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School Officers, May, 1913.

Prefects : C L Carter, G Reid, A Reid, E Cameron, V Raines, A Brass.

Cadets : O.C., Major Pearce.

No 6 Co, Captain Mr J. B Struthers; Senior Sergeants, C Carter, V Raines; Colour-sergeants., E Cameron; Sergeants, Duncan, Millar, H W Smith, G Reid; Buglers, Sanders, Leckie.

No. 7 Co, Captain, Mr P. Edmondson; Senior Sergeants, G Wile, H Ryburn; Colour-Sergeant, E Marshall; Sergeants, Marris, Stuck, Jackson, Watson; Buglers, W. Ryburn, N Smith, Moir.

Cricket : Seniors- Capt., V Raines; secretary, J. Hinton; Committee, Raines, Carter, A Reid, Hinton.

Middle School: A 'team, Capt., S Lamont; B Team, Capt., T Macdonald; C Team, Capt., C Greig; Combined Juniors, Moir. A Team, Capt., L Lopclell; B Team, Capt., Corbet; C Team, Capt., E Scandrett.

Football Secretaries: J. Wesney, H. Ryburn, W. Ryburn.

Tennis: Secretary, A Brass.

Fetes: Seniors-Secretary, E. Cameron; 2nd year-Secretary, L Lopclell; 1st year-Secretary, C Prain.

Library : Librarian, E. Marshall; Assistant, J. Millar.

Southernian : C Carter, E Cameron, E Marshall, A Brass, A Reid, G Reid.



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Editorial.

There are three new departures worth noticing in Matriculation. The first is the publication of the results in book form with the names of the successful, but with only the examination number of the failures. No marks are given, probably because the standard of the pass varies from year to year, and also varies with the subjects. This is a distinct improvement on the old system; as even without the marks, one can see how the generality of candidates has succeeded, by the passes or failures, in any particular subject. The second departure is an amendment of the statute requiring a candidate who has failed to sit for the whole examination again, or a candidate who matriculates but does not achieve the whole Medical or Engineering Pass, to take the scholarship examination in the required subject if he wishes to complete his pass in that way. Credit is now given where there is a failure in one subject, but good passes in the others. Be it noted, however, that only those who receive permission can complete in this way. And this act of grace is only for those who achieve good marks in the other subjects, and who thus may be deemed to be unfortunate. Scanning the lists, one notices that this privilege is accorded to those who have passed in four or five subjects, but have come to grief in a compulsory subject, such as English or French. We cannot see that the Uni-

versity will lose by this new departure, while the privilege will be a great boon to those anxious to begin a particular line of life. We quote the directions of the Registrar:-

"The subjects marked with an asterisk are subjects failed in; they may be taken alone at a subsequent examination to complete. Where two subjects are so marked, the candidate may take either or both. Candidates who have qualified for matriculation, but have not passed in all the subjects compulsory for Solicitors' General Knowledge, or Medical or Engineering Preliminary, may complete their qualification by passing in such subject or subjects on the matriculation papers.

Candidates will receive this list as the official notice of their results. A certificate of pass will be issued only on receipt of the statutory five shillings.

By resolution of the Senate marks will not be supplied to candidates.

Candidates completing by taking the subject failed in, will quote their number at the last examination."

The third departure is in the definition of the period of History. Here again the Senate has made a wise step in advance of the old. Year after year 1688-1837 marked Matriculation History; and thus there was a compulsory limitation in the study of History in our schools. In future in 1914 and after, there will be a recurring cycle of periods. No change is made for 1913. But for 1914, 55 BC. to 1485 A.D.; for 1915, 1485 to 1714 A.D.; for 1916, 1714 to 1900 AD. Teachers as well as pupils will relish the change. It will mean that we shall cover English History, not know only the modern centuries.

Still another definition, viz., that of Geography, is to be re-cast. The old definition ran, "Geography, political and physical." This was simple, but elusive; one year, political; the next, physical. Examiners floored examinees by the wide range accorded them. There is to be a new definition. In the meantime the Senate has asked the Headmasters of Secondary Schools to send their suggestions to the University.

In the meantime both History and Geography are in the making, fast, and will demand addenda to forthcoming books. The best interest in these subjects is to be found in watching current events. Consider the Balkan Peninsula. If we can believe all the cables say, a new Power, by the consent of the Great Powers, or shall we say, at their dictation, is making its appearance, viz., Albania as an autonomous State. Turkey is to be dismembered. If we look at the new frontier line to the east of Adrianople, very little will be finally left of Turkey in Europe. Are Montenegro and Servia to continue, or are they to be

swallowed up in Austria? Tripolitana, of course, is now Italian. What of the Cyclades? Under which flag? That of Greece or of Italy?

And the new China? Is it firmly established? To last how long? Shall the Powers recognise it?

Lastly, what and where is Canberra? To whom belongs Government House, Sydney? What is our relation to the Dreadnought, "New Zealand"? There is ferment in history and geography. Time alone will answer satisfactorily all queries. The tide of politics flows and ebbs, stranding one trouble here and another there, hard and fast on the shores of Time. As Freeman said, "History is past politics; politics is present history." The best way to learn is to take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the world.

Our entry this year is low, in fact it is the lowest since 1902, before the advent of Free Places. If it had not been for the excellent return of former pupils, our numbers would have shown a marked decrease. Only 48 new enrolments took place, although the School never enjoyed a better reputation than at the present moment. The solution of the low entry may lie in the draining by new institutions of our source of supply. We had the highest number of new enrolments last year; perhaps this is a reflex of that, and next year will see a further tide setting in again.

University Honours.-Two Old Boys have gained double honours, Will Alexander, M.Sc., and Fred Miles, MA. While double honours in Sciences or in Mathematics and a Science are not rare, we know of only one former case in the records of the New Zealand University, where a student has carried off a double first in Mathematics and two language. The former case is that of Mr Martin, of Otago College. The second case now to be recorded is that of our Rhodes Scholar, Mr Fred Miles. He is again to be congratulated on his remarkable University career. F. O. V. Acheson and D S Smith have gained their LLM. degrees with honours. Out of eight who in the history of the University have gained honours in the LLM. degree, three are Old Boys of the School, the two just mentioned and R. Kennedy, MA, LL.M., a good proportion for one school. We understand that by and by all three will try for their doctorate in Law.

Mr Galloway's Departure.-Just as we are going to press, we hear of Mr Galloway's approaching departure. He has accepted an appointment under the Education Department as a Physical Instructor in the new scheme of Physical Education. Candidly, we do not like his leaving us. He has been such a good friend of the School, has entered



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so heartily into all our games, and withal has been so modest, that we feel at a loss to know what we shall do without him. At the same time our sorrow is tempered by knowing that he is bettering himself. He felt somewhat insecure with the initiation of the new scheme, and so decided to be on safe ground by accepting this position. We regret his departure very much, but wish him success in his new duties.

NEW CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS.

N.Z. Gazette, No. 27. April, 1st.

58. Leave may be obtained, up to five hours weekly, to attend University lectures. Such leave must be made up afterwards.

60. Leave may be obtained to attend examinations.

164. Any candidate who has passed the entrance examination and has also passed the Civil Service Senior Examination shall take precedence over candidates who have passed the entrance examination only.

156.—166. Precedence will be given to candidates stating their willingness to accept appointment in any department.

178. Marks for Junior Examination.

Compulsory.

English	600
Arithmetic	600

Optional.

Physics	400
Geography	300
Mathemtics	400
Latin	400
French	400
History	200
Book-keeping	300

Drawing—

(a) Freehand	200
(b) Instrumental	200

The total possible of all Subjects taken shall not exceed 2400.

177. Candidates for Professional Division must take English, Arithmetic, Mathematics, Physics, or Drawing a and b.

179. Pass, 33 per cent. in English and Arithmetic, and 40 per cent. of total marks of the subjects taken.

181. Special consideration will in all cases be given to handwriting and to the formation of figures.

187. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of marks, the order of merit shall be determined in the Professional Division by

the number of marks severally obtained for (1) Arithmetic, and (2) Mathematics; in the Clerical Division, by the number of marks obtained for (1) English, and (2) Arithmetic.

188. New appointments shall be made from the last list only of candidates who have passed the Entrance Examination.

197. No promotions shall be made until officers have passed a practical test in: Precis-writing, Letter-writing, Book-keeping, Indexing, Handwriting.

203. Any officer who hereafter passes the Senior Examination shall be granted a double increment of salary.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

Passed Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge, and Medical Preliminary.—H. A. Brass, Q. G. Christophers, J. H. Huffadine, R. R. Macgregor, E. C. Marshall, W. J. Smellie, S. J. Thompson, H. J. Ryburn (also Engineering).

Passed Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge.—J. M. Bingham.

Passed Matriculation.—N. S. Lamont, D. S. McNaughton, E. G. Melvin.

University Entrance Scholarship.—L. Bennet (8th). Credit List : D. A. Frew, J. W. Hinton.

Qualified for Matriculation.—J. G. Imlay, C. L. Carter.

16 Matriculation. 1 Entrance Scholarship.

D. A. Frew, Bursary and Theological Scholarship.

J. W. Hinton, Bursary and Beverley Scholarship.

Senior Scholarships, Southland Education Board: (tenable for three years).—Eric Marshall (2nd), G. Wild (3rd), W. H. Jackson (4th). Eric Marshall gained the highest marks in the competition in English, and was second in Latin; W. H. Jackson was top in Arithmetic, Tom Cody in Science and second in French; G. Wild was top in Mathematics; Charles Marshall second in French.

JUNIOR CIVIL SERVICE (in order of merit).

Passed With Credit.—G. Tangney, E. Melvin, W. J. Smellie.

Passed.—F. W. E. Mitchell, J. G. Templeton, Les. Ramsay, G. Miske, T. Cody, A. A. Sanders, D. R. Rowe, J. H. Lang, P. E. Rice, J. Millar, E. Cupples, A. Hannah, H. W. Grant, I. Lindsay, D. Duncan, G. S. Cole.

Senior Civil Service.—Full Pass: R. R. Macgregor. Pass in Three Subjects: G. Tangney.

Three Senior Scholarships. Nineteen passed Junior Civil Service.

SCHOOL NEWS.

A Prophecy Fulfilled.—In the "Southlandian," of May, 1908, occurs a reference to the Prize Distribution of the previous December. "The speeches were short and to the point. The Hon. R. McNab specially addressed himself to the boys, who, it is to be hoped, will not forget his encouraging remarks. We all joined with him when, in handing Millard and Miles their prizes, he declared that it was of such stuff that Rhodes scholars were made. May the prophecy come true!" F. Miles is N.Z. Rhodes Scholar for 1913.

Visitors.—We were pleased to see the friendly faces of Jock Houston and Doug. Hamilton, from Wellington, and of Stan. Hanan and Charlie Macan, from Dunedin. The latter is now a member of the "Otago Daily Times" reporting staff. Neville Joyce, of Timaru, was at the Theatre on Prize Night, looking well and fit. He is studying for the law at Otago University. Andrew Chrystal, of Moore Bros. and Nichol, also gave us a call when he was having a run home at Easter.

We were pleased to receive the congratulations of some distant Old Boys on our defeat of Otago at cricket, betokening a continued interest in their old school.

W. Pay, A. Petrie. L. Bennet, D. Frew go to swell the number of the Southlandians at Knox College.

J. Huffadine and B. Baxter are in the office of Watson and Haggitt; E. Scandrett is in the National Bank; Q. Christophers in the Bank of New South Wales; E. Melvin has entered the Customs Department in Invercargill; H. W. Grant has joineed the N. Z. R. in Wellington. Phil. Lawrie, our last year's Football Captain, has resumed his work at Glenham. D. Rowe has entered Rattray and Co.'s offices; P. Winders, the Nightcaps Coal Co. Gifford is looking thinner after a severe course of shepherding at Wyndham. Fred Mitchell has entered the Lands Department. J. G. Templeton, the Public Trust.

