, R. Kennedy, M. Mitchell, F. MacGibbon.

Results of flag matches played :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts. for	Pts. against
4	1	3	0	14	34

This year the first fifteen have not done very well in the flag matches. However, many matches have been won by default, and as we could have won most of these the above result does not really show the state of our football. As usual, this year the members of the first fifteen were given badges. No badges were, however, given till we had won a match. Unfortunately we had to wait rather long, but when it did come it was duly celebrated.

The following received badges :—Kennedy, Gilmour, McChesney, Macalister, Murdoch, Christophers, Mitchel, MacGibbon, Rattray, Morris, Lewis, Wesney, McLeod.

On the last day of the term, a dribbling competition was held for a medal presented by the Rector. The course was one hundred yards, with sticks every ten yards. The first stick had to be passed on the right, the next on the left and so on. Wesney won the medal with the creditable time of 27 1-5th secs.

Below are accounts of the principal matches played :—

HIGH v. ATHLETICS III, MAY 4TH.

Lost 5 to 15.

This match was fairly even for the most part, but towards the end weight began to tell, and the Athletics had much the better of it. They drew first blood about half way through by scoring a try and converting it. The School then attacked strongly, and after a few scrums Mitchel got the ball and fell over the line. He also kicked the goal, but soon after the Athletics again scored and converted. The next spell the School attacked for a while, but the Athletic soon beat us off and scored a third time, making 15 to 5. For the School Mitchel, MacGibbon, Macalister, and Rattray were the best.

## HIGH V. PIRATES III., MAY 25TH.

Lost by 3 to 5.

In this game, played the day after we returned to school, in Roche's paddock, we had slightly the best of it, especially towards the end. From the kick-off the School attacked for a considerable time, until the Pirates heeled out of a scrum and forced. The Pirates then attacked and scored a try, which they converted. Before the end of the spell the Pirates again nearly scored, but we forced. About half-way through the second spell the School attacked, but from a scrum near the line a Pirate cut off a pass and ran half way up the field. We returned to the attack, however, and soon after Mitchel scored, but the kick at goal failed. Gilmour, Mitchel, Morris, and Wesney were the best for the School.

## HIGH V. ATHLETIC, JUNE 29TH.

Lost 11 to 0.

We played this match in the South School grounds five weeks after our preceding match. The Athletics had much the better of it all through, and they ran over us in the last 10 minutes. From the kick-off the Athletics took the ball down the field, but the School soon pushed them back. Towards the end of the spell, however, they again attacked and scored from a bad spec by one of our backs. They kicked a good goal, and from the kick-off the School attacked, so that the whistle stopped us for half-time 10 yards from their line. In the second spell the School lost an almost certain score by selfishness, and then the Athletics attacked and scored twice in succession, although no goal was kicked. For the School Gilmour and Mitchel excelled.

## HIGH V. JUVENILE FORRESTERS, JULY 6TH.

Won 10 to 3.

In this match we had rather a weak team, but both backs and forwards played very well. Kennedy did some very good dribbling, and MacGibbon was very prominent in the passing. Lewis on the wing also played very well, and Rattray and Gilmour did good work. In the first spell MacGibbon made the only score by potting a goal. In the second, Mitchel scored from a forward rush but the kick failed. Then the Forresters attacked for a time, but their combination was bad, and they failed to score a try. They managed to kick an easy free kick, however, but, from the half-way kick-off, the School attacked and kept them in their territory until the end of the match. Several attempts were made to score, but the only try made was by Kennedy dribbling the ball up to the line where McChesney forced. The kick at goal was a failure.

## HIGH V. PIRATES III., JULY 20TH.

Won 6 to 3.

We played this match with a very different team from that which played in the preceding matches. In the first five minutes the Pirates scored, but they did not kick a goal. The school then attacked for a bit, but they lost a chance through hard kicking. They again attacked however, and from a scrummage, Kennedy got the ball and passed to a back, who streaked over the line and scored. From the kick-off the ball went to Lewis on the wing, who kicked down the field, and by fast following up scored near the line. Neither score was converted, although the first was an easy kick. The second spell was uneventful, although the Pirates nearly scored on one occasion. For the school Lewis was the best back, and Kennedy the best forward.

## HIGH V. OLD BOYS, AUGUST 17TH.

Lost 15 to 12.

This team could hardly be called a team of Old Boys for a good many were not, including Edwards and Tothill, two of the best. We started short, Kennedy, McGibbon and Mr Hanna joining in half way through the first spell, and Mr Pow only playing the second spell. Larkin played for us right through, and N. Churton also played for us in the first spell. The game was fast and open throughout, and was perhaps our best game during the season. The Old Boys scored first, after about five minutes play, but after this the Old Boys had only a slight advantage. The only other score in this spell was one for the school by McChesney which was converted by MacGibbon. In the next spell Edwards kicked a goal from the field for the Old Boys. After this the school had the best of it for a time, during which MacGibbon kicked a goal from a mark, and Larkin, who was our best back, scored after a fine run. Then the Old Boys had their turn, and they obtained two goals; the one from the field, the other from a score. After this the game was fairly even until the end. Larkin and MacGibbon were our best backs while Gilmour and Mitchel were the best of the forwards.

We have to thank Messrs McGrath, Pow and Hanna, for playing for the team, and also Mr McGrath for coaching it.

## JUNIOR MATCHES.

The second fifteen played only a few matches outside of the school of which the following are the chief:—

## TOWN A. V. MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Won 24—0.

This proved an easy win for the School, Lewis breaking away nearly every time he got the ball. Lewis two tries, Millard, Wild, Thompson, Robinson and Hawke one each, while Hawke kicked two goals.

## SECOND XV v. SOUTH SCHOOL.

Lost 4—3.

This result however does not show the real difference. The High School seconds had far the better of the game, and were unfortunate in not winning the match. For the School Millard scored, but the try was not converted.

## SECOND XV v. PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(1) Won 7—3. (2) Won 15—3.

In both these games some of the firsts played, though had the matches been played on any day other than a Saturday a much better team, consisting of the second fifteen, could easily have been put in the field.

## INTRA-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT.

Four teams entered, playing two rounds each. The result lay between the two Town teams, which included the country boarders. Had the Country teams combination the result might have been otherwise. The concluding match was the finest exhibition of junior football during the season, the final score being 14 to 11.

## TOWN B. (Winning Team)

Full Back—K. G. Fraser.

Three-quarter Backs—Alexander, M., Miller F., Henderson, J.

Five-Eights—Spite, and Dawson (Capt.)

Half-Back—Low.

Forwards—Taylor, C., McCarthy, Mulholland, Selby, Jennings, Reid, Alexander, W., Lewis, T., and Joyce, F.

