

"Non scholae sed vitae discimus."

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School Notes.

(J. N. MILLARD.)

Mr J. Williams, B.Sc., of London University, has lately arrived from England to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Stuckey's resignation. He has already commanded our respect in the class-room by his able lessons in his branch of work.

As Empire Day fell this year during our holidays, we were all assembled in the "Long Room" on the last day of the first term to hear an address by the Rector on the relation of the Colonies to the Mother Country. First the Union Jack and the New Zealand Flag were displayed together, and then followed an extremely interesting address, dealing chiefly with the position of India at the present day. At intervals throughout the address patriotic recitations were given by the four Prefects. The Rector also took this opportunity of distributing the Prizes to the successful competitors at the Swimming Sports.

We were all sorry to lose our old janitor, Mr Stewart, who found it impossible at his time of life to cope with additional work caused by the erection of the Girls' High School, and so he was compelled to resign the position which he had ably filled for five years. Before leaving, he was presented by Speirs, on behalf of the School, with an arm chair and a small sum of money. Taken completely by surprise, he was deeply touched by our action. We regret losing such an obliging janitor.



SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL—FIRST XV., 1907.

BACK ROW—SPENCER.

ALEXANDER (Deputy Capt.)

SPIERS.

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TIMPANY.

SECOND ROW—MR POW.

L. MITCHELL.

D. BROWN.

REID.

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MR STUCKEY.

FRONT ROW—SMALL.

POOLE.

BROWN.

MILFORD COLLEGE.

HEDDER.

G. MITCHELL.

DAVIS.

Since the erection of the Fives Courts, the old game has been revived with renewed vigour. Every interval balls are going on the courts, the gymnasium, and all around the school walls. A large number of the windows in the School have been broken within the space of two weeks, and now the Rector has been compelled to forbid boys playing against the school. After this they will have to confine themselves to the courts or to the gymnasium.

It has been remarked that a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men. That will be the reason why the Upper Forms are becoming famous for their dart-throwing. One is forced to recall at the same time another saying, "Small things amuse small minds." Of course, this will be the reason why the Juniors copy the example of the Seniors.

One of the most pleasing features of our trip to Dunedin was the enthusiastic barracking of a few Old Boys. We can safely say that there was not another barracker on the field who could approach our inside five-eighth of last year. It is very encouraging for a team to see their old members turn out and cheer them on to victory against what was believed to be a superior team. Yet it must not be understood that the Old Boys were the only barrackers. One of our own followers, who travelled with us from Invercargill, lost his voice altogether. It was very funny on the Monday in school to see him shaping his lips in a vain attempt to answer questions, which, of course, he knew by heart. When such is the case, we can be assured of enthusiastic barracking next year.

We have again had the pleasure of listening to Mr Bligh, of the White Cross League. He approached his subject very skilfully, yet in a straightforward fashion, and surely there can be no doubt as to the great amount of good he must do in the School. Mr Bligh carries out his duty without any thought of remuneration, and so the boys gladly contributed a small sum to show that they appreciated the good work Mr Bligh was doing.

Since the beginning of the term we have scarcely been a week without some master's absence. The first week we were as many as three teachers short. We all hope that Mr McKinnon, who was away for six weeks on account of an accident to his knee will not be inconvenienced by it much longer.

The School were all interested in the change of the name of our Colony to Dominion of New Zealand, if it were only for the fact that it was an excuse for another holiday. We all admire those loyal cadets who turned out in pouring rain to take part in the town celebrations. It must be very pleasing to the Commanders of both companies to know that the only companies applauded during the March Past were the two companies from the School.

One day this term we were addressed by the Rev. Mr Spencer, of the British and Foreign Bible Society. In his interesting address, dealing chiefly with China, he informed us that that country is much more advanced than we believe her to be. He also gave us some idea of the work accomplished by his Society in carrying the Bible into all lands.

Lately the holly trees at the front of the School have been removed. These were otherwise known as the "Instruments of Torture," and will be deeply missed by the "Good Dorg," the man that is always looking for a chase. It was very heartrending to see him strolling about picking up the last remnants of his dear old friends. Until some other instrument is discovered, the "Good Dorg" will have to go unexercised.

The Tennis Court has now been top-dressed and marked out, but it does not seem to be taken real advantage of. It is high time that the coming tennis champions were getting into form.

Mr Gill, one of the Government Inspectors, has just concluded a visit to the School. He was not the stern, unbending person we were all expecting to see. On the contrary, he showed himself as capable of taking a joke as we were ourselves. He was even in fits of laughter over an English lesson in an upper division.

On Trafalgar Day we were assembled to hear an address by Mr J. L. Watson on that old familiar and favourite subject, "Trafalgar." He made it extremely interesting, and at the same time he endeavoured to inspire in us that old love of the sea which characterised our forefathers. We were all pleased to hear from him of the success of one of our old schoolmates at the training-ship at Wellington.

We have in our midst a budding poet. Lately the School has been flooded with pieces of the "Poette Loryeate's" work. Still he is not the only person in the School who possesses originality. There were discovered in a paper belonging to the First Form gems like the following:

Masc.	Acc.	Fem.	Masc.
Horse	Animal	Spinster	Spinsteress
Masc.		Fem.	
Marquis		Marquee	

We advise the author of those examples to cultivate his originality and in time he may become a genius.

The utility of "School" photographic groups has been well demonstrated in the cases of our late school-fellows, Arnold Kingsland and George Duke, removed from our midst so prematurely. In each case there existed no photograph taken within recent years except that occurring in a school group. The parents of both were glad that

they could fall back on these and procure enlargements therefrom. Mates! keep your school photos. "Forty years on, when afar and asunder," you will cherish those school groups much more than you now do.

There was some mention made during the second term of forming a Camera Club. However, it was decided to leave the matter over until the beginning of the year. Mr Stuckey was quite an enthusiast in this direction, and quite a number of boys have taken on this hobby. We hope in next issue to reproduce the work of some of our budding photographers.

During the opening weeks of the third term an epidemic of sickness visited the school. As many as thirty boys were absent daily, a state of things happily unusual here.

Quite a list of boys have left school since our last issue. By death we have lost Kingsland, Cochrane and Duke. Scoullar and Paull have entered the Bank of New Zealand, Wyndham; E. Cochrane and C. Robertson have joined the staff of Wright, Stephenson & Co.; Horan has gone to the Clothing Factory, Pilcher to Henderson & Co., T. Timpany to Bank of New Zealand, and R. Spencer to N.Z. Shipping Co., Bluff; Salmon has secured a position in the Public Works Department, Wellington, and has gone to swell the number of ex-pupils in the Imperial City; T. Stout has entered Ross and Glen-Co. Besides these we have lost Dickson, G. and C. Tothill, McVeilage, Cockroft left for Mr Scandrett's Office, but has recently been appointed pupil teacher at Mataura Island.

We all sympathise with Speirs, one of the Magazine Committee, who has been compelled, through illness, to leave school for a time. He has been ordered into the country for some months to recruit. We wish for him a speedy and thorough recovery.

At the "Break-up" of the second term, proceedings were varied by recitations by Imlay, Hinton, Fraser, and McQueen. It is no easy thing for anyone to face a hundred and fifty eager boys, but these four juniors acquitted themselves very creditably.