Mr A. Marryat, President of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, speaking at the banquet held after the New Zealand Amateur Championships in Wellington early in February, stated that the Association had formed a definite plan whereby annual contests would take place between secondary schools. For example, he stated that the Association would endeavour to arrange for a tournament to be held next season in Dunedin, between teams representing Waitaki, Otago, and Southland Boys' High Schools. May it eventuate!

At an evening meeting held last December under the auspices of the Invercargill Amateur Athletic Club, Les. Greig annexed the 100 yards Secondary Schools' Race; McGregor close up, second.

C. Greig was placed second at the Irish Athletic Society's Sports in the 220 yards, under sixteen.

Once again we welcome the new boys, those pure-minded, simple creatures, fresh from the primary schools. This year's number is quite up to the standard. and contains some material that the various sport captains must not overlook. There were no changes in the staff and so, after the first week, the machinery of our school life was again running smoothly. This term without any public examinations we can regard with a certain amount of contentment.

When we returned to school, there were cricket matches to occupy the teams, while, as usual, tennis and fives have both been well patronised.

The school was well provided for in last year's public examinations. C. L. Bennet gained a Junior University Scholarship, coming 8th on the list. Hinton, one dinner-time, received the news that he had been awarded the Beverly Scholarship, and left school the same afternoon; and Frew also got a bursary. The Matriculation candidates also did well, with a total pass of 16. In the Civil Service Examination nineteen passed the Junior; two the Senior, while three Senior Board Scholarships came to the School; E. Marshall, G. Wild, and H. Jackson carrying them off.

The usual "duckings" took place on the first day, no one appearing any the worse after the initiation ceremony. Our boys, thinking that the new boys at the Technical School should also be admitted to the mysteries of the inner chamber, used a hose to good effect upon these Scarlet Runners.

On February 20th. J. Millar, while bicycling home to dinner, had the misfortune to collide with a small boy who rushed across his track. Millar broke his collarbone and was rendered unconscious. We are glad to see him right again, though for a few weeks, and even at our annual picnic, he did not spend his time as he would have liked.

On March 7th, the annual "Hospital Saturday" collection was taken up in the school, the respectable sum of 14s being handed over to the Hospital Saturday Committee.

On the second day of the Otago v. Southland cricket match, just when the match had come to an interesting stage, the school was given a period off to go to Rugby Park.

On St. Patrick's Day, the school was granted a half-holiday as the Irish Athletic Society's Sports were being held that afternoon. The many High boys there saw some good sport.

Seventeen boys undertook the billeting of the 1st and 2nd Otago High School XI's in the annual match. The Dunedinites arrived in rain and saw nothing but rain for 48 hours. It rained! But that was not the worst point. The disastrous floods stranded our friends in Invercargill, and they were obliged, willing or unwilling, to stay with us till

Monday. If they were no more put out than we were, then we all enjoyed ourselves, for there is no doubt that many pleasant companionships were formed by their prolonged stay.

Summer has come and gone. The last rose is fading on the tree. So our cricketing material has been stored, while we are preparing for our long Antarctic winter. The sound of a football being punted has replaced that of the ball on the willow. And if the football team does as well as the cricket eleven did, we have no need to doubt that the school's honour will be maintained.

The Picnic.—The back beach at Greenhills was again chosen as the spot for our annual picnic. It is a place specially adapted to the desires of picnickers, being located far from any habitation, and also possessed of a fresh-water stream close to the beach.

The date fixed Friday, 28th February, turned out bright and sunny, the first fine day for about a month, a fact for which we were truly thankful.

We departed for our destination in the best of spirits by the 9.10 train, arriving at Greenhills in less than an hour. Then began a tramp of two or three miles, mostly through the bush; but ending with about half-a-mile of sandhills. Our first act on arrival at the beach was to divest ourselves of our clothes, and plunge into the surf of Foveaux Strait. Bathing temporarily occupied the attention of the majority, but soon gave way to the opening of tuck-baskets, and the boiling of "williams."

When the pangs of hunger had been satisfied, we wandered in various directions—some to play cricket on the beach, where a match was arranged between Seniors and Juniors, some to play football, while others returned to the briny. At one spot, a large number of boys were engrossed in watching the performance of a famous mat-artist, one Hackenshmidtgobo. This gentleman, clothed in next to nothing, was inviting all and sundry to come to grips with him in a ring he had marked out on the sand.

The school's miniature rifles had been brought down, and at various points on the landscape, practice groups could be seen training their eye. Other parties set out among the rocks bent on collecting priceless specimens of kelp, shells, seaweed, and ambergris, or at anyrate, on finding some message from the deep. Cricket was in demand all day; though many took full advantage of their yearly wash.

Shortly after five o'clock, the word to return was given. After one last glance at the long, smooth, stretch of surfy sand, we shouldered our impediments and started on our long tramp back to Greenhills. We reached home at 7.20 happy in the knowledge that we had two days to recover from the sun and salt at the back-beach.

School-room Humour.

VI.—Il reconut le gazonillis étranger.—He recognised the dazzling stranger. Les bottes glissaient sur la mousse ruisselante: His boots were slipping on the rustling moss. A droite et à gauche, des prairies grasses: On the right and left were grassy prairies.

We were rather startled one day, when we were told we could stop at "heaven." However, we discovered that only referred to the final word of our next day's French version.

Who informed the Rector, for the benefit of the class, that "procrastination" was "telling lies?" Who said Arty?

Igneous rocks are rocks that give off fire when you strike them.

Where was "Blériot" when he said that Johnson paid a visit to the New Hebrides in the North-west of Scotland, in his 64th year?

A "sporran" was described by J. M. B. as a "bushy thing." Problem: "Find the number of the different kinds of sporrans in the world."

From Livy: Spectatis paribus—the watchful pair.

French Conversation :

Master: "Qu'est ce qu'on fait pour ouvrir la porte?"

L. McC.: "On tourne—the handle."

If all of us, like L. McC., resorted to the simple expedient of using English words where we do not know the French ones, how much easier we should find our French prose!

Even the lines of Shakespeare are weak at times. For instance, in reading "Macbeth" we came upon the following: "My lord, his throat is cut; that did I for him." This is not nearly so picturesque as Jock's rendering, which was: "My lord, his throat is cut; that did for him!"

"The touch of a varnished hand."

Adolph, who has left us now, thinks that a "virtuoso" is "a very virtuous person."

A Patriotic Remark.

The plural of "octopus" had come up for discussion. Someone wished to make it "octopi," but the master contended that "pus" did not make "pi" in the Greek. Whereupon it was said that if puss did not make pie in the Greek, at least she did in China.

Question:—Why do dramatists make their characters intersperse narratives with questions, as *Tempest* 1, ii, 78? Answer:—To make it more re-elastic.

The presence of another and lower form at your work is not very encouraging, as was proved the other day. The verb "video" was

written on the board—required the imperfect subjunctive. Master: "The imperfect subjunctive is formed by adding 'm' to the present infinitive, Ergo." L. J.—"Ergerem."

"Yvon Karlec was swept away by the waves," is now translated, "Yvon Karlec etait enleve par les larmes."

Who was told to hide his face when the Gym. Inspector came round? Why?

Master—"Is this sentence correct, C?"

C.—"No. sir."

Master—"Why?"

C.—"Because it is different from mine."

IV B.

IV B.—One of our bright youths, when asked to give a sentence with "precision" in it, told us about a daring little boy who was fond of letting off "percision caps."

Our most learned geographer informs us that Vasco Da Gama discovered Australia (date unknown). What else can we do but believe him?

Students of Shakespeare will be pleased to know that the heroine of "The Tempest" is Minerva.

III A, imitating Macaulay: "Everybody has heard of the Sailor's Hornpipe, which is his popular instrument."

Gallia est omnis in tres partes, was thus translated by an Irishman: "All Gaul is quartered into three halves."



Old Boys' Column.



We acknowledge with thanks a donation of ten shillings to the "Southlandian" from a North Island "Friend."

Rev. W. W. Brown, after six years' pastorate in Stirling, has accepted a unanimous call to Mataura Presbyterian Church. The Clutha Presbytery recorded on its minutes a resolution of regret at his departure, and of its high appreciation of his ministry in the district.

Don Hamilton represented Southland again this year very worthily in interprovincial cricket. J. W. Bannerman was chosen, but was unable to play.

In this issue we print two contributions from Old Boys who have not forgotten their "Alma Mater." We express our hearty thanks

to them for their interesting articles, and hope that other Old Boys may be stimulated to a remembrance of the "Southlandian."

We understand that the Old Boys of the School intend having a re-union this winter early in July. As there has not been one for some years, we hope that this will be a large and representative gathering.

Mr J. H. Reed, on severing his connection with the N. Z. Loan and M. A. Co., as branch manager at Gore, was not allowed to depart without an expression of the appreciation in which he is held by his fellow-employees of the Company; this expression took the form of a marble clock. Then Riversdale friends presented him with a silver tea and coffee service. Mr Reed has joined Messrs Henderson and Co. of Invercargill.

Dr Ernest Lindsay gained his F.R.C.S., of London, last December.

H. Clarke, B.A., received his license from the Southland Presbytery last December.

Graham Morris is now farming near Picton. His brother, now a six-footer, has joined him.

D. A. MacGibbon is captain of the Lincoln College Football Club this year. Along with him are his cousin Stanley, Jack McQueen, and Rob Hawke. They are all to the fore in College life, be it football, boxing, athletics, swimming, or the Magazine.

Extract from Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine, December 1912:—"Special mention must be made of D. MacGibbon's play throughout the season; undoubtedly he was the mainstay of the backs and has a thorough knowledge of back play, and knows how and when to make the most of an opportunity." "Doug. Anderson is to be congratulated for playing in every match for the last three years—a very creditable performance—only equalled by McKibbin in 1908-9-10."

J. McQueen, D. MacGibbon, D. Anderson were members of the seven-aside that won the Christchurch Junior Competition at the end of last football season.

Lance Bush is Senior Prefect and Captain of Christ's College this year.

Fred Miles, M.A., has been enjoying his long vacation in visiting all the show places in New Zealand and in Australia. After visiting all the tourist resorts of the North and South Islands he spent some weeks in Australia. He has just returned, prepared to grind Greek for Responses at Oxford before his departure from us in July. He enters Oxford in October, and intends to read for the Indian Civil Service.

John V. Hanna, formerly Gymnastic Instructor, is now filling a similar position in the Y.M.C.A., Auckland.

Rob. Kennedy, LL.M., is Law Coach for Banks' Commercial College, Wellington.

Julian Christophers is manager for the branch of Dalgety and Co., at Wairoa, Hawkes Bay.

Har. Fannin is studying law at Taihape.

C. Harry McKay is studying law at Victoria College.

Elias Martin is now a qualified solicitor.

Mervyn Mitchell was admitted as a solicitor in February last by Sir Joshua Williams.

Doug. Anderson has now joined his brother Hugh on the Hokonui farm, and is transmuting theory into practice.

Wm. Stewart is now practising as a chemist at Ngaraauawahiia, Auckland Province.

Maurice Royds is now agent for Dalgety's, at Winton.

R. Jennings is now in the Bank of Australasia, Featherston.

S. Cramond is now purser on the s.s. "Loongana."

Claud Hamilton left for Sydney, last November, and is now with a Sydney firm of architects.

R. J. McKay, B.Sc. in Engineering, left for Sydney in April to follow his profession in Australia.

Leo. Wild, M.A., has resigned from Blenheim High School, and has gone to Otago University, to attend classes with the purpose of completing his B.Sc.