## TOURNAMENT RECORD.

Two rounds of 3 games each, and play off match between Town A and Town B.

Team.	Points.
Town B (Capt. Dawson)	10.
Town A (Capt. Robertson)	8.
Country A (Capt. Moore)	6.
Country B (Capt. Strang)	2.

The poem following by a School poet, will be appreciated by those who know.

## TOWN B.

The score was high, the game was wild,  
And team Town A was getting riled,  
Fourteen to six, their chance was low,  
For they had met a sharper foe.

A rush, a fall, the score is made,  
And to Town B's out on the ground are laid,  
Wildly they cheer, and fiercely try  
To kick the ball o'er the goals high.

Alas ! they fail ; and now the score  
Is fourteen to six, "Oh ! for six more !"  
So think Town A ; and off they start.  
A score again ! My word, that's smart !

No goal is kicked, and so they yet  
Are being beaten rather wet,  
For now the game is really done,  
And Town A find they have not won.

Oh ! how they dance and roar and yell,  
And reckon it's a blooming sell !  
"We should have won," they fiercely cry ;  
And to get an other game they try.

But all is over, all is done,  
And Town B eat the tart and bun —  
The well deserved prize for work,  
Which they nobly did not shirk.

## CRITICISM OF 1ST XV.

Morris, G.—Full-back, takes and kicks well, a strong runner and towards the end of the season, a good tackler.

Wesney, E.—Centre- $\frac{3}{4}$ , finds the line well, quick and dodgy, passes cleanly out at the righttime.

Thompson, A.—Wing- $\frac{3}{4}$ , fast and follows up well.

Lewis, G.—Wing- $\frac{3}{4}$ , has the makings of a brilliant wing, dashy and fearless.

Rattray, H.—Inside  $\frac{5}{8}$ , good on a charge, tackles fairly and promises to be a useful player. As a forward has done hard play.

Macalister, M.—Outside  $\frac{5}{8}$ , a good kick and sure tackler, safe in defence, will go down to stop any rush.

MacGibbon, F.—Scrum  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the keenest player in the team, always looking for openings, dodgy and fast. A fine place kicker.

Gilmour, B. (Captain)—Front row, works from start to finish, has been the life of the practice games, very good in loose rushes, and dribbles well.

Mitchel, M.—Front row, a fast and powerful player. In line-out work gets every throw anywhere near him. Very fine kicker.

McChesney, G.—Lock, handles the ball well, good at following up and a fine kick.

Kennedy, R.—A plucky forward, dashy in the loose and tackles with great vigour.

McLeod, A.—A strong player, follows up and kicks fairly well.

Christophers, H.—Has played at  $\frac{1}{2}$  and in the pack, a good take on the throw out, knows the wing-forward game well.

Murdoch, J.—A dashing forward, good anywhere—rush, loose or line. A fine scoring player.

Carswell, F.—Good line-out player, tackles eagerly and fearlessly.

#### POINTS LEARNT FROM THE BRITISH FOOTBALLERS.

Those of the footballers that saw the British match in Dunedin must have been struck by the defence of the visitors' backs in the second spell.

The lessons to be learned are :—the necessity of good screw punting and line-finding kicks; the ease with which a fast runner can collar a slower opponent, merely by taking him just as he has passed; and the necessity of much practice in place kicking.

#### Assault at Arms.

On 24th August the School gave a display of Gymnastics and Drill in the Zealandia Hall. Mr Hanna had carefully prepared the boys for this during the second term, the object being to raise, if possible, a nucleus with which to provide the somewhat costly cricket material necessary for a full enjoyment of the game. We take this opportunity of thanking the Old Boys and friends of the School who assisted so much in making the evening pleasant and successful.

The entertainment given by the High School pupils, assisted by friends, in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday evening was enjoyed by a large number of parents and others. The object was to raise funds for the improvement of the school cricket ground, and provide material, and the boys should, as a result, be in possession of a good pitch this season, and thus benefit more than formerly from practice. The programme consisted mostly of interesting physical displays by the pupils, and no one who witnessed them could be other than convinced that this feature of the training to which they are subjected must have a most beneficial effect on the physique of the young people. Instructor Hanna was in charge, and whenever a display in which there was an element of danger was in progress he stationed himself at a handy distance so as to avert accident. The various exhibitions were gone through skilfully and with an easy grace that bespoke careful training. The splendid physique of the boys was the subject of admiration, and their performances elicited hearty applause. Mr W. Macalister, Chairman of the High Schools, delivered a brief address, which was followed by an exhibition of marching by a squad of 50 well-set-up boys, who performed the evolutions with precision and grace. A team of older boys gave an exhibition of the exercise known as " vaulting the horse," in which they showed great agility, and a dozen of the younger ones went through dumb-bell exercise, the advantage of which in improving the physique could not fail to be appreciated by the audience. Sword exercise by 14 of the pupils was interesting, as also were the bayonet exercise, physical drill, with and without arms, a display on the parallel bars, exhibition with the Indian clubs, and feats on the horizontal bar. The programme was varied by the inclusion of a number of excellent vocal

numbers. Mr Cookson was heard to advantage, and a quartet "I Long for Thee" (Hartel), so pleased that an encore was insisted upon, while a vocal item contributed by Mr J. L. Kingsland was well received. Miss Violet Mitchell and Mr J. L. McE. Watson played the accompaniments, the former for the displays and the latter for the soloists.

#### Cricket.

The season has just begun, and there are indications of its being a good one. On Wednesday the annual meeting was held, when the following office-bearers were elected.

Captain—B. H. Gilmour

Deputy Captain—F. MacGibbon

Secretary and Treasurer—R. Kennedy

Committee—B. H. Gilmour, F. MacGibbon, R. Kennedy, E. Wesney, H. Christophers.

As we go to press, two asphalt pitches are being laid down, thus providing us with hard pitches in all weathers.

#### Athletic Sports.

At the same meeting the officials for the annual sports meeting were elected, and other matters dealt with. The date of the sports was fixed for 26th October, somewhat earlier than usual. The programme although not definitely fixed, is understood to be essentially that of last year.

The following were elected a committee to make arrangements for the sports:—B. H. Gilmour (Sec.), J. Murdoch, R. Kennedy, H. Christophers, E. Wesney and M. Mitchel.

We give the times recorded at the 1904 meeting of the British Amateur Athletic Association, at which representatives from European countries and America competed. They will be found interesting for comparison with our own records.

100 Yards—10 secs.

220 Yards—22 4-fifth secs.

One Mile—4 min. 22 secs.

120 Yards, Hurdles—16 secs.

Half Mile—1 min. 59 2-fifth secs.

Four Mile—19 min. 56 4-fifth secs.