It was with feelings of gratitude that the 1st Fifteen received invitations at the end of last term from the Rector to a dinner in the "Long Room." Needless to say, the fifteen, contrary to their usual practice, turned out in full force. After ample justice had been done to a splendid dinner, Mr Eustace Russell proposed the toast of the team, coupled with the names of Mr Stuckey and the captain. He spoke in high terms of the team and congratulated them on their victory over Dunedin. Millard, in replying, thanked Mr Russell and

also took the opportunity of eulogising Mr Stuckey and of presenting him with a framed photograph of the team. Mr Stuckey was very grateful, and hoped that the members of the Fifteen would always play the game of football even off the field. He hoped that they would be given many days in which to continue the game, and that in time some of them would find their way into the various representative teams. After this, musical items were given by Cameron, Spencer, Small and Simon, while Pilcher gave a recitation. Mr Eustace Russell gave several selections on his phonograph, which greatly added to the evening's enjoyment. The gathering broke up after Alexander had thanked the Rector and called for three hearty cheers for him. It is not every school that is favoured with such a Rector.

This year an early start has been made with swimming practice. Mr Galloway has kindly consented to act as instructor, and good progress may be expected. The certificates obtained by some ten boys for long-distance swimming last season are in the hands of the Secretary of the Invercargill Swimming Club, and we expect to have them distributed shortly.

Since last issue the following contributions have been made to the School Museum:—Platinum, from Round Hill (Reynolds); shells (Traill); mudic and mineral specimen (Gray); limestone crystals (Cody); penguin's egg (Pope); Maori axe (A. Brown); greenstone (Spencer); two stick insects and rock specimens (Cameron); Maori chisel (A. Hall); rock specimens (R. Spencer).

Deaths.

KINGSLAND.—On June 9th, suddenly, Arnold James Kingsland, only son of James Kingsland, Tweed Street. Aged 16 years.

COCHRANE.—On 17th October, North Road (formerly of Lochiel), Robert William Cochrane. Aged 16 years.

DUKE.—On 26th October, drowned while fishing in the Oreti River at Waianiwia, George Lindsay Duke Aged 16 years.

The circumstances of the deaths recorded above are sad. In the cases of Kingsland and Duke, they were at school on Friday; the hand of Death touched them and called them away before Monday morning. Little Cochrane was absent just a week, his feeble constitution being unable to withstand a violent attack of influenza.

Arnold Kingsland was devoted to his school, so devoted, indeed, that he did not wish to lose a day's attendance by absence, and so arranged for the removal of a malformed tooth on the Sunday. The operation was successful, but Arnie never rallied from the chloroform. And so there slipped from our midst one of our most popular boys—the Secretary of our Football Club, a Seageant in our Cadets, an

enthusiastic cricketer, and all-round sportsman. He was given a military funeral, the bell tolling a minute salute as the cortege passed the school. The School cherishes his memory with fond regret for his untimely death.

George Duke went out fishing at Little Bush, Waianiwā, on Saturday morning. He was seen shortly after four o'clock, still plying the rod. When he had not returned home by eleven o'clock, his parents, becoming anxious, instituted a search. On Monday his body was found some three hundred yards below where he was last seen. Shy and modest in temperament, of a retiring disposition, George Duke had yet won the affection of his class-mates. The Rector and twelve boys cycled out to pay their last respects to the deceased, joining in the cortege from Waianiwā to "Monte Christo," near the foot of the rise to Calcium.

Departure of Mr H. O. Stuckey, M.A., B.Sc.

About the middle of June we were surprised, and at the same time disappointed, to hear that our popular master Mr Stuckey had been compelled to send in his resignation as Science Master. Owing to an increasing difficulty in hearing well, he found that he could not conscientiously hold his position; hence his decision.

It was with the greatest feelings of regret that we assembled in the Long Room on the last day of the Second Term to bid him farewell and to present him with a small souvenir of his three years' stay with us. It was indeed lucky that some of us saw him going out on Saturdays with a camera, and just as lucky that some of us heard that it was on loan. Acting on what we saw and what we heard, we resolved that he should borrow no more and he received from us a beautiful camera. May the glass never get cracked! The duty of presenting it fell to our senior prefect, Millard, who made a short but pithy speech, pointing out that not only was Mr Stuckey A1 in school but also a white man outside—a thorough sport.

Vociferous applause filled the room as Mr Stuckey rose to reply. The usual namby-pamby speech of a master was agreeably absent on this occasion. He didn't say "Be good boys, and learn your lessons," but he emphasised the fact that a boy can make a name for himself and for his school, outside as well as inside. He also congratulated the boys on having such a good school, and a Headmaster who took such a keen interest in the outdoor life of the School.

Mr Stuckey resumed his seat amidst applause and the whole room to a man rose and gave three cheers for their departing master.

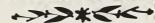
Function No. 2 took place in the Rector's office, when the Rector on behalf of the staff presented Mr Stuckey with a nice portmanteau, a handsome rug, and also a pair of binoculars so that he might stop on

the verandah at home and count his sheep. All the masters present spoke in eulogistic terms of their departing comrade, and if good wishes go for anything his apple trees will never cease bearing fruit.

As soon as Mr Stuckey came to Invercargill he became extremely popular both in the School and in the town; he had a striking taking nature (ask ex-contingents about the latter epithet?)

Mr Stuckey will be greatly missed in football circles, in swimming, and also in connection with the proposed Camera Club. In conclusion, our School will wait a long time before she can find a master who can fill Mr Stuckey's shoes.

Since writing the above, we have had a few letters from Mr Stuckey. He is at present in (or near) Hobart cruising about the fair land of Tasmania looking for a suitable property to grow apples. We hope that a few cases will reach the School as a sample of what Tasmanian soil and N.Z. energy can produce. He says that he is welcomed on every orchard when he appears with a big stand-up collar, but when the collar is absent he is politely asked what kind of work he is after. We feel sure that Mr Stuckey will succeed in whatever he undertakes as he is brimful of energy and go.



Oddities.

FORM II.—One boy writing on the subject of Sport has the following:—Although there are no foxes in New Zealand yet they get over that difficulty by trailing a herring over the ground, but I don't think there would be much fun in running after the smell of a fish. I suppose the first lady would get the fin or the tail instead of the brush.

III. A.—The Millennium: the 1000 years which Christ ruled or lived on the earth.

One youth writing on the French Revolution remarks: "If one wanted his head cut off he had only to call himself Mr and he was at once killed."

III. B.—Place: No. 5 class-room. Subject: Products of Central America. Question: What is logwood used for? Answer: It is exported to build log-cabins. Result: Collapse of class and teacher and discomfiture of boy.

IV.—Undergoing stomach (Tennyson): going with less than usual in your stomach.

III. B.—One boy writing on the subject, The Yellow Peril, expresses himself thus: This race has a great advantage over the white race because if they get a plate of rice that will satisfy their appetite for a day or two, whereas if the white man does not get the rest of meats and vegetables he cannot live to fight for very long. The Dominion might get a great surprise some day by these little warriors swarming the country with their little bag of rice on their back and ready to fight any country or Dominion."

French—*aplomb naturel*—a natural plumpness.

The Fives Courts.

The two Fives Courts were finished in September. They have been built to the specification of Fives Courts in use at Eton and Rugby, without the projections. Fives is now one of the established games of the School, thanks to the generosity of parents, friends, Old Boys, and the Board of Governors. Players are rapidly getting into form, promising some spirited contests for the Junior and Senior Championships to be instituted at the end of the year. The Rector has posted up some valuable hints for young players, careful attention to which by beginners will rapidly bring them to the front. One piece of advice may be repeated here, viz., to play always a hard, fast game; for weak spoon play with a slow ball has a disastrous effect on style. Cultivate accurate placing and the low ball stroke. Cultivate play with both hands. By and by it is hoped that ex-pupils will use the courts and provide matches between past and present.