G. Spite, of the N.M. and A. Co., has been transferred to Otautau.

Cam. Hannan is agent for Wilson, Fraser and Co., at Alexandra.

W. A. McCaw has been transferred to the Public Works Department, Wellington.

Dr Bruce Baird, B.Sc., N.Z.; M.B.Ch.B., Glasgow; M.R.C.S., England, bought Dr Fitzgerald's practice at Kaitangata in January last, and is now settled there.

Ezra Dobbie has abandoned the clostral life of a student for the larger life of commerce, entering the offices of the N.Z. Loan and M.A. Co., Invercargill.

G. L. Deschler, who was in school in 1896-98, has left London, and is now practising as a dental surgeon in New York.

James Guy is now with the Waitaki Dairy Co., Dunedin.

Fred Ball has joined Traill Bros., Gisborne, as Land Agents and Accountants.

Doug. Small has left Invercargill for Timaru.

Teachers' Appointments.—M. Alexander, M.Sc., Science Master at Thames. W. A. Alexander, M.Sc., Science Master at Dannevirke. Alex. Milne to be second Assistant at Edendale. G. Tangney to be sole teacher at Ermedale (new school). W. Grieve to be fourth assistant at Middle School. Jas. Stobo to be eighth assistant at South School. E.

A. Cockcroft to be fourth assistant at Timaru Boys' High School. John Watson to be assistant South School, Oamaru. D. J. A. Lyttle to be second assistant at Kaitangata. G. Agnew, to teach accountancy at Technical School. R. R. Macgregor to be P. T. in South School; W. Smellie in South; N. Lamont at Tisbury.

Teachers' Certificate Examinations.—Class C: F. Lopdell. Partial C: R. Watson, Stan. C. Millar (5 subjects), W. H. Gazzard (2 subjects). Class D. Doug. Brown, J. Galt, A. Milne. Partial Class D : I. Findlay, R. Watson.

Senior Civil Service.—D. S. Hamilton (Wellington), full pass; C. S. Slocombe (Wellington), W. Traill (Invercargill), 4 subjects; A. H. C. Cavell (Christchurch), J. Houston (Wellington), W. A. McCaw (Wellington), 3 subjects; W. Sampson (Invercargill), 2 subjects.

South Kensington Science and Art Examinations.—A. R. Dawson, 2nd class in Architecture; E. S. Irving, 2nd class in Drawing from the Antique; Douglas M. Cuthbertson, 1st class in Freehand in Outline; H. H. Smith, 2nd class in Freehand in Outline.

N.Z. University Degree Examinations.—Fred Miles, M.A., with double first-class honours in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, French and English. Will A. Alexander, M.Sc., with double honours, first-class in Geology, and second-class in Heat. Frank Adamson, B.A. and John Tinline Senior Scholarship in English.. 1st Section B.A.—Jas. G. Anderson, Jas. Boyne, Eric Cockcroft, Geo. Cody, Jas. Stobo. 1st Section B.Sc.—Jas. G. Anderson, Eric Cockcroft. Section LLB.—Jas. Boyne, Neville Joyce, G. H. Seddon, C. H. McKay. Geo. Macindoe, Section of 3rd Professional in Electrical Engineering. John A. McQueen, 1st Section B.Sc. in Agriculture. F. O. Acheson and D. S. Smith LLM. (with second-class honours). Engineering Entrance —D. L. Cameron.

Lincoln College, December 1912 results.—Third Year Students—Douglas Anderson, gold medallist, first in every subject (said to have never happened before). Second Year Students—John McQueen, 1st for the year. First Year Students—3rd, R. Hawke.

Frank Simon is studying hard in Arts and Medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, spending his vacations in the less frequented parts of Ireland, enjoying the quaint peasantry and the salmon fishing. He writes:—"It is hard to account for Dublin's charm, but I have never heard the charm denied. I believe I have grown to love Dublin. I know I love Trinity. Few could help it. It is a great life. The work, the College Societies, the fellowship with men from all parts of the British Isles, and some from the ends of the earth—what it means one cannot express; but I realise how I value it all when I think of the necessity there will be to leave it in a year or two." He did well in his last Arts examination, being the best of the twenty medicals taking it.

Contributors to the Dux Medal of 1912.—The following 20 Old Boys of the year 1904 contributed to the Dux Medal last year, raising among them £2 19s, and thus leaving a small credit balance for next year's prize fund:—Frank Carswell, Geo. Cochrane, Douglas Cuthbertson, A. R. Dawson, H. O. Findlay, R. J. Foster, Stan. Gillies, A. W. Jones, M. Macalister, Geo. McChesney, G. Oughton, A. Rowe, W. Sampson, J. D. Speirs, S. C. Sutherland, J. Watson, F. Weir, Phil. Wild. Mr A. W. Jones presented the medal to the dux of the year, Lindsay Bennet, of Pukerau. Old Boys of 1905 will be asked to provide and present the Dux Medal for 1913.

Southland Amateur Athletics : Championship Meeting, Feb. 5th.—N. Saunders, first in 100yds in 10½secs, and in 220yds. A. S. Reid, 3rd in Mile Walk; 2nd in Hammer Throwing; 1st in Shot-Putting (36ft 8½in). R. R. Macgregor, 3rd in 220yds and in Hop, Step and Jump. M. Kean, 1st in Hammer Throwing, with 128ft 3½in. Syd. Reid acted as Secretary for the 1912-13 season, and along with several Old Boys, endeavoured to help Amateur Athletics in Southland.

University Sports.—At the annual Easter Tournament in which representatives from the four University Colleges pit their strength against one another, held this year in Wellington, five Old Boys gained distinctions: four representing Otago, and G. H. Seddon, Victoria College. J. M. Boyne won the Weight-Putting, with 33ft 6½in, and the Hammer Throwing, with 116ft 10½in. In the latter case he broke the University record by 9ft. R. L. Christie won the 220yds in 23 7-10 secs., and the 100yds in 10½secs. W. Alexander won second place in the Long Jump, with 20ft 5½in. W. Cody won third place in the Hammer Throwing. G. H. Seddon won second place in the Mile run

MARRIAGES.

CARSWELL—MEHAFFEY.—On 19th March, as St. Paul's, Hugh Carswell, of Wright, Stephenson and Co., Dunedin, to Kathleen Mehaffey, of Invercargill.

ROWLANDS—STEWART.—On March 4, Anthony Rowlands, to Agnes Stewart, of Roslyn, Dunedin.

CARSWELL—CAMPBELL.—In March, William Carswell, of J. T. Carswell and Co., to Elizabeth Campbell, of Wyndham.

BANNERMAN—NICHOL.—On 19th February, James W. H. Bannerman, of Bluff "Press," to Louie Viva Nichol, of Bluff.

MACDONALD—MACDONALD.—In January, 1913, at Penang, Straits Settlement, Alexander Gordon Macdonald, youngest son of the late T. M. Macdonald, to Flora Macdonald, sister of Dr J. G. Macdonald, Invercargill.

BAIRD—BOWMAN.—In October last, Dr Bruce Baird, to Daisy Bowman, of Glasgow.

The Rectorial Election at Glasgow University, 1911.

We have had a great week-end of it here in Glasgow. The University Rectorial Election came to a finish yesterday, when Augustine Birrell was elected against Lord Charles Beresford. I was voting for the latter. I am rather pleased with the result, for it means that I shall have more fun ragging the chappie when he comes to deliver his address in January.

Since the end of last winter session the campaign has been in progress. Magazines have been issued, each side trying to stop the literature of the other side; meetings have been held by both sides at which addresses were given by prominent members of Parliament in favour of one or the other candidate; smokers have been held; dances also have been held; and finally the shop fights were held.

Yesterday was election day. Most of us, or at least those who intended "fighting on the brakes" were up at the Union at 4.15 a.m. We had breakfast there and had a short time to wait till the brakes were at the door of the Union. These brakes are big "drags" with no covers on them. Each had three horses. We were the last to get away. We were supposed to go to Dennistoun, away out in the East of Glasgow. It is lonely out there, and likely enough we would not have run up against a Liberal brake to fight with. We had copious supplies aboard of peasemeal and eggs of uncertain age. The Liberals had, as well, red ochre and over-ripe tomatoes. We all got aboard, and drove up-town. We decided to travel round about the three stations: St. Enoch, Central, and Queen street. In that locality there would be a possibility of many brakes. We got right up to the Central Station before we sighted any of the enemy. There we saw two brakes of Liberals, one each side of the road. We had to get past somehow. It wasn't safe to fight 'em both. We would lose for a pinch. We whipped up and dashed between them; all three pelting one another. The encounter, though brief, left us all white and red, with yellowish streaks. I had on a suit of overalls (a boiler suit), which the engineers use. My cap was well over my ears; trust me for that. We went to St. Enoch, and got another Tory brake, and came back. Both Liberal ones had gone. We two cruised around till we spied a red brake. The two of us gave chase. I had to be out running alongside the brake all the way, lest someone should lay behind and cut our traces. It fairly took the wind out of me. Our companion brake separated from us, going a different route, to intercept the Liberal brake higher up, and get it between two of us. They lost us completely. We followed at that brake's heels for almost two miles along the Clyde. There someone cut the reins of the other brake, and

left it powerless. Leaving someone else to watch our harness and see that no Liberals cut our gear, we rushed over to the brake, and then getting a severe pasting, clambered up on it, and hauled the Liberals off it. In a few seconds it was ours. Now came our great mistake: instead of smashing up the brake and cutting the horses adrift, we divided our men and manned both brakes, after getting the Liberals to promise that they would not fight again till we got back to the election at the University at nine o'clock. They promised; but sad to say, they did fight again. Our brake had only half our men on it now. We picked up another Tory brake at Central again, so that there were three of us now. Two of us easily captured another Liberal brake and partially destroyed it. We got a third, but again made the mistake of dividing up our men. We got separated somehow now, and two of us started off for the 'Varsity, as the poll opened at 9 a.m., and it was nearing 8.30. About four Liberal brakes were stationed at Charing Cross, a place all brakes had to pass going back. They had foreseen this and so had we. We were going to collect there and wait for Liberals going home alone.

Sad to say, in this we were forestalled. The brake I was in was in front, with about seven of us aboard her. We lost badly, of course, and made for our other brake. It was following up behind us. Before the Liberals had realised that the second one was Tory, too, it had dashed past on its way to the 'Varsity. The seven of us jumped aboard it. Liberals followed, but we pushed them off the back; one chap landing on the back of his head on the "cossies" of the street. Cossies are bricks cut out of solid rock used to pave the streets. We found out afterwards that he wasn't hurt. Then followed a great chase; but unluckily for us this brake was one that had been in the thick of it all, and the horses were done—absolutely. The Liberals' horses, after their rest at Charing Cross, were pretty fit, and caught us up, as we were going up a hill 500 yards from the 'Varsity. Then a pitched battle started—the hottest we were in. They tried to cut our traces, and indeed, nearly managed it. I was at the traces, and being in the foreground got fairly pasted. I had no ammunition, nor had the rest of us Tories. Unfortunately for us the Liberal brakes had. We were held up there for nearly twenty minutes, at the end of which time they slackened off somewhat. During the lull we made a dash for freedom. The horses fairly sprinted up to the University; all of us running alongside the brake for the double purpose of guarding the brake and lightening its load. We arrived safely, but oh! what sights were! Peasemeal, ochre, eggs and rough handling had made sorry work of our clothes.

The voting takes place at the 'Varsity, and the only entrance is by one door, which is opened only as much as will admit one student

at a time. Voting was from nine till one o'clock, during which time over 1900 got their votes recorded. Our idea was to get command of that door, and only allow Tories in. You will see how we succeeded.

