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PREFECTS, 1936.
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I. W. Spiers, C. W. D. Warburton (Head), A. D. Fyffe, D. E. Campbell.

Southland Boys' High School

Herbert Street :: Invercargill

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Gymnastics:

J. PAGE.

Singing:

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

Woodwork Instructor

W. CURWEN.

Dancing:

ALEX. SUTHERLAND.

School Officer

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School Officers, 1936.

PREFECTS:

C. W. Warburton (Head), H. J. Gilbertson, J. Hunter, E. E. McCurdy, D. E. Campbell, I. W. Speirs, I. B. McCurdy, A. D. Fyffe.

LIBRARY:

L. M. Cornwell (Head), M. J. Chaplin, N. F. Gilkison, R. D. Fogo, D. W. Crowley, A. E. Turner, J. H. Cockerell and assistants.

SOUTHLANDIAN:

The Prefects, J. Hunter, J. W. Fraser.

SWIMMING:

D. F. Davis, D. C. Berry, A. Aitken, P. B. McInnes, A. Mair

TENNIS:

A. S. Lindsay, G. W. North, I. B. McCurdy.

ORCHESTRA:

A. S. Lindsay.

DRAMA:

M. J. Chaplin, N. F. Gilkison, R. D. Hassed.

BOXING:

E. E. McCurdy, R. D. Hassed, A. R. Bremer.

ASTRONOMICAL CLUB:

D. C. Berry.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Aparima, A. D. Fyffe; Mataura, C. W. Warburton; Oreti, E. E. McCurdy; Waiau, J. W. Fraser.

FIVES:

H. J. Gilbertson.

STAMP CLUB:

R. D. Fogo, D. P. Wallace.

CAMERA CLUB:

E. J. Anderson.

RADIO CLUB:

A. R. Fox.

ATHLETICS:

C. W. Warburton.

CAPTAINS OF GAMES:

Football: 1st XV., A. D. Fyffe; 2nd XV., H. J. Gilbertson; 3rd XV., E. F. Jarvis; 4th XV., R. P. Hewat; 5th XV., G. Agnew; 6th XV., M. Gavan.

Cricket: 1st XI., C. W. Warburton; 2nd XI., A. D. Fyffe; 3rd XI., D. Hamilton; 4th XI., W. R. Mayhew.

Hockey: A's, J. M. Elliotte; B's, M. J. Chaplin.

CADET COMPANY:

Officer Commanding: Major A. J. Deaker.

Second in Command: Captain J. Page.

Platoon Commanders: Capt. H. Drees, Lieuts. A. R. Dunlop, A. G. Harrington, J. C. Braithwaite, A. H. Robins, E. R. Chesterman.

Vickers and Lewis: Capt. H. Drees, Sergt. C. W. Warburton.

Company Sergt.-Major: E. E. McCurdy.

Quarter-Master Sergt.: J. W. Fraser.

Platoon Sergts.: R. D. Hassed, A. D. Fyffe, I. B. McCurdy, J. Hunter, H. J. Gilbertson, C. W. Warburton.

Prize Night, 1936

For the first time for many years the break-up was held in the Civic Theatre in conjunction with that of the Girls' High School. Musical items were contributed by both schools and added materially to the interest of the evening. In the absence of the chairman of the Board of Governors (Mr R. M. Strang) the chair was taken by Mr J. T. Carswell who read the address which Mr Strang had intended to deliver. With the principals and staffs of the schools there were associated Sir Robert Anderson, Mr W. M. C. Denham M.P., Mr James Hargest M.P., Mr John Miller, Mayor of Invercargill and Messrs W. Bell, Hugh Ritchie and F. G. Stevenson—members of the Board of Governors. The Rector spoke briefly on the success of the year's work and the prospects for the future, while the prizes were presented by Mr E. H. J. Preston, representing the Old Boys' Association. Mr Strang's address read as follows:—

"During recent years it has become increasingly apparent that a broadening of the curriculum is necessary. At one time in the secondary high schools the education was of a purely academic nature. To-day it is considered that such a restricted education does not give the young people an education that would fit them to adapt themselves to the more highly complicated social and business life upon which they will have to enter when they leave school.

"In England to-day the trend is towards the introduction of classes where handicrafts and the domestic arts are given importance. It is considered that the education of the child should come by a closer association with social life, and by the encouragement of the development of its natural instincts of curiosity, creation, and a desire for games and companionship. The child's curiosity should be encouraged and guided because by doing this you can assist in developing its reasoning facilities.

"During the last few years the board has been attempting to increase the range of subjects taught in both the girls' and boys' schools. The teaching of woodwork and agriculture has been introduced into the boys' school, and the board is now negotiating with the department for the teaching of metal work. In the girls' school it is considered desirable that greater attention should be given to the domestic arts and also to some of the finer arts. The education of the girl should be such that it will assist her to take charge of the home, that she will have an appreciation of the finer things of life. It is a delight to associate with young women who can efficiently control the affairs of a home, take an intelligent interest in the social problems of the day, and have an appreciation of literature and art. The classes of to-day should be able to assist the homes in developing this type of young woman.

In so far as the youths are concerned the classes should play a very important part in preparing them to undertake the control of business, social and the political life of the country. We are not all gifted alike and often what is the strength of one is a weakness in another, and so in education natural ability should be encouraged and developed to the fullest extent. We cannot do this if we are going to have narrow restricted curriculums.

"Mr Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Education in Britain, in a thoughtful and extremely able address, points out all this. He mentions that: Huxley, in 1870, in outlining the most important tasks of the school boards placed first the provision of an adequate system of physical education, and second, the inclusion of manual work in the curriculum. Mr Stanley adds: At last we have realized the basic necessity of these physical aspects of education.

"Many people do not appreciate the importance of the teaching of handicraft for other than vocational reasons, but Mr Stanley has given as his very definite opinion that it is an important thing. He states: At one time handicrafts were regarded as a sort of extra; they were not taught in the school premises, but in special centres; and no doubt originally they were included in the curriculum for somewhat narrow vocational purposes. Now, handicraft and domestic science have become an integral part of school life, as real a part as books and study—not for vocational reasons, but because education must deal with the whole child, with his creative and aesthetic, as well as his intellectual, needs. Wood-work in the school curriculum was no more designed for the creation of professional carpenters than school games were designed for the production of professional footballers.

"Bound up in this question of the broadening of the curriculum is the question of the utilizing to the utmost all the facilities offered by the various types of schools. In some high schools the academic side is given greater emphasis and in other schools the vocational side. In my view the schools which are supported by the taxpayers should be used so that they could give the greatest service to the children in the district in which they are situated.

"I consider that in a place like Invercargill it should be possible to use the staffs of both the High School and the Technical College so that greater opportunities could be given to the children of both these institutions. If I were asked at the moment how it could be accomplished I could not give a complete answer, but of this I am satisfied: that a closer co-operation between the two schools would be of advantage to the pupils of both schools. I am fully aware that there will be many difficulties to be overcome before such a state of affairs could be properly established and put into efficient working order.

"I am also aware that many interested and sincere people will oppose this view, but nevertheless from my observation and experience I am satisfied that this would be to the advantage of the children. There would need to be some sort of amalgamation or association of the boards, and all thought of which was to take precedence over the other would have to be dismissed, and the problem approached with a definite idea of giving service to the children of Southland.

"One thing which is of importance is that of the traditions of the schools. These should be kept alive because school records and traditions play a great part in education. Certain standards are set, and often without the pupils realizing it they try to measure to these standards. I sincerely hope that some definite attempt will be made to attack this problem, and that all selfish feelings which might cause those in authority to approach the matter unsympathetically will be kept out of discussions.

Mr Denham, M.P., in a brief speech said that he would like to see every school provided with wireless, cinemas and libraries, and caused some amusement by referring to textbooks as "mummified relics" and expressing the hope that they would go into oblivion. He read a message from the Minister of Education, the Hon. P. Fraser, commanding the work of both schools and wishing them success in the future.

Mr Denham discussed the recent abolition of the proficiency examination, and said he hoped that it would assist in giving education the wider outlook required. The world was changing and he thought that school curricula must also be changed.

The prize lists were as follows:—

CLASS PRIZES.

Form III C.—T. O. Brandford, 1st French, 2nd English, 2nd mathematics, 1st history.; G. A. R. Cornwell, 2nd French, 2nd Science; J. H. Ruddenklau, 1st English, 1st science, 1st mathematics, 2nd history.

Form III B.—J. L. Oates, 1st history, 1st equal French; W. D. Hunter, 1st equal English, 1st mathematics, 2nd history, 1st science; C. N. Moffett, 1st equal English; G. D. Lyons, 1st equal French; J. T. Bridgman, 1st Latin.

Form III A.—P. L. Cowie, 1st French, 1st mathematics; J. N. Forrester, 1st Latin, 1st science, 1st English, 2nd French, 2nd mathematics; L. V. Blaikie, 1st history; J. H. Cockerell, 2nd history, 2nd science, 2nd English.

Form IV C.—E. R. Baird, 1st English, 1st equal French, 2nd IV B Latin; R. O. Newton, 1st equal French; D. G. Simpson, 1st history, 1st science, 2nd mathematics; R. G. Hoffmang, 1st mathematics, 2nd science.

Form IV B.—W. Coster, 1st French, 1st science, 1st mathematics, 1st history, 2nd English; E. Walker, 2nd French, 2nd science, 2nd mathematics; R. S. Pearce, 1st English.

Form IV A.—E. R. Hill, 1st English, 1st science, 1st mathematics; A. Harrison, 1st IV B Latin; K. J. Dixon, 1st equal English; A. E. Turner, 1st equal English; G. V. Sands, 1st history; M. R. Keane, 1st geography.

Form V B.—E. K. Barnett, 1st English, 1st mathematics; G. R. Russell, 1st science; J. P. Robertson, 2nd science, 2nd mathematics; J. M. Potts, 1st French; M. Jenkin, 2nd French, 2nd history; J. B. Oliver, 1st history.

Form V A.—W. R. Mayhew, 1st English, 1st science, 1st Latin, 1st history, 1st French; R. P. H. Hewat, 2nd English, 2nd science, 2nd Latin, 2nd history, 2nd mathematics; R. W. R. McCall, 1st mathematics.

Form V R.—R. E. Cocklin, 1st English, 2nd history, 2nd French; C. G. Gray, 1st equal science; A. L. Dykes, 1st equal science; P. F. M. Cooke, 1st French, 1st mathematics, 1st V B Latin; A. S. Lindsay, 1st history.

Form V U.—A. D. Fyffe, 1st French, 2nd history; J. H. Gazzard, 1st science, 2nd mathematics; E. E. McCurdy, 1st mathematics, 2nd science; E. S. Allison, 1st history, 2nd English; G. W. North, 1st English; A. A. Beer, 1st geography.

Form VI.—Scholarship and Higher Leaving Certificate: C. W. D. Warburton, 1st English, 1st Latin, 1st French, 1st history; D. E. Campbell, 1st chemistry, 1st mechanics, 1st equal mathematics, 1st electricity and magnetism, 2nd English; J. W. McChesney, 1st equal mathematics, 2nd chemistry, 2nd French, 2nd mechanics, 2nd electricity and magnetism; J. Hunter, 1st geography, 1st VI B history, 2nd VI B English; E. Jarvis, 2nd geography, 2nd VI B history; J. W. Fraser, 1st VI B English.

Accountancy and Commercial.—III.: G. R. J. Duthie, 1st book-keeping and principles of commerce; IV.: H. A. Mill, 1st book-keeping and principles of commerce; V.: R. W. R. McCall, 1st book-keeping; VI.: H. J. Gilbertson, 1st book-keeping, 1st mercantile law, 1st economics; R. C. Smart, 1st bankruptcy.

Agriculture.—III.: J. H. Ruddenklau, 1st; IV.: D. G. Simpson, 1st; V.: E. Fallow, 1st.

Drawing.—III.: P. L. Cowie, st; IV.: W. A. Chambers, 1st mechanical drawing, R. P. Pearce, 1st model drawing; V.: C. G. Gray, 1st mechanical drawing, L. E. Chambers, 1st model drawing.

Woodwork.—III C.: G. J. N. Scott, 1st; III B.: W. D. Hunter, 1st; III A.: A. P. Poole, 1st.

SPORTS AND GENERAL PRIZES.

Swimming.—Junior Championship Cup, P. B. McInnes; Wilson Cup (senior championship), D. F. Davis; Inter-secondary school life-saving championship and relay race (Royal Life-Saving Society's shield, Otago Centre, and Mr A. J. Kingsland's miniatures), 1st, Southland Boys' High School (D. C. Berry, captain, A. J. Melhop, B. H. Palmer, G. R. Guthrie, A. T. Mair).

Athletics.—Len Hanan Memorial Cup and Sports Trust miniature (senior championship), H. B. Ritchie; Sutherland Cup (half-mile senior championship), L. M. Cornwell; Todd Medal (most points short distances), E. J. Anderson, E. F. Jarvis, A. L. Cameron, equal; Bews Cup (most points middle distances), P. Bennetts; junior championship Challenge Cup, L. V. Blaikie; Christophers Memorial Shield (relay Old Boys versus School), Old Boys (W. Atley, G. Henderson, P. McLauchlan, E. J. Boyd); inter-form three-mile shield, VU (D. Berry, A. Cameron, J. Robertson, J. Elliotte); Invercargill A.A.C. Cups (three-mile championship): Senior—1st, D. Berry; 2nd, L. Cornwell; Junior—1st, L. Blaikie; 2nd, J. McLean; St. Paul's Harrier and Athletic Club Cup (javelin record), C. W. D. Warburton; 100 yards intermediate record, T. R. Pedlar; 440 yards junior (Lovelock meeting in Dunedin), L. V. Blaikie.

Boxing.—Old Boys' Cup (senior championship), E. E. McCurdy; Frost Cup (most scientific boxer), K. J. Dixon; Dallas Cup (house boxing championship), Aparima House (captain, A. D. Fyffe).

Tennis.—Junior association cups for secondary teams—Junior, School A team (captain, L. Blaikie); senior, School A team (captain, A. S. Lindsay); secondary schools' championship singles cup, G. W. North.

Gymnastics.—Junior championship (Mr J. Page's medal), N. F. Breen; intermediate championship (Mr P. H. Nicholson's medal), K. J. Gray; senior championship (Mr W. R. Mabson's medal), E. E. McCurdy.

House Competition.—Most points in all branches of athletics, Oreti House (captain E. E. McCurdy).

Cadet Prizes.—Junior shooting championship cup, V. C. Officer; senior shooting championship shield, A. L. Cameron; Mrs Smith's prize (best cadet), Sergt. C. W. Warburton; platoon championship cup, No. 6 Platoon (Sergt. Warburton); best cadet in Southland Area and Southern Command, Sergt.-Major E. E. McCurdy.

Singing.—1st (Old Boys' Association prize), unbroken voices, F. W. Farley; broken voices A. S. Lindsay; 2nd (Mr Black's prize), unbroken voices, K. R. Clapp; broken voices, C. R. Gibbs; 3rd (Mr R. Fraser's prize), unbroken voices, R. R. Barlow; broken voices, M. Chaplin, D. Davis.

SPECIAL AWARDS.

Athenaeum Committee Free Tickets: 1st year, J. N. Forrester; 2nd year, A. E. Turner. Old Boys' (third decade), cup for best all-round third-year boy, W. R. Mayhew; Deschler Cup (for greatest physical and scolastic improvement), A. D. Fyffe; Aviation Badges (Sports Trust Scholarships) A. D. Fyffe and G. Baker; Proxime Accessit (Mr B. C. Galloway's prize), C. W. D. Warburton; Dux of School (Old Boys' award), Donald Eptorpe Campbell.

Public Speaking.—Senior: E. E. McCurdy 1st. L. M. Cornwell 2nd. Junior: L. A. Blaikie 1st, J. H. Cockerell 2nd.

The Rector spoke briefly elaborating some of the points of his annual report, which, as it had already appeared in the newspapers, was not presented by him at the prize-giving.

The musical numbers were "Land of Hope and Glory," "Pokare Kare," "Gentlemen, the King!" and "A Perfect Day."



African Mysteries

J. W. F.

You'll have heard of the Loch Ness Monster
And other frauds less rare,
But what of the mysterious jungle,
And the wonderful things found there?

Do you know of the Wampy Wah Nah Poo,
Which grows tomatoes on its tail?
Of the weird and wonderous Hotch-a-Ka,
Whom hunters can never nail?

There are long lost cities and carved stones,
But more strange to me is the blackball tree,
And the Minty's festooned vines.
And wise old Solomon's mines,

The animals there are strange and rare,
Their breeding far from true.
Elephants father crocodiles,
Hyenas called home by a "moo."

School Roll, 1936.

VI. SCHOLARSHIP

Browne, M. L. Freeman, N. R. Campbell, D. E.
Cornwell, L. M. McChesney, J. W. Crowley, D. W.

Gilkison, N. F. Warburton, C. W. D.

VIB.

Adams, K. D. Finn, J. G. Gerrard, J. R.
Campbell, T. S. Fraser, H. W. Hunter, J.
Davis, D. F. Fraser, J. W. Jarvis, E. F.

VI. COMMERCIAL

Alsweiler, A. S. Gilbertson, H. J. Miller, S. M.
Davies, K. W. Grant, I. M. Smaill, J. C.
De La Mere, A. J. Hinton, S. H. Smart, R. C.
Doyle, J. T. Lambert, J. N. W. Speer, R. M.
Gibbs, C. R. McElhinney, W. J. D. Spiers, I. W.

Randall, J. F. C.
Jolly, M.

Speirs, R. G.
Sutherland, T. L.
Taylor, S.
Wilson, S. J. V.

V UPPER

Adamson, A. Fogo, R. D. McArthur, A. W.
Allison, E. S. Fyffe, A. D. McCurdy, E. E.
Beer, A. A. Gazzard, J. H. McLauchlan, G. E.
Berry, D. C. Hunter, W. C. Millar, A. C.
Boyens, R. W. Jaquiere, A. V. North, G. W.
Bremer, A. R. Jenkins, T. S. Parker, J. W.
Cameron, A. L. Lawrence, H. A. Richardson, G. F. J.
Elliott, J. M. McGregor, A. J. Ritchie, H. B.

Smith, R. A. E.
Woodward, R. F. J.
Hassed, R. D.
Robertson, J. A.
Stocker, J. W.

V. REMOVE

Anderson, E. J. Chaplin, M. J. Espie, N. A.
Baker, G. Cocklin, R. E. Fairbanks, R. V.
Bennetts, P. A. Cooke, P. F. M. Fox, A. R. E.
Boyd, E. J. Currie, G. F. Gray, C. G.
Buchanan, R. M. Duncan, D. Lindsay, A. S.
Chambers, L. E. E. Dykes, A. L. McCurdy, I. B.

McKee, V. A.
Peterson, A. F.
Stewart, W. F.
Thomson, D. G.
Waite, A. R.
White, L. J.

VA.

Anderson, L. W. Hargest, K. J. W. McLauchlan, A. C. L. Saxelby, C. K.
Barrett, W. S. Harrison, S. McQueen, J.
Bell, W. R. Hewat, R. P. H. Mayhew, W. R.
Black, O. A. Hunt, H. R. Melhop, A. J.
Clark, B. W. King, B. E. Pedlar, T. R.
Coster, D. G. McCall, R. W. R. Raines, A. T.
Dickson, J. M. McClean, J. E. Ruffin, J. C.
Halligan, H. McIntosh, D. I. Roseveare, C. A.