Quarter Mile—51 4-fifth secs

Two Mile Steeplechase—10 min. 55 4-fifth secs.

Two Mile Walk—13 min. 57 2-fifth secs.

High Jump—5ft. 9in.

Long Jump—23ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Pole Jump—10ft. 6in.

## SPORTS PROGRAMME.

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| 1. 1 Mile scr. (to be run off on the 19th October)                   | Championship Events.      |
| 2. 440 Yards scratch.  |                           |
| 3. 100 Yards scratch   | Any race open to anybody. |
| 4. Long Jump   |                           |
| 5. High Jump   |                           |
| 6. Relay Race Handicap (Forms) 880 yards                             |                           |
| 7. 220 Yards Handicap  |                           |
| 8. 100 Yards Handicap  |                           |
| 9. Hurdles Handicap  |                           |
| 10. Obstacle Race, scratch   |                           |
| 11. Potato Race, scratch   |                           |
| 12. Combination Race, scr. (50yds three-legged and 50yds wheelbarrow |                           |
| 13. 880 Yards Handicap   |                           |
| 14. Sack Race, 100 yards   |                           |

## UNDER FIFTEEN.

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| 15. 100 Yards Handicap | 17. 220 Yards Handicap |
| 16. 440 Yards Handicap | 18. 880 Yards Handicap |
| 19. Long Jump.         |                        |

## Swimming.

On the afternoon of the 21st of April the annual swimming sports were held in the town baths, in the presence of a fair number of friends and relatives of the boys. The exhibition given reflected great credit on our instructors Messrs Hilgendorf and McKay. The relay race between the different forms of the School was the principal event. The plate diving was not very good owing to the bad condition of the water. The life-saving competition under the rules of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia was not a very creditable performance owing to the small amount of training done by the competitors. At the close of the sports Mr Crosby Smith thanked the people for their attendance and proposed a vote of thanks to the instructors Messrs Hilgendorf and McKay. At the end of the first term, when the School had assembled, the Rector distributed the medals to prize-winners. Only first prizes were given and these had the winner's name on one side with the name of the event on the other.

The following were the results of the sports :—

- PLATE DIVING (6 plates)—McChesney, 2 plates, 5 ; White, 3 plates, 4.  
 40YDS (under 16)—Christophers, 6 secs.; Miller, 5 secs. Time 42 3-5th secs.  
 NEAT HEADER—McChesney 113; Jennings 104.  
 20 YARDS (under 14)—E. Macalister, 2 secs.; Cockroft, 4 secs. Time 21 4-fifth secs.  
 CHAMPION 100 YARDS—Rattray, Morris. Time 1 min. 30 secs.  
 LONG PLUNGE—McChesney (4 feet), 31ft 6in.; Rattray (3 feet).  
 49 YARDS OPEN—Kenneley, 4 secs.; Miller, 5 secs. Time 40 secs.  
 THREE-LEGGED RACE—Carswell and Wilf.  
 RELAY RACE—Forms IV and V.  
 BEGINNER'S RACE—Robertson, 2 secs.; Reid, 2 secs.  
 20 YARDS BACK RACE—Rattray, scr.; M. Macalister, 1 sec.  
 LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION—Rattray (Royal Humane Society's Medal)

## Cadets.

On the 6th July we had a visit from Captain Hughes, D.S.O. We fell in at the school and marched to the new grounds, where the inspection took place. The weather was perfect but the ground rather damp for moving about. After the inspection of arms the lieutenants took charge in turn and put us through a series of movements. The Captain then asked each sergeant to take over his own squad. Captain Hughes said he was pleased with the sergeants and the work generally, but there was room for improvement, especially as regards restlessness in the ranks. He said we had got hold of the new rules, and advised each sergeant to take his squad on the quiet and drill it. There was no reason, he said, why we should not be the best corps in Invercargill.

Lately Mr Pow has taken the sergeants one night a week and given them lessons from the drill-book. These are very efficient, being taught as they are by an experienced teacher.

## Correspondence.

## TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I wish to point out what I consider a great mistake. Right through the season the "firsts" have had little practice—one might, say almost none—in the football field. No amount of practice in the Gymnasium is of much avail, unless backed up by habitual practice outside. There is no doubt that the gymnasium is an excellent thing for the forwards, but what about the backs. The forwards have been improved to the neglect of the backs. Think of the form shown by the junior teams, and it will be seen what good practice in the field can do. What I suggest is that in future we have at least one practice in the field other than a match, even if gymnasium practice has to be given up to get it.

FIELD.

## What is the School coming to?

## TO THE EDITOR.

That many of the new boys have far below the average amount of "esprit de corps" was painfully shown on the occasion of the general meeting for the selection of the cricket and sports committees. Out of all this year's new comers less than a dozen put in an appearance, although there was no counter attraction; this in spite of the fact that they had received due warning of the two different matters to be settled. We could reasonably have expected practically everybody to be present, as those who did not care for cricket had still the sports to interest them, and *vice versa*. The upper forms, it is true, turned up very well, and set an example to the juniors which the latter could not do better than copy. Many of them are to be seen only in the class room, the cricket ground is a stranger to them. They did not come to the school to play. No, it was to study that they came, and apparently they are determined to show us the meaning of that little word. Every night they crowd to the detention room after school, there to spend another half hour with their beloved books. Let others take what pleasure they can from athletics, they want none of them. Only those who stupidly keep at the top of the class are foolish enough to play those silly games of cricket or football. Surely more enjoyment is to be found in the streets than in hitting a ball with a stick, or kicking a piece of leather about, and rushing

madly about after it. Nevertheless, at the risk of being considered behind the times, we should like to express our opinion on the subject. "Work while you work and play while you play" is a good motto. There is plenty of time for lessons and games too. The latter need not much time; and cricket, for example, has much to commend itself. If only our young friends would devote a little time to them they would soon see this. Then, instead of a set of disreputable idlers, who cast a blot on the name of the School, we should have a sturdy band of true men, with mind and body alike fully trained, ready to take their stand in life, and bravely fight their way to success.

CYNICUS.