When we arrived at the door, about 8.50 I think, we found a solid mass of Liberal men collected round the entrance. We tried to haul them out but failed, as they easily outnumbered us by about two to one. We then told all Tories to come round to the right of the entrance. Our numbers increased, and we pushed the Liberals away from the entrance, thus getting in about 9.10 a.m. We got across the passages, up a stair, into the quadrangle, and thence into the Examination Hall. On presenting our Matriculation Cards, and one ticket admitting us to a class this winter, we were struck off the roll, and handed a pen. Then we had to sign for whichever candidate we chose. The sheets of foolscap had two columns, one for Birrell and one for Beresford. No ballot papers, nor ballot boxes. My old friend Freddy Bower—(I have passed his exam. now, and don't require to call him Professor)—was scrutineer at my nation—Londoniana. He lay back in his chair and roared and laughed. He seemed immensely amused at my appearance. I was enjoying the joke, too, for it was then for the first time that I realised my external condition. Rotten egg was streaming down my face, from top to bottom, as I discovered afterwards in a mirror in the Union. My overalls gave me a most ludicrous appearance, especially in front, from their not fitting too well. My cap was down over my ears, with the peak exactly sideways.. Add to that, that I knew nothing of my state, and had a look, therefore, of intense solemnity and interest, and you will not, I think, wonder at the Prof's. merriment. After wiping his eyes (tears of mirth), he managed to mark me off; and remarked what a fine idea the overalls were, and how peculiarly suited they were for the business. The atmosphere in the big hall, was, even at that early hour, thick with peasemeal. It is fearful stuff—dry and dusty, and fluffy as the mischief. It gets into every crack and crevice existing in one's bodily organisation. My lungs were full of it and read ochre. When I spat—as I must admit I did frequently—it was just like paint—dark red. Two of us interviewed Prof. Paton for a while—policy, no doubt. I amused him with some remarks and stories of the fighting. Then we asked him how the ochre and peasemeal would affect us. He comforted us greatly by telling us that it would not hurt us—we would probably "pass it out of our system somehow."

On getting out by the exit, I had a wash in the Union, and came out to the fight. It raged fiercely round the entrance. The Tories had complete command of the door and the corner near it. We made good use of it. Those who had voted kept the door and round about it, and prevented any Liberals getting in. Tories got in by getting into the

corner and climbing over our heads to the doorway. They were hoisted up and walked over the top of us to the door. Of course Liberals did not get the same privilege. It was hot work. We got the command to leave ammunition behind, had we any. The Liberals had a grand supply still of rotten eggs, and the corner was pasted. It had no effect; we were used to it. The smell was very noticeable, but the eggs, aimed usually too high, came with a characteristic smack against the stonework. Of all the tortures I ever suffered I think that takes the bun.

The seething mass, heaved one way and then another, smashing one's insides almost out of one's mouth. Then some Tories would walk over one's neck and head with hob-nailed boots on. Then an egg whizzed along and got one on the face, if one had the lack of sense not to face the wall. Oh! for the sporting life! It's great! But few Liberals were getting in, and we were attaining our object; although the method was rather painful. But we were doomed to failure. The niggers and blacks, and tans, and yellows, and all the rest of these dirty foreigners up at the 'Varsity are all plumping for Birrell, the Liberal. They were all chicken-hearted, you see, and not a man-jack of them had voted up till 11 a.m. They stood out a bit, and watched the fight, along with a crowd of public—some hundreds. The Principal, Sir Donald Macalister (Soapy Sam) at 11 o'clock opened front doors, side doors, big doors, wee doors, and scores of doors all around the place, although on notices, pasted up in the quadrangles, and issued by the Senate it was strictly laid down that students were to enter only by the one door. It was rather a mean dodge. I believe that the President of the Tory Club promptly handed in an objection, but I have heard no more of it. It is not likely to do any good. The Senate will back up the Principal. They will say he is allowed to use his own discretion, or some rot like that. When he did that, it was useless fighting any further. No good holding only one door; could not hold twenty doors—for divided up we should be too weak at each place. Fighting had to stop;—the show was burst.

Augustine Birrell went in, in four nations, with a majority totalling 195. 1900 odd students voted; many "paired off"—a Liberal and a Tory both agreeing to take no part. The Queen Margaret College (the Girls' part of the 'Varsity) had the great Liberal majority. It was two nations each in the 'Varsity, and an even go. But the Queen Margaret College did the trick.

However, we had glorious fun, even if we lost.

—T.W.

ONG HENG CHENG.—(Rickshaw Puller).

Ong Heng Cheng is a rickshaw puller. I wonder if you boys know all that that means! Well, at 6 a.m. he goes to the Jinrickshaw Station and hires out a rickshaw, and for twelve hours he is at the beck and call of any passer-by who wants to ride about the streets of Singapore. And no matter how tired he may be, or how many miles he may have dragged along a "fare," on he must go again, or he is liable to be hauled up by the matamata. Now, the Malay tongue, which we all speak in this colony, is a very primitive one; it has practically no inflections. So to make the plural of a word we repeat the singular. For example, surat, means a letter, and surat surat, two or more letters. Now mata means "an eye," but there's a man about who always keeps two eyes on you, so the Malay calls him the "mata mata," or "twoeyed." But in English we say "policeman." And if a puller will not take a fare, the mata mata drops down on him, and hauls him up before the Court, where he gets fined.

Ong Heng Cheng has often been before the Court, because once upon a time he was my private rickshaw coolie, and lived in my house. So now whenever he sees me in town, he persists in calling for me when my work is done. But the police will not believe that he really is going for his old boss; so then there is trouble. Ong Heng Cheng turns up next day with a summons, and I go down and bail him out at a cost to me of one dollar. You New Zealand boys, whose only conception of the Chinaman is the dirty, miserable person who prowls round your town selling vegetables, would open your eyes at some of the Chinese here. The richest merchants in the place are Chinese; they own the best horses and the finest motor cars. They are liberal, kindly and law-abiding, in fact good citizens. One of the richest of our towkays died lately, and his funeral was over one mile and a half long. The whole street was gay with banners borne aloft by coolies, and the coffin was covered with handsome embroidery and real gold tassels. I am told that the amount the funeral cost could not be under 15,000 dollars. Now, a dollar out here equals 2s 4d, so you boys can work out the sum for yourself, and see what it cost his family to bury Mr Thiam Lip Boon.

But to return to Ong Heng Cheng. He stands 6ft high, and is as well developed as Sandow. His sole costume consists of a small pair of light blue calico drawers, a cross breed between bathing drawers and shorts; a big straw hat to keep off the pitiless sun, and a small cloth tied round his neck. This latter he uses to rub himself down with when he gets a pause in his work. But when his New Year's Day comes, he dons a pair of long black trousers and a baju (or coat), and at 8.30 a.m. is at my door with his offering of fruit. The Chin-

men does not expect presents at his New Year, on the other hand, the custom is for him to give presents, and even down to a poor puller this custom is kept up. But, although my coolie friend is so fine of limb, I have very grave doubts if his brain is as fine in proportion. He has not yet picked up the Esperanto of our city, i.e., the Malay language, although he has been here many years. In fact, as he will not read these words, I fancy he is just a wee bit deficient. I am sure he does not suffer from "brain fag," as possibly you boys do sometimes when you have been overworking. Now there are people who believe that some of us are endowed with what they call a sixth sense, about which we understand very little as yet. Well, a little over a year ago I took a trip to New Zealand, where I stayed for some months. I said good-bye to Ong Heng Cheng, but certainly neither I nor my friends ever communicated with him about my return. Because as a matter of fact I had intended to remain in your country; but unforeseen events brought me back. And as my boat drew up alongside the wharf whom should I first see there, waiting beside his rickshaw, but my old puller. Can you boys explain how he knew I was coming back, and by that particular boat? It fairly baffles me, unless poor Ong is gifted with that sixth sense. Ask your masters what they think.

Singapore, 13th March, 1913.

—S.



FOOTBALL.

N.B.—The Editor is not responsible for the poet's advice to players.

If you should have the happiness
The School to represent,
In these horrid football matches,
Where you get your trousers or jersey rent,
Then kindly have some commonsense,
Don't play the giddy fool,
But scrag away in earnest
For the honour of the School.

If you happen to be half-back;
And you lose a bit of skin,
And as you stoop to lift the ball,
They sink the blucher in;
Then remember what I told you
(But you mustn't be too cruel),
And hit 'em in the boko—
For the honour of the School.

If you happen to be heavy
(If you weigh a ton or so);
And the forwards try to stop you,
When you're getting on the go;
Then single out the smallest chap,
Go at him like a bull,
And scrunch him like a peanut—
For the honour of the School.

If the game should go against you;
And you're feeling pretty glum;
And you feel as if you'd rather die
Than have another scrum,
Just get your pecker up and grab
The others by the wool,
And scratch it out in handfuls—
For the honour of the School.

—E. M.



CADETS.

The officering of our Battalion, from the opening of School till the beginning of April was:—Major Pearce, O.C.; Captain Struthers; Senior Sergeants Raines and Hinton, in charge of No. 1 Company. Captain Edmondson and Senior Sergeant Carter, in charge of No. 2 Company.

In December we lost the services of Senior Sergeants Frew and MacGregor. They both did good work in the Cadets, and their positions are still left vacant for promotion.

We regret losing Senior Sergeant Hinton, who left us at the beginning of April for the Otago University. He always took a keen interest in the Cadet work, and in the Company Drill Competition in December was placed highest on the list.

A Company's non-coms. are Sergeants Cameron, Millar, Duncan and Reed; Squad Commanders McCaw, Brown, Lopdell, and Mehaffey.

B Company's non-coms. are Col.-sergeant Miske, Sergeants Ryburn, H. Marshall, E. Marris, and Wild; Squad Commanders, C. Stuck, H. Jackson, C. Soar, J. Watson

Sergeants Bennet and Imlay departed from our ranks in December. We miss their services greatly, for Bennet was our most competent sergeant last year and Imlay was in charge of the Signalling Squad.

We have a number of good buglers, and with Bingham as drummer, we might easily have a Bugle Band attached to our Battalion. The Buglers are A. Sanders, N. Smith, W. Ryburn, Leckie, Moir.

Moir attended the Infantry Camp, and N. Smith the Cavalry Camp in Otago Central.

We congratulate Senior-Sergeant Raines and Sergeant Reed on their promotions in No. 1 Company.

The new khaki uniforms with which the Battalion was provided in October, have become popular in the School. The short pants seemed awkward at first because of the novelty; but that has at last worn off, and we find our new equipment very serviceable, especially for Swedish drill. We were told that our boys look quite handsome in their new khaki kit. Ribbon in the School colours has been ordered for the hats; and this will relieve the khaki, as well as distinguish us from others.

In December we received a visit from General Godley, Commander of the N. Z. Defence Forces. He showed great appreciation of the work being done in the various branches of our cadet work.

No. 2 Company, consisting of mostly 1st year boys is not yet provided with the regulation uniform. Probably next term will find our Battalion with full accoutrements.

With the permission of the Commander of the Southland area, Senior Sergeants Raines, Hinton, and Carter attended the Instructional Camp held at Taiaroa Heads in January. Under Captains Thoms and Moore they received some valuable instruction in signalling, musketry, and distance judging. One might have seen them doing an hour's solid Swedish drill at 5.30 o'clock every morning of the week; and on some occasions with their sleeves rolled up picking and shovelling at the earthworks and trenches. They all found the camp life a strenuous one, and not sorry when the day of their departure arrived.

Owing to the weather preventing out-door parades, solid progress has been made in musketry and signalling. We hope that some of our cadets will receive the distinction of badges which are to be awarded by the Officer Commanding for signalling, judging distance, marksmen, good conduct, and general efficiency.