Smyth, P. K. H.
Swale, T. W.
Thompson, M. D.
Von Tunzleman, E. J.
Wilson, R. J.
Wyeth, C.

VB.

Ashley, A. M. Fallow, J. C. Mehaffey, I. B.
Barnett, E. K. Ferguson, J. I. H. Muirson, I. R.
Batchelor, S. S. Fraser, R. L. Oliver, J. B.
Burman, D. C. Gavan, D. J. Richardson, S. G.
Campbell, C. W. Gilbert, M. Patterson, G. A.
Campbell, I. L. Gregg, S. D. Poole, H. A.
Collie, J. B. Jenkin, M. Potts, J. M.
Connolly, L. S. Hamilton, D. S. Reid, I. W.
Fallow, E. M. McElhinney, E. H. Riley, W. P.

Robertson, J. P.
Russell, G. R.
Waite, J. B.
Winter, H. C.
Crawford, J. F.
Hesselyn, R. W.

IVA.

Aitken, A. M. A. Hall-Jones, G. Lindsay, D. J. Perkins, J. W.
Chambers, W. A. Harrison, A. McCallum, J. R. Rose, A.
Chandler, H. L. Heenan, P. C. MacDougall, J. A. B. Sands, G. V.
Craw, G. T. Hill, E. R. McInnes, P. B. Turner, A. E.
Davies, R. M. Kean, M. R. MacRae, J. M. Wallace, D. P.
Dixon, K. J. Kelly, K. R. Mair, A. T. Webb, G. M.
Goodsir, W. T. Lawrence, A. E. Mill, H. A. Watkins, R. W.
Gunn, J. G. G. Lilley, R. J. H. Officer, V. C.

Agnew, G. W.
Batchelor, C. E.
Bath, H. D.
Begley, T. A.
Caddie, A. S.
Connors, P. P.
Coster, W.
Crawford, A. B.
Dickson, I. G.

Edwards, L. O.
Edwards, A. J.
George, C. A.
Gibson, J. S.
Glass, L. B.
Gray, K. J.
Hunt, E.
Livingstone, L. J.
Longley, H. N.

IVB.

Macdonald, N. E.
McNeil, A. C.
Oughton, J. J.
Parcell, E. P.
Pearce, R. S.
Ritchie, R. B.
Scott, J. D.
Semmens, K. S.
Spencer, R. T.

Skinner, P. H.
Stewart, A. R.
Walker, E. W.
Walker, H. R.
Wilson, G.
Withington, A. E.

IVC.

Cushen, T. M.
Duthie, G. R. J.
Allan, J. B.
Allen, S. B.
Baird, E. R.
Barnett, E. R.
Berry, J. W.
Buxton, C. R.
Clarkson, A. A.

King, W. F.
Laing, R. S.
MacKintosh, D. M.
McKellar, B. A.
McKenzie, T. A.
McMillan, R. A.
Moir, W. J.
Pittaway, W. W.
Randle, J. R.

Robb, R. D.
Simpson, D. G.
Thomson, R. S.
Watts, D. E.
Webb, J. C.
Wright, F. F.

IIIA.

Abel, K. F.
Barlow, R. R.
Blaikie, L. V.
Bleakley, G. H.
Bruce, F. G.
Cockerell, J. H.
Coster, D. R.
Cowie, P. L.
Cox, S. W. J.

Deal, K. W. J.
Ericson, R. A.
Fallow, K. M.
Fallow, M. M.
Farley, F. W.
Forrester, J. N.
Fougere, J. R.
Grey, E. B. S.
Harland, J. K.

Ronald, W. C.
Rowley, P. F. H.
Soper, F. H.
Stead, P. A.
Stevens, W. L.
Watson, R. G.

IIIB.

Bradshaw, E. M.
Breen, N. F.
Bridgman, J. T.
Brown, H. S.
Burns, R. W.
Caldwell, H.
Campbell, G. E.
Cate, W. L.

Clapp, H. R.
Cook, S. A.
Dawson, N. E.
Forbes, N. C.
Hargest, G. R.
Hunter, W. D.
Inglis, A. S.
Lyall, T. E.

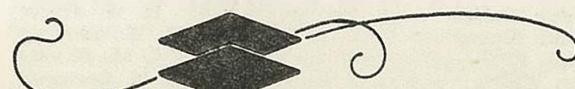
Oats, J. L.
Redpath, J. P.
Sparks, W. A.
Ward, A. W.
Waters, D. E.
Wood, R. B.
Knott, R. W. G.

IIIC.

Anderson, L.
Baker, E. G.
Beck, N. G.
Boyd, D.
Boyd, P. M.
Brandford, T. O.
Cornwell, G. A.
Double, A. A.

Duncan, R. W. A.
Fearn, R. A.
Gavan, M. A.
Halliday, C. A.
Hamilton, J. A.
Horner, W. R.
Kirkwood, J. E.
Liddell, G. A.

Shirley, L. T.
Stuart, R. G.
Taggart, W. L.
Ward, L. F.
Watson, S. R.
Scott, G. J. M.



Drama and Music

In a school such as ours where the roll-number is neither very large nor very small, boys' interests tend to overlap greatly, the result being that the enthusiasts are in everything and the masters in charge are all, naturally enough, reluctant to agree to such diversion of interest. This factor probably reacts most strongly on our Drama and Music so that it would seem that the time has arrived when boys will need to choose their club interests and concentrate on them alone. There seems no other way of avoiding a dissipation of energy. Singing has continued to occupy its prominent place in school life and the school quartet, which Mr Black has kept together for many years have sung at school and frequently at suitable places where their services have been in demand. The Old Boys' prizes in the broken voice section were competed for by the largest number since the inception of the competition. The unbroken voices were not so good as previously and the competition far from keen. This obviously needs strengthening. Instrumentally, during 1936, school had to put up with a rather lean year, but that will pass and the orchestra will come into its own again. They played their part nobly in the concert given for two nights in the Hall on July 1 and 2 when the programme was:

1. Overture—"Gypsy Blood" (Renner)	The School Orchestra
2. Play—"Solander Island"	By Russell W. Reid
3.—Items by the 1st XV. of the Otago B.H.S.	
4. Quartet—(1) "Sweet And Low" (Barnby)	The School Quartet
(2) "Hail Smiling Morn" (Spofforth)	(M. Chaplin, A. Lindsay, D. Fyffe and D. Davis).
5. Violin Solo—"Souvenir" (Drdla)	A. Lindsay

INTERVAL

6. Entr'Acte—"War March Of The Priests" (Mendelssohn)	The School Orchestra
7. One-Act Play—"The Recoil"	By Eric Logan

Stage Manager: M. Chaplin.

Scenery by the School Drawing Class under direction of Mr J. Flannery.

Five plays were attempted during the year, three being publicly produced and two going into rehearsal so that they might be taken up again another time.

SOLANDER ISLAND

Williams	K. D. Adams
Shippey	D. E. Campbell
McDonald	C. R. Gibbs
Freeman	R. D. Fogo
Native	N. R. Freeman

This is the second play by an Old Boy, (R. W. A. Reid), to be produced by the school. The story is based on an historical incident recounted by McNab and others and relates the adventures of five men marooned on Solander Island for some years. The dominant character in the play is Shippey, and Campbell gave an intelligent interpretation of this brutal and loathsome figure. As the servile Freeman, Fogo was good. The cast lacked experience and gave their play, on the first night a rather "rough passage."

THE RECOIL

Lieut. Malone	H. W. Fraser
Lieut. Denny	D. W. Crowley
Capt. Frith	J. M. Elliotte
Pte. Wilkes	L. M. Cornwell

This play has been produced by amateurs on countless occasions, but is exceedingly difficult to do. Gilkison worked hard with his cast who gave him very uneven performances. An old failing with us, reared up its head again—inaudibility. Crowley made a gallant effort to capture the requirements of the snake-biting scene.

MOONSHINE

Luke Hazy	R. D. Hassed
Revenue Officer	A. D. Fyffe

As the illicit still owner in the mountains of Kentucky who is sought out by the Federal officer, Hassed gave the best performance of the year. This cast of two rehearsed endlessly and earned their reward—a bright, confident performance which was excellent entertainment. There was quite a keen demand on this little piece; it was performed twice for charity.

Elegant Edward—Burgler Bill (R. W. Fogo), Mr Treherne (W. R. Bell), Mrs Treherne (J. H. Cockerell), Sergeant Beckett (T. Pedlar). Tempest, Act 1, Scene 2—Miranda (A. E. Turner), Prospero (J. B. Oliver), Ariel (F. W. Farley), Caliban (R. D. Hassed), Ferdinand (R. W. Watkins).

It is worthy of note that much assistance has been given during the year to the Invercargill Repertory Society by loaning curtains and properties of all kinds, while quite a number of the school took small parts in the production of Shaw's "Devil's Disciple." In the realm of drama the school has certainly played its part.



"And After That The Dark"

Short story by J. W. McChesney.

Close by the main street of the growing town of Golden Valley, was the office of the Seddon Mining Company. It was a square wooden lean-to painted the common reddish-brown colour, against which the name showed clearly in large white letters. The external appearance, however, was deceptive, for inside, it was one of the best-furnished buildings in the town. It consisted of two rooms, the outer, the office, where Seddon's clerk transacted the business, and the inner which was Dave Seddon's private room.

In this room, Dave Seddon, a tall, well-built man, about sixty years of age sat in his armchair gazing thoughtfully round the room. Suddenly his eyes came to rest on a card which had been pinned to the wall by his literature-loving clerk, on which was printed in gold lettering:—

"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark."

That gold lettering caught his eye. Gold! His gold! His thoughts immediately swung back to their former train—gold. Thirty-five years ago he had come alone to the west searching for those elusive riches. It was he who had discovered Golden Valley, and named it. It was his gold—all of it. He had been the founder of the settlement, now quite a busy township. He had started and owned the Seddon mining company. He still owned it, but what was it worth now? Two years ago, the Robertson Syndicate, a New York firm had started out in Golden Valley, and since then his own business and influence had begun to wane.

They had commenced operating right on his boundary and now had three stamp-mills working—he had only one. He knew the reason. It was trickery and underhand work. They had tunnelled under the boundary and into his workings. They had robbed him of his gold! He'd beat them yet. His dark eyes flashed and his clenched fists pressed hard against the arms of his chair. They had tunnelled into one of his disused shafts from their own claim and had set things up to look as though he had tunnelled into their ground, and now, they were suing him for it. He clenched his teeth and dug his fingers into the arms of his chair. He had always been honest and fair to the men—and now they were leaving him—joining the other side. This was more underhand work.

His eye again set on that card on the wall in front of him. He started involuntarily. He had seen and read this dozens of times before, but had not, until now, seen the underlying meaning. Now it came to him in a flash. Those words kept running through his mind. How they suited his own case!

A knock at the door roused him from his meditations. His clerk came in pale and shaking, "Mr Seddon, Ridgway was found shot at the pithead this morning."

Seddon cried aloud in surprise and dismay. The clerk went out. Beads of perspiration gathered on his forehead—Ridgway—his foreman—the man on whom he had relied for almost everything—shot! It was the syndicate again—they were out to beat him. This seemed to be the end of everything—was his twilight drawing near? Again those words drummed through his brain.

He could bear it no longer; the words on that card seemed to be laughing at him, mocking him; he must get away from this office. He rose and staggered to the street, mounted his horse which was hitched at the door, and headed for the hill which overlooked the valley.

He took the longer but easier trail, which wound round among the rocks and stunted trees. He had gone barely three quarters of a mile when suddenly his horse shied, and almost immediately a shot rang out from the bushes to the right, in front of him. He felt a burning sensation in his chest, and jolted forward.

The horse rushed on at a mad gallop towards the top of the hill with Seddon grasping the saddle to steady himself. He felt himself becoming weaker and hung on grimly, but finally could endure it no longer. He felt himself falling—falling—then there was a hazy vision of horse's hoofs and trees.

He opened his eyes and found himself lying against a mesquite bush on the hill-side overlooking the valley. There, he saw Golden Valley Township—his own town—there was his own stamp-mill at work—and there was his office. Again he thought of that card on the wall—he felt suddenly weakened—his wound was paining him—again the thought—

"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark."

His twilight has come and gone—the evening bell had sounded. . . . A branch broke and Dave Seddon slid down to a bed of moss. His eyes opened; his mind ran on—Dave Seddon—founder of Golden Valley—

"Twilight and evening bell—"

The eyes closed, the head fell-back—"and after that—the dark."

The Debating Club

Six prepared debates were held during the second term. In spite of a good deal of stormy weather the attendances were always good and no speaker failed to develop his particular aspect of the case with enthusiasm. The general standard of speaking was good—better than for some years previous to 1936—and the development of dialectical ability was most pronounced in several cases as the session developed. The most encouraging aspect was the large number of speakers from the floor each evening. Club members keenly appreciated the opportunity to argue at length under orderly conditions, no quarter being given as none was expected. Enthusiastic interjectors caused uneasiness in the first debate, some failing to realize the narrow definition of an interjection, and others being not a little disgruntled that they were forbidden to "say their piece" by way of interjection. Meetings always concluded with lively informal discussions ranging over a vast field—and as often as possible over a cup of cocoa.

April 17.—"That the British Empire is destined to Fall." Affirm: Cornwell, Lambert, Elliotte, Crowley. Neg: Warburton, Gilkison, Gibbs E. McCurdy. A lively argument dominated by McCurdy. Decision to the negative by 321 to 212.

May 1st.—"That the sacrifices entailed by Polar expeditions are justified by the results obtained." Affirm: Hassed, Oliver, Cornwell. Neg: Turner, Crowley, Anderson. Turner and Hassed spoke well, the former being confident and well-prepared. Won by the affirmative.

June 5.—"That sport plays too prominent a part in our school life." Affirm: Gilkison, Lambert, Elliotte. Neg: Warburton, Gilbertson, Gibbs. No interjections were allowed at this meeting with the result that most of the speakers developed their cases with amazing logic. There were some very frank points of view expressed and some good speeches from the floor. Decision to the affirmative by 193 to 167.

June 12.—"That a dictatorship benefits a nation more than a democracy." Affirm: Cornwell, Crowley, Oliver. Neg: Campbell, Hassed, Anderson. This was the most even debate so far, Warburton speaking very well in an impromptu fashion and Campbell definitely the best speaker of the evening. The Negative won by 70 to 66.

June 19.—"That military drill is essential in our school curriculum." Affirm: Morrison, Wallace, Cornwell. Neg: Edwards, Aitken, Dixon. This was a night for the juniors—very successful but for a bad case of "drying-up" before the time was anywhere nearly completed. Cornwell was adjudged the best speaker. There were seven speakers from the floor and verbal hostility was at white heat, McCurdy and Elliotte eventually asking, and being given a short debate of their own. Won by the negative by 53 points to 52.

The Waitaki Debate

July 8.—The annual debate between the Southland Boys' High School and Waitaki Boys' High School took place in St. Luke's Hall before a very large attendance of pupils of both schools, as well as the general public. Mr B. B. Walton, presided, and the Rev. J. M. McKenzie was judge.

The chairman, in his introductory remarks, referred to the recent changes in the political life of New Zealand, and said that the debate, "That the complete development of Socialism in New Zealand would be beneficial to the country," was of particular interest.

Southland (McCurdy, Cornwell, Crowley and D. Campbell) took the affirmative and Waitaki (J. Milner, Grave, Andrew and Wallace) the negative.

After a very interesting and enjoyable debate in which humour was not lacking, Waitaki gained the decision with 209 points against Southland's 204 points.

The judge commented that the debate was of a high standard, all the speakers acquitted themselves with credit. Both leaders led their sides ably, McCurdy speaking well and using various expressions of attack effectively. Milner was a clever speaker, with plenty of thrust. He thought that Milner was the most promising speaker, but the best speaker of the night was Wallace (Waitaki), who marshalled his facts very effectively.

In short, debating had its best year since 1932.



The School Library

Notes by L. M. Cornwell

The year 1936 has been one of the busiest for the library, since not only has the school taken a much greater interest but many alterations and additions which have vastly improved the library have been made. The custom of a boy's presenting a book when he leaves has become firmly fixed and this year many books have been received from boys who have left and who are leaving. In all about three hundred books have been added to the shelves during this year. As well, the Library staff of eighteen has been through the Fiction section and rejected all books, about three hundred, that have been damaged or that were classed as unsuitable. Books that were damaged only slightly have been placed aside to be repaired.

The Library itself has been painted in an attractive green and cream which has made a great difference in its appearance. Earlier in the year three large tables were added for the purpose of making a reading-room possible and now we are looking forward to obtaining chairs and suitable flooring. As the Fiction section was becoming slightly cramped for room, a set of new shelves was added and all the books shifted round and spaced more evenly. In the Class-book section new shelves were added and then all the divisions were rearranged in a certain definite sequence; Science, History, Travel, Literature and Poetry.

Magazines have been laid on the tables for anyone to read. Many boys take full advantage of this and are often up in the Library to read "Punch" or the "National Geographic," presented by Mr R. J. Gilmour. Other magazines are "Drama," "World's Work," "Cricketer" and "Lectures pour Tous." One of the boys presented a number of travel pamphlets which have interested a number and are becoming quite popular.

With part of the proceeds of a Concert that was arranged by the Librarians five Medici prints were bought and hung on the walls. The Concert was held on the night the Otago Boys' High School football team was here. There were two plays "The Recoil" produced by N. F. Gilkison and "Solander Island" written by R. W. Reid, an Old Boy of the School. About £26 was made and with this the pictures, "Sports Encyclopedia," "Book of the Epic" and the "Mowgli Stories" have been purchased, with a good balance still to be expended.

Another new institution this year has been the Library Period for each class. On certain days the class is admitted and each boy is allowed to read any books he desires. The effect of it is being noticed already in the large number of books from the Class-book section that are being taken out. For many days on end it has been noticed that fully half of the books that are brought back belong to that section. Moreover there is a noticeable number of the good type of fiction books being read.

Some books have been very popular and have been in steady demand throughout the whole year. Particularly noticed owing to their popularity are the books of "Travel," "Science," "Astronomy" and "History" especially "World and Empire History" and books of the "New Zealand" section. In addition "Drama" and a set of books on Animal Life and a set of Anthologies "The World's Library of Best Books" have been popular on the Class-book side. In Fiction, John Buchan, Rudyard Kipling, Conan Doyle, Raphael Sabatini, R. L. Stevenson and H. G. Wells have been read much throughout the year. Other popular books are the new Omnibus books that we obtained at the beginning of the year.

In conclusion we should like to thank all the following who have made presentations to the Library; Old Boys' Association, Board of Governors, Mrs J. Torrance, Miss Hyndman, Mr J. J. Pollard and Mr R. J. Gilmour, Rector, Mr Deaker, Mr Dunlop, and Mr Drees, F. Kean, G. M. Thomson, L. Jones, M. Chaplin, S. Taylor, D. C. Berry, A. J. McGregor, J. R. Printz, W. P. Riley, M. Gilbert, R. Smart, K. Adams, J. W. Lambert, L. J. White, J. O. Macpherson, R. N. W. McRae, J. H. V. McElhinney, A. J. Edwards, R. G. Speirs.



The Mist

By M. J.