It is very desirable, to preserve a smooth service, that rubber shoes should be used.

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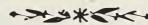
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Historical Notes on Games.

(Taken from brochure issued by Royal Insurance Company.)

CRICKET.

In all countries belonging to Great Britain cricket is the chief summer pastime. There is evidence to show that this popular game was played, under the name of "club-ball," as early as the thirteenth century. Of course "club-ball" had many points of difference from the cricket of the present day. At first there were no stumps, but in their place there was a circular hole called a "block-hole," the distance between the two "block-holes" being, even then, 22 yards. A player could be dismissed only after he had hit the ball, which had to be either thrown into the hole before a run had been completed or caught in the air. After some time stumps were introduced, at first only one, then two, and then three. It is only lately that it has obtained such prominence, but it is now the chief English game.

FOOTBALL.

The Romans played several games with balls, and it is now believed that football was introduced by them into Great Britain. This was before the Norman Conquest. The chief day for playing football was, until 1830, Shrove Tuesday. On this day both men and women played football on public and private property. They even played in the streets, and with such violence that shutters had to be put up. Up till about 1870 Association Football was the only game played, but after that time Rugby began, and now seems to be more popular than Association Football. It is a game that Englishmen delight in, and there seems to be no fear of its losing popularity.

LAWN TENNIS.

There is a game called tennis that is played in a closed-in court. Modern lawn tennis has been formed by modifying the laws of tennis so that it can be played in an open court. The game had its beginning in the year 1874. In spite of the short space of time which it has grown in, lawn tennis is now very popular all over the world.

BOWLS.

This game had its beginning about the time of the Norman Conquest. Since that time it has always been exceedingly popular, in fact, at the time of the Plantagenets so great was the interest taken in the game that laws had to be passed making it unlawful to play bowls, as

the game interfered with the practice of archery. These laws, however, did not have a lasting effect, as in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the game was played very much by the upper classes. Everyone has heard the story of Sir Francis Drake playing bowls on Plymouth Hoe as the Spanish Armada was passing up the English Channel. In all British Dominions the game of bowls is increasing in popularity, and championship meetings are now regularly held in Great Britain.

CYCLING.

The bicycle is generally thought to have been invented in the last twenty or thirty years. But in the year 1816 there was a species of bicycle invented in France. This machine consisted of two wooden wheels joined by a wooden bar, on which was fixed the seat. The only method of progress was by pushing the feet against the ground. In 1840 an English blacksmith fitted cranks and levers to the rear wheel on the same principle as we see in sewing machines and grindstones of the present day. The next improvement consisted in the introduction of a machine called the "bone-shaker," with wooden wheels and metal tires with pedals fixed to the front wheel. This was in the year 1867. But as persons had to make some slight exertion in order to push these machines they did not often take a "spin" on the bike. Then, in 1872, a Frenchman made a bicycle with a high front wheel with solid rubber tyres. After this progress was rap'd. Small or "saftey" bicycles were introduced in 1880, pneumatic tyres were fitted to them in 1890, and since then cycling has been a popular pastime. The free-wheel is the latest improvement, and this has led to the invention of the motor bicycle. Cycle Clubs have now been formed, and cycling is becoming more and more a pastime.

GOLF.

The origin of golf is uncertain. But it is certain that the game has been played in Scotland for centuries and probably originated there. As far back as the fifteenth century golf was exceedingly popular in Scotland. In England the game has not been played until very recently, but there are now more golf clubs in England than in Scotland. The game is now gaining favour in the colonies.



Annual Athletic Sports.

November 6th came, overcast and dull, but with a promise of no rain. The ground was in excellent order, and the competitors in good spirits; result—a highly successful gathering. There was a fair attendance of parents and friends. We had hoped that the general public would have evinced a warmer interest considering that we had placed on the programme three events for local amateurs. Afternoon tea was dispensed as usual by the Rector's wife and her band of assistants. To these young ladies we are grateful for their untiring attentions to our wants.

The handicapping was very good, providing several dead heats, and in most cases very close finishes. There are always surprises—perhaps the running of the small boy, E. Cavell, and of the big boy, C. Smith, were the most unexpected. Millard, M. Alexander, Baird and Carmichael, were the pick of the sprinters. The jumps were well contested, and although there was no advance on last year's records, there was a better average in quality. Mr McGrath and Mr Pow worked hard to make the meeting the success it was. The fancy races were, as usual, well contested.

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The following are the results:—

100 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15)—First heat: Baird (scr) 1, Jones (7 yds) 2. Second heat: Anderson (6 yds) 1, Saunders (2 yds) 2. Third heat: Carmichael (scr) 1, Gilfedder (5 yds) 2. Fourth heat: Cavell (12 yds) 1, Hall (4 yds) 2. Semi-final: Cavell 1, Baird 2; Carmichael 1, Saunders 2. Final: Carmichael 1, Baird 2. Time, 12 secs.

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (School record 11secs)—Millard 1, Hawke 2. Time, 11 2-5 secs.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP (School record 19ft. 9in.)—Millard (scr) 1, Webber (18 in) 2. Distance, 19ft. 6in.

100 YARDS COMBINATION RACE—First heat: Lewis and Hawke 1, Grieve and Tangney 2. Second heat: Reynolds and Wild 1, Hall and Findlay 2. Final: Hawke and Lewis 1, Wild and Reynolds 2.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (open)—First heat: Alexander (-cr) 1, Tangney (4yds) 2. Second heat: Webber (3½yds) 1, Grieve (8yds) 2. Third heat: Templeton (10yds) 1, Kean (3½yds) 2. Fourth heat: Baird (3½yds) 1, Fortune (7yds) 2. Fifth heat: Reid (3½yds) 1, Miles (8yds) 2. Semi-final: Webber 1, Templeton 2, and Grieve 1, Alexander 2. Final: Webber 1, Grieve 2. This was a keen race, Grieve leading to within a yard or two from the tape, when Webber made a final effort and won by a neck. Time 11 1-5 secs.

100 YARDS OLD BOYS' HANDICAP—Huffadine (8yds) 1, Scouller (3yds) 2. Time, 10 4-5secs. Five started.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15)—First heat: Baird (scr) 1, Hall (14yds) 2. Second heat: Cavell (25yds) 1, Anderson (5yds) 2. Third heat: Carmichael (scr) 1, Reid (10 yds) and Trail (20yds) 2. Final: Baird 1, Carmichael 2. Time, 27 1-5secs.

HIGH JUMP (School record, 5ft. 1in.)—Millard (scr), Kennedy (6in) and Grieve (7in) equal. Height, 5ft. Millard tried to equal his last year's record, but was unsuccessful.

440 YARDS HANDICAP (open)—Alexander (scr) 1, Reid (12yds) 2. Time, 58½ secs.

100 YARDS (Amateurs)—First heat: Scouller (10yds) 1, Stokes (3yds) 2. Second heat: Fogarty (10yds) 1, Uren (10yds) 2. Third heat: Pyle (10yds) 1, Nash (4½yds) and Millard (9yds) 2. Semi-final: Pyle 1, Fogarty 2, and Uren 1, Stokes 2. Final: Pyle 1, Uren 2. Time, 10secs. Nash missed getting into the final by a nose.