During last season class-firing was carried on in the Gymnasium. The bad weather did not permit any extensive practice at the range; but in December we managed to decide the usual competitions at the Grasmere range. The championship comprised a three days' match. Conditions: 7 shots and a sighter at 200 and 500 yards. The Middle School Championship was decided by a two days' match; conditions:

7 shots and a sighter at 200 and 500 yards. There were nineteen entries for the 1st year boys' competition; conditions: a two days' match, 7 shots and a sighter at 200 and 300 yards.

The following are the principal scores:—

	1st YEAR BOYS.			200 yds.	300 yds.	Total.
1.	D. Greig	18	21	22 12 — 73
2.	T. Macdonald	22	18	6 16 — 62
3.	Earsman	16	13	13 13 — 55
4.	Johnson	18	14	6 9 — 47

Middle School:—1, L. Greig; 2, Murrell.

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	Total.
1. Sergeant Carter, C. L. 139
2. Private Smith, H. W. 118
3. Sergeant Frew, D. A. 115
4. Private Reid, A. 105

In mid-April the promotions were made. Carter was transferred to No. 1 Co., and Raines was associated with him. Cameron was promoted to be Col.-sergeant, while the Sergeants were arranged thus: Millar to No. 1 Section, Duncan to No. 4, H. Smith to No. 2, G. Reed to No. 3. In No. 2 Co., G. Wild and H. Ryburn became Senior Sergeants, E. Marshall Color-sergeant, while the Sergeants are Marris, Stuck, Jackson, D. Watson.



CRICKET.

Captain : S. V. RAINES. Deputy-captain : C. CARTER. Secretary :

J. W. HINTON. **Committee : RAINES, CARTER, REID, HINTON.**

The season just past has been, as regards our team's achievements, a very satisfactory one. We played 10 matches, won 7, lost 1, and had 2 unfinished. From the cricketer's point of view, however, 1912-13 cannot be said to have been a good season. Our annual holidays, coming, as they do, in the middle of summer, always cut out a number of our matches. This year, owing to various circumstances, only the first and part of the second round of matches in the Second Grade Competition were played; consequently our portion of the games was unusually small. Practices, too, not the least enjoyable part of cricket, have been very limited in number, owing to the bad weather that we have experienced this summer. We hope that, figuratively and literally, the sun will shine on Southland cricket in 1913-14.

Since this was our first season on turf, it is interesting to note that, besides securing our first victory over Otago, and beating a fairly strong Old Boys' team, we won all our matches in the local competition that were played on a turf wicket, including a match with the team at whose hands, on asphalt, we suffered our only defeat.

Christophers and Lopdell were presented with a silver medal each at the close of last term, in well-deserved recognition of the services they rendered to our senior and junior cricket respectively.

The medals were donated by an anonymous gentleman interested in our cricket, and we now thank him for his generosity.

At last some encouragement for Second Grade players has appeared in the shape of a match with an Otago representative eleven. This was instituted this year, and was played in Dunedin. Reid, Christophers, and Macgregor were the School's chosen reps., but Reid was the only one able to make the trip. He acquitted himself well with bat and ball, in a rather unsatisfactory game. We hope to see him again in junior rep. cricket next season.

When we came back to school in February we found that we had lost our only left-hand bowler, N. Lamont, he having secured a position as pupil teacher at the Tisbury School. Towards the close of the season Macgregor accepted a pupil teachership at the South School; Christophers a position in the Bank of New South Wales, and Hinton a Beverley Scholarship, tenable at the Otago University. Fortunately we were able to retain the services of all three until the end of the season. Macgregor played in one Senior match for I.C.C., but under the S.C.A. rules this did not debar him from finishing the season with us. We hope to hear more of these players in cricket circles, and we wish them every success in their various careers.

At the beginning of the season Mr McGrath secured for us the services of Mr J. Doig as coach, and during Mr Doig's absence Mr T. Battersby kindly gave his services. We greatly appreciate the instruction given by these gentlemen in the short time at their disposal, and we thank them for their valuable coaching.

We thank Mr McGrath for the interest that he takes in us; Mr S. Mackie for acting as our representative on the Southland Cricket Association; and for lending us material; and Dr Fox, Mr Taylor, and Mr Hayman for their services as umpires in the Otago match.

We look back on the season just closed with pleasure, because some reputation has been established for our cricket; both our supporters and ourselves have acquired fresh confidence and enthusiasm, and a spirit of effort has arisen among players that augurs well for next season's cricket.

We give hereunder a list of our matches for 1912-13:—

FIRST XI. v. Y.M.C.A. (A).

This match was played on the Biggar street ground and resulted in a drawn game. School won the toss and Y.M.C.A. batted first making 125 runs. Carter took 2 wickets for 9 runs, and Raines 3 for 27. School then went in and played out time, making 70 runs for 6 wickets. In this match Carter took an excellent catch.

FIRST XI. v. WAIKIWI.

This was played on our own ground and resulted in a win for School by 5 wickets and 61 runs. School made 140 runs for 5 wickets, Christophers 68 (not out), and then declared. Waikiwi followed, compiling 79 runs. For School Macgregor took 5 wickets for 25 runs; Wesney, 3 wickets for 19 runs. Carter made a sensational catch in the slips.

FIRST XI. v. SOUTHERN.

This was played on the turf wicket on the I.C.C. grounds and considering that the First Eleven had been practising on a turf wicket, their batting was not of the brilliant order. School won the toss and sent Southern to the wickets, where they were disposed of for 46 runs. The best bowlers were: Reid, 3 for 16; and Wesney, 2 for 2. School then went in and made 58 runs, Wesney being top-scorer with 17, while Reid made 12. Southern again batted, compiling only 22 runs, Lopdell securing the excellent average of 4 wickets for 3 runs, and Reid 5 for 11. School with 10 runs to make, compiled 27 runs for the loss of two wickets, thus winning by 8 wickets and 17 runs.

FIRST XI. v. WAIRONGOA.

We played this match on Wairongoa's ground, and succeeded in winning by 79 runs. We batted first and, thanks to a good innings by Christophers for 61, and a useful 17 from Lopdell, our total was 129. Wairongoa replied with only 50. Lopdell took 4 wickets for 10, Soar 2 for 9, and Macgregor 3 for 17.

FIRST XI. v. I.C.C.

This match was played on the I.C.C. ground, and resulted in a win for School by 24 runs. I.C.C. batted first and made 53 runs. Reid taking 4 wickets for 27. Lopdell 3 for 10, and Soar 1 for 3. School opened well, the third wicket falling for 42, but the rest of the team added only 35 runs. The best scores were Lopdell 17, Macgregor 16, and Wesney 14. The fielding was weak.

FIRST XI v. Y.M.C.A. (B).

We had defaulted to this team on Labour Day, and met them for the first time this season on our own ground. Our opponents batted first, and compiled 106 runs. School replied with 143. Macgregor

played a bright innings for 45, and Reid compiled 41 in his usual steady manner. Soar 14, and Wild 10, were the only other double-figure men. Wild took 5 wickets for 28, Reid 2 for 29, and Lopdell 1 for 16.

FIRST XI v. I.C.C.

This match, played on our own ground, was our first in 1913 and, as it proved, was our first loss. School won the toss, and put I.C.C. in. The batsmen availed themselves freely of the short boundaries and quickly compiled 173 runs. We could only respond with 90. Christophers 30, Scandrett 17, Raines 12, and Carter 10, being the highest scorers. McCaw took 2 for 8, Carter 2 for 21, Raines 2 for 23, and Wesney 2 for 42.

FIRST XI. v. WAIRONGOA.

We again met this team on their own ground, and an unfinished match was the result. Our opponents batted first, and made 127 runs. Reid took 4 for 18, Soar 1 for 14, and McCaw 0 for 8. At the call of time School had 4 wickets down for 32, three of these batsmen being dismissed by catches. Reid 13 (not out), was best scorer. In this match Southern occupied Christophers' place behind the wickets, and did very well.

FIRST XI. v. OLD BOYS' XI.

The teams were:—

Old Boys.—Mackie, Lamont, McKenzie, Sampson, Kemnitz, Dawson, Stobo, Reid, Brown, Bonthron, and Moir.

School.—Carter, Hinton, Greig, Lopdell, Christophers, Reid, Wesney,
Raines Wild, Hinton, and McCaw.

Old Boys, batting first, made 73 runs; Kemnitz 16, Brown 15s, and Lamont 13 being best scorers. Raines took 4 wickets for 21, Reid 3 for 24, Wesney 1 for 3, and Carter 1 for 8. School replied with 117 runs. We quote from the Southland Times:—"The feature of the game was the excellent bowling of Raines, and a splendid second wicket partnership for School by Reid and Christophers, which contributed 66 runs before both batsmen retired." The weather for this game was perfect, and it was one of the most enjoyable games of the season.

THE OTAGO MATCH.

This is always the most important match of the year. As we had made good use of the practice wicket provided on Rugby Park, and had received more coaching than usual, we had hopes of securing a win. We are pleased to say that our hopes were realised. The Otago players arrived on Thursday, 27th March, by the second express. Play was to have commenced at 10 a.m. next day, but it was raining when the visitors arrived, and it did not cease until Friday night. We were able to start the game on Saturday afternoon. The wicket was wet

and heavy, and it was thought that the team batting first would have a decided advantage; but events proved the contrary to be the case, as most balls instead of hanging, skidded in a puzzling manner. Otago won the toss, and elected to bat, Hutchison and Thomas opening to the bowling of Raines and Reid, who disposed of the side for 52 runs. Hutchison 15, Wolstenholme 11, and Gould 10, were the only batsmen to reach double figures. Reid and Wesney opened for Southland, and played a valuable innings before Wesney was bowled. The stonewalling of this pair considerably weakened the attack, and was of incalculable value to their side. At 6 o'clock Southland had 8 wickets down for 77 runs. Play recommenced on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The weather had improved, and the wicket was slightly drier. Lopdell, Wild, and Cupples took the score to 88. We insert herein between " " suitable portions of the Southland Times report of the match:—"The batting of either side was very ordinary, except for that of Hutchison and Wolstenholme for Otago, and that of Soar, Raines, and Reid for Southland. The two Otago men mentioned batted very well indeed, and displayed some excellent strokes. Soar batted freely on all sides, and was easily the best of the Southland batsmen. Raines and Reid also batted well. The fielding of either side was not all that could be desired, many chances being missed by both teams." In their second innings Otago commenced rather badly, Hutchison being bowled by Raines in the first over. The total was 12 more than that of the first innings. "Lockhart played a very free innings for 22, and showed some attractive driving." With 45 minutes to go Southland required 29 runs to win. Reid and Wesney were again the opening batsmen. Commencing quietly they stonewalled rather long in this innings, and made the finish very close and exciting. "Wolstenholme was bowling well, and Park also required watching. After half an hour's play Wesney began to hit, and with his score at 11 was caught off Spedding, who had replaced Park. Ten minutes yet remained when Raines went in, and 8 to win. The score mounted by singles, and in the last over the totals were equal. Then Reid who had alarmed his team mates by his apparent disinclination to accelerate the scoring got one past point. A good bit of backing up by Raines, a leisurely return by Wolstenholme, and the suspense was ended. Park bowled Raines next ball, and Southland won a good game by six wickets."

The following is a list of individual scores:—

SOUTHLAND.—1st Innings.

Reid, c, b Hutchison	13
Wesney, b Hutchison	3
Christophers, l.b.w., b Spedding	8
Soar, c, b Park	18

Raines, b Wolstenholme	15
Macgregor, b Wolstenholme	0
Carter, run out	4
Lopdell, not out	14
Hinton, b Spedding	8
Wild, b Wolstenholme	0
Cupples, b Park	1
Extras	4
Total	—
						88

Wickets fell :—1/8, 2/19, 3/41, 4/54, 5/54, 6/61, 7/63, 8/73.