A heavy mist is over the town to-night,
Like some gigantic spider's web
Enmeshing all from toe to head.
The passers-by in vain struggle and fight
With its overbearing power. Vainly they might
Push it aside, but it creeps back like death to a bed.
Even the lights have been captured in its web,
And dart feeble rays to left and right.
The shops and sheds have lost their ugliness,
And now assume the shapes of floating ghosts.
And even nature is passive to its prowess,
And the dark outlines of the trees looming like posts
Have lost their intricate detail in the mist,
As their vague shapes around me list.

Examination Successes, 1936

University Scholarship Credit List.—D. E. Campbell, C. W. D. Warburton, J. W. McChesney.

University National Bursaries.—D. E. Campbell, J. W. McChesney, C. W. D. Warburton, D. W. Crowley, N. F. Gilkison, L. M. Cornwell.

Accountancy Professional (VI Commercial).—H. J. Gilbertson (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law, Econ.), I. M. Grant (Merc. Law, Bankruptcy), R. C. Smart (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law, Econ.), I. W. Speirs (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law, Bankruptcy), R. G. Speirs, (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law), S. J. V. Wilson, (Merc. Law, Econ., Bankruptcy), J. T. Doyle, (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law, Bankruptcy, Economics), J. N. Lambert, (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law, Bankruptcy, Econ.), L. Taylor, (Bk-kpg., Bankruptcy), J. C. Smaill (Bk-kpg., Merc. Law, Bankruptcy).

The following were awarded Higher Leaving Certificates.—D. E. Campbell, T. S. Campbell, L. M. Cornwell, D. W. Crowley, H. W. Fraser, J. W. Fraser, N. R. Freeman, H. J. Gilbertson, N. F. Gilkison, I. M. Grant, S. H. Hinton, E. F. Jarvis, M. Jolly, J. W. McChesney, R. C. Smart, R. McK. Speer, C. W. D. Warburton, S. J. V. Wilson.

The following 29 boys passed University Entrance.—E. S. Allison, G. E. McLachlan, P; A. A. Beer, P; D. C. Berry, E; A. L. Cameron, P; R. E. Cocklin, M; J. M. Dickson, M; R. D. Fogo, M; A. D. Fyffe, M; J. H. Gazzard, P; H. Halligan, M; S. Harrison, M; R. P. H. Hewat, M; A. V. Jaquière, P; S. T. Jenkins, P; B. E. King, M; K. A. Lawrence, P; A. S. Lindsay, P; W. R. Mayhew, M; A. W. McArthur, P; E. E. McCurdy, P; J. McQueen, P; G. W. North, P; G. F. J. Richardson, P; H. B. Ritchie, M; R. A. E. Smith, P; K. H. Smyth, P; J. W. Stocker, P; R. J. Wilson, M.

The following gained passes in the Training College Entrance examinations.—M. L. Browne, T. S. Campbell, J. H. Gazzard.

Partial passes Training College Entrance.—H. W. Fraser, J. W. Fraser, E. F. Jarvis, M. Jolly.

The following were successful in passing Book-keeping and Commerce in the annual examinations of the Association of Commercial Science.—Invercargill: S. R. Allen, E. R. Barnett, A. S. Caddie, I. L. Campbell, A. A. Clarkson, D. G. Coster, I. G. Dickson, C. K. Ferguson, R. G. H. Lilley, Mair, H. A. Macdonald, J. J. Oughton, R. T. Spencer, E. W. Walker, G. M. T. Spencer, E. W. Walker, G. M. Webb.

The following gained full passes in the School Certificate Examination.—A. A. Beer, R. E. Cocklin, J. M. Dickson, J. M. Elliotte, R. D. Fogo, A. D. Fyffe, J. H. Gazzard, H. Halligan, R. P. Hewat, W. C. Hunter, A. V. Jaquière, B. E. King, K. A. Lawrence, A. S. Lindsay, A. W. McArthur, R. W. R. McCall, J. E. McClean, I. B. McCurdy, G. E. McLachlan, J. McQueen, W. R. Mayhew, A. J. Melhop, G. W. North, G. F. J. Richardson, J. C. Ruffin, C. K. Saxelby, R. A. E. Smith, P. K. H. Smyth, E. J. von Tunzelman, R. J. Wilson.

The following gained partial passes in the School Certificate Examination.—E. S. Allison, L. W. Anderson, L. E. E. Chambers, P. F. M. Cooke, D. G. Coster, A. L. Dykes, C. G. Gray, R. D. Hassed, T. W. Swale.

Senior Free Places were granted to—H. Adam, G. W. Agnew, A. M. Aitken, J. H. Alexander, J. B. Allan, S. R. Allen, C. E. Bachelor, E. R. Baird, E. R. Barnett, H. D. Bath, J. W. Berry, C. R. Buxton, A. S. Caddie, W. A. Chambers, H. L. Chandler, A. A. Clarkson, G. T. Craw, A. B. Crawford, P. P. Connors, W. Coster, T. M. Cushen, R. M. Davies, J. G. Dickson, K. J. Dixon, G. R. J. Duthie, A. J. Edwards, L. O. Edwards, A. B. Eggleton, C. K. Ferguson, R. L. Fraser, C. A. George, J. T. Gibson, W. T. Goodsir, J. P. Gordon, K. J. Gray, J. G. G. Gunn, G. Hall-Jones, D. S. Hamilton, A. Harrison, R. O. Hewton, G. E. Hickin, E. R. Hill, R. G. Hoffman, E. W. Hunt, M. R. Keane, K. R. Kelly, W. F. King, R. S. Laing, A. E. Lawrence, R. J. H. Lilley, H. N. Longley, N. E. Macdonald, J. A. MacDonald, B. A. McKellar, T. A. Anderson, D. M. Mackintosh, R. A. McMillan, A. C. McNeill, J. M. Mackie, A. T. Mair, H. A. Mill, V. C. Officer, J. J. Oughton, E. P. Parcell, R. S. Pearce, J. W. Perkins, W. W. Pittaway, J. R. Randle, R. B. Ritchie, R. D. Robb, G. V. Sands, J. D. Scott, K. S. Semmens, D. G. Simpson, R. Spencer, W. Stevens, A. R. Stewart, A. E. Turner, E. W. Walker, H. R. Walker, D. P. Wallace, R. W. Watkins, D. E. Watts, G. M. Webb, J. C. Webb, G. Wilson, A. E. Withington, F. F. Wright.

Somes' Scholarships for Christ's College, Christchurch.—R. P. H. Hewat, G. Hall-Jones.

New Zealand Farmer Massey College Scholarship (Two years' residence).—R. C. Smart.

The McFee Scholarship.—J. H. Cockerell.



An Old Boy Abroad

School Life in Switzerland.

We print below a letter to the Rector from Angus McBean who was at School from 1924 to 1927. He was for a short time a reporter on "The Southland Times," then "The Auckland Herald," which he left to go to England. He completed his B.A. degree and is now to be found at the Instituto auf dem Rosenberg, St. Gallen, Switzerland. His letter is dated June 27, 1936.

"It has been my privilege and honour to be appointed to the staff of the largest private school in Switzerland this year and looking back over 13,000 miles to the Southland Boys' High School, I thought a few notes on the differences of school life here might be of interest for the school magazine, to which once, eight years ago, I am afraid I contributed my first efforts at verse-making.

"We are here a real Volkerbund, for no fewer than 13 languages are spoken among the 180 international students. We have Germans, French, Russians, Czechs, Italians, Lithuanians, English, Americans, Hungarians, Greeks, Egyptians, Norwegians, and even a young Siamese! German and French of course are the official languages and every boy, except the very newest arrivals, speaks one or both of these languages fluently. In such a polyglot community, many are the amusing combinations of languages in which a conversation is carried on! Generally speaking, it is much easier to understand than to speak a language which is only imperfectly known, so that sometimes when there is a group of a master and pupils of different

languages one hears opinions being expressed in turn in English, French, German and Italian, or else perhaps the general direction of conversation switches unconsciously from one language into the other, without such a change being perceived! The danger is that sometimes one begins a sentence in German and before one realizes what has happened, one has drifted into some entirely different tongue. But no one minds, outside school-hours, as long as we can make ourselves understood!

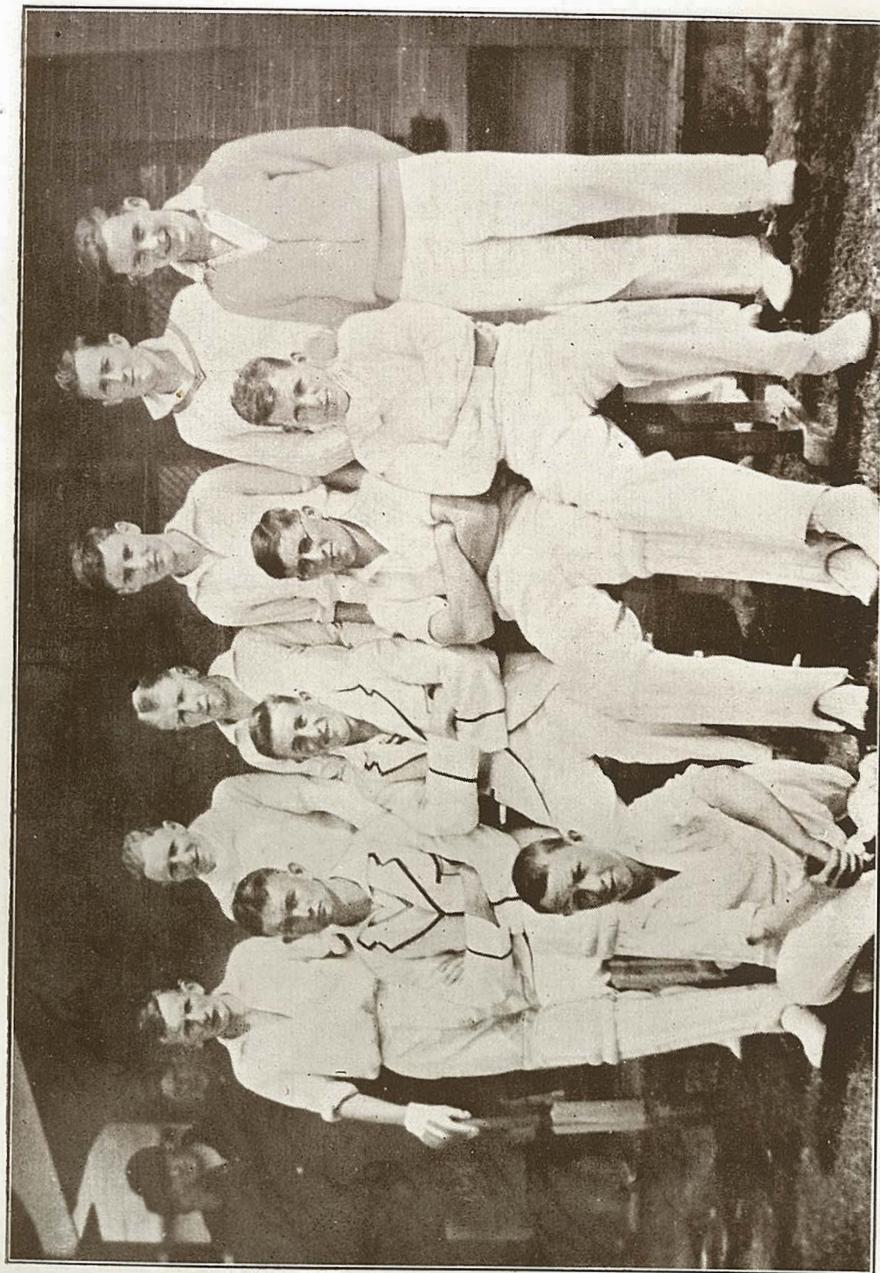
"I think we work rather harder than in New Zealand. How would New Zealand boys like the first lesson to begin at 7.15? Waking is at 6 in the summer, breakfast at 6.40, and the morning's work doesn't end until midday. Then come lessons again from 2 to 4.15, when tea is taken, and dinner at 7. But Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons are free for sports.

"Compulsory participation is not made so strict as in English-speaking countries but every boy of course takes part, for sport includes so many branches, such as tennis, swimming, basketball, fist-ball and hockey, as well as soccer. Rugby is not played, and indeed is not looked on favourably on the Continent, I think because of the brutal way in which it is played in professional, international games.

"Of course all the games mentioned are spring, summer and autumn occupations. In the winter is the one great sport, undoubtedly pre-eminent for its thrills, daring and energy. Naturally I refer to skiing. When I arrived here at the end of February there was nearly a foot of snow on the slopes near the school, and everyone skied. Merely having to walk out of my door to reach an ideal slope, I lost no time in attempting to emulate the rest, with sufficient success to make me an ardent devotee of the sport. I don't think there is a Swiss over the age of five years who is unable to ski. One master at the school, about 45 years of age, has broken his bones eleven times. His left leg alone has been broken six times, for he is such a demon of daring that there are very few boys who will undertake to go under his leadership.

"As if by a miracle, in April, the snows disappeared and were replaced by the most glorious meadows and wild flowers imaginable! To-day, as I write these lines, late in June, we are enjoying heat which comes up to the best Auckland standard, only confirming my opinion that Switzerland is one of the most delightful places in the world to live in. Already I have seen by means of biking, holiday tours, and other opportunities, Lucerne, Locarno, Lugano, Geneva, Lausanne, Montreux, Neuchatel, Zurich, Berne, and Basel, and in the past six weeks have been teaching at a Dependance of the Institute at Villars, 5000 feet above the Rhone Valley and right opposite the Dents du Midi.

"In conclusion to these rather rambling notes, I should just like to say a word of encouragement to those boys who are at all interested in foreign languages. One often hears it said: 'School French is no use. . . you won't understand a word if you go to France.' Let me deny that absolutely. It is true that it requires a little time to become used to colloquial French, rapidly spoken: but any boy who devotes himself interestedly to his French may be quite sure that he can easily make himself understood on the Continent and that he will soon become accustomed to hearing life put into that language which he may have learnt devoid of connection with actuality. And by taking pains to learn at least one language other than his own, he will unlock the door to all kinds of wider interests and fascinating possibilities and adventures of the spirit."



FIRST XI, 1936.
H. J. Gilbertson, E. F. Jarvis, J. Hunter, N. R. Freeman, A. A. Beer, H. Halligan,
H. W. Fraser, C. W. Warburton (Captain), I. B. McCurdy, J. B. Oliver,
G. W. Agnew.

The 1936 Hockey Season

Notes by J. M. Elliotte.

The 1936 hockey season was a highly successful one for School hockey, the only loss sustained by the First Eleven being against Otago Boys' High School. Owing to the fact that nearly all of last season's First Eleven players had left, School was regraded into the Senior B competition, which it won, along with the Lewis Shield. In this, the eighth year since the introduction of Hockey into the School, the game has gained a very firm footing, as there are now over sixty players. In the Invercargill colts team which played Eastern-Northern, three School players were included, Cooke, Aitken and Elliotte, while Campbell and Elliotte played for the Southland colts against Otago.

THE OTAGO MATCH

At noon on the 22nd of October the First Eleven travelled to Dunedin and played Otago Boys' High School First Eleven the following morning. The weather was warm and sunny and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The School team was:—P. Cooke, H. Fraser, M. Keane, I. Campbell, J. Elliotte (captain), P. Semmens, L. Anderson, F. Poole, C. Gray, A. Aitken, D. Watts, C. Caddie. The half-time score was 2—0 in favour of Otago Boys' High School. Although School failed to score they attacked vigorously all the time. All four goals against School were netted by Aldred, the brilliant Otago centre-forward. We take this opportunity of thanking all those who displayed interest in our activities.

The second Eleven played in the Senior B competition along with the First, while the third and fourth elevens played in the third grade. These teams gave a very good account of themselves and there are some very promising players in them.



On Passing Examinations

By J. W. F.

Much have I swotted just the night before
Much good, tho' late, a last revision done.
Much mental strain endured as fitting one
Who took no heed of those imparting lore.
Weak have I crawled to the exam-room door,
Just lacking strength, but not desire, to run.
Much pencil have I chewed, idle i' the sun,
Long-forgotten theorems sought for on the floor.
But bluff and wit have often pulled me 'through,
Yet still the first results, this have I learned,
Are worthless, till the news is proven true.
All scruples should, like cheat-cards, be burned
When fond father gives as reward to you
Crisp, crackling, crinkling five-pun notes, well earned.

Faraway

Short Story by J. W. Fraser.

None of the inhabitants of the small town of Puddlethorpe who wore Joe Willett's boots and shoes suspected their maker of idealistic or poetic tendencies. To all outward seeming Joe was a quiet, steady tradesman, intent upon his work, and ever ready to oblige. Nevertheless, Joe's mind was not exclusively busied with thoughts of soles and number nines. In business hours he had few lapses, and always observed a nice distinction between cash and credit, pumps and brogues. He was indeed, the sole proprietor of the "Willett Workers" laces, and the "Willett's Wafter" shoehorn rights, and was noted for the durability of all his footwear.

It was Mrs Willett who discovered, after some months of life with Joe, that he was rather more than he seemed. A great reader, he was sometimes strangely affected by the literature of the type to which he was addicted. His reading, however deep the impression may have been made on his mind, was never reflected in the mirror of his daily life, although certain oddities of speech and manner when in his own household may have given some clue to the metamorphosis taking place within him. A hungry perusal of the adventures of Sherlock Holmes resulted in his developing a passion for cushions and ensilage-like tobacco, and the purchase of a black and yellow striped dressing gown, which constituted his evening wear when at home. His purchase of a raven, and the development of a habit of roaming the sunny country lanes with the bird followed his reading of "Barnaby Rudge." A course of Thackeray made him intolerant of verbosity. The works of O. Henry confirmed his belief in types. Many were the fanciful life stories he invented for the Puddlethorpe shop-girls as they embarked on the 8.15 for the city. At this time his curious behaviour aroused the interest of his neighbours, who afterwards attributed what they thought was the wreck of his domestic happiness to "The Door with the Seven Locks." The meat-fed giants seized his imagination, preyed on his mind in waking hours, while far into many nights he read much on the transmutation of species by change of food. Who knows but what Joe Willett might have become a Frankenstein monster in his own home, (for it was at this period that his wife presented him with a daughter), had he not then been introduced to the Choric Song of the Lotus Eaters. Thereafter Willett slept in peace, and continued to manufacture profitably "Worker's" laces and the "Wafter" shoehorn without that trembling which the thought of the carnivorous babies had produced. But Joe was permanently deranged. "Utopia" followed the Choric Song, and the seraphic smile which gradually became fixed on Joe's face could not be satisfactorily explained by either his friends or enemies. The laces and shoehorns proved lucrative, and Joe, on his first vacation, was not seen by the townsfolk for some weeks. Where he had gone, none ever knew, but it was rumoured that on his return he had begun, (last fall of an unsound mind!) to write poetry. Tales of domestic strife, too, were not wanting, and no great surprise was felt in the village when, two years after the birth of her daughter, Mrs Willett went to live, as it was given out, in the city. A month after she had gone, Joe announced that he was the father of a son, to whom he planned to leave the business, which had prospered well.