### A Holiday in Queenstown.

(By NEMO)

During the last holidays I went with some others to Queenstown. Although the scenery was doubtless splendid and the weather unexcelled, I must confess that it was just the slightest bit slow for one who prefers active enjoyment to the pleasure of sightseeing. I shall try and describe what I thought were two of our best trips. In the first place there was the ascent of Ben Lomond, a peak near Queenstown with an elevation of about 5000 feet. We started in the morning, taking with us two horses, and an ample supply of eatables. As midday approached, we began to feel the heat; the day was exceptionally hot even for Queenstown. We toiled wearily on, but our destination seemed never to be getting any nearer. About noon we reached a corrugated iron building, generally known as the "Hut." The inside of the hut is covered with the names of those who had at least got this far. Up to this point the climbing had been comparatively easy, but now we were confronted with the ascent of the real peak. We boiled the billy and had lunch, much to our internal satisfaction. After lunch we started again. This part of the climb is so steep that we had to abandon the horses. Up and up we toiled, the inclination gradually becoming greater. At last, after many rests, we reached the summit. And what a splendid view confronted us. To the north as far as the eye could reach stretched snow-covered mountains, Mount Ansted, Mount Earnslaw, Mount Aspiring, and a thousand others, made beautiful in the afternoon sun. To the south was the lake looking beautiful as it lay between the towering peaks on either side. To the east stretched a valley, green with waving fields of corn. To the west again we saw mountains, relieved only by a glimpse of the lake. We could even see the Kawarau Falls and part of the Shotover. We refreshed ourselves with some snow which we were lucky enough to find. After a rather prolonged rest we commenced the descent. We had to again at the hut and then proceeded leisurely homewards, reaching town at about 6 p.m.

Our next excursion of any note was a drive out Skipper's Road. We started tolerably early and soon reached the valley of the Shotover, and here we saw the real grandeur of the place. On one side towered mountains, on the other side was a gorge hundreds of feet

deep, at the bottom of which, looking but a stream in the distance, the Shotover rushed. On the road we passed many huge rocks, but one especially attracted our attention. It was a huge mass of rock in the side of a hill, with all the shape, and form and appearance of a deserted and weed-grown castle, from which singular appearance it is called Castle Rock. About midday we reached the magnificent suspension bridge over the Shotover. It is 300 feet above the Shotover, a strong yet graceful piece of work. On either side are two immense stone pillars. These are connected across the gorge by several strong steel cables, and on these the whole weight of the bridge depends. It is a structure wonderful in strength, yet beautiful in architecture. We had lunch here, and after waiting for some time to allow the horses to have a feed we started our return journey, reaching home covered with dust, and well ready for the tea which awaited us.

### Manapouri District.

(By M.)

Lake Te Anau is situated about 1200 feet above the sea level, and Manapouri a little over 1000 feet. These two lakes are connected by the Waiau River which, flowing through the latter and travelling southwards, empties itself into the Great Southern Ocean a little to the west of Orepuki. I shall tell you something about Manapouri as I am better acquainted with it than with Te Anau. The mountains towering round the lake are Cathedral Peaks, Jackson's Peaks, and Leaning Peak. The highest, Cathedral Peaks, is about 5700 feet above sea level. Like Te Anau, this lake is very deep, the greatest known depth being about 1400 feet. The lake is composed of several large arms, from whose water's edge bush clad mountains rear themselves up with indescribable grandeur. On these bush clad mountains are found many native birds, amongst others the Kiwi, gray and brown. This is one of the wingless birds of New Zealand. It is altogether nocturnal in its habits and very difficult to capture. The Kakapo is another wingless night bird. It has a very discordant cry, much resembling the sharpening of a saw. I do not think I am wrong in stating that this latter bird has not any well developed gizzard. In the bush towards the West Coast are found the Woodhen, Morepork, and Saddleback. Close to Manapouri Station not long ago were found two specimens of the Takake (*Notornis*), while close to the lake have been found many remains of the long extinct Moa. Manapouri before the advent of the white man was evidently a favourite resort of the Maori, as many remains, even their skeletons, and amongst other things, eel pots, stone implements and ornaments of various kinds are to be found to this day.

There is one thing strange to relate regarding this lake and Te Anau, for all the many indications of the natives having been so

numerous in days gone by, that there have never been found any remains or signs of canoes.

The meanings of the names Manapouri and Te Anau, so far as I know, are—Te Anau means “a dark or smoky cave,” and Manapouri “sorrowing heart.”

These two lakes, although a few years ago so remote from civilisation, are now comparatively easy of access. From the railway there is a very good coach service so that tourists can, with ease and comfort, visit those once lonely lakes where a few years ago the only inhabitants were wandering tribes of Maoris and the tall majestic Moa. The Moa has long since disappeared, and the remaining native birds are fast disappearing, so while the mountains and the lakes still remain, don't miss seeing one of the grandest sights on earth.

### Old Boys' Column.

#### “ABOUT OLD BOYS.”

**EDITORIAL NOTE**—The Editor is not personally acquainted with all “Old Boys,” and it will probably be found that items of news about “Old Boys” which would be of general interest are sometimes omitted from our columns. Not being blessed with omniscience, the Editor can hardly be blamed for such omissions. The remedy plainly is that each “Old Boy” in possession of news about his contemporaries, should communicate same to The Editor, Old Boys’ Column, Box 85, Invercargill.

A stirring event in N.Z. Athletic circles was the recent visit of the British Football Team to the Colony.

This may be said to possess a special interest to “Old Boys” seeing that one of their number, Mr William J. Stead, was honoured with the position of captain of the New Zealand Team. Mr Stead also captained the Otago-Southland combination in their match against the Englishmen at Dunedin.

We congratulate Mr Herbert A. Macdonald upon his engagement to Miss Beatrice Ayton.

Mr John McNab, having sold the balance of his Kennington property, left last June on an extended visit to Great Britain.

Mr C. H. McKay has received appointment to the staff of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, vice Mr Fred Ball (another Old Boy) promoted to Wellington.

We congratulate Mr David J. Gilmour upon his marriage to Miss Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr N. Johnson of Invercargill. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Lindsay in St Paul's Presbyterian Church on 15th June, the Church being tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion. The bridesmaids were Misses Johnson, Gilmour, Williams (2), Haddock and

Harrington, whilst the bridegroom was supported by Messrs R. J. Gilmour and W. H. Walton. Special reference to the dresses of the bride and bridesmaids is omitted as not being of interest to “Old Boys,” but needless to say these were both charming and artistic. After the wedding breakfast, which was partaken of at Mr Johnson's, Mr and Mrs Gilmour left by the afternoon train for Wellington.

Mr Julien A. Christophers represented Southland Province as wing three-quarter in the football match against Otago at Dunedin in July. A bad knee subsequently enforced his temporary retirement from the football field.

Another “Old Boy” to gain interprovincial football honours this season was Mr Donald Campbell who was selected to play against Otago at Invercargill on 24th August, and who acquitted himself very well.

Mr Horace Macalister, son of Mr William Macalister (himself an “Old Boy”) has recently joined our ranks. He has entered the service of the National Bank at Invercargill.

A handsome brick residence is now being erected at Enwood for Mr Arnold Macdonald. An “Old Boy,” (Mr E. R. Wilson) is the architect.

We hear that Mr Gus Tapper is to be married this month. A large stone dwelling is now nearing completion at Clifden, Waiau, in readiness for his occupancy.