OBSTACLE RACE—First heat: Simon 1, Cockburn 2. Second heat: McGruer 1, Inlay 2. Third heat: Templeton 1, Shireffs 2. Final: Simon 1, Templeton 2. Simon overcame all obstacles with commendable speed.

440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (School record, 57 secs.)—This race goes to Millard by default.

440 YARDS OLD BOYS' HANDICAP—Robinson (20yds) 1, Millar (10yds) 2, Mitchell (scr) 3. Time, 60secs.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (open)—First heat: Smith (15yds) 1, Millard (scr) 2. Second heat: Price (18yds) 1, Webber (12yds) 2. Third heat: Reid (12yds) 1, Miles (18yds) 2. Final: Smith 1, Millard 2. Time, 27 2-5secs.

220 YARDS (Amateurs)—Pyle (20yds) 1, Uren (22yds) 2. Time, 24 2-5 secs.

440 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15)—Baird (scr) and Hain (20yds) 1. Time, 64 secs.

SACK RACE—First heat: Reid 1, Mackenzie 2. Second heat: McGruer 1, Spencer 2. Third heat: Templeton 1, Reynolds 2. Final: Reid 1, Templeton 2.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP (open)—Alexander (scr) 1, Tangney (30yds) 2. Time, 2min. 19 2-5secs.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 14½)—Hall (14yds) 1, Hain (14yds) 2.

440 YARDS (Amateurs)—Uren (35yds) 1, Pyle (25yds) 2, with Nash (14yds) close up. Time, 53 3-5 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES (School record, 18secs)—Millard (14 yds behind scr) 1, Tangney (7yds behind) 2. Time, 19 2-5secs.

POTATO RACE—First heat: Jones 1, Baird 2. Second heat: Tangney 1, Fortune 2. Third heat: Lewis 1, McQueen and McGruer 2. Fourth Heat: Timpany 1, Scully 2. Final: Baird and Fortune 1, Lewis 2.

ONE MILE OLD BOYS—Mitchell 1, Churton 2. Time, 5min. 7 4-5 secs. Four starters.

RELAY RACE—Form II (70 yards), Carmichael, Lambeth, Price and Hall, 1; Form III A (70 yds), Tangney, Anderson, Simon and Smith, 2. Five teams entered.

MILE HANDICAP (School record, 5min. 12secs)—Alexander 1, Tangney 2. This race was run on the 1st inst. Time, 5 min. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Champion for 1907—Norman Miliard.

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World's Records.

100 Yards ...	{ A. F. Duffey D. J. Kelly }	... 9 3-5 seconds.
220 Yards ...	B. J. Wefers	... 21 1-5 seconds.
440 Yards ...	W. W. Long (on straight track)	47 seconds.
880 Yards ...	C. J. Kilpatrick	... 1 min. 53 2-5 secs.
1 Mile ...	T. P. Coneff	... 4 min. 15 3-5 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles	A. C. Kraenzlein	... 15 1-5 seconds.
Long Jump ...	P. O'Connor	... 24ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
High Jump ...	M. T. Sweeney	... 6ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.



Football.



(M. ALEXANDER.)

At the beginning of the year no one would have ventured to suggest that we were going to have any more than a very medium team, and our play at first seemed to support the truth of this. In our first three matches, those against the Railway team, Invercargill and Winton, we had the worst of the play nearly all the time. This was owing to several causes:—(1) Our opponents were generally taller and stronger, so that they got the ball on the line-out every time, and in addition to this they generally had a big man at the very end of the line where there was nobody to mark him, thus allowing him a clear run. (2) The fielding of the ball and the handling generally were very poor

among the backs, who seemed never to attempt to catch the ball until it had bounced. (3) We did not pass enough, and when we did pass some one generally made a mistake.

After the opening matches our play improved greatly, but still we were beaten in nearly every line-out, in which our opponents spread well out. Winton, after beating us easily in our opening match, had the tussle of their lives to repeat the victory, and the game would have ended in a draw but for a missed pass by one of our fellows. The Blues in their first match defeated us by 13 points to nil. In the second match, when they had an equally strong team, we were leading right up to time and they would, in all probability, have been unable to score had not one of their players been left unmarked by a mistake.

After this we have only successes to record. We played the Star and defeated them easily after indulging in better passing than in any previous match. Against the Athletics we kept things very lively for the first spell, but in the second spell we seemed to tire and were nearly beaten. Our last club match—that against the Brits—was rather contradictory in regard to play. In the first spell we were playing against 13 men, and we were lucky to get two scores. In the second spell, after putting off some and taking on others, our opponents had a very strong team. This, however, only served to put us on our mettle, and we had the best of things right from the start.

The team as a whole was very enthusiastic and determined to give the Otago team a good fight, so we determined to forego one Wednesday match and get in passing practice instead in order to give the backs some handling of the ball. On the week of the Dunedin match we did not practise on Thursday but took a much needed rest. Not one of the team thought that we would have any show at all. On a former occasion our firsts had been beaten by theirs by at least 40 points. Added to this there was Mr Stuckey's comforting assurance that he did not expect us to win, and that if we did not allow them to score more than 20 points, he would be satisfied. Is there any wonder, then, that we went on the field in fear and trembling, and that our cheer was very weak indeed compared with theirs? However, it all turned out right in the end, thanks to the consistent harrracking of Murdoch, L. Wild, and B. Gilmour, as well as the smaller fry, including the School poet. It is also stated as a fact that C. Reid went to the unheard of extravagance of sending down a telegram announcing the victory at Mr Stuckey's expense, but with his own name signed at the bottom.

This, our first victory over the Otago first fifteen, was a truly well deserved one. We ourselves had practised every Monday with hardly a miss for the whole winter, and Mr Stuckey was always very willing to give up his time to help us along. If we had had any other coach it is not probable that the match would ever have been ours. For this and for the various reasons enumerated at the farewell function we know we have lost a teacher it will be hard to replace. Good

at games and good in class-room Mr Stuckey was more than a mere lesson-teaching machine, he was also a good sportsman, and I think he demonstrated this in his farewell speech. This was not the usual, "Learn your lessons and be good little boys," but it was a good incitement to do our duty on the sports-ground as well as in school, for a mere bookworm is no good to his school or his country.

As a result of some practice matches with the second fifteen we obtained several new players for the team. Among these were Poole, Rabbidge, W. Alexander, and Baird. Of these, Poole and Baird were among the best in the team; in fact, many outsiders affirmed that Baird was the best third grade full-back playing in Invercargill.

MATCHES.

HIGH SCHOOL v. WINTON.

Lost, 6—0.

Our opening game, and so a good exhibition was not to be expected. The team included a good number of new members, and was quite satisfied to be beaten by only 6 points. Compared with last year's team, the backs seemed fair, but the forwards appeared much weaker. Millard and Alexander were the mainstay of the backs, while of the forwards, Spiers and G. Mitchell were the pick.

INVERCARGILL v. SCHOOL.

Lost, 13—0.

A good hard game took place, but the combination and general all round excellence of the Blues proved too much for the School. Amongst our opponents were one or two of our former School team.

At this period of the season the team became very disorganised. Mr Galloway and Millard both being disabled with sprained ankles, and what was far worse was the loss of our very promising centre three-quarter, Kingsland. Keen and regular at practice and putting his whole soul into the game, he was invaluable among the backs, and through all the ensuing matches his services have been sadly needed.

HIGH SCHOOL v. WINTON.

Lost, 6—0.