Bowler.	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Spedding ..	16	6	14	2
Hutchison ..	16	1	29	2
Park ..	23	10	24	2
Wolstenholme ..	14	6	17	3

OTAGO.—1st Innings.

Hutchison, b Reid	15
Thomas, b Raines	3
Lockhart, c, b Reid	2
Spedding, c, b Raines	8
Colvin, b Raines	0
Park, b Raines	2
Wolstenholme, b Reid	11
Fea, b Raines	1
Austin, b Raines	0
Gould, b Raines	10
Pilling, not out	0
Total	—
						52

Wickets fell :—1/13, 2/18, 3/21, 4/22, 5/24, 6/35, 7/40, 8/40, 9/52, 10/52.

Bowler.	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Raines ..	13.2	0	27	7
Reid ..	13	6	25	3

The actual results of the preceding contests are :—1910—Otago won by an innings and 57 runs; 1911—Otago won by 87 runs; 1912—Otago won by an innings and 39 runs.

On the Friday afternoon the Rector generously arranged for afternoon tea in the Federal Tea Rooms for the four teams; and this helped considerably to brighten a very wet and dull day. On Saturday, before the commencement of the matches, we entertained the visitors to dinner, and on Monday they left by the second express for Dunedin.

We received from the Otago boys expressions of their appreciation of the generous treatment meted out to them by our Rector during their stay here, and we do not forget to tender thanks for our share of that treatment nor to express our appreciation of the assistance that was given us in our efforts to make the visitors' stay here a pleasant one.

Owing to the heavy rains and consequent disorganisation of the Railway Service our guests were compelled to stay with us longer than usual. We are, therefore, doubly indebted to those parents that so kindly allowed the undermentioned boys to act as hosts, and to the boys themselves: — A. Timpany, A. Reid, A. Brass, J. Treseder, J. Wesney, L. Lopdell, Galbraith, Fleming, Haigh, Critchfield, Fraser, C. Greig, G. Reed, Prain, Moir, Stout, M. Macdonald.

The best averages for the season are as follows:—

—BATTING.—

Name.	No. of Innings.	Highest Score.	No. of Runs.	Average.
Christophers 11	1	68	231 21
Reid 7	3	41	140 20
Macgregor 8	—	45	98 12.25
Lopdell 8	2	19	92 11.5
Soar 5	—	18	52 10.4

—BOWLING.—

Name.	Total Runs.	Total Wkts.	Average.
Lopdell 69	13	5.3
Reid 203	32	6.3
Macgregor 86	12	7.16
Raines 127	17	7.47

We congratulate Reid, Christophers, and Lopdell on their performances during the past season.

ON DIT.

That there is a good deal of musical talent in the first XI.

That before the match several persons dreamt of another awful licking from Otago.

That it is a wonder these individuals don't take more pains with their suppers.

That on a certain afternoon at Rugby Park the committee were alarmed to hear one of their number exclaim, "We must have a roll!"

That when the others looked askance at the damp grass the hasty one explained that a practice - attendance roll was meant.

That some think the First XI should have blazers.

That the suggested pattern is navy blue trimmed with red and with white military braid, three outside pockets trimmed likewise.

That we have never met better "sports" than the Otago boys.
That "Collin" would be a more appropriate name than "Spuds."
That Slogan is a hard-hitter—at the ball.

That if a man couldn't be run out off a no-ball it would be very convenient, he could keep running all day.

That Billy Thomas was noted for his happy and "grin-ly" disposition.

That as only one fieldsman is allowed gloves, some of the others think that the next safest place for their hands is their pocket.

NOTES.

We appreciate the interest that Old Boys G. McKenzie, W. Sampson, and S. Mackie take in our cricket. We hope to see an old boys' match become an annual affair, as besides being enjoyable the game affords valuable practice.

It was quite evident that bowling was the forte of this year's Seniors; no fewer than 12 out of 14 players were capable of taking a turn with the ball.

The following constituted our Senior group for 1912-13:—Christophers, Wild, Carter, Macgregor, Soar, Cameron, Hinton, Raines, Lopdell, Reid, Cupples, McCaw, Wesney, and L. Greig.

After the Otago match, players no doubt realised the value of proper spiked cricketing boots; and we hope that in future every Senior player will possess a pair. Rubber or plain leather soles may be right enough on matting or on thoroughly dry turf; but they afford absolutely no foothold if the grass is wet or even damp; whereas spiked boots are safe on either turf or matting.

Otago this year were without the services of White, who, we are told, is the mainstay of the team in both bowling and batting. White had the misfortune to injure his wrist rather seriously just a few days before the match. He was top scorer in the match against us last year, having compiled 72 runs.

It is not unlikely that the Cricket Association will provide two wickets on Rugby Park for Junior matches next season, in addition to the two Senior wickets. This would indeed be a welcome move, as with the turf wickets on the I.C.C., Southern and Bluff grounds it would be possible to play all Junior matches on turf.

We shall have to draw on Middle School teams for two or three players at the commencement of next season, including a wicket-keeper.

It has been rumoured that next season an effort will be made to enter an Old Boys' team in the Saturday competition. We sincerely hope that success will attend the endeavour.

Our batting is gradually improving, and during the latter part of the season we were pleased to see the team as a whole displaying greater confidence than usual. There is no reason why there should be a "rot" as soon as the first two or three wickets have fallen. Every player should endeavour to make some runs in each match, and to increase his quota, however gradually, week by week.

The First XI enjoyed immensely a little treat that Mr McGrath kindly arranged for them in "our room," at the A.C.M. Tea Rooms, a few days after the Otago match. We thank Mr McGrath, and assure him that such "affairs" are powerful incentives to further efforts.

Our running between wickets has met with some severe criticism. But much of it, not all, is pardonable, because young cricketers must learn how to keep up their wickets and gain confidence, before they can be expected to try "nice" running between. Still, we must not altogether neglect one of the prettiest, and most useful, points in the game.

There can be no excuse for bad fielding, and ours has not been good at any time during the season. There is always plenty of opportunity for fielding practice; but players seem to think it not worth while to practise fielding, particularly ground fielding, and it was in the latter part that we were poorest. Keenness, alertness, briskness are all necessary for good fielding and must be cultivated at practice.

An official scorer would be a valuable acquisition to the First XI. In the past, we have had to trust to chance for our scorer, with the result that the score book is far from being well kept, and matches are difficult to review.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CRICKET.

Teams.	Captains.	Deputy-captains.
High A	C. Greig	J. Southern
High B	S. Lamont	C. Stuck
High C	T. Macdonald	H. Macdonald
High D	Moir	Kingston

Teams.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points
High A	3	3	0	9
High B	2	0	2	0
High C	1	1	0	2
High D	1	0	1	0

It has been a bad season for practice, but the players could have been keener. Remember, that Middle School players make the Seniors of to-morrow. During this season players have become more careless than usual in regard to material. As the material is bought at the boys' expense, they should look after their own property better. We

particularly desire to thank Mr Edmondson for his interest in us, and for the way in which he coached us for our match against the O.B.H.S.

—February 26, 1913.

"A" team defeated "B" team by ten wickets. In 1st innings "A" team made 44 runs. C. Greig 12, Duncan and D. Greig 10 each. "B" made 41 runs. Johnston 7. Lindsay for "A" took 4 for 9, D. Greig 2 for 6. For "B" Fraser 6 for 17. "B's" second innings made 20 runs. Murrel 9. Corbet 5 for 3, and Duncan 4 for 2, including the hat-trick. "A" in second innings had 18 runs for no wickets.

TEC' "A" v. HIGH "C."

"C" won by 99 on 1st innings. "C" made 113 runs. Dawson 16, A. Timpany 14. "Tec." then made 14 runs. Martin 10. Vella 7 for 8, Holz 2 for 2.

March 12.—"TEC B" v. HIGH "D."

"A" team won by an innings and 57 runs. "A" team made 98 runs. Corbet 18, Lindsay 14. D. Greig (not out) 13. "Tec. B" then made 10 runs. Lindsay 5 for 5, L. Greig 5 for 5. "Tec." in their second innings made 31. Duncan 4 for 0, C. Greig 3 for 1.

The other teams were practising with the Seniors for the Otago match.

March 25.—"A" v. "TEC. A."

High "A" won by an innings and 1 run. "Tec" in 1st innings made 8 runs. C. Greig 5 for 3, McCaw 5 for 4. High "A" then made 25 runs; Duncan 9. In 2nd innings "Tec." made 16 runs. C. Greig 5 for 6, McCaw 3 for 6.

JUNIOR MATCH v. OTAGO.

Otago Team.—Wynne, Duncan, Mathieson, Cantrell, Penrose (captain), Peake, Stevenson, Blackwood, Latta, McIndoe, Harraway.

Southland.—Dyer, Scandrett, Holz, Kingston, T. McDonald, C. Greig (captain), Fraser, Moir, Dawson, Stevens, Hiskens.

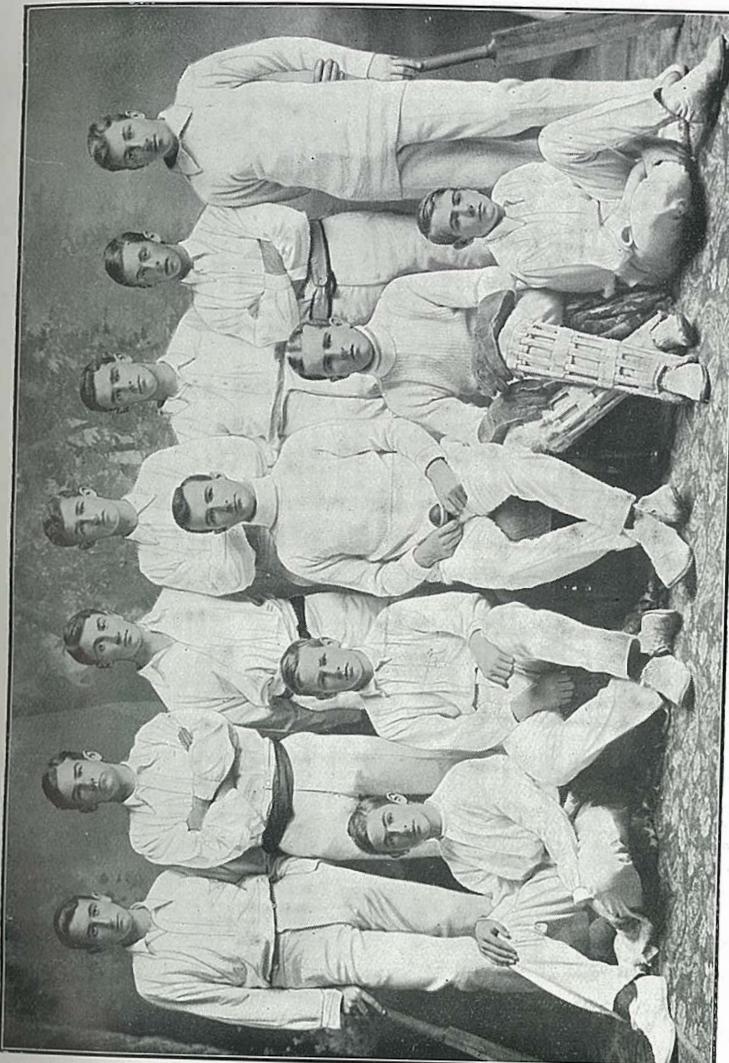
Otago went in first, and made 75 runs. Penrose 23, Mathieson 21. Holz took 4 wickets for 39 runs, C. Greig 5 for 33, T. Macdonald 1 for 1.