Mr John Taylor “Toiler” of the National Bank, well-known locally on both football field and cricket pitch, has been transferred to Auckland. The change, we are pleased to say, means substantial promotion.

The contemporaries of Dr Robert Nimmo Watson (Bobus) will be pleased to learn, that, after completing his medical course at Edinburgh, he commenced practice at Harrogate in Yorkshire in partnership with his cousin. Mr Watson recently had the pleasure of entertaining at dinner the Rev. John Ferguson, formerly of First Church, Invercargill.

We learn that Mr John A. Erskine is at present gaining practical experience in electrical engineering in the works of the General Electrical Company at Schenectady, New York State. This Company employs about 10,000 men, and Mr Erskine is one of about 300 University Graduates, hailing from all parts of the world, who take this means of turning their theoretical knowledge into practice.

Mr J. Lance Raymond is at present in Napier, where he has joined the Office Staff of Mr J. Parker.

Mr James Mail, one of the first pupils of the School, and until recently Headmaster of the Pukerau Public School, now occupies a similar position at Midhurst School, Taranaki.

Mr Thomas Meredith having passed his final solicitor's examination, was recently admitted to practice, Mr Wm. Macalister acting as sponsor.

Dr John Gilmour, of Winton, arrived about a month ago from Scotland, and has commenced the practice of his profession at Roxburgh, Central Otago.

Mr Wm. Russell, one of our earlier pupils of the School, and brother of our worthy President, is now in charge of the Waihi-Union battery in the celebrated Waihi mine, Thames District. Mr Russell is one of the Sub-Managers of this mine. Prior to entering the service of the Waihai Co. Mr Russell went to London to study Mining Engineering.

Mr Reginald Instone is, we learn, Captain of the S.S. Darius, trading between Calcutta, Australia and South Africa. Mr Instone cannot be much over 27 years of age, so is to be congratulated upon the early attainment of so responsible a position. Mr Instone, then third officer, first made a name for himself through volunteering to command a boat's crew to go for assistance for his steamer which had met with a serious mishap in the Indian Ocean. After about 22 days spent in the open boat, 'neath a sweltering sun, and famished for want of water and a sufficiency of food, Mr Instone at last reach Batavia in Java. On arriving at Calcutta, Mr Instone was made much of for his courage and endurance.

Mr Thomas Neave, having finished his course at the Otago University, is now qualifying for Law in the offices of Messrs Chapman and Tripp, Wellington. He is a fluent and able speaker and was considered the best debator in the University.

The recent mail brought the friends of Dr Ernest Froggatt intimation that out of a large number of applicants he had been appointed medical superintendent of Shoreditch Infirmary, London, a position of considerable responsibility. He is the eldest son of Mr Geo. Froggatt, and an ex-pupil of the Southland High School.

### Second Annual Dinner of the Old Boys' Association.

The function was held on the 27th May, in the School Gymnasium, about 50 being present, and proved a great success. In fact (to anticipate our report) one of the speakers remarked that, but for the absence of "Highland Whisky," one could have imagined that we were taking part in a "wee Scotch nicht."

Of a Scotch nicht, our knowledge is derived from hearsay rather than from experience; but it may safely be said that our Dinner transcended even such a splendid entertainment as this, especially if the following be a true description.

"When the plot begins to thicken, and the band begins to play,  
When every tin-pot chieftan has a word or two to say.  
When they'd sell a Queensland station for a sprig of native heath;  
When there's one Mac on the table, and a couple underneath;  
When half of them were sleeping, and the whole of them are tight,  
You will know that you're assisting at a (hic!) Scotch nicht!"

(OGILVIE.)

Our dinner was jolly, but entirely free from unseemliness of any kind; a feeling of camaraderie pervaded all present, but it was not produced by excess of drinking. Speech, song, and jest followed in quick succession, but there was no coarseness or boisterous behaviour. Everything was in entire good taste and yet free from all stiffness and formality.

But——*à nos moutons.*

The dinner commenced at 7 o'clock, and we were treated to a really good repast, provided by Messrs Kingsland & Sons. The committee seem to have had a kindly regard for the caterers, as they inserted in the menu card such warnings to zealous eaters as, "Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both." This good advice was, however, honoured in the breach rather than in the observance.

After doing full justice to the victuals, we commenced the toast list by drinking to "His Majesty, the King." The toast of "The School" was proposed by Mr Herbert A. Macdonald (a vice-president of the Association). He mentioned that of his contemporaries who were present at the opening of the School in Rainsay's Hall, only one or two were in the Hall that evening. He was glad to see that the School was increasing in buildings, attendance, and quality. (Evidently Mr Macdonald was in a complimentary mood, and for the nonce, "*pristinae virtutis immemor.*") He noted the fact that the School was lacking in traditions, but this defect would be remedied by the lapse of time. He strongly urged the Association to assist in cultivating the *esprit de corps* of the School.

After the toast had been enthusiastically drunk, Mr J. A. Hanan, M.H.R., made a very effective reply, in which he referred to the immense strides that education had made in our Colony, and to the enlargement of the scope of our School in particular. He concluded, amidst applause, by wishing the School and the Association a prosperous future.

The toast of "The Staff," (past and present) was entrusted to Mr R. J. Gilmour (another vice-president). He commenced by referring to the fact that many in the room had that evening recalled, with evident pleasure, the names of Blanchflower (the first Rector), Stewart, Austin, McLean, Highton and others. These were names of which present pupils knew too little, but a series of articles which were to be written upon the past Masters of the School, and of which the first had appeared in the last Magazine, would be in the direction of renewing the memories of the past. He recounted some personal reminiscences of Mr Highton; but said that the teacher with whom he as a scholar had had most to do was Mr Wm Macalister, who discharged his duties with a faithfulness that to some of the pupils seemed to err on the side of thoroughness. He referred to the departure of Mr Fowler since the

last dinner, and to the advent as Rector of Mr T. D. Pearce (with whose name the toast was coupled), to whom he extended a cordial welcome.

After the toast had been enthusiastically drunk, with musical honours, Mr Pearce, in reply, stated that he did not know much about the past staff, but the present staff were a fine painstaking lot of fellows, who interested themselves in the welfare of the boys outside as well as inside of the class room. He referred to the increased zest with which the boys entered into the school games, and also to the establishment of swimming classes. He made a contrast between the conditions existing now, and when the School was founded in 1880. Then the School was, so to speak, exclusive, and mainly concerned with the teaching of classics. Now the School was practically free, and it was entirely optional with the parents whether Latin was taught to their children or not. He was afraid that, with the number of free pupils coming into the School, some of whom were unsuitable, an eliminating process would soon have to be begun—"a firing out of the fools;" otherwise the finances might not stand the strain. The duty of schoolmasters was to turn out good citizens, sound in head and body and heart; and the staff were endeavouring to do that to the best of their abilities. He concluded by thanking the company on their behalf for their very hearty reception of the toast.