A decade passed, during which Joe had made infrequent but periodic trips to the city, as he said, to see wife and children. As the years went by, these visits became more frequent and more protracted. Joe

successfully scouted all suggestions that at least one of his children should live with him in the village, declaring that their mother had planned careers for both boy and girl in which the small town of Puddlethorpe played no part. And with this the gossips had to be content. Much water flowed under the bridge, and the lad whom Joe had employed in the shop grew up, married, and bought his master's business. Joe continued to call the village his home, despite his comparative affluence, until the day he returned from one of his absences with his body unable to obey his broken mind. He was carried from the station to his home, which he left only at the head of the cortege. Nothing more was ever heard of Mrs Willett or the children. Others of Joe's generation died, or left, and the little village of Puddlethorpe continued to fill its small part in the scheme of things, nothing changed, little stirred, by the life of Joe Willett, of the "Worker's" laces, and the "Wafter" shoehorn.

But in the outer world of affairs, much changed. Speeds were attained, mountains levelled, Governments fell. No wars were fought, and the arts of peace prospered. Poetry and painting reached heights of merit hitherto unattained. An exclusive artistic publication, in particular, had each week in its pages a poem and a painting of the most superlative excellence, but of unknown origin, (or at least so the publishers said). Both poem and painting were invariably pastoral, typifying that peace of earth, mind and body which Man has sought in the ages, and were obviously the work of idealists compared with whom Milton and Millet produced but doggerel and blots. In vain were efforts made to ascertain the identity of the two unknowns who, in perfect harmony, were working in co-operation. No help was forthcoming from the publishers, who declared that the gems published in their pages were perfect contributions, in that no rates of pay were asked for.

Poems and paintings were variously ascribed to the first mate and the cook of a tramp steamer, a surgeon in a great hospital and his anaesthetist, but although the twin compositions continued to appear over a period of years, until they finally ceased abruptly, without any preliminary falling off in quality, their inspiration and authorship forever remained a mystery.

But none in their search for the authors had stumbled on a beautiful vale by the sea, where the breezes blew soft and scented, flowers bloomed in gorgeous profusion and a maid and a boy, brother and sister, lived alone in a hut in a grove of myrtles. These were the two who had given the world such beauty in word and colour.

Their countenances were cast in innocence, but where the girl's eyes were pools of light and shade the boy was blind; and where the tongue of the girl had never moved in speech, the boy spoke with the clarity of the lark. Though their heads were shaped as yours and mine, yet never were such another two minds. Brought up from earliest remembrance in such a paradise, with a mother who was surely an angel, for she spoke not of this world, with the works of nature as their sole precepts, their intellect grew to early perfection, in harmony and beauty. Left motherless when ten years of age, the girl made herself understood to her brother by the call of mind to mind. Bathed in eternal darkness, the day was denied to his normal senses. But injected with the feeling of it, by the effect of the sun's rays on a sensitive skin, and the mind-call of his sister, he burst forth, like the birds, into natural song. The sister recorded his words and translated them with brush and paints. Softly, at intervals, there came one, who, knowing his own imperfections, and fearful of the result of the world intruding upon this idyll, came by night, and took with him the sister's records, leaving in

their place material for new. The diet of their childhood, milk and honey for the body and beauty for mind, had left undeveloped in boy and girl that trait of doubt, suspicion and wonder which is the cause in less happy climes of so much misery, and had instead delicately tuned their sense of loveliness.

But science has in all ages stifled art and marred beauty. Man has sent into the air birds without feathers or song. And although by land their valley was hidden, the brother and sister one day found the song-birds fled from the myrtles, and a shadow spreading over the flowers. The soft whisper of the breeze was drowned by the harsh roar and whine of Progress; no bird that they knew was this, roaring so terribly. As the sheep on the plain huddle together, and sink terrified at the hover of a vulture did brother and sister, a nameless and unknown fear clutching their hearts, run, affrighted to death, to their happy hut in the myrtle, where, huddled, fear stopped their pulses as man, at his idle whim, crudely imitated the birds above.

Fear of a machine of man had broken the delicate tempo of these two lovely lives, though the shock of their death, even through the demented creature whose experiment the idyll had been, was never known to man so enriched.



Cricket Notes

Interest in the game continued unabated and aided by the very good wicket on the School ground, and the assistance given by the Southland association coach, Mr W. R. Patrick, the first eleven, at least, developed into quite a strong team. It is a pity that time does not permit the coach to give some expert attention to the lower teams where are a few boys, in particular, who would greatly appreciate and benefit from his work. But doubtless, their time will come. Regarded in the senior competition as a not very formidable side, School confounded the critics by defeating a strong Old Boys team in one of the highest scoring games Southland club cricket has even known. An enterprising and hard hitting century by the Rector was the highlight of the School's innings. Both C. W. Warburton and H. W. Fraser showed consistent form during the season and both were selected to represent Southland against Manawatu in a challenge match at Palmerston North.

One School game, that against Waitaki, was played during the season —at the end of the third term of 1936. The wicket provided on the School ground was in excellent order. In fact it seemed to excite comment from good judges whenever they played on it and if their praise was not extravagant, then the cricketing clubs of Invercargill can be thankful that these excellent conditions exist. Waitaki batted first on a good wicket and was dismissed for 124 runs. Tilbury (41) and Walton (22) made a good stand at a critical stage in the innings and saved the visitors from being dismissed for a small total. At one stage they had lost five wickets for 56 runs. Warburton and Fraser bowled steadily for Southland, the former taking 3 wickets for 44 runs and the latter 4 for 45.

Southland batted all the afternoon and at stumps had lost eight wickets for 160 runs, Oliver (53 not out) and Halligan (41) batting well. On the resumption of play the following morning neither Halligan nor Oliver added to his score, but thanks to their lively and hard hitting, the foundation of a good score had been laid. The innings closed at 181 runs—57 runs to the good. The Waitaki team made a recovery and scored 183 in the

second innings. This left Southland 127 to get to win, but the tail batsmen failed, and when the score had reached 126 the last wicket fell and the game ended in a tie.

The game had a most exciting finish as it soon became evident that School's second innings was going to be fought as much against time as against their opponents' bowling. Southland had a good opportunity to force a win, but lost many runs through poor running between the wickets. Halligan was the only batsman to put any life into his running, and it was no fault of his that Southland did not get the runs. Warburton was top scorer of the innings with 32 runs. H. W. Fraser completed the match with a good bowling performance to his credit—a total of 10 wickets taken for 102 runs scored off his bowling. The scoring was as follows:

WAITAKI.

—First Innings—

Blakely, b Warburton	13
Mee, b Warburton	3
Glen, b Warburton	13
Andrew, lbw b Fraser	9
Wilson, c Fraser	8
Tilbury, c Oliver, b Jarvis	41
Dick, c Halliday, b Fraser	2
Smith, b Fraser	0
Walton, b Halligan	22
Rees-Jones, c Gilbertson, b Jarvis	4
Houghton, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	124

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Warburton	14	2	44	3
Fraser	14	1	45	4
Jarvis	6	1	9	2
Halligan	5	2	16	1

SOUTHLAND.

—First Innings—

Jarvis, c Mee, b Wilson	0
Gilbertson, b Rees-Jones	14
Warburton, b Wilson	2
McCurdy, c Houghton, b Wilson	16
Fraser, b Rees-Jones	9
Oliver, lbw b Rees-Jones	53
Halligan, c Dick, b Mee	41
Hunter, c Blakely, b Rees-Jones	11
Agnew, run out	2
Freeman, run out	11
Beer, not out	0
Extras	22
Total	181

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	19	6	52	3
Rees-Jones	20	8	36	3
Houghton	12	5	23	-
Mee	10	4	16	1
Tilbury	6	3	13	-
Smith	5	1	22	-

House and country cricket proceeded smoothly, no boy wishing to play ever needing to go without a game. The issue of material was well controlled while good wickets were always available. The keenness of the players indicated clearly enough that they appreciated their opportunities.

WAITAKI.

—Second Innings—

Blakely, lbw b Fraser	3
Glen, c Halligan, b Fraser	24
Mee, c Gilbertson, b Fraser	1
Andrew, lbw b McCurdy	41
Wilson, b Warburton	1
Dick, b Fraser	39
Tilbury, c Oliver, b Fraser	6
Smith, c Fraser, b Halligan	45
Walton, c McCurdy, b Fraser	4
Rees-Jones, not out	9
Houghton, b Jarvis	0
Extras	10
Total	183

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Warburton	30	8	57	1
Fraser	27	5	57	6
Halligan	4	-	21	1
Jarvis	3	-	4	1
McCurdy	6	-	26	1

SOUTHLAND.

—Second Innings—

Gilbertson, c Andrew, b Rees-Jones	12
Hunter, c Andrew, b Wilson	7
McCurdy, c Mee, b Andrew	10
Fraser, b Smith	10
Warburton, c Tilbury, b Rees-Jones	32
Oliver, b Rees-Jones	19
Halligan, not out	14
Jarvis, c Mee, b Rees-Jones	6
Freeman, lbw b Rees-Jones	0
Agnew, run out	8
Beer, lbw b Wilson	0
Extras	8
Total	126

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	11	1	30	2
Rees-Jones	21	5	45	5
Andrew	2	-	14	1
Smith	6	-	27	1
Tilbury	2	-	9	-

CRITIQUE OF FIRST XI

Warburton: (Captain), is an excellent all-round cricketer. Is there need to say more.

McCurdy: A dashing bat on his day although inconsistent. His bowling is always likely to get wickets and his fielding is well up to standard.

Gilbertson: A good steady opening bat with a weakness on the leg-side. He will have to improve his catching and stumping if he is to be a keeper of merit.

Hunter: Also a steady opening bat although too inclined to become a stone-waller. A little freedom in his strokes would improve his game. Fielding solid.

Oliver: A good stroke player with some good off-shots. He is inclined to lose his wicket to a slow bowler. He will have to smarten his ground-fielding.

Fraser: A free-scoring batsman who is inclined to play too many shots to the off. A bowler who uses his height to keep a steady length. A good slip fielder.

Jarvis: He has excellent off-shots but lately has developed a tendency to pull away. A dangerous bowler with a new ball.

Halligan: A left-hander who has improved out of sight since his debut in the first eleven. He also bowls a fair ball.

Freeman: His work at the nets is satisfactory, but so far is too nervous to get runs in an important match. Must smarten his fielding.

Beer: A hard-hitting batsman who, with more earnest practice would get runs.

Agnew: A promoted player, he shows excellent promise as a batsman. It was unfortunate that he should be run out in both innings of the Waitaki game.



To-morrow

M. J.

What does it matter if to-day I cry,
Or yesterday was dreary,
Or if my plans have gone awry,
And life's joys seem cold and weary?
There comes to me amidst my sorrow,
The hope that's born in me anew,
Because there is—To-morrow!

And if To-day has not just quite
Come up to expectation,
Perhaps To-morrow's cheery light
Will bring me compensation.
So—from happiness I'll borrow,
The cheerfulness I must renew
Because there is—To-morrow!

Badminton and Tennis

Notes by J. Hunter.

As in other years tennis has taken up much of the leisure time of the boys even though the School courts are not at present in use. Competition for ladder positions has been keen while the School has upheld its unbroken record in Inter-School matches.

We wish to thank Mr Deaker for his coaching and lecturettes and the various clubs which have allowed boys to use their courts.

During the first term the Southland Secondary Schools Tennis Tournament was held. The standard throughout was good and School was again successful in annexing the four titles. G. North beat D. Perrin 6-2, 6-4 in a good game in which North's steadiness and firm driving were the deciding factors. J. McClean the Junior Champion was outstanding among a number of promising juniors. He drives well and serves effectively. Combination was lacking in both double events. Lindsay and Alsweiler defeated North and Richardson to win the Senior prize. J. McClean and J. Dickson were the successful juniors.

This year yet another sport was added to the School's long list of activities by the opening of a Badminton Club. Stimulated by a lecture by Mr J. Devlin an ex-world's champion who was touring New Zealand, a committee was elected which arranged for the purchase of equipment. Mr Haworth and Mr Braithwaite played an exhibition match which gave members a knowledge of the rules of the game. Later the use of Zealandia Hall was obtained and twice weekly we were able to enjoy playing on full sized courts. Country players made use of the Hall where the one court was used every lunch hour. It was unfortunate that a tournament was not arranged as some of the players had attained a fair degree of proficiency.

Altogether this has been a most successful opening year and augurs well for the future of the game.



Swimming Notes

As far as the sports themselves were concerned an indication of their success may be found in the six records broken during the meeting held in the Municipal baths on Tuesday, March 31st, 1936. If further proof of the vast improvement in the standard of swimming at the school was required, it was forthcoming in the fact that the performances in nearly every event were much better than those of previous years. A record was also broken in the 220 yards freestyle junior championship—an event held prior to the sports. The records were shared by D. Davis and P. McInnes, the senior and junior champions respectively. Davis won the 50 yards freestyle in 25 3-5sec, the 50 yards backstroke in 33 2-5sec and the 100 yards freestyle in 59 3-5sec, his times in each case being considerably better than the previous records. New figures were set up by McInnes in the 100 yards freestyle (63sec), the 50 yards freestyle (29 3-5sec) and the 220 yards freestyle (2min 41sec). His

figures, too, were much better than those of the former record-holders, while in the furlong he was not far from a New Zealand record. Perhaps the outstanding performance of the afternoon was that of Davis in the 50 yards freestyle championship. He swam a fine race and his time was one-fifth of a second better than the Southland record, held by P. H. McGrath, an old boy of the school. Davis's time for the 50 yards backstroke was also very close to a Southland record. Davis has splendid relaxation and a naturally easy style, and his performances revealed that he is one of the best in his class in New Zealand. A. C. Millar, the runner-up for the senior championship, swam well, but did not appear to be in his best form. He threw away his chance of filling second place in the 50 yards by misjudging his sprint to the tape. Rivalry was keen between the various "houses" in the school, but the Waiau House, with the imposing total of $78\frac{1}{2}$ points, easily won the inter-house competition. L. Blaikie was the outstanding diver, although his performances, particularly on the high board, were not up to his usual standard. He carried off both the junior and senior diving titles, but was not eligible to hold the latter. The senior championship therefore went to Davis, who had gained second place. There was very keen competition in the inter-house relay while the handicapping was, by good fortune much better than in most previous years. The sports were despatched by Mr Page in excellent time, a big programme of 35 events being concluded in just two hours.

To turn to the life-saving team. More boys than were required for the team practised thoroughly under the control of Messrs Owen Davis and A. J. Kingsland who were unfailing in their loyalty and hopes of its victory. After the narrow defeat in Dunedin in 1935 it was felt that if one or two particular points were concentrated on, the new team would do well; and so it proved. The team returned with the shield for the first time and since all the team hope to return to school, the prospects for the future are bright. The Otago Daily Times said of the competition: With an exceptionally smart and well-turned out team, Southland gained a meritorious and highly deserved victory in the Otago and Southland secondary schools life-saving championships decided on Saturday night. Although the Otago Boys' High School No. 2 team established a slight lead in the land section, Southland made up the loss in the water-work in which it gained the fastest time in all methods, except the fourth. With an excellent instructor in D. C. Berry, the team gave an outstanding display for school boys with easily the best balanced team. Southland also secured a fairly comfortable win in the relay race to carry off all the honours of the meeting.

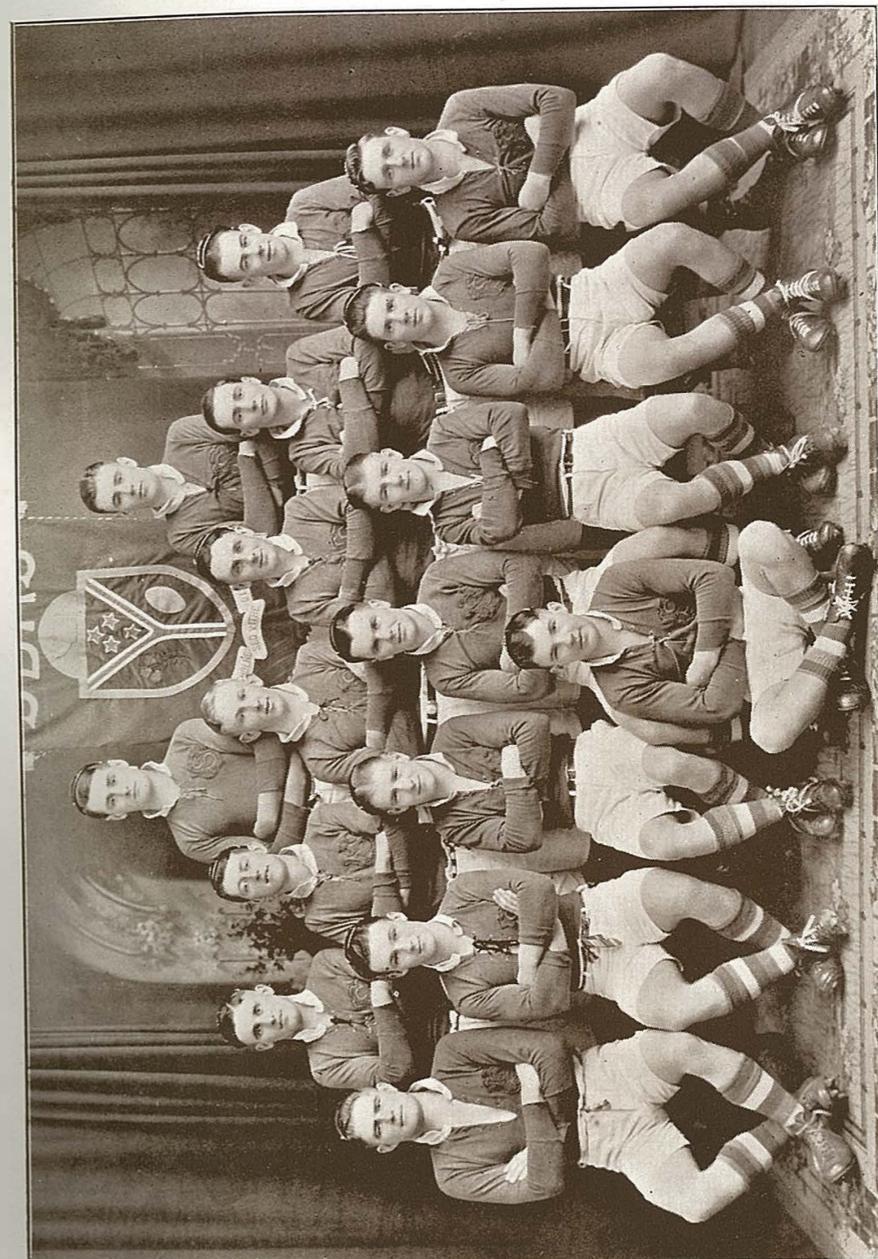
LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIP

Southland Boys' High School (A. Melhop, R. Duthie, B. Palmer, A. Mair; instructor, D. C. Berry) land drill 29.625, water-work 59.975, total 89.6 points 1, King's High School 85 points 2, Otago Boys' High School No. 1, 81.6 points 3.

RELAY RACE

Southland (D. C. Berry, J. B. Oliver, R. Duthie, A. Aitken) 1, Otago No. 1, 2, King's 3.

And now what of the future? The wave of outstanding swimmers who have made the school records so good, seems to be receding at last and the necessity for building the future is plain. More boys are wanted for life-saving and for surfing, for competent coaches are only too keen to assist. If the record of the last ten years is to be maintained larger numbers of enthusiasts are wanted.



FIRST XV, 1936.