School responded with only 38 runs. C. Greig (27) being chief scorer. Wynne took 4 wickets for 9 runs.

In the second innings Otago 49 runs. Wynne 15, Harraway 10 runs. Holz 4 for 20, C. Greig 4 for 19.

School in their second innings made 25 runs. Holz 12, Moir 6. Wynne 5 wickets for 10 runs, Mathieson 3 for 15.

Our fielding was poor; as was our running between wickets. Hiskens' fielding drew many laudable comments from the spectators.



FIRST XI, 1912-13.

Back Row: J. WIESNEY, L. MCCAW, E. CUPPLES, E. CAMERON, C. CARTER, L. GREIG, A. REID.
Front Row: C. SOAR, L. LOPDELL, V. RAINES (Capt.), Q. CHRISTOPHERS, G. WILD.

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Saturday, November 23.—"A" v. "B."

The A team defeated B by an innings and 10 runs. B won the toss and put A in. A made 74. Lopdell 35, and Soper 11. Scandrett 7 for 32, McKay 1 for 2.

B team went in and compiled 23 runs. Cameron making 10 runs. Lopdell 6 for 10, McDonald 4 for 10. B again went in and made 41. Corbet 15, Fraser 7. McDonald took 5 for 12, Lopdell 4 for 21.

Saturday, November 30.

The B team were defeated by the Marist by 10 wickets and 1 run. School batting first made 15, Corbet 7. Marist then went in and made 31.

In the B team's second innings they made 22; Barber 6. This left Marist with seven runs to make, which they did for the loss of no wickets. The best bowling averages were obtained by McKay 7 for 9, and Corbet 3 for 11.

Saturday, December 7.

The A team defeated Technical School by 10 wickets and 3 runs. Technical went in and made 83 runs. Valentine making 29. Lopdell took 4 for 29, McDonald 4 for 32. High then went in and compiled 90 runs. Lopdell 20, Soper 17, Stephens 15, Greig 11.

Technical again went in and made 31. Valentine making 18. Lopdell took 4 for 8, McDonald 3 for 20. This left High with 24 runs to make. The necessary runs were compiled by Scandrett and Lopdell. Lopdell 16 not out. Both sides played only nine men. The feature of the match was the two brilliant catches by Marshall.

The B team were defeated by the Middle by 48 runs. Batting first Middle made 164. School then went in and made 116. Scandrett 70, Dyer 20. The best bowling averages were obtained by Barber, 3 for 25, and Anderson 1 for 4.

The A team were defeated by Middle School by 8 wickets. High went in and made 47. McDonald 16, Lopdell 15, Holz 12. Middle went in and made 87. McDonald 5 for 17, Lopdell 2 for 38, Holz 1 for 22. High again went in and made 41. Hiskens 10. Middle went in again and had two wickets down for 5. Lopdell 1 for 2.



GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The annual gymnastic championships were held as usual early in the month of December. Although we had the misfortune to have Mr Galloway absent on the sick list at the time, the display was of a high standard. Messrs D. Gilmour and J. D. Morton kindly acted as judges, and their final decisions in both Grades met with popular approval. Although the entries were rather small this year, the competition was

as keen and attractive as on previous occasions. The Senior Grade Competition was very interesting, very few points separating first, second and third. The result was.—1, J. Imlay; 2, Frew; 3, H. Ryburn; 4, J. Millar. Imlay's performance was very neat, while Frew's physical ability was without rival. These two ran very close, and it was only the result of the voluntary exercises that gave the former a lead of four points. H. Ryburn's exhibition was a very creditable one for a boy in his third year.

There were seven entries in the Middle School Grade. A. Timpany was placed first. He evidently has an aversion to the horse, but his exercises on the bar and parallels were performed with grace and ease. Next in order of merit came Meffan 2, C. Greig; and C. Marshall (equal) 3.

In the Junior Competition there was very keen rivalry. T. Macdonald was placed highest, and Murdoch second, while G. Scandrett beat Soper for third place by half a mark.

The exhibition of the Juniors gives our gymnastics a very bright prospect for this year's performances.

III B beat IIIA as classes; the totals being 588, 572.

Seniors.	Juniors.
J. G. Imlay	93½
D. Frew	89½
H. Ryburn	86
J. Millar	81
L. McCaw	77
Middle School:-	
A. Timpany	78
J. Meffan	77½
C. Marshall	76
C. Greig	76
H. Jackson	72
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TENNIS.	
Committee: A. REID, C. CARTER, A. BRASS (Secretary).	
The number of members in the Tennis Club is not so great as it was last year. The explanation lies in the unreliability of the weather. Tennis only calls us forth when the weather is genial.	
A tournament was held at the end of last year, among both the Seniors and Juniors. The Southland Lawn Tennis Association presented two prizes, valued at one guinea and half a guinea respective-	

ly. Some of the matches were very interesting, and the finals were closely contested. Messrs Callender and Tennant were present on behalf of the Association, and they expressed gratification on seeing the performance of the players.

A handicap tournament will be held towards the end of the term, and there will be no distinction between Seniors and Juniors.

The much - deferred match with the S. G. H. S. took place at the end of last term, Mrs Pearce kindly providing afternoon tea. Another match will be played at the end of the term:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

—First Round.—

Wesney beat Hinton	50—46
Reid beat Imlay	50—31
Carter beat Raines	50—26
Christophers beat Brass	50—27
C. Marshall beat Greig	50—46
Macgregor, a bye.	

—Second Round.—

Reid beat Wesney	50—23
C. Marshall beat Carter	50—49
Christophers beat Macgregor by default.	

—Semi-Final.—

Christophers beat C. Marshall	50—23
Reid, a bye	

—Final.—

Q. Christophers beat A. Reid	50—43
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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

—First Round.

Millar beat Baxter	50—31
Murdoch beat Stewart	50—46
Duncan beat Smith	50—43
Frew beat McCredie	50—30
E. Scandrett beat G. Scandrett	50—37
Mehaffey beat Dyer	50—24
Huffadine beat Miske	50—39
McDonald beat A. Cumming	50— 4
Fleming beat L. Greig, by default.	
Stuck beat J. Cumming, by default.	
Bennet, a bye.	

—Second Round.—

Mehaffey beat Fleming	50—27
Millar beat Murdoch	50—46
Frew beat Bennet	50—35
E. Scandrett beat Stuck, by default.	
McDonald beat Duncan, by default.	
Huffadine, a bye.	

—Third Round.—

Huffadine beat Mehaffey	50—30
Frew beat E. Scandrett	50—34
Millar beat A. McDonald	50—39

—Semi-Final.—

Millar beat Frew	50—26
Huffadine, a bye.	

—Final.—

Millar beat Huffadine	50—49
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S.G.H.S. v. S.B.H.S.

—Singles.—

Christophers beat Miss Cumming.
 Reid beat Miss Bowie
 Hinton beat Miss Stout.
 Wesney beat Miss Watson.
 Greig beat Miss Steele.
 Brass lost to Miss Strang.

—Doubles.—

Wesney and Hinton beat Misses Watson and Stout.
 Christophers and Reid beat Miss Cumming and Bowie.
 Greig and Brass beat Misses Steele and Strang.

—Combined Doubles.—

Miss Bowie and Greig beat Miss Cumming and Brass.
 Miss Stout and Wesney beat Miss Strang and Hinton
 Miss Steele and Christophers beat Miss J. Bowie and Reid.

—Semi-Final.—

Miss Bowie and C. Greig beat Miss Stout and Wesney
 Miss Steele and Christophers, a bye.

—Final.—

Miss Steele and Christophers beat Miss Bowie and C. Greig.

Fives Championships of 1912.

Secretaries: E. CAMERON, N. MURRELL, E. SCANDRETT.

The annual Fives Championships of the School were held in December, and on account of the good weather the events were quickly decided. Considering that the events were championships, the entries were on the whole good. The results of the various sections were as follows:—

SENIOR SINGLES.

—1st Round.—

Smith beat Wild	Christophers beat Brass
Cameron beat Lamont	Reid beat Wesney
Lindsay beat Grant	Macgregor beat McNaughton

—Second Round.—

Cameron beat Smith	Macgregor beat Reid
Christophers beat Lindsay.	

—Semi-Final.

Cameron beat Christophers	Mcgregor, a bye.
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—Final.—

Cameron beat Macgregor.

E. Cameron deserved his win, playing a plucky uphill game, and at last gaining the 1912 championship.

DOUBLES.

—First Round.—

Reid and Wesney beat Christophers and Cameron	
Grant and Templeton beat Lamont and Ryburn	
Macgregor and Greig, a bye.	

—Semi-Final.

Macgregor and Greig beat Grant and Templeton.	
Reid and Wesney, a bye.	

—Final.—

Reid and Wesney beat Macgregor and Greig	
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JUNIOR SINGLES.

—First Round.—

Morrah beat Haigh	Corbet beat Stevens
Stevens, D. beat Holz	Lopdell beat Fraser
	Johnson beat Murdoch.

—Second Round.—

Johnson beat Stevens, D. Corbet beat Morrah
Lopdell, a bye.

—Semi-Final.

Lopdell beat Corbet Johnson, a bye

—Final.—

Lopdell beat Johnson. A good ding-dong game.

SECOND YEAR.

Secretary : N. MURRELL.

SINGLES.

—First Round.—

L. Greig beat E. Cupples C. Greig beat R. Ronaldson
C. Soar beat A. Timpany A. McDonald beat J. Southern
N. Murrell defaulted to E. Stuck.

—Second Round.—

C. Greig beat L. Greig A. McDonald beat C. Soar
C. Stuck, a bye.

—Third Round.—

C. Greig beat A. McDonald C. Stuck defaulted
Winner, C. Greig.

DOUBLES.

—First Round.—

R. MacCredie and R. Ronaldson lost to Mehaffey and A. McDonald
J. Southern and C. Stuck beat L. Greig and C. Greig
E. Cupples and C. Soar beat N. Murrell and S. Lamont

—Second Round.—

Mehaffey and A. McDonald beat E. Cupples and C. Soar
J. Southern and C. Soar, a bye.

—Finals.—

A. MacDonald and Mehaffey beat J. Southern and Stuck.
Winners, Mehaffey and A. MacDonald.

The Juniors are particularly keen on the game this year, and ought to provide some close contests later on. They must remember to keep the ball low, not sky it, and to cultivate the use of both hands. The rainy summer has damped the ardour of the Seniors somewhat; no doubt their enthusiasm will return in the spring.

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2nd XI.—Capt., C. Greig; Deputy-capt., J. Southern.

3rd XI.—Capt., C. Stuck; Deputy-capt., J. E. Fraser.

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Enlarged Photos of Former Rectors.

At the successful re-union of Old Boys last July a suggestion was made that photographs of former rectors should be procured, and after enlargement, placed in position on the school walls. We are pleased to state that the Rector, Mr Pearce, has taken up the suggestion, and thanks to loans from Mrs Wade and Mr G. G. Burnes, and a photograph (specially taken) from Mr Fowler himself, has these enlargements now in process of being made by Mr Campbell of Tay street. In due course they will adorn the walls where these gentlemen formerly reigned, and will thus act as links between the present and the past. These former rectors are, of course, Messrs Blanchflower, Highton and Fowler. G. W. Blanchflower, B.A., was headmaster during the years 1881-1885; A. H. Highton, M.A., during the years 1886-1893; H. L. Fowler, M.A., from September, 1893 to 1903.

Out of several applicants for the position of Gymnastic Instructor, the Board selected three for personal interview and demonstration. The result was that Mr John Page, formerly associated with gymnastic clubs in Dunedin, was appointed, and began duty on 1st July.

Senior Free Places.