Our return match was played at Winton, and in consideration of the fact that they turned out their very best team, a defeat by 6 points was by no means unsatisfactory. The team now appeared to be pulling together better, the forwards although not brilliant yet were very solid, and the backs carried out one or two fine pieces of passing work. The new wings, Small and Webber, both gave a good account of themselves, and for the first time appeared to be at home in their positions. The game was characterised by some splendid defensive work by Alexander.

SCHOOL v. INVERCARGILL.

A Draw, 5 all.

Buoyed up by last week's improvement, the team were very keen for the return match against our old foes, the Blues. During the first half, playing with the wind we attacked strongly, and finally as a result of good following up, Reid scored in a good position and then converted. On the change round, however, the Blues took their turn, and for the rest of the game the School was mainly concerned in keeping them out. The defence was good, but finally after a neat piece of work, the Blue five-eight cut through and equalised the score. The struggle was a very keen one, and as the Blues were leading in the Third Class Grade, hopes were freely expressed of getting a victory in the next game.

SCHOOL v. ATHLETICS.

Won, 8—6.

A red letter day, for it was our first win. At this stage a change was made in the team—Reid was brought up to lock, Mitchell going to front ranker, and although the backs were somewhat weakened, yet this was more than compensated for by the added strength and compactness of the forwards. We now got a fair amount of the ball in the scrum, and the advantages of doing so were soon noticeable. During the first spell, good forward work, and some very excellent place kicking by Reid placed us 8 points to the good. In the second spell the forwards appeared to slacken their efforts, and as a result 6 points were run up against the team. Of the forwards, Spiers, G. Mitchell, Brown and Reid, all did good work.

SCHOOL v. STAR.

Won.

The Star turned out rather an uneven team, with the result that the School playing with good combination scored an easy win. Tries were obtained by Poole, Alexander (2), Mr Pow. Reid converted two of these and kicked a penalty goal.

SCHOOL v. BRITS III.

Won.

During the first spell the play was of a very ragged description—little or no passing being exhibited. Alexander, however, showed good individual form and scored two good tries. The Brits had only 13 men during the first spell, but added two more for the second. The result was that the game became very fast and strenuous during the latter part of the game. From a good heel-out a smart pass from Timpany to Alexander, and then on to Brown, allowed the latter to make a dash over the line. Reid converted. The Brits then took a hand in the game, and from good forward work scored and converted, leaving the score 11 to 5.

SCHOOL V. DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL.

Won, 14 to 12.

The Times' special report is as follows :—The annual match between these schools was played on the Carisbrook Ground at Dunedin on Saturday. The ground was rather heavy, owing to rain which fell overnight; otherwise the conditions were favourable for a pleasant game. Southland High won the toss and played from the south end with a good breeze behind them. From the kick off the ball was taken into the Otago 25, where play remained for some time. The first try was obtained by Timpany, who, after a dodgy run, got over Otago's line, Reid failed with the kick. After the kick out, Alexander made a good cut through, from which Webber scored, the kick at goal again failing. The Otago backs got in one or two good passing rushes, and invaded Southland's territory; but the ball was soon back again at Otago's end, where Millard, from near the line, just missed kicking a goal, the ball striking the bar and rebounding into play. Both sides were now playing a strenuous game, and it was not long before L. Mitchell, from weak play by an Otago three-quarter, scored another try for Southland, and this time Reid put on the major points. When the whistle sounded half-time the game stood :—

Southland 11, Otago 0.

The change of ends gave Otago the wind, of which they took full advantage, and it was expected that the game would now go in favour of Otago; but the Southland forwards played up splendidly, aided by excellent line kicking from Alexander. The Otago five-eighths (Smart and Cook), and the half (Mitchell) got the ball out to Patterson, who scored three tries, making the game 11 to 9. Otago's hopes rose very high, and good kicking with the wind again brought them to Southland's line, where amidst great cheering, Mitchell scored for Otago, making the game—Otago 12, Southland 11, with only five minutes to go. Great excitement followed as the Southland boys, playing in splendid style, gradually worked the ball to the Otago 25. Here D. Brown snapped it up, was well tackled, but passed to Millard, and that speedy three-quarter streaked for the line, and scored. Reid missed the kick—an easy one—but the score again was in Southland's favour—14 to 12. The forwards were holding Otago well in hand, and again attacked strongly for the last few minutes. The whistle blew with the ball in Otago's territory. Of the Otago forwards, Connor, Kinder and Edie were very prominent, while, of the backs, Smart, as five-eighths, did very clever work, and Patterson, three-quarter, was a tower of strength to his side.

Of the Southland forwards, all played a good game, and good hooking practically won the match. Of the backs, Alexander played a sterling game, aided by good work by Millard, Timpany, Brown, and Webber. The boys greatly appreciated the way they were treated in Dunedin, while Messrs Campbell and Parr also helped to make the trip enjoyable.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

Brown (Archie)—Front ranker: the best hooker in the team for the last three years; has plenty of dash and go: is apt to talk too much.

G. Mitchell—A fine stamp of forward: plenty of pace and follows up splendidly: is probably best all-round forward in the team.

S. Reid—A good lock and keeps the scrum well together: puts plenty of energy into his work: the best place kick in the team.

L. Mitchell—Not a star player, but still does his fair share.

C. Mitchell—A young player—excellent in the loose work but has a tendency to get among the backs.

C. Smith—A strong and heavy forward but needs to put more vim and dash into the game.

Hawke—A good solid forward: kicks well.

Spiers—Wing forward: an excellent player on line and generally to be seen in the loose work—a strong kick.

Poole—Very promising young player—is good both in line work and at breaking away with the ball.

T. Timpany—Half: At times plays an excellent game (e.g. against Otago): gets the ball out quickly and gets down to rushes: at other times errs on the side of slowness.

Alexander—Five-eights: The best back the School has had for the last three years; has a good cut through: very quick at getting away: handles the ball well and in defence has no equal in the team.

Millard—Five-eights: A strong and powerful runner and has played some excellent games: needs Alexander's quickness in getting away: a good kick and tackler; has made an excellent Captain.

D. Brown—A strong back with plenty of dash and go: has one weakness, namely, inability to handle the ball.

Webber—Young and promising three-quarter: plenty of speed and when he gets the ball always means business: should do very well next year.

Small—Three-quarter: Good fielder, and has played some safe games: lack of speed is his chief trouble.

Baird—Full-back: A good kick and tackles well but far too slow.

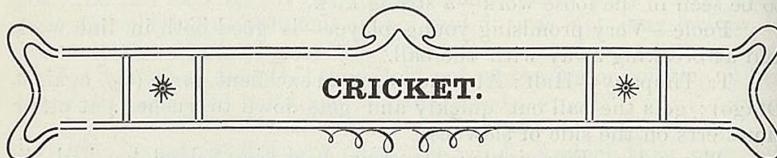
JUNIORS.

This year as usual the School had four junior teams and two "midget" teams playing against one another. The teams were picked at the end of the first term, although the matches did not start until the second term. The "midget" teams played on Wednesday afternoons, the other juniors as usual on Mondays. Last year and the year before the full fifteens eagerly turned out to play; but this year, although the full number of the teams was larger than usual, the full fifteens did not turn out, sometimes only about half the number appearing. Nevertheless there were some very closely contested games. At the beginning of the matches some of the best players of the teams

left school, and at the end of the matches others had to play for the first fifteen as emergencies. This helped to lessen the enthusiasm that ought to have been taken in the matches. The following were the captains of the teams :—

- A team—K. G. Fraser.
- B. team—W. A. Alexander.
- C. team—E. Horan.
- D team—B Tangney.