G. Baker, G. E. McLachlan.
I. B. McCurdy, A. S. Lindsay, L. J. White, S. T. Jenkins, E. E. McCurdy, S. M. Miller.
R. D. Hassed, R. E. Cocklin, W. C. Hunter, A. D. Fyffe (Captain), J. Hunter, A. L. Cameron, J. A. Robertson.
J. W. Fraser.

The Sixth Sense

A Short Story.

The figure seated before the open fire had not moved for some minutes, and to the man crouched flat against the wet brick of the wall, clinging to the downpipe, it seemed that the moment had arrived when a safe entry could be made.

He gave a final peep into the room. The book in the hands of the man by the fire lay dropped on his lap, his head was thrown back, the fire-light gleaming in his spectacles. A jumble of papers and a dish of fruit were on the small table in the centre of the room. The roll top desk was closed, the safe doors swung invitingly open. The electric light was elaborately shaded, the room dim. Silently, dexterously, the man on the wall slipped a short length of steel between the upper and lower sashes of the window; a soft click, and the catch was back. Before he could move further, the sound of a footstep in the street, caused him to draw back hurriedly from the lighted space of the unshaded window. If the constable happened to glance up . . . But the rhythmic tread of the embodiment of British law passed majestically on, and round the next corner. His beat was long, his step slow. He would not be back for an hour. The figure clinging to the pipe pulled itself up to the level of the window again, and peered in. The man in the chair had not moved, save for a slight forward droop of his head. His eyes remained fixed on vacancy. The fire crackled cheerily, gleaming in his spectacles. The window was raised slowly without creak or vibration. There was no draught. It was a sultry night, and the door of the room was shut. The man who had crouched patiently on the down-pipe slid over the sill, and stepped softly on to the floor. His eyes did not leave the figure slumped in the chair, motionless save for a regular rising and falling of the breast. He was doubtless asleep but might waken easily. Would it be advisable to shut the window? A puff of cold air might waken the sleeper. But it was the surest avenue of escape, and breaking glass meant cuts and worse, alarm. Better leave it open. And better secure the man in the chair. It would not do to be disturbed at the safe. And what was it the discharged valet had said? Bearer bonds and securities . . . It would take time. Yes, the man with the glasses must be dealt with. But how? A ridiculous law forbade the carrying of pistols—even with a silencer. It meant gaol to be found with one even on the street, and the British counted it almost as serious as murder to commit armed burglary. If it had been back in the States, now. . . . And he couldn't use a knife. That was a dirty dago trick, like strangling. Still, there was no need to go so far as that. If he could be tied up and gagged—. But there was no rope. The questing, alert eyes roamed the room, and returned to the man by the fire, following the sleeping man's apparent gaze on the fire. Here the yegg instinct rose strong—. The poker! Of course! At the base of the skull, not hard enough to break it, but to stun for an hour or two, perhaps three. The poker would not be so nicely balanced as the lead pipe of former days, but it would do. He glided towards the fire, softly as a cat, until he came in line with the sleeper. He was three, perhaps four, feet from the fender but he dared not go further. He would reach forward, so that if the sleeper awoke, at any accidental rattle, he would be able to grasp his throat from behind before consciousness fully returned. He stretched his arm forward slowly, and started as he heard his elbow crack. His hand was on the poker, just lifting it with a faint scratch on the tiles of the hearth . . .

"Put that poker down, and don't stand up."

The poker fell with a clatter, and some quality in the voice turned eye to meet eye, silently appraising. Nor was the suggestion of armed defence lost upon the man crouching by the fender as he eyed the hand resting in the other's bulging pocket. He made no move, and felt uneasy as he again met the cold unwinking gaze of the man in the chair, who stirred lazily and rose, standing with his back to the fire. He pressed a bell at the side of the fireplace and to a startled butler expressed a rather reluctant wish that the police be summoned. His captive remained passive.

The man with the glasses waved towards the sideboard.

"Have a drink," he said, "mix your own."

The other rose uncertainly, moved silently across the room and did so. His host watched him impassively. The glass had scarcely been replaced, and the two men remained statuesque in silent tableau, the one tall, his gaze unwavering, the other with lowering eyes, furtively calculating the chances of a sudden assault, but held by the subdued preparedness of the man who was watching him so disdainfully, when the door opened, and the valet came in preceded by a burly sergeant of police, who eyed the man by the sideboard with something approaching satisfaction.

"At last, Joe!" he said, and snipped on the handcuffs. He turned as they went out the door, and spoke to the man who was still standing by the fire.

"Joe Schaeffer," he said, "yegg from the States. Got three charges against him. He'll cool for seven years. Thanks."

"I see," said the blind man.



Athletics

Notes by J. Hunter.

The Annual School Sports were held on October 28th under ideal conditions. Besides three broken records many excellent times were recorded. The track was hard and a slight breeze favoured the runners. Entries in both championship and handicap events were the best for many years and it was pleasing to note the increasing interest of the public. At present, although the running performances are well up to standard, there is a weakness in all field events, the throwing and jumping generally being below that of previous years. This weakness is reflected in the Secondary Schools Championships where a good jumper would have made a big difference to the team.

The Javelin Throw Record was again beaten. This year C. Warburton eclipsed H. P. Armour's record by nearly 10 feet. C. Warburton also won the Cricket Ball Throw to beat H. Sherriffs' long standing record by two inches. T. Pedlar ran a fine race to clip 2-5sec off the Intermediate 100 yards record.

In the Senior 100 yards E. Allison ran a great race to win in the excellent time of 10 3-5 seconds.

Although L. Cornwell won the 880 yards easily, D. Berry turned the tables in the mile winning by two yards after a fine race.

H. Ritchie, a powerful runner and good jumper, was Senior Champion while L. Blaikie who has a fine finishing sprint was Junior Champion.

The House Championship resulted in a clear cut victory for Oreti with 173 points followed by Aparima with 138 points, Mataura, and Waiau.

The Sports in every way were definitely the most successful held in recent years and our thanks are due to all the Staff, especially Mr Deaker and Mr Harrington, for the time they devoted towards making the meeting a success.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

In the second term during a break in a spell of wintry weather the annual cross-country run was held over a course of 2½ miles. There was a good field for the junior run, but the senior field was disappointing. D. Berry led the senior run home winning from Cornwell by 20 yards with Sutherland running into third place. The junior event was more evenly contested. J. McClean led all the way, but L. V. Blaikie spurted ten yards from the tape to win an exciting race by a few inches. Gordon was third.

Oreti won the House Competition with V Upper winning the form contest.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

This year the Secondary Schools' Championships were held at the Caledonian ground, Dunedin, under almost impossible conditions. A slippery lifeless track and a head wind prevented any really outstanding performance, so that only one record was broken. J. McClean ran strongly in the junior 440 yards to break the existing record by 2-5 second. This was an excellent performance under the adverse conditions.

For the ninth time in succession the school won the Senior Relay in one of the most exciting finishes of the meeting. The team combined well with Berry coming up strongly to beat Waitaki by a yard. We hope that the team next year will emulate this performance and bring to the School the tenth win. The Junior and Intermediate relay teams further demonstrated our all-round strength by filling first and third places respectively.

D. Berry finished first equal in the mile and ran a great race in the relay to give School a fine win. These efforts were particularly good as Berry had already competed in a swimming event. L. Cornwell, showing excellent judgment to win the senior 880 yards, recorded another win for School. Although C. Warburton and H. Fraser gained first and third places respectively in the Javelin Throw, they did not reproduce the form shown in the School Sports.

In the Intermediate section School was not so successful, lacking a really outstanding runner.

Our Junior representatives were more successful winning the Relay and gaining first and second in the 440 yards.

The Senior Championship Shield went to Waitaki Boys' High School who proved a well-balanced side and thoroughly deserved their win. The Intermediate went also to Waitaki and the Junior to King's High School with 16 points.

School's places in the Shield contests were:-

Junior 13 points - - - - -	2nd
Intermediate 4 points - - - - -	3rd
Senior 25 points - - - - -	2nd

The point winners for School were:-

Senior.—L. M. Cornwell 1st 880 yards, 2min 20 1-5secs, D. Berry 1st equal Mile, 5min 2 4-5secs, C. Warburton 1st Javelin Throw, 120ft 7in, G. Baker 3rd 440 yards, J. Robertson 2nd Putting Shot, H. Fraser 3rd Javelin Throw, Senior Relay Team 1st Relay Race, 4min 10 2-5secs. (G. Baker, H. Ritchie, E. Allison, D. Berry).

Intermediate.—E. Anderson 2nd 120 yards Hurdles, M. Keane 3rd 440 yards, Intermediate Relay Race, 3rd.

Junior.—J. McClean 1st 440 yards, 59 3-5secs, a record. L. Blaikie 2nd 440 yards, Junior Relay Team, 1st Relay Race, 55secs, (G. Webb, A. Lyons, J. McClean, C. Halliday).



Flags Flew

By J. M. Elliott.

Flags flew.
Drums rolled ceaselessly.
Throughout the Earth
The bugle call was heard
Calling victims, man on man.
The sky was dark.
From high the clouds frowned down.
War came.
The nations of the Earth
Pitted their might against each other,
Defying their Creator.
Cannon roared;
Guns spewed out their steely hell.
At home were women—sad,
Children bereft.
In the trenches
The soldier slipped in pools of blood:
Bravely he fought—fought
Because of corruption, graft and greed;
Not for what he thought was Justice.
A lull came.
“Cease fire” was ordered.
Along the trenches went a sigh.
Men cried unashamed.
Former enemies embraced,
And spoke to each other for the first time.
There was quietness.
The song of birds—immortal sound—
Was heard on Earth once more.
Peace and Rest.

1936 Rugby Season

J. W. Fraser and J. Hunter.

The success of the 1936 season must have been very gratifying to those masters who give so unselfishly of their time to valuable coaching work. Sportsmanship in school teams is taken for granted but all teams should show evidence of a careful grounding in the principles of the game. The seed of skill is sown in the sixth grade, who mingle a surprising amount of science with their dash, sprouts in the fifth grade, and ripens (alas! not always to perfection) in the first and second fifteens. Football is, contrary to some opinions, not taken too seriously in the school. The football field is a training ground of character. And to the coaches who enable us to derive the greatest amount of pleasure and satisfaction from the game we would like to express our gratitude.

School entered two teams in the Sixth Grade competition, and the A team with an unbeaten record were again winners of the Stott Cup, making their fifth successive win in this competition. The B team put up a creditable performance against their heavier opponents. The standard of play in these teams promises well for the future of the senior fifteens. Players of promise were Gavan, Blaikie, and Breen in the backs, and Dixon, Redpath and Palmer in the forwards. In the fifth grade two teams were entered, but despite the advantage of practice together did not do so well as usual. The A team began well but injuries took their toll, and the majority of the games were lost. The B team was outclassed, but held together and the experience should be useful for next season. The second fifteen put up a good showing against heavier and more experienced opponents in the fourth grade, and towards the end of the season gained some good wins. The forwards, mostly players from the lower grades, settled down into a hardworking pack, and fully extended the first fifteen at practice. The backs this season were the best that the team has had for several years. Although lacking speed and experience, they possessed determination and worked up an accurate combination which stood them in good stead in their school fixtures, which were all won by comfortable margins. The team was well led by Gilbertson, and efficiently and patiently coached by Mr Braithwaite.

FIRST FIFTEEN

The first fifteen enjoyed one of the most successful seasons for many years, winning all their school games, and failing to defeat only one team (Borstal) in the third grade competition. Although at times the play of the team was rather below standard, occasional heights were reached even in club football. That our game was attractive is shown by the fact that two of our regular club fixtures were played on Rugby Park, and two special games, one with Pirates third grade, one with Old Boys' second grade, were arranged as curtain raisers to representative games. Although the team could not always give of its best, they showed glimpses of the form produced against other schools. Five of last year's first fifteen formed the nucleus of the fifteen. Robertson came from the Winton High School with a reputation which he greatly enhanced during the season. Tried at first as five-eighth and centre, he found his true position at full-back. Lindsay soon played his way into the threequarter position, and White was always assured of a place on the wing. Miller at second-five was at first erratic, but settled down. The scrum underwent many changes in the early part of the season, but the front row played unchanged throughout. Difficulty was found in securing a balanced, well-locked scrum, but the final selection proved their worth in

the school games. With a low, well-packed scrum, which could be relied upon to obtain a good share of the ball, with penetrating five-eighths, and a threequarter line with speed and determination, the team early adopted the open game, playing to the wings, a policy which proved outstandingly successful. Too much credit for the team's success cannot be given Mr Deaker.

To our hosts at Waitaki we express our sincerest thanks for the hospitality extended to us on a most enjoyable trip.

CRITIQUE OF FIRST FIFTEEN

Robertson: Full back. Always reliable, he at times rose to great heights (as against Waitaki). His tackling was solid, kicking, anticipation and positional play good, and on attack he combined well with the three-quarter line.

McCurdy, I.: Left wing. The fastest back, he scored many fine tries for School. His defence was at times shaky, but his handling was sound and he made the most of his many opportunities. His goal kicking throughout the season was of great value to the side.

Lindsay: A fast centre threequarter who fed his wings as a good centre should, and could always supply thrust on attack. Though lightly built he was plucky and reliable on defence.

Miller: At second five-eighth had his "off" days but possesses undoubtedly ability. Fast, he had a lightning-like cut-in and some of his tries were scored with the opposition standing. His handling was at times uncanny, and although his tackling was only fair, his covering up on defence was excellent.

White, L.: The heaviest back, fast and possessed of a deadly fend, he was a good scoring wing. His try against Otago will long be remembered. Rugged on attack and defence, he has yet to learn how to give an in-pass. His handling was sure.

Fyffe: First five eighth and captain. Although occasionally uncertain himself, his experience stood both Miller and Fraser in good stead. Inclined to overdo the cut-in, he ran strongly, and was rock-like on defence. As captain, he had at all times the confidence of the team.

Fraser, J. W.: Half-back. His passing from the scrum, if somewhat slow, was well-directed, and he could always be relied upon to get the ball away. His tackling and rush-stopping were excellent. Solidity was the keynote of his play. A greatly improved player.

Hunter, J.: Vice-captain and leader of forwards. A clever front-row forward, light but hard-working, a good dribbler, and led his forwards in dashing style. His motto was "give as good as you get."

Hassed: Middle hooker, and a good one. Too slow in the loose, but a hard-working scrummer who secured a plentiful supply of ball throughout the season.

Hunter, W.: The capable third member of a front row which worked hard as a trio during the season. An excellent loose forward, an earnest scrummager, and a solid tackler.

McCurdy, E. E.: A strong lock, he held the scrum together well. Although not always as fit as he might have been, he always gave of his best. The most hard-working forward in the team.

McLachlan, G.: Lock. Tall and heavy, he used his weight to advantage and balanced well with McCurdy. A good worker, he developed into a really good forward.

Cocklin: A side row forward with a fair turn of speed which he turned to advantage in spoiling work. His handling and dribbling were shaky. Played his best game against Otago.

Jenkins, S.: Side row. A good loose forward, but cannot give a pass! His patient following-up was most commendable and brought him a well deserved try against Otago.

Baker, G.: Back row. The heaviest man in the team, excelled in line out work, was conspicuous in all loose play and backed up the backs admirably. As last man in the scrum he exercised good ball control.

Cameron, A.: Promoted from the 2nd XV after McLachlan had left and thoroughly deserved his cap. A good forward in tight and loose, he kept on the ball, and kept at it to the finish.

SOUTHLAND v. OTAGO

This match, the first after a lapse of three years, was played on Rugby Park. Although the ground was heavy, the ball remained dry both sides throwing it about freely. Otago led fifteen minutes from time when School rallied and play swung in its favour two tries in quick succession giving School the victory by five points.

Credit must be given to the School forwards who although giving away a stone a man held their own in the open and were definitely superior in line outs, rucks and scrums. The hooking of the front row and the good locking of McCurdy and McLachlan led to School winning almost every scrum. All the School forwards played well and it would be difficult to single out any for special mention. Break-downs among the inside backs due to faulty handling were frequent, the passing in the first half also being poor. Robertson was not as safe as usual while Fyffe and Fraser were hampered by the quick breaking Otago forwards. The backs, however, showed good form in the second half and playing to the flank men, McCurdy and White, they gave the defence no little trouble. Among the backs the two wings and Fyffe were resourceful and dangerous.

In the first half, although Otago scored once and Chandler kicked a fine penalty, School were definitely on top. A plentiful supply of ball enabled the backs to swing into action on many occasions. Combined movements led to two tries by the flank men and a neat cut in by Fyffe added three more points. Half time sounded with the scores Southland 13, Otago 6.

Otago seemed refreshed and for twenty minutes worried the School defence. The forward battle was keener and the visiting backs were handling better. Grant was awarded a penalty try when a School player obstructed him, and Otago went into the lead when Moore cut through brilliantly to score an unconverted try. School fought back and taking a scrum instead of a line out they secured possession all the backs handled out to White who, showing great speed and determination fended off three players to crash over in the corner for an unforgettable try. Fumbling by the Otago backs allowed Jenkins who had followed up fast to dribble to the line and score. The bell went almost immediately, the final score being, Southland 19, Otago 14.

SOUTHLAND v. WAITAKI

This was a very bright game, played throughout at a torrid pace. The Oamaru Showgrounds were in excellent condition, the fine weather also favouring open back play. The game was evenly contested with the issue being in the latter stages always doubtful.

The School forwards, except for a lapse of twenty-five minutes in the second half, played well, and in the first half gave their backs a plentiful supply of ball. The heeling from scrums and rucks was very smart and Fraser sent his backs away time after time. Although Waitaki tackled solidly, Southland led 11—3 at half time, having scored three tries to a penalty kick by Waitaki. All the backs were playing attractive football and Miller's try was an excellent effort.

For some unaccountable reason School's play, after the first ten minutes, lapsed and the Waitaki forwards playing with more vim aided by better support from their backs dominated play for a long period. A penalty and a try placing them within reach of our score. Keeping up the pressure Waitaki gave the Southland defence many anxious moments. Besides lacking speed the black backs failed to make the most of their opportunities. School as against Otago staged a fine finishing effort. White was hauled down on the line after all the backs had handled and from the ensuing ruck School gained possession the ball travelling along the line to McCurdy who crossed for a good try which he converted with a great kick. Play ended with the scores, Southland 16, Waitaki 9.