In the absence of Mr John Fullarton, Mr J. T. Carswell proposed the toast of "Ourselves" and remarked that it was allowable "to blow one's own horn" if there was nobody else to blow it. He referred to the value of the Association in keeping the "Old Boys" together; also to the excellent service which the Dinner and the School Magazine exerted in this direction, both of which institutions deserved the hearty support of all Old Boys.

The reply was entrusted to the Chairman, Mr Eustace Russell, (President of the Association) who pointed out some of the work that had been accomplished by the Association since its inception. He urged all "Old Boys" to join, so that greater results might be obtained in future. The attendance at the last Annual Meeting was rather meagre, and he hoped to see a larger number present this year. In conclusion he mentioned that a number of them had been entertained a few weeks previously by the "Old Girls' Association," and several had thought that something in the nature of a return should be given. Ultimately it was put to the Assembly and carried, that a dance should be given at a date to be fixed by the Committee. (Through lack of support or other cause, the Committee have taken no steps in regard to this matter).

The toast of the "Board of Governors" was proposed, in a very neat speech, by Mr J. H. Reid, Mayor of Campbeltown, (an Old Boy).

Responses were made by two members of the Board present, namely, Messrs W. B. Scandrett and J. L. McG. Watson; the latter

invited Mr Wm. Macalister (a member of the Old Buffers' Club) to give a gymnastic display on the ladder, but the invitation was declined.

In proposing the toast of "Absent Old Boys," Mr Cyril P. Brown, M.A., said that it was right and proper to remember at a gathering such as this, those who were absent in other parts of the Colony or across the sea. He related some personal reminiscences of "Old Boys" contemporary with himself.

In responding Mr Wm. Macalister was in a particularly happy vein, and referred to several absent old boys who had distinguished themselves, and particularised Mr John A. Erskine, who, he prophesied, would yet make a great name for himself. At the close of his speech he suggested that each member of the company should give the name of an "absent old boy," and very quickly some forty or fifty names were mentioned.

The toast of "The Ladies," was remarkable for two reasons. In the first place the proposer, Mr D. Cuthbertson, had provided for him a text on which to base his remarks. This was a quotation from Twelfth Night, "I'll drink to her as long as there is a passage in my throat." Mr Cuthbertson, we are pleased to say, did not, in a literal sense, emulate Sir Toby Belch. The second noticeable feature about this toast was the absence of respondents, or rather, of those respondents whose names appeared in the toast list. Messrs C. Cowan and F. J. Matheson, however, made good substitutes.

The toast of "Athletics," was proposed in a neat pithy speech by Mr G. C. A. Todd. He pointed out the value of sports in teaching lads to control their tempers, to obey orders, to exercise fairplay, and to keep cool. His remarks were received with applause, and one chum of the speaker's chimed in from the opposite side of the table with "Well done Charley, old man, very good indeed."

Mr R. G. Christophers suitably responded, and referred to Messrs W. J. Stead, J. Taylor, B. Bassian, and other "Old Boys" who had made a name for themselves in football, cricket and rowing.

The toast of "The Press," was briefly proposed by Mr D. Morton, and acknowledged by Mr D. J. Gilmour.

After the conclusion of the list proper, some half-dozen toasts were proposed impromptu. In replying to one of these (that of "Old Girls,") Mr John McNab made an excellent speech, which caused a good deal of merriment. Mr McNab said, that the proposer (Mr H. A. Macdonald) probably thought, with others, that he was a woman-hater. Well, all he could say was that this was hardly the case. He had in fact a great admiration for the ladies—especially the young ones.

Songs were very acceptably rendered by Messrs J. H. Reed, H. Hay, J. L. McG. Watson, R. J. Gilmour, T. H. Watson, J. T. Carswell and T. D. A. Moffett, the company joining heartily in the choruses. Messrs C. E. Borne and J. A. Fraser played a violin solo very nicely, whilst Messrs McGrath and J. Robertson gave recitations.

The function was over about 12.30, and was voted "first-class" by all present, many of whom would have liked to prolong it; and we feel sure that next year's dinner will be looked forward to with keen anticipation.

### Some Past Masters.

#### A. G. STEWART.

On a bright morning in September 1887, some dozen lads (of whom the writer was one) entered for the first time the portals of the Southland High Schools.

Fresh from the Public Schools with their freedom and unconventionality, everything seemed strange to us.

With what trepidation we for the first time filed into the "Long Room"; how timid were our first responses of 'adsum' to our names, as they were called from the roll; with what feelings of surprise we repeated after the Rector "The Lord's Prayer" (for in the Public Schools the voice of prayer is silent). After the ordeal was over, we were ushered into a small room at the back of the School where we were to be initiated into the mysteries of Latin.

Our teacher was a little man, with reddish moustache and hair—that was our first introduction to the subject of this sketch, Mr Gerald Stewart (familiarly known to us as "Jerry").

Mr Stewart was a student of Melbourne University who joined the School staff in April, 1882, and continued to teach the Junior Forms in Latin, French and English, until about the end of 1888, when he was succeeded by Mr Wm. Macalister.

I am afraid that we scholarship lads, who received from him tuition in Latin and French only, did not take Mr Stewart very seriously and for several reasons.

In the first place, young as the school was then, it had its traditions of derring-do and most of these were linked with the name of "Jerry" as the victim. On one occasion for instance, teacher and scholars were locked up in the class-room by a lad who has since attained a very high, if not a foremost, place amongst those of his profession in our Colony. As confession was not immediately forthcoming, the whole School was detained day after day for nearly a week; when at last, the culprit under threats of being put into Coventry, chose the less of two evils, and owned up.

A second cause why Mr Stewart did not command our profound respect was, I think, his diminutive stature, which certainly did not conduce to dignity. The Scottish bard has voiced the prayer—

"O wad some power the giftie gie us  
"To see ours-selves as ithers see us."

If our teacher had been able to see his "back view" as he stood on tip-toe to reach to the top of the black-board, he would have pardoned

our making sketches in black and white drawn from life. Fortunately most of our artistic efforts remained undiscovered; but one lad, Bass Basstian I believe, was caught not in, but just after, the act, and was forcibly reminded that the study of Latin did not embrace elementary drawing by having to write 1000 times in detention the following line:

"It is unnecessary for me to draw during Latin lesson."