The following have been awarded Senior Free Places as from the 1st January next:—E. N. Allan, J. G. Anderson, W. Anderson, E. H. Barber, J. A. Beck, T. R. Burt, J. L. Cameron, A. H. Cochrane, G. M. Corbet, W. M. Dawson, H. E. Dyer, J. M. Findlay, T. A. Fleming, J. E. Fraser, W. Grant, D. M. Greig, L. G. Gimblett, F. Haigh, C. C. Harris, D. M. Henderson, R. A. Heron, C. F. N. Hiskens, E. Hoare, A. D. Horwell, L. M. Johnson, D. F. Leckie, C. M. Lipscombe, R. L. Lopdell, T. L. Macdonald, F. H. McDowall, I. T. J. MacGibbon, L. M. Rogers, W. M. Ryburn, A. N. Smith, L. F. Soper, R. Stephens, W. D. Stevens, M. Summers, A. Timpany, D. Watson, C. A. Young. E. Mills gets an extension of his Junior Free Place.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Once again we are coming to the close of a school year; once again we are looking, with mixed feelings, to the weeks that are to be spent in the exam. hall, and once again we cast our eyes over the days that are past to see if there are any events worthy of recording. Last term was characterised by its dull, boisterous weather, and we are all hoping for a good cricket season, to make up for the bad weather conditions that seemed to haunt almost every football match.

The term has been singularly devoid of incidents. There were several inter-pro. football games played here this year, but, owing to their taking place on Saturdays for the most part, it was not necessary for the school to get away to see them.

While speaking of football matters, we must congratulate Mr Edmondson on his securing a place in the Southland team for several matches. Injuries caused him to be a spectator in some matches which would, we are sure, have worn a very different aspect had he been able to play. We must also congratulate Mr Struthers on his being placed in the Southland Soccer team in their match against Otago. Mr Struthers was one of the selectors for the season just past.

During the Beautifying Society's Carnival, a team from the school gave an exhibition on the horse. That their efforts were appreciated was shown by the hearty applause accorded them by the

large gathering. The following composed the team:—Millar, Duncan, Bingham, H. Ryburn, McCaw, A. Timpany, T. Macdonald, Wesney, C. Greig, under the charge of Mr Page.

After our last publication our gymnastic instructor, Mr Galloway, left us to take up a position in the new physical training scheme for schools. He still takes a warm interest in the school, however, and we were pleased to see him at our annual sports. His place has been ably filled by Mr Page, who has shown that he is a thorough sport, and who has become a great favourite with all.

One Wednesday, in the third term, the school was granted some time off to see the Southland-Canterbury hockey match. We are sorry to relate that very few availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the best of this sport.

Owing to the forgetfulness of our prefects, Dominion Day was not observed in the school. On the following Friday, however, a half-holiday was given to mark the opening of the cricket season in the school. Though so early in the season, good form was, however, shown. On Labour Day the school had a holiday. Several squads competed in the Military Tournament, held here, but did not succeed in winning anything.

The week assigned to the sports meeting turned out most unfavourably as far as the weather was concerned, and in consequence the sports were postponed till the following Monday, when a most successful day was spent. On the previous Friday the school was entertained at a concert in the gymnasium. This passed off well and was altogether a most successful function. A concert was given at the end of the first term, but it was very difficult coaxing performers to come forward. No concert was given during the second term at all, probably owing to football's claims upon leading performers.

Several of the Forms have recently held social evenings at some of the tea-rooms. This should meet with hearty support, as by this means a feeling of good comradeship is instituted and a closer bond springs up between members of a form.

We frankly confess that we were disappointed in the "New Zealand's" visit. Great preparations were made, and we went to the Bluff at 8 a.m. on June 3rd. On arrival we had to wait two or three hours as the ship was a long way out. Even when she did lie off the Point we were not permitted to board, but were only taken round her. Of course she had the sign of the bull-dog breed stamped all over her, but yet the mere sight of her scarcely made the trip worth while.

Finally, as usual, the school is sending up a large number of candidates for the public exams. We all wish them success, and remind them that if they play the game and, especially, answer the

questions correctly, there will be no fear of the school not holding the proud position it has held in years past.

When the Rector told us one July morning that Ralph Moncur, who had been absent three days, was dead, we received a shock. Ralph had had a severe attack of influenza and had come back to school, not wholly recovered. A relapse set in with a supervening of meningitis, to which he quickly succumbed. A wreath was sent to his sorrowing parents and most of IV. B accompanied the Rector to the grave-side. The Rector afterwards received a note full of gratitude from the parents for the school's manifestation of sympathy.

TERM CONCERT.

This term a considerable amount of enthusiasm was aroused for that noble institution, the term concert, and it was decided to elect a committee to look after the interests of the concert and make it as far as possible a success. The committee consisted of V. Raines (president), the prefects, and two representative from each form.

The concert was held on a Friday afternoon, October 31st, in the Gymnasium, with V. Raines in the chair, a position which he filled very creditably.

We have space to record here only the more remarkable items, as a detailed account of the whole would run into several pages. Perhaps the best feature of the afternoon was the Sixth Form variety entertainment, in which the sixth-formers paraded in various costumes, with some very ludicrous results. For instance, it is rather an amazing sight to see a sixth-former and a prefect dressed up as a ballet-girl, with crimson stockings, a pale blue skirt, a blouse, and an altogether indescribable piece of headgear. All the costumes were, however, very artistic, and very striking, from Ryburn's door-mats, sombrero, and toy pistol, to Bingham's kilts, plaid, bottle and corkscrew. The Sixth Form rendered "Macnamara's Band" very finely, and gave a very clever recitation of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," in which each member gave a separate line. Then Arthur Reid recited, and Gordon Reed gave a beautiful sermon. A. Cumming tickled everyone with his humorous lectures, "Geography" and "The Cow." The Fifth Form attempted to sing "Bluebell" and another song, but Wesney's voice was the only one that could be heard. Wesney, Cole and Millar, however, sang "The Man that Hath plenty of Peanuts," with great effect, introducing a little topical matter by the way. For the rest, items deserving special commendation were: "His Day's Work was Done," by H. Ryburn; Holz's violin solo; an orchestral item by A.

Cumming (piano), Mehaffey (violin), Smith and Treseder (cornets); and, last, R. G. Stevens's recitation, which was a good selection and well rendered.

SCHOOLROOM HUMOUR.

V.

"CAN THE ETHIOPIAN . . . ?"

A Fifth-former has at last solved the problem. He translates "A vouloir blanchir un negre, Le barbier perd son savon," as follows: "If a barber wishes to whiten a nigger, he must use shaving soap."

"Johnson was a water-drinker, and Boswell was a wine-bibber, and, indeed, little better than a swot." A passage from Macaulay, as read by a fifth-former.

Puddin' objects to slang of any kind. He was given the following to criticise: "This bit of goods was knocked down for twenty dollars," and he pointed out that "dollars" is an "Americanism" that will not do in good English.

IV. A.

Geography.—One of our number recently made the interesting scientific discovery that horses and cattle are completely neutralised in America. We suppose he meant naturalised!

Extracts from Examination Paper—Geography—"The United Kingdom is traversed over 3000 miles by canals." How interesting!

History—"Pitt resigned because his colleagues refused to go to war with Spain." "Bute retired after effacing the treaty of Paris."

Chemistry.—Master: "Plants get carbon from the air. How do animals get carbon for their tissues?" Dull Pupil: "By eating the plants."

Latin.—One of our masters translates "Proxima nocte de tertia vigilia" as "Next night, about three o'clock in the morning."

French.—A highly respected member of our community has invented a new method of translating French prose. The following extract will be enough to show the style: "Un endroit desert de bois." "A place full of wood."

Chene ou Chien. J. D. translating "Un chene au tronc enorme." "A dog with a big trunk."

Describing a railway accident one told us that "Mme. Dubois etait evanouie" means "Mrs Dubois had vanished."

IV. B.

We possess a number of modern Solomons in our form, one of whom during the French period translates "ours et ourses" as "bears and bearesses."

Another budding philosopher informs us that Calcutta is in India. On being asked where it is in India he replies that it is in the south-west, up at the top.

Even great men made mistakes and our teacher is no exception to the rule. One day he told us to remember that the curve on the board was a straight line.

"Woolly mowing-machines" fairly puzzled A. B., but at last he ventured on "flocks of birds." Was he thinking of keas, or hawks, or starlings?

"The Valhalla of the worn-out" was explained by a weary boy as "the bedroom" (S. T.).

"A White Australia" is thus explained by C. L.: "White Australia is the country inhabited by white people around the coast, while the black fellows have the interior."

The "White Man's Burden," according to E. H., is "the burden of keeping his own moral character and qualities pure and good, and thus doing his share to keep the white nations pure and good."

III. A.

About the middle of the second term our worthy Latin master decided to examine us on the declining of Latin nouns. Accordingly a boy was sent to the blackboard to decline "Miles." This is the first attempt: Miles, Milere, Milsi. After having been gently informed that "Miles" was not a verb, he made a second attempt with little better success.

One English Period the master asked what a large crack in a tree was called, whereupon the wag of the class retorted, "A split infinitive."

Suffixes are very peculiar things, so one of our number must be pardoned for saying that "pious" means "full of pie."

III. B.

We are informed by "Birdie" that a windmill is used to water the ground.

According to another: Reindeer are used to convey the logs from one place to another in the timber industry.

Extract from an essay by Archie: "The kauri trees are planted to provide wood for our ancestors."



OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

After an interval of several years the Old Boys again met in a successful re-union at Invercargill. A special report will be found in this issue.

Again we are indebted to two Old Boys for interesting articles; to Mr Frank Simon for a description of the famous Dublin Horse

Show of 1912, and to Mr Frank Acheson for a description of a cruise in the South Sea Islands. Again we commend the example of these to other old boys of the school. Such contributions are always heartily welcomed. Please, sir, a little article, please! Just for "Auld Lang Syne"!

Frank Simon is doing well in literature at Trinity College, Dublin. He has won the University Philosophical Society's medal in aesthetics, open to all members of not more than eight years' B.A. standing. He is the first undergraduate to win the medal. He chose for his essay "The Decline of Architecture." He has also won the only medal given by the Neophyte Society, open to all men in their first three college years. The medal is for Oratory. Surely Frank has discovered the famous "Blarney" stone. We congratulate the youthful St. Chrysostom.

Norman and Oswald Gilmour have settled down as sheep farmers at Purikireki, 18 miles from Clinton.

Erasmussen of the Bluff is now settled in Christchurch. Reg. Hawkins is still with Mr Todhunter in the City of the Plains, buying and selling grain.

John Scouler of Edendale is now to be found in Bank of New Zealand, Timaru.

E. Reynolds has been transferred to Supreme Court, Dunedin. Rev. H. Clarke, B.A., is now stationed at Enfield.

Charles Reid, after being on the sick list for two months, went north in May last to the P.O. Savings Bank, Napier.

It was our Charlie Macan who was reporter for the Otago Daily Times at the Sutton Camp last May. Charlie received the ducking because his report did not please certain members of the camp. When police court proceedings were taken, the defendants pleaded guilty, alleging that C. M. had grossly exaggerated the complaints for the sake of "copy." We sympathise with Charlie and admire his heroic prosecution of those whom he was trying to assist. Ungrateful Territorials!

Fred. Miles, M.A., was a much feted old boy before he quitted the shores of New Zealand. Not only was he honoured by his old school, but also on two occasions by his Varsity, at the capping dinner, and also by the Arts Faculty. We have been shown a very fine programme of the latter meeting in which, amid other apposite quotations, Miles has beneath his name "sic itur ad astra" and "at pulchrum est digito monstrari et dicier, 'hic est.'"

S. C. Sutherland has received promotion in the office of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., and is now their agent at Otautau.

Fred. Wilson, also, of the same firm, is now out on the roads, as a traveller.