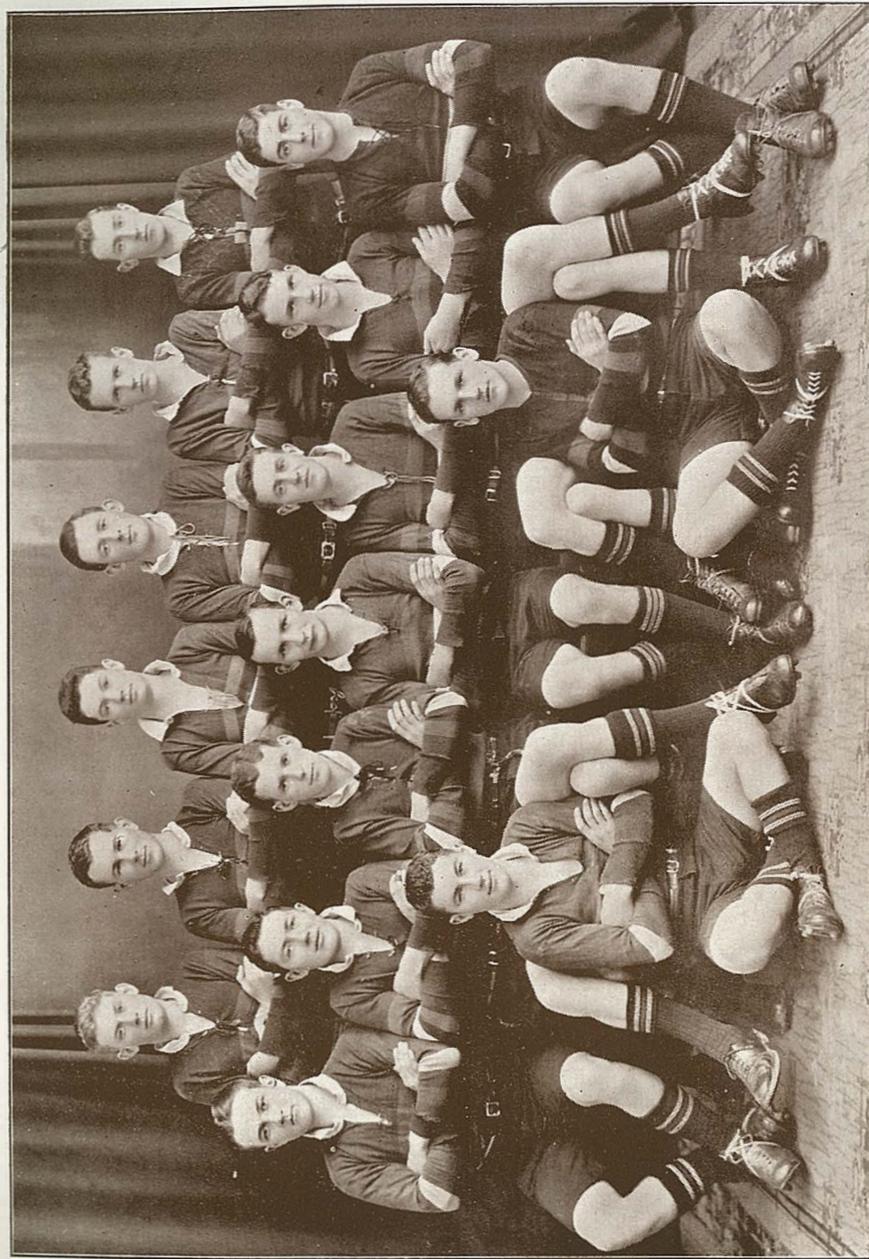
Robertson played an outstanding game at times rising to great heights. All the backs played well with McCurdy and Lindsay responsible for fine work on attack. The backs proved their all-round ability and really won the day. The forwards played well at times. Baker gave a good display of all-round football.

SOUTHLAND v. TIMARU

To avenge last year's defeat and to uphold their season's hitherto unbroken record were the objects of School's first fifteen. Timaru had a wonderful reputation, a fact which urged the team on to stricter training. Overhead conditions were ideal on the day and School won by 27 to 13 after a game which was brimful of incident and always exciting. The ground was heavier than the Timaru team were accustomed to; but School had more finish to their movements.

Timaru settled down first and shaped as though they would outplay School. Although School was getting most of the ball the Timaru forwards were breaking quickly and taking the ball through. Lack of cohesion on two occasions preventing tries. Timaru backs looked dangerous and combined well for their first try. School, however, held their own in the first spell and led 9 points, one try and two penalties to 3 at half-time. The School forwards besides being too slow were not protecting their half sufficiently. The tackling and handling were good which meant much as Timaru adopted short passing among the forwards and high punting as a means of attack.

In the second half Southland took charge, the School pack more or less dominating play in scrums and rucks to give the backs plenty of chances. Many movements broke down in the five-eights, but when the ball reached the wings, School were always dangerous. The Southland backs scored three tries in a period of grand football, the backs combining well at all times. The Timaru team were on attack on many occasions only to be driven back by the School forwards who controlled the ball well at their feet time after time swept the field to turn defence into attack. Taking a new lease of life however, Timaru caught School out of position twice and Bowie capped both movements. All the tries in this half came from fine back movements. Time sounded with Timaru on the attack.



SECOND XV, 1936.

E. J. Anderson, H. B. Ritchie, W. R. Mayhew, J. H. Gazzard, A. R. Bremer, D. W. Crowley.
W. J. Moir, E. M. Fallow, J. B. Oliver, H. J. Gilbertson (Captain), C. W. Warburton, W. S. Barrett, I. Muirson.
D. S. Hamilton, T. W. Swale.

A Present World Problem

A. R. Bremer.

Throughout the ages, man has been beset by many grave afflictions and troubles. There have been plagues and earthquakes, storms and shipwreck, but never before in its variegated career has the human race been confronted by such a desperate problem, never has it been in such imminent peril as at the present time. For before us, with the head of a gorgon has risen the problem of what to do with all our old razor blades.

When no longer fit for the delicate task of removing hair from the face, it is thrown away—"And there an end?"

The career of that razor-blade is ended only until two days later when with greedy mien you sit down to engulf some epicurean delicacy. Then, when with dilated eye balls and gurgling scream you feel the searing pain in your oesophagus remember the little razor-blade whose career you thought you had so easily terminated. You may call in a doctor but it will avail you nothing. As the white-coated figure bends over you, while his words come unsteadily into your brain, while he turns aside and shakes his head to his equally white-coated colleague, think of the tiny shining sliver of steel you had so unceremoniously discarded.

Only the other day, the whole world grieved over the death of that famous munitions manufacturer, Augustus Blimp, who, after scratching his finger with an old razor blade, contracted anthrax and passed away despite the efforts of doctors and friends. A most touching incident. The razor-blade is a good servant but a tyrannous master, so always keep him under your thumb, that is until he almost slices it off. At once you are doomed, for the bite of a razor-blade is particularly virulent, and death will surely come to enfold you in its mantle of black.

A lesser harm that the razor-blade causes is the softening of the human race in as much as it makes man afraid to use anything with which he might possibly cut himself. It was once thought advisable to throw all old blades overboard into the sea, but think of the danger to the mermaids. Another place, in the Congo swamps was cited but as the natives all run around with bare feet there, this project was abandoned.

So on we must go, menaced by this terrible dread, while the razor-blade continues to dissipate all our iron and coal. Soon these valuable assets will be assimilated by the insatiable maw of the razor-blade. Yet, tirelessly it goes about its work of destruction thankless for the care and money lavished upon it. Surely! it will be a brave, wise and generous fellow who rids the world of this pestilence, this present world problem, this razor-blade.



General School News

There have been many changes in the ranks of the masters during the year. Mr W. F. Haworth M.A., joined the staff from Taranaki at the beginning of the year, while during the year Mr R. D. Thompson M.A., M.Sc., F.R.A.S., resigned to take up a position in the Stratford Technical High School. Mr E. R. Chesterman B.A., filled the vacancy. After a year with us Mr W. R. Curwen resigned at the end of 1936, relinquishing his duties as woodwork instructor, which he had carried out with considerable skill and quiet efficiency. We have to record with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr A. G. Harrington M.Sc., who was dux of the School in 1923 and began as a master in 1928. He did all he undertook with cheerful enthusiasm and of his skill in the classroom there can be no possible doubt. A brilliant mathematical scholar, he inspired boys to emulate his own sure and rapid methods. The School wishes him the greatest success in his business career.

During the year 73 boys left and it is noteworthy that of the 64 who took employment 36 were in their fourth or later years at school.

The agriculture classes had a number of entertaining and eminently useful outings during the year. There were visits to the farm of Mr J. May, the Winton Experimental Farm, the ram and ewe fair, the Clydesdale horse parade, the November stock sales, and the Southland A. and P. Show.

School's drawing classes have had a most successful year and have been very successful in various poster competitions. Of the 30 prizes offered in a competition which drew 5000 entries, the school won two prizes; in another very popular competition the boys won three of the seventy prizes offered. In the League of Nations poster competition, six prizes came to the school. In a recent local competition two boys shared the first prize and two others the second prize. The number of boys taking this work increased during the year and there has been a decided increase in recent years of boys who take drawing.

After a lapse of three years the Camera Club has resumed activities. A well-equipped dark room is again at the disposal of the boys and many of them have used it at a profit to themselves. At the beginning of the second term a trip to Mr Stewart's rooms was appreciated very much and a number of useful hints about photography and developing were passed on to those who attended. During the year, the Club turned sporting events into means of increasing the Club's finances. Photographs were obtained of football matches, athletic events, and of the various forms. These were sold at a profit and the enterprise shown by some of the members is commendable. Although it was late in the year before the Club was in action the year has been fairly successful. Photography is one of the most enjoyable hobbies and all first year boys should help it to expand.

Mrs Smith's regime at the Tuck Shop has ended. No longer will her disciplining voice and authoritative eye hold sway over the dispensing of hot drinks in winter and ice-creams in summer. Pies and sticks—the edible kind—will be controlled by other hands. Since the opening of the new School in 1926 Mrs Smith has been the proprietor of the Tuck Shop and although on numerous occasions, such as sport's day and camping periods, the shop was declared out of bounds, she was always the first to co-operate with the wishes of authority. Mrs Smith demanded, and seldom failed to receive, good manners at all times and, the repository of much surprising and

unofficial information, she always kept her own counsel. Unfailingly, at the end of each year "Mrs Smith's Cadet Prize" was received by the Rector. She maintained a lively interest in every detail of the School's life and added to this, a memory for faces and personalities long gone from the class-room. It is safe to say that Mrs Smith will be remembered long after others, more intimately connected with the School scene, are forgotten.

Various visitors spoke to the School during the year, the first being Dr Lang, the Canadian lecturer, who was touring New Zealand to excite interest in Canadian affairs. He showed a selection of his slides and two of his films (16 m.m.) in the hall. Dr Lang provided an interesting commentary, while his method made one realize the vast possibilities of the film for geographic purposes. The second visitor was Mr J. Devlin, the Badminton professional who was engaged to play exhibition matches through the country. Thanks to the efforts of the badminton enthusiasts in the School he was allowed to provide a very interesting 40 minutes one morning devoting his time to a commentary on life in Canada with its violent climatic extremes, and the general usefulness of badminton to other games. Mr J. C. Dakin, an Old Boy and Rhodes Scholar was the third visitor of the year. He spoke at length on conditions existent in Uganda Protectorate where he was working as an administrative officer of the Colonial Office. Many amusing anecdotes and penetrating comparisons made this talk an interesting one. Mr Chesterman also showed a film and slides illustrating his journey and experiences in Japan with the New Zealand University Rugby team.

The Anzac Day speaker was Mr W. Bell, a member of the Board of Governors, and a returned soldier. Mr Bell spoke with sincerity and simplicity of the tragic waste of the war years, of which he himself had seen more than enough.

No record of the year would be complete without reference to the work of the Caretaker and groundsman, Mr R. Lepper. When it is remembered that the whole of the grounds and buildings are kept as scrupulously as he keeps them, it must readily be acknowledged in Mr Pearce's classic phrase "that he is a tiger for work."



Gymnastics

Notes by J. Hunter.

Although the gymnasium building now houses the woodwork shop, the gymnasium itself has not been deprived of any floor-space since the taking down of the wall of the old locker-room and the removal of the lockers (seldom ever put to any general use) have left the available space almost precisely what it originally was. Few schools are so fortunate as to possess a definite gymnastic instructor, and Mr Page, in spite of the fact that time-table demands have forced a reduction of the time at his disposal, maintains a high standard of efficiency in the gymnasium with the same skill as he wards off the years.

The Championships were held on 26th November in the School Gymnasium. The standard throughout was fair, the Intermediate and Junior sections not being up to that of previous years.

We wish to thank Messrs W. R. Mabson, P. H. Nicholson, and J. Page who so generously donated medals for the winners of the three sections. Mr Mabson officiated as judge and made the following placings:—

Senior.—E. E. McCurdy (96½ points) (Mabson Medal) 1, D. Burman (80) 2, E. Anderson (79) 3.

Intermediate.—K. J. Gray (70½ points) (Nicholson Medal) 1, H. Walker (68) 2, A. Harrison (64) 3.

Junior.—N. F. Breen (Page Medal) 1.



Boxing Notes

The boxing class was resumed as usual during the second term, once again under the control of Mr Braithwaite who had been relieved by Mr S. Allan until the latter's resignation. Forty boys joined and under the tuition of Mr Richardson and the masters concerned they improved very rapidly. Mr C. Nichol, the Australian heavy-weight boxer visited the class twice and on each occasion sparred and talked with the boys who appreciated keenly his advice and generous assistance. We have again to thank the Southland Boxing Association for the help they have given in forwarding the interests of this sport in the School.

Apart from the various weights, there are two trophies most coveted in the tournament—the School championship and that going to the boxer, who, in the opinion of the judges, has given the most scientific exhibition during the evening. As far as the championship was concerned, it was remarkable for the gruelling fights faced by Allison in which he displayed what was described by one critic as "the essence of gameness." Allison fought Campbell and Bremer who were three and two stone heavier, respectively, than he. He won both these bouts. On the other half of the draw, E. McCurdy fought Hassed whose measure he definitely had, in spite of the fact that Hassed was dazed by the hearty contact on his chin of McCurdy's head. There was far too much holding also. The referee stopped the bout. This meant that Allison stepped into the ring for his third match—the final against McCurdy. Allison gave away two stone in weight but fought back dourly. McCurdy was too heavy, however, and the decision was in his favour on a technical knock-out. K. Dixon, competing in the section for those under 6 stone 8 pounds, won the cup "for science." He was clever, cool and fast but there were occasions in his bout with Mules when the latter evaded him by good foot-work. Mules found himself rather short in the reach for his opponent and it took more skill than he possessed to keep him out of trouble. George and Gordon, both winners of their weights, boxed straighter and cleaner in their bouts. There were only two competitors in the lightest weight (under 5 stone 10 pounds), Semmens and Harland, and they provided a very good fight. Potts, Duncan and Sands showed distinct promise and it is to be hoped that they, and all those who enjoyed the 1936 tournament will carry on with their boxing. It was a very enjoyable evening and augured well for the future.

Gifts to the School

We are grateful to a large number of people who have made presentations to the School during the year. They may rest assured that their interest in our affairs is much appreciated:—

Mr J. J. W. Pollard: Several hundred books from his own fine collection. These were of all types and represent the most valuable individual donation to our shelves.

Mrs J. Torrance, Miss Hyndman, Mr N. M. Hyndman: Books and pictures to the Library.

The Board of Governors: A valuable set of books on science and literature.

The Old Boys' Association: Books to help establish the New Library Bay.

Professor John Collie: A cheque of five pounds in appreciation of the School's scholarship record. To be devoted to Junior Public Speaking.

Southland Boxing Association: Four miniature cups.

Mr A. Tall: Miniature cup, boxing.

Mr A. J. Kingsland: Five miniature cups for the life-saving team.

Messrs W. R. Mabson, P. H. Nicholson, J. Page; medals for the gymnastic championships.

St. Paul's Athletic Club: Cup for field events.

Invercargill A.A.C.: Two cups and two medals for athletics.

Mr and Mrs A. Fyffe: The new banner for the first XV, made in the School Colours and including the crest. A very handsome gift.

Mrs Smith: Her annual cadet prize.

Mr B. C. Galloway: Prize for Proxime Accessit to Dux.

Messrs Kennedy Black and R. Fraser, the Old Boys' Association: Singing prizes.



General Sports Results

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST FIFTEEN.

v. BORSTAL. Lost 21—18.	v. BLUES. Won 11—6.
v. CLIFTON. Won by default.	v. BORSTAL. Lost 17—16.
v. STAR. Won 43—0.	v. STAR. Won 23—0.
v. WOODLANDS. Won 47—3.	v. WOODLANDS. Won 31—6.
v. OLD BOYS. Won 34—0.	v. PIRATES. Lost 13—8.
v. PIRATES. Won 20—17.	v. BLUES. Lost 11—6.

SCHOOL GAMES.

v. OTAGO. Won 19—14.	v. TIMARU. Won 22—13.
v. WAITAKI. Won 16—9.	

OTHER GAMES.

v. VARSITY OLD BOYS. Won 8—5.	v. OLD BOYS (2nd Grade.) Won. 18—8.
v. PIRATES. Won 10—6.	

SECOND FIFTEEN.

v. WAITAKI. Won 16—9.	v. BLUFF. Drew 8—8.
v. GORE H.S. Won 26—11.	v. STAR. Won 14—3.
v. SOUTH OTAGO H.S. Won 19—9.	v. PIRATES. Won 17—6.
v. INVERCARGILL. Lost 14—9.	v. COLLEGIATE B. Won 16—7.
v. COLLEGIATE. Lost 16—0.	v. TECHNICAL. Lost 10—3.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

v. BLUES. Lost 6—3.	v. MARIST. Lost 11—3.
v. MARIST. Lost 9—6.	v. BLUES. Won 17—3.
v. OLD BOYS. Lost 17—6.	v. OLD BOYS. Lost 19—5.

HOCKEY

v. COLLEGIATE. Won 7—1.	v. COLLEGIATE. Drew 2—2.
v. TECHNICAL. Won 12—2.	v. TECHNICAL. Won 5—0.
v. COLLEGIATE. Won 6—1.	v. SCHOOL B. Won 8—0.
v. SCHOOL B. Won 9—0.	v. COLLEGIATE. Won 3—0.
v. TECHNICAL. Won 11—0.	v. TECHNICAL. Won 3—2.
v. SCHOOL B. Won 9—1.	

Goals for:—75.

Goals against:—8.

SWIMMING

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

50 Yards Backstroke Senior (four entries).—Davis (W.) 1, Berry (O.) 2, Aitken (W.) 3. Davis won by two feet. Aitken, in third place, was three yards further back. Time, 33 2-5sec—a record.

50 Yards Junior (nine entries).—McInnes (M.) 1, Chambers (M.) 2, Aitken (W.) 3. The quickest to get away, McInnes was early in the lead and went away to win by a yard and a-half. Time, 29 2-5sec—a record.

50 Yards Senior (three entries).—Davis (W.) 1, Berry (O.) 2, Millar (M.) 3. Davis gained in the first length, was the quickest on the turn and drew away in the sprint to the tape to win by four feet. Millar stopped when nearing the finish and just missed securing second place. Time, 25 3-5sec—a record.

100 Yards Junior. (Six entries).—McInnes (M.) 1, Caddie (M.) 2, Blaikie (O.) 3. McInnes lead all the way to win by a good 12 yards. Time, 63sec—a record.

100 Yards Senior. (Three entries).—Davis (W.) 1, Millar (M.) 2, Berry (O.) 3. Millar held to Davis over the first two lengths, but the latter was the quicker on the last turn and gained an advantage which he held to the finish. Berry was well back in third place. Time, 59 3-5sec—a record.

Senior Diving. (Four entries).—Blaikie (O.) 35.8pts., 1, Davis (W.) 33.8pts., 2, Jenkin (O.) 18.3pts., 3.

Junior Diving. (Four entries).—Blaikie (O.) 26.7pts., 1, Potts (O.) 20.9pts., 2, McMillan (A.) 15.0pts., 3.