But a third, and probably the chief reason why we showed less respect for him than we ought, was because he was a "man of moods." Generous and good hearted almost to a fault, he was nevertheless very quick tempered, as some of us knew to our cost. The teacher who "scores," keeps his temper under all circumstances. Notwithstanding all this, Mr Stewart was very well liked by the scholars and was, I believe, a really faithful teacher. His was a difficult task, for it is always more trying to teach the rudiments of a language to a class of raw lads, than it is to supervise the erection of the superstructure. Personally I think his work was as well performed as was possible, and I am sure there was not a pupil who was not genuinely sorry when he left the School.

If Mr Stewart should cast his eye upon these pages, and find in this article anything of an unpalatable nature, we earnestly crave his forbearance, as no offence is intended.—This article would be of no interest to "old boys" unless it represented our teacher as he appeared to his pupils.

After resigning from the School, we believe he returned to Melbourne, where, we understand, he entered into partnership with his brother as a surveyor. Should Mr Stewart ever return to Invercargill he would be warmly welcomed by his former pupils many of whom have set up house for themselves.

#### *1881-1885* G. W. BLANCHFLOWER, B.A., LOND.

At the beginning of 1881, a few boys were assembled in what was then Ramsay's Hall, and now forms part of Thomson and Beattie's Exhibition. Under the temporary charge of Mr Goyen, they were enrolled as the first pupils of the Southland Boys' High School. Many were the speculations indulged in by them as to the manner of man their head-master might be, for it was known that Mr George William Blanchflower, B.A. of London, was to be the first Head, but he had not then arrived. In a very few weeks they obtained their first sight of him, and it did not take long to find out his capacity.

The first morning they assembled at the present school, their keen watch on the street was rewarded by seeing a short neatly built man, in a frock coat, tall hat, and wearing glasses, walking nattily (that is the only word to express it) down towards the School, and when he turned in at the gate and acknowledged their salutes, a feeling of satisfaction passed over the group. "He is not much to look at" remarked one, and never were appearances more deceptive.

A further surprise awaited them on assembling in the class room, when for the first time they beheld a master in full regalia, gown, hood and mortar board, and from that time a feeling of pride in the school took possession of their hearts, and they considered themselves a good many steps above the ordinary public school boys.

"Blanchy," as he was promptly nicknamed, did not take long to show them that he meant business. He was there to teach them (and well he could do it too) and they were there to learn, and woe betide the luckless wight who made a false quantity in his scanning or attempted to pass off as his own a translation taken from a well-known "helper towards knowledge." Not that the Head was great on "swishing," although when he did it he did it effectually, but what the boys dreaded more than corporal punishment was the scathing sarcasm with which their delinquencies were held up for the derision of their classmates. On one occasion a scholar in translating a passage about "the three Graces" referred to one of them as "which," and while being scolded remarked that he spelt it "witch," and good humour was restored, and the translation after that appeared ever so much easier for the whole class. Although a first class teacher and a strict disciplinarian, no master ever had a stronger hold on the affections of his scholars than G. W. Blanchflower. Whether the Govt. regulations are more stringent now, or whatever the cause may be, the little sweeteners of school life which existed in the early days are unheard of now. Whoever hears of a petition got up by the boys to the Head to continue work without a break for lunch till 2.30, because it was a fine afternoon and a great school football match was fixed for that particular day; and generally these petitions were granted, indeed sometimes the idea was suggested by the Rector subject to the proviso that everyone did his work well that morning, and then it was a bad lookout for any boy who caused the joyously anticipated "early closing Bill" to fail to pass the house.

In the little back room, (at the S.E. corner) one day in preparation for a grand match, the ball was put away on a bracket in the corner, and during lesson time the Head divested himself of his gold-rimmed specs which he proceeded to polish while hearing our attempts to improve on Virgil in the English. During this operation, happening to glance round, this object up in the corner caught his eye. "Whose hat is that in the corner," a query answered by dead silence. Repeated with, "I did not think any High School boy would bring his hat into the class room." Still silence reigned supreme, and the atmosphere began to get oppressive, till some one ventured to remark that "it was the football." Result, enquires why it was there, the great match (I think it was against the South) with hints as to the glorious weather. Would we work on till 1.30? Wouldnt we just. "Very well," and tell the captain to come to me to-morrow morning if you win." We did win, and when the captain went the following morning with a glow of satisfaction in his breast, (a little trepidation also) he was the recipient

of a crinkly note for the funds. Many are the tales which might be told of the first Head, with his penchant for secretly pinching a favoured scholar's cheeks between the knuckles of his first and second fingers—but this effusion is becoming unreasonably lengthy.

After leaving the School in 1885, Mr Blanchflower went to London, and then accepted an appointment in Jamaica. Thence he returned to London to start coaching for the London University, and he had, a few years ago, the satisfaction of seeing every one of the 13 men coached by him, in that year, in the Honours list of the University.

Mention should be made that to Mr Blanchflower is due the choice of the School motto : "*Non scholae sed vitae discimus.*"

#### **Announcements and Notices to Correspondents.**

The Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Association will be held in the High School early in October, on a date to be announced, and the Committee would like to see a full attendance of members and intending members. Any absent Old Boy may be represented by proxy, and should send proxy to some local "Old Boy."

The following notice of motion has been given, viz:—"That the Annual Subscription be raised to 4s 6d, payable in advance, which shall entitle each member to a copy of each number of the School Magazine." Should this motion be carried it will assist the Magazine by increasing the number of subscribers; it will likewise give the Association a helping hand, because there is no doubt that the Old Boys' Column can be made a strong factor in binding the "Old Boys" together—and the passing of this motion would give the Association a better footing with the management. Not that we are not on a perfectly good footing now, but this is by sufferance rather than by right. Should this motion be carried, it is our intention to commence, in the next issue, the carrying out of one of the aims of the Association, namely: the publication in alphabetical order of a list of "Old Boys" giving some of their achievements at school, and also something of their history since leaving school.

Pressure of space will not permit the publication of a contribution about the successes of our "Old Boys" in various regattas last season, especially as these were partly referred to in our last issue. However if the contributor (name unknown) will kindly furnish us, at the end of the forthcoming season, with a similar contribution (not too long) we shall endeavour to insert it in full.

Lack of space also compels us to curtail the articles entitled "Wellington," and "An Excursion to Port Adventure," for which the writers will kindly accept our apologies.

Will any very "Old Boy" volunteer to write an article upon Mr Martin or Mr Von Tunzelman, both past masters of the School in its infancy?

## WELLINGTON.

*Suprema a situ* her citizens say she is ; and truly the description is very apt. For her central position has made Wellington the chief city of the colony, and the seat of the government. The head offices also of the various government departments are here, and that, combined with other things, has caused the advent to this town of a fair number of old pupils of the Southland High School. Thinking that perhaps they who at present worship Minerva (not in her capacity as *pugnax dea*, though that cult be not neglected) within the walls of the old School might care to know something of the place of exile of some of the former worshippers at that shrine, we have chosen Wellington as the subject of our first effort in the interests of the Magazine. May the immortal gods help us !