Three rounds were played, D team winning all through. In the first round D was leading with 4 points, C 2 points, B 3 points, and A 1 point. At the end of the second round D had 9 points, C 5 points, B 5 points, and A 3 points. At the end of the third round D had 11 points, C 7 points, B 10 points, A 6 points. Thus D won by 1 point off B, C third, and A fourth.



We have not suffered any great loss in players this year, although Guy, is no longer with us. Of course, when one considers what a magnificent bat and slow bowler he was, this looks like an irreparable loss. Still, our loss is his gain. He will now get a chance to show of what stuff he is made, and the whole school expects to see him in this year's Southland team. In his place we have Mr Dakin, who, no doubt, will show us what an English cricketer can do.

This year's combination seems to be stronger in bowlers than usual. In former years we could always put up a fair score, but when the opposing team went in to bat, Mr McGrath was the only bowler they had to reckon with. As regards fielding, this year's team is not as strong as it might be; but, of course, this can be remedied by constant practice at passing the ball and rolling it along the ground. People going to see a school playing cricket or football expect to see some good handling of the ball, such, for example, as Cockcroft, Guy and K. G. Fraser used to show in the slips. If all the team could field decently, you would never see any runs for byes or overthrows, such as we used to see last year, when the ball would be missed time after time, and three or four runs would be scored from a hit deserving one.

Mr McGrath's idea of cricket practice at dinner time as well as at night ought to give the train boys a chance to show their mettle and give the team a chance to get their eye in. We appreciate Mr McGrath's interest in our work and his self-denial in so constantly

attending practice, both at mid-day and after school, in order to give us all possible assistance. Let us respond to his call and attend practice regularly.

The Committee elected to the oversight of the affairs of the First eleven comprises Millard, Webber and Wild. Wild and Miles have been appointed joint secretaries.

The first match of the season, that against the Appleby Club, was won. The School score was 125 for eight wickets. We are hopeful of a successful season for school cricket.

Gymnastic Entertainment.

On the 15th of August a display of gymnastic work was given by the pupils of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The proceeds, amounting to £21 10s, were equally divided between the two schools, the portion coming to the Boys' School being expended on a miniature rifle range, which should help materially in the improvement of the School shooting.

The Programme was as follows:—(1) Musical Drill, Bar-bells (General Health and Physical Development), Girls (Forms I and II); (2) Bayonet Exercises, Squad of Cadets, No. 1 Company; (3) Indian Club Swinging; (4) Musical Item, Idlers' Quartette; (5) Musical Drill, Dumb-bells (General Health and Physical Development), Girls (Forms III and IV); (6) Vaulting Horse (Courage, Agility and Physical Judgment), Boys; (7) Horizontal Bar (Physical Judgment, Courage, and Self Control), Boys; (8) Musical Drill, Free Arm Exercise (General Health and Deportment), Girls (Forms V and VI); (9) Physical Drill with Arms, Squad of Cadets, No. 2 Company; (10) Musical Item, Idlers' Quartette; (11) Dumb-bell Exercise (Advanced, Grace and Physical Development), Girls; (12) Exercise and Pyramids on Parallel Bars (Physical Judgment and Muscular Control), Boys.

The following report appeared in the "News":—

"The gymnastic display by pupils of the Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools, given in the Municipal Theatre, was well attended, and greatly enjoyed by young and old. The programme was made up almost wholly by physical drill and gymnastic exercises, but for all that it was not without interest. Two musical items were supplied by the Idlers, who are regarded locally as the last thing in unaccompanied male quartets. They sang "Simple Simon" and "Only Seven" and encored numbers "Lucky Jim" and "Little Tommy," with their usual success. The girls of Forms I and II led off with barbell exercises, rather listlessly. Then came a squad of No. 1 Company cadets to engage in bayonet exercises. The orders were given clearly and obeyed with alacrity and precision. No. 2 company of cadets went through physical drill with arms in true soldier style. Instructor I. Galloway essayed to introduce something of a novelty into his club swinging. He appeared in the centre of the darkened stage with an electric lamp on the heavy end of each club. The one thing to be avoided was the breaking of the lamps, but after a couple of movements the unfortunate smash came and the stage lights had to be switched on. At the same time the audience were soon convinced of the instructor's ability in the grace-giving exercises. They had a laugh at the conclusion of the item, for Mr Galloway was

tethered to the middle of the stage by his electric wires and spent an awkward few seconds before the curtain came down. Dumb-bell exercises were shown by Forms III and IV girls, and more complex movements were seen when the senior girls appeared. The girls of Forms V and VI gave a pleasing display of free-arm exercises. When it came to the heavier work, with apparatus, the boys showed to advantage what Mr Gallaway's instruction had done for him. A squad of about 30 took part in work on the vaulting horse, horizontal bar, and parallel bars, such as would daunt any public school senior boy. There was no appearance of fear in the face of the most diminutive lad when jumping to the long fly on the horse, an exercise which is too much for many a man. Mr Gallaway is to be congratulated on his efforts in organising this creditable display, the proceeds of which should be of material benefit to the sports fund."



Cadet News.



Owing to the fact that the winter with us was unusually dry. We did not have so many lectures on the theory of Musketry as formerly. The usual order during the winter months is outdoor work when dry, lectures when wet.

The close order drill of both Companies has improved. The same cannot be said of the extended work. No. 2 Company, although not up to the standard of last year's corps, marches more steadily and executes its movements with greater precision than No. 1. Still No. 1 this year is a superior one to that of last year.

There has been little class-firing done this spring, and now that the year is drawing to a close and exams coming on, we can hardly expect to get in much before the end of the year. However, a miniature range has been fitted up in the Gymnasium, and by this means some practice in shooting can be secured.

At last the Defence Board are endeavouring to carry out some very necessary improvements on the range, so that those who visit the butts later will not be inconvenienced by wind and tide as was the case throughout last season.

Mr Watson has offered a gold medal for competition among the cadets. This will be awarded by special competition to the best shot at 200 and 500 yards.

At the beginning of the year No. 1 Company had rather a good set of Sergeants, namely Hawke, Speirs, Kingsland and Cockcroft. Early in the second term Cockcroft left, and soon afterwards poor Kingsland fell out of the ranks. Corporals Poole and Brown were promoted to fill the vacancies. Brown, a promising Non-com. left, at the end of second term. Hawke, owing to Mr McKinnon's enforced absence was made acting Lieutenant, and Speirs owing to illness had to leave, consequently three raw men, Forsyth, Smith and L. Mitchell were advanced to the rank of Sergeant. The inspection by Colonel Davies took place

early in the third term, and as none of the Sergeants had experience in handling his section, they acquitted themselves but poorly.

No. 2 Company has been more fortunate. The only serious loss has been that of Sergeant Cochrane, whose place has been filled by Gilchrist.

The appearance of both Companies on parade has been greatly improved by the issue of new belts. In the Armoury, additional racks have been erected so that all the accoutrements can be arranged in a more orderly fashion.

Both Companies turned out to take part in the military function in connection with the Dominion Day celebrations. In the march past the boys of both A and F Companies acquitted themselves very creditably, maintaining very decent lines, and carrying themselves with great steadiness. The school Companies were the only ones on parade that called forth the applause of the spectators as they passed the saluting base.