440 Yards Senior Championship.—Berry 1, Millar 2. Time, 5min 49sec.

220 Yards Senior Championship.—Davis 1, Millar 2, Berry 3. Time, 2min 35 1-5sec.

220 Yards Junior Championship.—McInnes 1, Blaikie 2, Aitken 3. Time, 2min 41sec.—A record.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

33 1-3 Yards Junior (40 entries).—First heat: Gordon (9sec) 1, Duthie (5sec) 2, Randle (9sec) 3. Time, 23 2-5sec. Second heat: Hewat (8sec) 1, Glass (7sec) 2. Time, 19 3-5sec. Third heat: Wright (10sec) 1, Bath (8sec) 2. Time, 25sec. Fourth heat: Mackintosh (9sec) 1, McMillan (5sec) 2. Time, 25 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Alexander (4sec) 1, Caddie (1sec) 2. Time, 20 2-5sec. Final: Gordon (A.) 1, Wright (A.) 2, Hewat (O.) 3. Won by two feet; the rest of the competitors finished practically together. Time, 22 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards First Year Boys. (27 entries).—First heat: Gavan (10sec) 1, Poole (scr) 2. Time, 25 2-5sec. Second heat: Inglis (4sec) 1, Blaikie (1sec) 2. Time, 20 4-5sec. Third heat: Duncan (10sec) 1, Printz (3sec) 2. Time, 24 1-5sec. Final: Inglis (W.) 1, Duncan (W.) 2, Gavan (O.) 3. Inglis won by six inches. Time, 21 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Senior. (23 entries).—First heat: Duncan (6sec) 1, J. Berry (8sec) 2. Time, 18 4-5sec. Second heat: Campbell (9sec) 1, Lindsay (7sec) 2. Time, 20sec. Third heat: Melhop (8sec) and Speer (7sec) (dead-heat) 1. Times: 20 3-5sec and 19 3-5sec. Final: Campbell (W.) 1, Duncan (W.) 2, Melhop (W.) 3. Won easily. Time, 20 2-5sec.

50 Yards Senior Breast-stroke. (Six entries).—C. Campbell (M., 7sec) 1, Melhop (W., 6sec) 2, Jenkin (O., 10sec) 3. Won by six inches. Time, 41sec.

50 Yards Junior Breast-stroke. (Eight entries).—Palmer (W.), 4sec 1, Poole (O.), 3sec 2, Mair (A.) scr 3. Won by two yards. Time, 40sec

66 2-3 Yards Senior. (Ten entries).—Oliver (M.), 10sec 1, Duncan (W.), 10sec 2, McLachlan (W.), 13sec 3. Oliver just held off a spirited challenge from his co-marker to win by two feet. Time, 44 2-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards Junior.—First heat: Poole (11sec) 1, McInnes (scr) 2, Caddie (10sec) 3. Time, 48 2-5sec. Second heat: Blaikie (—) 1, Hewat (13sec) 2, Mair (15sec) 3. Time 47sec. Final: Mair (A.) 1, Poole (O.) 2, Blaikie (O.) 3. Time, 51 4-5sec.

100 Yards Open (14 entries).—Duncan (W.), 9sec 1, Oliver (M.), 9sec 2, Skinner (M.), 21sec 3. In an exciting finish, Duncan beat Oliver by a touch. Time, 72 1-5sec.

Ribbon Dive (16 entries).—McKee, 12in and McLachlan (W.), 6in (equal) 1, McInnes (M.), scr 3. Height 6ft 6in.

Inter-House Relay. (Four teams competed).—Mataura 1, Waiau 2, Oreti 3. Mataura was early in the lead and won fairly comfortably. Time, 74 3-5sec—a record.

Championship points.—Senior: D. F. Davis (25) 1st, D. J. Berry (13) 2, A. C. Millar (12) 3.

Junior: P. McInnes (15) 1, L. V. Blaikie (9) 2, W. Chambers (3) 3.

HOUSE POINTS.—Waiau 78½, 1; Mataura 59½, 2; Oreti 55, 3; Aparima 24, 4.

ATHLETICS

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 Yards (Record: A. G. Harrington, 1922, 10 1-5sec).—E. Allison (A) 1, H. Ritchie (O) 2, A. Lindsay (M) 3. Won by two yards. Time 10 3-5sec.

220 Yards (Record: T. Baird, 1908 and G. Kingston, 1917, 23 1-5sec).—H. Ritchie (O) 1, E. Allison (A) 2, A. Cameron (W) 3. Won by three yards. Time, 25sec.

440 Yards (Record: R. Christie, 1909 and T. P. Crowe 1929, 55sec).—G. Baker (A) 1, D. Berry (O) 2, R. Cocklin (M) 3. Won easily. Time, 57 4-5sec.

880 Yards (Record: B. Crowther 1931, 2min 5 2-5sec).—L. Cornwell (A) 1, D. Berry (O) 2, G. Baker (A) 3. Time, 2min 10 4-5sec.

One Mile (Record: P. McLachlan 1933, 4min 44 1-5sec).—D. Berry (O) 1, L. Cornwell (H) 2, J. Berry (A) 3. Berry won a good race by two yards. Time, 4min 59sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (Record: K. Uttley 1931, 16 4-5sec).—C. Warburton (M) 1, A. Lindsay (M) 2, D. Crowley (M) 3. Time, 18 1-5sec.

High Jump (Record: M. Hamilton 1930, 5ft 5in).—G. Baker (A) 1, J. Robertson (A) 2, I. Muirson (O) 3. Height 4ft 11½in.

Long Jump (Record: N. Millard 1908, 22ft 8in).—H. Ritchie (O) 1, E. Allison (A) 2, J. Robertson (A) 3. Distance, 18ft 8in.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

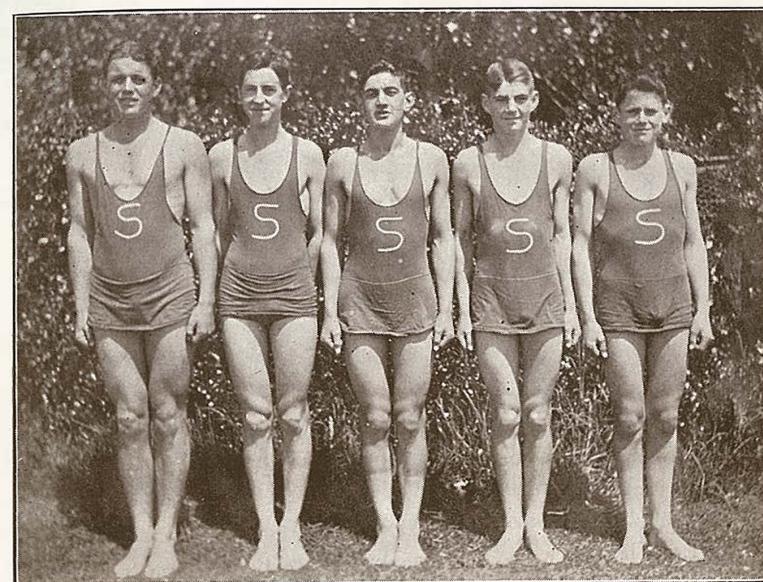
100 Yards (Record: J. B. Collie 1934, 11 4-5sec).—T. Pedlar (M) 1, J. Ruffin (A) 2, M. Keane (O) 3. Won by a yard. Time, 11 2-5sec. A record.

880 Yards (Record: W. Miller 1934, 2min 19 1-5sec).—J. Berry (A) 1, T. Swale (O) 2, E. Fallow (O) 3. Won easily. Time, 2min 20 1-5sec.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 Yards (Record: S. Reid 1906, 11sec).—First Heat: Lyons (M) 1, Poole (O) 2, Soper (W) 3. Time, 12sec. Second Heat: Martyn (O) 1, Fallow (W) 2, Blaikie (M) 3. Time, 12 4-5sec. Third Heat: Webb (A) 1, Halliday (O) 2, Ferguson (M) 3. Time, 11 4-5sec. Final: Webb (A) 1, Lyons (M) 2, Halliday (O) 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

220 Yards (Record: A. Kingsland 1917, 25sec).—L. Blaikie (O) 1, G. Webb (A) 2, Lyons (M) 3. Time, 26 2-5sec.



LIFE-SAVING TEAM, 1936.

(Winners of Secondary Schools' Championship at Dunedin in November.)

D. C. Berry (Instructor), A. J. Melhop, G. R. Duthie, B. H. Palmer, A. T. Mair.



100 YARDS SWIMMING RELAY TEAM, 1936.

(Winners of Championship at Dunedin.)

J. B. Oliver, G. R. Duthie, A. M. Aitken, D. C. Berry (Captain).

440 Yards (Record: P. McLauchlan 1931, 59 1-5sec.)—L. Blaikie (O) 1, J. McLean (O) 2, C. Halliday (O) 3. Blaikie ran very well to win by three yards. Time, 64sec.
880 Yards (Record: P. McLauchlan 1931, 2min 16 3-5sec.)—L. Blaikie (O) 1, J. McLean (O) 2, A. Edwards (W) 3.
High Jump (Record: L. Clark 1925 and D. R. Campbell 1931, 4ft 10½ins.)—J. Robertson (O) 1, J. McLean (O) 2, F. Soper (W) and A. Aitken (W) 3rd equal. Height, 4ft 6in.
Long Jump (Record: J. Forde 1914, 17ft 10in.)—G. Webb (A) 1, Lyons (M) 2, H. Longley (W) 3. Distance, 16ft 1½in.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 Yards Open.—E. Jarvis (M) 10yds. 1, W. Miller (M) 18yds. 2, E. Parcell (A) (9yds.) 3. Time, 12sec.
100 Yards (Under 16½)—Pittaway (A) (12yds.) 1, Fallow (O) 10yds. 2, Keane (O) (5yds.) 3. Time, 11sec.
100 Yards (Under 15)—Lyons (M) (3yds.) 1, C. Halliday (O) (2yds.) 2, A. Poole (O) (4yds.) 3. Time 11 2-5sec.
220 Yards (Open)—A. Cameron (W) (10yds.) 1, L. Chambers (W) (12yds.) 2, P. Bennetts (A) (15yds.) 3. Time, 24 3-5sec.
220 Yards (Under 16½)—Pittaway (A) (20yds.) 1, Pedlar (M) (scr.) 2, Fallow (O) (18yds.) 3. Time, 24 3-5sec.
220 Yards (Under 15)—H. Adam (A) (14yds.) 1, W. Longley (W) (10yds.) 2, Hargest (W) (20yds.) 3. Time, 28 1-5sec.
220 Yards (Under 14)—Ward (O) (15yds.) 1, K. Clapp (O) (15yds.) 2, W. Harland (W) (25yds.) 3. Time, 27 4-5sec.
440 Yards (Open)—P. Bennetts (A) (25yds.) 1, J. McChesney (M) (20yds.) 2, J. Fraser (W) (10yds.) 3. Time, 58 1-5sec.
440 Yards (Under 16½)—J. Berry (A) (15yds.) 1, P. Hewat (O) (30yds.) 2, Gordon (A) (25yds.) 3. Time, 58 4-5sec.
440 Yards (Under 15)—G. Cornwell (M) (15yds.) 1, L. Connolly (M) (5yds.) 2, N. Oughton (M) (scr.) 3. Time, 63 1-5sec.
880 Yards (Open)—J. Oliver (M) (scr.) 1, L. Dykes (W) (35yds.) 2, W. Stewart (A) (35yds.) 3. Time, 2min 22sec.
880 Yards (Under 15)—C. Halliday (O) (25yds.) 1, L. Connolly (M) (scr.) 2, N. Oughton (M) (5yds.) 3. Time, 2min 41 3-5sec.
One Mile (Open)—J. Berry (A) (40yds.) 1, K. Dixon (W) (200yds.) 2, Gordon (A) (100yds.) 3. Time, 5min 0 2-5sec.

GENERAL EVENTS.

Sack Race—McLeod (O) 1, Simpson (A) 2, Cox (A) 3.
Potato Race—H. Gilbertson (M) 1, R. Smart (M) 2, K. Abel (W) 3.
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Record: H. Shireffs 1924, 106yds. 3in.)—C. Warburton (M) (scr.) 1, N. Breen (O) (20yds.) 2, D. Hamilton (M) (scr.) 3. Distance, 106yds 5in. A record.
Half Mile Walk (Record: R. Dennis 1929, 3min 41sec.)—G. Morrison (O) (150yds.) 1, J. Gazzard (A) (20yds.) 2, B. Palmer (W) (70yds.) 3. Time, 3min 50sec.
Bicycle Race, One Mile (Record: G. Anderson 1931, 2min 43 1-5sec.)—Wright (A) 1, D. Coster (A) 2, R. Hewton (W) 3. Time, 2min 50 2-5sec.
Shot Putt (Record: G. Kingston 1917, 37ft 9in.)—J. W. Fraser (W) (60in.) 1, J. Robertson (A) (24in.) 2, H. Ritchie (O) (scr.) 3. Distance, 34ft 3½in.
Javelin Throw (Record: H. Armour 1935, 126ft 11in.)—C. Warburton (M) 1, H. Fraser (O) 2, D. Hamilton (M) 3. Distance, 136ft 6in. A record.
120 Yards Hurdles—E. Anderson (M) 1, R. Smith (O) 2, J. Hunter (M) 3.
High Jump (Open)—I. Muirson (O) (4in.) 1, R. Smith (O) (1in.) 2, J. Robertson (O) (4in.) and J. Oliver (M) (4in.) 3rd. equal. Height, 5ft 1in.
Tug-of-War—Oreti 1, Aparima 2, Waiau 3.
Hop, Step and Jump (Under 14) (Record: J. Malcolm, 31ft 2in.)—M. Gavan (O) 1, Metzger (M) 2, McMillan (A) 3. Distance, 27ft 1in.
Hop, Step and Jump (Under 16) (Record: N. A. Mitchell 1929, 38ft 1in.)—Stevens (A) 1, J. Robertson (O) 2, Pedlar (M) 3. Distance, 34ft 8½in.
Hop, Step and Jump (Open) (Record: K. Uttley 1931, 40ft 8½in.)—Warburton (M) 1, D. Crowley (M) 2. Distance, 37ft 8in.
Discus Throw (Record: C. Henry 1935, 89ft.)—I. Muirson (O) 1, E. McCurdy (O) 2, R. Hassed (G) 3. Distance, 84ft 4in.
Long Jump (Open)—I. Muirson (O) (15in.) 1, A. Cameron (W) (15in.) 2, E. Parcell (A) (24in.) and E. Anderson (M) (12in.) 3rd. equal. Distance, 17ft 10½in.
Long Jump (Under 15)—F. Soper (W) (scr.), A. Caddie (M) (6in.) and A. Edwards (W) (6in.) 1st equal. Distance, 14ft 5in.
High Jump (Under 15)—J. Robertson (O) (scr.) and H. Longley (W) (4in.) 1st equal, E. Macdonald (A) (6in.) and N. Oughton (M) (3in.) 3rd, equal. Height, 4ft 6in.

RELAY RACES

Inter-House (Open)—Aparima 1, Oreti 2, Mataura 3. Time, 51 1-5sec.
Inter-House (Under 16)—Mataura 1, Oreti 2, Aparima 3. Time, 53 4-5sec.
Inter-House (Under 14)—Oreti 1, Waiau 2, Aparima 3. Time, 57 1-5sec.
Old Boys v. School—Old Boys (G. Henderson, E. Boyd, P. McLauchlan, W. Atley) 1. School (C. Warburton, T. Pedlar, G. Baker, H. Ritchie) 2.

BOXING

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP.

D. E. Campbell, 12.2 defeated by E. Allison, 9.4. UNDER 7st 8lbs.
E. Allison defeated A. R. Bremer, 10.5. Duncan, 7.7 defeated Sands, 7.4.
R. D. Hassed, 11.10 lost to E. McCurdy, 11.2. Potts, 6.12 defeated Dickson, 7.0.
Final—McCurdy defeated Allison. Final—Potts defeated Duncan.
UNDER 9st 9lbs.
J. W. Berry 9.9 defeated J. H. Alexander, 9.4. UNDER 6st 8lbs.
C. George 9.8 defeated R. Spencer, 9.2. Pearce, 6.6 defeated Gibson, 6.7.
Final—George defeated Berry. Dixon, 6.1 defeated Pearce.
UNDER 8st 10lbs.
J. Gordon, 8.4 defeated W. Redpath, 8.9. Mules, 6.7 defeated Padget, 6.6.
Gordon defeated B. Palmer, 8.4. Final—Dixon defeated Mules.
D. Coster, 8.9 defeated A. Caddie, 8.9. UNDER 5st 10lbs.
Final—Gordon defeated Coster by default. Semmens, 5.10 defeated Harland, 5.6.

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News and Notes

The annual meeting of the Association was held in combination with a social gathering. There was a big attendance of members and a successful evening was begun with the official business. The officers elected are given on another page. The guests of the evening were J. C. Dakin and A. C. Horne who were toasted by G. R. Hanan.

An interesting and diverting account of his experiences in England was given by Surgeon-Lieutenant Horne. The story of how he had worked his way to England as a member of the crew of an old cargo ship, taken up dental studies in London and finally obtained a position in the Royal Navy, was enlivened by many humorous anecdotes.

The speaker also described the amazing scenes at the time of the late King's jubilee and the national sorrow on the occasion of his death. No more striking tribute to the veneration in which the late King had been held could be desired, he said, than that afforded by the thousands of people who had sacrificed sleep and food to pay homage to their former ruler.

After describing countries he had visited during his association with the Royal Navy and the people he had met there, Surgeon-Lieutenant Horne concluded by paying a tribute to the service to which he belonged and to his old school. Both were worthy of the deepest loyalty, he said, and both had traditions of which to be proud.

Describing the school as a wine establishment which each year turned out "brews" which lived up to the highest traditions of the "old firm," Mr Dakin said he was proud to belong to the 1926 vintage. The sixth form of 1926 had turned out men who had achieved success in their own particular walks of life.

After detailing the successes of men who had worked—and evaded work—with him in the sixth form, he went on to describe life at Oxford University. The essence of Oxford, he said, was individualism and toleration. Each student was left, as far as possible, to go his own way. There was freedom in study and freedom in sport. One was not compelled to go to lectures, nor was one compelled to take up any particular form of sport.

Following an interesting account of student life at Oxford, Mr Dakin concluded by describing his experiences in Uganda.

Two Old Boys are included in the New Zealand Coronation contingent which has just left these shores. The first, D. F. Leckie was at School 1912-15 and during those years did very well at both athletic pastimes and the grimmer interests of the class-room. Immediately on leaving school he volunteered for active service in the Great War, with the result that he spent the years 1916-19 in Palestine. He spent a little time sheep farming before joining the primary teaching service in which he has remained since 1921 and in which he has been distinctly successful. He maintained an active interest in the New Zealand Territorial Forces reaching the rank of Major. The second member is Ruric Hunter from South Riverton who entered School in 1930 and, after leaving, also kept up his interest in Territorial affairs. We offer our congratulations on their success in achieving an interesting and comparatively inexpensive trip to London to take part in so historic an occasion.

F. J. Lehany again brought honour to School by being nominated by Otago University for one of the 1936 Rhodes Scholarships. Lehany continued at the University the solid career which he had made for himself at School and although he was unsuccessful in this matter will probably find other means of continuing his work abroad.

There was a large gathering of members of the Southland District Law Society in the Supreme Court at the end of the year to say farewell to J. A. Fraser, who is retiring from the office of district land registrar, a position he has held in Invercargill for 15 years. The president, Mr F. G. O'Beirne, in presenting a silver coffee service to Mr Fraser, spoke of the untiring and able manner in which he had carried out his work, and wished him many years of happiness. Numerous other speakers endorsed Mr O'Beirne's remarks and Mr Fraser replied.