First, as regards games—a matter of no small interest to Southland youth. Here Wellington is sadly handicapped by lack of grounds. Coming from Invercargill, with its parks and reserves, one notices immediately the absence of such places of recreation. With the exception of the Basin Reserve, used solely for cricket, we have here no vacant space of any considerable size within the town. In spite of this drawback sport flourishes—cricket is fairly popular and football exceedingly so, Rugby being the favourite game. Nothing can exceed the enthusiasm displayed at a fast inter-pro. match, and he who has not at his finger ends the points of every player is out of touch with a large proportion of the people.

To those who do not enter much into games the surrounding country offers ample opportunities for the working off of superfluous energy, and the development of muscle. It is not beautiful with that voluptuous beauty one notices in the pictures of some of our lakes, but awe inspiring in the rugged grandeur of storm-swept hill and scarped cliff, crumbling beneath the stress of years. As one looks on the bleak hills whose sides have been eaten away by the lashing rains of bygone centuries, one stands and wonders with a vague comprehension of the awfulness and mysteriousness of nature. But the youthful mind cannot ponder such things long—and the next moment you are dashing down one hill preparatory to climbing the next, and with the voice of experience we say that the country around Wellington amply repays a day's rambling there. It is not easy to get lost as from the higher hills the country can be seen for miles around, the mountains and sounds of Marlborough also being plainly visible across the intervening sea.

Of the beauty of Wellington town we can say but little. Though lacking the artistic instinct of our old friend, M. Gautier, we yet fondly imagine we have some idea of effect, and that produced by Wellington is not in our opinion picturesque. One road there is which leads you winding in and out among the hills till suddenly you turn a corner and the city bursts upon the view. The effect certainly is striking,

but rather from the shock you feel at seeing the town appear so instantaneously below you, than from any picturesqueness of the scene. It is but one vast sea of dull brown-painted roofs dotted here and there perchance with one unpainted but rusted ; and one is fain to cast the eye beyond the town to the placid waters of the harbour, and beyond them again to where in the blue distance the gaunt Rimutakas stand out sharply defined against the sky. It is true however, that this is the view from one point only. From the hills above Thorndon, the "aristocratic" end of the town, the foreground consists of dwellings nestling among trees, whose green foliage enlivens and lends colour to the scene, while the sombre tints and harsh uglinesses above mentioned are relegated to the background, where they serve as a foil to the beauty of the foreground.

Such is Wellington, the town where not a few from Southland at present make their home. And though we cannot complain with Ovid that *aqua non faciunt, nec cactum, nec terra, nec aurae*, yet ever do our memories carry us back to our Alma Mater, and we sit down by the waters of Babylon and weep, when we remember thee, Oh Zion.

HERBERT A. WILD.

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## An Excursion to Port Adventure.

The waves were crowned with foam as our staunch little craft flew past the rocky coast, relieved here and there from its monotonous fringe of kelp by shallow indentations bordered by strips of yellow sand.

The sharp crash of the broken rollers at the bow, mingled with the creaking of the cordage, and the rippling of the waves at the stern, roused in us a feeling of exhilaration which the cloudless sky and our prospective enjoyment served to heighten.

Onward we went, now past jutting promontories ; now feasting our eyes upon some lovely nook, set off by matchless greenery picked out, here and there, by the scarlet blossom of the rata ; now in the open sea ; now steaming slowly 'twixt lofty hill sides, as we gradually entered the land girt harbour of Port Adventure. The solemn stillness was broken only by the rhythmic thud of the engine, answered from distant hill-tops by a faint re-echo. At last the narrowing passage was blocked by a towering hill front, completely covered with forest foliage, whilst on the sandy water's edge a pair of weka were feeding greedily on the sea food. Then the anchor chain rattled noisily on the winch, and the sails flapped idly in the gentle breeze.

Quickly a boat was pulled to the shore, and what a moment before had been one of Nature's undisturbed shrines, was now a happy picnic ground, dotted here and there with fires surrounded by picturesque groups intent on the preparation of "billy tea."

But the day was closing in ere we reached what was to be our resting place that night—the Mutton-bird Isles. A heavy sea had risen, and it was with difficulty that we landed bag and baggage, and toiled up the arduous slope, on the top of which stood our shelters.

After a hearty meal we set out to explore the island, the broad-leaved mutton bird trees forming delightful canopies over the many uneven winding paths which ever and anon opened out on some charming vistas of tree ferns. The soil of the island was soft and yielding, probably on account of the innumerable holes which riddled it from end to end, for not a single glade is left untouched by these winged denizens of earth, and air, and sea.

As the shades of darkness fell, the birds began to come home from their long day's search for food. With weird cries, they flew round and round their holes, then made a sudden swoop, or else fell noisily through the leafy boughs, striking the earth with a heavy thud and then quickly disappearing.

With every fresh arrival, the clamour increased, more-porks and rock-hoppers adding to the din; so that we realised that sleep was for the nonce, an impossibility. Gradually however, the noise diminished, and at last we sank into peaceful slumber, to be awakened early in the morning by two frolicsome members of our party playing tunes on the corrugated iron of the hut.

After a walk round the island, from the other side of which we could see mountainous seas crashing in impotent rage on Break Sea Cape, and sending up dense clouds of salt spray—we breakfasted.

Our craft then anchored for an hour's fishing, and cod, trumpeter and white fish soon littered the deck.

In such healthful and enjoyable ways did we spend the hours and days of our holiday, in close communion the while with the grandeur and beauty of Nature.

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It was with a feeling almost of sadness that we went back to school once again. The last term of the year had passed—a term full of work and expectation.

### Retrospective and Prospective.

For some there were visions of holidays and a glorious time, and some of us were leaving school, glad to sever our connection, not thinking that the time might come when we would yearn for the days that we spent here, but being carried away with the joy that comes from change. The holidays have quickly passed, and Time finds us once again at the old school with another year before us. May it be a happier and a brighter one for all of us. May our visions of to-day become true, and may those resolutions which each and all of us make, see their fulfilment as the days go by, so that when another year shall have rolled round we all, those who are beginning and those for whom this year may be the last at school, may look back upon the year that will have passed with satisfaction and with pleasure.

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SLIGHTLY more old boys have returned this year than is usually the case. It seems a pity that there must be a constant inrush of boys to stay

perhaps two years, and then leave just when **Longer Life.** they are beginning to be at home at school, and when another year or more might mean worlds to them. This constant flow has its effect upon the school. It gives everything instability ; it upsets the most carefully laid plans. One