We were invited to take part in the manoeuvres at the Bluff on the King's birthday along with the adult battalion. This outing did not seem to appeal to the majority of our boys, only a very limited number signifying their intention of taking part, and consequently the School companies did not attend.



Bible Class.



(By F.S.)

This year our Bible Class, for various reasons, has done less successful work than usual, judging by apparent results. Several good papers have been contributed nevertheless, and a debate which opened rather unpromisingly exceeded expectations, and finished well. The lessons from the life of Paul have been continued, and have been highly interesting and instructive. Though the work done has not been up to the standard of former terms in quantity, it must not be considered as a failure, for many times the lack of a leader has caused the meeting to lapse.

One serious drawback to the class was the enforced absence of several of its most regular attendants, owing to the practices and rifle drill in connection with the gymnastic display. No sooner was the display over than our leader, Mr McKinnon, was laid up with a bad leg. When the School took up for the third term he was still absent, and was unable to be present till about the middle of the term. I am sure I have the Class with me, when I wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Apart altogether from the spiritual aspect of the matter, the Class, by means of papers and debates, draws out the latent talent in those who attend. There are several instances of fellows who at the beginning of the year could hardly utter a word before their fellows, now are able to get up and give their opinion in a level clear-headed fashion. On these grounds, then, we deserve the support of the whole School.

We are pleased to see that J. Murdoch, our secretary for the previous two years has been given a place on the committee of the Christian Union at Otago University. He writes a most encouraging letter to the leader, and has offered to do anything he can for the welfare of the Class. Some of the present senior boys might take a hint from Murdoch, and show a little more interest in our weekly meeting.

We are glad to learn that Mr J. G. McKay, B.A., one of our former masters has taken over the leadership of the class at Nelson College. We wish both leader and class all success in their work.



Junior Contributors' Column.



An Excursion to Moke Lake.

(J. Salmond).

Moke Lake is a small lake of about an area of one square mile, lying behind the famous Ben Lomond of Queenstown.

On hearing that there was good fishing to be had in that lake, my brother and I determined to try our luck. So one fine morning we set out over the saddle of Ben Lomond to reach the lake. After some refreshments on the Saddle, we found the hard part of the journey began. There being no track of any kind, we travelled towards the lake by sight. The ground was very rough, and it was with difficulty we could get along. Often we had to make long detours round cliffs. At last we did reach the lake, and then we reaped our reward. The fish were plentiful and biting well, consequently, we soon filled our basket. There was a return journey also, as we found out, and that was far more difficult than the first stage, as we were laden, and tired, and our route was up-hill. This was one of the most exhausting marches I have undergone. People living in flat places, such as Invercargill, have no idea what mountain travelling is. There are no flat roads, and in some parts not even a sheep track. There is also a danger of slipping down a steep bank over a cliff. Our boots were cut to pieces by the sharp stones over which we were obliged to walk.

At last we managed to reach home dog tired, and firmly resolved never to go to the hills again, not even if we were paid a hundred pounds. The very next Saturday, however, we went for an expedition up Bowen Peak.

A Bush in Spring.

(Geo. Cody).

Perhaps Nature does not show herself so clearly and to such an extent as she does in the bush, for we see there some of her greatest achievements. The bush combines many of the beauties of the hill and valley, the field and hedges.

When one approaches a bush in the spring time the first things that catch the eye are the golden kowhai and the various tall pines raising their heads above the lower shrubs and trees. Then as the shelter of the kowhai is gained, one can hear the buzz of myriads of bees, humble bees, and other insects, each in its attempt to gain as much nectar and pollen as possible. If you come closer to the flowers, you will see that a bee does not go to those which are out, but to those that are little more than buds. The bee quickly presses aside the petals, is enveloped in a cloud of pollen, and then it disappears. It remains inside for a long while, testifying to the fact that there is a large amount of nectar. The tuis and mokos are also numerous, and may be seen in every possible position, in their endeavours to gain their meals. A very sweet-scented odour proceeds from the flowers and may be smelt a long way off.

As one goes further into the bush, another very sweet scent is found to proceed from the mistle-toe, a very interesting and pretty parasite. It grows in clumps upon the peppermint, the miki-miki, and other such shrubs, and birds very often build their nests in it. In a damp place one may find many kinds of ferns, from the large tree-ferns to the delicate maidenhairs. The large ferns prefer drier soil than the smaller ones.

Occasionally, one may come across a stream which has its banks covered with various small shrubs, which, with the biddy-bids or piri-piris hanging almost into the water, form a pretty sight. The ti-trees are to be found in groups and are just now at their prettiest. The white, the black, and the red pines, the totara, and broadleaf—trees of great value to New Zealand at the present time—are amongst the largest, often unfeathered at their bases with small shrubs. The broadleaf is generally hollow, and thus affords very good homes for young starlings, sparrows and tomtits.

When the white pine decays, its sides are riddled by grubs—the caterpillar of the cockroach—and are also made use of by the kingfisher and the parakeet. The kingfisher makes a hole in the tree this year and it is perhaps occupied by the parakeet the next.

The brambles grow right to the top of some trees ; their long, stout, flexible ropes are aids to obtaining birds' nests and are not bad to swing on. But when one gets amongst the leaves and young shoots one is hooked very securely, and sometimes one's hat is lifted completely off one's head, then we understand the name of "lawyers," for once you get into their grip it is hard to get out.

Amongst the first birds to build their nests are the thrushes, blackbirds, starlings, sparrows and linnets. Thrushes begin to lay their eggs about the first of September. As one leaves the bush, the rabbits are to be seen playing about the edge. These pests are very numerous, and some method of destroying them extensively is of great necessity.

A Day's Fishing.

(A. HALL.)

Having made arrangements with some other fishers to journey over to the Pomahaka the preceding Saturday I was all expectations, hoping that everything would be in our favour. Friday night was not very promising, but on Saturday morning at four o'clock a good fishing day was promising, for the sky was overclouded. I rode over to my friend's place where we soon yoked up the trap and were speeding along the dusty road at five o'clock on a cloudy, otherwise refreshing, spring morning. It took us about an hour and a half to drive the fifteen miles.

Once arrived, however, we soon got our baggage out of the trap and into the hut. The rods were soon put together, and we were ready to start at half-past seven. The river was slightly coloured but it was in good trim for fishing with the minnow or blackfellow. The Pomahaka is one of Otago's best rivers for fishing, and the best time for sport there is during January. It is a very wide river and therefore you cannot fish from the bank.

We all set off, some down and some up the river. We were all in high spirits in prospect of a good day's fishing. After casting a few times one could see the little fish jumping clean out of the water after the minnow. From about eight o'clock until ten we caught only a few small ones, but after that the big ones were on the take, and they did make the water splash in their efforts to get the minnow. At last one, about three pounds, was hooked and he did go. (The Pomahaka fish are noted for their liveliness when hooked). This one went up and down stream a good many times before he tired himself out. One cannot walk up and down after a fish for there are many potholes in the river. At twelve we tramped back to the hut and had dinner. In all, we had thirty fish between us, ranging from three-quarters of a pound to ten pounds in weight.

After dinner a light west wind sprang up, and one could see the small fish in great numbers feeding, jumping out of the water after the

flies. Any amateur can get as many fish as he can carry when a light west wind is blowing right across the river. Towards night we plodded home to the hut where we stayed and tasted our catch. Early next morning we were on the road and quietly journeyed home thoroughly satisfied with our outing.



The Poet's Corner.



The Last Parade.