R. D. Hassed has been selected for training preparatory to joining some branch of the New Zealand Permanent Forces.

G. Nimmo has been appointed master of the Spar Bush School.

J. T. Gardiner is now Presbyterian Missioner at Otokia, South Taieri.

M. Henderson, an indefatigable and most efficient Old Boys' Association officer has been during 1936 in the Wellington branch of the National Bank.

J. T. Horne is continuing his medical studies in Britain.

Dr Alistair Brass has relinquished his practice in Akaroa and is now to be found at Rakaia, Mid-Canterbury.

Douglas H. Brass is on the literary Staff of the "Melbourne Argus."

M. V. Blake, who was nominated by Canterbury College for a Rhodes Scholarship, has left New Zealand for England where he has joined the Royal Air Force.

K. F. Uttley continues to have a most successful career in first-class cricket. He has represented Otago during the season and was captain of the eleven against Canterbury in the final Plunket Shield match of the season. He was also one of the first four New Zealand university cricketers to be awarded a New Zealand Blue.

G. B. Giller, S. Maclean and N. Watts are students at Canterbury Agriculture College, Lincoln. Maclean and Giller were secretary and assistant-secretary respectively of the editorial committee of the College magazine. Maclean was secretary of sports, a member of the Rugby XV, and winner of the Osborne Scholarship. Giller was the College cross-country running champion and Maclean the runner-up. Watts has been a member of the students executive and won his football cap during the 1936 season.

Macgregor Cameron (1917-21) who was formerly a member of the teaching staff of the Riverton District High School and is now on the lecturing staff of the University of Otago, has qualified for the degree of master of arts at the University of London, and has been awarded a mark of distinction, this being granted to candidates who show exceptional merit.

J. O. Macpherson is in the valuation department, J. H. V. McElhinney, the aerodrome branch of the P.W.D., and R. N. W. McRae, the Department of Internal Affairs—all stationed in Wellington.

Stanley V. Raines, who was at School 1906; 1912-13, has been appointed Transport Commissioner for the Southern District of New Zealand. After leaving School, he had seven years commercial experience with the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., before commencing to study law. At Victoria College, Wellington, he continued his legal studies and received further valuable training in his chosen profession as clerk to Sir Thomas Wilford and later as managing clerk for Sir Alexander Gray. Having qualified as a barrister and solicitor he established a practice in Invercargill in 1920, his chief interest being commercial law. He was vice-president of the Invercargill Labour Representation Committee and also vice-president of the Invercargill Branch of the New Zealand Labour Party.

Dr F. J. Borrie of Christchurch who recently resigned the office of assistant commissioner of his division of the St. John Ambulance Association, has also retired from the practice of his profession. He has taken up residence in Dunedin. A notable gathering in Christchurch bade him farewell.

The Hon. Sir R. Heaton Rhodes, M.L.C., who made the presentation of a crystal reading lamp, said that he had been advised by his doctor not to talk, but this was one of the occasions on which he felt it was his duty to say a word or two. He was very sorry to have to bid farewell. He referred to the efficiency, goodness, and unselfishness of Dr Borrie. He had shown his devotion by being at headquarters day by day attending to many cases and being ever willing to help. He would be sadly missed by all.

The Mayor of Christchurch (Mr J. W. Beanland) also praised the work of Dr Borrie. As a representative of the interests of the city he had known Dr Borrie for many years. Through this he had known what wonderful work the St. John Ambulance was doing in the city. The brigade had not always been able to work in the fine rooms which they now had, and in obtaining these it had been greatly helped by Dr Borrie.

Dr Borrie, in reply, thanked all the speakers for their kind remarks. He had regarded his work for the association as his hobby; and as it was a humanitarian work he had been given credit for it. Before leaving he wished to thank all those associated with the brigade in Christchurch for their loyal support, and asked them to continue to help his successor.

E. H. Diack has been appointed assistant master at the North Invercargill School. He was formerly sole teacher at the Koromiko School, Wellington.

Flying-Officer L. F. J. Taylor, has been promoted to the rank of flight lieutenant, and has also received a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force as from April 1, 1936. He is at present an instructor at the flying training school, Peterborough, England.

Frank C. Lopdell, M.A., has been appointed Principal of the Wellington Training College after having been vice-principal of the Auckland College since 1929. He attended the Southland Boys' High School from 1906 to 1908 and was a member of the school Rugby team. He was trained as a probationer in Invercargill, being a pupil teacher at the Middle School and later assistant there. He was then appointed assistant at the Geraldine District High School and then headmaster of the Waimatuku School. He was on war service for three years. He joined the staff of the Southland Technical College in 1922 and remained there for seven years. He was then appointed vice-principal of the Auckland Training College, and during the time the college was closed down he was on the inspecting staff in the Auckland district. When the college reopened a year ago he went back to his former position of vice-principal.

L. J. Wild, headmaster of the Agricultural High School, Feilding, and president of the Royal Agricultural Society, has been offered a traveller's grant by the Carnegie Corporation to study agricultural and post-primary education in America and Great Britain.

Edward Callaghan was selected as one of five candidates to proceed to Sydney University Veterinary College with a Government scholarship to study veterinary science. He had the distinction of being the youngest of the five successful nominees. Callaghan, had an outstanding scholastic career and has long been interested in acquiring agricultural knowledge. As one of the first members of the Southland Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs Association when it was founded in 1929, he gained distinction in all its branches, winning numerous prizes for stock-rearing, crop growing, essays and chart

work. In sport his achievements were no less noteworthy during his High School days. In addition to gaining a boxing championship at his weight, he was one of the outstanding forwards in the school's first fifteen, while he also won distinction at tennis and athletics. Since 1934 he has been a student at the University of Otago.

John Murdoch, (1902-06), M.A., M. Com., Ph.D., 1929-1930 in England; 1931-35, in Correspondence School; 1936 lecturer on modern languages in Auckland Training College.

Norman Gilchrist, (1906-09), assistant Napier Intermediate School, 1936. Served in War, returning in 1919. In business for some years, then resumed teaching in Hawkes Bay.

Cecil Lopdell, (1911-12), appointed headmaster Puketapu School, Hawkes Bay, 1934.

Norman Cowie, (1903-05), headmaster Westshore School, Napier.

Harold Shireffs, (1920-24), appointed June, 1936, headmaster of Kote-maori School, Hawkes Bay.

John Nicol, (1911-14), M.A., Ph.D., appointed to Correspondence School, 1936.

We cull the following note from the Public Service journal: Dr John Nicol, who has been appointed Senior Secondary Assistant at the Education Department's Correspondence School, was educated at the Southland Boys' High School, Invercargill, and Victoria University College, Wellington, where he graduated M.A. in 1922, taking second-class honours in mathematics and the equivalent of first-class honours in history. After graduating, he continued with the study of languages, mainly Latin, Greek and French, and in 1924, when Latin was for the first time made a separate honours subject, he took a Certificate of Proficiency to first-class honours standard.

In December, 1934, after a period spent in research work in Oxford and London, he was granted, by the University of New Zealand, the degree of Doctor of Literature in classical languages. A book by Dr Nicol on the Roman poet and consul, Silius Italicus, is now in the press at Oxford and will shortly be ready for publication.

Dr Nicol was formerly on the staffs of the Wellington, Wanganui and Christchurch Technical Colleges, and latterly has been first assistant Master at the Westport Technical High School.

Philip C. Carman, M.Sc., Ph.D., has been appointed lecturer in Chemistry at Capetown University.

R. W. A. Reid, who has been elected President of the Arts Faculty of Otago University, was the winner of the Otago section of the B.D. League's one-act play competition.

W. B. Carswell was the winner of the Speaking of English prize at Otago University.

H. O. Mackley and G. Ross Murray were Manawatu hockey representatives. The latter was also a member of the New Zealand University hockey team. He has completed his course at Massey College and is now to be found at Te Whaiti where he is engaged by the Presbyterian Church.

G. F. V. Anderson again played for the Otago University A Rugby team.

C. H. Baird won his hockey Blue at Otago, and during the long vacation represented Southland at tennis. Also in the tennis team were, R. McCallum and W. C. Strang.

E. J. Callaghan played for Sydney University Rugby team during the 1936 season.

N. Mitchell (captain), M. Hamilton, A. W. Wesney, N. R. Irwin, J. Hamilton and L. M. Uttley were all Southland Rugby representatives. Mitchell was appointed captain of the South Island team, but was unable to play.

G. Hughes, A. E. Dakin, R. J. Jenkins, H. Semmens and C. W. McLean —Southland Hockey representatives, and E. S. Hobson played for Otago.

A. W. Wesney was again a Southland Swimming representative.

Maurice W. Mehaffey (1899-1900), who for some years has been assistant engineer of the Australian Commonwealth light-house services, has now been appointed chief of his department.

Eric Russell (1892-97), is again chairman of the Southland section of the Mortgage Adjustment Commission.

H. S. Strang, and A. J. Kingsland were Presidents of the Rugby Union and the Swimming Centre respectively during 1936.

J. T. Carswell had the honour of being the last chairman of the Southland Electric Power Board which has now been taken over by the State.

I. J. McGrath, who was representative of the "Dominion" in Palmerston North has been transferred on promotion to the head office of the paper. He did some very good work during the Manawatu floods of last winter.

D. S. McNaughton of Amberley has transferred to the Auckland Education Board and is now in the Gisborne district.

R. Morgan represented the West Coast at Hockey.

William A. Service (1896-97), who was Inspector of Schools, Southland, has been promoted to the chief inspectorship of primary schools in Canterbury.

D. G. Hudson, C. H. Olds, T. C. Potts, A. B. Ryan, E. A. Sefton, J. Smith, A. G. Pickard, were all students of the Dunedin Training College during the year. R. T. McKelvey was a member of the executive committee and club captain of Hockey and Cricket; while the following served on various club executives: T. C. Potts (Drama and Boxing), D. G. Hudson (Athletics), A. B. Ryan (Cricket), E. C. Watt (Debating), E. C. Hannah (Tramping), E. Sefton (Choral), A. G. Pickard (Common Room). Hudson, Nimmo, Sefton and Ryan played regularly in the College XV (second grade in Dunedin), while R. Sutton (lightweight), and T. C. Potts, (light-heavy), won championships in boxing. McKelvey and Sutton seem to have done a lot of useful work for the Orchestra; the former represented Otago at Hockey during the season.

The following large list of examination successes of Old Boys is indicative of the remarkably lively part being played by the School in academic pursuits. Very few failed to gain their objectives.

MASTERS OF ARTS:

J. S. Mehaffey.
G. C. Israel (1st class honours).

BACHELORS OF ARTS:

G. G. McLeod.
G. Nimmo.
R. W. A. Reid.

MASTERS OF SCIENCE:

F. J. Lehany (1st class).
R. T. J. Blick.
E. S. Hobson.

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE:

C. F. Bruce.
E. G. Edie.
D. M. McFarlane.
R. J. Rodger.

BACHELORS OF LAWS:

J. R. Mills.
H. K. Carswell.

BACHELORS OF MEDICINE:

R. D. N. Bisset.
F. R. Miller.
L. J. Roy.

BACHELOR OF AGRICULTURE:

J. Ross Murray.

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Sir George Grey: E. G. Edie.
Beverly (Mathematics): E. G. Edie.
Duffus Lubbeckie: G. C. Israel.
Beverly (Physics): C. F. Bruce.

MEDICAL INTERMEDIATE:

C. H. Baird.
J. C. Hazeldine.
G. M. Thomson.

DENTAL INTERMEDIATE:

G. C. S. Mackay.
R. P. Smith.

BAGR. SC. INTERMEDIATE:

W. R. Aitchison.

SUBJECTS FOR INSURANCE
DIPLOMA:

W. J. Morgan.
V. L. Shirley.

SUBJECTS FOR BANKING DIPLOMA:

F. Waymouth (Dunedin).
A. B. Strang.

FIRST PROFESSIONAL (MEDICAL):

R. G. Macdonald.
J. R. M. Nicholson.
N. H. Wilson.

SECOND PROFESSIONAL (MEDICAL):

J. N. Armour.
K. F. M. Uttley.

THIRD PROFESSIONAL (1st SECTION):

D. U. Strang.
G. C. Jennings.

SECOND PROFESSIONAL (DENTAL):

C. K. Horne.

THIRD PROFESSIONAL (DENTAL):

D. M. Page.

ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSIONAL
SUCCESSES:

W. T. Adam.
G. Anderson.
G. R. Blampied.
L. V. Clark.
R. J. Hickin.
E. N. Jackson.
D. J. Kennedy.
J. P. Lockie.
C. G. A. Lythgoe.
W. L. Miller.
C. Orgar.
L. E. Raines.
J. Stevenson.

ENGLISH I:

J. N. Christie.
I. P. Foley.
K. M. France.
L. Jones.
A. F. Kean.
W. L. McNaughton.
J. S. Thomson.
E. C. Watt.

EDUCATION I:

D. G. Hudson.
C. H. Olds.

EDUCATION II:

J. R. Verity.

ENGLISH II:

E. P. Blampied.
D. G. Hudson.

GREEK I and BOTANY:

W. B. Carswell.

HISTORY II:

W. B. Carswell.
E. P. Blampied.
J. R. Verity.

PURE MATHEMATICS I:

D. H. McClean.

APPLIED MATHEMATICS:

M. R. Head.
(Also Calculus and Chemistry).
A. B. Ryan.
D. H. McClean. (also chemistry).

LATIN I:

G. A. Fredric.

PSYCHOLOGY:

K. M. France.
L. Jones.
W. H. Blaikie

ECONOMICS I:

K. M. France.
A. A. McClean.

EDUCATION III:

W. S. Hormann.

SUBJECTS B. COM.

A. A. McClean.
T. E. Roff.

GREEK HISTORY, ART AND LITERA-
TURE:

T. O. Robinson.
G. G. McLeod.

SUBJECTS MUS. B.

R. W. A. Reid.
C. H. Olds.

SUBJECTS BACHELOR OF
ARCHITECTURE:

C. T. Barham.
N. A. Derbie.

Obituary

GEORGE LANCELOT DESCHLER.

The name of G. L. Deschler is intimately known to every Old Boy who has seen presented and heard discussed, the Deschler Cup. He was at School from 1896 to 1898 and left New Zealand in 1906 for the United States where he remained, but for one visit to New Zealand, until his death in 1936. He pursued his dental training at Pennsylvania graduating with the degree of D.D.S. in 1910. He came on a visit to School in 1923 and it was in that year he presented the cup which bears his name and which is annually awarded for most improvement shown during the year, in both class-work and sport. The first award was made in that year. The following note appeared in "The Southlandian" of 1923.

"Dr George L. Deschler, after an absence of 17 years in the U.S.A. studying and practising dentistry, spent the month of August in his native town of Invercargill. He remembered his old school and came up to see us one day. He briefly addressed us on the value of making use of our opportunity at school—above all, to matriculate, as matriculation was a passport to many avenues of life and to many institutions outside of New Zealand. He then presented to the school a handsome challenge cup for general merit in the classroom and in sport. This is to be awarded annually. He was heartily welcomed by the school and was heartily thanked for his address and for his benefaction."

Dr Deschler's dental skill was widely recognized in New York from the very beginning of his practice there and after a few years he was being consulted by many of America's best known and most important figures. A further tribute to the excellence of his work is paid by the fact that film actors and actresses from Hollywood were content only with his work and travelled regularly across the Continent to be treated by him.

WILLIAM MACALISTER.

The death of William Macalister on July 26, 1936 brought to a close a long and arduous life. Although in later years he was eager to acquire knowledge and as eager to impart it, as a boy he disliked school and the learning it entailed; so much so that his parents concluded it would be wiser to let him begin work at 14 rather than force him to persevere with subjects he found so distasteful. Hence he was at School only during 1881—the first year of the Southland Boys' High School. A few years later, spurred on by the idea of mission service in the New Hebrides so firmly fixed in his mind, he reckoned the time devoted to study not as a sacrifice but as a means to a worthy end. Such enthusiasm added to a mind which readily assimilated knowledge ensured success. He matriculated, won a church bursary and left for Dunedin to take a divinity course at the University of Otago.

It was the classics which appealed to him most and it was in Greek that he specialized for the B.A. degree. At first he found himself at a disadvantage with young men who had received a full primary and secondary education, but his keen desire to learn and his natural love of the classics soon took him to the forefront. His study at the university wrought a considerable change in him. His ambition to go to the mission fields of the New Hebrides gave place to a thirst for education for its own sake. What had seemed to him, when he began at the university, as a means to an end became an end in itself. He found an outlet for his desire to impart knowledge by accepting a position under the Southland Education Board. He was head teacher at Wairio from 1885 until the beginning of 1889 when he joined the staff of the Southland Boys' High School. It was while he was at Wairio that he obtained his B.A. degree. He remained a master at School till 1896, completed his LL.B. degree in that year, and joined his brother in a legal partnership. From then on his life was an amazingly busy one. He became Crown solicitor, chairman of the

Southland Education Board, chairman of the High Schools' Board for many years, a member of the Otago University Council, a Trustee of the Invercargill Savings Bank—where he inaugurated those scholarships which have so often materially assisted boys of the School. For 25 years he was a director of The Southland Times.

He was the foundation president of the Invercargill Rotary Club and was known throughout New Zealand as a speaker whose addresses were thought-provoking and inspiring. He was a foundation member of the Southland League, and in more recent years he founded the Society for the Study of Economics which has played a valuable part in disseminating information on economics among professional men, business men and teachers.

He joined whole-heartedly in the activities of the Legion, believing that it stood for better citizenship, right thinking and a higher ethical standard in politics. The League of Nations and the League of Nations Union also had his enthusiastic support, and it is largely due to him that the Southland Branch of the League of Nations Union is in such a healthy state to-day.

Few worth-while things lacked his support—more frequently they had his leadership. It is a proud record of a life of service and study—a mind ever young, ever receptive. A now flourishing Old Boys' Association will remember him as its first president, 1893, while the War Memorial in the Hall was his gift to the School.

ALEXANDER MELVIN BURNS.

A. M. Burns died in Wellington on January 3, 1937. He was at School 1884—1886, being dux in 1886. He began his newspaper career on The Marlborough Express, and in 1890 joined the staff of the United Press Association in Wellington and remained there for 17 years. His period of service with the association included a number of years on the reporting staff of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, of which he was chairman for a term. He was selected to establish the agency of the Press Association at the Eastern Extension Cable Company's cable station at Wakapuaka, Nelson, in 1896.

Mr Burns began his long period of association with the Christchurch Press Company as chief sub-editor. He held that position with marked success until 1924, when he was appointed assistant editor. His long and active connection with the literary staff of The Press ended the next year when the directors of the company appointed him general manager, a position he was occupying at the time of his death.

He had for years been actively connected with the management of the United Press Association. For some years he had been chairman of directors and at the time of his death was a member of the Board of Directors. He also took an active part in the affairs of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association and had attended many of the association's annual conferences and served with distinction on many of its committees.

In the general life of the communities in which he lived his interests were legion. His old School he never forgot and by his death the Christchurch branch of the association loses an invaluable enthusiast. To the very end of his days he kept closely in touch with his School and was indefatigable and unforgettable in sending to the Rector any information of educational interest or personal data relating to our old boys, which he happened to light upon. His sudden death, in his 64th year, is greatly to be regretted.