(M. McCartney).

Our School it has an army bold,
Unused to war's alarms.
Four Sergeants brave have all been told
To teach the men-at-arms.
It happened once upon a day
Our troops inspection waited.
No fear of failure in us lay
As thus we stood elated.
Then Sergeant one, as straight's a tree,
Was given chief command,
But the only order heard by me
Was, "Right turn, noble band."
Came Number two in grand attire,
With breadth as great as height,
Who, when he ordered us to fire,
Forgot to give the sight.
But let our reader yet believe
The Army's worth its salt.
Some day in future 'twill retrieve
The new-chum Sergeant's fault.
The non-coms. now will learn their drill,
The men will win some glory,
And pride the hearts of all will fill,—
But here must end my story.



Our School.

(By F.S.)

We've a pride, we have, in our good old School,
As the true and the manly surely ought.
We're proud to be under her happy rule ;
We're proud 'neath her roof to be taught.
We've a pride in the present, and a pride in the past,
And we think of the glory that some have won,
And our hope is this, as time flies fast,
That each of us, too, will have something done.

We think of the athletes of long ago,
 Fellows of manly type and true ;
 And we trust in the future we can show
 Such honour as theirs by us gained anew.
 And we think of the scholars whom she did train,
 Who've brought her renown and fame galore ;
 And we of the present now would fain
 Bring to our old School more and more.
 And we think of the present, and recognise
 That we are the men to uphold her name ;
 That on us the public keeps its eyes ;
 That we make or mar the old School's fame.
 And so nerved to do our very best,
 We resolve to keep her old name pure.
 To the great Leader we leave the rest ;
 If we do our part, His doubly is sure.
 We want the fellows who'll stick to the truth,
 Protect the weak, and act the right.
 Is ours the pick of Southland's youth ?
 If so, let's keep our 'scutcheons bright.
 For though in stature but few are great,
 We can all show the world we're off the right stuff !
 May we set an example, before it's too late,
 To which our successors may proudly look up.

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And when in the world we our places take later
 'Midst its strife may it always with us be the same.
 May we e'er think kindly of old Alma Mater ;
 Do nothing to tarnish her unsullied fame.



Old Boys' Column.

We regret having to go to press without the "Old Boys' News," but it has been impossible to extract it from the editor of that column.

Otago University Results for the Session, 1907.

L. J. Wild—2nd class Junior Latin ; 2nd class Junior French.

J. H. Murdoch—2nd class Senior English ; 1st class Junior Mathematics ; 2nd class Senior French ; 1st class French Phonetics.

B. H. Gilmour—2nd class Junior Physics ; 2nd class Junior Practical Physics ; 3rd class Chemistry (inorganic) ; 2nd class Chemistry, Practical (inorganic) ; 3rd class Chemistry Lecture (organic) ; 1st class Practical Chemistry (organic) ; 1st class Biology ; 1st class Practical Biology.

W. Browlie, B.A.—1st class Advanced Physics ; 1st class Advanced Practical Physics.

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ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

R. Kennedy—1st class Senior Latin ; 1st class Jurisprudence ; 1st class Constitutional History ; 1st class Senior Mental Science.

H. Macalister—1st class Senior Mental Science ; 2nd class Senior Latin ; 2nd class Jurisprudence ; 2nd class Constitutional History.

M. Macalister—1st class Jurisprudence ; 2nd class Senior Latin ; 2nd class Constitutional History ; 2nd class Senior Mental Science.

M. H. Mitchell—2nd class Junior Latin ; 2nd class Junior Mental Science ; 3rd Class Jurisprudence.

E. Martin—3rd class Junior Latin ; 3rd class Junior Mental Science.

Kept First Year's Terms—E. Martin, M. H. Mitchell.

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The Simple Life.

(A. B. LINDSAY, B.Sc.)

" Give me the clear blue sky over my head, and the green turf beneath my feet, a winding road before me, and a three hour's march to dinner." With such a wish did " Mr Petitengro " and I set out for a week's sunbrowning in the Chiltern Hills. We were armed with a couple of rugs, a miniature tent, a spirit lamp, a kettle and a sheath knife. In the midday pour of the sun we went softly, seeking out the byways where ripening nuts and blackberries abounded ; but as the shadows lengthened we descended to a valley wherein lay hid a little

village. Girt about with elms, which, but half concealed the tapering church spire, this village was full of old thatched cottages and cobbled pathways. We laid in a stock of food and, much laden, departed to seek a camping ground, convenient alike for shelter and water. Darkness had descended before we were comfortably settled. Our kettle we filled from a neighbouring horse-trough, and in thin misty moonlight we devoured our provender greedily, for it was late. Before dawn we arose. The sun was gaining strength when we made our way along a canal-bank whence we could see uncountable fish in the water below, past an old mill, which the stream had long ceased to work, till mid-day found us hastening across meadows or down lanes, with many a side-glance at "the tempter apple over the fence," to take our ease at our inn. We had, as we journeyed, talked much of a haunch of venison, a pastry pie, "a rabbit smothered in onions," or a pie of apples or plums covered with crisp crackling pastry and crowned with country cream, for it is Hazlitt who talks of the pleasure of a friendly altercation on the subject of the viands we expect at the end of our walk. And we found him true.

Our road now led along the edge of the hills, beside shady woods, across breezy common; but alas! no brooks. The chalk formation soaks up water like a sponge, and even in the most marshy districts there is little running water. We again camped by a horse-trough, our tent being pitched by the side of a little-used road, and very glad we were to camp anywhere, as we had been once ejected that evening from a cosy spot beneath pines and protected by a ring of nettles from all human invaders. Our next halt was on an island on the Thames—an eyet. Here we rested two days, for in two and a half days we had journeyed fifty miles and our feet were sadly blistered. Not being supplied with the necessary equipment, we had to bathe before sunrise and after dark; for our island was situated at a busy lock, and above the weir was forbidden water. Our next day's march we intended to make a record run. We rose at 4.30 in the moonlight. A dense fog concealed the shore from us. We lit a blazing wood fire, for our spirit had been all consumed; plunged in; emerged; breakfasted; roused the whole neighbourhood to rescue a bullock which had fallen into the river; packed our swags and were off through the sun-obscuring mist. Making great pace, we got off the route we had mapped out for ourselves, but, rousing to still greater exertions, we reached a village on the outskirts of a large town at five o'clock. We were fortunate in finding a friendly farmer, who was constrained to give us a spot behind his barn and beneath an elm tree by his wife remarking that we "did not look much like tramps." We were pleased, but dejected; and tired with our 31 miles effort, we did not mind the dew-drops which pierced our thin canopy. Our friend the horse-trough acted once more as the wash-bowl, although we did get fresh well-water for our tea. We hobbled a matter of some twelve miles the next day, rested much at our inn and in the fields, and at dusk ensconced ourselves among

gorse bushes on a village common. So completely were we hidden that people passing a few yards from us never suspected the presence of a gipsy camp, although occasionally a dog barked or a startled titrush gave a cry of surprise. So ended a fine companionable holiday, for, as Sterne says, so I: "Let me have a companion of way, were it but to remark how the shadows lengthen as the sun declines." So ended a very beautiful holiday among wooded hills and beside pleasant waters; so ended a mind-broadening holiday among those who till the fields and gather the hay into heaps, a wandering about quaint old villages full of memories of Pym and Hampden; so ended a very precious holiday, savouring more of far New Zealand than this more venerable, circumscribe and roofed-in land.



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